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Amir saddened over Kuwaitis killed in Burkina

KUWAIT: HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday expressed his condolences over the death of two Kuwaiti citizens in a terrorist attack targeting a cafe in the Burkinabe capital Ouagadougou. Grand Mosque Imam Dr Waleed Al-Ali and Kuwaiti citizen Fahd Al-Husseini were there on a charity mission. The Amir expressed the strongest condemnation of Kuwait against this terrorist act, which killed more than 18 people and injured scores others.

HH the Amir also sent a cable of condolences to Burkina Faso's President Roch Marc Christian Kabore. In the cable, Sheikh Sabah expressed his sincere condolences over the victims killed in the attack, praying to Allah the Almighty to bless their souls with mercy, and wishing the injured speedy recovery. The Amir stressed Kuwait's condemnation and denouncement of this "heinous crime" that targeted innocents, and runs counter to all religions and humanitarian values.

The Amir also affirmed that Kuwait supports all measures taken by Burkina Faso to face such terrorist acts aiming to undermine its stability and security. Sheikh Sabah renewed Kuwait's firm stance that rejects terrorism in its forms and manifestations, and backs the international community to counter this phenomenon and dry up its funding.

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in brief



OUAGADOUGOU: Municipal workers walk past the Aziz Istanbul restaurant yesterday, the scene of a terrorist attack late Aug 13. — AFP

KUWAIT: Authorities yesterday reported a second oil slick off the state's shores days after saying another large spill was under control. The new slick was spotted some 60 km north of the first spill, tweeted Sheikh Talal Khaled Al-Sabah, spokesman for national oil conglomerate Kuwait Petroleum Corp (KPC). The Environment Public Authority said the latest spill near the Officers' Club off the Messila coast is about 1.6 km long, adding it is coordinating with the oil sector, coastguards and the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) to rid the seawaters of the new oil spill.

Oil Minister Essam Al-Marzoug announced that Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) has moved a number of its vessels to the Messila coast to control the new oil spill. KOC vessels and Kuwait Fire Service frigates will survey the surrounding areas for other oil spills, Marzoug, also minister of electricity and water, told KUNA yesterday. He added that contacts are being made with neighboring countries to inquire about any oil leakage or any information that could be related to the new oil spill.

Marzouq noted that Kuwait is carrying out aerial and sea surveys of the territorial waters as well as contacting international environmental organizations to get satellite images of the area over the past few days in order to collect information that could lead to identifying the source of this spill. He admitted that the ministry does not currently possess any information regarding the source of the spill.

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Saudi Arabia, Iraq

ATAR: TIME NEEDED TO REBUILD TRUST BOYCOTT ADDS TO WOES OF MIGRANT WORKERS

to reopen border

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia and Irag plan to open the Arar border crossing for trade for the first time since 1990, when it was closed after the countries cut ties following Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait, Saudi local media reported yesterday. Saudi and Iraqi officials toured the site on Monday and spoke with Iraqi religious pilgrims, who for the past 27 years had access to the crossing only once annually during the hajj season, the Makkah newspaper reported. The governor of Iraq's southwestern Anbar province, whose staff was on hand for the ceremonies, said the Iraqi government had deployed troops to protect the desert route leading to Arar and called its opening a "significant move" to boost ties. "This is a great start for further future cooperation between Iraq and Saudi Arabia," said Sohaib Al-Rawi. The announcement follows a decision by the Saudi cabinet on Monday to establish a joint trade commission with Iraq.

DOHA: Qatar's foreign minister said yesterday it will take a "lot of time" to rebuild any trust between sparring Gulf countries because of the region's continuing diplomatic crisis. As the impasse between Doha and four Arab states led by Saudi Arabia entered its 11th week, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani said regional relations had been transformed by the dispute.

"Qatar has always been one of the founders of the GCC organization and we still consider that this has a great importance for all of us in the region," he told reporters. Created in 1981, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is a political and economic union comprised of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. "This organization has been built on strategic security and trust. Unfortunately, what happened lately with this crisis, this factor is missing now and needs a lot of time to rebuild the trust again. We hope that it's restored."

Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt cut ties with Qatar on June 5 - accusing it of backing extremism and fostering ties with Iran - triggering the biggest political crisis in the Gulf for several years. Doha denies the claims and accuses the other countries of an attack on its sovereignty. The Saudi-led countries have also imposed sanctions including restrictions on Qatari aircraft using their airspace.

The foreign minister added that the conflict was unnecessary. "Such a crisis is not needed in our region, we have enough problems and enough conflict. A region like the Gulf region, which was considered the most stable region in the Arab world is now destabilized because... of a crisis without a solid foundation."

However, he added that diplomatic efforts led by regional mediator Kuwait were continuing. "We have received a letter from the Amir of Kuwait a few days ago. And this letter is a continuous effort... to encourage the

parties to engage in dialogue." Despite this, Sheikh Mohammed said Qatar was still waiting to hear from its rivals. "Put up your claims and put up your evidence. We told them (Saudi-led countries) anywhere you want, whatever evidence you have, just put it on the table. Now it's been 72 days since the first day of their measures and we have not been provided with a single document."

Experts have speculated that the diplomatic uncertainty in the region will lead to the demise of the GCC. One, Andreas Krieg, a political risk analyst at King's College London, told AFP that the GCC was "dying by the day". "The Kuwaiti Amir is a great believer in the GCC and will do everything he can to resolve the crisis to save the GCC. However, realistically, the GCC cannot survive this crisis," he said. Meanwhile, the embargo on Qatar is inflicting pain on foreign migrant workers struggling amid an oil slump and disruption of deliveries

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Basra gov quits, flees to Iran over graft probe

BAGHDAD: The governor of the oil city of Basra has stepped down and gone to Iran after Iraq's anti-corruption body began investigating graft allegations against him, people close to him and officials said yesterday. Majid Al-Nasrawi is the highest ranking public figure to come under investigation for alleged corruption since Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi was elected three years ago, partly on a pledge to fight graft. Iraq's Integrity Commission on Monday evening issued a statement asking the foreign ministry in Baghdad to ask Iran to repatriate Nasrawi. A Basra-based politician close to Nasrawi said the accusations against Nasrawi were "politically motivated" by rivals. "He can travel wherever he likes as long as there are no legal obstacles," the politician said, confirming that Nasrawi had left for Iran. Oil-rich Iraq ranks 166st out of 176 nations in Transparency International's Corruption Index.

Iran rejects US claims of unsafe Gulf drone flight

TEHRAN: Iran's Revolutionary Guards yesterday rejected claims that one of its drones had flown close to an American aircraft without its lights on, blaming poor US identification systems. It was the latest in a spate of close encounters between US and Iranian aircraft or warships in the waters of the Gulf in recent weeks that have sparked recriminations as relations sour. "The Guards' drone patrols... will continue in the...Gulf with precision, constantly and in the framework of protecting the borders of the Islamic republic of Iran and regardless of the psychological atmosphere created by alien forces," the Guards drone unit said. It added that the US claims of "unsafe and unprofessional" conduct were perhaps the result of "a weakness in their identification and recognition systems". The US Navy said on Monday that an Iranian QOM-1 drone had flown within 300 m of an aircraft based on the carrier USS Nimitz operating in international waters in the Gulf the previous night. The incident followed an August 8 encounter between an Iranian drone and an F/A-18E Super Hornet.



A handout picture shows three ancient tombs containing sarcophagi which were discovered in a cemetery dating back about 2,000 years in the Al-Kamin Al-Sahrawi area in Minya province. — AFP

EGYPT DISCOVERS THREE MILLENNIA-OLD TOMBS

CAIRO: Egypt archaeologists have discovered three ancient tombs containing sarcophagi in the south of the country in a cemetery dating back about 2,000 years, the antiquities ministry said yesterday. The tombs excavated in the Al-Kamin Al-Sahrawi area in Minya province south of Cairo were in burial grounds constructed sometime between the 27th Dynasty and the Greco-Roman period, the ministry said in a statement.

The team found "a collection of sarcophagi of different shapes and sizes, as well as clay fragments," the statement quoted Ayman Ashmawy, head of the ministry's Ancient Egyptian Antiquities Sector, as saying. One of the tombs, which was reached through a shaft carved in rock, contained four sarcophagi each sculpted to depict a human face. Another tomb held the remains of two sarcophagi and six burial holes, including one for "the burial of a small child".

Clay fragments found at the site "date the tombs between the 27th Dynasty (founded in 525 BC) and the Greco-Roman era (between 332 BC and the fourth century)," the statement said. The discovery "suggests that the area was a great cemetery for a long span of time," it quoted Ashmawy as saying. In one of the three tombs, excavators found bones believed to be the remains of "men, women and children of different ages", Ali Al-Bakry, head of the mission, was quoted as saying in the statement. — AFP

RALLY ACCELERATES REMOVAL OF US CONFEDERATE STATUES

DURHAM, North Carolina: In Gainesville, Florida, workers hired by the Daughters of the Confederacy chipped away at a Confederate soldier's statue, loaded it quietly on a truck and drove away with little fanfare. In Baltimore, Mayor Catherine Pugh said she's ready to tear down all of her city's Confederate statues, and the city council voted to have them destroyed. San Antonio lawmakers are looking ahead to removing a statue that many people wrongly assumed represented a famed Texas leader who died at the Alamo.

Some people refused to wait. Protesters in Durham, North Carolina, toppled a nearly century-old statue of a Confederate soldier Monday at a rally

against racism. Activists took a ladder up to the statue and used a rope to pull down the Confederate Soldiers Monument that was dedicated in 1924. A diverse crowd of dozens cheered as the statue of a soldier holding a rifle fell to the ground in front of an old courthouse building that now houses local government offices.

The deadly white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, is fueling another re-evaluation of Confederate statues in cities across the nation, accelerating their removal in much the same way that a 2015 mass shooting by a white supremacist renewed pressure to take down the Confederate flag from public property.

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DURHAM, North Carolina: A protester kicks the toppled statue of a Confederate soldier after it was pulled down on Monday. — AP

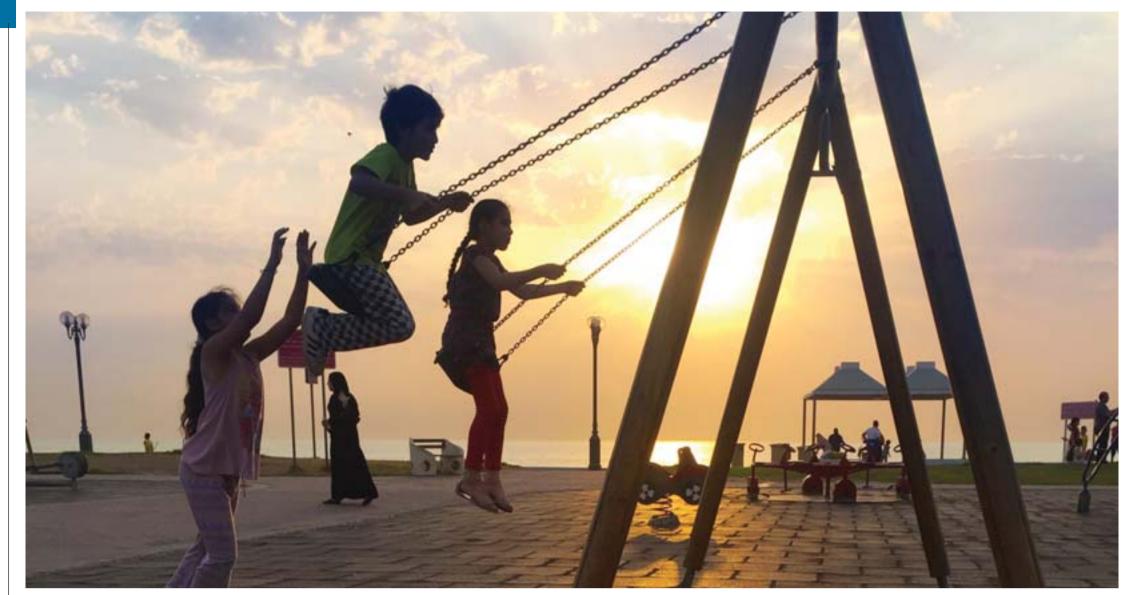




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of the day



KUWAIT: Children avoid the heat of the sun by playing at Anjafa beach during the early morning hours. — KUNA

INDIA EMBASSY CELEBRATES 71ST INDEPENDENCE DAY

AMIR CONGRATULATES INDIANS, LEADERS





News

In brief

Amir congratulates Kuwait shooters for winning gold

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah has sent a cable of congratulations to the shooting champion Abdulrahman Al-Faihan for winning gold medals in the individual, dual and triple's categories in the Asian Shooting Tournament, recently hosted by Kazakhstan. His Highness the Amir also sent felicitation cables to Mansour Al-Rashidi for winning a gold medal in the tripartite teams' contest, Khaled Al-Mudhaf for earning a gold in the same group, Sara Al-Hawall for winning the same medal in the dual, Talal Al-Rrashidi for bagging it in the individuals in addition to winning the gold medal in the two tripartite teams. He also sent such a cable to Abdulaziz Al-Saad for winning the gold medal in the tripartite group. His Highness expressed deep congratulations for earning the top medals in this Asian tournament, expressing wishes the champions would make more sports accomplishments to raise the dear homeland banner at regional and international athletic quarters. For their parts, His Highnesses Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister also sent identical cables to the excelling athletes.

Indian Ambassador Sunil Jain hoists the national flag as embassy officials look on. —Photos by Sajeev K Peter

By Sajeev K Peter

KUWAIT: Braving the excruciating summer heat, thousands of Indians gathered yesterday at the Indian Embassy premises to celebrate the country's 71st Independence Day. The celebration commenced with the hoisting of the national flag by Ambassador Sunil Jain followed by the singing of the national anthem. The ambassador read out Indian President Ram Nath Kovind's address to the nation on the occasion.

Addressing the huge gathering, comprising community members from all walks of life, the ambassador emphasized that the relations between the two countries have been historically close, warm and friendly. He commended the contribution of the Indian community in Kuwait's socio-economic development. The ambassador said, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah has high respect and love for Indians and great love for India, pointing out His Highness the Amir's private visit to India in June-July.

Minister's visit

Jain said India's Minister of State for External Affairs M J Akbar is slated to visit Kuwait next month. "The minister's visit is expected to further strengthen the bilateral relations between the two friendly countries," he added. He urged the community members to give positive suggestions if any which could be considered during the bilateral discussions. Regarding the issue of non-payment of salaries and indemnities by some local companies he said the issue has been taken to higher levels and some solutions have been found.

"We have a big project coming up on the left side of the embassy. That will cause some disruptions in the functioning of the embassy. One side of the road will be closed and no parking will be allowed on the road to the embassy. The embassy is discussing the matter with the foreign ministry as to how to minimize the problem of disruption in the embassy's functioning," the ambassador said. On the occasion, the ambassador extended warm greetings to the members of the royal family. He also extended greeting to the community members. The ambassador highlighted the measures taken by the embassy to improve the consular services for the community.

The Bohra community band played a variety of marching tunes. Indian associations such as Thrissur Association, Saradhi Kuwait, Indian Doctors Forum, Musiq Beats, Kaiser Ali Khan, Kalari Fitness Institute etc rendered patriotic songs. Around 950,000 Indian nationals are working in Kuwait as businesspersons, doctors, engineers, chartered accountants, technicians in oil and gas sector, construction workers, nurses and domestic workers.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to the Indian President Ram Nath Kovind on the occasion of his country's Independence Day. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al Sabah sent similar cables.





KCCI eyes closer ties with Sudan

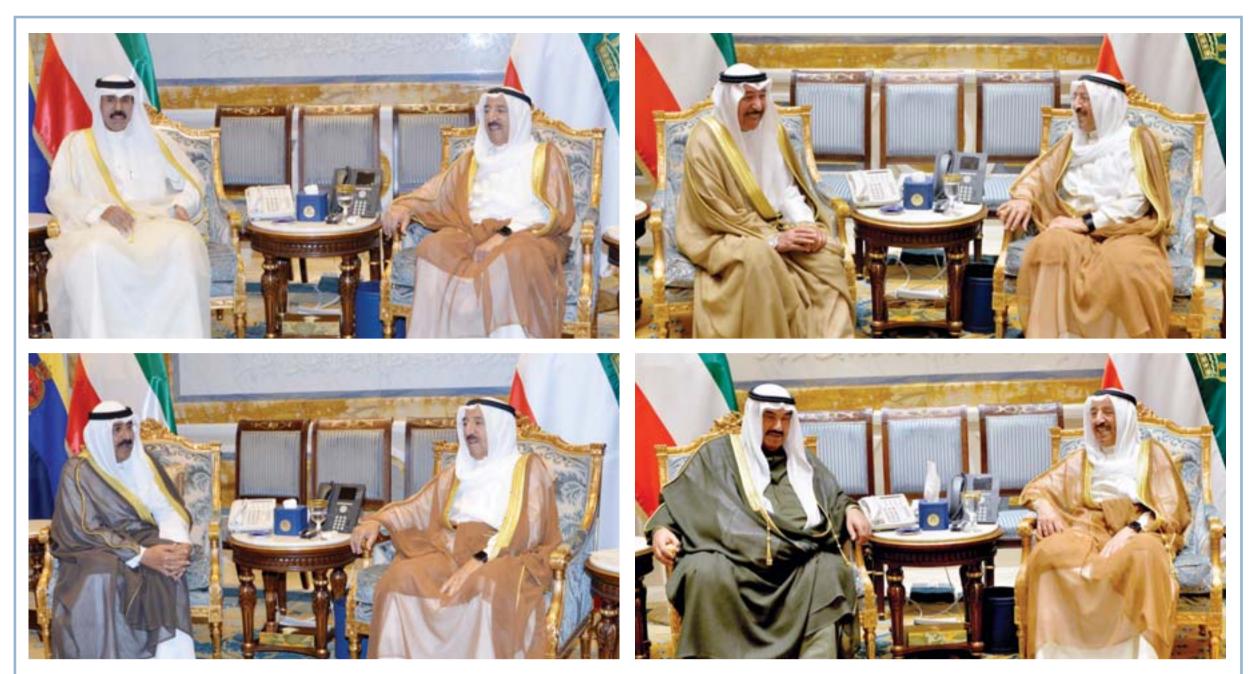
KUWAIT: Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) is eager to establish better relations with Sudan and jointly pursue lucrative investment projects, its Chairman said yesterday. Speaking to the press after meeting with the President of the Sudanese National Council Ibrahim Omar and his accompanying delegation, Ali Al-Ghanim said that Kuwait's ties with the Northern African nation date back years, citing numerous development projects Kuwait has undertaken in Sudan. He said that the Sudanese official's visit aims to broaden the scope for bilateral cooperation, encouraging Sudanese entrepreneurs to visit the country more often in order to explore viable opportunities with their Kuwaiti partners. Meanwhile, Omar said that his visit was an effort to solidify ties between both nations, as he touted ample investment opportunities his country has to offer. He added that Khartoum was taking measures, including amending legislations, to ensure that it provides an environment that would lure much-needed foreign investment.

Deputy FM, UN official discuss cooperation

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Suleiman Al-Jarallah yesterday discussed mutual cooperation with Head of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office in Kuwait Dr Hanan Hamdan. During a meeting, Hanan lauded Kuwait's support and the two sides also reviewed activities of the UNHCR. The meeting was attended by Assistant Foreign Minister for the Deputy Foreign Minister's Office Affairs Ambassador Ayham Al-Omar and Assistant Foreign Minister for International Organizations' Affairs Nasser Al-Abdullah Al-Hain.

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AMIR RECEIVES SENIOR OFFICIALS

the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at Bayan Palace yesterday. His Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Highness the Amir also met Sheikh Jaber Al-Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Deputy Chairman of the Sabah. — KUNA photos

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received His Highness National Guard Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-



Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Cultural Centre (JACC)

KUWAIT'S CULTURAL CENTER



WINS ENR AWARD OF MERIT

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed forced concrete. Some 10,000 workers were Cultural Centre (JACC) has been recognized with the Award of Merit at Engineering News Record (ENR)'s Global Best Projects Awards. The Amiri Diwan's complex will be honored at a gala ceremony on 23 October, at the Sheraton hotel, Times Square, New York. The Engineering News Record (ENR) Global Best Projects Awards focus on the challenges, risks and rewards of designing and constructing in other countries.

Last month, Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center (JACC) was announced by International Property Award winner of the Arabia and Africa for best project and best interior design. Inaugurated by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on October 31, 2016, the JACC was designed as a venue to organize and hold cultural events aimed at spreading arts appreciation amongst the local masses and help attract visitors from abroad.

The exterior of the JACC's headquarters constructed on an area of 52,000 square meters - was built from titanium and reininvolved in the construction. The JACC consists of four buildings, with one housing the main stage that accommodates some 2,000 attendees. The drama theater and rehearsals' spaces could house some 900 people. The second, third, and fourth buildings consist of a 1,800-capacity musical facility, a 1,072-capacity cinema and multi-purpose space, and a 354-seats conference hall.

It is surrounded by water fountains and other facilities that are very attractive to visitors. The State of Kuwait, represented by Amiri Diwan, had won MEED's Building Project of the Year through the country's Jahra and Farwaniya Courts Complexes. Engineering News-Record is an American weekly magazine that provides the engineering and construction news, analysis, commentary and data that construction industry professionals need to do their jobs more effectively. ENR reports on the top design firms, both architects and engineers, and the top construction companies as well as projects in the United States and around the world. — KUNA



President of Arab Parliament Mishaal Bin Fahad Al-Salmi holds talks with Iragi Foreign Minister Ibrahim Al-Jaafari. — KUNA

ARAB PARLIAMENT PRAISES KUWAIT INITIATIVE FOR IRAQ

BAGHDAD: Visiting President of Arab Parliament Mishaal Bin Fahad Al-Salmi yesterday hailed Kuwait's initiative to hold a conference for re-constructing Iraq. Iraqi Foreign Ministry quoted Al-Salmi as affirming, during a meeting with Foreign Minister Ibrahim Al-Jaafari, his support for the Kuwaiti initiative and urged Arab states to seek greater detente with the country.

"We stand on Iraq's side and we are optimistic about its future due to solidarity among its political forces and standing of the Arab brothers on its side," he stated. For his part, Al-Jaafari affirmed that his country needed support and contributions to reconstruction of the infrastructure. Such help is also required to facilitate comeback

of the relocated to their original towns, deal with other challenges such as oil prices' fall and high cost of the war on terrorism, he added.

Iraq, which depends heavily on oil exports, is engaged in wide-scale military action against terror groups, namely the so-called Islamic State. The IS was driven out of the northern city Mosul recently following full-scale heavy fighting with government troops and paramilitary forces. On July 31, Kuwait officially announced that it started contacts with world countries, the World Bank and Iraq to prepare for hosting a donors' conference to rebuild areas liberated from the IS in Iraq, forecast in first guarter of 2018. — KUNA

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EGYPT EMBASSY, BOUSHAHRI GALLERY ORGANIZE ART EXHIBITION

By Faten Omar

KUWAIT: The Egyptian Embassy and Boushahri Gallery held an exhibition titled 'Egyptian artists in Kuwait' yesterday at Boushahri Gallery in Salmiya. More than 20 Egyptian artists residing in Kuwait participated in the event. Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait Yasser Atef praised the effort of Boushahri Gallery and Yahia Swailam for organizing and hosting this exhibition of Egyptian artists. "I was honored in the past two years to know the talented Egyptian artists through exhibitions

organized by the Egyptian cultural office in Kuwait and see their commitment in portraying Egypt," he said.

"These artists work and help their brothers in Kuwait to build new generations that enjoy the taste of art with the ability to express and be creative. We are honored today and through this exhibition to shed light on their works and creations and wish best of luck to them," Atef added.

Ibrahim Ali Sallam, General Coordinator, told Kuwait Times that the Egyptian exhibition shows works of talented Egyptians who are residing in Kuwait to those inter-

'Egyptian artists in Kuwait'

ested in culture and arts. He thanked the Egyptian Embassy and the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters that helped the artists to show their works. Sallam participated with a leather, porcelain and metal piece. "My work is about mixing leather, metal strips and wire with clay in an artistic synthesis," he said.

The exhibition will be open for 15 days to the public. The exhibition is part of a series of successive exhibitions by Egyptian artists, which the cultural office is keen to highlight under the auspices of the Egyptian ambassador. "We have organized more than 20 exhibitions in 2017 for professional artists in Kuwait, where each artist has an experience in a different field," Sallam said.

"I am participating with five paintings that represent different topics related to Egypt," said Sherif Ismail, an Egyptian artist and photographer. Ismail merges mixed media and digital art in his paintings. "The home painting describes peace, represented by two doves. My second painting represents livelihood, and I mixed it with calligraphy. It shows how some people work hard to earn their

livelihoods," he said.

"My third piece is of a girl with golden hair and a gold earring that reflects the trust that we put in girls to preserve their honor and dignity and to defend themselves. The fourth painting is of a gueen that has two parts - the golden one represents her social life and the blue her secrets. My last painting describes an Egyptian boat, which represents stability," Sherif explained. The exhibition includes artworks by a group of Egyptian artists, including paintings, sculptures, ceramics, handicrafts and ornaments.



TRAINING HALLS FOR TEACHERS

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: Director of Development Department at the Education Ministry to produce 750 megawatt in Subbiya Saad Abu Marzouq said training halls at Jabriva, Mubarak Al-Kabeer, Ahmadi and Jahra centers are ready to receive new teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. The idea is to provide new teachers with the technical support on how to deal with students. They will also be told about their rights and duties.

Kheiran project will provide 1500 megawatt and 125 million gallons of water. The contract was signed in May and will be carried out within three

KUWAIT DELIVERS 55 TONS OF HEALTHCARE AID TO MOSUL

IRBIL: Kuwaiti medical aid weighing 55 tons poured into the war-ravaged Iraqi city of Mosul yesterday, the latest in a special campaign Kuwait has created for its Gulf neighbor. Speaking to KUNA, Kuwait's Consul General in Irbil, the capital of the autonomous region of Kurdistan, Dr Omar Al-Kandari, said that Kuwait's Consulate General and the Kurdish government were overseeing the aid process, where medical supplies were delivered to hospitals across the region, all of which suffer from a dearth of equipment. He pointed out that Kuwait has thus far provided 400 tons of comprehensive medical aid to the northern Iragi region. Meanwhile, Director of Ninawa province's health department Dr Laith Abaalaziz told KUNA that the Iraqi people were in dire need of such aid, thanking Kuwait for the continued support. He added that the copious aid given by Kuwait would meet the needs of medical centers in the region, saying that it will help save the lives of many of the city's ailing people. Similarly, Hoshang Mohammad, the director general of the Kurdish regional government's joint crisis coordination center, said that hospitals across the region have been inundated with patients, all of whom are in desperate need of the aid. Kuwait has ratcheted up medical aid to Iraq in recent months, granting many Iraqis access to urgent healthcare. —KUNA



North Zour station

MEW Undersecretary Eng Mohammad Bushehri said that the Ministry will soon announce the second stage of the North Zour station which will add 1500 megawatt and 100 million gallon of water. He said Alvears at a value of KD 160 million.

New route to Taef

Kuwait Airways opened a new route to Taef to make it easier to perform religious rituals in November. KAC chairman Samy Al-Rushaidan said citizens and expats in Kuwait are demanding the opening of new route which is something good and indicates the return of confidence in KAC. When asked about the termination of 1500 KAC employees, he said there will not be any termination but some employees will be transferred to other companies.

> Kuwaiti Consul General in Irbil Dr Omar Al-Kandari meets officials from Kurdish government overseeing the aid process. — KUNA

'BIRD SOUND SYSTEM'

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: The customs department issued a ban on importing a "bird sound system" based on several rules and laws that protect the environment. The device makes sounds that attract birds, which are then caught.

Sri Lankan delegation

Acting Director General of the Public Authority for Manpower Abdullah Al-Mutoutah received the deputy Sri Lankan labor employment minister and his delegation. Both sides discussed issues of mutual interest.

Signing ceremony

Secretariat General of the Higher Planning Council participated in the signing ceremony of the contract of implementing the electronic driving license project at the UN development office in the presence of Assistant Secretary General for Consultative Support Talal Al-Shimmari, Acting Assistant Undersecretary for Traffic Affairs Col Nasser Al-Subaie and National Coordinator for Comprehensive National Strategy Col Salem Al-Ajmi, in addition to the acting representative of UNDP Dima Al-Khateeb.



Emirati actor Dr Habib Ghuloom pictured and Kuwaiti actor Abdulhussain Abdulredha

Saudi actor Abdulmohsen Al-Nemer and





Kuwaiti actor Abdulhussain Abdulredha

Kuwait artist Abdullah Bahman and Kuwaiti actor Abdulhussain Abdulredha

Abdulredah's death a 'big lost for art'

KUWAIT: Many Gulf actors and artists has expressed sorrow over the passing of renowned Kuwaiti actor Abdulhussain Abdulredha, who to them, represented a father figured that taught valuable life and artistic lessons. In separate statement yesterday, the actors said Abdulhussain Abdulredha was one of the most remarkable pillars of Kuwaiti and Gulf culture and arts. Saudi actor Abdulmohsen Al-Nemer said that Abdulhussain Abdulredha was a very competent person and he will always remain as great role model. Abdulhussain is an important figure in my life and we have worked together in (Al-Tendail) series, said the Saudi actor.

For his part, Emirati actor Dr Habib Ghuloom said that he would lead an official delegation from the UAE's theatrical arts association to attend and participate in the burial ceremony of Abdulredah as well as offering condolences. This artist deserves all the appreciation as he has devoted his life for nearly six decades to serve arts and culture, he said. Meanwhile, Omani artist and cartoonist Fahad Al-Zadjali said that he met Abdulhussain in Kuwait, which was a great honor. The Omani artist said he was glad to have heard words of praise while he represented the prolific Kuwaiti actor with a caricature as a token of gratitude.

In Kuwait, artist Abdullah Bahman said the death of Abdulhussian is a big lost for the arts and cultural movements. He always focused in his works on loyalty and love to this country, affirmed Bahman. He left a good reputation and impact for artists and people, said Bahman, adding that the departed Kuwaiti actor drew smiles for more than 50 years on the faces of people in Kuwait and all around the world. Kuwaiti actor Abdulhussain Abdulredha, renowned for his works across the Gulf Arab region, has died at age 78, his family announced on Friday. The late actor had suffered complications during treatment at a London hospital. —KUNA

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FROM THE ARABIC PRESS

Crime

Report

KIDS GETTING DRUNK

KUWAIT: Several citizens sought the help of police after they noticed their children were returning home drunk. They discovered they were buying some type of aftershave cologne from a grocery store in Khaitan. Detectives reviewed a video recorded by parents speaking to the grocer, and found the cologne is not banned. The grocer said he sells the cologne legally, and that youngsters buy it, adding he did not know they were drinking it. Detectives asked the grocer not to sell it to youngsters, and he promised to do so.

Public drunkenness

A citizen and a bedoon were arrested by Ahmadi police when they were seen with a bottle of imported liquor. They were charged with driving while intoxicated in Abu Halaifa. The two said they were in a party, and the bottle they had was from that party. Both were held at Abu Halaifa police station. In another development, an Indian was spotted by police dancing with a bottle in his hand near his car in Bayan, with Indian music blaring from his car. The policemen arrested him along with three others. All four were charged with public drunkenness and are being processed for deportation.

Detectives hunt for suspect

A Sudanese stole money from his sponsor's farm. He then escaped using the sponsor's car, smashing through the farm's fence, according to the sponsor's statement to Kabd police. Detectives are looking for the suspect.





KUWAIT FINANCE HOUSE INKS STRATEGIC AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT KUWAIT YOUTH

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) inked a significant forums. They have a proven track record of international strategic agreement to support the youth. This agreement embodies the bank's keenness to recognize those who contribute in raising the Kuwaiti flag high in the international forums and championships, while confirming its instrumental role in the corporate social responsibility.

The agreement was inked with a group of national champions who join KFH program under the theme "KFH

achievements which urges us to recognize them and appreciate them for they are our partners in success.

He added that inking the agreement with them aims at motivating them for further success in their future competitions, indicating KFH take pride in supporting them to win new titles and medals. He explained that KFH spares no efforts in honoring the distinguished people in different fields, be it education, sport, health, inventions and other fields that are of interest to the society. KFH recognition was not confined to its initiators, it has a proven track record of national names that received support from KFH in recognition of their international achievements. Al-Ruwaieh reiterated that KFH's efforts in supporting and honoring the distinguished people reflects its commitment in the corporate social responsibility, indicating KFH inked two agreements with the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs; one for partnership and collaboration, and the other for supporting and sponsoring the activities of the

Kuwait Capital of Arab Youth event. This affirms the bank's commitment towards the youth and reflects its significant role in supporting this vital category of the society. KFH's participation in the "Kuwait Capital of Arab Youth 2017" stems from its endeavors to contribute in the strategic initiatives of the country that raise the name of Kuwait high on the local and world levels.

Also, it reiterates the cultural contributions and the



By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

any people found it strange that people rejected the idea of inviting Iragi artistes like Kazim Al-Saher and others to perform in Kuwait, due to their stance towards Kuwait and siding with the tyrant Saddam when he occupied our country and wreaked havoc in our dear homeland. It is possible to understand both positions, as one side says that we should forget and rise above our wounds after 27 years, while others say why should we forget as the wound is still bleeding. Fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters of martyrs who were killed by Saddam and his cronies are still alive and aware of events, so how will they feel when they see the person who supported their enemy, killed their children and displaced them around the world dancing over their wounds onstage.

Each side has his own reasons, and I am not here to support one view over another, but I will try to take a certain stand with the following words: There is nothing more important in life than the human being's belonging to a country that protects him and safeguards his dignity, treats him if he gets sick and gives him a happy life, provides him with job opportunities, helps him start a family, be productive and finally be buried in this land.

We do not realize the value of health until after we lose it. Similarly, we do not know what a homeland means or its importance until after it is lost, and this is what happened with us when we lost our country. We lost our dignity, security and safety, apart from money, material and psychological losses. This is not unlike the tens of millions of refugees spread over hundreds of camps around the world who know what the loss of country means - that horrible feeling of not existing and being separated from a dear body that used to cradle all in security. So a person becomes within hours like being hung in a room devoid of air, with a feeling of not existing, while at the same time being worried for himself and his children!

My colleague Iqbal Al-Ahmad wrote an article in which she demanded that anyone who loves other countries more than ours and prefers to live somewhere else should leave our country. Some people wrote back saying that they actually do not belong to this country and do not prefer to live in it for one reason or another, but as they told me in their letters, they are unable to do anything, as they do not have money and no country within their reach, and no guarantee that they will succeed or will be happier outside Kuwait in the country of their choice.

My answer was simple - that I, along with a few businessmen, will establish a fund to help them and anyone who wants to leave Kuwait quickly by paying for a one-way air ticket to any place they want to go, and they will be given a sum of money to help them with their new life until they get a job, provided that the country approves and they give up their Kuwaiti nationality! Here, they changed their tone and became hesitant and started creating excuses, as their smartness informed them there is no homeland like Kuwait. — Translated by Kuwait Times



initiators". KFH Initiators are all those who have a list of awards and achievements on global levels. The initiators are: Kuwaiti motorcycle rider Mishari Bu-Shaiba, Kuwaiti Jet-Ski Champion Mohammad Bu Rabea, Kuwaiti Jet Ski champion Yousef Al Abdulrazzaq, and the Kuwaiti sky-diver Mohammad AlRefae.

Executive Manager Group Public Relations and Media at KFH, Yousef Abdullah Al-Ruwaieh said on the sidelines of the signing ceremony of the partnership agreement with the champions, that KFH initiators have contributed in raising the Kuwaiti flag high in a plethora of international

Key role of Kuwait on the GCC and Arab levels, while allows the youth to positively take part in this event and get acquainted with new experiences that add value to them and enrich their knowledge. KFH spares no efforts in supporting the government's initiatives that develop the talents and skills of the youth and cater for their needs. Meanwhile, the champions expressed their thanks and gratitude to KFH for its continuing support, affirming that the partnership agreement with the youth confirms the bank's pioneering role in assuming the social responsibility.



NBK LAUNCHES LAST SESSION OF ITS 2017 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



Yaqoub Al Baqer

KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) launched recently the fourth and last session of the 2017 Summer Internship Program. The program is custom-made for high school and college students aged between 14 and 21 years. Yaqoub Al Bager, NBK Public Relations officer said, "NBK Summer Internship Program is specially designed for

high school and college students as an extension of NBK's education outreach services. The program

demonstrates NBK's long-standing social involvement as well as its national commitment towards providing the young generations with the appropriate opportunities to experience firsthand how the actual professional banking

issues and transaction are handled and processed."

"NBK regularly organizes and designs events and packages for the youth of the country to familiarize them with the world of banking and make them responsible citizens." Al Bager added. The 5-hour daily sessions of two-week internship featured a mixture of theoretical and practical training dedicated to providing the interns with invaluable knowledge on a variety of subjects such as; the team work, creative thinking, means of self-expression and modern banking work procedure, in addition to helping interns to have greater exposure to daily banking work procedures.

ANTI-CORRUPTION **AUTHORITY AND** AWQAF INK MOU KUWAIT: The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs yester-

day inked a memorandum with the Anti-Corruption Authority for cooperation against corruption and enhancing values such as integrity and transparency. Mohammad Al-Jabri, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Minister of State for Municipal Affairs, indicated in a statement that scholars, in Friday prayers' sermons and other lectures, could contribute to promoting necessity of combating corruption, education about integrity, transparency, renouncing corruption and funds' misappropriation. The memo, in part, stipulates cooperation to guide citizens against corruption and crimes, the minister said, indicating that such culture could be taught at schools, universities, clubs, youth and correction centers.

