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### POLICE ARREST 14TH CONVICT OF 'ABDALY CELL'

**KUWAIT:** The interior ministry announced the arrest of the 14th fugitive convict of the so-called "Abdaly cell" on Saturday evening. In a press statement, the ministry identified the convict as Abdulmohsen Jamal Hussein Al-Shatti, a Kuwaiti, who was sentenced for 10 years in jail. Shatti was caught as a result of the ministry's relentless efforts to enforce the final verdict against him by the court of cassation's case no. 55 of 2015.



Last week, the ministry captured 13 other convicts of the same cell. Kuwait had charged 25 citizens and an Iranian member of the cell after the discovery of guns and explosives in a raid in 2015, which escalated sectarian tensions. Prosecutors said that the men intended to carry out "hostile acts" against Kuwait. — KUNA



**BARCELONA:** A police officer stands by the Sagrada Familia basilica yesterday before a mass to commemorate victims of two devastating terror attacks in Barcelona and Cambrils. — AFP

**BARCELONA:** Spanish police said yesterday they had uncovered a cache of 120 gas canisters at a house believed to be the bomb-making factory of suspects in terror attacks that claimed 14 lives, as Barcelona mourned victims of the rampage. The suspected militants had been preparing bombs for "one or more attacks in Barcelona", regional police chief Josep Lluís Trapero told reporters, revealing that traces of TATP explosive had also been found.

But the suspects accidentally detonated an explosive at the house on the eve of Thursday's attack in Barcelona - an error that likely forced them to modify their plans. Instead, they used a vehicle to smash into crowds on Barcelona's Las Ramblas boulevard as it was thronged with tourists, killing 13 people and injuring about 100. Several hours later, a similar attack in the seaside town of Cambrils left one woman dead. Police shot and killed the five attackers in Cambrils, some of whom were wearing fake explosive belts and carrying knives.

The Islamic State (IS) group claimed responsibility for the attacks, believed to be its first in Spain. Police are hunting a Moroccan man suspected of driving the van used in Barcelona, and warn that he could be at large outside Spain. "We don't know where he is," said Trapero of the 22-year-old suspect, Younes Abouyaaqoub.

Three days after the attack that plunged the country into deep grief, locals and tourists turned out in force yesterday to mourn victims at Barcelona's Sagrada Familia basilica. King Felipe, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy and Catalonia's president, Carles Puigdemont,

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**DAMASCUS:** Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad delivers a speech to members of Syria's diplomatic corps in the capital. — AFP

### ASSAD REJECTS SECURITY COOPERATION WITH WEST

ROCKET HITS DAMASCUS FAIR

**DAMASCUS:** Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad yesterday refused any security cooperation with Western nations or the reopening of their embassies, until they cut ties with opposition and insurgent groups. Shortly after Assad gave his speech, a shell hit the first international fair in the country since the war began six years ago, killing and wounding several people.

Assad's defiant comments come at a time when his troops and pro-Iranian militiamen are gaining ground across the

country under the cover of Russian airstrikes. Many countries have ceased calling for him to step down. Speaking before dozens of Syrian diplomats in Damascus, Assad praised Russia, Iran, China and Lebanon's Hezbollah for supporting his government during the conflict.

He said Syria will look east when it comes to political, economic and cultural relations. "The direct support of our friends, politically, economically and militarily, made our advance on the ground

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## QATAR: NO DELAYS TO WORLD CUP

STADIUM SHAPED LIKE ARABIAN CAP TO BE BUILT

### QATAR HAS NOT APPROVED HAJJ FLIGHTS: SAUDIA

**DUBAI:** Saudi Arabia said yesterday its aircraft have not been given permission to land in Doha to pick up Qatari pilgrims for the annual hajj after the king authorized flights to transport people to Makkah. Saudi Arabia reopened its border with Qatar last week to allow Qataris to attend the hajj amid a months-long rift between the neighboring countries. King Salman also authorized Saudi planes to transport pilgrims at his expense. Already, more than 100 Qataris have crossed into Saudi Arabia since the border was opened.

But Saleh Al-Jasser, the general manager of Saudi Arabian Airlines, was quoted by Saudi state TV as saying Qatari authorities have not authorized the kingdom's aircraft to land in the capital, despite a request submitted several days ago to transport Qatari pilgrims from Hamad International Airport in Doha. Qatar's foreign minister said his country welcomed the decision to facilitate the hajj for Qataris, however the moves do not appear to have been coordinated with Qatar's government.

In early June, Saudi Arabia sealed Qatar's only land border. The kingdom, along with the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt also cut all diplomatic and transport links with Qatar, including

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**DOHA:** A visitor takes a selfie during an exhibition of artworks, which were donated by members of the community, depicting Qatari Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani titled "Glorious Tamim: In celebration of national unity" in the garden of the Islamic Museum yesterday. — AFP

**DOHA:** Qatar's 2022 World Cup preparations have been inconvenienced but not delayed by the political and economic boycott by its neighbors, the country's most senior tournament organizer insisted yesterday. Hassan Al-Thawadi, Secretary General of the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy, said alternative suppliers outside those countries involved in the ongoing dispute have been found for tournament-related construction projects.

"The impact has been minimal," Thawadi told Doha-based broadcaster Al-Jazeera English in an interview yesterday. "In terms of stadium progress or stadium construction and infrastructure requirements for the World Cup, progress is being made as well." He added that the crisis has "caused an inconvenience". Asked outright if projects had been delayed, Thawadi responded: "Projects are on schedule. No delays have occurred."

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### MEDIA TESTED ANEW IN 'WAR' WITH TRUMP

**WASHINGTON:** When Donald Trump sought this week to lump white supremacists and those protesting against them into the same bag, he triggered a political firestorm with Republicans and Democrats warning "both sides" could not be treated alike. He also added fuel to an increasingly urgent debate over whether the US media can uphold its tradition of so-called "both sides" reporting - which strives to give equal weight to rival viewpoints - in the Trump era.

"This week should put the nail in the coffin for 'both sides' journalism," wrote Washington Post media columnist Margaret Sullivan following Trump's claim that leftwing counter-protestors shared in the blame for the neo-Nazi rally that turned violent in Charlottesville, Virginia. "Journalists should indeed stand for some things.

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**MOUNTAIN VIEW, California:** Attendees hold signs protesting against US President Donald Trump and the GOP at a rally against white nationalism on Saturday. — AFP

### SHUNNED LEBANON BAND FINDS AUDIENCE IN WEST

**BEIRUT:** Lebanese band Mashrou' Leila's blend of indie rock and lyrics about social and political injustice has won a passionate following among fans seeking an alternative to Arab pop with its romantic themes. But securing a firm footing in the Middle East has been difficult for the band. Jordanian authorities cancelled its concert in June, for the second year in a row. Lebanese radio stations steer clear of its music.

"They don't know where to place us," said Hamed Sinno, 29, the openly gay vocalist of the five-member band formed in 2008 that has stirred controversy in the region with songs tackling oppression, classism, sectarianism and homophobia. "We can't play in Syria, we can't play in Palestine, we can't play in Jordan

apparently, we obviously can't play in Saudi," he said, listing places where conflict or social conservatism prohibit them from performing.

And things don't seem to be changing in the region, Sinno said, so the band has been playing more abroad. Mashrou' Leila has played concerts in cities including Paris, London, New York and San Francisco since its 2015 album Ibn El Leil reached number 13 on the Billboard world album chart. The band's music has broken away from the norm in a region whose pop stars steer clear of social issues, singing mostly of romances. Arabic music doesn't really have a tradition of "teenagers rebelling or expressing a lot of anger", Sinno said.

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# AMIR RECEIVES TOP OFFICIALS

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday received His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at Sief Palace. His Highness also received National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim. His Highness then received His Highness the Premier Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-hamad Al-Sabah. — KUNA photos



## AL-RAI SHEEP MARKET READIES FOR EID AL-ADHA

By Ben Garcia

**KUWAIT:** Eid Al-Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice), one of the holiest celebrations in the Islamic calendar, is round the corner. Traditionally, sheep are slaughtered and the meat is distributed to friends and family and the needy. A couple of weeks before Eid, the sheep

market in Al-Rai turns into a thriving marketplace for sacrificial sheep.

Yesterday, Kuwait Times witnessed the place being prepared for the arrival of truckloads of sheep. According to workers in the area, sheep from various countries are now in Kuwait, and are currently kept at various farms and holding areas. "Yes,

the sheep are in Kuwait now, but we need to prepare the place to make it more organized. Also, we have built shaded areas for them," said one of the traders. Prices are traditionally higher compared to the rest of the year, where prices range from KD 50 to KD 120 depending on the type of sheep. Local sheep are the most

expensive, a vendor told Kuwait Times. The reason is that they are not fed chemically-modified fodder. "We have a lot of stock from Australia, so maybe this is why Australian lamb is cheaper. It also depends on supply and demand. The prices will be clear in the next three to four days when we open the sheep market," he added.



**KUWAIT:** Dealers and workers prepare the sheep market ahead of the Eid Al-Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice), one of the holiest celebrations in the Islamic calendar.

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## FAMILY QUESTIONS

By Attorney Fajer Ahmed

**A**lthough I write for the newspaper on a variety of legal topics, I only handle employment and commercial issues personally. Being a lawyer can be very difficult as it is, usually dealing with tension or differences, so I have the utmost respect to lawyers that handle family issues. I really urge you though if you have a family issue to resolve things amicably, to know what your rights are as a man, woman or child, but to always seek a quieter alternative. Even if you are to seek a lawyer always request from your lawyer to resolve things with dialogue and respect as family is really important. Like I mentioned, I am not a family lawyer but I can answer your legal question with the help of my hardworking team.

**Question:** Fortunately, my family comes from different religions and different backgrounds - which law will apply to us, should there be a family death?

**Fajer:** This depends greatly on who has passed away and where they are from, and whether the dead person has made a will or not. In Kuwait, Shiite and Sunni courts deal with inheritance differently. The matter is very complicated and it is not something that you want to find out at a time of mourning. This is why I always suggest for my clients to see a lawyer before anything happens

and to ask these questions and to understand what law applies to them or what law they would like to be applied to them, so they have the full picture. I also suggest they hire a lawyer before anything happens, so when an unfortunate event takes place, they are prepared.

**Question:** I am not Kuwaiti but I would like to make a will for my wife to manage all my belongings in Kuwait should something happen to me in the future. Can I do this? Also if I am to travel outside of Kuwait and let my wife live here, can I give her the right to handle my bank accounts, other properties and so on.

**Fajer:** Yes, you could, but this depends on what law applies to you or what law you have your marriage under. If the applicable law prohibits your wife from managing your wealth in Kuwait, then you could give her the right through the Kuwaiti courts or have the will written in your country but notarized in Kuwait.

As for your bank account and other properties, you could give your wife a POA (although not a power of attorney, it is referred to generally as a POA) and it is a document obtained from the Ministry of Justice to act on your behalf and you can personalize the document to fit your needs.

Questions or concerns can be emailed to ask@fajerthelawyer.com

## CHINESE PROJECTS IN KUWAIT HIT 84

**KUWAIT:** China's Ambassador in Kuwait Wang-Di said yesterday that the number of projects executed by Chinese companies in Kuwait till the first half of this year has reached 84 - and worth \$18.12 billion. In an interview to KUNA ahead of Vice Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Zhang Gaoli's visit to Kuwait today, the ambassador said the projects include the sectors of oil, housing and infrastructure, and the value of the contracts concluded in the first half of this year was \$2.22 billion. China is Kuwait's key trade partner in non-oil fields, he said, adding that two-way trade exchange amounted to \$9.5 billion in 2016.

He pointed to both sides' willingness to upgrade the level of cooperation in financial, investment and communication areas. The Chinese diplomat noted that Kuwait was the first country to sign a document of cooperation with

China for participation in the Belt and Road Initiative. He hailed His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's initiative to transform Kuwait into a regional financial and trade hub as being in harmony with the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative in a strategic manner.

Wang reiterated Chinese companies' eagerness to join Kuwaiti mega projects and to continue promoting cooperation with Kuwait in housing and development domains. On Zhang Gaoli's visit to Kuwait yesterday, the Chinese ambassador said it comes at the invitation of First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. During his stay here, the Chinese official will meet with a number of Kuwaiti officials for promoting and consolidating bilateral cooperation between both friendly nations, he said. —KUNA



## AMIR, CROWN PRINCE RECEIVE FAMILIES OF MARTYRS

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday received the families of martyrs; Grand Mosque Imam Sheikh Waleed Al-Ali and Sheikh Fahad Al-Husseini at Sief Palace. Both fathers extended their deepest thanks to His Highness the Amir for the compassion-

ate consolation and support offered to their families over their loss. The deceased were martyred in Ouagadougou capital of Burkina Faso, as they were on a charity mission. His Highness the Amir expressed pride over the distinguished contributions of Kuwaitis in various domains to best serve their beloved country, setting an example to upcoming generations. His Highness

also prayed to Allah Almighty that souls of the martyrs rest in peace, and to inspire their families patience and solace. On his part, His Highness the Crown Prince stressed that Kuwait is one family for better or worse, praying to Allah Almighty to protect our country and its people, and to bestow the deceased with his mercy. — KUNA



## INTERIOR MINISTER HOLDS TALKS WITH BRAZIL ENVOY

**KUWAIT:** Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah met with Brazilian Ambassador to Kuwait Norton Rapesta on bilateral cooperation. During the meeting, Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah stressed the strong relation between both countries. The two top officials discussed mutual

issues, mainly security. On his part, the Brazilian Ambassador said they talked about ways to enhance the existing relation between both nations. Rapesta said Kuwait and Brazil share the same views on several matters, which leads to more cooperation and coordination in the future. — KUNA



## CONSORTIUM WINS KABD SOLID WASTE PROJECT

**KUWAIT:** A consortium led by French Constructions Industrielles de La Mediterranee (CNIM) has been chosen to execute Kabd Municipal Solid Waste Project, Kuwait Authority for Partnership Projects (KAPP) said yesterday. The investment period is 25 years, in addition to 44 months for designing and construction, KAPP said in a statement to KUNA. Led by CNIM, Gulf Investment Corporation (GIC) and Al-Mulla Group, the consortium has been selected for the project according to financial and technical assessment results, it added. As a routine procedure, the relevant

documents were sent to the State Audit Bureau (SAB) for approval, the KAPP added. The project aims at the construction of a solid waste treatment plant with a capacity of 3,275 tons per day located in the south of the ground broadcasting station in the Kabd area, 35 kilometers away from Kuwait City. The project covers a total area of 500,000 square meters. The site will provide a number of services including treatment using incinerators for generating electricity, and landfilling the ash from the remains of the incineration. — KUNA

## AWARENESS FOR PILGRIMS

By Meshal Al-Enezi

**KUWAIT:** The Health Ministry set up a booth at Kuwait International Airport to spread awareness among pilgrims. Head of the information office at MoH Dr Ghalla Al-Mutairi said the goal behind the campaign, under the slogan "towards a safe pilgrimage", is to commit pilgrims to follow health instructions to guarantee a hajj without illnesses, and the program will continue for 10 days. She said the booth will be open round the clock.

### Eid on Sept 1

The astronomy department at the Science Club said the first day of Zul Hijja for 1438 will be Wednesday, Aug 30. Arafat Day will be on Thursday, Aug 31, and Eid Al-Adha will be on Friday, Sept 1.