Meanwhile, judge Abdulrahman Al-Nimesh, who cosigned the memo with the minister, affirmed that the memo was designed to spread such values according to the Islamic Shariaa and the Sunnah, noting that the messages would be delivered at seminars and identical activities. He indicated that identical memos would be worked out with other State departments for the same purposes. — KUNA



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Falling tree kills 12 at Catholic festival in Portugal



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NEW YORK: Protestors near Trump Tower react as US President Donald Trump arrives on Monday. — AP

UROR FOLLOWS TRUMP HOME TO NY

FIRED SCARAMUCCI CALLS FOR BANNON'S OUSTER

NEW YORK: US President Donald Trump is back in the New York skyscraper that bears his name as the furor over his reaction to race-fueled clashes in Charlottesville, Virginia, over the weekend shows few signs of dying down. Protesters on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue tried to spoil Trump's homecoming Monday night with signs bearing messages like "stop the hate, stop the lies" and chanting "shame, shame, shame" and "not my president!"

After two days of public equivocation and internal White House debate, the president condemned white supremacist groups by name on Monday, declaring "racism is evil". In a hastily arranged statement at the White House, Trump branded members of the KKK, neo-Nazis and white supremacists who take part in violence as "criminals and thugs". The groups are "repugnant to everything that we hold dear as Americans," he said.

The move didn't quiet the uproar, however. The leaders of four minority House caucus groups wrote a letter to Trump calling for the removal of White House staff aides Steve Bannon, Stephen Miller and Sebastian Gorka. The heads of the black, Hispanic, Asian and progressive caucuses are calling in the letter for the firings of the Trump administration officials in the wake of a violent, racist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. The letter asserts their continuing presence in the White House is emboldening a resurgent white supremacist movement in America.

This came a day after Anthony Scaramucci, who was fired as White House communications director after a less than two-week stay, called for Bannon's ouster. He said if it were up to him, Bannon would be gone from Trump's administration. But, he noted, "it's not up to me". "The Mooch," a few weeks removed from his spectacular flameout following an expletive-laden conversation with a reporter, appeared Monday on CBS' "Late Show" with Stephen Colbert. Colbert has seen his ratings soar since Trump's inauguration with his relentless comedic attacks.

Colbert showed a picture of Scaramucci and former White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus glaring at each other. Scaramucci said there was "no love lost" between the two. He said he and Priebus got along well when he was writing checks to the Republican National Committee, which Priebus once led. Scaramucci said he knows Trump "as a compassionate person," while reiterating that he thought the president should have spoken more harshly than he did initially of the white supremacists. Of Trump's frequent offthe-cuff remarks, Scaramucci said, "That's him wearing his heart on his sleeve."

In his initial remarks on the violence Saturday, Trump did not single out the groups and instead bemoaned violence on "many sides." Those remarks prompted stern criticism from fellow Republicans as well as Democrats, who urged him to seize the moral authority of his office to condemn hate groups.

Trump's softer statement Saturday had come as graphic images of a car plowing into a crowd in Charlottesville were playing continually on television. White nationalists had assembled in the city to protest plans to take down a statue of Confederate Gen Robert E Lee, and counter-protesters gathered in opposition. Fights broke out, and then a man drove into the opponents of the white supremacists. One woman was killed and many more badly hurt. Twenty-year-old James Alex Fields Jr of Ohio is charged with seconddegree murder and other counts.

Reluctant

Loath to appear to be admitting a mistake, Trump was reluctant to adjust his remarks. The president had indicated to advisers before his initial statement Saturday that he wanted to stress a need for law and order, which he did. He later expressed anger to those close to him about what he perceived as the media's unfair assessment of his remarks, believing he had effectively denounced all forms of bigotry, according to outside advisers and White House officials. Several of Trump's senior advisers, including new chief of staff John Kelly, had urged him to make a more specific condemnation, warning that the negative story would not go away and that the rising tide of criticism from fellow Republicans on Capitol Hill could endanger his legislative agenda, according to two White House officials. The outside advisers and officials demanded anonymity to discuss private conversations.

Aides were dispatched to Sunday talk shows but struggled to explain the president's position. A stronger statement was released - but attributed only to an unnamed spokesperson. Tougher condemnations began Sunday night with Vice President Mike Pence, traveling in South America, declaring that "these dangerous fringe groups have no place in American public life" On Monday, Trump had planned to interrupt his 17day working vacation at his New Jersey golf club to travel to Washington for an announcement he hoped would showcase some tough talk on China's trade practices.

But by the time he arrived at midmorning, it was clear all other messages would be drowned out until he said more about Charlottesville. Trump returned to a White House undergoing a major renovation. With the Oval Office unavailable, he worked from the Treaty Room as aides drafted his remarks. Reading from a teleprompter, he made a point of beginning with an unrelated plug for the strength of the economy under his leadership. Then, taking pains to insist "as I said on Saturday", Trump denounced the hate groups and called for unity. "We must love each other, show affection for each other and unite together in condemnation of hatred, bigotry and violence," he said.

Trump for the first time mentioned Heather Heyer by name as he paid tribute to the woman killed by the car. At the trade event later in the day, he was asked why it took two days for him to offer an explicit denunciation of the hate groups. "They have been condemned," Trump responded before offering a fresh criticism of some media as "fake news". He followed with a tweet declaring "the #Fake News Media will never be satisfied". — AP

IRAN THREATENS TO BOOST NUKE PROGRAM

TEHRAN: Iran's president warned yesterday that it could ramp up its nuclear program and quickly achieve a more advanced level if the US continues "threats and sanctions" against the country, which signed a landmark nuclear accord with world powers in 2015. Hassan Rouhani's remarks to lawmakers were his most direct warning that the deal could fall apart, and risked ratcheting up tensions

with the United States. President Donald Trump has repeatedly said he wants to scuttle the accord, which limited Iran's ability to produce a nuclear weapon while ending most sanctions against it.

increase spending on the country's ballistic missile program and the foreign operations of its paramilitary Revolutionary Guard. The move came in

Earlier this week, Iran's parliament voted to

TEHRAN: Iranian President Hassan Rouhani arrives at his seat after a speech in a session of parliament to debate his proposed cabinet yesterday. — AP

response to US legislation passed earlier this month imposing mandatory penalties on people involved in Iran's ballistic missile program and anyone who does business with them. The US legislation also applies terrorism sanctions to the Guard and enforces an existing arms embargo.

If Washington continues with "threats and sanctions" against Iran, Rouhani said in parliament on Tuesday, Tehran could easily ramp up its nuclear activities. "In an hour and a day, Iran could return to a more advanced (nuclear) level than at the beginning of the negotiations" that preceded the 2015 deal, Rouhani said, though he underlined that Iran's preference is to remain in the accord. The maneuvering around the Iran deal comes at a time when tensions have skyrocketed between the US and North Korea, which has tested nuclear weapons and threatened in recent weeks to fire a ballistic missile into the waters off the US territory of Guam. The agreement between Iran and world powers two years ago capped Iran's uranium enrichment levels in return for the lifting of international sanctions. The US and other world powers fear Iran seeks the ability to produce atomic weapons. Iran has long denied that it seeks nuclear arms and says its nuclear program is only for peaceful purposes. It was not immediately clear what Rouhani was referring to and whether he meant Iran could restart centrifuges enriching uranium to higher and more dangerous levels. — AP

HOTEL ORDERS 'JEWISH GUESTS' TO SHOWER BEFORE SWIMMING

GENEVA: A Swiss hotel that posted signs telling Jewish clients to shower before using the pool and restricting their access to the facility's freezer has unleashed outrage and official complaints from Israel. The Paradies apartment hotel in the Alpine village of Arosa in eastern Switzerland is being accused of anti-Semitism after an outraged guest posted to Facebook a picture of a notice plastered outside the hotel pool.

"To our Jewish Guests, women, men and children, please take a shower before you go swimming," it said, adding that "If you break the rules I'm forced to (close) the swimming pool for you." A second notice, in the kitchen, meanwhile instructed "Our Jewish guests" that they could only access the facility's freezer between 10 and 11 am and between 4:30 and 5:30 pm. "I hope you understand that our team does not like being disturbed all the time," it said.

The story quickly made the rounds on social media and was published by Israeli papers, prompting a harsh reaction from Israeli officials. Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely described the incident as "an anti-Semitic act of the worst and ugliest kind". Israel's ambassador to Switzerland, Jacob Keidar, reportedly contacted the hotel and informed Hotovely the signs had been removed. But she was not satisfied and has reportedly demanded "a formal condemnation" from Bern. Swiss foreign ministry spokesman Tilman Renz told AFP in an email that the ministry had been in contact with Keidar and had "outlined to him that Switzerland condemns racism, anti-Semitism and discrimination in any form".

'A mistake'

Paradies manager Ruth Thomann, who signed the notices, meanwhile insisted to Swiss daily 20Minutes that she was not an anti-Semite, and acknowledged that her "choice of words was a mistake".

She explained to the Blick daily that the apartment hotel currently had a lot of Jewish clients, and that other guests had complained that some of them did not shower before using the pool and had asked her to do something. "I wrote something naive on that poster," she was quoted as saying, admitting that it would have been better to simply address all guests with the same message.

The hotel is reportedly very popular with ultra-orthodox Jewish guests because it has been accommodating to their needs, including access to a freezer to store kosher food. — AFP

LEBANON WAR ADOPTEES ABROAD DIG TO UNEARTH ROOTS

when she was whisked out of war-torn Beirut by her new parents, one of thousands of children adopted internationally during Lebanon's civil war. She spent nine years looking for her Lebanese birth mother, only to find her living an hour away from the Swiss village where Guigan was raised by her adoptive family. The process of tracing her birth mother is one that many of those adopted abroad during Lebanon's 1975-1990 war have started.

But such searches are often complicated by reams of false paperwork and secrets that many people would prefer remain buried. Zeina Allouche, co-founder of the Badael-Alternatives NGO, estimates that at least 10,000 Lebanese children were adopted during the war. International adoption began before Lebanon's conflict but ballooned during the war, with middle men and local

BEIRUT: Dida Guigan was just two weeks old officials aiding the process by producing falsified paperwork, often for a fee. "It was easy," Allouche told AFP. "It was a gang time: no laws, no safety, and there was a kind of complicity because people thought this was a good way to save kids."

Guigan's adoptive parents collected her in 1984 and she grew up mostly in Switzerland, knowing she was adopted but with no information on her birth family. When she was 18, her adoptive parents gave her a file including a "certificate of abandonment" from her birth mother. "This is where I got very lucky - her real name was on it," she said. It was a lead, and more than many adoptees begin with, but it still took Guigan nine years, multiple trips to Beirut, and the help of a Lebanese television crew to find her mother.

'Delicate and taboo' "I really didn't believe that this could still be possible in this life," she said. "I did a lot of internal work to prepare myself for the worst. So meeting her and knowing she's alive ... was one of the most beautiful experiences I've had." Sophie, who asked to be identified by a pseudonym, was adopted by a couple living in France in 1966, before the war, and began her search in her 40s. "I felt the need to fill a profound void, to know the story of my birth," she told AFP.

Armed with her mother's name, she went to Lebanon to research her roots but encountered resistance. People told her "You already have a family there! You were lucky to leave here!" she said. "They didn't understand why I was looking and it seems to me the subject remains delicate and taboo in Lebanon."

Allouche said many adoptees encountered similar responses. Some were completely rejected by birth families seeking to avoid the perception of scandal. Badael tries to help in various ways, including the online listings that contain fragments of identifying information, and advice on search methods such as DNA analysis. That was how Sophie finally found her biological mother: DNA tests with several online companies uncovered a first cousin, who she searched for on Facebook. That led her to another first cousin who was "completely aware of my existence", she said. "His father, my uncle, had helped my mother search for me after my birth and in the years that followed."

She learned that her mother had emigrated to Australia and they are now communicating through Sophie's half-sister. "I'm relieved and so happy to have finally found her," she said. She has become a strong proponent of DNA analysis and hopes more birth mothers seeking their children begin using it. — AFP



CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia: Matthew Heimbach voices his displeasure at the media after a court hearing for James Alex Fields Jr in front of the court on Monday. — AP

WHITE NATIONALISTS THREATEN CHARLOTTESVILLE JUST A START

SUPREMACISTS BUOYED BY LARGE TURNOUT

claiming victory after a bloody weekend in copter crashed during an effort to contain the good" white nationalist event that was being Virginia, white nationalists are planning more violence. demonstrations to promote their agenda follow-

The US Justice Department said it will review

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama: Emboldened and pro- state troopers also died Sunday when their heli- Jeff Schoep, said Charlottesville was a "really overshadowed by the deaths. "Any time someone loses their life it's unfortunate," he said. He blamed the violence on inadequate police protection and counter-demonstrators and said he doubts white nationalists will be deterred from attending more such demonstrations.

ISRAEL ARRESTS ISLAMIC CLERIC FOR 'INCITEMENT'

JERUSALEM: Israeli police arrested a firebrand Islamic cleric yesterday who has been repeatedly accused of inciting violence over a sensitive Jerusalem holy site where tensions again flared last month. Raed Salah, released from prison in January after serving a nine-month sentence, is accused of inciting violence and terrorism as well as support for and participation in an illegal organization, police said.

His group, the radical northern branch of the Islamic Movement in Israel, was outlawed in 2015 after it was accused of inciting violence linked to Jerusalem's Haram Al-Sharif mosque compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount. Police said in yesterday's statement that Salah, an Arab Israeli, is accused of having publicly supported violent acts against the country on several occasions following the ban on his organization.

It was not clear whether the accusations were linked to last month's deadly unrest surrounding the holy site, which includes the revered Al-Aqsa mosque and the golden-topped Dome of the Rock. Violence erupted in and around the compound after three Arab Israelis shot dead two Israeli policemen on July 14. Israel responded by installing metal detectors at the entrance to the complex, used as a staging point for the attack.

For nearly two weeks, worshippers refused to submit to the checks and staged mass prayers in surrounding streets. Ensuing protests and clashes left seven Palestinians dead, while three Israelis were fatally stabbed by a Palestinian assailant. The crisis abated when Israel removed the detectors. Salah served a nine-month prison term after being convicted of fomenting violent protests over the holy site. He was convicted of having incited violence in a 2007 speech. He was convicted in 2014 and his appeals were later denied. Israeli Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan said in a statement following Salah's arrest that he hoped "this time justice will be done and he will be sent behind bars for a long time". The compound, central to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, is the third-holiest in Islam and the most sacred for Jews. It is located in east Jerusalem, occupied by Israel in 1967 and later annexed in a move never recognized by the international community. Palestinians fear Israel will gradually seek to assert further control over it, though Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said repeatedly he is committed to the status quo. — AFP



ing the violence that left a woman dead and dozens injured. The University of Florida said white provocateur Richard Spencer, whose appearances sometimes stoke unrest, is seeking permission to speak there next month. And white nationalist Preston Wiginton had said he was planning a "White Lives Matter" rally at Texas A&M University in September, but the university later said it had been canceled.

Also, a neo-Confederate group has asked the state of Virginia for permission to rally at a monument to Confederate Gen Robert E Lee in Richmond on Sept 16, and other events are likely. "We're going to be more active than ever before," Matthew Heimbach, a white nationalist leader, said Monday. James Alex Fields Jr, a young man who was said to idolize Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany in high school, was charged with killing a woman by slamming a car into a group of counter-protesters at a white nationalist rally Sunday in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Fields, 20, who recently moved to Ohio from his home state of Kentucky, was held without bail on murder charges. He was photographed at the rally behind a shield bearing the emblem of the white nationalist Vanguard America, though the group denied he was a member. Two

the violence, and Attorney General Jeff Sessions told ABC that the death of counter-protester Heather Heyer, 32, met the definition of domestic terrorism. White nationalists said they were undaunted. Heimbach, who said he was peppersprayed during the melee in Charlottesville, called the event Saturday "an absolute stunning victory" for the far right because of the large number of supporters who descended on the city to decry plans to remove a statue of Lee.

Biggest event

Hundreds of white nationalists, white supremacists, neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klan members and others were involved, by some estimates, in what Heimbach, leader of the Traditionalist Workers Party, called the nation's biggest such event in a decade or more. Even more opponents turned out, and the two sides clashed violently. A neo-Nazi website that helped promote the gathering said there will be more events soon. "We are going to start doing this nonstop. Across the country," said the site, which Internet domain host GoDaddy said it was shutting down after it mocked the woman killed in Charlottesville.

The head of the National Socialist Movement.

Preserving memorials to the Old South has become an animating force for the white nationalist movement, not because all members are Southern, Schoep said, but because adherents see the drive to remove such monuments as part of a larger, anti-white crusade. "It's an assault on American freedoms. Today it's Confederate monuments. Tomorrow it may be the Constitution or the American flag," Schoep said.

At the University of Florida, where Spencer has asked to speak, President W Kent Fuchs called the events in Virginia "deplorable" but indicated school officials might be unable to block his appearance. "While this speaker's views do not align with our values as an institution, we must follow the law, upholding the First Amendment not to discriminate based on content and provide access to a public space," Fuchs said in a message on the university's Facebook page. Auburn University spent almost \$30,000 in legal fees in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent Spencer from speaking on its campus in Alabama in April. — AP

TEL AVIV: Arab-Israeli Sheikh Raed Salah, leader of the radical northern branch of the Islamic Movement in Israel, waves as he arrives at the Israeli Rishon Lezion Justice court yesterday. — AFP

IRAQ JETS POUND IS BASTION AHEAD OF GROUND ASSAULT

BAGHDAD: Iraqi warplanes carried out air strikes yesterday against Islamic State group positions in Tal Afar in preparation for a ground assault to retake the town near the Syrian border, the military said. Tal Afar is the main remaining IS stronghold in northern Iraq, after the capture by Iraqi forces in July of second city Mosul further east in a major blow to the militants. "Preparations are under way pending instructions from the commander in chief (Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi)" for the launch of the assault, said a spokesman for Iraq's Joint Operation Command (JOC).

The spokesman, Yahiya Rassul, said that although the main offensive to retake Tal Afar had not yet begun, the air force was pounding jihadist positions in the town. Plans to retake Tal Afar were announced on Monday by federal police chief Lieutenant General Raed Shakir Jawdat. who said "armored and elite units" were headed for the town. The units, whose number has not been specified, were "regrouping in combat positions in preparation for the next battle," he said in a statement.

Joining them is the Hashed Al-Shaabi, a Shiite-dominated coalition of paramilitary units deployed since 2014 to halt the militant advance. "Hashed Al-Shaabi commanders met Saturday with army and police commanders to decide on the plan to free Tal Afar," spokesman Ahmed Al-Assadi said. Abadi is expected to announce the launch of the ground assault but there are no indications on when it is due to start. IS militants overran Tal Afar in June 2014, when it had a population of around 200,000. — AFP



MOSUL: In this Aug 12, 2017 photo, civilian men from the Iraqi town of Tal Afar wait to undergo security screening at a collection point for displaced people. —AP

MAN PLANNED TO BOMB OKLAHOMA BANK

OKLAHOMA CITY: A 23-year-old man who was "out for blood" when he attempted to detonate what he believed was an explosives-laden van outside an Oklahoma bank in a plot similar to the deadly 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, authorities said Monday. During a meeting with undercover FBI agents in June, Jerry Drake Varnell of Sayre, Oklahoma, said he held "III% ideology" and wanted "to start the next revolution," a reference to the "Three Percenters" patriot movement - begun in 2008, galvanized by President Barack Obama's election - and that has rallied against gun control efforts and pledges resistance to the federal government over the infringement of constitutional rights.

Federal officials arrested Varnell early Saturday in connection with a plot to detonate a vehicle bomb in an alley adjacent to BancFirst in downtown Oklahoma City. Varnell is charged with attempting to use explosives to destroy a building in interstate commerce. Varnell made an initial appearance before a federal judge Monday afternoon and remains in the custody of federal marshals. Court records do not indicate whether Varnell is represented by an attorney.

US Sen James Lankford of Oklahoma, a member of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, said the allegations are a somber reminder that Americans must remain vigilant about home-grown extremism and radicalization in local communities. A III% group said Varnell had joined their group less than a year ago but was never active and has been removed from its membership rolls. In a statement, III% United Patriots spokesman Dylan



Jerry Drake Varnell

Hunter says the group condemns Varnell's alleged acts. "His claim about following the III% ideology are blatantly false as we do not condone acts of terrorism," Hunter said. On Saturday, a rally by white nationalists and others opposed to a plan to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E Lee from a Charlottesville, Virginia, park turned violent and led to the death of a 32-yearold woman who was struck by a car allegedly driven by a man into a crowd of people protesting the rally. A Virginia State Police helicopter deployed in a large-scale police response to the violence then crashed into the woods outside of town and both troopers on board died.

A federal complaint filed on Sunday says a

confidential informant told the FBI in December that Varnell wanted to blow up a building and "that Varnell was upset with the government and was seeking retaliation". Officials said Varnell initially wanted to blow up the Federal Reserve Building in Washington, DC, with a device similar to one used in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that destroyed the Alfred P Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people and injuring hundreds more.

In a series of text messages with the FBI's informant, Varnell "claimed to have a bunker for when the world (or United States) collapsed" and indicated he was trying to build a team, the complaint states. "I'm out for blood," the complaint quotes Varnell's texts. "When militias start getting formed I'm going after government officials when I have a team." But an undercover FBI agent posed as someone who could help Varnell build a bomb and the device used was actually inert, authorities said. Varnell's actions were monitored closely for months as the plot developed.

"There was never a concern that our community's safety or security was at risk during this investigation," said Kathryn Peterson, special agent in charge of the FBI in Oklahoma. The undercover agent met face-to-face with him on June 1 to discuss obtaining materials for an ammonium nitrate and fuel oil bomb similar to the one used in the Oklahoma City bombing, the complaint states. Varnell indicated at the meeting that he had previously made homemade explosives and that he "was of the same mind with people who wanted to use explosives and make a statement," the complaint says. — AP

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Thousands left homeless after S Leone mudslide

homeless by a mudslide which killed at least 270 people urgently need food, shelter and healthcare, aid agencies said yesterday, as they raced to prevent outbreaks of fatal diseases such as cholera and typhoid. A mountainside collapsed on the outskirts of the capital Freetown on Monday morning, burying dozens of homes as people slept in one of Africa's deadliest mudslides in decades.

Rescue workers have recovered 270 bodies so far in the mountain town of Regent and the search continues for more, Freetown mayor Sam Gibson said yesterday. "We estimate that at least 3,000 people are homeless ... they need shelter, medical assistance and food," Sierra Red Cross Society spokesman Abu Bakarr Tarawallie said by phone. "We are also fearful of outbreaks of diseases such as cholera and typhoid," he told the Thomson Reuters Foundation from Freetown. "We can only hope that this does not happen."

Contaminated water and water-logging often unleash potentially deadly diseases like cholera and diarrhoea after floods and mudslides. Torrential flooding has also destroyed buildings and covered homes in low-lying areas of Freetown, agencies said. "Houses have been totally submerged and washed away," said Ramatu Jalloh, advocacy direc-

DAKAR: Thousands of people in Sierra Leone left tor at Save the Children. "Families are trying to gather their lives together but they have lost their homes, all of their possessions, their whole livelihoods." President Ernest Bai Koroma on Monday evening told residents of Regent and other flooded areas to evacuate immediately so that military personnel and rescue workers could continue to search for survivors that might be buried underneath debris. The United Nations children's agency (UNICEF) is providing trauma counselling and therapy to families and children in the dozen-odd communities struck by the mudslide.

> "You can see people openly grieving ... there is a lot of hurt to address," said UNICEF spokesman John James. Britain's aid department said it is sending assistance, having invested in disaster preparedness and emergency response since the Ebola outbreak which ravaged the former British colony from 2014 to 2016, infecting 14,000 people and killing 4,000.

> "From stopping the Ebola outbreak in its tracks to helping the country rebuild ?after this deadly event - the UK continues to stand by the people of Sierra Leone," said Priti Patel, the minister of the Department for International Development.

Several aid agencies told the Thomson Reuters Foundation they were bracing for more heavy rainfall in the coming days. —Reuters



FREE TOWN: In this Monday photo, crowds gather outside the Connaught Hospital waiting for loved ones outside a mortuary in Freetown, Sierra Leone, —AP

NORTH KOREA HOLDS OFF ON GUAM MISSILE PLAN

CHINA URGES 'BRAKES' ON RHETORIC

SEOUL/WASHINGTON: North Korea's leader has delayed a decision on firing missiles towards Guam while he waits to see what the United States does next, the North's state media said yesterday, as South Korea's president said Seoul would seek to prevent war by all means.

Signs of an easing in tension on the Korean peninsula helped stock markets rally for a second day running even as the United States and South Korea prepared for more joint military drills, which infuriate the North, and experts warned it could still go ahead with its provocative plan.

In his first public appearance in about two weeks, North

Pyongyang's plans to fire missiles near Guam prompted a surge in tensions in the region last week, with US President Donald Trump saying the US military was "locked and loaded" if North Korea acted unwisely. South Korean President Moon Jae-in said yesterday there would be no military action without Seoul's consent and his government would prevent war by all means.

"Military action on the Korean peninsula can only be decided by South Korea and no one else can decide to take military action without the consent of South Korea," Moon said in a speech to commemorate the anniversary of the

"We will look for the US to reaffirm it defence commitment, including the nuclear deterrent." The Liberation Day holiday, celebrated by both North and South, will be followed next week by the joint US-South Korean military drills.

North Korea has persisted with its nuclear and missile programs, to ward off perceived US hostility, in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions and sanctions. China, North Korea's main ally and trading partner, has repeatedly urged Pyongyang to halt its weapons program and at the same time urged South Korea and the United States to stop military drills to lower tensions.

Yesterday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said the crisis was approaching a critical juncture and urged all sides in the standoff to help "put out the flames" and not add fuel to the fire. Hua said she noted comments by U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson about using diplomacy to resolve the issue, saying China hoped these words can be put into action.

"We also call on North Korea to echo this in response." Hua told a daily news briefing. Asian shares rose for a second day yesterday and the dollar firmed after Kim's comments further eased tension and prompted investors to move back into riskier assets after a sharp selloff last week.

Kim Dong-yub, a professor and a military expert at Kyungnam University's Institute of Far Eastern Studies in Seoul, urged caution in assuming North Korea was bluffing with its missile threats.

"There is no stepping back for North Korea. Those who don't know the North very well fall into this trap every time (thinking they are easing threats) but we've seen this before:



News

Emergency services move an injured person to an ambulance after a tree fell on a large crowd gathered as part of a traditional religious festival in the outskirts of Funchal, the capital of Madeira island, Portugal. — AP

Portugal: Tree crashes during festival, kills 12

LISBON: A tree that fell during a popular religious festival on the Portuguese island of Madeira killed at least 12 people, Portuguese authorities said yesterday. Regional health chief Pedro Ramos said 52 others were injured in the accident near the island capital of Funchal. The tree fell while a large crowd was gathered as part of a traditional religious festival. The Nossa Senhora do Monte festival is Madeira's biggest annual festivity. Held Aug. 14-15, it draws large crowds to a church on Funchal's outskirts. RTP public television showed images of emergency workers gathered under a group of tall trees on the Atlantic island. Ambulances were shown pulling away from the site while workers wielding chain saws cut away limbs from an enormous tree on the ground. More televised images showed some people attending to the injured. Others appeared visibly shaken. The regional government of Madeira has declared three days of mourning for the victims. Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa shared his condolences for the victims on his Twitter account.



SEOUL: Protesters carry a banner showing illustrations of US President Donald Trump as they march in front of the US Embassy after a rally demanding peace on the Korean peninsula in Seoul yesterday.—AP

Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspected the command of the nation's liberation from Japanese military rule in 1945.

North's army on Monday, examining a plan to fire four mis-"The government, putting everything on the line, will siles to land near the US Pacific territory of Guam, the offiblock war by all means," Moon said. Speaking to his Russian cial KCNA said in a report. "He said that if the Yankees percounterpart Sergei Lavrov, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang sist in their extremely dangerous reckless actions on the Yi said it was urgent the United States and North Korea Korean peninsula and in its vicinity, testing the self-"put the brakes" on mutually irritating words and actions to restraint of the DPRK, the latter will make an important lower temperatures and prevent an "August crisis", China's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Nuclear deterrent

Japan will be seeking further reassurance from Washington in meetings between Japan's defense chief and foreign minister and their US counterparts on Thursday. "The strategic environment is becoming harsher and we need to discuss how we will respond to that," a Japanese foreign ministry official said in a briefing in Tokyo.

The United States and South Korea remain technically still at war with North Korea after the 1950-53 Korean conflict ended with a truce, not a peace treaty. North Korea is currently holding three US citizens it accuses of espionage or hostile acts but now was not the right time to discuss them, KCNA cited a foreign ministry spokesman as saying in a separate report.

Pyongyang has in the past used detainees to extract concessions, including high-profile visits from the United States, which has no formal diplomatic relations with North Korea. US officials have in recent days played down the risk of an imminent conflict while stressing their preparedness to respond militarily to any attack from North Korea. Mattis said on Monday the US military would know the trajectory of a missile fired from NorthKorea within moments and would "take it out" if it looked like it would hit the US Pacific territory.

"The bottom line is, we will defend the country from an attack; for us (US military) that is war," Mattis said. On Guam, home to a US air base, a Navy installation, a Coast Guard group and roughly 6,000 US military personnel, residents expressed some relief at the lessening of tensions. "I'm reading between the lines that I don't see an imminent threat," Guam Lieutenant Governor Ray Tenorio told a media briefing in the island's capital of Hagatna. —Reuters

UK INQUIRY TO EXAMINE **GRENFELL TOWER FIRE**

decision as it already declared," the report said.

photos in the past but never followed through.

The DPRK stands for North Korea's official name, the

Democratic People's Republic of Korea. In photos released

with the KCNA report, Kim was seen holding a baton and

pointing at a map showing a flight path for the missiles

appearing to start from North Korea's east coast, flying over

Japan towards Guam. North Korea has often threatened to

attack the United States and its bases and released similar

LONDON: A public inquiry into the Grenfell Tower fire in London that killed 80 people in June began yesterday with a mission to examine the cause of and response to the tragedy, but not broader issues such as social housing policy. The destruction of the 24-storey social housing block, home to a poor, multi-ethnic community, in an inferno that spread with terrifying speed in the middle of the night shocked the nation and raised public anger over social inequalities. Grenfell Tower was part of a deprived housing estate in the London borough of Kensington and Chelsea, one of the richest areas in the country. The fire has prompted debate about the impact on poor communities of years of public spending cuts by Conservative-led governments.

The inquiry, led by retired judge Martin Moore-Bick, was announced by Conservative Prime Minister Theresa May to show she wanted the truth about the disaster to emerge after her initial response was seen by survivors as slow and insensitive. The inquiry formally opened yesterday with the publication of its terms of reference. Moore-Bick will start hearings in September.

It will examine the cause and spread of the fire, the design, construction and refurbishment of the tower, fire regulations relating to high-rise buildings, whether they were complied with at Grenfell Tower, and the actions of the authorities before and after the tragedy.

But Moore-Bick said the inquiry would not delve into broader issues such as social housing policy and the relationship between the community and the authorities, even though many local people wanted it to. That drew immediate criticism from the local member of parliament, Emma Dent Coad of the opposition Labour Party, who said it was precisely what the community had feared.

"We were told 'no stone would be unturned' but instead are being presented with a technical assessment which will not get to the heart of the problem: what effects if any the lack of investment into social housing had on the refurbishment project," she said in a statement. Moore-Bick said it would take too long to fully examine social housing policy issues when there was a need for the inquiry to quickly identify safety problems that may be putting lives at risk in other tower blocks. — Reuters

ZIMBABWE'S FIRST LADY ACCUSED OF ASSAULT IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG: The wife of Zimbabwe's president has been accused of assaulting a young woman at an upscale Johannesburg hotel, and local media reported that she was due to appear in court yesterday. It was not immediately clear where Grace Mugabe was. Minister of Police Fikile Mbalula said in a video posted by local broadcaster eNCA that she had handed herself over to police. But a police spokesman, Vishnu Naidoo, later said no arrest had been made and police were talking with the suspect's lawyers. He would not name the suspect, saying she had not yet appeared in court.

The case draws yet more attention to the increasingly outspoken wife of the world's oldest head of state, 93-year-old President Robert Mugabe. Last month she challenged her husband publicly for the first time to name a successor, positioning herself as a possibility as his advanced age takes a toll ahead of next year's election. Twentyyear-old model Gabriella Engels has accused Grace Mugabe of assaulting her Sunday night while she was visiting Mugabe's sons in a hotel room in an upscale Johannesburg suburb. She claims the first lady's bodyguards stood by and watched as Mugabe attacked her.

Engels posted several photos on social media showing a gash in her forehead, which she called a result of the alleged encounter. "She flipped and just kept beating me with the plug. Over and over," Engels told local news channel News24. "I had no idea what was going on. I was surprised. I needed to crawl out of the room before I could run away."

Engels told local radio station 702 that "I had no clue who this woman was when she started beating me." Police confirmed that a 20-year-old woman



In this photo provided by Debbie Engels and taken on Monday, Gabriella Engels is seen with an injury to her forehead in Johannesburg, South Africa. — AP

registered "a case of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm" on Monday, but said the suspect could not be named as she had not yet appeared in court. "The investigation into this case has already reached an advanced stage," a police statement yesterday said. It was unclear whether Mugabe would qualify for diplomatic immunity in South Africa if charges are brought against her. —AP

Man killed in fall at London Stock Exchange

LONDON: The London Stock Exchange says a man fell from an upper floor balcony at the site. The City of London police say they are investigating the circumstances after being called to the central London exchange yesterday morning. The incident is not being treated as suspicious. The stock exchange described the person as a "London Stock Exchange Group colleague." It said in statement that its thoughts and condolences are with the family. A spokesman for London Ambulance Service says they were called at 9.56 a.m. (0856 GMT) to reports of a person fallen from a height at Paternoster Square. The service says it sent an incident response officer, an advanced paramedic, an ambulance crew and a motorbike responder, but that the "patient was dead at the scene."

UK coastguard ends daring sea rescue

LONDON: A British rescue worker was battered by waves but still completed a daring sea rescue after three people got into difficulty on the west coast of England, a video released by British coastguard service yesterday showed. Footage shot from a helicopter showed a man clinging to a rock in the sea near Bude, 200 miles (321.87 km) southwest of London, after he became cut off by a rising tide on Saturday evening. Mark Hughes, a winchman for the coastguard who is known as "Spike", was lowered from the helicopter to save him when he was caught blindsided by a wave. Hughes reached the man and was attaching him to the wire when both were washed into the sea by a second wave. They were winched quickly out of the surf, while two other people were also rescued from a nearby beach.

Italy to host G7 **Ministers' summit**

ROME: Italy will host a summit of Group of Seven interior ministers centered on security issues in the fall. Italian Interior Minister Marco Minniti says the meeting is being organized at the request of Italy's G7 partners: Canada, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Japan and the United States. Italy currently holds the rotating helm of the G7 industrialized nations. Minniti said at a news conference yesterday that while the terror alert level remains high in Italy, there is "no trace of an imminent threat" or attack. He said that since the start of 2015, Italy has expelled 199 foreigners suspected of being security threats after showing initial signs of radicalization but "not reaching the attack plan stage." Minniti says the G-7 summit would probably be held in October. — AP



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NEW DELHI: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the nation on the country's Independence Day from the ramparts of the historical Red Fort in New Delhi yesterday. — AP

MODI URGES INDIA TO REJECT VIOLENCE IN NAME OF RELIGION Indian PM addresses nation on 70th anniversary

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged India yesterday to reject religious violence, after a series of attacks against minorities sparked debate about whether a surge of Hindu nationalism is undermining the country's secular ideals. In a speech from the ramparts of Delhi's Red Fort marking the 70th anniversary of India's independence, Modi also listed his government's achievements, including a fight against corruption.

The speech was light on foreign policy, making no mention of arch-rival Pakistan or of China.India has for nearly two months stationed hundreds of troops along its northern border with China because of a territorial dispute.

Modi has spoken out against attacks by right-wing Hindus, many of whom back his Hindu-nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), against minority Muslims and lower-caste Hindus accused of killing cows, considered holy by the majority Hindus.

fort and a huge television audience. Modi made much of the progress India has made since independence from British rule in 1947. But he also expressed pain over the death of at least 60 children in a state-run hospital last week amid shortages of supplies - a reminder much remains to be done on India's journey to development.

'AURA OF PROGRESS'

Since coming to power in 2014, Modi has found it difficult to balance the competing demands of groups from his nationalist Hindu power base and those Indians striving to build a modern, secular country befitting its growing economic influence. Manoj Joshi, a fellow at the Observer Research Foundation think-tank said Modi was playing "good cop, bad cop" by condemning communal violence but doing little to rein in elements of his ruling party.

"There is an obvious gap between slogan

next general election, due by 2019.

Strong growth and economic reforms have bolstered Modi's popularity and helped his party sweep state elections in recent years, leaving the opposition severely weakened.

Still, to keep up with the demands of India's 1.3 billion people, the government needs to create millions more jobs a year, which it is struggling to do.

"A certain level of triumphalism ... brought Modi to power," analyst Ajai Shukla told NDTV. "Now he realizes people are expecting answers. He felt the need to convey an aura of progress."

Modi was conciliatory towards the Muslimmajority Himalayan region of Kashmir, where violent protests against Indian rule have erupted over the past year, saying neither "name-calling nor bullets" would be enough to pacify the region.

What was needed, he said, were "hugs" for Kashmiris. Kashmir has been divided between Pakistan and India, and a source of conflict between them, since their creation upon the partition of British-ruled India in 1947. — Reuters

TOP US MILITARY OFFICER NOTES 'DIFFICULT ISSUES' WITH CHINA

BEIJING: The top US military officer told his Chinese counterpart yesterday that the US and China have "many difficult issues" to work through, during a visit that comes amid tensions over North Korea's missile program, Taiwan and China's claims in the South China Sea. Marine Corps Gen. Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, made the remarks at the opening of a meeting with Fang Fenghui, chief of the People's Liberation Army's joint staff department.

US officials say Dunford's visit aims to create a mechanism for improving communication between the sides, especially on sensitive issues such as North Korea. Dunford and Fang signed an agreement committing the sides to that goal, with the details to be discussed during talks in Washington in November.

Fang said Dunford's visit was a key part of efforts to expand dialogue between the US and China as agreed by President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, when they met earlier this year. To that end, China has arranged a series of important meetings and visits to help Dunford "know more about our military, (boost) our cooperation and build up our friendship," Fang said.

Dunford responded that the US considered the meetings important to making progress on areas of disagreement, without citing any specific examples. "I think here, we have to be honest - we have many, many difficult issues where we don't necessarily share the same perspective," Dunford said.

"I know we share one thing: We share a commitment to work through these difficult issues," he added, saying that with the guidance of political leaders "we are going to make some progress over the next few days."

This is the highest-level meeting between the two countries' militaries since Trump and Xi met in Florida in April. The US delegation will be flying to the northeastern city of Shenyang today to observe an exercise staged by the People's Liberation Army's Northern Theater Command. Fang cited the event as being among the measures aimed at building mutual trust and understanding.

While the sides agreed several years ago to establish a hotline between the Pentagon and China's defense ministry, that mechanism has never gone into operation. US officials say they've attempted to use it, but that the Chinese side has never answered their requests. The Chinese and US militaries have joined in naval exercises off the coast of Hawaii and other limited multinational drills mainly aimed at dealing with humanitarian disasters. They've also tried to improve mutual trust through agreements on dealing with unexpected encounters at sea.

Despite those, China deeply resents the presence of the US Navy in the South China Sea, which Beijing claims virtually in its entirety. Last week, China expressed its "strong dissatisfaction" with the US over the Navy's latest freedom of navigation operation in which a warship sailed past one of China's man-made islands. Dunford is visiting South Korea, Japan and China after a week in which Trump said he was ready to unleash "fire and fury" if North Korea continued to threaten the US.

In a phone call with Trump on Saturday, Chinese President Xi said all sides should avoid rhetoric or action that would worsen tensions on the Korean Peninsula. — AP



But the setting of his denunciation of violence yesterday was significant.

"We will not tolerate violence in the name of faith," Modi said before a teeming crowd at the

and implementation. It's a deliberate gap and it's just for the record," he said. Modi also spoke at length about delivering a "new India" by 2022, underlining his confidence of winning the

BEIJING: Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen Joseph Dunford reviews a Chinese honor guard during a welcome ceremony at the Bayi Building in Beijing yesterday. — AP

OUSTED PAKISTANI PM SHARIF SEEKS REVIEW OF COURT RULING

ISLAMABAD: Ousted Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif yesterday sought a review of a Supreme Court decision that disqualified him from office over undeclared assets, an official from his ruling party said yesterday.

Sharif, 67, resigned during his third stint as prime minister shortly after the Supreme Court ruled on July 28 that he should be disqualified and ordered a criminal probe into his family's wealth.

Jan Achakzai, a PML-N official, told Reuters Sharif had filed three separate appeals in the Supreme Court. "It is our right to seek a review," he said. "People of Pakistan haven't accepted the decision."

Achakzai said the same five-judge panel that decided on the disqualification would likely hear the review petitions.

Sharif's disqualification stems from the Panama Papers leaks in 2016 which appeared to show that Sharif's daughter and two sons owned offshore holding companies registered in the British Virgin Islands and used them to buy properties in London.

In April, the Supreme Court ruled that there was insufficient evidence to remove Sharif from office - by a split 2-3 verdict - over the Panama revelations

ISLAMABAD: Ousted Pakistani Prime but it ordered further investigations Minister Nawaz Sharif yesterday sought into his family's wealth.

The judges in July alleged Sharif did not declare a small source of income that the veteran leader disputes receiving. Achakzai said the appeals sought a review of the disqualification on the basis that two of the five judges, who had already given a dissenting note in April's verdict, were not supposed to sit on the panel that gave the final ruling.

Sharif has kept a grip on the ruling PML-N party, which has a solid majority in parliament, and elected one of his loyalists, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, as his replacement within days of the court decision.

Critics say Sharif remains in control of the country through Abbasi and is trying to undermine the judiciary. Sharif's aides say he shows no signs of leaving politics and he recently called the Supreme Court ruling against him "an insult to the mandate of 200 million voters".

Last week he started a so-called homecoming "caravan" procession across the Punjab region where he derives his voter base, from the capital Islamabad to the eastern city of Lahore, drawing large crowds along the way. — Reuters

16 FOUND LOCKED IN TEXAS RIG

EDINBURG, Texas: Police in Texas acting on a tip found 16 immigrants locked inside a tractor-trailer parked at a gas station about 30 km from the border with Mexico, less than a month after the deaths of 10 people who were packed in a hot truck in San Antonio. Edinburg Assistant Police Chief Oscar Trevino says the immigrants may have been locked inside the 18-wheeler in Edinburg for at least eight hours before being freed by officers late Sunday morning. He had earlier said there were 17 immigrants locked in the tractor-trailer before correcting the number on Monday to 16.

Trevino said none of the people inside the

tractor-trailer required medical attention. He said they were hungry and thirsty and were given food and water at the scene. Those found locked in the tractor-trailer included eight people from El Salvador, six from Mexico and two from Romania, said Manuel Padilla, US Customs and Border Protection's Border Patrol sector chief for the Rio Grande Valley at Texas' southernmost point.

A man and woman who Trevino said are Cuban nationals were in charge of the rig and have been detained. US Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Nina Pruneda said no one has been charged yet in



EDINBURG, Texas: In this Aug 13 photo, US Border Patrol officers escort a group of immigrants to a van after a group was found in the tractor-trailer. — AP

connection with the case but that the agency is working with state and local officials and talking to witnesses.

The discovery comes three weeks after 10 people died who were in a sweltering rig parked at a Walmart in San Antonio. Immigration officials say survivors estimated 100 people had been packed into the back of the 18-wheeler at one point. Officials said 39 people were inside when rescuers arrived, and the rest either escaped or hitched rides to their next destination. Nearly 20 of those rescued from the rig were hospitalized in dire condition, many suffering from extreme dehydration and heatstroke. The driver of that rig remains in federal custody, charged with illegally transporting immigrants for financial gain, resulting in death.

On Sunday, Edinburg police went to the gas station, a popular stopover for commercial truck drivers traveling through the region, after receiving an anonymous call from someone saying a relative was trapped inside the tractor-trailer. Officers began knocking on the sides of trailers parked at the station and eventually received return knocks from the one holding the immigrants, police said.

The San Antonio incident demonstrated how smugglers regularly use big rigs in an elaborate network of foot guides, safe house operators and drivers. The immigrants discovered in San Antonio had been divided into groups and marked with color-coded tape. Six black SUVs were waiting at one transit point to take some to their destinations. — AP

ROADSIDE BOMB BLAST KILLS 8 SOLDIERS IN SW PAKISTAN

QUETTA, Pakistan: A roadside bomb killed eight soldiers in a remote district inPakistan's southwestern province of Baluchistan, a government official said yesterday, the second attack within days in the troubled region.

The blast late on Monday in Harnai district was some 160 km (100 miles) east of the provincial capital, Quetta, where a suicide bomber rammed his motorcycle into an army truck yesterday, killing eight soldiers and seven civilians. The separatist Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) group claimed responsibility for the bombing in phone calls made to media in Quetta. Islamic State said it carried out Saturday's bombing. Army chief General Qamar Bajwa said the attack was an attempt to mar cele-

QUETTA, Pakistan: A roadside bomb killed eight soldiers in a remote district inPakistan's southwestern province of colonial rule.

"Our resolve won't succumb to any challenge," Bajwa said in a statement the army media wing posted on Twitter. Separatist militants in Baluchistan have waged a campaign against the central government for decades, demanding a greater share of resources in the gas-rich province, which is a key part of a \$57 billion Chinese economic corridor through Pakistan.

The province, which shares border with Afghanistan and Iran, was rocked by a series of attacks late last year that raised concerns about a growing militant presence, including fighters affiliated with Islamic State. — Reuters

MILITANTS PREPARING CHEMICAL ATTACKS NABBED: INDONESIA

BANDUNG, Indonesia: Indonesian police said they arrested five suspected Islamic militants yesterday and seized chemicals that were to be used for attacks on several locations, including the presidential palace. West Java police spokesman Yusri Yunus said the militants arrested in the city of Bandung were members of Jemaah Anshorut Daulah, a network of about two dozen Indonesian extremist groups that formed in 2015 and pledges allegiance to Islamic State group leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

Yunus said among those arrested were a husband and wife who were deported about three years ago from Hong Kong on suspicion of spreading radical ideology. The couple, a 20-year-old man and his 24year-old wife, were arrested in Bandung's Kiaracondong neighborhood, not far from the rented house of a man believed to be the donor and bomb maker, Yunus said. He added that police discovered a chemical liquid in various containers at the house.

He identified the two other suspects as a 30year-old from the East Java town of Kediri and a 28-year-old Bandung resident.

"They learn to make bombs from Bahrun Naim's blog," Yunus said, referring to an Indonesian fighting with the Islamic State group in Syria who has instigated several attacks by Jemaah Anshorut Daulah in Indonesia. "This arrest opened a new discovery linked to terror acts."

Yunus said the group planned to launch the attacks at the end of August, with targets including the presidential palace in Jakarta, as well as headquarters of the police's elite force in Jakarta and Bandung. Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, has carried out a sustained crackdown on Islamic militants since the 2002 bombings on the tourist island of Bali killed 202 people, mostly foreigners.

The arrests of hundreds of militants and the killings of leading figures have neutralized the Jemaah Islamiyah militant network, which was responsible for the Bali bombings, but new threats have emerged in recent times from Islamic State group-inspired radicals. — AP



Brazilian superstar and world's most expensive footballer Neymar shoots a ball on the monumental wood sculpture "Broken Chair" during an event organized by NGO Handicap International yesterday at the Place des Nations in Geneva. Neymar has been appointed as new goodwill ambassador for Handicap International, an NGO aiming to help disabled and vulnerable people in situations of poverty and exclusion, conflict and disaster. — AFP

DUBAI MAGNATE SEEKS New ventures abroad

DUBAI: During recent trips to Croatia and Malta, a Dubaibased billionaire and business partner of the Trump Organization looked more like a head of state himself mingling with government dignitaries, receiving a presidential reception and visiting the glittering Mediterranean Sea. Hussain Sajwani met with leaders in the two European nations and addressed local journalists, many of whom referred to his ties to President Donald Trump or simply called him "the Donald of Dubai."

Sajwani's trips, as well as a recent deal in Oman, show that Trump's business partner in Dubai wants to expand his development empire beyond the Mideast and a tower under construction in London. Enter Sajwani's DAMAC Properties, which launched a new effort this week to sell Trump-branded villas at the golf course bearing the American president's name. "My dream is as we have put our major, iconic tower in London, that we do repeat that in major gateway cities around the world," Sajwani said in a July online video. "Tokyo, Toronto, New York, Paris, I don't know. But that would be a dream - to grow DAMAC with its iconic brands around the world."

Sajwani's dream for a global expansion - as well his growing online presence among social media videos and posts - received a major boost with Trump taking the White House. It also raised the public profile of a billionaire whose fortune grew in part out of contracting work his companies did in supplying US forces during the 1991 Gulf War that expelled Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

DAMAC Properties declined an AP interview request with Sajwani. In a statement, DAMAC spokesman Niall McLoughlin said the company is "exploring opportunities in major gateway cities across Europe and the US, hence the numerous and ongoing meetings over the past many years" by Sajwani.

Sajwani wholeheartedly embraced Trump, even as the US presidential candidate's campaign saw him call for a "complete shutdown" of Muslims coming to the United States. Once reaching office, Trump's travel ban on six predominantly Muslim countries avoided naming the UAE, a

major US ally that hosts some 5,000 American troops and is the US Navy's busiest foreign port of call.

In February, Trump's sons Eric and Donald Jr opened the Trump International Golf Club in Dubai, the first of two to be built in the sheikhdom by Sajwani. DAMAC share prices have nearly doubled from 2.17 dirhams (59 cents) a share on the day of the US election in November, to a high of over 4 dirhams (\$1.09). That made Sajwani, who owns over 70 percent of DAMAC stock, even richer.

However, economies overall have slowed across the Middle East amid a glut in global oil prices. An ongoing diplomatic dispute between Arab nations and Qatar has likely also affected DAMAC, as 6 percent of all its customers from 2014 to 2016 were Qataris, according to an April filing by the company on the Nasdaq Dubai. DAMAC announced results Monday that put its second-quarter earnings at 704 million dirhams (\$191.6 million), down from 864 million dirhams (\$235.2 million) in the same period last year.

Facing that sluggish market, Sajwani has begun to look abroad. In Oman, he signed a deal in June with the staterun Oman Tourism Development Co for DAMAC to help redevelop Port Sultan Qaboos in Muscat, a project valued overall at \$1 billion. Then in July, Sajwani visited Croatia and met with President Kolinda Grabar Kitarovic. Sajwani also visited tourist towns along the coast of the Adriatic Sea, according a DAMAC statement at the time. The local branch of Colliers International, a commercial real estate firm headquartered in Toronto, said it organized the threeday trip for Sajwani, trying to pitch him on developments on the Istria peninsula and Central and Southern Dalmatia.

DAMAC "continues to look at the investment opportunities" in Croatia, primarily along the Adriatic, said Vedrana Likan, the managing partner of Colliers' Croatian arm. Sajwani then traveled to Malta, an archipelago nation off Italy in the Mediterranean Sea, and met with Prime Minister Joseph Muscat. Both Croatia and Malta are members of the European Union, which Emirati citizens have been able to travel to without visas since 2015. That can drive business for any possible DAMAC project

RALLY ACCELERATES REMOVAL OF US...

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"We should not glorify a part of our history in front of our buildings that really is a testament to America's original sin," Gainesville Mayor Lauren Poe said Monday after the statue known as "Old Joe" was returned to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which erected it in 1904.

A county spokesman said he did not know if the statue was removed because of the events that killed one person and injured dozens more Saturday in Charlottesville. But many officials who were horrified by the confrontation soon began publicizing plans to take down statues.

The Southern Poverty Law Center last year counted more than 1,500 things around the country named after Confederate figures or dedicated to the Confederacy, including holidays, statues, flags and the names of cities, counties, schools and parks. Nearly half are monuments, which are in 24 states. Most of the dedications are in the South, but 24 are in the North and 21 in states that did not exist at the time of the Civil War.

In Jacksonville, Florida, City Council President Anna Brosche ordered an immediate inventory of all of the Confederate statues in her city in preparation for their removal. "These monuments, memorials and markers represent a time in our history that caused pain to so many," she said Monday. Lexington, Kentucky, Mayor Jim Gray moved up his announcement by a day in reaction to the weekend bloodshed. Memorials to John C Breckinridge and John Hunt Morgan are perched outside a former courthouse that was the site of slave auctions before the Civil War.

San Antonio Councilman Robert Trevino is promoting a measure that would remove the Confederate statue at the center of Travis Park, where for years people have mistakenly identified the figure as being that of Col. William Travis, a Texas hero who died at the Alamo.

"This is not an important art piece, but a monument to power. It was put in to remind people of that power. It is an unfortunate message of hate, and we think it's important to

Park in June, giving it to the Missouri Civil War Museum after years of debate.

relocate it." Trevino said Monday. "We do think that history is important so we're looking for an appropriate location for it."

St Louis dismantled its Confederate Monument in Forest

In Baltimore, Pugh announced Monday that she would move forward with the removal of Baltimore's statues of Roger B Taney, a Marylander who wrote the 1856 Dred Scott supreme court ruling that denied citizenship to African-Americans, and a statue of two Virginians, Confederate generals Robert E Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. Pugh said she was making plans to send the statues to cemeteries with Confederate dead outside the city. But hours later, the city council voted unanimously to have the statues destroyed instead of moved. It was unclear whether anything would happen to the statues immediately.

Seconds after the monument fell in Durham on Monday, protesters began kicking the crumpled bronze monument. In response, Democratic North Carolina Gov Roy Cooper tweeted: "The racism and deadly violence in Charlottesville is unacceptable but there is a better way to remove these monuments." Back in May, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu moved his city's four main Confederate statues, including a statue of Lee, at night after threats of violence from Confederate sympathizers and white supremacists. Pugh said she is consulting with Landrieu, now head of the US Conference of Mayors, about the removal of Baltimore's statues and the cost.

The violence in Charlottesville will probably speed up efforts to do away with the monuments, experts said. The convergence of white nationalists and neo-Nazis with Confederate imagery in Charlottesville will make it difficult for government agencies to defend having Confederate statues on their property, Boston University history professor Heather Cox Richardson said. "The idea that this somehow is about Southern heritage, I think that ship sailed," said Richardson, who teaches and writes about the Civil War, Reconstruction and Southern politics. — AP

MESSILA COAST HIT BY OIL SPILL...

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Private environmental group Kuwait Green Line said yesterday that new oil slicks had been spotted and the spill was spreading. Last week, a large oil spill hit Kuwait's southern coast near Saudi Arabia and close to the joint Saudi-Kuwaiti offshore oilfield at Al-Khafji. Oil officials had said emergency workers managed to clean up most of the spill and that the situation was under control.

Precautionary measures were taken around vital installations in Al-Zour where a huge \$30-billion oil complex including a 615,000-barrel-per-day refinery is being built. The area also has two power and water desalination plants which were declared safe from contamination. The source of the crude spill has not yet been determined but officials said samples were sent abroad for examination.

Kuwaiti media on Sunday quoted local oil experts as saying the spill came from an old 50-km-long pipeline from Al-Khafji. The experts estimated that as many as 35,000 barrels of crude may have leaked into the waters off Al-Zour. Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, located south of Kuwait along the Gulf coast, said slicks from the spill had not reached their waters. The KPC said teams from Saudi Arabian Chevron and Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) had joined the coastal clean-up operations. OPEC member Kuwait pumps around 2.7 million barrels per day of crude oil, providing around 85 percent of its public revenues. — Agencies

QATAR: TIME NEEDED TO REBUILD TRUST

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for large construction projects linked to the 2022 football World Cup. To get around the boycott, Qatar has flown in food from Turkey and Iran and chartered ships via Oman to bring in construction materials needed for World Cup projects.

But the feud is making life harder for some foreign workers in Qatar, already faced by layoffs caused by low oil prices and a work-sponsorship system that restricts their movement. Fresh vegetables usually trucked across Qatar's land border with Saudi Arabia, a route now blocked, have increased in price. That is indebting some workers from places like India and Nepal who typically earn 800 rials (\$219.78) a month and who make up about 90 percent of Qatar's 2.7 million population. South Asian workers have been left stranded on Qatari farms in Saudi Arabia without food after their Qatari employers fled to Doha in June, according to a Human Rights Watch report. Last week dozens of Indian and African workers at hotels in Doha were told to take extended unpaid leave and return to their countries because of a drop in occupancy caused by the embargo. "Our rooms were filled with Saudis on weekends but they don't come to Qatar any more. We can't have workers cleaning empty rooms," said a Doha hotel manager, declining to give his or his company's name.

buoyed by vast natural gas reserves, can weather years of sanctions, officials say. But any pause in the flow of construction materials could delay projects and leave migrant workers vulnerable to exploitation, said Gulf labor researcher Mustafa Qadri. "The impact could reverberate to South Asia, the Philippines and East Africa where migrants' families depend heavily on remittances."

At an Indian restaurant near Doha's airport on Monday, Japesh Afsal, a waiter serving fish curry to

AMIR SADDENED OVER KUWAITIS KILLED...

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HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent Burkina Faso's President similar cables.

Late on Monday, the foreign ministry said HH the Amir instructed sending a plane to Ouagadougou to bring back the two Kuwaiti victims. With shock and grief, the ministry received the news of the death of the two citizens as well as several other innocent people in the heinous terrorist attack, a senior diplomat said. The two Kuwaiti nationals were on a charitable mission when

they were martyred in the restaurant, he said. Upon receiving the news from its non-resident embassy to Burkina Faso, the ministry sent a diplomat to follow up the investigations into the incident and speed up the airlifting of the bodies of the two victims to Kuwait.

While condemning this repugnant attack, Kuwait reaffirms its principled rejections of all forms of terrorism, the source stressed.

He expressed sincere condolences to the families of the two philanthropists and prayed to God Almighty to lodge their souls in paradise. At the behest of the Amir, the two martyrs will be brought back to Kuwait soon, he affirmed. — KUNA

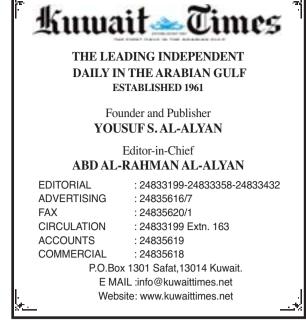
Qatar has denied reports of lower hotel occupancy rates and said its preparations for the World Cup have not been affected. The tiny Gulf state's economy, laborers, said rising prices had hurt business. "Fish prices are up. If we raise our prices this will be hard for customers," he said. Raji, a Bangladeshi crane-operator, said his manager told him that his pay could be delayed next month because the company was running out of steel, previously imported from the UAE.

A work-sponsorship system widely enforced in the Gulf and known in Qatar as "kafala" requires foreign workers to get their employer's consent to change jobs or leave the country. Qatar says it has ended kafala but some migrants still work without proper access to water or shelter from sun, rights groups say. The crisis may bring change. Last Wednesday, Qatar announced a plan to allow Indians and dozens of other nationalities to enter Qatar on arrival without a visa. Qatar's emir in a rare public address last month thanked the country's foreign residents for their contributions. "Foreigners built this country. Qatar knows it cannot survive without them," said Marie Trichia, a barista at Doha's Gate Mall. — Agencies



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TO LAUNCH OR NOT? EITHER WAY, NORTH KOREA MAY GAIN

f, after all the fanfare, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un doesn't actually launch missiles toward Guam, many may write the whole episode off as another of the North's seemingly endless bluffs. But from Pyongyang's perspective and in the eyes of some US military experts, Kim and his generals have already won this round. Launch or not, Pyongyang has caused great drama and angst, riled US President Donald Trump and alarmed America's allies in Tokyo and Seoul. It could also set a precedent for more aggressive brinkmanship ahead.

It comes as no surprise then that yesterday, as North Korea's state media released photos of Kim and his military officers examining the launch plan, replete with photos of the missiles' flight path and a big satellite image of the US territory's Andersen Air Force Base, it also offered a seeming out. Kim, it said, wants to "watch a little more" before making a decision. The North's plan is to launch four missiles into the waters around the US Pacific territory: One to the north, one to the south, and one each east and west. Pyongyang is calling it an "enveloping fire" demonstration, but in military jargon it's more commonly called "bracketing". It was calculated to touch off a storm of anxiety region-wide.

But firing missiles into Guam's exclusive economic zone, as the North threatened, would be an extremely risky move. "If they fire at the United States, it could escalate into war very quickly," US Defense Secretary James Mattis said Monday. "Yes, that's called war, if they shoot at us." So, from the start, Pyongyang gave itself big exit ramps. The North has never said it would attack Guam itself. To make its intentions crystal clear, it provided an extremely detailed account of the planned trajectory of the launch, which Japanese prefectures it would go over, the duration of the flight - right down to the second - and the distance of the "splash areas" from Guam's coast.

More importantly, it never committed to a



WHITE NATIONALISTS FLOURISH UNDER TRUMP

invited were openly neo-Nazi and white

supremacist, such as Vanguard America,

whose members chanted "blood and soil,"

echoing the "blut und boden" cries of Hitler's

"identitarian" group that promotes white

superiority and separatism, and the

Traditionalist Workers Party, which marries a

Nazi-like logo with a Christian whites-only

Defending white southern heritage

focused on the planned removal of a statue

of Robert E Lee, the general who led the

south in the 1860s Civil War. That attracted

another alt-right type, southerners commit-

ted to preserving an idealized, heroic - and

white - tradition of the South. They reject

The Charlottesville rally ostensibly

ideology. Both are stridently anti-Semitic.

They also included Identity Evropa, an

followers in the 1930s.

The violent protests that left a woman dead in Charlottesville, Virginia shocked many Americans with TV footage of an estimated 1,000 neo-Nazis and white supremacists, guarded by "militiamen" brandishing semi-automatic rifles and wearing body armor. Encouraged by President Donald Trump and buoyed by social media, a new generation of extremist startups has taken root, mostly created by angry young white men anxious to exploit fears of Latino immigration and radical Islam, the shrinking white share of the US population and the cultural shifts of globalization.

Analysts say these groups may have members in the tens of thousands and tacit supporters in the hundreds of thousands. They have supplanted the old hotbeds of racist, anti-government and fascist activism, including the notorious Ku Klux Klan, which has dwindled to a few thousand members. Until now, even with the alliance of powerful Trump advisor Steve Bannon, the so-called "alt-right" movement and its violent fringes has been deeply fragmented, unable to lesce around common ideologies, goals and tactics. However, this could change. "They are acting in concert right now," said Spencer Sunshine of Political Research Associates, which specializes in research on right-wing groups. "The rising tide of Trump-ist racism is raising their boats." Sunshine pointed to the Charlottesville "Unite the Right" protests.

2007, became the media hub of the sprawling movement, his support eventually rendering Trump a default figurehead. As "altright", the movement has touted itself as just a louder, consciously provocative but legitimate force in conservative politics. But the Southern Policy Law Center, an antiextremist research group, insists the altright "is pretty much the same thing as the old white supremacist right - even if it does favor suits and ties over Klan robes or faux Nazi uniforms."

SPLC counts scores of such groups under the alt-right umbrella, many of which were present in Charlottesville. Saturday's rally was led by Richard Spencer, whose Washington-based National Policy Institute think-tank is "dedicated to the heritage, identity and future of people of European descent in the United States". Groups he



the notion that the war was about slavery, and are fighting the elimination of symbols of that racist legacy, like the Confederate flag of the Lee monuments.

To Jason Kessler, a Charlottesville organizer of the rally, the statue's removal represents "white genocide". Also taking part was the League of the South, which encourages white families to "secede" from "post-Christian culture in America," and Confederate Riders of America, a biker group that says southern culture is "under attack."

Skinheads and militiamen

Alt-right rallies increasingly attract groups determined to pick fights, including the Proud Boys and the DIY Division, also called the Rise Above Movement. Both allegedly have roots in the violent neo-Nazi skinheads of the 1980s and white nationalist prison gangs. But also taking part in Charlottesville were so-called patriot-militia groups. There are some 165 of these across the country, according to the SPLC, wellarmed but focused more on grudges with the government, regulations and taxes and less concerned about issues of race. Some actively seek members from minorities, and disdain neo-Nazi ideas as anti-American. The most prominent of these groups is the Oath Keepers, formed by former members of the military to "defend the Constitution" with a strongly libertarian ideology. Yet the presence of militia at alt-right rallies is worrisome. Some clearly have white-power leanings. In 2014 and 2015, they appeared heavily armed at anti-police rallies in Ferguson, Missouri, appearing to many as a selfappointed force ready to repress African American protesters. In Charlottesville, they came wellarmed, in camouflage fatigues, wielding AR-15 assault rifles, also seemingly to protect the other hardline rightists. Yet, according to Sunshine, they took no part in the violence, and moved away when fighting broke out. —AFP

launch date. Or, for that matter, to launching the missiles at all. "The regime composed the threat in such a way as to allow Kim to back down without losing face," said Adam Mount, a nuclear strategy specialist with the Center for American Progress. "North Korea's Guam threat was more sophisticated, credible, and coercive than any of the vague warnings Trump made last week."

Of course, Pyongyang could blow past its own fail-safes. It may still want to try its missiles out at an angle closer to the "battle trajectory" they would fly in a real attack, rather than the "lofted" trajectories they've been using to avoid flying over neighboring countries. If pushed further, or possibly as a high-profile protest to US-South Korean military exercises that will begin next week, it could also want to use the launch to show the world what it can do and see what it can get away with.

Win-win

But many experts who follow North Korea think Kim isn't in any big hurry. "It seems to me they plan to draw this out, perhaps expecting Trump to lose interest," said Jeffrey Lewis, an arms control expert at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California. "It's not an empty threat, but it's also fairly high stakes. I imagine that the North Koreans would skip it if the rhetoric was toned down."

Pyongyang has suggested Kim's decision is contingent on B-1B bomber flights from Guam to Korean airspace. The B-1B, though no longer capable of carrying nuclear weapons, is one of the most advanced bombers in the Air Force and Washington has frequently ordered such missions over South Korea but near the DMZ - as a show of force against Pyongyang. If Washington were to halt the flights, Kim could claim a victory. If it were to order the B-1Bs into the air, Pyongyang would have an excuse to launch. Or it could claim it magnanimously refrained from doing so, while reserving the right to do so at a later date.

For Kim, in the convoluted world of military deterrence, that's a win-win. "I think at some point they're going to say, 'Look, this is not anything different than your flying B-1 bombers over Korea," said Robert Carlin, a contributor to the respected 38 North website and former State Department and CIA analyst. "We're going to put our missiles 25 or 30 kilometers offshore. Your bombers come within tens of kilometers of the Demilitarized Zone. If you can 'reach out and touch' us, we can 'reach out and touch' you." —AP

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Against multiculturalism

The alt-right rues the loss of an idealized American identity, espousing white nationalism and "traditional" euro-centric culture as the foundation of US culture. It rejects "multiculturalism" that gives more prominence to non-white groups and elevates the equal rights of women, gays and minorities. Its politics connect to traditional conservatives and libertarians, and are likened to the "identitarian" movement in Europe.

Bannon's Breitbart News, launched in



This Aug 12, 2017 while photo shows white nationalist demonstrators holding their ground as they clash with counter demonstrators in Lee Park in Charlottesville, Virginia. —AP

IN IRAN, IS FANS MILITANCY AMONG MINORITIES

slamic State is seeking to radicalize disaffected ethnic minorities in majority Shiite Iran to encourage attacks intended to avenge Tehran's offensive against the group across the Middle East. Sunni Islamic State, in decline in Iraq and Syria, claimed responsibility for an unprecedented attack on June 7 in which suicide bombers and gunmen attacked the Iranian parliament and Ayatollah Khomeini's mausoleum in Tehran, killing 18 people. The attackers were Kurdish Iranian Sunnis.

In interviews, dissidents and representatives of Iran's minority Kurds, Baluchs and Arabs said that decades-old liberation movements are evolving into sectarian-tinged struggles, spurred on by geopolitical rivalries in the region. They told Reuters some Iranian separatist groups, several of which have pursued armed insurgencies for their nationalist or civil movements, increasingly see themselves as part of a struggle between Sunnis and Shi'ites in the region.

Some activists side with Shiite Iran's increasingly assertive rival, Sunni Saudi Arabia, to show their anger against what they see as oppression by the Iranian theocratic state, in which up to 10 percent of the population is Sunni. Other radicalized Iranians go even further by joining Al-Qaeda and Islamic State, enemies of both Iran and Saudi Arabia, to wage war on Shiites on the battlefield. The Erbil-based head of the Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iran (KDPI) - a secular armed group which launches periodic attacks into Iran - said religious extremism was rapidly gaining traction among "emotional, poorly educated youths."

Threatening Video

"If the Islamic Republic of Iran does not change its policies towards Sunni Muslims in Iran and in the region, more people will be inclined to organizations like Daesh," Mustafa Hijri said, using the Arabic acronym for Islamic State. The Iranian government declined to comment. Sunni militant groups have long carried out periodic attacks on military and civilian targets, in protest against what they say is discrimination against Iran's Arab minority and Sunni ethnic groups. Iran stepped up its crackdown against members of such networks in recent years, with arrests and death sentences.

On Aug 9, IS issued a video threatening new attacks in Iran

and calling on young Iranians to rise up and launch jihad in their country. The group has often showcased its global reach by airing testimonials from its polyglot foreign followers online. But its heaviest propaganda swipe at Iran came with a 40-minute documentary in March which attacked Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as a friend of the West and featured Baluchi, Persian and Ahwazi fighters urging attacks inside Iran.

The video was released as Iranian-backed Iraqi forces and militias recaptured major areas from Islamic State territory in Iraq and Syria. "We tell you, O Zoroastrian apostates," said a fighter called Abu Mujahid Al-Baluchi, naming Iran's pre-Islamic faith. "Our hands won't be far from you. As you tasted our strength in Iraq and the Levant, by God's will we will conquer Persia and make it Sunni."

After the Tehran attack, Iran was quick to blame Saudi Arabia, pointing to a statement by Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman in May that the kingdom would make sure any future struggle between the two countries "is waged in Iran". Tehran offered no evidence to back up its charge, and Riyadh denied the accusation. Reacting to the Tehran assault, the kingdom said it condemned terrorist attacks everywhere.

Iran has arrested at least 100 people linked to IS since the attack. Critics say the Iranian government has used the June attack in Tehran to crack down on minorities. The government declined to comment. Earlier this month, the Iranian state news agency said that security forces had broken up a group linked to Islamic State which was planning attacks on religious centers. Intelligence ministry agents arrested "a terrorist group linked to Daesh (Islamic State) that intended to carry out terror operations in religious cities," IRNA said. They were trying to bring weapons and ammunition into Iran and 27 people were arrested, it added.

Days earlier, Iranian media said Iran's Revolutionary Guards had killed two people in clashes with a group of militants in the northwest of the country, where shootouts with Iranian Kurdish militant groups based in Iraq are common. In June, Iran announced the arrests of members of a group linked to Islamic State which was planning suicide attacks. It did not elaborate. Anti-government Kurdish activists told Reuters that authorities for years tolerated Salafi preachers and militants linked to Al-Qaeda on condition that they shunt their violence beyond Iran's borders towards Americans in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Forces linked to Daesh were publicly collecting money in some mosques in Iranian Kurdistan and the regime was clearly turning a blind eye to these actions," Hijri of the KDPI said. Iran's Interior Ministry declined to comment.

Iranian Arabs

Mokhtar Hooshmand, a Kurdish activist jailed in Iran on national security charges from 2010 to 2012, described the rise of Sunni militants in Kurdish areas and meeting dozens of the militants behind bars. "They started preaching in 2004 in mosques. They made no secret of forming morality enforcement squads, attacking female hairdressing shops, weddings and cafes. Many Iranians have joined IS, have been trained in Syria or Iraq and are now back in the country. Daesh has influence in all Sunni provinces of Iran," he added. Reuters could not independently verify his statements.

Apart from Kurdish regions, potential flashpoints center on Sunni Baluchis or residents of the poor area of Sistan-Baluchestan in Iran's southeast, and ethnic Arabs of oil-rich southwestern Khuzestan province. Minorities in Iran say they are deprived of decent living standards and civil rights. While majority Shi'ite, many Arabs of the area they call Ahwaz see themselves as under Persian occupation. Their struggle for independence or autonomy has taken on a religious bent.

Iran has accused Saudi Arabia of providing material or financial support to Ahwazi militants, a charge denied by the Saudi government. Some privately-owned Gulf religious TV networks have advocated the Ahwazi cause. "In Ahwaz, thousands of Shiites have converted to Sunni Islam after 2005, but not all to extremist Sunni groups like Al-Qaeda," said Mohammed Majid Ahwazi, a political activist and journalist in Sweden, who was also jailed in Iran for two years for dissent.