### Tax income expected

Finance Ministry Undersecretary

Khaleefa Hamada said the amount of tax income expected from imposing value added tax and selective tax is nearly KD 600 million, adding that the amount will not end the budget deficit, but it will boost non-oil revenue. As for postponing the VAT and selective taxes, he said these will be imposed as soon as they are approved by the National Assembly, adding that these taxes are simple and easy to implement.

### Automated procedures

The Commerce and Industry Ministry will start trials to automate procedures before the end of this year, and will seek to start official operation of the new systems by the start of the next year. The ministry seeks to automate all company procedures, aiming to start a new era of procedures and government transactions away from the current long documentary cycle.

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**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Seif Palace yesterday Sheikh Ahmad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Dr Sheikh Mohammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah and Sheikh Bader Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah. — KUNA photos

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# CROWN PRINCE MEETS SENIOR OFFICIALS

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**His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Information Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah.**



**His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Anas Khaled Al-Saleh.**



**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah met Kuwaiti Army's Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Al-Khoder, and his deputy Gen Sheikh Abdullah Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and several other generals.



**His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.**



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**His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Chairman of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Ali Mohammed Thenian Al-Ghanem.**



**His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah.**

## CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** The Municipality's Public Relations Department said Director of Cleanliness and Road Occupancy in Hawally Saad Al-Jalawy issued instructions to cleaning companies contracted by the municipality to send 30 workers to clean clumps of oil, starting with the Balajat beach to the Bidaa coastline. He

said the campaign resulted in collecting 100 bags.

### Entry visa forger

Residency detectives arrested a swindler and entry visa forger. Detectives learned about a citizen conning expats by forging visas and charging them money. The suspect was arrested red-handed with a visa containing incorrect information.



## LAWMAKER BLASTS HEALTH MINISTER

By A Saleh

**KUWAIT:** MP Khalid Al-Otaibi accused Health Minister Dr Jamal Al-Harbi of violating laws and rules with his latest appointments. He said the health ministry made wide-ranging changes in the posts of department directors and hospital deputy managers and supervisors, adding that most of these decisions are in violation of Civil Service Commission decisions.

### Education zone

Director General of Ahmadi education zone Waleed Al-Oumi said the zone is considered the largest education zone in the country, as it has 97,500 students and 11,500 teachers in 172 schools. On being ready for the new school year, he said a team was formed, adding two schools will be opened in Sabah Al-Ahmad. He said that the zone receives 300 to 400 teachers every year due to the increase in the number of schools.

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BROTHERS IN TROUBLE

**KUWAIT:** A wanted man got his brothers in trouble after police arrested him. He gave police the name of one of his brothers, then gave investigators the name of another brother, before they realized he was lying. The Interior Ministry didn't have the suspect's fingerprint data.

5 suspects nabbed

Jahra detectives arrested five persons - three thieves who targeted farms, while the other two were caught by accident while selling liquor, and 45 bottles of imported liquor were found on them. Police arrested the three thieves and were taking them to the pens where they used to sell what they stole, when they noticed two cars with their trunks open. When police approached them, the suspects ran on foot, so detectives chased them down.

Wanted man arrested

Salwa police arrested a Syrian sentenced to 90 years in jail. The Syrian started running when a patrol came close to him, but police chased him on foot and caught him. The suspect claimed he did not have an ID on him. He was taken to the police station and his fingerprints were taken. He was identified as wanted and sent to concerned authorities.

Women exchange blows

Police broke up a fight between four women in a mall, with one taken to hospital for treatment. The fight started for unknown reasons. Policemen took the women's IDs and asked them to go to the police station, where they all refused to reveal the reason behind the fight.



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STORY OF SPINACH, OLIVE OIL, SMOKING

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

It is known that the Popeye the Sailor character was created by an American named Elzie Segar and appeared in a comic book in 1929, then became a character in plays, cartoons and films. In 1934, an agricultural epidemic destroyed the corn crops of popular American farmer John Charks, which he was supplying to tens of major food factories in the United States, which also recorded heavy losses.

One day, Hollywood short film producer Patrick Seally paid a visit to his friend Charks at a huge ranch north of Los Angeles, and saw material destruction that hit the farm and its owner. That visit coincided with the presence of agricultural engineers who came to present a summary of what they reached with regards to the future of farming. Their chief advised him to stop relying on just one crop and he should diversify his products to include fresh vegetables to sell daily, plant tobacco to sell seasonally and plant olives to create a long-term option that he can rely on, besides other products.

Seally listened to the agricultural expert's report and his suggestions, and planned something in this mind, especially since his friend Charks wasn't too happy with what he heard. When the experts left, the two friends sat together, then Seally told his friend he was ready to buy a small share of the farm for much lesser than its actual price, and in exchange he promised that profits from the farm will grow in a few years if he agreed with his ideas, and if the profits do not multiply, he will return the land free of charge.

Charks gave it a deep thought and did not comment, then after a period of long silence that included several puffs from the pipe that was hanging between his teeth, he got out of his chair and extended his hand to his friend, saying: I accept - give me what you have. Seally said what the expert suggested was logical, and that there is a cartoon character called Popeye the Sailor Man, which is very popular among various ages, particularly among mothers and children, and that a great idea occurred to him, which is to convince the character's owner to make some adjustment and have Popeye eat spinach, which boosts his muscles and he becomes strong. He then beats his archenemy Bluto and recovers his love Olive Oyl. Then Popeye celebrates his victory with a few puffs from his pipe!

Seally said this adjustment will make mothers to indirectly encourage their children to eat spinach, which has a high nutritional value, and it will be easy to convince the family to consume larger amounts of olives and oil, other than urging men to smoke, as the bad effects of tobacco on health were not known then. Time proved Seally right, especially after the introduction of television in homes, and this was the start of the two men's growing wealth out of a simple and small practical idea.

The story above, except for the first paragraph of it, is totally fictional, and some may have believed it out of their confidence in what I write. What I did here does not differ much from what many are doing nowadays with bad and sometimes criminal use of social media through publishing and republishing bad news and mostly lies, create mythical stories in order to create chaos and distort the movement of individuals and groups and countries for a certain purpose. So it is necessary to be careful and not believe in any message before looking into it, especially those related to health or politics, or benefits and harms of certain foods, besides other matters that may be confusing to us all, and it is enough to have doubts about a message to erase and forget it.

—Translated by Kuwait Times



ABK MARKS WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

**KUWAIT:** Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) recently celebrated World Humanitarian Day, as a group of ABK staff volunteered to distribute packages to street cleaners across Kuwait. World Humanitarian Day, which falls on 19 August, is marked universally through initiatives and projects committed to recognizing humanitarian

personnel who dedicate their lives to the cause and to encourage humanitarian deeds worldwide.

The packages distributed by ABK included essential food items, water bottles, caps and towels; all in an effort to keep street cleaners refreshed and hydrated throughout the day. This initiative came as a gesture

from ABK to demonstrate its support to these hard-working individuals that keep the streets of our beloved Kuwait clean.

For more information about Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait please visit eahli.com or contact an ABK customer service agent via 'Ahlan Ahli' at 1899899.

OOREDOO PARTICIPATES IN LAUNCHING OF BUSINESS CENTER

**KUWAIT:** Under the patronage of the Speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanim and the Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudan, Ooredoo, Kuwait's strongest network, proudly participated in the official inauguration of the Kuwait Business Center's headquarters in Ishbiliya last Thursday. Representing Ooredoo Kuwait at the event was Ooredoo Kuwait's CEO and General Manager Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Thani, Senior Director of B2B Sales Abdulaziz Al-Babtain, Senior Manager of Public Relations and Internal Communications Fatemah Dashti, and Senior Manager of Corporate Social Responsibility, Sponsorships and Social Media Yousef Al-Shallal.

The inauguration of the center counts as a substantial leap, delivering business licenses for one-person companies and microenterprises within the period of 48 hours of submitting requests via the center's website, with a comprehensive one-stop shop method, combining all responsible government entities under one roof to streamline the process. The center also counts as a vital step towards fulfilling the government's Kuwait 2035 vision, aiming to bolster the economy, especially among the segment of young entrepreneurs.

Speaking at the event, the Speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq Al-

Ghanim lauded the efforts of the government officials for launching this initiative, expressing his optimism towards a better future for young entrepreneurs that can help them build a better future and realize their potential. Meanwhile, Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudan noted that this achievement comes as part of the government's serious efforts towards creating an attractive environment for youth entrepreneurs, noting that the Prime Minister directly endorsed the project due to its importance.

Longstanding partnership

Ooredoo Kuwait's CEO and General Manager Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Thani noted during a statement made to the press on the occasion the company's commitment towards its core values of caring, connecting, and challenging. "Our collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce is an extension to our policy at Ooredoo Kuwait to be a leading supporter of youth and young entrepreneurs. We have strong and deep-rooted belief in our role as a private sector entity in enabling youth, and having a pro-active role towards their growth and success.

With this participation, we hope to fulfill the recommendations of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah,

who underscored on numerous occasions the importance of investing in youth, especially from private sector entities." He added, "We are certain that the launch of this center will have immense positive impact on local economy, and we look for more opportunities in the future to enable youth and propel them towards success and taking challenges head-on."

Comprehensive solutions

In collaboration with FASTelco, Ooredoo is offering all individuals upon the completion of their registration with 3 months of free DSL internet, with up to 20Mbps for three months, inclusive of hardware and installation. Ooredoo has also announced recently the launch of a new bundle that offers customers with a comprehensive connectivity solution, including high-speed mobile internet with a capacity of 1TB, a fixed router and a fixed landline that can be installed without the need for telephone infrastructure, for KD 20/month only. The launch of the new plan comes to reiterate Ooredoo's commitment to enriching the lives of customers, especially small business owners who compromise a big number of Ooredoo's targeted audience through its strategy to enrich and support the experience of young entrepreneurs.



CADILLAC ALGHANIM SUPPORTS KRCS BY PROVIDING KEY HOME ELECTRONICS

**KUWAIT:** Ahead of the upcoming Eid holiday, Yusuf A Alghanim & Sons Automotive, the exclusive distributor of Cadillac vehicles in Kuwait, and in cooperation with X-cite by Alghanim Electronics, concluded a donation campaign towards the Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) as part of its ongoing commitment to supporting various segments of the community through education, raising awareness and assisting individuals with special needs.

Through the partnership with X-cite by Alghanim Electronics, KRCS received essential home electronics and appliances to support the rebuilding of houses for vulnerable families in Kuwait. The donations included refrigerators, washing machines, air conditioners, portable fans, gas cookers and water dispensers.

A team comprised of employees from Alghanim Industries, Cadillac Alghanim, and X-cite by Alghanim Electronics participated in the delivery of these key appliances to families in Jleeb Al Shuyoukh, in preparation of the upcoming Eid holiday. According to the KRCS, there are 4,000 registered families who cannot afford to pay for adequate living conditions. These families consist of non-Kuwaiti residents, many of whom are facing financial difficulties.

Speaking about the initiative, General Manager of Cadillac Alghanim, Mohamed Eltalkhawi said: "As part of Yusuf A Alghanim & Sons



Automotive vision and strategy, Cadillac Alghanim is committed to supporting the local community and strive to do our part to raise awareness. We are proud to have partnered with the Kuwait Red Crescent Society this year and are grateful for their continuous efforts to better the lives of those less fortunate."

Commenting on the donation, Secretary General of Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) Maha Al-Barjas said: "We are extremely grateful to the Cadillac Alghanim team for continuing to support us with generous donations. This support will go towards improving the quality of life for families in need, by providing them with the essential equipment to make their house a home. We look for-

ward to partnering with Cadillac Alghanim for future initiatives."

In the months of May and June of this year, Cadillac Alghanim organized a donation campaign where it donated shares of its profits with every new Cadillac vehicle purchase. Since the brand's promising arrival to Kuwait, Cadillac always pushed the boundaries of design and engineering in the nation. Since Alghanim Industries partnered with General Motors, Cadillac customers have been enjoying great facilities, and the largest GM service center in the world. This care for excellence in customer service is embedded in Cadillac Alghanim's identity, and is reflected through the customer-centricity of all its processes.





**Train crash claims at least 23 lives**

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Fighters from the Hashed Al-Shaabi (Popular Mobilization) paramilitaries advance towards the city of Tal Afar, the main remaining stronghold of the Islamic State group, after the government announced the beginning of an operation to retake it from the militants yesterday. — AFP

# IRAQ LAUNCHES BATTLE FOR TAL AFAR

## IS BASTION NEAR MOSUL IS A KEY SUPPLY HUB

**TAL AFAR AIRBASE:** Iraqi forces yesterday pounded the Islamic State group in Tal Afar, one of its last bastions in the country, in a new assault just weeks after ousting IS from second city Mosul. Once a key IS supply hub between Mosul-around 70 kilometres (45 miles) further east-and the Syrian border, Tal Afar is the last major population centre in northern Iraq under jihadist control. Weeks after recapturing Mosul in a major blow to the jihadists, convoys of Iraqi forces around Tal Afar began pounding IS positions from three sides at dawn Sunday.

An AFP correspondent reported mortar fire in the mostly desert area dotted by some farmland, with columns of smoke billowing skywards. Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi announced the offensive in a pre-dawn televised speech. Wearing black military fatigues and standing in front of an Iraqi flag and map, he announced "the start of an operation to free Tal Afar". "I am saying to Daesh that there's no choice other than to leave or be killed," he

said, using an alternative acronym for IS. "We have won all our battles, and Daesh have always lost," he said, telling his troops: "The entire world is with you."

Several hours after the battle began, the federal police said it had retaken the village of Al-Abra Al-Sghira west of Tal Afar. The US-led coalition fighting IS in Iraq and Syria welcomed the start of the offensive and pledged support to Iraqi forces involved. The "operation to liberate Tal Afar is another important fight that must be won to ensure the country and its citizens are finally free of ISIS", the head of the anti-IS coalition Lieutenant General Stephen Townsend said in a statement, using another acronym for IS.

### Coalition support

"The coalition is strong, and fully committed to supporting our Iraqi partners until ISIS is defeated and the Iraqi people are free," he said. The coalition would continue to support

Iraqi forces with "equipment, training, intelligence, precision fires and combat advice". IS in June 2014 overran Tal Afar, a Shiite enclave in the predominantly Sunni province of Nineveh, on the road between Mosul and Syria. At the time, its population of around 200,000 was overwhelmingly Turkmen, one of Iraq's largest ethnic minorities.

Tal Afar's Shiites were directly targeted by IS, while some members of its Sunni minority joined the jihadists and went on to form a contingent with a particularly brutal reputation. According to the coalition, between 10,000 and 50,000 civilians remain in and around the city. Un Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq Lisa Grande said Sunday that "more than 30,000 people have already fled" the Tal Afar region and that thousands more were expected to seek to flee. "Families are trekking for 10 to 20 hours in extreme heat to reach mustering points. They are arriving exhausted and dehydrated," Grande said in a statement. "We don't

know how many civilians are still in the areas where fighting is occurring, but we are preparing for thousands more to flee in coming days and weeks." Authorities have accused the approximately 1,000 jihadists in the city of using civilians as human shields during Iraqi and coalition air strikes earlier this week in preparation for the ground assault. Abadi said that Iraq's Hashed Al-Shaabi paramilitary forces would help army, police and counter-terrorism units to retake Tal Afar.