"Before the Syrian crisis, Arab countries were indifferent to the internal affairs of Iran," he said, adding: "But after the Syrian crisis, Bahrain unrest, war in Yemen and the presence of the Revolutionary Guards in Iraq - Arab countries have put Ahwaz, Baluchistan and the Kurds issue on their agenda." —Reuters



BUFFON JOINS MESSI AND RONALDO ON UEFA SHORTLIST

PARIS: Veteran Italian goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon has been named as one of three nominees for the 2016/17 UEFA Men's Player of the Year Award alongside Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo, European football's governing body announced yesterday. The 39-year-old Buffon was a key member of the Juventus side that reached last season's Champions



League final, but he missed out on a first winner's medal as the Italians were beaten 4-1 by Ronaldo's Real Madrid in Cardiff. The shortlist was decided by the 80 coaches of the clubs that played in the Champions League and Europa League group stages, as well as 55 journalists. Five-time Ballon d'Or winner Lionel Messi has won the award twice, as has Portuguese forward Ronaldo. Since its inception in 2011, unlike other similar individual awards, the UEFA accolade has not been totally dominated by Ronaldo and Messi. — AFP

JUDGE WON'T REINSTATE GIRLS AFTER BOYS' BASKETBALL DISPUTE

NEWARK: A judge in New Jersey has refused to overturn a Roman Catholic school's decision to deny re-enrollment to two sisters after a dispute over one of them wanting to play on the boys basketball team. "The court does not have the authority to meddle in this decision," Superior Court Judge Donald Kessler said in his ruling on Monday. Kessler lashed out at the girls' parents for making the dispute public, and said the family did not cite any law that would have allowed the court to interfere with the religious school's decision. Cardinal Joseph Tobin testified that he decided not to allow 13-year-old Sydney Phillips and her younger sister, Kaitlyn, to reenroll because their parents' behavior was not in the best interest of St Theresa School in Kenilworth. The dispute began when Sydney Phillips was not allowed to play on the boys basketball team. When asked about the decision, the girls' father, Scott Phillips, said he disagreed with the judge. —AP

LLORENTE READY TO PLAY FOR SWANSEA

LONDON: Spanish international striker Fernando Llorente could be ready to play for Swansea City against Crystal Palace on Saturday week after returning to training, manager Paul Clement said. The 32-year-old Spaniard — who has been linked with a reunion with his former Juventus boss Antonio Conte at champions Chelsea — has recovered from the

broken arm he suffered on a family cycling holiday in Italy in July. However, Clement said Llorente, whose 15 goals played a crucial role in maintaining Swansea's Premier League status last season, would not be ready for the visit of Manchester United this weekend as he had lost a lot of upper body muscle. "Crystal Palace is a possibility. We will see," Clement told the club website about Llorente, who cost the club £5 million (\$6.4m, 5.4m euros) from Sevilla last year. "Because of the nature of the injury to the arm, he lost a lot of upper-body bulk. —AFP



KUWAIT SHOOTING CHAMPION RETURNS HOME

By Abdellatif Sharaa

KUWAIT: Minister of Commerce and Industry, Acting State Minister for Youth Affairs Khalid Al-Roudhan said "We congratulate Kuwait's champions and the

champions, and was able to top many countries like China, India along with many others." He said "we are used to Kuwait shooters raising Kuwait's flag in many arenas." He thanked the KSF administration as well as shooters who exerted

Amir and HH the Crown Prince to the shooters, adding that there are direct and clear instructions to support the shooters and that they remain on top with Kuwait's name always in prominence.

Minister Al-Roudhan made his state-

arrival from Kazakhstan.

Meanwhile, President of Kuwait and Arab Shooting Federations Eng Duaij Khalaf Al-Otaibi thanked HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and HH the Crown Prince Sheikh

Sabah, as well as Youth Affairs Minister Khalid Al-Roudhan for receiving the champions who won the first place in Asia during the 7th Asian Shooting Tournament in Kazakhstan. Al-Otaibi hoped that thesee champion continue

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their utmost efforts.

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He conveyed the greetings of HH the shooters at Kuwait airport upon their Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al- Kuwait's flag high.



HOW THE SCHEDULE WAS MADE: NBA TAKING HARD LOOK AT METRICS

MIAMI: Larry Bird made his plea years ago. His request to the NBA was not unique: Bird wanted the league to eliminate the dreaded stretches of four games in five days. What made Bird's pitch memorable was that it didn't just cite the demand of so many games in such a short amount of time, but also pointed out how the anxiousness caused by such tests can hurt a team beforehand and how the fatigue lingers long afterward.

"What he said to me has been ringing in my head ever since," said Tom Carelli, the NBA's senior vice president for broadcasting. Carelli and the rest of the NBA schedule-making gurus were unable to make Bird's request reality - until now. With an extra week of days to play with, along with some much deeper looks at arena availability and ways to try to help competitive balance, the NBA believes the schedule released Monday should be the most userfriendly in the league's history. The fourgames-in-five-days challenges? Eliminated for the first time in NBA history.

Back-to-backs? Only 14.4 per team on average, an all-time low for the third straight year. Single-game road trips, average miles traveled and time zones crossed? All down a bit as well. "I think at this point, and frankly the minute we got the extra week, we could conclude the schedule is really, undebatably, the best basketball schedule we've ever had," said Evan Wasch, the NBA's senior vice president for basketball strategy and analytics. "That's what the week affords you, the opportunity to focus on all these different metrics." The extra week, which allows the

regular season to start Oct. 17 - the league's earliest start since 1980 - was an obvious help. But schedule makers went further, taking a deeper-than-usual look at arena availability around the league and trying to minimize the nights where a weary team will face a well-rested opponent.

In other words, NBA fans, meet FTE. The metric - an acronym for Fresh, Tired and Even - is a major part of the NBA schedule process. It's a way the NBA has charted how tired one team will likely be when facing another. FTE has been part of the NBA's internal charting for years, but wasn't often discussed openly or with teams.

"If a team plays the night before and its opponent didn't, then one team is tired and its opponent is fresh," Wasch said. "That fresh-tired ratio will be lower than ever. It's hard to measure and track when you build a schedule manually, but it's easy to track when building one with optimization software." Instead of asking teams for 50 possible home dates for their respective buildings - the past standard - schedule makers like Carelli, Wasch, Chris Boghosian, Gene Li and Hao Meng instead checked every available date and tried a much broader look at how the puzzle might fit.

Their work might be particularly noticed on ABC games this season. Last season, when stars like LeBron James, Kyrie Irving, Kevin Love, Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson, Draymond Green and Andre Iguodala all were given nights off when the Cavaliers or Warriors were playing nationally televised games on ABC, there was no shortage of scorn. —AP

AFTER BAD YEAR FOR AUSTRALIA, HERE COME THE ALL BLACKS

SYDNEY: Australia's once-mighty rugby scene has reached a low ebb after a year of problems on the pitch and off it — and things look unlikely to improve this week when New Zealand come to town.

While there is perhaps never a good time to face the world-beating All Blacks, Saturday's Bledisloe Cup opener in Sydney does not come at an opportune moment for the Wallabies.

The two-time world champions come together at a time of civil war in Australian rugby, after a lamentable Super Rugby season was followed by the contentious axing of one of its teams, Perth's Western Force.

The fall-out for the Australian Rugby Union is stark, with its chief executive Bill Pulver announcing his resignation and more changes likely to follow.

A legal battle also looks in prospect after the Force, who enjoy the heavyweight backing of mining billionaire Andrew "Twiggy" Forrest, applied to appeal against their removal from Super Rugby.

Meanwhile Australian crowds and television ratings for the southern hemisphere competition have fallen off a cliff, with the oncepopular code now wallowing behind rugby league, Aussie rules and soccer in this sportsmad nation.

The discontentment comes ahead of the impending showdown with the Wallabies' trans-Tasman nemesis, the world champion All Blacks, this weekend. The Wallabies have won just three of their last 29 Tests against the formidable New Zealanders, and often have been on the end of some on-field humiliations.

'DARKEST DAY'

There was outrage over the Australian Rugby Union's decision last week to cull the Western Force from next year's Super Rugby competition, which prompted calls for the ARU board of directors to follow departing CEO Bill Pulver out of the door.

The national body earned widespread opprobrium when they made their long-awaited decision to discontinue the Force's Super Rugby licence, moving from five teams to four as the sprawling competition slims down to 15 franchises in 2018.

The Rugby Union Players' Association condemned the Force's axing as "the darkest day in the history of Australian rugby", while former Wallaby hooker Brendan Cannon called on the ARU board to resign in the wake of its "ill-conceived decision".

Australian rugby has been in freefall this season, with fans' interest plunging to new lows.

Crowds tumbled at Super Rugby matches as Australian teams struggled, from 643,790 in 2015 to just over 400,000 this year, while the host broadcaster reported a decline of more than 800,000 viewers from the previous year.

Australian Super Rugby teams were 0-26 in

games against New Zealand opposition, while the ACT Brumbies qualified for the play-offs as Australian conference winners despite losing more games than they won.

As one pundit put it: "An average (unimpressive) Brumbies outfit were only there (in the finals) because the other four Australian teams were considerably worse and the victims of inept play, hazy game plans, sub-standard coaching, poor preparation plus a lack of spirit."

'LOST' AUSTRALIA

Embattled ARU chairman Cameron Clyne told reporters: "We have to face reality. Our teams are not winning on a regular basis.

"And that is keeping fans, who have a lot more entertainment options, saying that they are not going to make that investment and that has a direct impact on revenue.

"Even notwithstanding the fact that we've made a decision to cut a team, we will still expect two or three of the (remaining) teams to lose money next year."

He added that crowd numbers across all Australian Super Rugby franchises "were actually unsatisfactory", even with teams not under threat.

As appetite for Super Rugby diminishes, Fairfax Media journalist Paul Cully lambasted its administrator SANZAAR "not to underestimate the anger among the Australian rugby public, and not just in Perth (Western Force)". — AFP

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KASPAROV ROLLS BACK THE YEARS IN COMPETITIVE RETURN

ST LOUIS: Twelve years after trading chess for politics, Garry Kasparov proved Monday that time hadn't dulled his edge as he battled to a draw three times with a fellow Russian half his age in the opening game of a keenly anticipated comeback.

The 54-year-old Kasparov, whose genius has left a wide mark on the history of chess, has briefly come out of retirement "kicking and fighting" to compete this week at the Rapid and Blitz tournament in St. Louis. It remains to be seen whether he can beat a new generation of players or if he will instead pass the torch.

In a fitting turn of events, his first encounter against compatriot Sergey Karjakin had shades of Kasparov's own breakthrough moment in 1985 when, aged 22, he defeated the legendary Russian grandmaster Anatoli Karpov to become the youngest champion in history. This time around, it was Kasparov who represented the old guard against Karjakin the young pretender, who narrowly lost last year's world championship to Magnus Carlsen, the top-ranked player who is not in St Louis this week. Three games of speed chase between Kasparov and Karjakin ended in a draw each time.

"I'm quite pleased. The plan was to survive to day one. I had to adjust myself to this new reality, to this atmosphere. I'm happy with these draws. I will be more aggressive tomorrow," Kasparov said.

CENTER OF ATTENTION

Spectators were thrilled. "It was a wonderful game. Kasparov has been showing confidence, he has been very dramatic," said 33-year-old Christopher Doty, a longtime Kasparov fan who traveled here from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to see his hero.

"Will he win? Of course not. But if Kasparov beats these kids, it will be an embarrassment for them." Since his March 2005 withdrawal from a tournament in Linares, Spain, Kasparov's absence from the game has left many chess fanatics feeling orphaned.

So there was considerable surprise when he agreed to play in the event in St Louis, which follows closely after the annual Sinquefield Cup competition, a major stop on the world tour, in the same city on the Mississippi River.

The years have grayed his temples, but Kasparov still exudes the aura of a winner — and the trademark gestures that defined his heyday in the 1980s and 1990s were all present on Monday. He took off his watch, placing it to the left of the board. He placed his pieces on the board, one by one, in a meticulous and deliberate manner. The death stare was there too — Karjakin got one from Kasparov before the battle began.

Despite making clear the tournament represents a five-day "hiatus" from his political career, Kasparov said he wasn't taking it lightly. "I realize that it's serious. I will be the most desirable prey in the history of chess," he said in a Facebook post on Sunday. In a clear sign that Kasparov remained the center of attention, most of the 10 other competitors took a few seconds off from their games to come and see the man once dubbed the "Beast of Baku" in action.

'UNPARALLELED'

"It was one of my dreams to play against him," Karjakin said before their match, praising Kasparov as "one of the greatest players ever."

Kasparov's long and "unparalleled" dominance of the chess world made him "a cultural icon," said Alejandro Ramirez, a US Open champion who coaches the chess team at Saint Louis University. "His contribution to chess theory and our understanding of the game resonate still today," said Ramirez.

Kasparov is nevertheless not expected to win the tournament, which includes four of the world's top 10 players, according to French world number two Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, who beat Carlsen last week at the Sinquefield Cup.

The high-pressure, speed-chess format of the St Louis tournament, where players are forced to make their moves far more rapidly than during normal competitions, could be tough on the graying Kasparov,



ST LOUIS: Grandmaster chess player Garry Kasparov (L) shakes hands with grandmaster Sergey Karjakin of Russia after their opening match ends in a draw on the first day of the Grand Chess Tour at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center in St Louis on Monday. Kasparov and other chess Grandmaters are in St Louis to compete in the Grand Chess Tour.—AFP

as he takes on much younger players who specialize in that approach.

The man himself sought to "manage expectations," quipping ahead of the game that "at the age of 54, I would have as much hope of returning to my chess form of age 40 as to my hairline of age 20!"

Still, it would be foolhardy to write him

off, said Vachier-Lagrave, who played Kasparov in a friendly match — an encounter won by the Russian — and remembers "his willingness to fight on every turn." Though the winner's purse in St Louis is a not-too-shabby \$150,000, Kasparov said he would donate any winnings to promote chess in Africa. —AFP



SEATTLE: Jarrod Dyson #1 of the Seattle Mariners is tagged out by Tim Beckham #1 of the Baltimore Orioles after trying to make it to second base on a center field flyout by Jean Segura #2 in the fifth inning at Safeco Field on Monday in Seattle, Washington. — AFP]]]

BASEBALL

STANTON HITS TEAM-RECORD HOMER, MARLINS BEAT GIANTS

MIAMI: Giancarlo Stanton hit his team-record 43rd home run, connecting in his fifth straight game and sending the Miami Marlins over the San Francisco Giants 8-3 on Monday night. Stanton broke the club mark of 42 homers set by Gary Sheffield in 1996. Stanton has homered 22 times in his last 34 games. Stanton set another club record for most consecutive games with a home run when he tagged Ty Blach (8-8) for a two-run drive in the first inning. The All-Star slugger later had an RBI single as Miami won its fourth in a row. Marcell Ozuna also homered for the Marlins. Dee Gordon had three hits, scored twice, and drove in a run to help back Adam Conley (5-5).

ROCKIES 3, BRAVES 0

Chad Bettis drew a standing ovation when he took the mound for the first time since cancer treatment, then threw seven impressive innings as Colorado blanked Atlanta. Bettis scattered six hits, walked none and struck out two. He hadn't pitched in the majors since being diagnosed with testicular cancer in November. Bettis had surgery for the condition, but tests in March showed the cancer had spread to his lymph nodes. He later underwent chemotherapy. The Braves' best chance to score against Bettis came when Ender Inciarte led off with a triple, but he was thrown out trying for an inside-the-park home run. Colorado scored three times in the eighth off Rex Brothers (2-3), who relieved starter Julio Teheran. The Rockies are tied with Arizona for the top NL wild card. Mike Dunn (5-1) got the win and Greg Holland closed for his 35th save. Holland had blown his previous two save chances.

INDIANS 7, RED SOX 3

Edwin Encarnacion homered twice to help AL Central-leading Cleveland earn its fourth straight victory by beating East-leading Boston. In a rematch of last year's ALDS, which Cleveland won in a three-game sweep, Trevor Bauer (11-8) struck out 11 over 6 2/3 innings for his fourth consecutive win. He allowed three runs - all on solo homers by Red Sox rookies. Rafael Devers had two and Andrew Benintendi one. The Indians improved to a season-high five games in front of second-place Minnesota. The Red Sox lost for just the second time in 12 games. The quick visit to Fenway Park by the Indians was to make up an Aug. 2 rainout that came two days after Doug Fister (2-6) shut out Cleveland into the eighth inning. But this time he allowed five runs on seven hits and four walks in 4 1/3 innings.

MLB Results/Standings

Baltimore 11, Seattle 3; Kansas City 6, Oakland 2; Arizona 2, Houston 0; Colorado 3, Atlanta 0; Chicago Cubs 15, Cincinnati 5; Texas 6, Detroit 2; Miami 8, San Francisco 3; Toronto 2, Tampa Bay 1; NY Yankees 4, NY Mets 2; Cleveland 7, Boston 3.

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Texas	57	60	.487	14.5	San Diego	52	66	.441	31.5
Oakland	52	67	.437	20.5	San Francisco	47	73	.392	37.5

DIAMONDBACKS 2, ASTROS 0

Zack Greinke struck out nine in six-plus innings to bounce back from his first home loss of the season, lifting Arizona over Houston. Greinke (14-5) took his first home loss last week against the Dodgers and followed with a dominant performance against the majors' top-hitting team to help the Diamondbacks win for the third time in nine games. The NL All-Star struck out AL batting leader Jose Altuve three times and held the Astros to five hits in 6 2/3 innings. Fernando Rodney got his 27th save. Ketel Marte hit a runscoring double off Collin McHugh (0-2) in the second and J.D. Martinez had another off the righthander in the sixth. The AL West-leading Astros have lost six of seven. Greinke had been dominant at Chase Field prior to his last start, going 10-0 for the best home start in franchise history.

CUBS 15, REDS 5

Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo hit back-toback homers to cap a five-run fourth inning, and Chicago continued its recent dominance of Cincinnati. Bryant went 2 for 4 with a walk and has reached safely in 16 of his last 20 plate appearances. Rizzo was 3 for 5 with a seasonhigh five RBIs. Jon Jay had three hits with an RBI and finished a home run shy of the cycle as the Cubs extended their NL Central lead to 1 1/2 games over idle St. Louis. Jose Quintana (3-2) allowed two runs, one earned, and four hits in five innings to snap a three-start winless stretch. Chicago has 25 wins in its last 32 games against the Reds. Scooter Gennett hit a two-run homer. his 20th, in the eighth for the Reds, who have five players with at least 20 home runs to tie a club record. Gennett also mopped up on the mound after beginning the game at second base. Joey Votto went 3 for 5 to set a Cincinnati mark by reaching base at least twice in 19 consecutive games. It's the longest streak in the majors since Barry Bonds did it in 20 straight in 2004. Reds starter Asher Wojciehowski (3-2) appeared to settle down after a rough first inning, but couldn't get the final out in the fourth.

YANKEES 4, METS 2

Aaron Judge hit a tying home run in the sixth inning, Aaron Hicks and Gary Sanchez went deep in the eighth and the New York Yankees rallied to beat the Mets in the first of four Subway Series matchups this week. Curtis Granderson and Yoenis Cespedes homered in the third off Luis Cessa to give the Mets a 2-0 lead at Yankee Stadium. Sanchez started the Yankees' comeback with a sacrifice fly in the fourth against starter Rafael Montero. Two innings later, Judge hit his AL-leading 36th home run - just his sixth since the All-Star break. Hicks, who returned last week from an oblique injury, homered against Hansel Robles (7-4) leading off the eighth, his careerbest 12th of the season. Sanchez connected two batters later against Erik Goeddel. With 20 homers, Sanchez matched his total in his rookie season last year. David Robertson (6-2) pitched a hitless eighth, and Dellin Betances finished the six-hitter for his seventh save.

BLUE JAYS 2, RAYS 1

Josh Donaldson hit a two-run homer in the first inning for the second consecutive game, Nick Tepesch won for the first time in almost three years and Toronto edged slumping Tampa Bay. The last-place Blue Jays have won 10 of 14 at home. Wilson Ramos homered in the second to provide the only run for the offense-starved Rays, who lost their fourth straight. Tampa Bay arrived in Toronto on the heels of a 2-7 homestand in which the team totaled 11 runs and was shut out five times during an eight-game span. Tepesch (1-2) had not won since Sept. 16, 2014, for Texas. The right-hander allowed one run and four hits in six-plus innings. Roberto Osuna got four outs for his 30th save in 37 chances. Making his second start after missing more than two weeks with a sore lower back, Jake Odorizzi (6-6) allowed three hits in six innings.

RANGERS 6, TIGERS 2

Joey Gallo hit his 33rd home run and Texas also played some small ball in a victory over Detroit. Martin Perez (7-10) had a second straight solid start for the Rangers. The lefty made it through six innings without giving up any more runs after trailing 2-0 only three batters into the game. The Rangers led for good when Delino DeShields executed a safety squeeze to make it 3-2 in the second. Rougned Odor had three hits, including a double, and scored three times. It was Odor's second consecutive multihit game after going 0 for 17 the previous five games. Justin Upton hit a two-run homer for the Tigers before a spectacular catch by center fielder Drew Robinson ended the top of the first. Michael Fulmer (10-10) gave up five runs in five innings.

ORIOLES 11, MARINERS 3

Tim Beckham hit the first pitch of the game

out for his first career leadoff homer, Manny Machado launched his sixth grand slam an inning later and Baltimore routed skidding Seattle. The Orioles scored double-digit runs for the second time in three games and the sixth since the All-Star break. Beckham got them started with his 16th homer, but it was Machado's slam that broke the game open as part of a sixrun second. Trey Mancini hit his 21st homer and Seth Smith added his 12th to turn it into a blowout. That was plenty for starter Kevin Gausman (9-8), who stumbled early before settling into a groove. Gausman allowed one earned run in seven innings, the fifth time in his last six starts that the right-hander gave up one earned run or less. Meanwhile, Seattle's sudden fade from the AL wild-card race continued. The Mariners lost their fifth straight - all at home coming off a 6-3 road trip that had helped them hold the league's second wild-card spot. Yovani Gallardo (5-8) was tagged for eight runs and failed to get an out in the fifth inning.

ROYALS 6, ATHLETICS 2

Cam Gallagher hit a grand slam for his first career home run and second big league hit, leading Kansas City past Oakland. Gallagher's shot in the sixth inning marked the first slam by a Royals rookie since Paulo Orlando connected against Tampa Bay on July 7, 2015. Jake Junis (5-2), recalled for his seventh stint with Kansas City this season, allowed two runs and four hits in six innings. The Royals are five games back of AL Central-leading Cleveland. Jharel Cotton (5-10) gave up six runs and eight hits in six innings and has an 8.71 ERA in four starts since coming off the disabled list July 30 from a right thumb blister. His winless stretch reached five starts and he is 0-3 since a victory at the White Sox on June 23.

PADRES 7, PHILLIES 4

Jose Pirela's two-out, two-run single highlighted the four-run sixth inning that carried San Diego past Philadelphia. Cory Spangenberg hit a leadoff homer in the eighth to finish with three hits and three runs. Pirela, Austin Hedges and Carlos Asuaje each had two hits, and Hedges also drove in two runs. Phillies rookie Rhys Hoskins hit his first two major league home runs. The teams swapped the lead three times, with the Padres going ahead for good in the sixth on three hits and two walks off Ricardo Pinto (1-1). Jose Torres (7-3) got the last out of the sixth and Brad Hand pitched the ninth for his 10th save. — AP



INDIAN GREAT SPINNER ASHWIN JOINS WORCESTERSHIRE

LONDON: Indian spinner Ravichandran Ashwin will play for Worcestershire for the rest of their County Championship campaign, it was revealed yesterday.

The 30-year-old — who took 17 wickets on the recent tour of Sri Lanka as India completed their first three-Test series sweep on foreign soil on Monday — will replace Australian John Hastings as the county's overseas player in a coup

for the second-tier side. The county will hope Ashwin, ranked number three in the bowler's Test world rankings and second in the all-rounder lists, propels them to promotion in their final four matches. Ashwin will be the first Indian player to play for Worcestershire since Zaheer Khan resurrected his international career after a superb season with them in 2006. "Ravi is a fantastic international cricketer who is currently in terrific form with his game," purred Worcestershire's chief executive Steve Rhodes in a statement released by the club. "He is ranked in the top three as a bowler in Test cricket, is a wonderful allrounder who can bat six and scores hundreds in Test cricket.

"It is unlucky for John Hastings with his injury but Ravi is a wonderful cricketer for us to have at a crucial point in our season. "It is a really important last few games in the Championship and to have someone of his class is a huge boost for the club."

Ashwin has taken 286 wickets in 51 Tests, including five wickets in an innings on 26 occasions, 150 ODI wickets and 52 in T20Is.

Ashwin is also a force with the bat

and has scored 2,004 Test runs at an average of 32.85 with four centuries and 11 fifties, and had been an opening batsman before turning to off-spin.

Worcestershire presently occupy the second and last spot for promotion to the first division, 15 points clear of third-placed Northamptonshire, whilst Sussex and Kent are a further two points adrift. — AFP

FIVE INCREDIBLE SULKS

LONDON: Diego Costa's stand-off with English Premier League champions Chelsea is just the latest in a long line of disputes between players and their employers. Tevez played up to his nickname of 'Apache' by refusing to warm up to potentially go on as a substitute for Manchester City in the last moments of a Champions League

Here AFP Sport picks out five such infamous examples:

FRENCH WORLD CUP SQUAD'S 'BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY'

Probably the most spectacular and humiliating spectacle experienced by a national side as the entire squad - captained by Patrice Evra and including icon Thierry Henry — refused to get off the bus for a training session at the 2010 World Cup. Their fury at unpopular coach Raymond Domenech had been provoked by the sending home of the player nicknamed 'The Incredible Sulk'. Nicolas Anelka had launched a foul-mouthed tirade at Domenech at half-time over his tactics in the first-half of the opening loss against Mexico, and was duly punished. Unsurprisingly given the venomous atmosphere, France went out in the first round. Evra, Anelka and others were severely disciplined on their return whilst little has been heard of Domenech since.

BLAME IT ON THE BOGARDE

Costa will have to go some to outdo Dutch international Winston Bogarde in causing as much trouble for Chelsea. Signed aged 30 and apparently without the knowledge of then Blues manager Gianluca Vialli in the 2000/01 season, the latter's successor Claudio Ranieri disliked him so much that he wanted the player to leave just weeks later. Bogarde dug his heels in and stayed for four years, despite being dropped first to the reserves and then the youth team. He justified his behaviour by declaring in his biography: "This world is about money (he was on a reported £40,000 a week), so when you are offered those millions you take them. Few people will ever earn so many. I am one of the few fortunates who do. I may be one of the worst buys in the history of the Premiership but I don't care."

TEVEZ REFUSES WALK-ON PART Argentinian international striker Carlos

levez played up to his nickname of Apache' by refusing to warm up to potentially go on as a substitute for Manchester City in the last moments of a Champions League match in September 2011 against Bayern Munich. Manager Roberto Mancini said Tevez, then 28, would never play for City again. But a combination of his massive wages and the huge fee City were asking meant there were no takers. Tevez holidayed in Argentina and considered retiring before eventually returning to the first team in March 2012. He was to leave in 2013 for Juventus.

VAN HOOIJDONK LIGHTS FOREST FIRE

Dutch international striker Pierre Van Hooijdonk's goals had been instrumental in Nottingham Forest returning to the Premier League at the first time of asking in the late 1990s but he went on strike at the beginning of the 1998/99 season because he was furious key players had been let go. He then trained at his old club NAC Breda and demanded a move, which was rejected. He eventually yielded and then-manager Dave Bassett felt compelled to play him. But the depth of antipathy at the club was reflected when he scored his first goal on his return and the players congratulated Scott Gemmill for creating the chance and not the goalscorer. Forest were relegated and he left, Vitesse Arnhem buying him for £3.5 million.

'GODFATHER' JUST THE SPUR FOR BERBATOV

Moody Bulgarian international striker Dimitar Berbatov tested the patience of the Tottenham Hotspur hierarchy and manager Juande Ramos as he looked to engineer a multi-million pound "dream" move to Manchester United at the beginning of the 2008/09 campaign. Appropriately for a player who learnt English by watching the Godfather films, he awaited an offer Spurs couldn't reject. He refused to play in the Premier League game with Sunderland and was threatened with demotion to the reserves. Spurs complained to the Premier League about United 'tapping up' the striker but eventually sold him on September 1 that season for £30 million. — AFP



Olivier Ntcham with the ball

SOCCER

CELTIC LOOKING TO FRENCH CONNECTION AGAINST ASTANA

GLASGOW: Olivier Ntcham is aiming to emulate Moussa Dembele by becoming the latest French import to make an impact at Celtic.

The 21-year-old midfielder followed in the footsteps of his under-21 international teammate as he made a £4.5 million (\$5.8 million) move from Manchester City to the Scottish champions in the summer. The firm friends' fledgling careers have followed similar paths since the pair from the suburbs of Paris met when they turned out together for the France under-16 side.

While Dembele's arrival in Glasgow came via a spell at English second-tier Championship side Fulham, Ntcham started out kicking a ball about the streets of Longjumeau — a commune in the southern suburbs of the French capital — before turning out for Le Havre's under-23 side. A move to English giants City materialised, but Ntcham failed to break his way into the first team and spent the last two seasons out on loan to Italian side Genoa. His impressive displays in Serie A caught the eye of Hoops manager Brendan Rodgers, who persuaded him to make the move to Glasgow — with a little help from Dembele. "Moussa told me the club was good, it's big fun here," Ntcham revealed. "I was 16, maybe even before, 14, when we first played together for the French national team. We always stay together." Dembele had a dream debut season in Scotland. The striker bagged 32 goals - including a hat-trick against Old Firm rivals Rangers and a trio of Champions League goals — as he was an integral part of the Celtic side that completed an unbeaten season on the way to collecting a domestic treble. And Ntcham, who watched as his friend's impressive form saw him linked with a number of top clubs across Europe, revealed it was the lure of silverware and the chance to test himself in the Champions League that led him to Parkhead. "It's a nice feeling to be here at Celtic and I want to win everything at Celtic as I have never won a trophy before," the 21-year-old said.

BROAD BACKS ANDERSON TO FIRE IN ASHES

LONDON: Stuart Broad is "very confident" longstanding new-ball partner James Anderson will play a "big part" in England's upcoming Ashes defence in Australia.

Anderson recently turned 35 and there are concerns a five-Test series 'Down Under', which starts in November, could be a tour too far for England's all-time leading Test wicket-taker. The Lancashire paceman has taken 487 wickets at 27.90 apiece in 126 Tests but his 43 on Australian soil have come at a more expensive average of 38.44, although Anderson was a key member of the England touring side that won the 2010/11 Ashes. Anderson and Broad are already established as one of England's greatest new-ball pairings, having taken a combined 720 wickets in 94 Tests together.

Asked about the possibility of extending that figure to 1,000 wickets, Broad said: "It'd be pretty special, but we'd have to see how long the old bloke (Anderson) wants to go on for. "I've been lucky to bowl at the other end to him and I know if I hadn't done, I wouldn't have as many wickets as I have got." Broad himself is now just five away from surpassing lan Botham's mark of 383 Test wickets and so becoming England's second-most successful Test bowler.

OUT FOR THIS SEASON

FIVE TEAMS TO WATCH

BERLIN: Five teams to keep an eye on in the Bundesliga, which starts Friday.

BAYERN MUNICH

Few expect anything other than Bayern Munich extending its Bundesliga record to six straight titles. That promoted side Leipzig pushed the defending champions the hardest last season says much about the gap in quality between Bayern and the rest. Bayern won by 15 points last season and expects to maintain its dominance this season as well.

The pressure is on Bayern coach Carlo Ancelotti to do better in his second season after claiming "only" the league title in his first. Borussia Dortmund ended Bayern's German Cup hopes, and Real Madrid eliminated the team from the Champions League. It's in these competitions, particularly the latter, that Ancelotti will be deemed a success or a failure.

"Carlo Ancelotti is under observation," former Bayern goalkeeper Oliver Kahn told Kicker magazine on Monday. The Italian coach has been boosted by the arrivals of French midfielder Corentin Tolisso for a Bundesliga-record 41.5 million euros from Lyon and Colombia forward James Rodriguez from Real Madrid, while defenders Niklas Suele and Sebastian Rudy arrived from league rival Hoffenheim.

The new arrivals will try to make up for the retirements of captain Philipp Lahm and Spanish playmaker Xabi Alonso. Douglas Costa has also departed for Juventus, while new signing Serge Gnabry has been sent out on loan again. He isn't needed as long as Robert Lewandowski keeps scoring.

BORUSSIA DORTMUND

Dortmund was the last team to win backto-back league titles in 2011 and 2012 before Bayern, but years of rebuilding make that a tall order for coach Peter Bosz in his first season. The Dutchman takes over from Thomas Tuchel, who reinvigorated the young side after a collapse under previous coach Juergen Klopp. Tuchel fell out with club management and some players, and departed under a cloud after winning the German Cup.

Bosz, who worked with young players at Ajax, is expected to do the same again, but his season preparations have been overshadowed by the furor over Ousmane Dembele's potential move to Barcelona. The France forward was suspended for missing training after Barcelona made a huge bid and his future remains unclear. Barcelona, which is searching for a replacement for Neymar, was expected to make another offer.

Also, striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang has been far from committal. The loss of either player would seriously impact on the team's prospects.

LEIPZIG

Leipzig took the rest of the Bundesliga by surprise by finishing second and earning an automatic Champions League qualification in its debut season in the top division. Leipzig, however, only had the Bundesliga to contend with last season after an early exit from the German Cup, so things will get harder for this time.

Leipzig has managed to hold onto its top performers from last season. Emil Forsberg and Naby Keita are still with the club and French forward Jean-Kevin Augustin arrived from Paris Saint-Germain to replace David Selke, who joined Hertha Berlin. Portugal winger Bruma was also signed from Galatasaray.

Sporting director Ralf Rangnick has been canny with his acquisitions so far and further additions could not be ruled out before the end of the month.

HOFFENHEIM

Hoffenheim, which faces Liverpool in a playoff for the Champions League, out-muscled more established teams like Schalke and Bayer Leverkusen for a top-four position last season. Most of the credit goes to the 30year-old Julian Nagelsmann, the youngest coach in the Bundesliga and the German soccer federation's coach of the year. Since his appointment in February 2016, he has brought Hoffenheim from a relegation scrap to European soccer.

The team will have to cope without defenders Niklas Suele and Sebastian Rudy, who were snapped up by Bayern. Germany striker Serge Gnabry came from the defending champions, however. Despite the changes, another stellar campaign is expected.

HAMBURGER SV

Hamburg, the only founding member of the Bundesliga still remaining since 1963, has been flirting with relegation in recent seasons and Sunday's German Cup loss to third-division club Osnabrueck - a team that played nearly the whole game with 10 players - suggests another fraught campaign.

A clock in the corner of Hamburg's stadium counts the years, days, hours, minutes and seconds that the side has been in the Bundesliga, but instead of inspiring, it seems to weigh on the players, amplifying the pressure as the team's struggles continue.

Osnabrueck's victory brought all the old fears back to the surface, and the team is far from settled before Saturday's league-opener at home against Augsburg, with questions over players like Nicolai Mueller, Douglas Santos, Walace, Aaron Hunt and Lewis Holtby.

The only positive is that a lack of German Cup soccer allows the team concentrate exclusively on the league. —AP "I'm most looking forward to the derby and playing in the Champions League. Not every club gets to play in this competition, so I'm happy to have the chance to play there with Celtic."

The pressure of being Celtic's most expensive signing of the summer hasn't hindered Ntcham.

The France under-21 star has enjoyed a good start to his Celtic career with the midfielder catching the eye as he grabbed his first goal for the club in their 1-0 win at Glasgow rivals Partick Thistle last Friday.

The French playmaker's impressive performance against Thistle could not have been more timely, with the Scottish champions preparing to host Astana at Celtic Park on Wednesday in the first leg of their Champions League play-off tie.

Ntcham admits he is desperate to help steer the Hoops past the side from Kazakhstan to book their place in the lucrative group stage of Europe's elite competition for a second consecutive year and says missing out is almost unthinkable. "Do Celtic belong in the Champions League? Yes, they do. If Celtic don't go into the Champions League, it will be a strange feeling," the midfielder, whose friend Dembele will miss out on Wednesday through injury, said.

"I hope to play and I hope we are going to do well. "It's very important to play in the Champions League but if I don't play it's not bad. The most important thing is the team." —AFP



SPANISH SUPER CUP

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Real Madrid v Barcelona Abu Dhabi SPORTS 1 HD Abu Dhabi SPORTS 2 HD And Broad, speaking ahead of England's home three-Test series against the West Indies, had no doubt the swing specialist could be a central figure once again, whatever the conditions.

"I'm very confident," said Broad at an event staged by England-West Indies series sponsors Investec on Monday. "The last couple of years he's averaging 14 or 15 with the ball in England, so we know how dangerous he is when the ball's moving around like that. "But when we go to Australia, the wobble seam he bowls is a great weapon to have in Australia-take (Australia's) Stuart Clark as an example. "We're certainly fortunate to have him going strong and I certainly expect him to play a big part in Australia."

There was even talk Anderson could double up as England bowling coach if the current incumbent, Ottis Gibson, takes over as head coach of South Africa.

BOTHAM INSPIRATION

"That was suggested really sarcastically by Jimmy in the changing room," said Broad. "It would be a tough one for him because he'd have to mit to himself in the mornings which wouldn't be easy! Jimmy is almost a bit of a bowling coach anyway with his great experience." "Obviously he (Botham) is the biggest player English cricket has ever had probably," said Broad. "Anyone who's done what he has against Australia I've got a lot of respect for," added the 31-year-old, whose father Chris, an opening batsman, starred alongside Botham during England's victorious Ashes tour of Australia in 1986/87.

"He (Botham) has been an inspiration to me in how to take on Australia," said Stuart Broad, whose childhood years coincided with a prolonged English Ashes 'drought'.

"I grew up in our era from 86/87 to 2005 when it was horrible watching the Ashes.

"That was an influence on me because it made me very determined that if ever I got the chance to play against them (Australia) we'd have to win." While Broad stressed he wasn't motivated by statistical landmarks, West Indies fast-bowling great Joel Garnerwho played alongside Botham at Somersetwas not convinced.

"He's modest when he says he isn't thinking as far as getting past the record but I can tell you he's looking at it," said Garner, now the West Indies team manager.

Garner, whose 259 Test wickets cost just 20.97 apiece, added: "To get past the land-mark is a good thing and it sets the standard for the next person coming up." — AFP



NOTTINGHAM: This file photo taken on July 14, 2017 shows England's Stuart Broad during play on the first day of the second Test Match between England and South Africa at Trent Bridge cricket ground in Nottingham, central England. — AFP







Broad backs Anderson to fire in Ashes



STANTON HITS TEAM-RECORD HOMER, MARLINS BEAT GIANTS Page 14



MADRID: Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo (L) takes part in a training session at Real Madrid sport city in Madrid yesterday, on the eve of the Spanish SuperCup second leg football match Real Madrid CF vs FC Barcelona. — AFP

ZIDANE ANGERED BY FIVE-GAME RONALDO BAN

MADRID: Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane expressed his anger yesterday at a five-game ban handed to Cristiano Ronaldo for pushing a referee after being sent-off against Barcelona in the Spanish Super Cup.

Madrid hold a 3-1 first leg lead going into the second leg against their fierce rivals today (2100 GMT), but will have to do without Ronaldo.

The World Player of the Year was controversially shown a second yellow card for diving on Sunday and handed an extra fourgame ban for a light push on referee Ricardo de Burgos Bengoetxea after being shown the 10th red card of his career. "We are very

annoyed," said Zidane.

"When you look at everything that happened, to think Cristiano won't play five games with us... it is infuriating."

Madrid's appeal against the red card, which could reduce the ban from five games to four, will be held before the game today.

"The (appeals) committee will meet and I hope they look well upon it," added Zidane. "Cristiano is annoyed because he wants to play and when he doesn't play, he isn't happy." Ronaldo was on the field for just 24 action-packed minutes on Sunday as he was only introduced as a second-half substitute after a curtailed pre-season due to his participation in the Confederations Cup with Portugal.

He made a huge impact with a stunning strike to put Madrid into a 2-1 lead 10 minutes from time, but unwisely picked up his first yellow card for removing his shirt in celebration. And two minutes later he was dismissed as he fell inside the area under pressure from Samuel Umtiti. "Cristiano's ban is excessive," added Madrid defender Dani Carvajal. "It is a frustrating feeling for him. Hopefully the committee will reduce it by a few games."

Should Ronaldo's appeal not be upheld, he will miss Madrid's first four La Liga games of the season against Deportivo la Coruna, Valencia, Levante and Real Sociedad.

However, Zidane insisted he is not desperate to add to his forward line before the transfer window closes on August 31, despite selling strikers Alvaro Morata and Mariano Diaz this summer.

Real have been linked for months with a move for Monaco's 18-year-old sensation Kylian Mbappe, but look set to be beaten to the Frenchman's signature by free-spending Paris Saint-Germain. "Anything can happen between now and August 31, but what I can say is that I am very happy with the players I have," said Zidane. — AFP



Zinedine Zidane

PLISKOVA, HALEP FIGHT FOR TOP RANKING

about to have a baby, five players have a chance to grab the world number one ranking at this week's US Open tuneup event in Cincinnati.

Williams, a 23-time Grand Slam champion who announced her pregnancy and the end of her season in April, owned the top spot for 186 consecutive weeks through last September, matching Steffi Graf for an Open Era record, and traded the spot with Germany's Angelique Kerber earlier this year.

Defending Cincinnati champion Karolina Pliskova took over the top spot five weeks ago but will lose points from her title run, opening the door for rivals to overtake her.

Romania's second-ranked Simona Halep, world number three Kerber, Ukraine's fourthrated Elina Svitolina and fifth-ranked Dane Caroline Wozniacki could claim the top spot.

"Nothing has changed. I have a big responsibility. I'll do everything as I have before," Pliskova said. "I do think it's a huge thing but I don't want to do anything just because of the rankings. "I don't try to behave differently. I try not to see the pressure."

Pliskova has won titles this year at Brisbane, Doha and Eastbourne but anything short of a repeat gives Halep a chance to reach number one by winning the title. "To be number one in the world is a big thing. It shows you have been consistent. You have won the place. If I deserve the place, for sure I will win it," Halep said. The Romanian however remains haunted by a French Open finals loss to Jelena Ostapenko in which she was up a set and a break before squandering a chance at her first Grand Slam title and number one.

"I still have bad dreams about that," Halep said. "I still suffer." She's also trying to forget a 6-1, 6-1 loss to Svitolina in the Toronto semifinals, one for which she apologized to spectators on Monday. "I was really disappointed. It was a horror match for me," Halep said. "I couldn't feel the ball. I can't say I wasn't ready to play.

CINCINNATI: With sidelined Serena Williams It never happened to me before, not like that." Svitolina, 22, has won titles this year in Taiwan, Dubai, Istanbul, Rome and Toronto.

> She credits Dubai with inspiration but improved in her Canada title run last week.

'The title in Dubai really gave me that push. played great," Svitolina said. "But this tournament in Toronto showed me I can go there not playing my best and fight back and still be able to win the title. "It's one more step in a good direction."

'IT'S GOING TO BE A BATTLE'

Svitolina's hot season has inspired her to aim big. "It's very special. It gives me more energy to go for more," Svitolina said. She needs a title

and Pliskova out before the semi-finals to reach number one. "I know this but I try not to put so much pressure on myself. Of course to be number one is a goal of mine. The important thing is to play well," Svitolina said. "I know it's very close for everyone. I'd prefer to play well at big tournaments. Then the ranking will be there." Kerber and Wozniacki need Pliskova to crash out in her opening match to have a chance at number one this week. And while Spain's sixthranked Garbine Muguruza, can't overtake now, she would be a threat to do so at the US Open. "It's going to be a battle," she said. "I like that I'm part of it and it's going to be a big thing. Now I feel like I've got to play. I can't miss a tournament. If I do I'm gone." — AFP



MASON: Karolina Pliskova of Czech Republic fields questions from the media during Day 3 of the Western & Southern Open at the Lindner Family Tennis Center on Monday in Mason, Ohio. — AFP

FEDERER OUT OF CINCINNATI WITH BAD BACK, NADAL # 1

MASON: Wimbledon champion Roger Federer withdrew Monday from the Western & Southern Open because of a back injury. He has won the Masters series tournament seven times. The move was announced on the first full day of matches. This US Open warmup has now lost five of the top six players in the men's rankings.

Federer, a 19-time major champion, said in a statement he "tweaked" his back last week at the Rogers Cup in Montreal, where he lost Sunday's final to Alexander Zverev. The Swiss star, ranked No. 3, is sidelined along with No. 1 Andy Murray, No. 4 Stan Wawrinka, No. 5 Novak Djokovic and No. 6 Marin Cilic, the defending champion. Only No. 2 Rafael Nadal, the topseeded player, remains in the draw.

Tournament officials tweeted that 21stranked Gael Monfils also is out because of an undisclosed illness. All the missing players except Cilic are 30 or older. "It's just coincidence," said Nadal, 31. "We're not 20 years old anymore. We're not playing all the weeks. It's part of our sport. I've been in their position lots of times. I've missed more events than the other players. It's part of the game. I wish them all a speedy recovery. We need them in the game. I hope they get back soon."

Federer's withdrawal means Nadal, who lost in the third round at Montreal, will return to No. 1 when new ATP rankings are released Aug. 21. The Spaniard will be No. 1 for the first time since July 6, 2014. Nadal has spent 141 weeks at No. 1 since first ascending there after reaching the Western & Southern semifinals in 2008. "It's been tough to get back to No. 1," he said. "I'm happy to have the chance to be in that position."

American Sam Querry became the first seeded player to advance. The 15th seed cruised into the second round with a 6-3,

6-0 victory over wild card Stefan Kozlov. Mischa Zverev also advanced with a straight-set win, 6-4, 6-4 over Fernando Verdasco. Zverev lost just nine points on serve. In women's first-round action, 15thseeded Madison Keys held off unseeded CoCo Vandeweghe for a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 win. Vandeweghe fought off three match in the final game before hitting a forehand into the net for an unforced error on Keys' fourth match point.

Earlier, 2016 Olympic singles gold medalist Monica Puig lost to fellow qualifier Taylor Townsend, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. Other's men's matches saw wild card Frances Tiafoe beat qualifier Maximilian Marterer 6-3, 7-6 (2), and qualifier Joao Sousa defeat Kyle Edmund 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

Richard Gasquet and wild card Tommy Paul advanced in straight sets. Gasquet eased past qualifier John-Patrick Smith 6-4, 6-4, and Paul beat fellow American Donald Young 6-4, 7-6 (4). Ivo Karlovic ousted Jiri Vesely 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

Also advancing in straight sets were Fabio Fognini, a 7-6 (5), 6-4 winner over Daniil Medvedev; qualifier Mitchell Krueger, 6-2, 6-1 over Benoit Paire; and Feliciano Lopez, 7-6 (5), 6-1 over Hyeon Chung. In other women's matches, Roberta Vinci knocked out Time Babos 7-5, 7-5; Camile Giorgi ousted Katerina Siniakova 6-2, 6-2; Yulia Putintseva outlasted Veronica Cepede Royg, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; and Daria Kasatkina rushed past qualifier Aliaksandra Sasnovich, 6-4, 6-2. Also, 14thseeded Petra Kvitova rallied past Anett Kontaveit 1-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3; Beatriz Haddad Maia topped Lauren Davis 6-3, 6-2; and Lesia Tsurenko defeated Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 5-7, 7-6 (6), 6-0. Kristina Mladenovic, seeded 13th, became the first seeded player to lose, beaten by Daria Gavrilova 6-0, 7-6 (6).— AP



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GREENSPAN WORRIES, THE MARKETS NOT SO MUCH



NEW YORK: Window seating in the Eataly restaurant offers a view of One World Trade Center (right) in New York. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued its Empire State manufacturing index for August. — AP

US SANCTIONS HIT RUSSIAN INVESTMENT HOPES 'Trump bump' a damp squib; sanctions may last long

MOSCOW: New US sanctions on Moscow have forced Russian business chiefs to accept that Donald Trump's rise to power is not about to produce a "Trump Bump" in foreign investment.

After Trump became US president, some investors said they would be prepared to contemplate new deals with Russian firms if they saw signs that US-Russian ties were improving and US restrictions on business with Russia were being relaxed.

But the new sanctions, signed onto law by Trump on Aug. 2, add new measures and codify six orders signed by President Barack Obama, making them harder for Trump to revoke.

For the business community in Moscow, the message is clear-there is no immediate prospect of Washington softening its stance towards Moscow. "Russia faces the codification of sanctions which suggests they will be hellishly difficult to take off and are likely to remain in place for the very long term," said Tim Ash, a strategist at BlueBay asset management in London.

"The mere fact that the US and Western governments ...

saw fit to levy sanctions on Russia sends at the least an amber light to Western business-be careful in your dealings with Russia." The United States initially imposed financial and travel restrictions on Russia in 2014, after Russia annexed the Crimea region from Ukraine following the fall of a pro-Moscow president in Kiev.

The latest measures allow Congress to block any effort by the president to ease or lift the existing sanctions, tightens some of those sanctions, and imposes new restrictions in some sectors. Executives in Russian banks and energy companies, the main targets of the US sanctions, told Reuters their compliance departments were still going through the fine print of the new law to understand the practical impact. Already clear, though, was the message about the duration of the sanctions.

"This is obviously for a long time," said a source in a major Russian oil company, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the media.

Moody's rating agency said in a note to clients that the new sanctions on Russia "are likely to further deter investment there." The sanctions in place since 2014 directly restrict a narrow range of business dealings. Their biggest effect, according to investment bankers and corporate lawyers in Moscow, is that they create the risk of more sanctions being added.

Under that scenario, a deal signed outside the scope of the sanctions could quickly fall under sanctions. If that happened, investors would be likely to lose money and few want to take that risk.

On the other hand, if investors believe the sanctions will not be expanded, they can conclude deals with some confidence, even while existing measures remain in place.

SHIP HASN'T SAILED

Trump's election triumph last November led many in the Russian business community to believe that the worst of the sanctions was over. It was at this time that a longplanned deal to privatise a stake in Sovcomflot, a stateowned shipping company with a fleet of modern vessels and lucrative energy sector contracts, was put back on the government's agenda.

The fate of the partial privatization since then reflects the importance of the new sanctions to investor sentiment. No one involved in the Sovcomflot deal has publicly committed to a date for the sale but two financial market sources told Reuters late in May that the deal was expected in early June.

The plan later changed again because of deteriorating market conditions, a source familiar with the situation said in June-the same week that the Russian stock index slipped on concerns that Washington would impose new sanctions on Moscow.

Later in June, a senior Russian government official told Reuters the deal might happen in July. But after the new US sanctions, Moscow's tone on the deal became more cautious though officials declined to say whether the new sanctions would alter the government's decision about when the sale happens. "It's clear that the USA's toughening of the sanctions regime right now will hardly make the investment climate for this asset more attractive on international financial markets," Transport Minister Maxim Sokolov told reporters on Aug. 3. — Reuters

STERLING AT 10-MONTH LOW VS EURO AS BEARS **TIGHTEN GRIP**

LONDON: Sterling tumbled to a 10-month low against the euro yesterday as weak inflation data and concerns about protracted negotiations with eurozone authorities prompted investors to pile negative bets against the British currency.

The pound fell 0.13 percent against the euro to 91.02 cents, its lowest level since October 2016, on growing concerns that a struggling economy would force the central bank to stick to a dovish policy stance in the coming months. "The weak data and the negative headlines around Brexit negotiations is weighing on sterling and if we get through the 92 cents against the euro line, then we are well into uncharted territory," said Viraj Patel, an FX strategist at ING in London.

Britain outlined plans for a future customs agreement with the European Union on Tuesday and an interim deal to ease companies' Brexit concerns, proposals one senior EU official described as "fantasy". Against the dollar, sterling slipped to one-month lows due to the dollar's rebound against a broad basket of currencies.

British consumer price inflation unexpectedly held steady last month, bucking market expectations for a renewed rise, after fuel prices fell and the effect of the pound's tumble after last year's Brexit vote started to fade.

The political cycle picks up in September and until then sterling is likely to remain sidelined, broadly tracking the dollar and other factors," said Adam Cole, chief FX strategist at RBC in London.The pound fell 0.8 percent to \$1.2859, its lowest since July 20, on track to break below a 50-day moving average.

The pound reached \$1.3267 per dollar on Aug. 3 on a brief surge in expectations that the Bank of England could raise interest rates over the next year.

But the Bank's latest meeting and minutes quashed much of that talk in the market and a retreat in pricing on rates has weakened the pound since. Sterling has fallen nearly 3 percent since then. Wage numbers today should offer more clues on how the economy is performing. — Reuters

US RETAIL SALES POST BIGGEST **INCREASE IN SEVEN MONTHS**

WASHINGTON: US retail sales recorded their biggest increase in seven months in July as consumers boosted purchases of motor vehicles and lifted discretionary spending, suggesting the economy continued to gain momentum early in the third quarter.

Retail sales for June and May also were revised higher, which should help to assuage concerns about consumer spending, But persistently sluggish wage growth has pushed Americans to dip into their savings to fund spending. Economists say wage growth has to pick up to sustain consumer spending.

"American shoppers flocked to the malls and even department stores in July, suggesting consumers are well-positioned to propel the economy forward in the second half of the year," said Sal Guatieri, a senior economist at BMO Capital Markets in Toronto.

The Commerce Department said yesterday that retail sales jumped 0.6 percent last month, the largest gain since December 2016. June's retail sales were revised to show a 0.3 percent gain instead of the previously reported 0.2 percent drop. Economists had forecast retail sales increasing 0.4 percent in July. May's retail sales were revised to show no change instead of the previously reported 0.1 percent dip. Retail sales increased 4.2 percent in July on a year-on-year basis.

Excluding automobiles, gasoline, building materials and food services, retail sales surged 0.6 percent last month after an upwardly revised 0.1 percent gain in June. These so-called core retail sales, which correspond most closely with the consumer spending component of gross domestic product, were previously reported to have dipped 0.1 percent in June.

Prices of US Treasuries extended losses after the data while the dollar gained against a basket of currencies. US stock index futures were trading higher.

Consumer spending, which accounts for more than two-thirds of US economic activity, increased at a 2.8 percent annualized rate in the second quarter. That boosted GDP growth to a 2.6 percent rate in the April-June period.

The acceleration in consumer spending in the second guarter came at the expense of savings, a trend that economists say is unsustainable. Annual wage growth has struggled to break above 2.5 percent. — Reuters



In this May 16, 2017 photo, a shopper pushes a cart inside a HomeGoods store, in Salem, N.H. Yesterday, the Commerce Department released retail sales data for July. - AP

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GREENSPAN WORRIES, THE MARKETS NOT SO MUCH

KUWAIT: World growth is on track. The Fed is proceeding with tightening or "normalizing", if one prefers. Other central banks are getting ready to follow suit, but in a long while. OPEC is attempting to balance oil markets. The Trump administration appears, or is, in disarray. How are markets reacting to all this? Fairly well, thank you very much. Equities, the only asset market performing in line with consensus expectations from earlier in the year, advanced further in July. The equity markets in the US are in fact making new historic highs (Dow Industrials 22,000). This US performance is predicated on strong US earnings, steady growth, a Fed tightening very gradually, deregulation, and potential tax reform ahead.

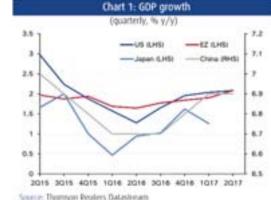
All these equity "positives" spilled over into other equity markets (Europe, EMs). The US, of course, remains a crucial factor in the world economy, and a crucial member of the synchronized growth club: the notion that, currently, all major economies are growing at a moderate or good sustained clip, very much at the same time. The Eurozone economy edged the US last year, for the first time since 2011 (GDP 1.7 percent to 1.5 percent). And in 1H17 the two economies were running neck-in-neck at 2.0 percent growth.

In fact, the IMF just released its July update of the World Economic Outlook (WEO), which kept world growth at 3.5 percent and 3.6 percent for 2017 and 2018, while tweaking its US numbers lower (2.1 percent, 2.1 percent), and its EU (1.9 percent, 1.7 percent) and China (6.7 percent, 6.4 percent) forecasts higher.

Expectations

Stocks were expected to do well this year, and have delivered, so far, beyond expectations in many cases. US stocks are up over 10 percent ytd (S&P 500), and European stocks are up 5 percent in local currency (Euro Stoxx, much more in USD terms). Emerging markets are up 23 percent ytd (MSCI EM) while the GCC lagged in 1H17 (MSCI GCC +0.6 percent).

NBK REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL MARKETS



On the unexpected side, surprises were plentiful this year. Coincidentally, they all seemed to add to the bullish sentiment for stocks. One surprise, lower inflation, means the Fed does not have to be aggressive in raising rates, the ECB can dilly-dally on tapering and other "tighter" money measures, pressure on the BoE eases, and the BOJ needs to keep pumping liquidity beyond forever.

Lower interest rates and available liquidity continue to bolster stocks. In fact, by some measures financial conditions, even in the US with higher Fed policy rates, have eased. The US 10-year note yield is off 20 bps on the year (when the Fed has been raising its policy rates), and the USD is down more than 10 percent versus the euro, among others. This is somewhat reminiscent of Alan Greenspan's bond conundrum argument of 2005. Then, the Fed was tightening and yields on long-dated securities would decline, the USD fall, and equities rise. Part of it was, of course, one huge buyer of US Treasuries, China. During 2004-2006, the Fed raised the federal funds rate 425 bps, versus a meek 30 bps rise in the yield of 10-year note.

In fact ex-Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan was back in the news recently, warning of a bond bub-



ble, as opposed to market talk of an equity bubble. Greenspan worried that rapidly rising rates (or the end of the bond bubble) could occur and would, then, impact equity markets. Greenspan did not put a time frame on his warning. He did mention though that things could unfold quickly once the process got underway, which is not atypical of markets or bubbles.

Nonetheless, the markets have heard these types of warnings several times since 2008, regarding both bonds and equities, and continue on their merry way. While it is certainly true that interest rates are at record lows, barring an unforeseen jump in inflation it is difficult to see Greenspan's warning materializing in the medium term.

Bond markets

The major central banks are today's large buyers of bonds who have supported the bond markets worldwide and kept interest rates very low. Sure, the Fed is getting ready to shed some of its assets, presumably this September, but that will happen at a snail's pace initially. Furthermore, the ECB and the BoJ are still on their buying spree. Before all major central banks start "selling" at the same time (and in serious numbers), Alan Greenspan's warning seems somewhat premature. Also, bear in mind that the central banks have been and are (since 2008) exceedingly cautious. Whenever they mention "higher rates" or "buying fewer assets", they always quickly add the proviso: we will stop and reverse course if something goes "wrong".

Other surprises this year came from the USD and from oil prices, and both ended up being further "pluses" for equities. Both the USD and the price of oil fell, against strong and widespread consensus, and by doing so added to the positive overall market sentiment. The weaker USD was seen as a boon to US exports and to US companies, many of which have significant business overseas. The weaker dollar was also seen as removing the threat of outflows from emerging markets (EMs). As to the weaker price of oil in 1H17, it was further supportive of low inflation (low interest rates) and positive, at least for oil importers.

So far, the expected and unexpected factors are unfolding in favor of equities at large, and are keeping interest rates in check, at least in the longer maturities. The Fed has signaled recently that it is about to start unwinding its massive balance sheet in September, starting with a measly \$10 billion per month. This amount will rise by \$10 billion per quarter. Thus, the current \$4.3 trillion Fed balance sheet, will take three years to go down to \$2.9 trillion, which would still leave it three times larger than its size prior to the 2008 financial crisis. And, for now, the ECB is still buying and hinting it may slow its purchases next year (currently euro 60 billion per month).

The Bank of Japan is showing no sign of ending its purchases of government bonds. So yes, Greenspan's warning will come due at some point. However, the financial markets are likely to fret more about Alan Greenspan once inflationary pressures shows up in the data or once central banks, in concert, start shedding assets in significant amounts.

ALL UK JOBS SHOULD OFFER FLEXIBLE HOURS TO CLOSE PAY GAP: WATCHDOG

LONDON: All British employers should offer flexible hours to both sexes to make life fairer for working parents, the country's equality watchdog said yesterday, as part of a push to close gender, ethnicity and disability pay gaps.

Job shares and working from home are key to boost women's salaries, the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) said, as British women earn 18 percent less than men for the same job.

"We need to overhaul our culture and make flexible working the norm - looking beyond women as the primary caregivers and having tough conversations about the biases that are rife in our workforce and society," Caroline Waters, EHRC's deputy chairwoman, said in a statement.

Men and women should be encouraged to share



In this June 6, 2015 file photo, heavy machines move imported iron ore at the dock in Rizhao in eastern China's Shandong province. China announced on Monday, it will cut off imports of North Korean coal, iron ore and other goods in three weeks under UN sanctions imposed over the North's nuclear

SURGE IN SWEDEN'S INFLATION ADDS PRESSURE FOR RATE RISE

STOCKHOLM: Underlying inflation topped the Swedish central bank's target in July for the first time since 2010, putting the central Riksbank under pressure to tighten its ultra-loose monetary policy. Negative rates and a hefty bond-buying programmer are looking increasingly at odds with an economy that expanded 4.0 percent in the April-June period on an annual basis. After flirting with a Japan-style downward price-spiral, inflation is back on track with the July core reading at 2.4 percent, the highest since February 2010.

It was last above the 2.0 percent target in December of that year. "This strengthens our view that the Riksbank will hike in April, which is earlier than they themselves say currently," said Anna Breman, chief economist at Swedbank. The central bank has forecast it will start hiking rates from the current -0.50 percent in mid-2018 and, having missed its inflation target for years, it will be cautious. Most analysts see inflation falling back later this year as the effects of a stronger crown and a lower oil price begin to weigh.

July's figures were also affected by temporary factors, including a change in the calculation method for package holidays. But Sweden's economy is growing at one of the fastest rates in the European Union and the developed world. Earlier in August, the National Institute of Economic Research increased its 2017 growth projections to 3.0 percent. [nL5N1KQ1F8# This compares with Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development projections for 2.1 percent in the United States and 1.8 percent for the eurozone. As important is the stance of the European Central Bank. While European rate-setters have dropped their easing bias, analysts still see a chance the ECB will extend its quantitative easing program into next year. Hikes in the ECB's policy rate are seen even further off. Speaking at the last rate-setting meeting, Ricksbank Governor Stefan Ingves said he did not want to get too far ahead of the ECB. That would boost the crown, undoing years of hard work on inflation by pushing down import prices. "It is not a scenario that we are talking about," Ingves said. The crown gained around 6 ore after the inflation figures standing at around 9.48 to the euro. "The Riksbank can't relax yet," said Torbjorn Isaksson, economist at Nordea. "It needs maintain a relatively soft tone so that the crown does not strengthen too fast." Overall Swedish consumer prices rose 0.5 percent in July from the previous month and were up 2.2 percent from the same month last year, the statistics office (SCB) said yesterday. Underlying inflation, which strips out interest rate effects, was 0.6 percent on the month and 2.4 percent on the year. The Riksbank forecast headline inflation of 1.64 percent and underlying inflation of 1.79 percent. The Riksbank publishes its next rate decision on September 7. — Reuters

childcare duties and fathers should be offered well-paid "use it or lose it" paternity leave to relieve the pressure on mothers to stall their careers to take care of their children, EHRC said. The report comes a month after Britain's public broadcaster, the BBC, revealed that its top male star was paid five times more than its bestpaid female presenter, prompting public criticism.

In April, large firms in Britain were required by law to report pay discrepancies between male and female employees. The pay gap for ethnic minorities is 5.7 percent and 13.6 percent for the disabled, EHRC said. "The pay gaps issue sits right at the heart of our society and is a symbol of the work we still need to do to achieve equality for all," Waters said.

"While there has been some progress, it has been painfully slow. We need radical change now otherwise we'll be having the same conversation for decades to come." Women's rights group the Fawcett Society agreed that flexible working should be the default for all employers to tackle the pay gap. "Taking these steps will be good for employees but also good for business," said Jemima Olchawski, head of policy at the Fawcett Society. "Without it we risk excluding talented people from our workforce and underperforming as an economy." Women from almost every minority ethnic group earn less than white British men, the charity found in March.

Closing Britain's gender pay gap could add 150 billion pounds (\$193 billion) to the country's annual gross domestic product by 2025, according to consulting firm McKinsey Global Institute. — Reuters

and missile programs. —AP

MAY TO LEAD BUSINESS DELEGATION TO JAPAN

LONDON: British Prime Minister Theresa May will visit Japan this month for talks with her Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe to discuss Brexit, trade and defense, her office said yesterday.

May will lead a business delegation drawn from a range of different sectors on the trip, which comes as her government looks to strengthen its relationship with key international investors ahead of Britain's exit from the European Union. "The delegation will showcase the strength of British business, the shared confidence in the UK-Japan economic relationship as we leave the EU, and the potential for future growth," a spokesman from May's office said.

The three-day trip begins on Aug 30. Japanese companies including carmaker Nissan and conglomerate Hitachi have invested more than 40 billion pounds (\$52 billion) in Britain, and Japanese companies employ a total of 140,000 people in the country. May's office did not give details of which businesses would be travelling to Japan. May will

also meet Emperor Akihito, the spokesman said. Since voting to leave the EU last June Britain has trumpeted decisions by Japanese carmakers Nissan and Toyota to continue production in the country as a sign that Brexit will not scare off international investors.

But both those investments came after the government wrote letters to ease the firms' concerns, drawing criticism that May was making secret deals and giving firms privileged information on Brexit. Britain said the letters were commercially sensitive. May and Abe, leaders of the world's fifth and third largest economies, met last month on the sidelines of an international summit in Germany, and in April she hosted him at her English country residence.

After Abe's April visit, he expressed concerns about possible overnight changes in regulations when Britain withdraws from the EU in March 2019 - the latest in a series of unusually strong declarations about the risks of Brexit from Tokyo. —Reuters

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ETIHAD STATEMENT ON AIRBERLIN

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"This development is extremely disappointing for all parties, especially as Etihad has provided extensive support to airberlin for its previous liquidity challenges and restructuring efforts over the past six years.

"In April this year, Etihad provided EUR 250 million of additional funding to airberlin as well as supporting the airline to explore strategic options for the business. However, airberlin's business has deteriorated at an unprecedented pace, preventing it from overcoming its significant challenges and from implementing alternative strategic solutions.

"Under these circumstances, as a minority shareholder, Etihad cannot offer funding that would further increase our financial exposure. We remain open to helping find a commercially viable solu-

"We expect airberlin operations to continue during administration. We have a commercial relationship with airberlin across a range of areas, including codeshare operations, and we will support airberlin's management during these difficult times.

"Germany is an important market for Etihad and Abu Dhabi, and we remain committed to providing comprehensive air links as a key enabler of trade and tourism." Etihad Aviation Group (EAG) is a diversified global aviation and travel group comprising four business divisions Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, Etihad Engineering, Hala Group and Airline Equity Partners. The group has minority investments in seven airlines: airberlin, Air Serbia, Air Seychelles, Alitalia, Jet Airways, Virgin Australia, and Swissbased Darwin Airline, trading as Etihad

SOLID GERMAN GROWTH GIVES **MERKEL ELECTION TAILWIND**

GDP growth rate of 0.6% Q/Q in Q2, annual 2.1%

BERLIN: Strong household and state spending consolidated Germany's role as the eurozone's growth engine in the second quarter, helping Chancellor Angela Merkel to burnish her economic credentials less than six weeks before an election. Tuesday's data are the last major growth figures to be published before the Sept. 24 vote, in which Merkel is seeking to win a fourth term.

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Merkel's conservatives enjoy a comfortable lead over the Social Democrats (SPD), their current coalition partner; an INSA poll yesterday put their support at 37 percent to the SPD's 25.

Yet while neither party wants another grand coalition, a fractured political landscape could make it hard to form another viable alliance. In the second quarter, Germany's seasonally adjusted gross domestic product (GDP) was up 0.6 percent from the previous quarter - just below the consensus forecast of 0.7 percent in a Reuters poll, but still the 12th consecutive quarterly growth reading.

In addition, first-quarter growth was revised up to 0.7 percent from 0.6. Annual growth in the second quarter, adjusted for calendar effects, rose to 2.1 percent from 2.0.

"The German economy is proving its staying power, the upswing continues," Bankhaus Lampe economist Alexander Krueger said, adding that the European Central Bank's low interest rates and bond-buying program kept on boosting domestic demand.

Germany's Constitutional Court said it had declined to hear a challenge to the ECB's 2.3 trillion euro (\$2.7 trillion) asset purchase scheme, a stronger euro, weaker-than-expected U.S. referring the case instead to the European Court of Justice.

Domestic demand

Second-quarter growth was mainly driven by domestic demand as households and state authorities increased their spending and firms boosted investment in buildings and equipment, the Statistics Office said. German consumers are benefiting from record employment, rising real wages and low borrowing costs. State authorities are also spending billions of euros on accommodating and integrating more than one million refugees who have arrived since the start of 2015, many from war zones in Syria and Iraq.

In addition, a growing population, increased job security and record-low interest rates are fuelling a construction boom in Europe's biggest economy. Growth in the second quarter was dampened, however, by net foreign trade, since exports rose less strongly than imports, which the vibrant domestic economy sucked in at a higher rate.

"Germany's economic success story goes on and on and on," ING Bank analyst Carsten Brzeski said, adding there was very little reason to fear a sudden end to the current performance.

He cautioned, however, that the main drivers supporting the domestic economy, such as rising employment, rising wages and increased government spending, could lose some momentum in the coming guarters.

"The same holds for the export sector, where

growth and Brexit uncertainty could take some wind out of the sails without bringing exports to a halt," Brzeski said.

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Europe's engine

Unadjusted data showed the economy growing by 0.8 percent on the year in the second quarter. Easter fell in April this year while it was in March last year. The Statistics Office provided only a qualitative assessment of the main growth drivers in the second quarter. A more detailed breakdown will be published on Aug. 25.

The data underlines the continued strength of the German economy compared with its European peers. The French economy, the second-largest in the eurozone, grew 0.5 percent in the second quarter, helped by stronger exports, according to preliminary data.

In Italy, the third-biggest economy in the 19member bloc, the national central bank expects a quarterly expansion roughly in line with the first quarter's increase of 0.4 percent. Preliminary data are due today.

The Spanish economy keeps powering ahead, however, with a growth rate of 0.9 percent in the April-June quarter. This was well above the euro zone average of 0.6 percent, according to preliminary estimates released by the European Union's statistics agency this month. Outside the eurozone, Britain's economic output grew by 0.3 percent on the quarter, edging up from 0.2 percent in the first three months. — Reuters

DESPITE DELAY, US EXPECTED TO IMPOSE STEEL TARIFFS

LONDON/WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump is still expected to impose steel import tariffs on national security grounds despite the delay of a probe into the matter and pursuit of multilateral talks to reduce excess capacity, industry players and trade experts say.

US steel stocks have fallen nearly 10 percent since Trump delayed the release of the so-called "Section 232" review of the US steel industry last month, partly reflecting fears that his promises to protect the industry may not materialize. But industry analysts say the falls might be overdone, and there is reason to think that import relief may still happen.

"Based on (Commerce Secretary Wilbur) Ross's recent statements and our discussions with trade lawyers engaged in section 232, we still expect measures that will have a positive impact on U.S. steel prices," said Seth Rosenfeld, a steel industry analyst at Jefferies in London.

'The most likely outcome is tariff rate quotas where the level of tariff changes dependent on the volume of imports. This structure serves as something of an upside cap on steel pricing so they do not get out of control," Rosenfeld added. Trump launched the probe into whether steel imports compromise US national security in April, boosting US steel stocks, but said in July a final decision might have to wait until other top-priority issues are addressed.

Ross said he would defer to Trump's lead and also cited multi-lateral talks to reduce excess capacity, fuelling concern in the steel industry that the "232" review, initially scheduled to conclude in late June, might be scrapped or substantially watered down. A Trump administration official told Reuters, however, that the steel probe remains active and "is still under the final stages of review within the administration". He declined to comment on the possible timing of its release. By law, Ross has until mid-January 2018 to conclude his review. Trump would then have 90 days to act. "Our hope and expectation is that there would be action on (section 232) sooner, rather than going the full time," said Tom Gibson, president of the American Iron and Steel Institute. In a sign that some market

players still anticipate a US tariff move, steel import permit applications fell 12 percent in July from June, making up 28 percent of the market, according to US Commerce Department data compiled by AISI. Trump's planned steel restrictions are mostly aimed at persuading China, producer of more than half the world's steel, to cut excess production capacity, but direct imports from China into the United State have already fallen dramatically due to previous anti-dumping and anti-subsidy duties.

Instead, critics say broad new steel restrictions would hit US allies such as South Korea, Japan, Germany and Turkey much harder, prompting warnings of retaliation against unrelated US products. Diplomats also say "232" duties risk undermining the global trading system if national security becomes an accepted excuse to erect trade barriers. Trump during his election campaign promised supporters in rustbelt states such as Pennsylvania and Ohio that he would restore steel and coal jobs.

US-based trade analysts say Trump may still turn to steel import restrictions because he can invoke them without congressional approval after suffering recent legislative setbacks. "The healthcare bill went down, that's a big loss. What is Trump going to do to shore up his base? He sees tough action on trade as a political winner. I think he'll return to the matter before the end of the year," said Gary Hufbauer, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

The steel investigation has also been caught up in Trump's efforts to secure China's cooperation to impose sanctions on North Korea. Trump has promised easier trade terms to Beijing if China helps rein in North Korea's nuclear and missile testing But on Monday, Trump was pressing ahead with a separate trade probe into China's intellectual property practices, a sign that the link between China trade and North Korea may be softening. Steel users in the United States who rely on cheap steel, oppose steel import restrictions, which they say would cost jobs in their industries. The US steel sector employs 147,000 people while manufacturing and construction employs 12.8 million. —Reuters



In this June 12, 2017 file photo a passenger passes an Air Berlin counter at Tegel airport in Berlin. Struggling German carrier Air Berlin says it's filing for bankruptcy after its main shareholder, Abu Dhabi-based Etihad, said it would make no more financing available. — AP



Mark Carney UK INFLATION LOWER THAN EXPECTED, EASING **RATE HIKE PROSPECTS**

LONDON: Consumer price inflation in Britain unexpectedly held steady in July at an annual rate of 2.6 percent, official figures showed yesterday, in a development that may ease pressure on the Bank of England to raise interest rates at a time when the economy has slowed amid uncertainty over the country's exit from the European Union. The reading from the Office for National Statistics was short of economists' expectations for 2.7 percent, largely because lower fuel costs helped offset a wide array of price increases. The news saw the pound fall as traders priced in a lower likelihood of any imminent increase in rates. By midday in London, it was down 0.6 percent at \$1.2883, while the euro rose 0.3 percent to 0.9114 pound.

Homeowners on flexible mortgages and consumers with increasing debt have been on guard for a possible rise in interest rates as inflation has risen above the Bank of England's target of 2 percent. A minority of rate-setters at the bank have in the past few months voted in favor of raising the benchmark interest rate from the record low of 0.25 percent to keep a lid on price increases. Higher rates could be an unappetizing prospect for an economy that's slowed down this year and has to steer the choppy Brexit waters ahead. Inflation in Britain has risen sharply over the past year since the country voted to leave the EU, a decision that caused a fall in the pound of about 15 percent and pushed up prices for imports like oil and food. Inflation, which hit 2.9 percent in May, was barely positive when Britons cast their votes in the June 2016 referendum.

The rise in inflation has hurt living standards as price increases outstrip annual wage rises,

which are running at below 2 percent. The worry is that consumers will either respond by further reining in spending or opt instead to pile up on credit, leaving them more vulnerable in the event interest rates rise or if unemployment increases due to Brexit.

"While inflation has plateaued in recent months, current levels are nonetheless placing significant pressure on consumers," said Jack Coy, economist at the Centre for Economics and Business Research. The fact that inflation is not rising further could prompt some cheer both among policymakers at the central bank and consumers. Among rate-setters, it could strengthen the hand of those urging to not raise interest rates. - AP

ZAIN ANNOUNCES SECOND WEEK WINNERS OF 'WIN CASH DAILY' CAMPAIGN

KUWAIT: Zain, the leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, announced the winners of the second week draw of its latest "Win Cash Daily" campaign, which offers postpaid customers a chance to win daily and weekly cash prizes as well as a grand cash prize of KD 5,000 at the end of the campaign.