### 'Victory is near'

The umbrella organization, which is dominated by Iran-backed Shiite militias, has already been fighting to retake other Iraqi cities from IS. "In the early hours, the guns and flags turned towards their targets," said Hashed spokesman Ahmed Al-Assadi. "Victory is near" in Tal Afar, an "Iraqi city taken hostage and humiliated for years by attacks from these barbarians", he said. Even before Abadi's announcement, Iraqi

planes had dropped leaflets to residents in Tal Afar and its surroundings, the Hashed said in a statement. The authorities said they had set up a radio station to keep residents briefed. IS overran large areas north and west of Baghdad in 2014, but Iraqi forces have since regained much of the territory. Once Tal Afar is retaken, Iraqi authorities intend to turn their sights south to jihadist-held Hawijah in the province of Kirkuk, 300 kilometers northwest of Baghdad. Jihadists also still hold areas of Anbar, a western province that borders Syria and faces major security challenges.

As well as in Iraq, IS has suffered major setbacks in Syria, where US-backed fighters have retaken more than half of its de facto Syrian capital Raqa. Russia-supported Syrian troops have almost entirely encircled IS in Syria's central desert region, and the jihadists are also facing twin assaults from the Lebanese army and Shiite movement Hezbollah on the Lebanon-Syrian border. — AFP

# FOR TRUMP, COMPLICATED RETURN TO WHITE HOUSE

**WASHINGTON:** US President Donald Trump returns to the Oval Office today after a two-week vacation rife with chaos-and the dark clouds plaguing his fledgling presidency show no signs of clearing up. Seven months after taking office the real estate magnate's approval rating has plunged to a record low. And far from striking a more unifying tone, Trump's words and actions continue to feed the sense of a rudderless presidency, lurching from one self-generated crisis to the next.

In perhaps the worst to date, he dealt a crushing blow to his own embattled administration by saying "both sides" were to blame for the bloodshed in Charlottesville, Virginia following a rally by neo-Nazis and white supremacists. Al Gore, a former Democratic vice president, advised Trump to "resign." Mitt Romney, a recent Republican presidential nominee, urged the president to "acknowledge that he was wrong" and "apologize."

Parts of the business world are now openly voicing exasperation with Trump, as members of his own Republican party-long "off the record"-grow more audible and assertive. "The president has not yet been able to demonstrate the stability nor some of the competence that he needs to demonstrate in order to be successful," Republican Senator Bob Corker uttered in one chiseled phrase, capturing the growing senti-



**WASHINGTON:** This file photo taken on July 12, 2017 shows US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump departing the White House. — AFP

ment that Trump's unpredictability cannot sustain his four-year presidential term.

With his return to Washington, number one on the president's to-do list is tax reform. Delivering on that campaign promise would mark Trump's first significant legislative achievement since his January swearing-in.

His verbal attacks on top members of Congress have cooled relations between the White House and Capitol Hill, but lawmakers with next year's midterm elections on the mind also fear an open clash. Top Republican law-

makers Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell "recognize Trump for what he is, and there's no love lost," said Larry Sabato, a politics professor at the University of Virginia. "But they have to protect their members on the ballot in November 2018," he told AFP. "They have no choice but to work with Trump, and Trump knows that and enjoys playing with them as a cat would a cornered mouse."

### A nation on edge

Friday's ouster of Steve Bannon, Trump's controversial former chief strategist and key campaign ally, from the White House could be seen as a turning point for an administration in turmoil. But the timing was disastrous, capping one of Trump's most catastrophic weeks yet after his series of ambiguous remarks on the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, which ended with the death of a counter-protestor at the hands of a suspected Nazi sympathizer.

Bannon's departure does offer a semblance of clarity concerning the balance of power in the White House, where John Kelly, a retired Marine general, now reigns as the president's chief of staff. But the president's true agenda remains unclear, and Bannon's status change from White House power player to outsider has policy experts asking what will remain in the administration of his extreme anti-establishment views. — AFP

# IRAN TO PROTECT NUCLEAR DEAL FROM US: ROUHANI

**TEHRAN:** Iran's President Hassan Rouhani said yesterday the top foreign policy priority for his new government was to protect the nuclear deal from being torn up by the United States. "The most important job of our foreign minister is first to stand behind the JCPOA, and not to allow the US and other enemies to succeed," Rouhani told parliament, using the technical name for the 2015 deal that eased sanctions in exchange for curbs to Iran's nuclear program.

"Standing up for the JCPOA means standing up to Iran's enemies," he said on the last day of debates over his cabinet selections. Rouhani indicated a week ago that Iran was ready to walk out on the nuclear deal if the United States continued to apply fresh sanctions. US President Donald Trump repeatedly threatened to tear up the deal during his campaign, and it has come under mounting pressure after Tehran carried out missile tests and Washington imposed new sanctions-with each accusing the other of violating the spirit of the agreement. But Rouhani has insisted it remains Iran's preferred way forward, not least to help rebuild the struggling economy and create jobs. "The second responsibility of the foreign ministry... is to get involved in economic activities. It should help attract foreign

investment and technology," Rouhani said, adding that Iran needed \$200 billion in investments for the oil and gas sector alone. Parliament approved 16 of his 17 cabinet picks, rejecting his suggested minister of energy, a reformist named Habibollah Bitaraf. Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who was the charismatic face of Iran's nuclear negotiations, retained his position.

So did Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh, who recently struck a billion-dollar deal with French giant Total. Rouhani, a political moderate, worked hard behind the scenes to secure support for his choices, including from the supreme leader and the military. He began his second term earlier this month after winning a resounding victory over a hardline challenger in May, vowing to continue his outreach to the world and improve civil liberties at home.

But he has angered reformists by again failing to appoint a single woman minister, and looks no closer to securing the release of jailed opposition leaders-one of whom, Mehdi Karroubi, briefly went on hunger strike this week to demand a trial after six years under house arrest. Rouhani has yet to appoint a minister of science, research and technology, which conservatives consider to be a sensitive post. — AFP

## ERDOGAN URGES 'SLAP' FOR GERMAN RULING PARTIES

**ISTANBUL:** Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan yesterday called on Turkish-origin Germans to give a "slap" to both parties in Chancellor Angela Merkel's ruling coalition in September polls, pressing on with what Berlin has condemned as unprecedented meddling. Erdogan has caused consternation in Berlin by urging ethnic Turks in Germany to vote neither for Merkel's Christian Democratic Union (CDU), its coalition partner the Social Democratic Party (SPD) nor the Greens in the September 24 legislative polls.

Defiantly returning to the controversy for the

third consecutive day, Erdogan called on ethnic Turks living in Germany not to vote for parties who are "enemies of Turkey." "Be with those who are friendly to Turkey. Don't worry if it's a small party, give them your vote. They will then grow and get bigger." "In my opinion, those who attack Turkey in this way need to be dealt a slap in this election," Erdogan told ruling party activists in a televised speech in Istanbul.

He did not specify which parties the Turkish community in Germany should consider voting for. Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel, a senior member

of the SPD, had bitterly denounced Erdogan's calls as an "unprecedented act of interference" in Germany's sovereignty. This prompted the Turkish president the day earlier to tell Berlin's top diplomat to "know your limits" and question his political experience.

And Erdogan yesterday brushed off the criticism that he was meddling in the elections. "What are they saying now? They are saying 'he's interfering in our democracy'. But all we are saying is that our citizens should give the enemies of Turkey a lesson at the ballot box. That's all." The latest spat between

Ankara and Berlin risks propelling a months-long crisis in ties between two NATO allies with deep historic links to a new level.

Berlin has lambasted Ankara over the magnitude of the crackdown that followed last year's failed coup, which has seen several German citizens arrested, including journalists. Ankara meanwhile has accused Berlin of failing to extradite suspected Kurdish militants and coup plotters who have taken refuge in Germany. Analysts estimate that about 1.2 million people of Turkish origin will have the right to vote in the September elections. — AFP

## CHRISTIAN TEEN IMPRISONED IN PAKISTAN OVER BLASPHEMY

**LAHORE:** A Christian teenager in Pakistan has been arrested and imprisoned for allegedly burning pages of the Holy Quran, officials said yesterday. The incident occurred in the central province of Punjab, with a local police official saying police had caught 18-year-old Asif Masih "red-handed." "On the night of August 12, police received a complaint that a Christian boy has been found burning pages of the holy Quran outside a shrine," Asghar Ali told AFP.

The incident was confirmed by another local police official, Pervaiz Iqbal, who is investigating the case. "When the police took the suspect into custody and brought him to a police check-post, a crowd of around 200 men gathered outside...demanding the culprit be handed over to them," Iqbal said. "We then secretly moved the culprit to the police station in Wazirabad where he was interrogated and confessed to his crime."

Massih was charged under section 295-B of Pakistan's penal code, added Iqbal, referring to a part of the country's constitution that makes the death sentence mandatory for anyone who damages or desecrates the Quran. He will stand trial and faces the possibility of being put to death. Blasphemy is a sensitive charge in the conservative Muslim country, where even unproven allegations can trigger mob lynchings and violence.

A Pakistani man was sentenced to death for committing blasphemy on Facebook in June. In May, a 10-year old boy was killed and five others were wounded when a mob attacked a police station in an attempt to lynch a Hindu man charged with blasphemy for allegedly posting an incendiary image on social media. At least 65 people have been murdered by vigilantes over blasphemy allegations since 1990. — AFP

## FINLAND MARKS A MINUTE OF SILENCE FOR STABBING VICTIMS

**HELSINKI:** Finland observed a minute of silence yesterday for the victims of a stabbing attack that left two people dead in what is being investigated as the country's first-ever terror attack. Another eight people were wounded in the stabbing spree, which took place on Friday in the southwestern port city of Turku. At the market square where the attack happened, several hundred people gathered to hold a minute of silence at 10:00 am (0700 GMT).

Among the crowd were emergency workers, city officials and police who formed a ring around a makeshift memorial of candles and flowers, where Archbishop Kari Makinen, who heads Finland's Evangelical Lutheran Church, was also present. "Peace and Love - No Violence Finland" read one note next to a bouquet of flowers.

The bells of Turku Cathedral, the country's largest church, rang out for 15 minutes before falling silent as the crowd bowed its head to remember the victims. Also there was Hassan Zubier, a visiting British paramedic who was injured in the attack after coming to the aid of a woman who later died. He arrived directly from

hospital, attending the ceremony in a wheelchair. "I wanted to show my respect to the victims," he told Swedish daily Aftonbladet before returning to hospital for further treatment. Similar ceremonies were held across the country.

### Women targeted

Finnish police said Saturday that an 18-year-old Moroccan asylum seeker deliberately targeted women in the attack. His motive was not yet known. All of the victims were women, including the dead, except for two men who tried to fend off the attacker. An Italian, a Swede and a Briton were among the injured. The suspect was shot and wounded by police minutes after he began his rampage on Friday afternoon.

The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) said Sunday it was hoping to interrogate him later in the day. In hospital with a gunshot wound to the thigh, he has so far refused to speak to investigators. Police arrested four Moroccans linked to the suspect in a raid late Friday, but police said Sunday their involvement in the attack had "not yet been fully established." — AFP



**NORCO:** Buzz Riebschlagler (R) who is a supporter of President Trump with his horse in the town of Norco. — AFP

## IN CALIFORNIA HORSE COUNTRY, TRUMP VOTERS STILL STANDING BY THEIR MAN

'I LIKE HIS AGGRESSIVENESS, PEOPLE DON'T WALK ON HIM'

**NORCO:** In Norco, a California desert town an hour inland from Los Angeles, the joke is that there are as many horses as there are residents. And on a recent visit, it seemed there were almost as many Donald Trump supporters as there were horses. This community where riding trails are used as sidewalks, and rodeo events and gunslinging are favorite pastimes, is one of the most Republican in the deeply Democratic state.

And almost all Norco residents are standing by their candidate, even as he faces a storm of bipartisan criticism over his response to a violent white supremacist rally. "Look at all the jobs he's bringing, he's working on tax reform," said Skip Fischer, a 62-year-old contractor as he left the Saddle Sore Saloon, a Wild West-themed restaurant and bar. "I like his aggressiveness, people don't walk on him, that's what America needed." "I think he's gonna be the one that changes the world," said a young housewife who would not give her name.

Seven months after the wealthy businessman was sworn into office, Trump has seen his popularity plunge to 36 percent, according to a recent Washington Post-ABC News poll. And yet 61 percent of Trump supporters said they could not see the president doing anything that would make them disapprove of him, according to a Monmouth University poll.

Everyone interviewed by AFP in Norco applauded his reaction to the recent deadly violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, where several hundred neo-Nazis, white supremacists and other far-right extremists had gathered for a rally.

They clashed with counter-demonstrators and a young woman was killed by a neo-Nazi sympathizer who rammed his car into a crowd.

### 'They're all racists'

Trump has come under fire from Republicans and Democrats alike after he drew an equivalency between the far-right demonstrators and the counter-protesters, saying there were "very fine people on both sides." "I think his reaction was absolutely correct," Fischer said. "President Obama would come up and without any facts he'd say these guys were wrong, the police was wrong. President Trump waits until he has the facts."

Lana James, 70, who was running errands with her granddaughter, said the reaction to Trump's comments has been too extreme. "He certainly did mean to condemn the supremacists and he did," she said. "When you have two groups that are so radical, either to the left or to the right, there are hateful people and extreme on both sides." Mark Birdwell agreed with James' assessment.

"I think they're all wrong, everybody needs to take a big breath and relax," said the 48-year-old who works in industrial refrigeration. "I don't agree with Black Lives Matter, I don't agree with the KKK... they're all racists." For him and all the Norco residents who spoke with AFP, public statues of Confederate leaders—who fought to preserve slavery during the US Civil War from 1861 to 1865 — should remain standing. "I had members of my family fighting on both sides during the Civil War, taking down symbols of the country is wrong, it's part of history," Birdwell said.

He's not alone—nearly two out of three Americans feel Confederate statues should remain in place.

### Immigration 'problem'

Many in Norco are quick to echo Trump's own words on the topic, after he rhetorically questioned whether statues of early American presidents would have to come down too, since several were slave owners. "You had your presidents that had slaves, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, what are you gonna do? Get rid of their statues just because some people got their feelings hurt that this was in the past?" Fischer said.

Some African Americans say "we're still affected by slavery. Well, no, you're not. You're free now, you can do whatever you want," he added. Beyond Charlottesville, the fervent Trump supporter also approves of the president's war rhetoric aimed at the authoritarian regime of North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un. "Sometimes you have to be more aggressive instead of passive like Obama was, otherwise people take advantage of you," Fischer said.

Fellow Trump fan Buzz Riebschlagler said he'd like to see more achievements in tax reform and in repealing Obamacare, the health care reforms that Republican lawmakers have been pledging to tear up for years. But on immigration, he's on the same page as the president. "If you don't live here, you shouldn't get a job. I'm not being racist," he said. "This is America, it's 2017, everybody's welcome here. The problem is when they come here and start doing bad things." — AFP



**TURKU:** Hassan Zubier, injured in a mass stabbing as he attempted to help a stabbing victim, is pictured at the Turku Market Square. — AFP

## LEBANON ARMY ADVANCES AGAINST IS IN BORDER FIGHT

**BEIRUT:** Lebanese soldiers renewed fire on Islamic State group positions on the country's eastern border with Syria yesterday after capturing a third of the territory held by jihadists in the area. Lebanon's army began its operation in the Jurud Ras Baalbek and Jurud Al-Qaa region early on Saturday, and in the first day captured around 30 square kilometers of territory, a military spokesman said. "That is around a third of the area controlled by the terrorists," Brigadier General Nazih Jreij said late Saturday.