Zain announced the winners of the KD 350 daily cash prize: Ahmad Eid Almubayia, Meshal Hadi Aldhafeeri, Mohammad Saleh Ahmad Muhana, Sanabel Abdulkhudur Alsaleh, Faisal Kana Kunnumal, Altaf Rahsed Alragum, and Emhala Mezel Meshel Al-Sarheed. The company also announced the winner of the KD 1000 weekly cash prize: Yousef Waleed Yousef Bourisly.

Zain launched this new campaign in partnership with Samsung Al-Babtain as part of its strategy to reinforce its relationship with its postpaid customers. The company is keen on offering the biggest campaigns and promotions along with the latest technologies to its customer base, considered the largest in the country. The campaign runs for four weeks, where draws will be held on a daily basis. The prizes include a daily cash prize of KD 350, a weekly cash prize of KD 1000, and a grand cash prize of KD 5000 at the end of the campaign. Customers who subscribe to any of Zain's main postpaid plans starting at KD 23 and choose either a Samsung S8 or S8+ device will get a chance to win one of the daily prizes, weekly prizes, or the grand prize at the end of the campaign. In addition, customers who subscribe to the KD 40 postpaid plan and choose two Samsung S8 or S8+ devices will get TWO chances to win one of the valuable cash prizes.

Today's announcement is a testament of Zain's tireless efforts in rewarding its customer base, further reinforcing its leadership position. The campaign further demonstrates Zain's pivotal role in Kuwait's telecom sector, sparing no effort in introducing exceptional offerings for technology and smartphone enthusiasts.



NISSAN AL-BABTAIN'S NEW CAMPAIGN **'BRAND TRUST' STRESSES ON** SAFETY THROUGH AUTHENTICITY

KUWAIT: In its ongoing quest to inform customers on the importance of purchasing genuine spare parts for safety and comfort, Abdulmohsen Abdulaziz Al-Babtain Co (AABC), the sole authorized dealer of Nissan vehicles and spare parts in the State of Kuwait, has reignited its nationwide campaign, 'Brand Trust'. The latest campaign comes as part of Nissan Al-Babtain's responsibility towards quality assurance safety and wellbeing of Nissan vehicle owners on the road.

The 'Brand Trust' campaign seeks to raise awareness about the dangers of using counterfeit and fake parts, as road accidents are on the increase due to usage of unreliable counterfeit spare parts which could lead to serious consequences. Counterfeit or fake parts may look similar in appearance, however their performance and quality differ exponentially, placing all at high risk. The 'Brand Trust' campaign reflects Nissan's keenness to guarantee vehicle longevity and durability as safety is

ship period. As Nissan's customers grow in size, the brand strengthens its commitment towards quality assurance and emphasizes on safety implications by exposing harms of imitators and counterfeit products. In line with the 'Brand Trust' campaign, Nissan Al-Babtain has conducted regional and international educational seminars to safeguard consumer safety through comprehensive PR efforts and nationwide online campaigns, in collaboration with the traffic department and General Administration of Customs.

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Nissan Al-Babtain and its parts network or authorized dealers can provide customers with the entire range of Nissan genuine parts at very competitive prices. Nissan Kuwait has the largest Aftersales Service and Parts Network in the State of Kuwait with 9 Service Centers and 14 Parts outlets in key locations with easy accessibility to provide best in class service to all Nissan owners.



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WALL ST OPENS FLAT AS NORTH KOREA TENSIONS FADE

after North Korea's leader delayed a decision on firing missiles towards Guam, pointing to receding tensions between the United States and North Korea.

Pyongyang's plans to fire missiles near the US Pacific territory prompted a surge in tensions in the region last week, with President Donald Trump saying the US military was "locked and loaded" if North Korea acted unwisely.

"I think it is a bit of a follow through on North Korea that has stepped back, things are back to somewhat normal", said Mark Spellman, portfolio manager at Alpine Funds in New York.

"US companies and the markets have also

NEW YORK: US stocks opened flat yesterday been benefiting from the global economic motor vehicles as well as discretionary spending. expansion. For the first time in many years, you've got a lot of economies throughout the world doing better," Spellman added.

At 9:42 am ET (1342 GMT), the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 29.01 points, or 0.13 percent, at 22,022.72, the S&P 500 was up 1.17 points, or 0.05 percent, at 2,467.01. The Nasdaq Composite was up 1.12 points, or

0.02 percent, at 6,341.35. Six of the 11 major S&P sectors were lower,

with telecom sector's 0.70 percent fall leading the decliners. Data showed US retail sales recorded their biggest increase in seven months in July as consumers boosted purchases of

The data helped the dollar touch its highest level against a basket of major currencies in nearly three weeks. Among stocks, Home Depot was down 2.6 percent, despite the US home improvement chain reporting quarterly profit and comparable sales that topped estimates. The stock weighed the most on the Dow and the S&P 500.

Coach was off more than 6 percent after the handbag maker issued full-year sales forecast that missed analysts' estimates. Dick's Sporting Goods hit near seven-year lows after the sportswear retailer's quarterly same-store sales and profit missed estimates.

Advance Auto Parts touched near fouryear low after the company lowered its 2017 comparable store sales forecast. Synchrony Financial rose 3.4 percent after Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway said it had added a 17.5-million share stake in the credit card issuer.

Dollar hits highs

The dollar rose to its highest level against a basket of major currencies in nearly three weeks yesterday after US retail sales data showed the largest gain in seven months. Consumers boosted purchases of motor vehicles as well as discretionary spending, increasing the Commerce Department's reading on sales by 0.6 percent.

The dollar rose by more than 1 percent against the Japanese yen, touching its highest in more than a week and on pace for its largest daily rise against the yen since June. The euro fell to its lowest against the dollar since Aug. 9. There were two factors that helped push the dollar to its highs, said Joe Manimbo, senior market analyst at Western Union Business Solutions in Washington D.C.

"One was that the consumer had been a no-show in recent months, and two was just the tailwind the dollar enjoyed before the data," he said. "The specter of cooler heads prevailing on the geopolitical front is dollar positive, particularly against safehaven rivals."

July's reading showed the largest gain in the retail sales reading since December 2016 and followed June's upwardly revised 0.3 percent gain. "The number showed broad-based strength, it beat forecasts both on the headline and the core and what was also encouraging was how the number for June got revised from the red back into positive territory," Manimbo said.

The dollar had earlier been supported by an easing of tensions around North Korea that last week drove capital towards safe-haven currencies. The yen and the Swiss franc had both surged as Washington and Pyongyang ramped up military threats following the imposition of new sanctions on North Korea through the United Nations.

Currency market strategists also pointed to a general recovery by the dollar after its worst four months since 2011 against the euro and the basket of currencies used to measure its strength.

The dollar index was last up 0.7 percent to 94.061. It earlier touched its highest level since July 26. Sterling also slumped after UK inflation numbers came in marginally below forecast, pushing the pound through key levels against both the euro and dollar. — Reuters

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Index	c	hange	Closing	Last Closing		
Price index		-15.61	6,843.66	6,859.27		
Weighted Index	*	-0.24	424.53	424.77		
KSX 15		-0.80	972.50	973.39		

Security			112	Trades					8.11			1000	Trades	10000			
	High	Low	Volume	Value (KD)	Trades	Last	Ch	ange	Security	High	Low	Volume	Value (KD)	Trades	Last	Ch	ange
PG.	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	390	-	0.0	SOKOUK	45.9	44.5	203250	9,303	13	46.5		1.1
APESCO	899	899	1,000	899	1	899	-	0.0	(BROK	64	63	339,292	21,656	18	64	-	0.0
NERGYH	35.5	35.5	1,726	61	3	35.5	-	0.0	URC	88	82	13,101	1.092	4	88	-	0.0
PI IAR	37.7	37.1	414,900	15,450	22	37.5	-	-0.3	SRE	122	122	110,100	13,432 7,382	7	122	-	0.0
I & Gas			417,825	16,410	26	1054.04		-0.90	TAM	410	409	20,250	1,244	3	368	*	-8/
			410,000						AREEC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	153	-	0.
FOUC	292	280	192,700	54,378	19	280	۲	-7.0	MASSALEH	41.0	40.1	232.000	9,472	. 6	40.1	٠	-2
PCC	572	570	190,168	108,545	13	570		-2.0	ARABREC	34.5	33.9	745,974	25,547	38	34.1		-4
LKOUT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	600	-	0.0	ERESCO	40.4	39.9	702.500	28,183	17	40.2	-	0.0
LOURAIN	345	341	137,305	47,206	19	345		4.0	MABANEE	789	784	304,639	239,775	30	784	٧	-5.
asic Materials			520,171	210,127	51	1255.31	<u>т</u> .	-1.70	INJAZZAT	0.0	0.0	¢	0	0	89	-	0.
	4242		100 400	101 100			-		INVESTORS	24.0	23.7	182,188	4,363	10	23.8		0.
ABLE	420	401	376,400	151,438	5	420	-	1.0	ALTUARIA	0.0	0.0	0 1.322.600	0	53	31.9	-	0.0
HIP	214	214	1,620	218	1	214	*	5.0	SANAM	42.0	34.4	190.002	6,544	4	42.0	*	-1
CEM	985	970	18.600	18.051	5	985	÷	-5.0	AAYANRE	81	81	240.000	19.440	7	81		0.
APER	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	280	-	0.0	AGAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	71	-	6.
RC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	54	-	0.0	ALAQARIA	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	39.7	-	0.
000	268	290	220,081	57,222	15	260	-	0.0	MAZAYA	115	113	2,429,637	275,704	72	114	-	. 0.1
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ICBM	185	167	205.034	35,449	13	175	۳	-5.0	TIJARA	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	54	-	0.
QUIPMENT	48.0	44.7	100,125	4,491	5	45.8	۲	-0.1	TAAMEER	34.9	34.0	28,936	068	3	34.4	4	-4.
CCI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	90	-	0.0	ARKAN	86	83	95,500	7,893	5	86		1/
YPSUM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	95	-	0.0	ARGAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	185	-	0.
ALBOOKH	60	60 M1	120.000	7,202	3	60	+	-2.3	ABYAAR	25.4	25.0	2,686,800	67,527	32	25.1	*	4
GLTY DU	852	348	1,015,975	6.596	68 10	841 357	+	-6.0	FIRSTDUBA	53	53	10 349.350	17,458	9	53 50	*	13
LEANING	46.5	45.5	120,000	5.524	8	45.5	*	-1.0	KBT	48.7	47.5	119,901	5.726	10	47.8	-	0.3
OL.	62	58	96,457	5,781	10	61		0.8	REAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	384	-	0.0
CPC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	145	-	0.0	MENA	21.1	20.4	296,800	6,202	16	21.1		
UMANSOFT	4,350	4,201	104,038	447,362	33	4,300	-	0.0	ALMUDON	37.8	36.7	82,501	3,028	2	36.7		0.
AFAIS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	195	-	0.0	MARAKEZ	42.0	42.0	100	4	1	42.0	Ŧ	-4
FC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	75	-	0.0	REMAL	0.0	6.0	Q	0	0	78	-	0.
HOOTING	27.5	26.9	135,845	3,666	11	27.0	۲	-0.8	AWJ	82	78	238,294	18.992	7	82		1.
GC	568	568	500	294	1	568		1.0	Real Estate			10,936,821	907,517	371	952.05		14
TCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	56	-	0.0							100		
PAC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	770	-	0.0	KINV	111	105	899,714	97,609	57	108	*	3.
UBARRAD	375	205	81,169	30,006	19	378	*	-3.0	FACIL IFA	180	180	200,000	36,000	3	180	A V	11
DGISTICS	55	53	830,130	66,037 73,781	33	53	*	-0.3	IFA NNV	36.3	35.5	1,793,900	64,470 479,925	38	36.7	*	4
CEM	17	77	36.009	2,755	4	77	-	0.0	KPROJ	368	361	4,214,779	4/9,925	5	361	÷	4
CEM	80	77	11,508	890	3	80		0.1	COAST	44.2	43.9	1,227,880	54,222	38	44.1	*	0.
iC .	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	81	2	0.0	SECH	45.4	44.5	169,500	7,500	11	44.5	*	-0.
CEM	77	76	769.586	58,793	24	76	٠	-0.2	ARZAN	38.0	34.2	1,248,311	43,598	41	37.0		0.5
KWC	83	78	20,983	1.644	3	83		3.0	MARKAZ	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	98	-	0.0
PEC	95	94	200	19	2	94	-	0.0	KMEFIC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	29.0	-	0.
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APCO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	90	-	0.0	ALMAL	15.7	15.3	593,855	9,177	37	15.5	*	0.
ATTL	240	228	209,045	47,668	5	240	-	0.0	GIH	34.5	33.6	157,501	5,390	16	33.6	٧	-4
ANAH	71	70	524,388	37,071	47	70		-0.3	AAYAN	44.6	43.7	2.306,244	101,857	57	44.3	*	0.
occo onsumer Goods	0.0	0.0	733,433	84,739	47	2,035	-	-1.40	BAYANINV	49.6	48.8	840,495	41,394	24	48.8	-	-4.
Contraction of Contract			100,000						KFIC	45.0	43.0	36.000	1,580	6	44.0		-1.
HC.	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	480	-	0	KAMCO	77	77	13,219	1.018	1	77	-	0.
TC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,100	-	0	NH	65	63	353,400	22,513	16	63	٧	-2
WC0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	175	-	0	UNCAP	46.4	46.4	1,000	-45	1	46.4	٧	-4
ealth Care				0	0	0.00	-	0.00	MADAR	19.9	19.0	485,220	9,495	48	19.5		0.
6	1000		1.000	12.502					ALDEERA	0.0	0.0	0	Û	0	34.5	-	0.
CIN	1,390	1,390	10	14	1	1,390	۲	-9	ALSALAM	51	50	356.000	18,064	9	51		0.
нот	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	250	-	0	EKTTITAB	36.2	35.3	37,598	1,327	2	36.2	*	0.
ULTAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	67	-	0	ALMADINA	43.9	43.0	813,668	35,110	15	43.8		0.
ABLETV	34.0	28.4	263,222	8,231	25	33.0	-	0	TAMINY	62	59	1,279,476	77,822	56	61 300	-	-0.
YAS	0.0	820	0	93	0	275	-	0	EXCH	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	158	-	0.0
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ULAFUEL UNTAZAHAT VZEERA DOR UTUREKID IRAI VA INSUMETSEVICE VIN OREDOO VIN VIA OREDOO VIN VIA BK BK BK BK BK BK BK BK BK BK BK BK BK	77 580 128 0.0 127 53 880 127 53 880 127 53 880 127 53 880 127 53 880 127 53 880 127 53 880 127 53 880 128 50 127 53 880 127 53 800 1175 800 1175 800 1175 800 1175 800 1175 1247 247 306 0.0 1418 247 306 0.0 1418 247 306 0.0 1418 247 306 0.0 1418 247 306 0.0 1418 247 306 0.0 1418 247 306 0.0 1418 247 306 0.0 1418 247 306 0.0 1418 247 306 0.0 1418 247 306 0.0 1418 247 306 0.0 1418 247 247 306 0.0 1418 247 247 306 0.0 1418 247 247 306 0.0 1418 247 247 247 247 247 247 247 247	125 77 570 124 0.0 125 48.0 872 491 1,165 39.0 801 736 246 356 0.0 415 245	1,165,390 10 20,100 328,769 0 128,772 45,219 63,390 2,814,592 11,034,216 7,034 2,470,355 40,006 13,551,611 2,368,4711 884,785 150,000 0 444,500 1,290,217	1 11,558 40,877 0 18,242 2,261 55,681 281,817 5,470,446 8,226 96,826 32,063 5,470,581 1,759,702 217,747 53,400 0 185,118 317,889	6 28 0 10 7 7 149 522 7 57 57 34 620 126 21 6 0 17 48	77 575 124 116 126 53 877 1062.75 496 1,175 39.0 803 619.87 736 247 356 318 418 245	т т 4 т т т т т т т т т т т т т т т т т	-5 -4 0 1 -1 -3 -2,80 7 5 -1 1 0.50 -4 2 2 0	ASIYA GNAHC AMWAL ALIMTIAZ MANAZEL NIND BIHC SENERGY AGHC SENERGY AGHC KOPC TAVISSILAT ERHOLDING GFH INOVEST Financial Service Investment Instru ASC 0905 HAYATCOMM	42.0 35.9 44.5 109 40.2 546 47.5 38.7 95 53 0.0 175 53 53 0.0 175 127 8 ments	35.1 42.0 25.5 41.0 167 39.0 143 45.6 38.7 94 52 0.0 175 149 123	18,238 328,692 1,210 6,698,415 322,000 2,698,419 248,300 555 78,000 1,686,900 0 200,000 608,397 106,002 32,732,746 0 2,550 104,165 0	706 11,719 50 1,124,113 12,865 368,043 11,471 21 7,146 89,283 0 36,000 96,523 13,194 3,046,719 0 434 12,709 0	2 15 3 120 26 69 12 1 7 54 0 1 7 54 0 1 1 66 10 1 ,016 0 1 ,016	35.3 42.0 35.5 44.2 168 40.1 144 47.0 38.7 94 53 31.9 175 53 149 125 685.21 0.00 170 124 90	- A A A V V A - A V A V A V A V A V V A V V A V V A V V A V V V A V V V A V V V V A V	0) 0, 0, 11 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
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Oman		7.53		8.53	-39.00		-0.62	-13.92
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Bahraini Dinar	2.6724	0.81080	9.9794		9.6913	1.0239	9.7737	47.3544
Qatari Riyal	0.2757	0.08366	1.0297	0.1032		0.1057	1.0085	4.8863
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017



Deal signing ceremony

WARBA BANK, MOHAMED NASER AL-SAYER & Sons sign the biggest Toyota deal

SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

KUWAIT: Warba Bank, the best bank in financial services for corporate and investment banking services in Kuwait, revealed fruitful cooperation with Mohamed Naser Al-Sayer & Sons EST CO.W.L.L., the exclusive agent of Toyota in Kuwait following the signature of the biggest deal of its kind since the Bank entry into the Kuwaiti market. The deal was signed at Al-Sayer Group headquarters located in the free zone in the presence of Shaheen Hamad Al-Ghanem, Warba Bank CEO and Mubarak Naser Al- Sayer, Al-Sayer Holding Group CEO. The KD 9,702,250 million deal will allow Warba Bank to buy stock of Toyota - Land Cruiser. The new deal is in line with the two partners' prime objective to boost their successful partnership. Warba Bank total Toyota-Land Cruiser stock purchasing deals with Mohamed Naser Al-Sayer & Sons EST CO.W.L.L., have exceeded KD 20 million till now.

Commenting on the deal, Shaheen Hamad Al-Ghanem , Warba Bank CEO said : "Today, we



are pleased to sign the biggest deal with Al-Sayer Holding Group to enhance cooperation between the two institutions. The previous deals achieved profitable returns to the Bank and contributed towards strengthening auto financing sector as Toyota Vehicles are witnessing robust demand in Kuwait due to its reliability, durability and adequate options meeting customer needs and requirements whether having limited or high income."

Mubarak Naser Al-Sayer, Al-Sayer Holding Group CEO said: "We are glad to partner with Warba Bank and appreciate the efforts boosting its footprint on Islamic banking sector for auto financing solutions. Our previous cooperation with the Bank witnessed great success that increases our desire to strengthen our relation with the ambitious Warba Bank that we expect will bring about new era in the Islamic Banking Sector."

Warba Bank has been on the forefront in designing unparalleled auto financing solutions; the Bank has recently launched a series of promotions on several car models, under the slogan "Installment at cash price" without any profits, which continue to witness a huge traffic amongst customers and non-customers.



Al-Sayer Group CEO Mubarak Naser Al-Sayer

These offers were carefully designed to cater to customers' needs to own their dream cars according to a convenient financing scheme most appropriate for different incomes provid-



Warba Bank CEO Shaheen Al-Ghanem

ed by Warba Bank. Nowadays, Warba Bank is recognized as the most trusted financial Islamic institution and the customers' first choice to have flexible credit facilities.





Partnership agreement between Al-Sayer and Warba Bank.

Warba and Al-Sayer team members.



JOYALUKKAS SIGNS BOLLYWOOD ACTRESS KAJOL DEVGAN AS BRAND AMBASSADOR

KUWAIT: Joyalukkas, the world's favourite jeweller, has signed up one of the most successful and admired actresses in Indian cinema as the brand's ambassador.

"Kajol is a perfect fit for Joyalukkas," said Joy Alukkas, Chairman and Managing Director of Joyalukkas Group. "She is one of the most iconic beauties in the industry and is an unconventional actress who shines in the most challenging roles, yet she is vibrant & her down to earth personality well loved by her legion of fans. All these qualities resonate with our brand. We are very happy to have her as the face of Joyalukkas for years to come."

Kajol Devgan is a multi-award-winning actor, holding the record for the most number of Filmfare Best Actress Awards. She is known for her versatility and outstanding performances. She is signed up to be the Joyalukkas Brand Ambassador with the brand's extensive expansion plans which include entering new territories with the aim to "ornament the world."

"I have been an admirer of the Joyalukkas brand for some time now. Joy Alukkas's success story is also very inspiring, I am very excited to be part of the world's favorite jeweller's family." says Kajol Devgan. Joyalukkas is a global jewellery retail chain with over 140 showrooms across 12 countries, India, UAE, UK, USA, Canada, Singapore, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain & Kuwait. A massive advertising campaign featuring Kajol Devgan is currently in production and expected to roll out across the Group's network in the last quarter of the year.

"It is a privilege to work with someone who has the same values and passion for excellence as all of us at Joyalukkas," says John Paul Alukkas, Executive Director of Joyalukkas Group. "We are delighted to welcome Kajol as our newest brand ambassador and look forward to a fruitful and lasting relationship with her."

Joyalukkas Group operates its various business operations across India, UAE, UK, USA, Canada, Singapore, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain & Kuwait. The Group's businesses include jewellery, money exchange, fashion & textiles, luxury air charters, malls and realty. Joyalukkas employs over 8,000 professionals across the world, and is one of the most awarded and recognized jewellery retail chains in the world.

VIVA LAUNCHES 'VANITY NUMBER CHALLENGE' WITH VALUABLE PRIZES Premium number 56565656 worth KD 40K

KUWAIT: VIVA, Kuwait's fastestgrowing and most developed telecom operator, launched the groundbreaking draw campaign "Vanity Number Challenge" for 90 days, from 19 July until 16 October, 2017.

With a grand prize premium number 56565656 worth KD 40,000, this new interactive service allows customers to win via draw valuable prizes including 10 gold coins weekly and iPhone7 gold with gold SIM card monthly, throughout the whole campaign.

This campaign is the second in a row that VIVA shares with its customers. First one received significant feedback and the big prize was premium number 56666665.

Customers can subscribe by sending "WIN" to 52600 and answering the questions, with a



free trial day and enjoy the daily infotainment content. VIVA is the fastest-growing

y telecom operator in Kuwait. Launched in December 2008, VIVA makes things Possible for its cus-

tomers 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 market by offering an innovative range of best value products, services and content propositions; a state of the art, nationwide network and worldclass 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.

ABK OFFERS 'FREEDOM PREPAID CARD' FREE OF CHARGE ON OCCASION OF HAJJ



KUWAIT: Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) is offering its customers the ABK 'Freedom Prepaid Card' free of charge on the occasion of Hajj and will cancel card issuance fees for each customer and donate the same amount to Kuwait Red Crescent Society.

The ABK Freedom prepaid card is a multi-currency cash passport solution for frequent travelers, which offers security, convenience and total freedom. The card includes 10 currencies namely: The Kuwaiti dinar, US dollar, British pound, euro, Emirati dirham, Bahraini dinar, Qatari riyal, Swiss francs, the Canadian dollar and the Saudi riyal; an important currency to consider with the nearing of Hajj season. The card is free of charge until 30 September, and can be requested at any ABK branch. ABK customers and non-customers from age 18 and above are eligible to apply.

One of the major benefits of the ABK Freedom prepaid card is that it locks in exchange rates to protect against any future fluctuation rates. Users of the ABK Freedom Prepaid Card can enjoy a variety of offers and promotions from MasterCard, free travel insurance of up to \$250,000, purchase and fraud protection and last but not least, 24/7 access to the account with the Bank's simple, fast and secure e-banking channels.

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TECHNOLOGY

GCC'S PREMIUM HOME APPLIANCE MARKET TO THRIVE WITH LG SIGNATURE

DUBAI: According to market reports, ing recognition across the globe from the home appliances and home entertainment market is currently undergoing a significant change where consumers are starting to shift from traditional products towards more intuitive, elegant and appealing products. The increase in purchasing power and improving lifestyles are fostering the demand for smart home appliances around the world, especially across the GCC, where the residents embrace a premium standard of living making it a way of life for many.

Luxury lifestyle across the GCC has been a fast-paced journey, fuelling the evolution of luxury and retail across the region, according to some market analysts. LG Electronics has long been a key driver and an active participant in this phase of evolution with innovation, analytics-driven application and insights to its appliances and technology to produce a unified consumer experience that is as intuitive as it is effortless.

Keeping up the legacy of innovation, is the birth of a new brand and LG's first ultra-premium brand with a new art of essence for the most discerning consumers in the region - the LG SIGNATURE.

LG SIGNATURE brand has been gain-

cosmopolitan consumers since its successful debut.

By combining LG's most forwardthinking innovations, LG SIGNATURE represents the pinnacle of design, performance and usability in home appliances. LG SIGNATURE was developed under the full support of the company's vision through continuous efforts to understand the needs of the consumers who want the very best out of life.

LG SIGNATURE is all set to open up new opportunities for the luxury segment of the electronics industry that caters to the premium consumers of the region.

Commenting on LG Electronics plans for a stronger foothold in the premium market segment, Kevin Cha, President, LG Electronics, Middle East & Africa, said, "With strong ambitions for the region, GCC has always been active in taking a prominent role on the world stage. The resilient dynamics of the region are all set to accentuate the luxury goods seqment and the region has all the attributes to be well-known for not only luxury consumption but also luxury creation. With the GCC consumers being not only passionate about luxury but also being demanding and assertive, our latest LG



SIGNATURE products is created with a striking design that is practical and visually appealing to communicate elite status while opening the doors to a new era in home appliance and home entertainment segment."

The LG SIGNATURE products exemplify LG's commitment to creating stylish, sophisticated products that seamlessly blend in to any setting while performing at the highest levels. LG's innovative designs and products have always raised the bar across the appliances industry by seamlessly combining the latest in efficiency-boosting technology with stylish elements that create a positive first impression. With a stylish touch that allows the collection to blend seamlessly into any environment, this premium collection signals a shift in the role of technology in everyday life. Conceptualized to exude a sense of elegance and sophistication, the LG SIGNA-TURE products were not just designed with the most exquisite materials that are aesthetically beautiful to touch and feel, but engineered with the most advanced technological systems that heighten performance whilst enhancing overall experience.

Within the GCC, studies have shown that consumers are using luxury as a

way to express themselves, they are searching for unique pieces in the range of well-known brands and they are more receptive towards less known designs.

LG SIGNATURE products highlights the true extent of LG's innovation leadership and the company's passion for consumer-centric insights that drive the evolution of life. Leading experts have carefully created the exquisite products by undergoing a strict in-depth evaluation process to make every product feel like an extension of every individual in order to help them create some exceptional experiences.

"The rise in demand for luxury goods is a standard that LG can foresee across the region," added Mr Cha. "It is the right time to invest in a new category for home entertainment and home appliances especially since more and more people within the GCC are beginning to adapt and embrace newer technology for productivity, efficiency and premium lifestyle." The official launch of the LG SIGNATURE products will take place on 22 August 2017 and the products will be available for purchase at the LG brand store and leading electronics and home appliance dealers across the GCC.



VERTOU: This file photo taken on December 28, 2016 shows logos of US online social media and social networking service Facebook in Vertou, western France. — AFP

FACEBOOK SAMPLES CHINA'S POTENTIAL WITH SNEAKY APP

SHANGHAI: Facebook's sneaky launch of a pho- the China market. It may not be effective, but it mation service and software development. to-sharing app in China, where its social network is certainly a nice try," said Zhang Yi, head of

Shortly after the company was registered, Facebook's China representative Wang-Li Moser had a meeting with Shanghai's commerce commission director Shang Yuying in May to talk about setting up a Facebook subsidiary in the city, according to the commission's website.

LGV30 TO ELEVATE SMARTPHONE CAMERA TO NEW HEIGHTS

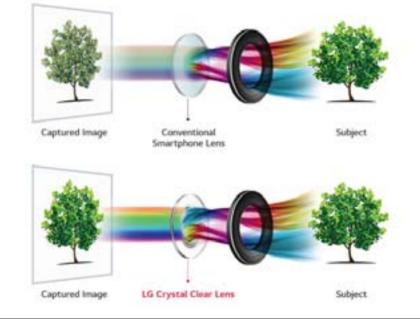
DUBAI: LG Electronics (LG) will incorporate an F1.6 aperture camera and glass lens in the dual camera of its upcoming V30 flagship smartphone, introducing industry-leading innovations that bring a new level of photographic innovation to the mobile industry.

Excellence in smartphone cameras has long been a core competency of LG's mobile devices and the dual camera module in the upcoming LG V30will include the world's largest aperture and clearest lens ever to be featured in a smartphone. LG's first F1.6 lens is also the largest aperture among existing smartphone cameras, delivering 25 percent more light to the sensor compared to an F1.8 lens. The glass Crystal Clear Lens also delivers greater light-collecting ability than a plastic lens as well as better color reproduction. This makes the V30 particularly well suited for photography and videography.

"LG boasts an unrivaled heritage in smartphone photography and our decision to adopt glass in the V30 camera is specifically because this has traditionally been the realm of DSLRs," said Juno Cho, president of LG Electronics Mobile Communications Company. "For the users for whom the V series was designed, this kind of innovation is significant."

In all areas, the camera in the LG V30 is superior to the camera of its predecessor, let alone other smartphones. The camera in the V30cutsedge distortion by a third compared to the V20 when capturing wide angle shots, making it ideal for group wefies, spacious interiors and expansive landscapes.

Even with all these improvements, the rear camera module of the LG V30 still manages to remain svelte, 30 percent smaller in size compared to theV20.Paired with LG's specialized UX featuring laser detection AF, optical image stabilization and electronic image stabilization, shutterbugs will find the V30 as easy and convenient to use as its predecessor.



is banned, gives it a small taste of the massive market's potential, but it may have to settle for just that for now.

The US tech giant acknowledged last week that it was behind the Colorful Balloons application, which is similar to its Moments app but omits any mention of Facebook's brand name.

Facebook has strived to breach the "Great Firewall" — which tightly controls China's internet content — ever since its flagship social media platform was banned by Beijing in 2009.

Facebook chief executive and co-founder Mark Zuckerberg has made high-profile visits to China and met with political leaders. He is even studying Mandarin.

"We have long said that we are interested in China, and are spending time understanding and learning more about the country in different ways," a Facebook representative said last week after the app's origin was revealed by The New York Times. But analysts voiced doubts that Facebook will fully enter the Chinese market any time soon, and the app has had a humble beginning since it emerged in May.

According to San Francisco firm App Annie, Colorful Balloons ranked 46th in the photo and video category for iPhone apps in China and a lowly 758th among all apps.

mobile-internet consultancy iiMedia Research Group. "But it will be difficult for Facebook to enter the Chinese market as a whole because it is unlikely China will change its policies and laws any time soon."

The app has icons and features similar to Facebook's Moments application. Chinese users must register with a local mobile number and the app will sort through the images stored on their phones based on dates.

The app is not linked to Facebook accounts, so users can't post pictures to their Facebook pages or view content from Facebook through the app. "If the app can't cross the Firewall and (can) only be used in China, what's the use of it," one person commented on China's Twitter-like Weibo social media network.

Shanghai subsidiary talk

Colorful Balloons was released in May by a company called Youge, according to Apple's App Store and one of the Android app stores.

A company named Youge Linking Internet Technology was registered in Beijing in March, with a capital of one million yuan (\$150,000), according to the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System.

While the app is not mentioned in the system "Facebook threw a curve ball in getting inside it says the firm's business covers internet infor-

Facebook is among the several global internet giants that are blocked in China, whose security services closely monitor the web for sensitive content within the Great Firewall.

The government has implemented new cybersecurity measures this year to further police the internet.

Too big to pass up

"China is not banning Facebook the company. Only its social networking platform is not allowed," said Fu Liang, an independent technology analyst based in Beijing.

"As long as this app does not go where it shouldn't and stays as an innocent photo sharing app, China's regulators won't give it a hard time," said Fu. Zhang Yi of iiMedia said Facebook could afford to try out an app that is limited to China's huge market and not available elsewhere in the world. "China is too big a market for Facebook to pass up," Zhang said. "And I think it is worth it to put down some chips in the game now, as long as it does not affect the operation of the parent company itself." — AFP

AI: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU? MORE THAN JUST A VOICE ASSISTANT

DUBAI: Technology has taken great strides over the last ten years. One of its most notable innovations is artificial intelligence - the ability for computer systems and machines to perform tasks normally requiring human intelligence. The invention of AI has provided us the potential to extend our capabilities, empowering us all to achieve more.

The concept of Al is not new. Over the past few years, different tech companies have introduced their own forms of proprietary AI tools. Chinese tech giant, Huawei, is rumored to be next on the list to introduce its own AI technology. Richard Yu, Huawei Consumer Business Group CEO, is expected to reveal the AI based assistant of Huawei during his keynote speech at IFA, taking place in Berlin in September this year. But, will Huawei be just another smartphone manufacturer to include AI based voiced assistants to its devices?

Recent teasers imply that the company is working on taking a major step forward in the realm of AI, going beyond just being a voice assistant. According to the brand, it wants to focus on what AI means to people -"what it does, where it lives and how it enhances your life."Speculation is rife that Huawei will soon be introducing a Huawei Al Chip, with reports indicating that this announcement could be made alongside the launch of the company's all-new processor, the Kirin 970. Could this be the beginning of a move from the information revolution to the intelligence revolution?

As a leading technology company, Huawei is also one of the top spending companies in research and development capabilities, investing a significant amount of its annual sales revenue to research and development efforts, and has established 16 research centers around the world.In 2016, Huawei continued to invest in the future, with the company's annual spending on research and development reaching CNY76.4 billion (US\$11 billion).

Huawei recently announced its 2017 first half year business results, reporting strong growth with sales revenues for the first six months of 2017 increasing by 36.2% year-onyear to CNY105.4 billion. According to industry analysts IDC, Huawei's market share rose to 9.8 percent of the global smartphone market in Q1 2017, a growth contributed to in



large part by its consumer electronics division. The introduction of an AI Chip could help boost the company's promising performance in the coming years. Whether or not AI is

just a voice assistant remains to be seen. All eyes are on Huawei as the company gears up for its expected announcement at IFA, driving the new 'smart era' forward.

SETTING YOUR DATA CENTER **MIGRATION STRATEGY**

DUBAI: Change, even one for the better, comes with risk. Migrating to a Colocation Data Center - or any new Data Center- should be accompanied by careful supervision and a well devised and executed strategy. Data and IT functionality are a critical element of any modern enterprise. While adopting a new Data Center strategy holds the promise of efficiency and leaner ongoing costs, the transition can also result in negative disruptive outcomes - if it is enacted badly.

Migrating a Data Center can be a formidable task at the best of times. While its advantages may be readily apparent as a strategy, the transition itself needs to be conducted with due process and proper planning. Data Centers, especially ones that are optimized to the requirements of the business they serve. are a central pillar of functional efficiency. However, most legacy Data Centers are suboptimal in one way or another. The fact of the matter is that, as the role of Data driven business processes evolves rapidly, most legacy Data Centers are found wanting in either capacity, computational power or other limitations on throughput.

Elements of best practices in data center migration

A task as complex and multifaceted, as Data Center migration, requires a comprehensive and detailed plan for successful execution. A rollout of any new IT technology or approach is fraught with unexpected outcomes. As a rule, IT professionals expect some unforeseen elements to any such change. This is especially true for a restructuring as fundamental as a Data Center migration. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that a good transition plan is devised and adhered to. Some essential elements and best practices, that can help mitigate the possible downside to Data Center migration, are:

 Inventory of resources and analysis of existing system: It is important that the legacy system being replaced is thoroughly assessed and tabulated. Several layers of



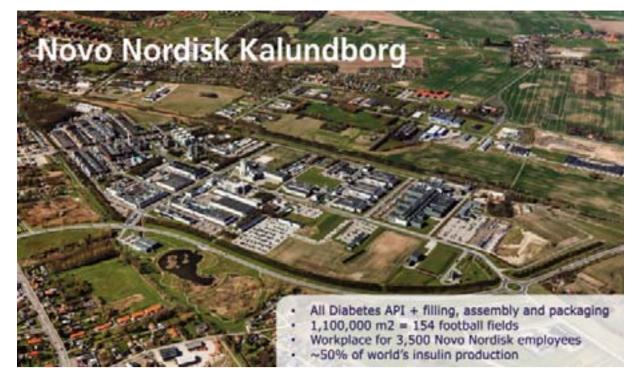
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technology - both hardware and software are likely to be components in an existing system. Their interplay and codependence is a complex system that should be understood and accounted for prior to any migration.

• Creating a Strategy for the Migration: Different enterprises have different functional priorities. A careful and detailed strategy not only reduces the chance of a nasty surprise, it also helps to identify the basic elements that the new system needs to address as a priority, so that the least amount of disruption is experienced and the migration can be measured against expectations on an ongoing basis.