Jreij said 20 IS fighters had been killed in the clashes, and 10 Lebanese soldiers wounded. Lebanon's battle against IS comes as the jihadist group faces assaults in both neighboring Syria and Iraq, where the government early yesterday announced an offensive on the group's bastion of Tal Afar. The attack also comes after IS claimed several international attacks, including twin car ramming incidents in Spain that killed 14 people.

Lebanese soldiers raised the Spanish flag on a hilltop captured from IS on Saturday in a tribute to the victims of those attacks, the army said. Lebanon's military estimated around 600 IS fighters were present in the Jurud Ras Baalbek and Jurud Al-Qaa areas, controlling around 120 square kilometers of territory before Saturday's advances. Yesterday, Lebanon's National News Agency reported soldiers were firing heavy artillery and rockets at IS positions in Jurud Ras Baalbek.

### Hezbollah campaign

The army's assault comes after Lebanon's powerful Shiite militant group Hezbollah

waged its own campaign against jihadists operating in another border area south of the current battle. The group's six-day offensive against IS and Al-Qaeda's former affiliate in the Jurud Aarsal area ended with a ceasefire. The agreement saw around 8,000 refugees and jihadists transported to a jihadist-held area of northwestern Syria in return for the release of five captured Hezbollah fighters.

Hezbollah said Saturday it had launched a simultaneous operation against IS from the Syrian side of the border, where the group's fighters are battling alongside President Bashar Al-Assad's army against rebels.



**Syrian pro-government forces hold a position in the western Qalamoun yesterday during an offensive against Islamic State (IS) group fighters. — AFP**

Lebanon's army denied any coordination with Hezbollah or the Syrian army. Hezbollah's War Media outlet said its fighters and the Syrian army had on Saturday "managed to liberate 87 square kilometers of the total area controlled by the Daesh (IS) organization... in western Qalamoun region" of Syria. Security along Lebanon's eastern border with Syria has long been a concern, and in 2014 jihadists invaded the town of Aarsal and kidnapped 30 Lebanese soldiers and police. Four were executed by their captors while a fifth died of his wounds. Sixteen were released in a prisoner swap in December 2015, but another nine soldiers are believed

to remain in IS hands. It is not clear if they are alive or not.

Three more Lebanese soldiers were killed yesterday when a mine exploded under their vehicle in the east of the country along the border with Syria, the army said in a statement. The soldiers were en route to participate in an operation that began Saturday to oust Islamic State group militants from an area further north on the border, an army source told AFP. "An army vehicle was hit by a landmine on the Al-Najsa road roundabout in Jurud Aarsal at noon today, killing three soldiers and injuring one soldier seriously," the army said in a statement. — AFP

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## RUSSIA STEPS UP PROBE IN ATTACK CLAIMED BY IS

**MOSCOW:** Russia said yesterday that a stabbing which injured seven people and was claimed by the Islamic State group is being probed by top investigators in Moscow, as new details emerged. IS claimed responsibility for the attack in the remote city of Surgut along with the attacks in Spain that killed 14 through its Amaq propaganda agency, calling the attacker "a soldier of the Islamic State."

A black-clad attacker in a balaclava ranged through central streets of the city around 2,100 kilometres (1,330 miles) northeast of Moscow on

Saturday morning, stabbing people apparently at random before being shot by police. Russia, which initially said the theory of terrorism was "not the main one" being considered, has opened a criminal probe into attempted murder and has not reacted officially to the IS claim.

The Investigative Committee, which probes major crimes, said in a statement on Sunday that "due to the wide public reaction," its chief Alexander Bastrykin has put the case directly under control of its central apparatus in Moscow. Investigators said they had carried out searches of

the attacker's home and were establishing the circumstances and the "motive for the attacker's actions."

The attacker was born in 1998, the Investigative Committee said, while previously it had said he was born in 1994. Unconfirmed media reports on Saturday had described the attacker as a 19-year-old whose father originates from Dagestan in Russia's mainly-Muslim North Caucasus region. Video posted by Izvestia newspaper on its website on Sunday showed the attacker, a slim young man, lying on the ground dressed all in black with a red

object taped round his waist.

NTV television aired witness video of a policeman chasing the attacker through streets and firing apparently at his head, after which the attacker falls to the ground. Earlier investigators said that they were looking into the attacker's "possible psychiatric disorders." One of the stabbing victims remained in a serious condition while the others were stable, investigators said. Late Saturday, the governor of the region Natalya Komarova visited the wounded in hospital. She said one victim was fighting for his life. — AFP



**MARONDERA:** This file photo taken on June 2, 2017 shows Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe (L) with his wife Grace Mugabe (R) raising their fists in a vehicle before meeting delegates during a Zimbabwe ruling party Zimbabwe African National Union – Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF) youth rally at Rudhaka Stadium. — AFP

## MUGABE RETURNS HOME DESPITE ASSAULT CLAIM

'SHE IS TARNISHING OUR IMAGE AS A NATION'

**HARARE:** Zimbabwe's first lady Grace Mugabe flew home from South Africa yesterday, state media said, ending a week of confusion over her whereabouts after she allegedly assaulted a model. Mugabe, who has sought diplomatic immunity but is sought by police for allegedly attacking the 20-year-old model at a Johannesburg hotel, flew home with her husband in the early hours yesterday, public broadcaster ZBC reported.

"President Comrade Robert Mugabe returned home... accompanied by the First Lady Dr Grace Mugabe... in the early hours of this morning aboard an Air Zimbabwe plane," the broadcaster said. The president had flown to South Africa on Wednesday to attend a two-day regional leaders' summit in Pretoria that began Saturday-which police said she had been expected to attend. Grace Mugabe has not been seen since the allegations were made and failed to appear at the summit.

Anticipating her arrival, a group of protesters had gathered outside, some waving signs reading "Grace is a disgrace." The 93-year-old president appeared to cut short his visit to fly home early, skipping the second day of talks among leaders of the Southern African Development Community (SADC). South African police had

said they were on high alert to make sure Mugabe's 52-year-old wife did not leave the country with officials reportedly weighing up whether to issue an arrest warrant.

### Hot-tempered

The first lady is alleged to have assaulted Gabriella Engels with an electrical extension cable on August 13 at the hotel where the model was staying with Mugabe's two sons who have a reputation for partying. Engels said she suffered deep cuts to her forehead and the back of her head and has opened a police case alleging assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

On Wednesday, Mugabe applied for diplomatic immunity although South African officials were not immediately available on Saturday to say whether or not her request had been granted. Seen as a potential successor to her husband, Grace Mugabe is known for her temper. In 2009, she successfully claimed immunity in Hong Kong after repeatedly punching a British photographer for taking pictures of her at a luxury hotel.

### Political headache

The alleged assault is a political headache for South Africa and Zimbabwe which are close

neighbors with deep economic and historical ties. Zimbabwean officials have declined to comment on the allegations against the first lady or her immunity claim. Yesterday, Zimbabwe's state media made its first mention of the alleged assault, hitting out at the "media frenzy" and saying there was "nothing meaningful being said."

But a spokesman for Zimbabwe's opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) said Mugabe should not be granted immunity, describing her as "a thug and violent person who committed a heinous assault on an innocent young woman." "Whatever is legally possible should be done to ensure that she faces the full wrath of the law. There should be no impunity," MDC spokesman Obert Gutu told AFP. "She is a disgrace and she owes us an apology for tarnishing our image as a nation."

And AfriForum, a pro-Afrikaner civil rights organization which helps victims of crime and has vowed to help Engels seek justice, also denounced what it said was a regional "culture of impunity." "We have corrupt government people (...) who are protecting one another," said Willie Spies, a lawyer for AfriForum, suggesting the authorities had turned a blind eye to her departure. "She has left the country. The whole thing was done secretly." — AFP

## THOUSANDS MARCH IN BOSTON AT ANTI-RACISM DEMONSTRATIONS

**BOSTON:** Thousands of anti-racism demonstrators flooded the streets of Boston Saturday, dwarfing a gathering of white nationalists in the city and triggering scuffles with police but avoiding the serious violence that marred a similar event a week earlier in Virginia. A so-called "free speech" rally by far-right groups had been scheduled to run until 2 pm (1800 GMT), but a half-hour before that police escorted its participants-whose numbers appeared to be in the dozens-to safety past a throng of anti-racism protesters.

Officials estimated turnout of about 40,000 demonstrators. Authorities said there were 27 arrests, mostly for assault and battery against the police, and disorderly conduct. Aerial photos showed counter-protesters filling one of Boston's main streets for several blocks, in a huge outpouring of anti-racist sentiment in this strongly Democratic northeastern city. While Boston saw no repeat of the violence that erupted last weekend in Charlottesville, Virginia, isolated scuffles between police and protesters prompted President Donald Trump to weigh in, with a tweet intoning against the "many anti-police agitators in Boston."

But as protesters began departing central Boston without major incident later Saturday, he followed up with a more positive tone. "I want to applaud the many protestors in Boston who are speaking out against bigotry and hate," he tweeted. "Our country will soon come together as one!" Boston Police Commissioner William Evans told a press conference that while there were people "who came here to cause problems," authorities were able to maintain order and keep the two sides apart. He credited a unit specially trained for crowd control.

"I thought they did a good job of moving

that crowd," Evans said. "Sometimes it doesn't look pretty, but that's what they're trained for." The demonstration was held at a time of anguished national debate over racial relations, which was fanned when Trump defended some participants in last week's white nationalist and neo-Nazi rally in Virginia as "very fine people." Trump's daughter Ivanka, who is Jewish, tweeted Saturday night: "It was beautiful to see thousands of people across the USA come together today to peacefully denounce bigotry, racism & anti-Semitism. We must continue to come together, united as Americans!"



**BOSTON:** A counter-protester, part of a small group who remained on the street hours after a "Free Speech" rally was staged by conservative activists, scuffles with a security guard and police. — AP

### 'Racists out!'

Thousands of counter-protesters had convened in two groups before the main rally in Boston, chanting "No Nazis, no KKK, no fascists in the USA!" One man held a sign that read, "Stop pretending your racism is patriotism," and a woman's sign said, "Muslims welcome, racists out!" "It's time to do something," said Katie Zipps, who traveled from Malden, north of Boston, for the counter-demonstrations, organized by an amalgam of mostly left-leaning groups. "We are out here to add an extra body to add to the numbers of those who resist." — AFP

## DEPUTY PM BAA-NABY'S N ZEALAND WOES CREATE CHAOS IN CANBERRA

**SYDNEY:** Australia's top court will this week examine a constitutional crisis threatening to topple the conservative government, after parliament's attempts to deal with it ended in sheep jokes and conspiracy theories. At least three senior government figures, including Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce, have been snared by a previously obscure constitutional provision that bars dual citizens from sitting in parliament.

With the government's one-seat majority on the line, Joyce has refused to stand down, arguing he previously had no idea he automatically inherited New Zealand citizenship from his Dunedin-born father. The Australian-born deputy leader's case will go to the High Court on Thursday, along with four other politicians who have unwittingly found themselves on the wrong side of the law.

A sixth lawmaker, National Party senator Fiona Nash, is also set to join the court case after discovering late last week she was a dual Australian-British citizen. Professor Don Rothwell, a constitutional expert from the Australian National University, said the stakes in the case were high. "One possibility, albeit remote as it stands at the moment, is that the government of the day could fall... in which case we could see an election called," he told AFP.

The dual citizenship provision was inserted in the 1901 constitution to ensure parliamentarians had no "adherence to a foreign power". Rothwell said it was framed at a time when Australians still believed their primary loyalty was to the British crown, and appeared increasingly archaic in an immigrant nation such as Australia. "It has this time-warped understanding of what foreign powers were from 1901," he said. "A much more liberal approach is taken (in the community) towards dual citizenship these days."

### Tinfoil hats, treason!

Much will rest on whether the High Court adopts the same approach or takes a narrower view of the constitution's section 44(i). Regardless, the court will certainly give the issue more sober consideration than Australia's politicians, who turned Canberra into a sideshow after Joyce dropped the bombshell Monday

that he was a Kiwi citizen. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull seized upon the fact that a member of New Zealand's Labour Party asked questions about the citizenship issue the previous week to allege a grand plot to bring him down. Opposition leader Bill Shorten of the Australian Labor party was attempting "to steal government by entering into a conspiracy with a foreign power," Turnbull thundered.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop accused Shorten of "treacherous behavior" and said she would find it hard to trust New Zealand Labour if it won the country's elections next month.

"(It) is not only highly improper but is in direct breach of the international obligation for non-interference. Labor have now been well and truly caught out," Bishop said.

Labor's Penny Wong accused Bishop of running "a Kiwis under-the-bed scare campaign", invoking anti-communist "Reds under the beds" fears of the Cold War. Her colleague Rob Mitchell turned up in parliament holding a tinfoil hat, which he said was for Bishop. "Sounds like Julie's on the phone now," he told reporters as his mobile went off with the ringtone playing the theme to "The Twilight Zone" television show.

"She's been on to NASA and Area 51 at Roswell claiming that it's all our fault about Barnaby Joyce," he told reporters. Meanwhile, Joyce's status as an accidental Kiwi led to inevitable sheep jokes, never far from the surface when Australians discuss their trans-Tasman cousins. Joyce endured taunts of "Baa-naby" from the opposition benches, while Bishop was told "you've just jumped the sheep!" after outlining her Kiwi conspiracy.

Rothwell said the High Court was likely to expedite its judgment on the citizenship saga due to its potential impacts. But he said a ruling in the case, due to start at a preliminary hearing on Thursday, was likely to be weeks away. In the meantime, Australians can look forward to their representatives in Canberra continuing to snipe at each other as they scramble to check they have no citizenship skeletons in the closet. As the Kiwis would say when expressing approval over something "choice, bro". — AFP



**Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen Joseph Dunford works in his private cabin aboard his plane, Saturday, Aug 19, 2017, while traveling to Andrews Air Force Base, Md. — AP**

## US REACH DECISION ON AFGHAN STRATEGY

**AMMAN:** US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis confirmed yesterday that the Trump administration had decided on a new strategy for Afghanistan after "rigorous" debate, but said President Donald Trump would be the one to announce it. Mattis refused to hint at any details of the decision, which came after months of speculation over whether Trump, frustrated with a stalemate after 16 years in Afghanistan, would allow the Pentagon to boost troop numbers on the ground in the country.

However Mattis appeared satisfied after what he described as an in-depth review of the policy by much of the president's cabinet and top security officials at Camp David on Friday. "I'm very comfortable that the strategic process was sufficiently rigorous, and did not go in with a preset condition in terms of what questions could be asked and what decisions could be made," he said. "Everyone who had equity was heard," he said, including budget officials responsible for funding the effort.

Trump had several options on the table, that ranged from backing away from the country to stepping up US efforts to defeat the Taliban. In June he gave Mattis the power to increase troop numbers above

the estimated 8,400 that have been in the country—close to 4,000 more, according to reports. But Mattis said he was loathe to move before he had a true picture of the numbers, which he said were actually higher than 8,400, and before Trump had his say on the broader strategy.

"The president had to make strategic decisions," Mattis said. "He delegated to me, when he came in, the tactical and operational decision. He did not delegate one ounce of the strategic decision." "He really did come in with very different courses of action, and I think he now needs the weekend to collect his thoughts about how he's going to explain it to the American people."

Mattis arrived in Jordan yesterday on the first day of a five-day swing through the Middle East and Eastern Europe. In Jordan he will meet with King Abdullah on regional security matters. In Turkey he will hold discussions with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and top military officials focused on the Syria conflict and the fight against the Islamic State group. In Ukraine he will discuss US support for the country's military fighting pro-Moscow rebels and attend celebrations for the country's national day. — AFP



# CROWDS PROTEST IN HK AFTER ACTIVISTS JAILED

**HONG KONG:** Thousands of supporters of three jailed young democracy activists took to the streets in Hong Kong yesterday to protest their sentences. Joshua Wong, Nathan Law and Alex Chow, leaders of the 2014 Umbrella Movement rallies, were sentenced to six to eight months in jail Thursday for their role in a protest that sparked the months-long demonstrations calling for democratic reforms.

People took on the summer heat to stream from the district of Wan Chai to the Court of Final appeal in the heart of Hong Kong Island, protesting the jail terms. They held signs including: "Give back hope to my children" and "One prisoner of conscience is one too many" as they gathered in one of the biggest recent rallies the city has seen.

William Cheung, an engineer in his 40s, described the ruling as "the beginning of white terror" in Hong Kong. "These young people are our hope for the future. We shouldn't treat them like this," Jackson Wai, a retired teacher in his 70s, told AFP as he teared up. Rights groups and activists called the case against the trio "political persecution" and more evidence that an assertive Beijing is tightening its grip on the semi-autonomous city.

The Beijing-backed Hong Kong government brought the case for harsher sentences against the three, saying previous non-custodial terms were too light and did not serve as a deterrent to activists undermining stability. University student Ann Lee said the government's efforts to overturn the previous sentences were "attempts to intimidate us from taking part in acts of resistance." Hong Kong enjoys freedoms unseen on the mainland after being handed back to China in 1997 under a "one country, two systems" deal, but there are growing fears Beijing is trampling the agreement.

## 'Ashcan of history'

The three jailed protest leaders were found guilty last year on unlawful assembly charges for storming a fenced-off government forecourt known as "Civic Square" as part of a protest calling for fully free leadership elections in September 2014. Wong and former legislator Law, who was disqualified from parliament last month following Beijing intervention, had expressed their intentions to run for office in future elections, but will be prevented from standing for five years because their jail terms exceeded three months.

Wally Yeung, one of the panel of three judges that handed down the jail terms, said in a written judgment there had been an "unhealthy trend" of people in Hong Kong breaking the law for the sake of their ideals and having what he described as "arrogant and self-righteous ideas". Protesters stayed on until the evening yesterday as campaigners addressed the crowds and messages of solidarity were projected onto the building of the Court of Final Appeal.

Veteran activist and former lawmaker "Long Hair" Leung Kwok-hung, who was ousted along with Nathan Law, said elite officials including the justice chief understood the 2014 mass protests differently from judges of lower courts, who adjudicated on everyday matters in society and had decided on lighter sentences for the protest leaders. "Those at the top—they are the ones who met with Xi Jinping during the July visit and were lectured by him," said Leung, referring to the high-profile visit last month where the Chinese President delivered a hardline message warning against challenges to China's control of Hong Kong. Lau Siu-lai, another unseated lawmaker, told supporters the court cases against activists in recent months sought to wear them out, bankrupt them and "push Hong Kong people into a state of heartbrokenness and giving up". —AFP



**UTTAR PRADESH:** Indian policemen and emergency crew stand next to the wreckage of a train carriage after an express train derailed on the evening of August 19 near the town of Khatauli. — AFP

# SEARCH ONGOING AFTER TRAIN CRASH CLAIMS AT LEAST 23 LIVES

## FOURTH ACCIDENT THIS YEAR ON THE CRUMBLING NETWORK

**NEW DELHI:** Emergency crews searched mangled carriages yesterday for any further victims after a train crash in northern India killed 23 passengers, the fourth major accident this year on the crumbling network. Another 156 people were injured when 14 carriages came off the tracks in Muzaffarnagar district in Uttar Pradesh state, 130 kilometers from New Delhi, on Saturday evening.

The coaches were left piled atop each other after the express train derailed at 100 kilometers per hour, crashing into nearby houses and a college. Rescuers used gas-powered saws yesterday to pull apart the tangled metal and search the wreckage with sniffer dogs. "We are checking the coaches thoroughly for any survivors or bodies," Anant Dev, Muzaffarnagar district police chief, told AFP.

A large crowd gathered at the accident site to help free passengers from the damaged carriages, many of which were upended and torn open. Some of the injured were seriously hurt but many had been released from hospital after receiving treatment, Dev added. The government has ordered an inquiry into the accident amid speculation unscheduled maintenance work was underway at the time.

Mohammad Jamshed, a senior official with the government's railway board, said some repair equipment was found near the accident site-indicating work was being carried out. But he cautioned that the evidence was inconclusive and a thorough probe would unveil the exact cause of the crash. "The investigation will deal with all the aspects, be it technical, human error or sabotage," Jamshed told reporters. Railways Minister Suresh Prabhu vowed in a Twitter message to "fix responsibility" for the crash. Authorities have also asked anti-terror officers to investigate whether sabotage was involved.

## 'Miracle'

The Utkal-Kalinga express left Puri, a temple city in India's coastal east, on Thursday evening and was scheduled to arrive in the northern Hindu holy city of Haridwar, a 2,400 kilometer journey. But survivors described sudden jolting followed by a violent crash near Khatauli railway station in Muzaffarnagar.

"There was a huge thud and a shake before I fell off the berth," Nadeem Shauket, who escaped with minor injuries, told AFP. "It's a miracle," he said of his survival virtually unscathed,

describing how hundreds of locals rushed to their rescue. Officials said 200 meters of track had been damaged in the accident, but it was hoped services would be restored by yesterday evening. India's railway network is the world's fourth largest and remains the main form of travel in the vast country, but it is poorly funded and deadly accidents often occur.

Experts blame under-investment and poor safety standards for the frequency of rail accidents. This latest derailment is the fourth major crash this year, and follows another accident in Uttar Pradesh last November that left 146 dead. In January nearly 40 people were killed when a passenger train derailed in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh.

A 2012 government report described the loss of 15,000 passengers to rail accidents every year in India as a "massacre". Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pledged \$137 billion over five years to modernize the crumbling railways and his government has signed numerous upgrading deals with private companies. Japan has agreed to provide \$12 billion in soft loans to build India's first bullet train, with Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe tipped to break ground on the project in September. —AFP



**HONG KONG:** A protester (C) holds a picture of Nathan Law, Joshua Wong and Alex Chow, the leaders of Hong Kong's 'Umbrella Movement', during a march to protest their sentencing at the High Court. — AFP

# YOUNG TAIWANESE CHOOSE CHINA JOBS OVER POLITICS

**TAIPEI:** Taiwan has long seen its international allies switching allegiance to an ascendant Beijing, but now there are also fears of a brain drain of the island's youth as they pursue careers in rival China. Cross-strait tensions have soared since China-sceptic Tsai Ing-wen took power last year, with Beijing cutting all official communication. China still sees the self-ruling island as part of its territory to be reunified, but

young people in particular have increasingly developed a sense of pride in their Taiwanese identity.

They have been at the forefront of anti-Beijing sentiment in recent years, famously occupying Taiwan's parliament in protest at trade deals with China in the Sunflower Movement of 2014. However, with monthly starting salaries for college graduates unchanged at below Tw\$30,000 (\$1,000) since the 1990s and property and consumer

prices spiralling upwards, some are now taking a more pragmatic approach.

China is also wooing young Taiwanese talent in what analysts say is a "soft power" push to sway political sentiment. Katherine Wang, 33, quit kindergarten teaching in Taipei and co-launched a business in May offering a variety of courses for young Chinese women in southeastern Xiamen city, saying she feels "hopeless" about Taiwan's economy. "I see a ray of hope in Xiamen and working there makes me happy. I want to make a name for myself and my partners and hopefully expand our business to all over China," she explained.

Wang receives free housing and office space as an incentive from the Xiamen city government, an example of the perks offered by provincial authorities, which also include generous grants. According to China's Taiwan Affairs Office (TAO), over 6,000 Taiwanese young people are working or interning at more than 50 youth start-up bases launched since 2015.

Top Chinese political and business leaders, including Premier Li Keqiang and Alibaba founder Jack Ma, have also encouraged Taiwanese youth to chase careers in China. While Wang says she has no strong political views, others who do are putting them to one side for jobs. One twenty-something has opted to work in China even though he supports Taiwanese independence—a concept intolerable to Beijing.

"I just focus on how to do my job well," the young worker told AFP on condition of anonymity, saying he hoped it would be a stepping stone to an international career. "My Chinese colleagues sometimes say things like 'Taiwan is a part of China' but that's their freedom of speech," he said. Despite being a fully fledged democracy, Taiwan has never announced a formal split from China. Beijing has threatened military action if it ever did.

There are already well-established business links between China and Taiwan. Taiwanese manufacturers flocked to the mainland to take advantage of its resources and cheaper labor after restrictions were lifted in the late 1980s. China is also Taiwan's biggest trade partner and market, with exports there totaling \$112 billion — 40 percent of last year's total. But the youth links have an extra dimension, says Shih Cheng-feng, a political analyst at National Dong Hwa University. "China realises that it needs to take a soft approach and use 'carrots' to attract (young people) in the hope that they will have some impact at critical time, such as the presidential election," Shih told AFP. —AFP



**TAIPEI:** A woman introduces the jobs opening at Fujian province, southern China, during a jobs fair. —AFP

# MALAYSIA SORRY FOR SHOWING INDONESIA'S FLAG AS POLAND'S

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia apologized to Indonesia yesterday for an "unintentional" mistake in printing the Indonesian flag upside down in a souvenir guidebook for the Southeast Asian Games. The error made the red-and-white Indonesian flag resemble Poland's and caused anger in Indonesia, where "shameonyoumalaysia" has become the most popular hashtag on Twitter.

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo demanded an apology for hurt national pride but also cautioned against exaggerating the incident with his neighbor. The two countries share the same religion and language but often trade accusations of stealing the other's food and culture.

Malaysian Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin met his Indonesian counterpart Imam Nahrawi to personally apologize. After a brief private meeting Sunday, the two ministers shook hands at a news conference. Khairy, who was quick to issue the first apology late Saturday on Twitter, said that the guidebooks will be corrected and

reprinted. Indonesia appears to have taken particular offense because the guidebook was distributed to VIPs at Saturday's opening ceremony in Kuala Lumpur for the 29th Southeast Asian Games and only its flag was shown incorrectly.

Nahrawi, who earlier described the error as "very painful," said he accepted the apology. "We hope these mistakes don't get repeated because flags are important symbols for each country and should be respected," he said. Khairy said the mistake was "unintentional and it happened due to our lessness." "This was a big, big mistake on behalf of the host, have contact. I, our apologies to ... Imam averyb Indonesian minister and also I apologize to the people of Indonesia for this mistake," he said.

The creation of Malaysia when the British empire was dismantled after World War II was bitterly opposed by Indonesia, itself then a new nation emerging from Dutch colonial rule and a short-lived Japanese occupation. — AP

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## ASSAD REJECTS SECURITY COOPERATION...

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greater and the losses of war less. Therefore, they are our partners in these achievements on the road to crush terrorism," Assad said. "Let's be clear. There will be no security cooperation nor opening of embassies or even a role for some countries that say that they want to play a role in ending the crisis in Syria before they clearly and frankly cut their relations with terrorism," Assad said. "At that point maybe we can speak about opening embassies."

Following months of steady military advances, Syria's government has sought to portray itself as the victor in a war that is winding down, and is looking ahead to reconstruction. The Syrian president said his country's economy is turning to growth again "at a very slow pace, although we are under an almost complete embargo". The government had billed the international trade fair, which opened three days ago, as a "victory" and a sign of renewed confidence in the war-torn nation. The Damascus International Fair was once the leading event on Syria's economic calendar but had not been held since shortly after the outbreak of the country's war in March 2011.

The Mortar News in Damascus Facebook page, which tracks violence in the capital, said the shell hit the entrance of the fair, killing four people and wounding four others. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based monitor of the war, said six people, including two women, were killed and around a dozen more wounded in the rocket fire near the entrance to the fair.

A rescuer speaking to AFP on condition of anonymity confirmed the toll. A source at a hospital in Jaramana, an area southwest of the capital, told AFP he had seen dead and injured being evacuated from the scene. There was no confirmation of the toll from officials. But state television briefly carried a breaking news alert reporting the rocket fire and saying it had caused injuries, citing its reporters at the scene. The alert was removed shortly afterwards, and a reporter broadcasting live from the fair interviewed several officials who made no mention of the rocket fire or casualties.

"We were preparing to receive visitors when I heard an explosion...then I saw smoke to the side of the entrance to the exhibition hall," 39-year-old Iyad Al-Jabiri, a Syrian working at a textile stand at the fair, told AFP. The fair opened on Thursday at the capital's Exhibition City and is scheduled to last 10 days.

It was touted as a sign that work towards rebuilding

Syria and revitalizing its ravaged economy was getting under way, despite the violence that continues in parts of the country.

While Damascus has been insulated from much of the worst violence of the country's war, several key rebel enclaves remain in the Eastern Ghouta region outside the city. Fighters in the area have regularly fired rockets into the capital, and government warplanes have frequently carried out devastating raids across Eastern Ghouta. In recent weeks, much of the area has been quieter after the implementation in July of a "de-escalation zone" covering parts of Eastern Ghouta.

The trade fair dates back to 1954 but was last held in the summer of 2011, months after the eruption of protests against Assad's government. Since then, the country has spiralled into a bloody civil war that has killed more than 330,000 people, displaced millions and devastated the economy. The fair is hosting firms from 23 countries that have maintained diplomatic relations with Damascus throughout the conflict. The United States and European countries, which maintain economic sanctions on the Assad regime, were not officially invited, although a handful of Western companies are attending on an individual basis.

Assad said that hardly a week passes without an attack in the West, referring to assaults carried out by IS supporters. "These facts are what forced them (the West) to change their stance," Assad said.

He welcomed recent deals to de-escalate violence in Syria, but vowed not to give the opposition in politics what it failed to gain through arms.

The de-escalation zones in central, northern and southern Syria were proposed in a plan approved in May by Russia, Turkey and Iran in the Kazakh capital, Astana. The plan included a cessation of hostilities, a halt to Syrian government air raids over designated areas, and provisions for humanitarian aid access.

Despite that deal, Assad said Syrians don't trust Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and that the Syrian leader does not consider him to be a guarantor. Erdogan's government is a main backer of Syrian rebels, and sent troops into Syria a year ago to battle IS and to halt the advance of Kurdish forces. Those troops, and allied Syrian forces, now control a stretch of Syrian territory along the border. "Any Turkish citizen who is in Syria without permission from the Syrian government will be considered an occupier," Assad said. — Agencies

## QATAR HAS NOT APPROVED HAJJ FLIGHTS...

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barring direct flights between the countries. They also blocked Qatari flights from using their airspace. The four countries accuse Qatar of supporting terrorist groups and of trying to foment unrest in the region. They have tried for years to pressure Qatar to stop supporting Islamist opposition groups like the Muslim Brotherhood. Qatar rejects the allegation that it backs extremist groups and says the moves are politically motivated.

The Qatar-based Al Jazeera reported that the small Gulf country filed a complaint to the International Civil Aviation Organization against attempts to "terrorize" travelers flying on Qatari Airways. The complaint pointed to a report by the Saudi-owned Al Arabiya news channel that shows a simulation of a fighter jet forcing a Qatar Airways flight to land if it enters the quartet's airspace. The video says that these countries have the

right to use force if necessary, and shows a bomb striking an unmarked aircraft.