• Identify risks and have a risk management plan: Nearly any modern-day IT infrastructure is complex. Identifying likely sources of risk and making sure to create strategies to minimize and mitigate them is essential to any Data Center Migration. While it is likely to prove very difficult to identify every vulnerability, the process of listing likely risks does help in focusing the migration strategy.





The recent development of Site Kalundborg



NOVO NORDISK PROVIDES GENUINE, QUALITY PRODUCTS

By Abdellatif Sharaa

KUWAIT: I was privileged to visit a dedicated pharmaceuticals company that plays a vital role in the society as it provides genuine and quality products. Novo Nordisk came into existence about 90 years ago. The idea came out of the love a husband has for his beloved wife as he sought ways to make - and administer insulin so that his wife would live a normal life.

Novo Nordisk has become a global healthcare company that has been focusing on innovation and leadership in diabetes care. The President & CEO Lars Fruergaard Jorgensen said "the heritage has given us experience and capabilities that also enable us to help people defeat other serious chronic conditions: such as haemophilia, growth disorders and obesity. Novo Nordisk products are marketed in 165 countries. The company has research and development centers in China, Denmark, UK and US.

Novo Nordisk employs over 42,000

staff, and supplies half of the world's insulin. Over 28,000,000 individuals use Novo products. Along with other colleagues, we toured the Novo Nordisk facilities in Kalundborg, Denmark. Besides being a leading research and innovative company, Novo Nordisk is environmentally responsible as it gears towards renewable energy. Officials there are working on "ensuring that one company's waste is another company's raw material."

Diabetes, which affects more than 415 million people around the world today, is expected to hit 642 million by 2040. It is estimated that 86,000 children develop Type 1 diabetes every year, while 90% of people with diabetes have Type 2. It is noted that 70% of Type 2 diabetes cases can be prevented by adopting healthier lifestyles.

"The idea behind (Saxenda) came after the introduction of Victoza. When clinical studies were being made on Victoza prior to launching it, we realized a big side effect which is weight loss. This was

something strange at the time because our experience was with insulin which creates weight gain. So almost every drug at the time which reduces HbAIC ought to increase weight", Executive Vice President, International Operations Maziar Mike Doustdar explained.

"Victoza acted otherwise - and actually to the level where we went into the notion that this would be a good drug for even non-diabetic patients. Many people were prescribing if off label, so it was necessary to create the right dose for obese people. Sexenda will most likely be launched next year, and it is something we've been waiting for a long time. I see the whole Gulf region as a huge potential," he added.

Doustdar said that one does not need to ask a research company to carry out a market research on obesity. "There are many people who are suffering from obesity, and if you can support them early enough, hopefully the progression of Type 2 diabetes will be reduced, which is our ultimate goal. We know that obesity has to do (besides some genetics) with some simple calculation of caloric intake and output, and if the intake is more than the output, then one becomes obese," he said. He said that Novo Nordisk has a product called Semaglutide, which is taken once (weekly). It is a glucagon-like peptide -1 (GLP-1) that is used in the treatment of type 2 diabetes. For now, it is in an injectable form.

Responding to a question about diabetes awareness program - in Kuwait, he said that there are 15 health personnel in Kuwait. He said that there are 400,000 patients with diabetes according to IDF; 300,000 of them are diagnosed which means that the awareness and the diagnostics are more advanced now. That is really good, but in terms of those 400,000, there are only 50,000 who are living a normal life. "We need to put more emphasis on making sure they have the best medicine, and I am very happy with Trisba, which was recently launched," he added.





Novo Nordisk commitment to the environment

100% renewable power at production sites in 2020



Renewable energy initiatives in Denmark

- Wind power
- Bio-natural gas
- Biomass for steam (expected 2019)

Work across the value chain to cut CO2 emissions - Suppliers

- Increase energy efficiency and renewable energy in production
- Reduce air transport in distribution of our products







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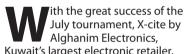


ELITE KUWAIT COMPANY BECOMES EXCLUSIVE AGENT TO MAD WAVE

he Elite Kuwait Company is now the exclusive agent of the Russian Company Mad Wave Ltd products, which was established in 2003. Mad Wave Ltd is one of the major pioneering companies in the file of swimming accessories. Elite Kuwait CEO Mushari Rzougi said Mad Wave will also be the official sponsor of Elite Swim Team Kuwait.



X-CITE GATHERS KUWAIT'S GAMERS **IN FAMED TEKKEN 7 TOURNAMENT**



The Tournament comes as part of X-cite's commitment to engage with customers and create bonds in common activities and hobbies. With

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JUMEIRAH MESSILAH BEACH HOTEL & SPA APPOINTS NEW GM

umeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa, Kuwait's idyllic resort, has announced the appointment of Savino Leone as the hotel's new General Manager. Savino Leone, a French national, joins the Jumeirah Group after his position as General Manager of InterContinental Osaka, in Japan. Prior to this, he worked as the General Manager of Crowne Plaza Doha - The Business Park, Qatar, for four years where he led the pre-opening team.

With a focus on exceeding guest expectations and instilling a Culture of Service Excellence, Leone's expertise of over 20 years in the luxury hospitality spans Asia, Europe, Middle East, and Africa. Leone held the role of several senior management positions in InterContinental properties, such as Resident Manager of InterContinental Doha, Executive Assistant of Food &

Beverage in Cairo, as well Food & Beverage Manager in London and Assistant Food & Beverage Manager in Dubai. His passion for local knowledge and different cultures has helped him achieve recognition for supporting diversity and his empowering approach to leading, educating, inspiring, and engaging his team.

In his new role, Leone, who speaks fluent French, English, and Italian, will be responsible for running the Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa which offers 316 rooms & suites, 79 residential suites, Royal Suite, 12 private luxurious villas, Talise Spa, and 7 unique restaurants. The luxury resort is situated in the secluded area of Messilah along the shores of the Arabian Gulf, with easy access to Kuwait's Central Business District, airport, and major attractions.



IHG ACHIEVES '2017 AON GLOBAL **BEST EMPLOYER' ACCREDITATION**

HG (InterContinental Hotels Group), one of the world's leading hotel companies, has announced its "Aon Global Best Employer" accreditation by Aon Hewitt. The acclaimed accolade comes in the company's first year of participation in the global survey and is complemented by country-level accreditation in 46 out of the 64

countries assessed by the professional services firm, representing 97 percent of its workforce. The accreditation is part of the "Aon Best

Employers" program which evaluates an employer's effectiveness in creating a workand loyalty of our people and being named "Aon Global Best Employer" in the industry is a huge testament to that. Achieving the "Aon Best Employer" status in so many counties in which we operate in our first year of participation is also a great achievement and we will continue to invest in

our people and towards building a great workplace culture across both our corporate offices and our hotels."

IHG places strong emphasis on growing, developing, and retaining its people by creating an inclusive culture where people are

These include the IHG Future Leaders pro-

development of individuals with potential to

prepares to host the August edition of its monthly Gaming Tournament, where gamers compete for a chance to win prizes worth \$15,000.

The first Tekken 7 Tournament was held on July 20 and 21, and received great turnout from gamers and supporters, gathering 128 participants and over 400 supporters. Winners' prizes included the 225-gram solid gold PS4, PS4 20th Anniversary Limited Edition, the PS4 Gold and Silver Limited Edition. Spectators also received prizes, consisting of PS4 games like Horizon: Zero Dawn, Uncharted Collection, Call of Duty: Infinite Warfare and Steep.

Tekken 7gaining worldwide popularity and bringing gamers together, Xcite has created a fun and safe environment to hold these tournaments in Kuwait and allow local gamers to play, network and leave with great memories. Gamers can visit X-cite's Instagram account @XciteAlghanim to register for upcoming tournaments every month.

To stay updated on the latest events, product launches, monthly promotions and offers, customers are invited to subscribe to the daily newsletter on xcite.com, follow Xcite's social media channels on Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat,

19showrooms spread across Kuwait, while it also offers the comfort of shopping from home with X-cite's free-to-download app as well as the brand's official website www.xcite.com. Customers can also enjoy many of X-cite's convenient services including Easy Credit, shopping at any of X-cite's select stores that are open 24/7, extended and accidental warranty programs; in addition to the free delivery and installation services. X-cite also provides its customers with a full-fledged service center that operates six days a week, and a professional field technician team.

place environment that engages and enables its people to deliver competitive advantage. Assessment is done from survey data collected directly from colleagues based on four indices: Engagement, Leadership, Performance Culture and Employer Brand. IHG participated in the global survey for the first time this year, contributing more than 126,000 responses from colleagues around the world. The survey results were then benchmarked amongst the industry by Aon Hewitt to determine whether it qualifies for the "Aon Best Employer" accreditation.

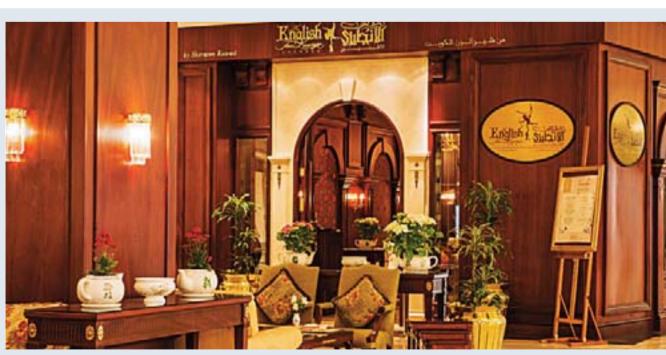
Deborah Woollard, Vice President, Human Resources, Asia, Middle East and Africa, IHG, said: "At IHG we always say our brands represent our promises to our quests, but it is our people who deliver on those promises. And we are absolutely committed to helping our colleagues grow into their full potential. It is this commitment that has earned us the trust



Deborah Woollard

be a General Manager of a Holiday Inn Express hotel within 18 months. Amongst the 46 countries IHG achieved countrylevel accreditation in, more than half sit in the company's Asia, Middle East and Africa region. In the Middle East, IHG was named "Best Employer" in 8 countries including Kuwait, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon.





INDIGENOUS ATMOSPHERE AT SHERATON **RESTAURANTS IN THE AVENUES**

C ince its inception in 1966; the Sheraton Kuwait, a Luxury Collection Hotel has been offering everything innovative and seeks to satisfy the desires of all guests with their different tastes by providing the highest standards of service and culinary experience for its trustworthy people of Kuwait.

Since the opening of the Sheraton Kuwait restaurants at the famous Avenues mall and being the distinctive location that gives the atmosphere of joy to spend the most beautiful times, the culinary team provide distinguished services starting from Al-Hambra restaurant which offers a new concept through the various dishes of the Kuwaiti -Middle Eastern cuisine inspired by the

heritage of Al-Hambra Palace in Spain and a tribute to the generosity of Kuwait and the taste of its people. Le Tarbouche Restaurant, with its originality and traditional title, provides the spirit of Lebanese cuisine through the tastiest cold Mezza, Hot Mezzaanda variety of delicious grills.

For the Indian food fans, our visitors can enjoy Bukhara Restaurant, with its charming designs and typical condiments. The Persian restaurant Shahrayar provides you the utmost experience of traditional Iranian cuisine with the famous Iranian mix grills. For more tranquility, the English Tea Lounge is the ideal place beside many luxurious brands which provided instinctive English Tea and scones.



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01:00 Command Decisions

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15:00 Ancient Aliens

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10:00 Hangar 1: The UFO Files

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ACTION 01:25 Compadres 03:25 Twister 05:25 Star Wars: The Force Awakens 07:45 Survivor 09:25 Harlock: Space Pirate 11:20 Road Wars 12:55 Twister 14:50 Survivor 16:30 Grosse Pointe Blank 18:20 The Man From U.N.C.L.E. 20:20 Judge Dredd 22:00 Hardcore Henry 23:40 Sanitarium

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00:00 WWE 205 Live

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01:00 FIA World Rallycross

03:00 Live WWE Smackdown

06:00 FIA World Rallycross

05:00 Red Bull Air Race Highlights

08:00 WWE Raw 10:30 Snowboarding - Skiing China 11:00 Formula-E Championship

12:00 Formula-E Championship

Highlights 13:00 WWE Main Event

14:00 Arena Esports 14:30 X Games Xtraordinary

15:00 WWE Smackdown 16:30 Snowboarding - Skiing China

17:00 WWE Vintage 18:00 Formula-E Championship

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Bikinis & Boardwalks

03:00 Top Secret Swimming Holes

00:00 Xtreme Waterparks

00:30 Xtreme Waterparks

02:00 Top Secret Beaches

04:00 Xtreme Waterparks

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00:30 UFC Top 10 01:00 Idemitsu Asia Talent Cup 03:00 FIA World Touring Car Championship Highlights 03:30 FIA World Touring Car

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00:30 Vanity Fair Confidential 01:20 Jonben?t: An American Murder Mystery 02:10 Your Worst Nightmare 03:00 Evil Lives Here 03:48 Deadly Affairs 04:36 Deadly Affairs 07:00 Nowhere To Hide 10:20 The Locator 10:45 The Locator 11:10 Missing In Maui: A **Disappeared** Special 12:00 Deadly Affairs 15:20 The Locator 15:45 The Locator Women In Prison 16:10 17:00 Betrayed 20:20 Deadline: Crime With Tamron Hall 21:10 Evil Online 22:00 Evil Online Murder Comes To Town 22:50 23:40 Your Worst Nightmare



00:00 Hank Zipzer 00:25 Alex & Co. 00:45 The Hive 00:50 Evermoor Chronicles 01:15 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch 02:05 Binny And The Ghost 02:55 Hank Zipzer 03:15 The Hive 03:20 Hank Zipzer 03:45 Alex & Ċo. 04:35 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch 05:25 Binny And The Ghost 05:45 The Hive 05:50 The 7D 06:00 Jessie 06:25 Jessie 06:50 Tsum Tsum Shorts 06:55 Lolirock 07:20 Elena Of Avalor 07:45 Bunk'd 08:10 Stuck In The Middle 08:35 Bizaardvark 09:00 Austin & Ally 09:50 Good Luck Charlie 10:15 Good Luck Charlie 10:40 Alex & Co. 11:05 Lolirock 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

Racers 19:05 Sofia The First 19:35 Sheriff Callie's Wild West 20:05 The Lion Guard 20:35 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse 21:00 Goldie & Bear 21:25 Doc McStuffins 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



00:20 Wheeler Dealers 00:00 Don't Tell The Bride Kings Of The Wild 01:00 Emmerdale Treasure Quest: Snake 01:30 Coronation Street 02:00 Coronation Street Legend Of Croc Gold 02:30 Masterpiece With Alan 03:20 Fast N' Loud Titchmarsh Running Wild With Bear 03:25 Martin Clunes & A Lion Grylls 04:50 Gold Rush Called Mugie 04:20 Doc Martin How Do They Do It? 05:15 Couples Come Dine With Me 06:00 Deadliest Catch 06:05 Don't Tell The Bride 06:45 Wheeler Dealers 07:05 Masterpiece With Alan 07:30 Fast N' Loud Titchmarsh 08:15 Running Wild With Bear 08:00 Martin Clunes & A Lion Called Mugie 09:00 Storage Hunters 09:25 How Do They Do It? 09:00 Doc Martin 10:00 Couples Come Dine With Me Kings Of The Wild Don't Tell The Bride 10:50 10:55 Treasure Quest: Snake 11:50 Masterpiece With Alan Titchmarsh 11:40 Legend Of Croc Gold 12:45 Emmerdale 12:25 How Do They Do It? 13:15 Emmerdale Storage Hunters 13:45 Coronation Street 13:10 Gold Rush 14:10 Don't Tell The Bride 13:55 Running Wild With Bear 15:10 Masterpiece With Alan Titchmarsh 14:40 Deadliest Catch 16:00 This Is England '90 15:25 Fast N' Loud 17:20 Catchphrase Wheeler Dealers Couples Come Dine With Me 17:50 17:00 How Do They Do It? 18:45 Emmerdale 17:50 Storage Hunters 19:15 Emmerdale 18:50 Running Wild With Bear 19:45 Coronation Street 20:10 Masterpiece With Alan How Do They Do It? Titchmarsh 21:00 Blowing Up History 21:00 This Is England '90 21:50 Strip The City 22:40 Made By Destruction 22:20 Catchphrase 22:50 Emmerdal 23:05 Made By Destruction 23:30 Fast N' Loud



06:00 Milo Murphy's Law 06:25 Supa Strikas 06:50 Mech-X4 02:50 Ancient Aliens 03:40 Hangar 1: The UFO Files 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 09:00 Star vs The Forces Of Evil Supa Strikas 08:00 Missing In Alaska 09:50 Supa Strikas 10:20 Kickin' It 10:45 Kickin' It 11:10 Mighty Med 11:35 Mighty Med 12:00 Lab Rats: Bionic Island 12:30 Lab Rats: Bionic Island K.C. Undercover 12:55 13:20 K.C. Undercover 13:45 Gamer's Guide To Pretty Much Everything 14:10 Disney Mickey Mouse

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21:00 Places We Go NATIONAL



00:10 Alaska Fish Wars 01:00 Wicked Tuna 02:00 Air Crash Investigation 03:00 Explorer 04:00 Alaska Fish Wars 05:00 Remote Survival 06:00 Terror In The Skies 07:00 Dog Whisperer 08:00 Dog Whisperer 09:00 Remote Survival 10:00 Surgery Ship 11:00 Diana: In Her Own Words 13:00 Terror In The Skies 14:00 Dog Whisperer 15:00 Dog Whisperer 16:00 Surgery Ship17:00 Fidel Castro: The Lost Tapes 18:00 Challenger Disaster: Lost Tapes 19:00 Nazi Megastructures 20:00 Surgery Ship20:50 Fidel Castro: The Lost Tapes 21:40 Challenger Disaster: Lost Tapes 22:30 Nazi Megastructures 23:20 Dog Whisperer



00:20 Dark Side Of Crocs 01:10 Monster Fish 02:00 Amazonia's Giant Jaws 02:50 Monster Fish 03:45 Shark vs Predator 04:40 Natural Born Monsters 05:35 Amazonia's Giant Jaws 06:30 Monster Fish 07:25 Shark vs Predato 08:20 Natural Born Monsters 09:15 Cougar V. Wolf 10:10 Tiger Man 11:05 Shark vs Predator 12:00 Salmon Wars 12:55 Crocs Of Katuma 13:50 Monster Fish 14:45 The Invaders 15:40 Natural Born Monsters 16:35 Blood Rivals: Hippo V. Lion 17:30 World's Deadliest Animals 18:25 Wild Colombia 19:20 The Invaders 20:10 Natural Born Monsters 21:00 Blood Rivals: Hippo V. Lion 21:50 World's Deadliest Animals 22:40 Wild Colombia

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04:30 Hope Springs Sister Act 2: Back In The 08:00 Cops And Robbersons 09:35 Hope Springs 11:10 Sister Act 2: Back In The 13:00 Junior 14:55 Clifford 16:30 Oscar 18:25 The Butcher's Wife 20:15 Big Momma's House 2 22:00 Get Hard 23:45 Drunk Wedding

MOVIES

FESTIVAL

01:15 Goodfellas 03:45 Young Ones 05:35 No God No Master 07:15 Healing 09:20 Still Alice 11:05 5 Flights Up 12:45 No God No Master 14:25 Chariots Of Fire 16:35 Brooklyn 18:30 Hard Eight 20:20 Spotlight 22:30 The Informant

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00:35 Song Of The Sea 06:20 Memory Loss 03:40 Egon And Donci 05:05 Cher Ami On Patrol 06:35 Pooh's Heffalump Halloween 07:45 The Heart Of The Oak 09:20 09:05 We're Back! A Dinosaur's Micropolis Song Of The Sea 10:35 13:35 Memory Loss Operation Arctic 11:50 16:35 We're Back! A Dinosaur's 17:50 Ethel & Ernest On Patrol 19:30 Mamma Moo And Crow 20:55 Operation Arctic The Heart Of The Oak 23:50 Micropolis ON MOVIES CD 16:30 00:25 Black Snake Moan 02:25 Rise Of The Planet Of The 17:45 04:10 Win A Date With Tad Hamilton! 05:50 Last Action Hero 18:59 08:00 Rocky III 09:40 The Invention Of Lving 20:11 Reign Over Me 15:55 The Blind Side Noah 18:05 Air Force One 22:15 He Got Game



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05:00 Xtreme Waterparks 05:30 Xtreme Waterparks 06:00 Mysteries At The Museum 07:00 House Hunters International 08:30 Boat Buyers 09:00 Life's A Beach 09:30 Island Secrets 10:00 Hotel Impossible 11:00 Flippin' RVs 12:00 Guiding Alaska 15:00 The Treehouse Guys 16:00 Lake Life 16:30 Lake Life 17:00 The Vanilla Ice Project 17:30 The Vanilla Ice Project 18:00 Guiding Alaska Guiding Alaska 18:30 19:00 Hotel Impossible 20:00 Texas Flip And Move 21:00 Mysteries At The Museum 22:00 Expedition Unknown



23:00 Booze Traveler

00:05 David Spade: My Fake Problems 00:55 South Park 01:20 South Park 01:45 Another Period 02:10 Tosh.0 02:35 Tosh.0 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 Catch A Contractor Framework 07:15 Disorderly Conduct: Video 08:05 Disaster Date 08:30 Disaster Date 08:55 Ridiculousness Key And Peele 09:45 Lip Sync Battle 10:10 Ridiculousness Disaster Date 11:00 Urban Tarzan 11:25 Tattoo Disasters Lip Sync Battle 12:15 Catch A Contractor 13:05 Disorderly Conduct: Video 13:55 Sweat Inc. 14:45 Lip Sync Battle 15:10 Lip Sync Battle 15:35 Disaster Date 16:00 Ridiculousness Impractical Jokers 16:55 Lip Svnc Battle 17:20 Ridiculousness Ridiculousness Arabia 18:10 Key And Peele 18:35 Impractical Jokers Disaster Date 19:22 Ridiculousness Arabia 19:48 Ridiculousness Arabia Lip Sync Battle 20:33 Lip Sync Battle 21:00 The Daily Show With Trevor 21:30 Another Period 22:00 Broad Citv 22:25 Kroll Show 22:50 John Oliver's New York Stand Up Show 23:15 John Oliver's New York Stand Up Show 23:40 The Daily Show With Trevor

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01:30 PGA European Tour Highlights 02:00 Asian Tour Highlights 03:00 European Challenge Tour Highlights 04:00 Europro Tour 06:00 Asian Tour Highlights 07:00 Golfing World 08:00 Chronicles Of A Champion Golfe 08:30 Europro Tour Golfing World 10:30 11:30 Challenge Series Golf Highlights 12:00 European Challenge Tour **Highlights** 13:00 World Golf Championships Highlights 14:00 Golfing World 15:00 European Challenge Tour Highlights 16:00 Europro Tour 18:00 Golfing World 19:00 Inside The PGA Tour 19:30 Chronicles Of A Champion Golfei 20:00 PGA European Tour Highlights 20:30 This Is PGA Tour Latinoamerica 21:00 Golfing World 22:00 Challenge Series Golf Highlights 22:30 Inside The PGA Tour 23:00 European Challenge Tour Hiahliahts

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00:00 The Rugby Championship Highlights 01:30 World Rugby Special 02:30 AFL Premiership Highlights 03:00 HSBC World Rugby Sevens Highlights 03:30 HSBC World Rugby Sevens Highlights 04:00 NRL Premiership 06:00 Watersports World 07:00 Gillette World Sport 07:30 State Of Origin Highlights 09:00 Trans World Sport 10:00 Mitre 10 Premiership Final 10:30 The Rugby Championship Highlights 12:00 NRL Full Time 12:30 World Cup Of Gymnastics 16:00 The Rugby Championship Hiahliahts 17:30 World Rugby Special 18:30 Gillette World Sport 19:00 Trans World Sport 20:00 The Rugby Championship Highlights 20:30 The Rugby Championship Highlights



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1. Young of any of various canines such as a dog or wolf.

4. Something that interests you because it is important or affects you.

- 11. A member of an Algonquian people
- living in central Canada. 15. (Irish) Mother of the ancient Irish

gods. 16. The slender spear of the Bantu-speak-

ing people of Africa. 17. Characterized by lightness and insub-

stantiality.

18. A hidden storage space (for money or provisions or weapons).

20. Choose and follow.

21. An open jar of glass or porcelain used as an ornament or to hold flowers. 22. Any physiologically active internal secretion especially one of uncertain clas-

sification. 25. An informal term for a father. 27. United States swimmer who in 1926 became the first woman to swim the

English Channel (1903-). 35. A woman religious.

36. Constituting the full quantity or extent.

38. Any of various dark heavy viscid substances obtained as a residue. 39. French classical painter (1780-1867).

42. Bulky grayish-brown eagle with a short wedge-shaped white tail.

44. An appearance of reflected light. 47. A unit of atmospheric pressure equal

to one thousandth of a bar. 49. Typical geese.

50. A dull persistent (usually moderately intense) pain.

small straight horns.

made from aba cloth.

ated with the World Bank.

Central America.

states or sovereigns.

4. Of or like a cecum.

not contain steroids.

7. A can for storing tea.

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electric wiring.

to ammonia.

behind.

Ocean.

Althaea.

superiority to others. 9. Deeply moved.

per square meter measured perpendicular to the rays from the source.

11. A warning against certain acts.

13. Any of several related languages of

the Celts in Ireland and Scotland.

14. Opinion or judgment.

19. A blind god.

23. United States playwright (1906-1963). 24. Any culture medium that uses agar as the gelling agent.

26. A radioactive element of the actinide series.

28. Small common sandpiper that breeds in northern or arctic regions and winters in southern United States or

Mediterranean regions. 29. Socialist who wrote The Communist

Manifesto with Karl Marx in 1848 (1820-1895).

30. An account describing incidents or events.

31. The inner and longer of the two bones of the human forearm.

32. A soft cotton or worsted fabric with an open mesh.

33. A public building for gambling and entertainment.

34. Nicaraguan statesman (born in 1945). 37. Type genus of the Tetraonidae.

40. English courtier (a favorite of Elizabeth I) who tried to colonize Virginia. 41. An independent ruler or chieftain **STAR TRACK**

Aries (March 21-April 19)

You have great internal strength and tend to be independent, preferring to lean on yourself more than on others. You may find opportunities to be self-motivating-certainly no dependency here. This afternoon you may decide to sign up to work in a trade-day activity or a festival of sorts for this next weekend. You look forward to earning a little extra money. Any activity that pulls in a little extra cash will also create an opportunity for you to show off your talents so also consider displaying your own talents. Family matters are enjoyed most of the late afternoon. Being more involved with family now may involve some picture taking, social get-togethers, etc. Communicating ideas, experiences and current affairs with loved ones is most important today.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You are very communicative-not just a little curious. You enjoy talking and writing skills. If you are in a job that calls for a creative expression, you can excel in your presentation. Working with another person speeds the work along to a completion this afternoon. At home you may become involved in much letter-writing or phone conversations with family members you do not get to see very often. You could be most persuasive with others and moving in speech and communication. Study, research and investigations of all kinds appeal to you as well. If you are not traveling now, you will be thinking about it soon. The best places to visit, names of bed and breakfast places and the popular restaurants are topics of conversation this evening.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You can be peaceful, calm and undisturbed regardless of what is going on around you. You are a genius at bringing out the best in others and this is something you take great pride in for today. Teaching, translating and conducting a tour or an orchestra are just a few of the things you could excel in today. An elderly couple or other people show their gratefulness to you for some help or advice you shared recently. Ideas-philosophy and religion-are what make your life stimulating. Travel opportunities may come to your attention this afternoon and you can make future plans with your mate or loved ones. Before you relax this evening, you spend some time caring for animals or children. Tonight is for relaxing with bubbles, music and your heart's desire

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

A talent of yours is required in the business place. There might be a convention in which your company is preparing to be represented or perhaps there is a new opening of a branch company. Whatever the case, it could be that you will play the piano or greet people or help in some other way. You might set aside some time to visit with a past friend that appears on the scene. The prospects for a spectacular day are promising. You help make the day a positive one for others. You manage to spend a lot of time in the spotlight. With family or friends this evening, there is talk of a vacation. There is a love of the sea and a great desire to take some time off for a while. Travel may be possible before the middle of next month. There is talk about the types of travel

Leo (July 23-August 22)

You could find yourself feeling rebellious and independent regarding your current situation. Some difficult employee may bring opposition to a group, or just strain relationships. There is the possibility of new visions or sudden insights into your ability to solve problems and others take your lead. Progress in the workplace is a miraculous thing this day as there are unusual circumstances. You naturally gravitate toward positions of power. Others see in you a great practical ability and will easily accept you as a leader. This could be a very political time for you. It certainly is a time in which you can accomplish much for the workplace or your community. A short story has a beginning this evening and you will be pleased with the ending.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

It's important to keep your perspective with a close relationship. Something you thought was resolved may, once again, come to your attention. Cool logic will help you communicate. Learn from past experiences and agree to disagree. This way, there is forward movement. You have the mental drive that is necessary for political assignments and may find yourself enjoying the tasks. Put your artistic talents to work improving your home this afternoon. Colorful accents will brighten the scene and the psyche. Consider an herb garden in a bright and sunny corner of a room. Consult those that share your space so that everyone is able to give some input. New ways of appreciating and loving may be possible now. A loved one shows off a new talent tonight

Libra (September 23-October 22)

Fate sends opportunity your way if you listen to your instincts and give your natural sense of curiosity a free rein. Travel and education can help uncover some of the answers that will give you the power or advantage you seek. Allow yourself these experiences. Mass communications can be financially rewarding in some way-think about advertising, broadcasting, publishing, etc. Something as simple as owning a computer and belonging to a network would be what puts you into a new and rewarding business. The way in which you respond to change and maintain your independence is a major focus now. A young person in your family wants more independence-give this person responsibilities and independence will come.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Mysterious or mystical information fires your imagination and you may find there could be more imagination than knowledge for now. Keep an open mind and learn all you can, but do not take everything you hear for gospel. You may take action today, when an issue dear to your heart comes to your attention. Your theories are good but facts will get you support for what you want to accomplish. Work on research and creating a plan that will develop some positive outcomes. Patience is a key word when it comes to dealing with people-timing is essential. You may be pleasantly surprised with a call or letter you receive this afternoon. Contacts with an old neighbor or friend bring about good memories from the past

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Situations and people you thought you could rely on might not be so solid today. These are the ways we learn about people. It is very important that you do not hold grudges and you learn from your experience with others. Look for the truth in all of your affairs. There is a feeling that things will work out in positive ways. You should be able to improve your security now. This is a time of independence when you may try new and different things. This is also a time during which you may be able to speed up your pace to reach your goals and acknowledge your life's purpose. You could receive unexpected help from someone older or from authority figures. Accept the good advice that somebody older gives you today-you won't go wrong.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Your physical vitality, psychological or spiritual goals are highly emphasized now. If there is something in your life that works against your progress-now is the time to weed through and eliminate or in some way divert or control the problem. This means an abundance of old clothes or too many animals or not enough time for a good night's rest, etc. This is not a favorable time for establishing new life directions, but is a good time for creating a healthy balance. Stay away from arguments and possible hard feelings at this time. After the workday is over consider inviting a friend or loved one to enjoy a movie with you. You are a master of applied psychology and will be able to apply a subtle influence on a young person in your family tonight.



The idea of how you want your day to go and the plans of those around you may be in conflict with others today. With communication, compromise and the willingness to share, today can turn out to be one of your best family or friendship days. The people or person you live with may agree to share or trade some book, equipment or chore with you today. Your eagerness to work or play with others and to be helpful will create some bonds that will last forever. This is an important time to be patient and tread lightly when it comes to indulgence and overextending yourself. Whether your relationships at this time are partnerships, work and social or personal, they are very important and can have a very strong influence on your career and private life.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Although work is accomplished with little or no problems, there is a feeling of low energy. This will pass but you can use the afternoon as an opportunity to clear away some unfinished business. Those old books you would like to read again may better serve you as a gift to the library. Keep your favorites, but make room for the new books that will be coming into your life. You may want to dedicate one room of your living quarters as a library or hobby room. Now is the time to be creative-perhaps after you remove the old newspapers or magazines and as your energy returns you could create an indoor herb garden that will be relaxing as you read. Education in law and philosophy impacts your lifestyle now. You may find a way to work for the school.

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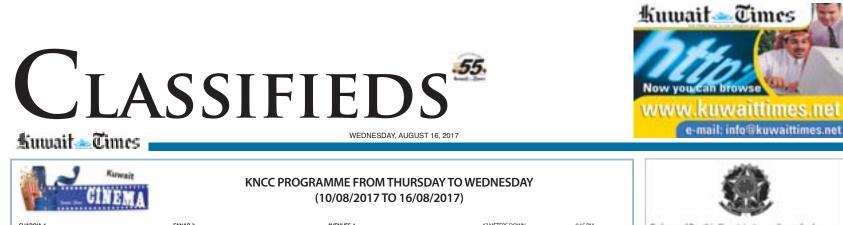
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Jolie and Pitt have delayed divorce

he couple - who split in September 2016 after two years of marriage and a decade of dating - were recently revealed to have put their separation on hold, but insiders insist they won't be getting back together, but are simply delaying the process while they sort out their assets. A source said: "A reunion is incredibly unlikely... "First and foremost, it's about money. They have so many properties and so many areas their pre-nup doesn't cover. "For instance, Brad wants to keep their estate in France and keep up their wine brand, while Ange wants to sell the property and use it all for charity. "Also, Brad has a collection of early 20th century furnishings that's worth about \$10 million, and Angelina wants that sold too. "The list goes on and on and the lawyers are in staltemate." Though it was previously reported Brad had got sober in a bid to "win back" the 'Maleficent' star, the 42-year-old actress only wants to see that he has quit alcohol so she can consider joint custody of their six children, Maddox, 16, Pax, 13, Zahara, 12, Shiloh, 11 and nine-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne. The source added

to heat magazine: "The other problem is custody arrangements. "Brad is still pushing for shared custody but Ange says she wants to see a year of sobriety before she will let that happen."Angelina recently admitted she's thankful the pair can remain civil for their kids' sake and insisted their home life wasn't "negative" at all. She said: "[Our lifestyle] was not in any way a negative. That is and will remain one of the wonderful opportunities we were able to give our children ... We're all just healing from the events that led to the filing ... They're not healing from divorce. They're healing from some ... from life, from things in life." In May, Brad admitted his drinking became "a problem", but he has now quit alcohol. He said: "I can't remember a day since I got out of college when I wasn't boozing or had a spliff, or something. Something. And you realise that a lot of it is, um-cigarettes, you know, pacifiers. And I'm running from feelings."





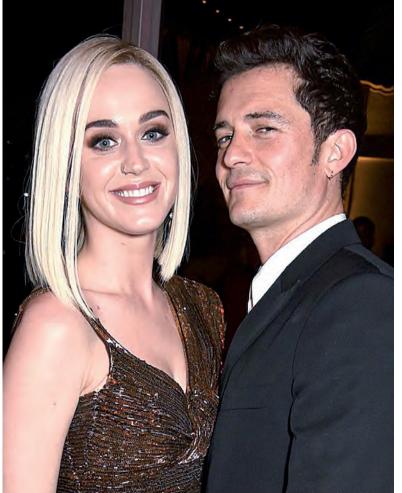
More 'confident as brand anbassador for l'Oreal

The 56-year-old actress has joined fellow movie icon Dame Helen Mirren as a representative for the cosmetics giant, and the star has admitted she feels honored to have partnered with the label above any other company because she likes everything the brand stands for. Speaking to Hello! magazine about her partnership, she said: "I genuinely feel confident with the brand because it represents people all over the world - every ethnicity, every culture, and every age. I love its aesthetic - it is attainable and inspirational and doesn't have to be complicated and mysterious. And I like that it has all of these [different] representations of beauty." And the red headed beauty has hinted she has a slight input in the products as

those working in the laboratories to create various skincare and make-up products are open to her hear suggestions,

PERRY AND BLOOM ARE BACK TOGETHER

he couple - who split in March after 10 months - have fuelled speculation they are an item again in the last few days after they were spotted kissing and cuddling at an Ed Sheeran show and riding the actor's motorcycle together, and insiders have insisted they are in a relationship after "really good talks". A source confirmed to E!: "They have never cut communication since they broke up. They just took a break because it was the best thing for them at that time, [but they] are seeing each other again. "Katy and Orlando want this to work this time, so they are working on mending their relationship. They've had some really good talks and have a better understanding on their needs. Time will tell at this point, but [things are] looking very positive. "When they went out in public, they were aware that people would start speculating that they were back on, and they are OK with that. "They love each other and never stopped." It was previously claimed the pair called time on their relationship because Orlando, 40 - who has son Flynn, six, with ex-wife Miranda Kerr - wasn't ready to settle down. A source said: "Katy and Orlando had a great time together. "It was a great healing process for Orlando following his divorce from Miranda. But Katy and Orlando discovered they were on different pages. "Katy wants children and to get married, while Orlando has been there and done that. "At 32, Katy doesn't want to waste any more time. It became a strain." Katy married comedian Russell Brand in 2010, but he filed for divorce in 2011.



although she is not the scientist. She explained: "The people who work at the labs work so hard and truly believe is what they are doing but they also welcome our suggestion and do listen to what all of the ambassadors have to say. That said, they are a huge company and we are spokemodels, not scientists." However, the 'Still Alice' star has admitted although she has appeared in campaigns she doesn't think she was not an ideal candidate to boast a successful career as a model because she is "too short".