Saudi Arabia's facilitation of the hajj for Qataris came after a visit to the kingdom by a Qatari royal family member who resides outside Qatar and whose branch of the family was ousted in a coup more than four decades ago. Sheikh Abdullah Al-Thani, who holds no official post in Qatar, also met Saudi King Salman at his summer palace in Morocco over the weekend and launched a verified Twitter account to raise his profile. He has since taken credit for setting up a hotline inside Saudi Arabia for Qataris who require additional assistance during the hajj, which starts at the end of the month.

Sheikh Abdullah used his new Twitter account yesterday to express his disappointment over Saudi aircraft not being given permission to pick up Qatari pilgrims. "I hope the brothers in Qatar cooperate to facilitate the pilgrimage of citizens," he wrote. — AP

## MEDIA TESTED ANEW IN 'WAR' WITH TRUMP

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They should stand for factual reality." In the line of fire over his response to the Charlottesville events, which ended with the death of a young protester, Trump lashed out at the mainstream media with which his camp has declared itself at "war", charging that they "totally misrepresent what I say about hate, bigotry etc".

With many in Trump's loyal supporter base, the charge is likely to resonate: Major cable news outlets like CNN and MSNBC are indeed seen as increasingly hostile to the US administration - with pro-Trump outlets like the ultra-conservative Breitbart News at the other end of a polarized media landscape. "Dislike of Mr Trump within the mainstream media is unalterable," conservative columnist Peggy Noonan wrote in the Wall Street Journal in June. "It permeates every network, from intern to executive producer and CEO."

Muddying the waters, Noonan argues that "media bias now is in part a financial decision", with outlets eager to use Trump to boost ratings. "What we need from media folk is a kind of heroic fairness. What we have instead is endless calculation," she said. But the tumultuous Trump presidency has also triggered a genuine debate about how to uphold the cherished American tradition of even-handed reporting.

Stephen Ward, a former director of the Center for Journalism Ethics at the University of Wisconsin, said many media are being forced to rethink their "old-fashioned view of objectivity". Ward said journalists cannot simply be "stenographers" - liable to repeating the misstatements of facts to which the current president is prone. "The old style of objectivity allows you to be manipulated by the sources talking to you," Ward said.

"What is needed now is interpretive journalism that backs up its perspectives with facts," he said - as well as the resolve to "call a liar a liar and a racist a racist".

Dan Kennedy, a Northeastern University journalism professor, agreed that news outlets need to avoid a "mindless" effort at balance. "The idea that everything has to be balanced is never correct," Kennedy said. Even before the latest polemic, New York University journalism professor Mitchell Stephens wrote in a Politico essay that it's time to think differently about journalistic objectivity. "An abandonment of the pretense to 'objectivity' - in many ways a return to American journalism's roots - is long overdue," Stephens wrote in June. For many news organizations, he said, "their obsession with nonpartisanship lingered long enough to leave them deeply vulnerable to manipulation by a boisterous, rudderless presidential candidate like Trump".

A study released last week by the Berkman-Klein Center at Harvard University offered a lesson on media ethics, concluding that mainstream outlets allowed themselves to be manipulated during the 2016 presidential campaign, enabling Trump supporters to set the narrative for a large amount of coverage. The study found that Trump supporters succeeded in creating a false equivalency between the email scandal dogging the Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton, and potentially far more serious concerns over the Republican candidate's fitness for office. The effort to divert attention was led by "the rightwing media ecosystem" but widely picked up by the mainstream press, the study found. "The fact that the traditional professional media were the targets of intentional manipulation does not absolve them of responsibility for checking the materials put in front of them," the authors wrote. — AFP

## QATAR: NO DELAYS TO WORLD CUP

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Qatar has been isolated since June 5 when Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt cut ties with the World Cup host - 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. Qatar initially gave priority to Gulf suppliers for the vast construction projects - the country is spending \$500 million a week on World Cup projects - accompanying the controversial tournament.

Since the conflict began some have questioned whether the gas-rich emirate can subsequently meet deadlines to build or renovate the eight stadiums currently earmarked for 2022. But Doha has said it swiftly replaced Saudi and UAE companies with Chinese and Malaysian contractors, among others, since June 5.

Also yesterday, the Supreme Committee published plans for the design of its sixth tournament stadium, Al-Thumama, and the first to use a Qatari architect, Ibrahim Jaïdah.

The 40,000-seater Doha stadium will be based on a traditional qahfiya cap worn throughout the region and matches will be played there up to the quarter-final stage in 2022. "We've always been very careful to combine the past with the future in our designs," said Thawadi. "The qahfiya is a continuation of that theme."

Construction work will be carried by a Qatari and Turkish company. Turkey is one of Qatar's strongest allies. Qatar is preparing eight stadiums for 2022, though this may eventually increase to nine. A final decision is expected by governing body FIFA this year. Originally, up to 12 venues were to be used for the tournament. — Agencies

## SHUNNED LEBANON BAND FINDS AUDIENCE...

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"Are we the rebellious teenagers of the Middle East? No, I think we're just a band that's writing about our lives and about the stuff that affects us," he said. "And because of the way we are as individuals and people, a lot of what does inspire us is political, because that's the stuff that we freak out about on a daily basis."

The band's most recent song, Roman, focuses on overcoming betrayal. The video was directed by a woman, Jessy Moussallem, and is dominated by women, their hair and hijabs flapping in the wind side by side in the back of a truck as Sinno sings among them. "I think it's literally speaking about what I would like to see and what I think men should do, especially in the Middle East, which is just to shut up and sit back," Sinno said in an interview ahead of a concert in the Lebanese town of Ehdén.

At sunset, young fans gathered at the venue, wearing shirts emblazoned with the Arabic numeral "3", the symbol of Mashrou' Leila's latest and third album.

Others wore Nirvana and Beatles T-shirts. Both Lebanese and non-Lebanese fans said they liked the band because it is not at all like traditional Arabic music. "They have this sort of Western twang," a Lebanese fan, Anthony, said. "The way he sings and vocalizes, it's not very clear what he's saying."

In fact, Sinno said the music they most identified with growing up came out of the United States and Britain. The band draws inspiration from R&B, jazz, rock, Seattle grunge and metal, he added, and they listen to a lot of Michael Jackson, Tina Turner, Madonna and Fleetwood Mac. Beirut, with its eclectic mixture of noise and language, also had a big influence on the band. Asked if he believes the band's music had alienated audiences, Sinno said that's always a risk, but one he's willing to take.

Critics in the region often focus on Sinno's way of singing: He elongates words so they are often incomprehensible. The Arabic word for jasmine hung in the air for 11 seconds in a live rendition of "Shim el Yasmine", or "Smell the Jasmine". — Reuters

## SPAIN POLICE UNCOVER GAS ARSENAL AT BOMB...

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led the 90-minute ceremony, while heavily-armed police stood guard outside and snipers deployed on rooftops. Catalonia resident Teresa Rodriguez said she came to pray for the victims, who came from three dozen countries, some as far afield as Australia, China and Peru.

The individual tragedies lengthened on Sunday as the family of a seven-year-old British-Australian boy, Julian Cadman, who had been listed as missing, confirmed that the lad was among the 13 killed in Barcelona. "What happened in Las Ramblas is really hard for us, we go for walks there often, it could have happened to me, my children or anyone. And here we are. It's huge, huge," Rodriguez said, fighting back tears. Nearly 100,000 people were expected later yesterday at the Camp Nou stadium for Barcelona's first home game of the season, to be marked by a minute of silence for the victims.

Traces of triacetone triperoxide (TATP) - a homemade explosive that is an IS hallmark - were also found at the bomb factory in Alcanar, about 200 km south of Barcelona, where the gas canisters were uncovered. Investigators said they believe the terror cell comprised at least 12 men, some of them teenagers. An imam, Abdelbaki Es Satty, was among the suspects, police confirmed. Investigators are seeking to unravel the role of the imam, who is believed to have radicalized many of the youths in a small town called Ripoll at the foot of the Pyrenees.

Several suspects - including Abouyaaqoub - grew up or lived in the town of about 10,000 residents. On Saturday, police raided the imam's apartment in Ripoll, his flatmate, who would only identify himself as Nourdem, told AFP.

Investigators are looking for DNA traces to see if the imam had been blown up in the explosion in Alcanar.

The imam was reportedly known to police, with Spanish media saying he had spent time in prison. El Pais and El Mundo quoting anti-terror forces said the imam had met prisoners linked to the Al-Qaeda-inspired bombing of Madrid trains that killed 191 people in March 2004 in what remains the worst terror attack in Europe. A man who identified himself as Moha, 46, who lives in Ripoll, said the imam was initially part of the only mosque in town, but "later left and (set up) his own prayer hall in a garage". "There has been a change in the community since he arrived more than two years ago," said Moha.

He said youths who used to frequent a Moroccan cafe near the first mosque where they would watch football matches stopped doing so more than a year ago. In the Moroccan town of M'irt, relatives of Abouyaaqoub also accused the imam of radicalizing the young man, as well as his brother Houssein. "Over the last two years, Younes and Houssein began to radicalize under the influence of this imam," their grandfather told AFP.

Most of the suspects are children of Moroccan immigrants, including Ripoll-born Moussa Oukabir, 17, one of five suspects shot dead in Cambrils. His older brother Driss is among the four arrested. In Morocco, their father Said broke down on hearing the news. "I hope they will say he's innocent... I don't want to lose my two sons," he told AFP. A cousin said Moussa "loved playing football, having a good time, chatting up girls". "The last few months, he started to become interested in religion. He used to go to a mosque in Ripoll. Maybe that's where he was brainwashed," the cousin said. — AFP

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## Focus

LULA SEEKS REBIRTH  
WHERE HE BEGAN:  
AMONG THE PEOPLE

The very thought that Lula might go to prison causes Maria Helena da Conceicao to break into tears. To her, the former Brazilian president is much more than just a politician facing corruption charges and fighting to regain power. The fortyish Maria Helena is one of the many people who benefited from the social policies of Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, a hugely popular leader who in his two terms as president (2003-2010) pulled millions of Brazilians out of lives of barefoot poverty.

Brandishing a poster bearing a photo of her proudly receiving a university diploma, Maria Helena would not have missed the visit of the aging leftist icon to Feira de Santana, some 100 km from Salvador de Bahia. It is the third stop on a three-week tour of some of the poorest areas of Brazil's northeast. "Before, we had no access to universities. Rich people did not accept us. But today, though I am black and poor, I am doing advanced studies alongside those with money," said Maria Helena, who has a law degree and recently began studying psychology.

Standing among an animated crowd of thousands of militants - many wearing the red T-shirts of the Workers' Party that Lula founded in the 1980s - she makes no effort to hide her emotion when the former president arrives for a rally billed as dealing with "the defense of public policies for family farming". Greeted by thunderous chants of "Lula, warrior of the Brazilian people!" the bearded politician with the gravelly voice clearly cultivates his image as a man of the people. Sporting the traditional leather hat of Bahia, he is showered with gifts from the crowd, including locally grown fruit and vegetables.

## A promise of 'much more'

A native of neighboring Pernambuco state, Lula himself knew hunger growing up in the arid northeast, before emigrating to Sao Paulo to work as a metallurgist. But this tour is not just about returning to his roots. Lula wants to put himself back on the political map ahead of next year's presidential elections, and he makes clear that he considers the many corruption charges facing him as nothing but a "plot by the elites" to prevent him from running.

"They want to destroy me and they think I will hang my head," he tells the crowd. "But don't worry about me: if one day I should return to power, we are going to do much more," the former union leader promises, before being interrupted for long minutes by shouted cries of "Lula, president!" At 71, he has lost none of his charisma. While the corruption charges have not helped, he knows how to charm his public, reminding them of the incredible path he followed from youthful poverty to becoming a leader once described as "the most popular politician on earth."

"I know where I come from and I know where I'm going. I am not going to Paris or London. You can count on a comrade ready to fight to the very end!" he shouts, to a roar of applause. That is just the sort of hopeful message that got Maria Jose Pereira da Silva, a 65-year-old farmer, out of bed at 5 o'clock in the morning to see her idol. "Today, we have running water, a fridge, a TV. It's Lula who gave us all this. We consider him as a sort of father," she said, clearly moved.

## Legal woes continue

While Lula may find the adoring crowds invigorating, his ambitions may yet be nipped in the bud. Last month he was sentenced to nine years and six months in prison on corruption and money-laundering charges. Judge Sergio Moro accused the former president of accepting bribes from a construction company seeking to win contracts from state-controlled oil giant Petrobras. The luxury seaside flat that he allegedly was given as a bribe is worlds away from the gritty realities of the humble rural dwellers of Brazil's northeast. While he remains free pending an appeal, Lula must appear in another case before Judge Moro on Sept 13, shortly after the people's tour that will help him take the measure of his continuing popularity. Even if opinion polls show him leading a hypothetical 2018 race, Lula faces headwinds. The economic boom he oversaw is long past, some of his social policies have been rolled back, and he faces political opposition, particularly in richer southeastern Brazil. But to people like Maria Helena, none of that matters. Lula will always be her "warrior". — AFP

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## GERMANY SECOND TIME LUCKY WITH MIGRANTS?

As Germany struggles to absorb more than a million migrants from the Middle East and Africa, the government is hoping to avoid the mistakes it made half a century ago when it brought in a generation of guest workers from Turkey. In the 1960s, hundreds of thousands of Turkish men were invited in to fill labor shortages. But Germany made no attempt to help them learn the language or upgrade their skills. The result is that three million Turks in Germany are still struggling today. They are the least integrated minority, with an unemployment rate of about 16 percent, almost three times the national average.

Now, two years after it threw open its doors to the latest migrants, Germany has devised an integration strategy based on language and job training intended to get the newcomers into work and off welfare. Among the changes are 600 hours of mandatory language lessons and fast-tracked work permits. These measures are starting to show signs of success: A growing number of migrants are joining a labor market where a record 1.1 million jobs are unfilled.

"Things are very different here," said Merhawi Tesfay, a 32-year-old Eritrean who was hired by Kremer Machine Systems, an engineering company in the town of Gescher in western Germany. "In Eritrea you find work through word of mouth. Here you have the Job Centre and online job sites. Everything comes with too much bureaucracy and my German wasn't good enough." Tesfay was hired initially as a trainee and then full-time, through ELNet, a government-funded project run by charities who assign mentors to refugees. He had been looking for work for almost three years.

Waves of migrants, many forced to flee Syria's civil war, began arriving in large numbers two years ago, one of the biggest migration movements Europe had seen since World War Two. The challenge now for Germany, which took in the largest number of the

incomers in western Europe, is to integrate them into society over the long term. With its strong economy, Germany is better placed than many European countries, especially in southern Europe, to accept migrants. German unemployment is at its lowest since 1990 and seven straight years of growth mean the government can afford to put aside more than 10 billion euros a year for refugees. "The lesson that Germany learnt is that integration is something you work on," said Herbert Bruecker of Humboldt University of Berlin. "It doesn't happen on its own".

## Give and Take

When the first Turkish guest workers arrived in the 1960s, German politicians, still preoccupied with rebuilding the economy after World War Two, regarded them as a temporary measure. The perception was that Turks were guests who would go back home. The Turks of course did not go home. And their wives and children began following them, just as the oil crisis of the early 1970s pushed Germany into a recession that cost many guest workers their jobs. With low skills and little grasp of the language, many found it hard to find work again as Germany shifted away from industry towards automation and services.