Rihanna and **Bullock** 'bonded' over their love of hot dogs

he 'We Found Love' singer stars with the Oscar-winning actress in the upcoming heist movie 'Ocean's Eight' and they love nothing more than sitting down to a meaty treat together. Rihanna would like her fans to see pictures of her and her new pal enjoying a sizzling sausage because she wants to promote a healthy approach to food. She said: "On the set of 'Ocean's Eight', Sandra and I bonded over our love of hot dogs. "Those are the pictures that I want fans to see, of us stuffing our faces so they know it's OK to eat what you want." The 29-year-old singer was recently mocked on social media for gaining weight, and while Rihanna insists she doesn't care about the cruel comments, she worries about the message it sends to her impressionable fans. She told the new issue of Britain's Grazia magazine: "It's important young girls know that it's OK to eat they like and that's why body shaming makes me so angry."It doesn't really worry me personally, but I hate the message it sends. "It is absolutely OK to enjoy your food. I love fast food and you are never going to hear me apologize for that. "Burgers, fries, hot dogs, pizza, you name it. "I am not saying I eat it every day, but when I am on tour or filming, it's quick and easy and I know I am going to burn a good lot of it off."

NE-YO MAKES IMPROMPTU APPEARANCE ON STAGE



he 37-year-old star headed up to the main area of The Good Nite bar in North Hollywood on Sunday morning to collaborate with a supporter who was in the middle of a rendition of the singer's 2007 hit 'Because of You'. A video on gossip website TMZ shows Ne-Yo duet with the surprised fan, who can be seen dancing alongside the 'Miss Independent' hitmaker. Other Ne-Yo fans can be heard screaming and clapping in excitement as he comes from nowhere to take to the stage. The star was dressed casually in a baseball cap, top and a pair of trousers for the surprise performance as he sang lyrics including: "I can barely move, but I like it; So, then it's all because of you."Another thing Ne-Yo recently revealed he liked was Jennifer Lopez's Los Angeles house after the star spent some time at the 'Shades of Blue' star's home while filming NBC competition show 'World of Dance' alongside their fellow judge Derek Hough. He said: "[We] hung out a couple of times at J.Lo's home. It's insane. I'm telling you it's a compound. Here's the house; up this hill and around the corner, here's the dance studio. It's like J.Lo world behind the gate. "[It] was embarrassing. You look at J.Lo's house and it just makes your house look like, 'What am I doing with my life? Jeez.' It's impressive to say the least." Ne-Yo - who is married to 27-yearold Crystal Renay and has six-year-old daughter Madilyn and five-year-old son

Mason with his former partner Monyetta Shaw - recently heaped praised his wife, saying he can discuss "anything" with her. He said: "My wife Crystal. She's the one person on the planet I can talk to about anything and everything. She's the person I know will never judge me."

Henson urges women to eat with confidence

he 'Empire' star - who plays outspoken mother Loretha 'Cookie' Lyon in the US drama TV series - believes ladies need to stop spending so much time a day deciding what is best for them to eat and have fewer "feelings of guilt" about what they consume on a regular basis. The 46-year-old actress wrote on Instagram: "statistics have shown that it takes the average woman 61 mins per day to make smart food choices. That is 15 days that we waste our energy on deciding what's best for us to eat or have feelings of guilt about what we ate. Transfer the negative to positive and take the guess work out when on the go grab "Women we spend way too much time doubting our food choices!!! Shout out to @SpecialK for rallying women to eat with confidence and #OWNIT." It's not the first time Taraji has helped people with their lifestyle choices. Her fellow 'Empire' star Terrence Howard - who plays Cookie's ex, Lucious Lyon - admitted earlier this year that he lost 40lbs after the star was teasing him about his weight. He said: "Taraji was making so much fun of me at work about gaining weight. She was like, 'Do you really want to look like this the rest of your career?" The actor started running five miles every morning and went on a "no carbs, no salt, no sugar" diet.



TIERA SKOVBYE ENGAGED To longtime boyfriend

he 'Riverdale' actress - who plays Polly Cooper in the US teen drama took to her Instagram to show off a series of images with her fiance Jameson Parker, and admitted she was taken completely by surprised at his proposal. Tiera shared several pictures of the pair and revealed he popped the question in his childhood bedroom. She added the caption: "This weekend was something out of a dream. The love of my life surprised the crap out of me and asked me to marry him in his childhood bedroom (not planned, I'm really hard to surprise). We got to spend the rest of the weekend hanging out on the lake with both of our families and it was absolutely wonderful. I'm over the [moon emoji] happy (sic)" In one snap the 22-year-old actress can be holding up her engagement finger in the air during an embrace with Jameson, who is pointing his middle finger to the camera. Another more romantic shot sees the hunk planting a kiss on the side of his lover's head as she smiles at the camera. She also shared a group shot with pals and a picture of her and Jameson both lying out on a float in the water. Tiera had other reasons for celebration over the weekend as 'Riverdale' scooped nine Teen Choice Awards at the ceremony at the Galen Center in Los Angeles, California on Sunday night. The accolades included Choice Drama TV Show and Choice Breakout TV Show, and lead stars Cole Sprouse and Lili Reinhart took home the Choice Drama TV Actor and Choice Breakout TV Star prizes respectively.



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Gomez's younger sister is her spirit animal

he 25-year-old singer has credited her four-year-old sibling Gracie as the most inspirational person in her life, because she believes the youngster is "cooler" than her. When asked in a Q&A on Twitter as part of a 30 minute #StreamWithSelena session, one social media user asked who her "spirit animal" was, to which the brunette beauty who also has three-year-old sibling Tori - replied: "My little sister Gracie. She's 4 and cooler than me. (sic)." And the 'Kill Em With Kindness' hitmaker - who is currently dating The Weeknd, whose real name is Abel Makkonen Tesfaye - has revealed she equally enjoys staying in at home and talking about "everything and nothing" with her friends just as much as she enjoys a night out. When asked to choose what her favourite past time is she replied: "Depends on my mood! #streamwithselena "Eat and talk about everything and nothing [with my friends]." The Texas born star - whose mother, Mandy Teefey, is from Italian decent, whilst her father Ricardo Gomez has Mexican ancestry - has admitted she wished she was fluent in Spanish and French. When asked what language she yearned to be an expert speaker in, she said: "French (sic)." But she swiftly changed her mind and explained: "Spanish would be my top but then French (sic)." Although Selena does already speak Spanish with her family, she has hinted she hasn't "perfected" it yet. When asked if she converses with family members in another tongue, the 'Spring Breakers' actress said: "Sometimes I have to even if it's not perfected (sic)."





Dwayne Johnson 'so proud' of his 'baby girl' **Simone**

he 45-year-old actor has taken to social media to gush about his 16-year-old daugher - who he has with his former partner Dany Garcia - on her dirthday, which saw him reflect on the day his oldest child was born and clasped onto his hands. Alongside an image of the former professional wrestler - who was known as The Rock with Simone by his side when she was a child, which was shared on the star's Instagram account, he wrote: "And just like that my baby girl @simonegjohnson turns 16. Feels like just yesterday I held her tiny body in my hands the day she was born as I whispered "I'm gonna love and take care of you for the rest of my life". She of course cried, which in newborn lingo translates to, "you're the best damn daddy on the planet". True story." The 'San Andreas' star has admitted he loves the "awesome young woman" Simone has developed into. The muscular hunk's post continued: "Happy Birthday honey! I'm so proud of the awesome young woman you've become." Dwayne - who also has 19-month-old daughter Jasmine with Lauren Hashian - only hopes his daughter will continue to stay focused and work hard. He said: "Keep your eyes on that prize, keep working hard (sic)." But Dwayne has vowed to always support Simone "every step of the way" throughout her future. He concluded: "And I got your back every step of the way. Now go have fun! #FatherDaughterBond #OurSnapPhilosophy."

Cruise will need months to recover after MI:6

he 55-year-old actor was filming the latest movie in the 'Mission: Impossible' franchise - in which he plays IMF agent Ethan Hunt - over the weekend when he was injured during a stunt which involved jumping from rigging onto a nearby building rooftop. Now, it has been reported that the star has suffered two broken bones in his ankle, and his expected recovery time has left the production of the movie halted for four months. A source told The Sun newspaper: "The injury is worse than was at first feared. Tom did serious damage and will need months to recover. "He is the film's biggest star and everything revolves around him. The movie's bosses had no choice other than to postpone the filming." At the time of writing, it has not been confirmed as to whether or not the scheduled July 2018 release date for the movie will need to be altered in order to meet with the delay in filming caused by the incident. News of Tom's on-set mishap was first reported by TMZ, who obtained video footage showing the 'Top Gun' star attempting to jump from a rigging to a building but he appeared to miss his mark and hit the side of the structure. Tom, who was attached to safety wires, was able to climb up onto the roof of the building but he was limping and the actor called to the production crew for assistance. He then made his way back to the scaffolding he originally jumped from and could be seem walking away with the crew. Meanwhile, producer David Ellison previously revealed that Tom has been "training for a year" for his role in 'Mission: Impossible 6'. He said: "What Tom is doing in this movie I believe will top anything that's come before. It is absolutely unbelievable - he's been training for a year. "It is going to be, I believe, the most impressive and unbelievable thing that Tom Cruise has done in a movie, and he has been working on it since right after 'Rogue Nation' came out. It's gonna be mind-blowing."

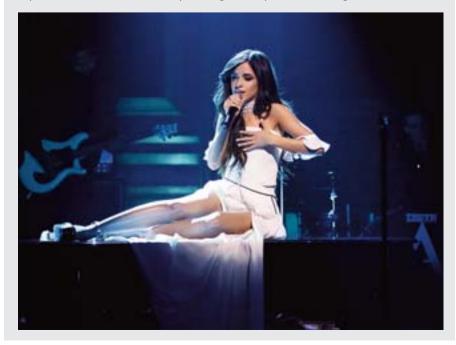




Prince set to get his

Cabello feels 'comfortable' now after leaving Fifth Harmony

he 20-year-old musician parted ways with the girl group in 2016, and has said that she's enjoying the newfound freedom she has, especially when it comes to wearing the clothes she feels the most comfortable in, rather than having to match a theme with her four former band mates. She said: "As a solo artist, I don't have to worry about matching a group look, which can be quite challenging because you have to fit with everyone else." And as a result, the 'Crying In The Club' hitmaker has found her style has "evolved" because she's "comfortable in [her] own skin." She added: "I think my style has evolved because I've evolved as a person. I'm always growing and recreating myself, and because style is an expression of how you feel, my style has changed like I have. I'm more comfortable in my own skin now and I don't feel like I have to do as much to feel good. I could wear jeans and a T-shirt with no makeup and feel just as good as when I've been in hair and makeup for two hours and wearing a fancy dress. It's all about feeling comfortable and feeling like yourself." Camila - who is set to release her debut solo record 'The Hurting. The Healing. The Loving.' in September - admits she "put everything" into her forthcoming album, and says her music comes "from [her] heart". She told People magazine: "I just want to keep living experiences and then writing about them. I've put everything into this album. I've opened myself up to this music and I think when you hear it you can see that this is all really coming from my heart." — Bangshowbiz



own shade of purple

he late musical icon - who passed away in April last year at the age of 57 after an accidental fentanyl overdose - has become synonymous with the color since the release of his hit single and album 'Purple Rain' in 1984, and it has now been revealed that The Pantone Color Institute have teamed up with the late star's estate to develop a new shade of the color in his honor. The color, entitled 'Love Symbol #2' after the star's famous name change to an unpronounceable symbol known as the Love Symbol in the late 1990s, was "inspired by his custom-made Yamaha purple piano." In a press release, The Pantone Colour Institute said: "We are honoured to have worked on the development of Love Symbol #2, a distinctive new purple shade created in memory of Prince. A musical icon known for his artistic brilliance, Love Symbol #2 is emblematic of Prince's distinctive style. "Long associated with the purple family, Love Symbol #2 enables Prince's unique purple shade to be consistently replicated and maintain the same iconic status as the man himself." Meanwhile, it was previously revealed that a musical based on the works of the 'Little Red Corvette' hitmaker is in the works in memory of the late icon. The creators behind the Michael Jackson themed musical 'Thriller Live' are the creative minds behind the show, and it is set to showcase Prince's most famous work including tracks such as 'Raspberry Beret', 'Kiss', and 'When Doves Cry'. Director Gary Lloyd said in a statement: "Prince's music and constant reinvention is legendary, so to get the opportunity to bring that and all his colourful characters to the theatrical stage is a dream. "There is also a real appetite for live music shows that showcase the musicians as part of the performance. Prince was all about this. Prince was a consummate, theatrical artist, but in our show his music is the star."

KhLoe fortunate to be dating Tristan Thompson

he 33-year-old reality star struck up a relationship with the Cleveland Cavaliers basketball player last year, and has said she is lucky to be dating someone she has so much in common with, especially when it comes to being "organized". Writing in a new post on her app, the 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians' star wrote: "I love myself an organized man. I am so fortunate that Tristan is so similar to me. "He's a Pisces and Pisces men are pretty much like that. My father and my brother are both Pisces, and we all have a crazy need for everything to be perfect, neat, overly clean and organized at all times. "I definitely like to oversee his organizational style. But how lucky am I that he thinks my crazy is cute?! "I also truly enjoy helping him and making things as stress-free as possible. Trust me, when you keep an organized and clean life, it definitely helps de-stress in the life areas that just don't need the headache. (sic)" Khloe's blog post comes just days after she described her romance with Tristan, 26, as "the best relationship [she's] ever been in", and said she would be willing to tie the knot with him in the future, although she isn't putting a time frame on it. The star - who was previously married to fellow basketball player Lamar Odom - 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." And Khloe also admitted she "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". She added: "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."





Taylor Swift hopes verdict inspires assault victims



In this Feb 4, 2017 file photo, Taylor Swift performs at the DIRECTV NOW Super Saturday Night Concert in Houston, Texas. — AP

mmediately after a jury determined that Taylor Swift had been groped by a radio station host before a concert in Denver, the singer-songwriter turned to one of her closest allies - her mother - and later said she hoped the verdict would inspire other victims of sexual assault.

Swift hugged her crying mother after the six-woman, two-man jury said in US District Court on Monday that former Denver DJ David Mueller had groped the pop star during a photo op four years ago. Per Swift's request, jurors awarded her \$1 in damages - a sum her attorney, Douglas Baldridge, called "a single symbolic dollar, the value of which is immeasurable to all women in this situation." Swift released a statement thanking her attorneys "for fighting for me and anyone who feels silenced by a sexual assault."

'My hope is to help those whose voices should also be

heard," she said, promising to make unspecified donations to groups that help victims of sexual assault. Nancy Leong, a law professor at the University of Denver, said the verdict is important because "we are getting to the point in society that women are believed in court. For many decades and centuries, that was not the case."

Gender studies

Leong, who also teaches in the university's gender studies program, said the verdict will inspire more victims of sexual assault to come forward. "The fact that she was believed will allow women to understand that they will not automatically be disbelieved, and I think that's a good thing," Leong said. Swift and her mother initially tried to keep the accusation quiet by reporting the incident to Mueller's bosses and not the police. But it inevitably became public when Mueller sued Swift for up to \$3 million, claiming the allegation cost him his \$150,000-a-year job at country station KYGO-FM, where he was a morning host.

"I've been trying to clear my name for four years," he said after the verdict in explaining why he took Swift to court. "Civil court is the only option I had. This is the only way that I could be heard." On ABC's "Good Morning America" yesterday, Mueller he might appeal and insisted he did nothing wrong "and I can pass a polygraph." After Mueller sued, Swift countersued for assault and battery, and during an hour of testimony blasted a low-key characterization by Mueller's attorney, Gabriel McFarland, of what happened. While Mueller testified he never grabbed Swift, she insisted she was groped.

"He stayed attached to my bare ass-cheek as I lurched away from him," Swift testified. "It was a definite grab. A very long grab," she added. Mueller emphatically denied reaching under the pop star's skirt or otherwise touching her inappropriately, insisting he touched only her ribs and may have brushed the outside of her skirt as they awkwardly posed for the picture. That photo was virtually the only evidence besides the testimony.

In the image shown to jurors during opening statements but not publicly released, Mueller's hand is behind Swift, just below her waist. Both are smiling. Mueller's then-girlfriend is standing on the other side of Swift. Swift testified that after she was groped, she numbly told Mueller and his girlfriend, "Thank you for coming," and moved on to photos with others waiting in line because she did not want to disappoint them. But she said she immediately went to her photographer after the meetand-greet ended and found the photo of her with Mueller, telling the photographer what happened. — AP



A police officer examines a motorcycle after a female stunt driver working on the movie "Deadpool 2" died after a crash on set, in Vancouver, BC. — AP

Stunt driver dies while filming 'Deadpool 2'

eadpool 2" star Ryan Reynolds is mourning the death of a motorcycle stunt driver killed during production Monday. Reynolds released a statement on Twitter a few hours after the accident near the waterfront in downtown Vancouver. "Today, we tragically lost a member of our crew while filming Deadpool," the actor wrote. "We're heartbroken, shocked and devastated ... but recognize nothing can compare to the grief and inexplicable pain her family and loved ones must feel in this moment."

Reynolds, a native of Vancouver playing the Marvel Comics superhero Deadpool in the 20th Century Fox movie, said his heart "pours out to them - along with each and every person she touched in this world." The motorcycle crash happened near the Shaw Tower office building, where a crumpled motorcycle was seen lying on its side and a window was smashed.

Nathan Kramchynski, who works on the seventh floor of the building, said he watched rehearsals for the stunt outside the Vancouver Convention Centre. The stunt woman had been riding the motorcycle down a set of stairs from the center and had stopped when she reached the street, he said. But on the occasion when the accident happened, the driver appeared to pick up speed, crossed the street and swerved to avoid pedestrians before disappearing from his view, Kramchynski said. "She lost control really quickly. It happened in a split second," he said. "She was going full throttle and then there's a building there."

Another witness, Sharmina Kermalli, said she had just walked into a Starbucks next door to where the accident happened when she heard a loud crash. She ran outside and saw glass still falling on the body of the motorcycle driver. The name of the stunt woman was not immediately released. Police said WorkSafeBC, the British Columbia provincial workplace safety agency, and the coroner's service were investigating. Trish Knight Chernecki of WorkSafe BC said some investigators are looking at any possible occupational health and safety issues while others examine the cause of the crash and prevention in the future.

The last stunt death in British Columbia was in 1996, when a person jumped from a helicopter and a parachute failed to open, she said. In March 2016, actor Dylan O'Brien suffered injuries on the British Columbia set of the latest installment of the "Maze Runner" film series. WorkSafe BC said Fox Productions Inc didn't rehearse a stunt sequence properly, but Fox said the stunt was thoroughly rehearsed. — AP



MTV, record label debate `Despacito' video

TV says the uber-popular video for "Despacito" didn't earn a nomination at its Video Music Awards because it wasn't submitted for consideration, but Universal Music Latin Entertainment says MTV didn't ask the label to submit the video until last week - two weeks after the network announced its VMA nominees.

"Despacito" has not aired on MTV or MTV2, but it is being played on MTV Tres, the company's Latin channel. As for the VMAs, MTV said "the 'Despacito' video was not submitted for consideration" in a statement to The Associated Press on Monday. "Until last week, MTV hadn't solicited UMLE to submit the video for consideration" a spokesperson for the record label said in a statement to the AP after it



In this April 18, 2017, file photo, Oprah Winfrey attends the premiere of HBO Films' "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" at the SVA Theatre in New York. — AP

Oprah lets go of 'emotional burden' of weight

t 63, Oprah Winfrey isn't apologizing for anything, especially her weight. The media mogul and former talk show host tells Vogue magazine that the high-profile fluctuations in her weight over the years were "a physical, spiritual, emotional burden" for her. But she says that when you hit 60, there are no more apologies. Winfrey also discussed the 2011 end of her talk show. She says she misses her connection to the audience, but knew it was time to end the show because the way people consume media was changing. Winfrey opened up about her relationship with longtime partner Stedman Graham. She says if she and Graham had married long ago, they wouldn't be together. She explains that she wouldn't have been able to fit into a traditional marriage role. published a story on the reason for "Despacito's" exclusion from the awards show.

It is unclear why the network solicited the label for a submission after the nominations had already been announced. MTV did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment Monday afternoon. MTV announced its VMA nominees on July 25. The network said Monday that "Despacito" - the song not the video - will be acknowledged at the VMAs as a nominee in its song of summer category. That category and its nominees will be officially announced the week of Aug 21. The label said it hopes MTV will air the video at some point.

"UMLE is surprised and happy to learn that MTV plans to recognize 'Despacito' in the VMA's 'Song of Summer' category," the label said. "We hope the nomination will lead to MTV airing the full video on their main channels." MTV did not explain why it has not played "Despacito" on its main channel when asked by the AP. Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee's hit song has become YouTube's most viewed clip of alltime, surpassing 3 billion views. "We're proud to work with MTV to expose new audiences to our artists' music and we would welcome MTV's decision to recognize Spanish-language videos on its main channel and the Music Video Awards program," the label said. The VMAs will air live on Aug. 27.

Massive success

MTV, which mainly airs reality shows like "Teen Mom" and "Catfish" throughout the day, rarely plays music videos on its main channel. MTV2, MTV Classic and other spin-offs air videos regularly. "Despacito" is the rare Spanish track that has become a massive success in the US and around the world. The hit song, which recently became the first video to hit 3 billion views on YouTube, has become the most streamed track of all-time and is spending its 14th week at No.1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

It is the first mostly Spanish song to top the Hot 100 since Los del Rio's

This April 27, 2017, file photo shows singers Luis Fonsi, left, and Daddy Yankee during the Latin Billboard Awards in Coral Gables. — AP

"Macarena" in 1996 and has sold more than 7.7 million tracks based on digital sales, audio streaming and video streaming. The song, released in January, got a boost when Justin Bieber appeared on its remix, helping it soar from the Top 40 to the Top 10, and later No.1. The remix version does not have an official video. "Despacito" missed out on VMA nominations such as video of the year, best collaboration, best editing and other more. In an interview with the AP, Fonsi said he did-n't notice the video wasn't nominated for the VMAs and he's happy with the song's massive success. "Awards are very important but what bigger award (is there) than having the most watched video in the world in history? It doesn't really get any bigger than that," Fonsi said, referring to the song's YouTube record. "Hopefully it'll win some awards down the line, down the road, but I think I got the biggest one so far, straight from the people."

Home Centre brings movie magic to kids' rooms

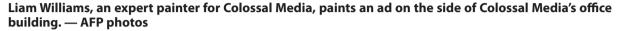
his summer, as children gear up for the premieres of Spider Man: Homecoming and Disney's Cars 3, Home Centre, the largest home retailer in the Middle East, has launched an exclusive movie-themed line as part of its back-to-school collection. The exclusive range comprises of bright and playful children's room accessories featuring Spider-Man, Cars and Disney Princess themes that are sure to spark wonder and imagination in every child. The meticulously crafted collection brings iconic characters to life through vibrant products such as table lamps, cushions, rugs, mugs, clocks, posters and more. The exclusive movie-themed collection is available across all Home Centre stores located at Al Rai, Shuwaikh, The Avenues, Kuwait City, Fahaheel and Sama Mall (Fintas).





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Will Krieg, an apprentice for Colossal Media, organizes paints at Colossal Media's office.

NY goes back in time with revival of hand-painted ads

nce outdated relics in a digital world, painted advertisements are flourishing once again in New York, putting a dose of hip attitude into 21st century commercial art in the city that never sleeps. Toiling under the blazing sun of a heat wave, Justin Odaffer puts the finishing touches to a Ray-Ban ad he has spent several days painting on the facade of an East Village building in downtown Manhattan. For the past seven years, Odaffer — who has a degree in fine art — has painted ads on walls in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago for Colossal Media, which has risen from nowhere to become the leader in painted advertising.

"Basically we created a revival," says Odaffer. Without the company he works for, he believes painted ads would be hanging "by a very thin thread." But setting up the company in 2004 was a leap of faith, admits Paul Lindahl, co-founder of Colossal, which is based in Brooklyn's hipster hub of Williamsburg. "Technology was taking over and there was really no need for hand painting at the time. Nobody cared," says Lindahl, who comes from a family of Hungarian immigrants. "It was expensive.

It was slow," he concedes. "I didn't know if there was a future in it at that point. I just knew that I loved it."

Thirteen years later, his company has 70 employees, paints 450 to 500 murals a year in major US cities and is eyeing sales of \$24 million in 2017. Even though painted ads take longer and cost more, they offer advertisers a unique opportunity to set themselves apart. Seeing painters in action can generate buzz on street corners. "People are astonished," says Odaffer. "That's why this company has done so well. It's because people can actually watch the process."

But is it art?

That buzz carries over onto social media, fueled by photographs and videos which enhance brand visibility and advertising, says Lindahl. "That brings value to what we do. What we realized along the way is yes, this thing takes longer than a digital ad or print ad but that's part of the benefit. It's performance art. People stop and they wonder and they're intrigued." Chris Cockerill, general manager of the New York office for Lamar Advertising, one of the largest outdoor advertising companies in the world, agrees — even if the growth still accounts for a fraction of the overall market.

"We're seeing more around the city. It's a unique product that advertisers are asking for now. In the past, it's been something a little more difficult to sell," he says. Lamar does not work with Colossal. Lindahl attributes the growth to multiple factors luck, timing, the "do-in-yourself" trend and the enduring popularity of street art. Colossal secures its own walls and real estate, which means it can sell a package to advertisers with space and the painted ad without having to depend on another advertising company. But are commercial ads really art? Odaffer says definitely.

"It's still the same process as other street art," he said, adding that many of the painters started out in some form of street art. "I see nothing wrong with it," says graffiti artist BG 183, a member of the oldest New York graffiti collective that is still active, Tats Cru. "The quality of the painting has improved a lot," says Cockerill. "It stands out better than it has in the past. It makes them (advertisers) feel like it's more of a hip-looking kind of ad." — AFP



A freelance pattern maker for Colossal Media burns a pattern to paper at Colossal Media's office building.





Santa Fe Indian Market fuses tradition with contemporary art

or nearly a century, American Indian jewelers, potters and other artists have been gathering in the heart of northern New Mexico to show off their creations at one of the nation's most prestigious art markets. The annual Santa Fe Indian Market begins Saturday as organizers push ahead with raising the bar for showcasing what they say are the best examples of art that has evolved from centuries-old traditions.

Some artists and their families have participated for years, but this marks the

the market is based on methods and styles used by tribes for generations, more modern narratives have been finding their way into the pieces and the work has been evolving. Maybee pointed to pottery designs and changes in textiles. "I think the perception was that we were always a traditional show and that's just not the case," he said. "We do have art forms that are very old in terms of techniques and materials but for decades and decades our artists have been exploring new ways of presenting

A statue of Elvis Presley fronts a tourist gift shop at the corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue on August 14, 2017 in Hollywood. — AFP photos Elvis tribute artist Ede Danna of Brazil performs during the preliminary round of the "Images of the King" contest at the New Daisy Theatre.

The fraternity of tribute artists keeping Elvis alive

atthew Boyce feels like a superhero when he zips himself into a spangly Elvis Presley jumpsuit and sprints on stage to blast through a hip-thrusting, pulsating track by the King. "I just think if you're going to play a character, it might as well be your inspiration," he says, perfecting his hair, make-up and sideburns in an hour-plus transformation from 21st century teen about to go to college to 35-year-old superstar at the prime of his life in the 1960s.

Matthew is one of thousands of Elvis Tribute Artists or ETAs who bring to life on stage the icon that was Presley's 1954-77 career, either as fulltime professionals or enthusiastic amateurs. At 18 he is younger than the Rock 'n' Roll legend was when he cut his first record, but Matthew says he was "bit by the bug early," under the influence of his grandmother and aunt who were huge Elvis fans. He started performing at seven, did his first paid performance aged eight and has been singing with a band since he was 13 or 14.

Now to mark the 40th anniversary of Presley's death, he's taking part in an ETA contest in Memphis where prizes range from \$50 to \$5,000 across three divisions: youth, non-professional and professional. On stage at the New Daisy Theatre on Beale Street in downtown Memphis, he wows an enthusiastic crowd of older women with his pelvic contortions and dashing performance in a tiger-embellished jumpsuit. But it's an obsession that has not always endeared him to his peers. While close to his younger brother Spencer, 12, who performs on stage alongside him, Matthew says he was "severely bullied" from the sixth to ninth grade.

Superhero

"That was a low point," he says. "I'd come home and the Elvis records would always be there to help me feel better." The ETA world is a tight-knit support group, or "family," as Matthew likes to put it. But so great is their admiration for Presley, they never use the word "impersonator," believing no one can ever fully recreate the unique magic that was his looks, voice and presence.

Some of the best tribute artists have become famous in their own right in the Presley fan world. Some even conduct weddings. The best tribute concerts are serious affairs, undertaken with reverence. But it's also an expensive business. Matthew flew to Memphis from his home in upstate New York with his parents and brother. Gigs can earn him \$300 to \$5,000,



Elvis tribute artist Matthew Boyce performs during the preliminary round of the "Images of the King" contest at the New Daisy Theatre on August 12, 2017 in Memphis.

but the jumpsuits alone can cost up to \$5,000. "You feel like a superhero when you're wearing them," he enthuses showing off a matching, embellished cape.

Many of his competitors are considerably older-men in their 50s, even 70s paying tribute to a legend who died at just 42 in August 1977. Matthew can zip around stage the way those battling middle-age spread or cranky joints cannot. Going to college in the fall to study music industry and education, he dreams of a full-time career. "I've still got a good 15 years left," he reckons. — AFP first time organizers have shifted entirely to a juried application process that has resulted in fierce competition. Organizers say the result is more fair than the system that used to exist, said Dallin Maybee, chief operating officer of the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts, which presents the market each year. "The process allows us to jury and select people simply based on the weight and competitiveness of their work. Tribal affiliation, age, medium - it doesn't factor in anymore," he said.

About 935 artists were selected this year. Many are from pueblos throughout New Mexico and the Navajo Nation while others are traveling from as far as Alaska, Montana, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Events related to Native film, literature and fashion are scheduled throughout the week leading up to the market. Here are some more things to know:

Tradition While much of the art showcased at those things." In 2015, the market started the Edge Contemporary Show for those Native artists focused on fine art with a more modern flair. Acknowledging the popularity of the contemporary work, he said: "We'll keep moving in those directions. I think there's room and space for all the different types of art forms to find a place at Indian Market."

Film and fashion

In conjunction with the market, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian will present its annual Native Cinema Showcase throughout the week, highlighting more than 50 feature-length and short films created by Native artists. The Haute Couture Fashion Show on Saturday will include work inspired by the diverse backgrounds of designers across Indian Country. That will be followed Sunday by a clothing competition in which models will show off traditional and contemporary styles. — AP



This Aug. 23, 2015, photo shows Male and Female Adult, Youth and Child category winners in the 2015 Santa Fe Indian Market Fashion Challenge of the Native American Clothing Contest at the Santa Fe Indian Market. — AP

In this Friday, Jan 24, 2014 file photo, twins Edgar, left, and Gabriel, aged 10, arrange themselves to pose for photographers beside two versions of Dutch-born painter Vincent van Gogh's "Sunflowers", the left one from 1888 and the right one from 1889, during a photocall at the National Portrait Gallery in London. — AP



VAN GOGH 'SUNFLOWERS' REUNITED ONLINE

ive versions of a Vincent van Gogh masterpiece are being reunited for the first time Monday in a "virtual exhibition." Van Gogh painted his "Sunflowers" series in the south of France in 1888 and 1889. Five versions of the work reside in five different museums on three continents. On Monday, they all will be streamed to a global audience in a Facebook Live broadcast. The 1 hour and 35 minute broadcast begins in London's National Gallery at 1650GMT (12:50 p.m. EDT.) It then continues at Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum, the Neue Pinakothek in Munich, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and Tokyo's Seiji Togo Memorial Museum of Art.

A curator from each museum will describe, in 15-minute segments, what makes their version unique. The museums launched a virtual-reality experience last week that shows viewers all five "Sunflowers" in one room. The paintings are so treasured and such big draws it would be difficult to bring them together in real life. "We're at a moment in time where new kinds of experience are becoming possible for art galleries and museums all around the world," Chris Michaels, the National Gallery's digital director, said. London's version of "Sunflowers" is one of the museum's most popular paintings. It's famous for its blue and yellow swirls, textured surface and rare glimpse into the happy times of Van Gogh's life in Arles, France.

More than 50,000 viewers watched a preview for Monday's event online. Michaels is hopeful his team will bring more of the National Gallery's famous pieces to online audiences. It's an added attraction and a way to connect with other galleries. "But it's not a replacement," he said. "It's another type of thing that art museums can do and an amazing one for us to explore in the future, in partnership with amazing museums around the world." — AP



Indian girls wear tri color bangles practice prior to take part during Independence Day celebrations in Secunderabad, the twin city of Hyderabad, on August 15, 2017. Indian Independence Day is celebrated annually on August 15, and this year marks 70 years since British India split into two nations — Hindu-majority India and Muslim-majority Pakistan — and millions were uprooted in one of the largest mass migrations in history. — AFP

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A worker looks on from atop a wall with a banner for the Partition Workers stand around a giant saw installation that is cutting through a brick wall at the Partition Museum.

n the 70 years since India and Pakistan were created from the former British Empire, there has never been a venue focused on the stories and memorabilia of those who survived that chaotic and bloody chapter in history until now. A new museum on the Partition of the Indian subcontinent opens this week, as the two South Asian giants mark seven decades as independent nations.

Museum. — AP photos

"If you look at any other country in the world, they've all memorialized the experiences that have defined and shaped them. Yet this event that has so deeply shaped not only our subcontinent but millions of individuals who were impacted has had no museum or memorial 70 years later," said Mallika Ahluwalia, CEO of the Partition Museum.

The exhibitions, housed in the red-brick Town Hall building in the north Indian border city of Amritsar, include photographs, newspaper clippings and donated personal items meant to tell the story of how the region's struggle for freedom from colonial rule turned into one of its most violent episodes, as communal clashes left hundreds of thousands of Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs dead and another 15 million displaced from their ancestral homes.

'So grateful'

An antique pocket watch that belonged to someone killed in mob violence in Pakistan. Woven fabrics from craftsmen of the time. A traditional rope cot carried by a refugee across the border. And many old black-and-white family snapshots. Screens show video interviews with the now-elderly survivors. The last of the museum's 14 galleries is called the Gallery of Hope, where visitors are invited to scribble messages of love and peace on leaf-shaped papers before hanging them on a barbed-wire tree.

The idea, Ahluwalia said, was to have visitors participate in the "greening" of the tree and to think of peace and reconciliation between the torn nations. "You end up feeling so grateful to that generation who, I think, helped rebuild the nation, despite having suffered such trauma," Ahluwalia said.

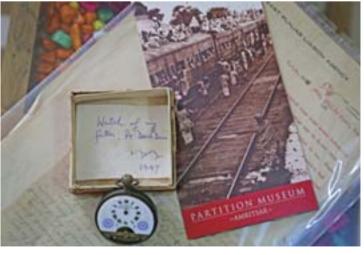
She said she wanted to create the museum after years of hearing her 83-year-old grandmother's tales of the subcontinent before it was divided, before she had to flee her Pakistani home as a 13-year-old girl.

"What must it have felt like for her, to one day come from, you know, a relatively affluent family, have a normal background, and the next day all you have left of your things is a small suitcase," Ahluwalia said. The personal experience led her to believe it was important to set up the museum, "especially as we saw that generation leaving us."

The fact that it will be India's first Partition museum makes it even more crucial, she said. Tickets are priced low at 10 rupees (25 cents) for Indians and 150 rupees (\$2.30) for foreigners to encourage more visitors. The museum is a nonprofit trust that has raised money from individuals such as Indian ad guru Suhel Seth and companies including Airtel and the Hindustan Times. The Punjab government donated the space.



CEO of India's new partition museum Mallika Ahluwalia looks at a steel trunk, black, which was among items donated by the relative of a person who had migrated to India during partition in 1947.



This July, 21, 2017 photograph, shows a pocket watch of Indian man Pandit Devi Dass, who was killed in mob violence in Pakistan which was later donated by his son to the Partition Museum.

Foundation of history

While the bloody events of Partition became a foundational part of India's history and identity, sparking countless works of art, literature and film, there has been no official expression of regret, and India's leaders have been cautious in mentioning the communal violence that coincided with the country's earliest days. There are no memorials to those who perished. On Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made no mention of Partition itself while regaling the country's freedom fighters in his annual Independence Day speech to the nation.

Sociologist Shiv Visvanathan suggested the topic has simply been too painful for many to dwell on, and that reconciliation would need to be two-sided to work. Even the museum, he said, should reflect realities on both sides. "If a nation-state becomes the repository of memory, it becomes a one-sided memory," Visvanathan said. "We have to acknowledge the mutuality of violence. There is no one truth. No one victim." The museum is located in the heart of Amritsar, best known for its famed Sikh Golden Temple, because the Punjabi city was one of the first points of arrival for millions of refugees to India. Dozens of people donated items to the museum, including 81-year-old Sohinder Nath Chopra, who included an autobiographical novel set in his old village near Gujranwala in Pakistan.

His family had been warned by a Muslim cleric to flee the village as weaponized mobs went on killing sprees against Hindus and Sikhs in the newly declared Islamic republic. He was 12 years old as they crossed the border into India, and remembers "big arches welcoming the refugees."

"Hindi film songs were being played loudly," Chopra said. "There were people standing on both sides, holding bread, vegetables, water. And everybody started crying." — AP



An old newspaper clipping from the Times of India before the division of British India, hangs on the wall of the Partition Museum.