This time, Germany has taken a different approach. One month after her decision to open Germany's borders to refugees fleeing war and persecution, Chancellor Angela Merkel told parliament in Sept 2015 that Germany should learn from its mistakes with the Turkish guest workers and seek to integrate asylum seekers from day one. Since then, her government has focused on language and vocational training to help 1.2 million asylum seekers get into a manpower-hungry labor market and wean them off Germany's generous welfare system.

Under legislation approved in Aug 2016, integration courses including language learning were made mandatory for all refugees

and asylum seekers from countries such as Syria, Eritrea and Afghanistan. The new rules also included a 'Give and Take' clause giving authorities powers to cut financial aid to asylum seekers if they don't attend language courses. The government speeded up work permits for asylum seekers, and scrapped a rule under which Job Centers had to prove they couldn't find a European Union citizen for a vacancy before they could offer it to a refugee. There are several signs that the measures are working: Some 203,000 migrants from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Eritrea, Iran, Pakistan, Nigeria and Somalia were employed in May, according to the Labor Agency, 23,000 more than in February. "The employment numbers leave much to be desired," said Thomas Liebbig of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. "But clearly many of the measures that have been taken are in the right direction."

## Incentives

The government is also offering financial incentives for companies that offer vocational traineeships to refugees and asylum seekers. This could amount to half a new recruit's salary for a year. More than 13,500 refugees are taking part in these schemes, which involve learning a profession at a technical college while at the same time gaining experience with a company. While it's too early to say whether the program is a success in Germany, salary assistance schemes have boosted migrant employment rates in Scandinavia.

"Most of the refugees come from countries where they either study or work," said Christina Mersch, who heads a government-funded project at the DIHK Chambers of Commerce called 'Companies integrate refugees'. "So it's difficult to explain to them that in Germany you can do both simultaneously." Germany suffers from labor shortages as its population ages. This bodes well for the

largely low-skilled migrants given that sectors requiring unskilled labor such as catering and hospitality are growing fastest. "In the last three years, 1.6 million positions were created in low-skilled sectors, 45 percent of which were jobs for which one requires no formal qualifications," said Bruecker of Humboldt University. "We don't only need doctors and engineers".

## Here to Stay

Despite its integration push, Germany appears to be repeating one mistake it made with the Gastarbeiter in the 1960s. Last year it granted fewer applicants full refugee status, suggesting it is expecting some migrants to go home. Temporary residence permits, rather than full refugee status, hamper integration, economists say, as this discourages companies from hiring people who may not remain in Germany.

In the first seven months of last year, more than three-quarters of Syrian applicants were granted full refugee status and just over one-fifth were given a one-year residence permit. Over the same period this year, only one third of Syrians were granted full refugee status and six out of ten got a temporary permit. "The main mistake is that most refugees are being given temporary residency permits because of the false expectation that they would return," said Bruecker. "This could have fatal economic consequences. Why would firms invest in someone whose prospects to remain are uncertain?"

About 90 percent of the new arrivals have said in surveys they want to stay in Germany permanently. The stricter asylum rules were quietly introduced last year after Merkel's conservatives were punished in regional elections by Germans angry with her decision to welcome asylum seekers. Voters backed the anti-immigrant Alternative for Germany (AfD), which is expected to enter the national parliament for the first time in a general election on Sept 24. — Reuters

## CATALONIA FERTILE GROUND FOR TERRORISTS

Despite its long experience in fighting terrorism, Spain failed this past week to prevent two deadly attacks in Catalonia - a key tourist magnet but also the Spanish region most vulnerable to such assaults, analysts say. In attacks claimed by the Islamic State group, suspected jihadists killed 14 people and left 120 wounded, using vehicles to mow down pedestrians in Barcelona on Thursday and in the nearby seaside resort of Cambrils early Friday. Spain has five decades of experience of fighting against the Basque separatist group ETA, which killed over 800 people until it declared a ceasefire in 2011.

But it was jolted to another dimension of terrorism in 2004 when it suffered Europe's deadliest Islamist attack to date.

During the morning rush hour of March 11 of that year, bombs packed with nails exploded on four commuter trains heading into Madrid, killing 191 people and injuring nearly 2,000. In the aftermath of the carnage, Madrid overhauled its security forces. It bolstered its police and intelligence services with new hires, recruited translators and reinforced its cooperation with neighboring France and Morocco, said Mikel Buesa, a terrorism expert at Complutense University in Madrid. Authorities also started routinely detaining suspects as a preventive measure, he added.

Additionally, "self-indoctrination" over the Internet with the intent of carrying out an attack became a crime in 2015, easing the process of such early detentions.

Although some lawyers say the measure does not always respect human rights, it has been credited with helping to spare Spain from the terror attacks that have plagued its European neighbors. The country, with its 5,000 km of coastline and long sunshine hours, has also succeeded in attracting tourists shunning turbulent destinations like Tunisia or Egypt.

## 'Centre of jihadist activity'

But the militant threat has risen since 2016, when Islamist websites named as a target "Al Andalus" - the name of Spanish territories governed until 1492 by Muslims better known as Moors. And experts are particularly worried about the concentration of militants in Catalonia, home to the biggest community of Muslims in Spain. Muslims number 1.9 million in the country of 47 million inhabitants, or about 4 percent of the population, according to the Union of Islamic Communities of Spain.

Most of them are North Africans, with Moroccans topping the list. Because many are new arrivals, there has until now been less risk of radicalization than elsewhere in Europe, where disenfranchised second- or third-generation immigrants have sometimes turned to extremist ideology, said Javier Zaragoza, a prosecutor and anti-terror specialist.

Relatively few have left Spain to join jihadist groups such as the Islamic State organization, with only 214 leaving to fight along militants in Iraq or Syria, said Carola Garcia-Calvo of the Real Instituto Elcano, a think-tank. That is just a small fraction of the more than 1,000 people who have quit France for jihadist ranks since 2012. But the think-tank also warned that "the metropolitan region of Barcelona is the home of jihadist terrorism in Spain". "Our last analy-

sis published early August shows that 25 percent of people detained in relation to Islamist terrorism come from the Barcelona province," Garcia-Calvo said. Geographically, that is "the main center of jihadist activity".

## A troubling history

In fact, Catalonia has seen a long history of jihadist activity. Spain's first jihadist - a member of the Algerian Armed Islamic Group (GIA) - was uncovered in the state in 1995. Mohammed Atta, the pilot who slammed a passenger plane into one of New York's World Trade Center towers on Sept 11, 2001, spent time in Catalonia shortly before the attacks. And in 2008, a plot targeting Barcelona's underground trains was foiled when it was already in advanced stages.

The Vanguardia newspaper, quoting security sources, claimed last year that Catalonia was fertile ground for Salafist prayer halls, with 50 in the region at the last count. The state is also now home to a significant number of second-generation immigrants. Among them is the group of youths believed to have carried out this past week's deadly attacks. Most were children of Moroccan immigrants who had grown up in Ripoll, a town at the foot of the Pyrenees mountains.

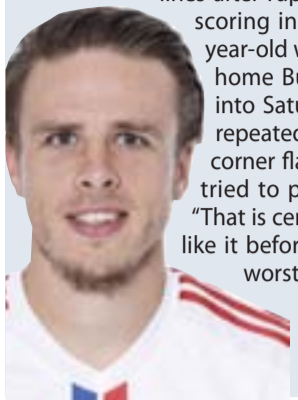
The town is frequented by tourists, and its unemployment rate is not particularly high, while neighbors described the suspects as hardworking and serious boys. But police warn that it may have been a case of rapid radicalization, with the suspects turning to extremism in just a few months. For the security forces, that is the biggest headache - because unlike returnees from the Middle Eastern war zones, such potential militants are difficult to detect. — AFP



A picture taken yesterday shows people passing by the Monastery of Santa Maria and a city sign in Ripoll. — AFP

**HAMBURG'S MUELLER TEARS KNEE LIGAMENT**

**BERLIN:** Germany international Nicolai Mueller faces half a year on the sidelines after rupturing his cruciate knee ligament as he celebrated scoring in Hamburg's opening game of the season. The 29-year-old was left red-faced after scoring the winner in the 1-0 home Bundesliga victory against Augsburg eight minutes into Saturday's match. After netting, Mueller twisted away, repeatedly twirling in his goal celebration and leapt at the corner flag before tumbling to the floor in obvious pain. He tried to play on, but had to be replaced after 15 minutes. "That is certainly a downer, I have never experienced anything like it before," said Hamburg coach Markus Gisdol. Hamburg's worst fears were confirmed yesterday and the diagnosis means Mueller, who made two appearances for Germany on their 2013 tour of the USA, is out for at least six months. —AFP



**CITY OUTCAST NASRI TO JOIN ANTALYASPOR**

**ISTANBUL:** Manchester City's former French international midfielder Samir Nasri is in talks to join big spending Turkish side Antalyaspor on a two-year deal, reports in Turkey said yesterday. Nasri, 30, will earn an annual salary of four million euros (\$4.7 million) plus bonuses at the club in Turkey's Mediterranean resort city, the NTV Spor website said. The Fanatik sports daily said that Nasri arrived at Antalya's airport early yesterday afternoon and would sign a two-year contract. The Turkish club has yet to comment. On his Instagram page, the player posted a picture of him grinning broadly and making a victory sign as he boarded a private jet, with no comment except two aircraft icons to show he was travelling and a "... to show an announcement was expected. Nasri joined Manchester City in 2011 after three seasons at Arsenal, emerging as one of their key players but then spending last season on loan at Sevilla. — AFP

**BULGARIA'S WEIGHTLIFTER CHOLAKOV DIES AGED 35**

**SOFIA:** Bulgarian weightlifter Velichko Cholakov, an Olympic and world medallist, died yesterday at the age of 35, the hospital in his hometown of Smolyan announced. Cholakov took +105 kg bronze at the Athens 2004 Olympics and silver in the same division in the previous year's world championships. He was part of the Bulgarian team pulled from the Beijing 2008 Games after failed dope tests. Cholakov was one of 11 members of the contingent to test positive for a banned anabolic steroid. In recent years Cholakov dedicated his time to training young weightlifters in Smolyan. The cause of death has yet to be confirmed. —AFP



**KUWAIT SHOOTING SPORT CLUB HONOR SHOOTERS**

By Abdellatif Sharaa

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Shooting Sport Club celebrated the achievements made by Kuwaiti shooters during the Seventh Asian Shooting Tournament held in the Kazakh capital Astana. Kuwait ended in first place after winning four gold and one silver medal. This achievement comes following the lifting of the suspension on international participation which was placed on Kuwait by the ISSF, then CAS

ruled in favor of KSSF, allowing participation under the Kuwait flag and the national anthem was played four times. The celebration was held in the presence of President of Kuwait and Arab Shooting Federations Eng Duajj Khalaf Al-Otaibi. Al-Otaibi thanked His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for congratulating the shooters and congratulated HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince for the achievement that the shooters made. He also thanked Speaker of the House Eng

Marzouq Al-Ghanem who also congratulated the shooting club and shooters. Al-Otaibi thanked the Public Authority for Sports, its Chairman of the Board Minister Khalid Al-Roudhan, its Director General Sheikh Ahmad Mansour Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and his deputies. Al-Otaibi said we are very happy for winning the seventh Asian shooting tournament. He said Kuwait was first followed by China and India. Al-Otaibi said we are very proud with this achievement and having the

Kuwait national anthem four times. He added that we are also happy that our juniors participated for the first time in an international tournament. The Kuwaiti shooters had earlier won four gold medals and one silver in the tournament in which 29 countries represented by 350 shooters. Kuwaiti shooters won an event that was held for the first time which is the mix event in which a male and female shooter participate as a team, with Abdelrahman Al-Faihan and Sarah Al-Hawal.

- The honored shooters are:
- Abdelrahman Al-Faihan who won the individual, team and mix team trap gold medals.
  - Talal Al-Rashidee who won the individual trap silver medal, and the team gold medal.
  - Sarah Al-Hawal who won the trap mix gold medal.
  - Abdallah Al-Rashidee, Mansoor Al-Rashidee, Hamad Al-Ablani
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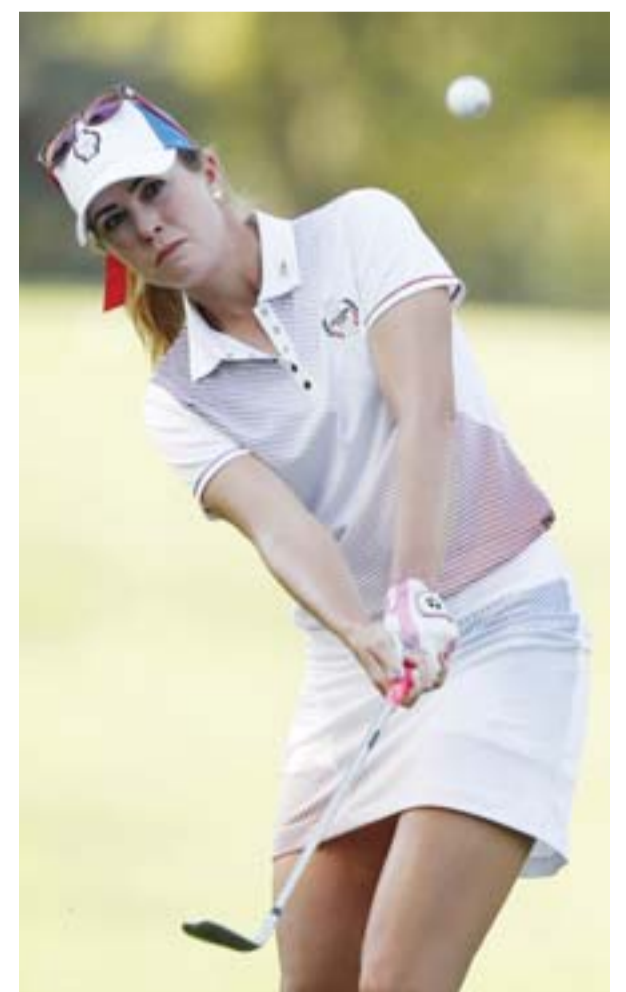
**US IN CONTROL AGAINST EUROPE AT SOLHEIM CUP**

**LOS ANGELES:** The United States take a commanding five-point lead into Sunday's Solheim Cup singles matches after another dominant fourball display in the match play showdown with Europe on Saturday. The United States won three of four fourball matches and five of eight points on offer on the day-to stretch their lead to 10 1/2 to 5 1/2 going into Sunday's 12 singles matches. After being whitewashed in Friday's fourball matches, the Europeans couldn't gain any ground with a split of Saturday morning's four foursomes matches at Des Moines Golf and Country Club in Iowa. And the Americans, trying to retain the title they won in Germany in 2015, went on to win three afternoon matches to extend their lead. Veteran Cristie Kerr set a US Solheim Cup record with her 19th career point when she teamed with Lexi Thompson for a 5 & 3 fourball victory over England's Jodi Ewart Shadoff and Germany's Caroline Masson. US captain Juli Inkster held the previous US record with 18 1/2 points. Kerr finished the day with 20 career points as

she and Thompson teamed up again to beat Scotland's Catriona Matthew and England's Georgia Hall 4 & 2 in fourball play. Kerr's birdies at the first and third put the US duo 2 up before Hall's eagle at the par-five fourth trimmed the deficit. But the European pair never managed to get ahead, and Kerr and Thompson were 2 up through 14 when Kerr holed out from a bunker for eagle at the 15th to put the Americans on the brink of victory. "She was an animal out there," Thompson said of Kerr after the match concluded at the 16th-where Matthew's long putt to extend the contest came up inches short. "We just knew they were going to play really tough, and they did," Kerr said. "They made a lot of birdies, they stuffed it on some holes that I had to make putts on top of them-Lexi had to make putts on top of them." A strong display from England's Mel Reid and Spain's Carlota Ciganda also proved fruitless as Americans Brittany Lincicome and Brittany Lang emerged with a 2 up triumph. Lincicome started with six straight

birdies and made 10 in the first 15 holes. Lang holed a wedge for eagle on the seventh hole as they vanquished a European pair that were 10-under. **'AMAZING GOLF'** European captain Annika Sorenstam said she could only congratulate the Americans on "some amazing golf". "We had 35 birdies and one eagle and lost three matches," she said. "It's easy to just kind of throw in your towel but they didn't. They kept fighting back and fighting back, getting it to 1 down. "So very, very proud of them. But you know it just wasn't enough. It's just sometimes you just get beaten by good golf. And that happened today. So they were on fire. All I can think of is I hope that fire is contagious and that we're on fire tomorrow." England's Jodi Ewart Shadoff and Sweden's Anna Nordqvist delivered the only afternoon win for Europe, defeating Lizette Salas and Angel Yin 4 & 2. In another close one, Americans Paula Creamer and Austin Ernst collected their

second win of the day, 2 & 1 over France's Karine Icher and Sweden's Madelene Sagstrom. Creamer and Ernst had beaten Reid and Dane Emily Pedersen 5 & 3 in foursomes play, with Reid and Pedersen undone by four straight bogeys on the back nine. Europe, missing England's Charley Hull who aggravated a wrist injury on Friday, rallied from early deficits to win two foursomes matches. **'STILL A CHANCE'** Nordqvist and Hall beat Lewis and Piller 2 & 1, while Matthew and Icher notched a 2 & 1 win over Danielle Kang and Michelle Wie. Hull is poised to tee it up on Sunday, when Europe will attempt an unprecedented comeback. The Americans rallied from a 10-6 deficit on the final day two years ago, but no Solheim Cup or Ryder Cup team has come back from more than four points down on the final day to win. "We saw what happened in '15," Nordqvist said. "If there are matches left, there's still a chance." —AFP



**WEST DES MOINES:** United States' Paula Creamer hits to the 16th green during her four-ball match in the Solheim Cup golf tournament, Saturday, in West Des Moines, Iowa. —AP

## OLYMPIC CHAMP SIMONE BILES BACK IN GYM AS SHE WEIGHS OPTIONS

**ANAHEIM:** Simone Biles is back in the gym. That's it. That's all. The Olympic gymnastics champion is in no hurry to declare whether this is the start of a comeback following a year off after her historic performance at the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro. And she'd be just fine if everyone else took the same approach.

Asked Saturday why she started doing semi-formal workouts earlier this month, Biles shrugged her shoulders. "I don't know yet, that's the thing," Biles said. "What's the hardest point of all is everyone has already set expectations for me for my comeback before I've come out and said it."

Which, Biles stressed, she hasn't. The last 12 months have been a welcome

break following her run atop the sport, a stretch that included three straight world all-around championships and five medals (four gold) in Rio.

The 20-year-old joked the only exercise she's done since she got back from Brazil is walking her dog, though that's not exactly true. She participated in a post-Olympic tour and competed on "Dancing With The Stars," some of the perks of her newfound celebrity.

Life is starting to calm down a little. Her family is working on turning one of the rooms in the massive gym and lifestyles center they opened in 2015 into Biles' personal office. That kind of sounds like a job, which Biles insists it's not.

"(Mom) better not tie me not too much to the gym," Biles said. "I'm not trying to be there all the time unless I'm training." Which she's currently doing, just not nearly at her pre-Olympic level. There is no formal plan either. Part of the problem is Biles doesn't currently have a coach. Longtime mentor Aimee Boorman left Texas for a job in Florida last fall and there's no plan for a reunion. For now, Biles is just kind of feeling her way and having one of the current coaches at the World Champions Centre check in occasionally to see how she's doing.

"Aimee went to Florida, so it's hard for even the coaches to look at me and gauge what's happening because they weren't there before," Biles said. "That's

difficult. We're taking it day by day." For now, it's just basic skills like back handsprings and leaps. Maybe a couple of layouts. No tumbling. No vaulting. A bit of beam. A lot of questions.

Biles sat in the stands at the US championships on Friday night and watched as her sport went on without her. It was more than a little weird. She misses competing. All the work in the gym is another matter. She's well aware it will take countless hours to get anywhere close to the form that helped her make history. She also won't have to look far for advice.

Fellow "Final Five" teammate Aly Raisman won three medals in 2012, took a two-year sabbatical and was back on the world championship team by 2015.

Raisman called Biles' uncertainty a natural response to the daunting work that could lay ahead.

"I think a lot of people sometimes think you take a year off and you can just go back and do a floor routine just like that," Raisman said. "I think it took me at least two full years to do a full floor routine since I stepped in the gym. I spent like six months just conditioning."

Biles would prefer not to wait that long to figure out whether she's serious. For now she'll just wake up each morning, figure out how she feels, go to the gym and kind of make it up as she goes. "I'm still getting my body right and see how I feel," she said. "Yeah, testing the waters basically." —AP



ARLINGTON: Texas Rangers' Robinson Chirinos is tagged out at the plate by Chicago White Sox catcher Kevan Smith while home plate umpire Tim Timmons, right, watches during the fourth inning of a baseball game, Saturday, in Arlington, Texas. — AP

BASEBALL

## YANKEES CONTINUE TO THRIVE WITH WIN AGAINST RED SOX

**BOSTON:** Tyler Austin hit a three-run home run, Todd Frazier added a solo homer and CC Sabathia retired 13 of the first 14 batters he faced as the New York Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox 4-3 on Saturday night. Sabathia (10-5), returning from a stint on the disabled list because of sore right knee, retired 13 of the first 14 batters he faced on the way to improving to 3-0 in three starts against Boston this season. He allowed two runs and four hits to earn his first victory since July 21. Dellin Betances got the last three outs for his ninth save. The Yankees got the fifth time in six games and snapped Boston's three game winning streak to pull within four games of the first-place Red Sox in the AL East. Chris Sale (14-5) struck out nine, but was tagged for the four runs and seven hits. He is still looking for his first victory in the rivalry.

**DODGERS 3, TIGERS 0**

Adrian Gonzalez's seventh-inning single broke a scoreless tie and Los Angeles went on to its sixth straight win and 21st in the last 24 games. Detroit has lost six straight and 12 of 14. Dodgers right fielder Cody Bellinger left the game in the seventh inning. He rolled his right ankle in the sixth while catching a fly ball from Nicholas Castellanos. Yasiel Puig hit for him the next inning. Bellinger is listed as day-to-day. Hyun-Jin Ryu pitched five innings, allowing three hits and walking four while striking out four. He needed 89 pitches to get through five innings, and was replaced by eventual winner Ross Stripling (3-4). Brandon Morrow and Kenley Jansen finished off the shutout, with Jansen pitching the ninth for his 33rd save. Tigers starter Michael Fulmer (10-11) gave up an unearned run, three hits and two walks in seven innings. He struck out six.

**INDIANS 5, ROYALS 0**

Trevor Bauer pitched 6 1/3 innings to get his career-best fifth straight win as Cleveland

beat Kansas City. Bauer (12-8) gave up seven hits, walked two and struck out four. Relievers Bryan Shaw and Cody Allen did not allow a hit over the final 2 2/3 innings to complete the shutout. Bauer joins teammates Corey Kluber and Carlos Carrasco as 12-game winners. The Indians are the only team in the majors with three 12-game winners. Roberto Perez delivered the clutch blow, a two-out, two-strike, two-run single in the fourth inning that scored Jay Bruce and Carlos Santana. Jose Ramirez and Jason Kipnis hit consecutive doubles in the first inning for the first Cleveland run.

**CUBS 4, BLUE JAYS 3**

Rookie Ian Happ hit his 18th home run, Jose Quintana pitched six effective innings and Chicago kept up its success against AL opponents. The World Series champions have won nine of their last 10 interleague games. The NL Central leaders have won five of seven overall. Happ hit an RBI single in the first inning and added a solo homer in the fourth. In the sixth, Happ drew a leadoff walk from Danny Barnes (2-4) and later scored on a two-out single by Javier Baez for the go-ahead run. In his seventh start since being acquired in a trade from the White Sox, Quintana (4-2) gave up two runs and four hits. He struck out eight and walked two. Cubs closer Wade Davis pitched a perfect ninth for his 26th save in 26 chances. He tied the franchise record for consecutive saves opportunities converted.

**PIRATES 6, CARDINALS 4**

Adam Frazier homered, doubled and singled as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the St. Louis Cardinals 6-4 Saturday to end a six-game losing streak. Frazier hit a two-run homer in the second and doubled off the wall the next inning. Starling Marte and pinch-hitter Jose Osuna also homered for Pittsburgh. The Cardinals scored 11 runs in each of their two wins to start this series. Paul DeJong hit a two-

run homer in the eighth and Jose Martinez homered in the ninth. Chad Kuhl (6-8) responded well following a rain delay that lasted nearly two hours, giving up one run and three hits in five innings. Felipe Rivero got his 13th save. Michael Wacha (9-6) was tagged for five runs and seven hits in four innings.

**MARINERS 7, RAYS 6**

Mitch Haniger hit a grand slam, Nelson Cruz added his 31st home run and Seattle rolled to its fourth straight win. Haniger's first career grand slam came in his first game back after a three-week stretch on the disabled list, lifting the Mariners to a 4-1 lead in the third inning. It was his eighth homer of the season. Cruz, who is on an 11-game hitting streak, hit his seventh homer in 10 games with a man on base in the fourth, raising his league-leading RBI total to 100. Both home runs came off Jake Odorizzi, who gave up seven runs and eight hits in 3 2/3 innings. Odorizzi (6-7) lost his third straight start. Steven Souza Jr. hit his 26th homer and Lucas Duda hit his fifth for the Rays, who lost for the eighth time in nine games. Logan Morrison added a pinch-hit homer in the ninth, his 29th of the season.

**ASTROS 3, ATHLETICS 0**

Collin McHugh threw six innings, Marwin Gonzalez hit a two-run single and Houston beat Oakland. McHugh (1-2) gave up six hits and struck out three. McHugh, who missed the first 3 1/2 months with right shoulder tendinitis and a right elbow injury, has allowed two runs or fewer in four of his six starts this season. After Jose Altuve and Josh Reddick walked and Yuli Gurriel singled to lead off the fourth, Gonzalez followed with his two-run single. Kendall Graveman (3-4) induced flyouts from Carlos Beltran, Juan Centeno and Derek Fisher to prevent further damage. Alex Bregman added a solo home run over the train tracks above the left field wall to lead off the eighth.

**METS 8, MARLINS 1**

Rafael Montero pitched six strong innings in his best effort of the season, and Wilmer Flores and Kevin Plawewski each hit long two-run homers to help the New York Mets snap a five-game losing streak. Asdrubal Cabrera and Michael Conforto each drove in a run for the Mets, who scored seven runs in the sixth - their season high for an inning - after being held to just three base runners over the first five innings by Vance Worley (2-3). New York began the day with an NL-worst .221 batting average in August. Aided by five double plays, Montero (2-8) kept the Marlins off-balance with a fastball-slider combination to allow a run and six hits. The right-hander walked three and struck out five. Marcell Ozuna drove in Dee Gordon for the lone Miami run.

**TWINS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 0**

Jose Berrios threw seven innings for his 11th win to help Minnesota keep pace in the AL wild card race. The Twins, who entered the night in a tie with the Los Angeles Angels for

the second wild card spot, scored five runs off Diamondbacks starter Zack Greinke (14-6) in the fourth after a costly error by second baseman Daniel Descalso ended a chance for a double play. Max Kepler drove in two runs during the inning, and Brian Dozier and Joe Mauer each had an RBI single. That was more than enough for Berrios (11-6), who allowed only two hits for the second time this month, and got some solid defensive support to win for the second time in three starts. Berrios combined with reliever Alan Busenitz to retire the last 19 Arizona batters. Greinke had won four of his previous five but ended the night with his shortest outing this season. He allowed seven hits and four walks, while striking out four.

**REDS 11, BRAVES 8**

Scooter Gennett hit a grand slam to lead Cincinnati past Atlanta. Julio Teheran, expected to be the Braves' ace for a fifth straight year, set an Atlanta record by losing his ninth straight home decision. He dropped to 1-9 with a 6.98 ERA in 13 starts at SunTrust Park. Gennett's 21st homer, his third grand slam this season and fourth of career, made it 11-4 in the ninth. The Braves scored four runs in the bottom half, but Michael Lorenzen, the second Cincinnati pitcher of the inning, earned his second save after Blake Wood failed to retire a batter and allowed the four runs. Robert Stephenson (1-4) gave up three hits, three walks and two runs - one earned - in five innings. He struck out five, but had some struggles, dropping a ball at first base, hitting a batter and throwing a bunt attempt into the Atlanta dugout. Teheran (7-11) allowed eight hits, three walks and five runs.

**ANGELS 5, ORIOLES 1**

Mike Trout and Luis Valbuena each hit two home runs off Kevin Gausman, and the Angels won for the eighth time in 10 games. Trout homered in the first and third innings, and Valbuena connected in the second and fourth to give Los Angeles a four-run lead. It marked the second straight night in which the Angels got all their runs via the long ball. In the series opener, Los Angeles homered five times in a 9-7 defeat. Trout now has 26 home runs. He has six seasons with at least 25, tied with Tim Lincecum for most in franchise history. JC Ramirez (11-10) allowed one run and five hits over 5 2/3 innings before leaving with right forearm tightness. In his last start against the Orioles, the right-hander gave up six runs in seven innings on Aug 7. Gausman (9-9) struggled through four innings, allowing five runs and six hits.

**PADRES 3, NATIONALS 1**

Yangervis Solarte hit a two-run home run off Stephen Strasburg in the first inning of the right-hander's first start in almost a month and San Diego beat Washington. Strasburg (10-4) retired the first two batters he faced before allowing a single to Jose Pirela and then the homer to the switch-hitting Solarte, who drove a 96-mph fastball to right for his 13th.

Strasburg then settled down against his hometown team, retiring 10 straight batters and 13 of 14. He went six innings, allowing two runs and four hits while striking out eight and walking one. He hadn't pitched since July 23, when he went only two innings at Arizona. He went on the disabled list with an elbow nerve impingement. San Diego's Travis Wood (2-1) also settled down after laboring through the first inning, when he threw 35 pitches but didn't allow a run. Brad Hand pitched the ninth for his 11th save.

**BREWERS 6, ROCKIES 3**

Pinch-hitter Jesus Aguilar connected for a go-ahead home run with two outs in the ninth inning and Milwaukee got its fifth win in six games. It was 3-1 when Greg Holland (2-4) hit Keon Broxton with an 0-2 pitch with one out in the ninth. Aguilar hit his 12th homer, and Milwaukee added another run as Eric Thames walked, stole second and Neil Walker's RBI single chased Holland. Travis Shaw also homered for the Brewers. DJ LeMahieu got three hits and Trevor Story had two doubles for Colorado. The Rockies remained a game ahead of Arizona for the NL's first wild card and 4 1-2 up on Milwaukee. Anthony Swarzak (2-0) tossed one inning and Corey Knebel got the last three outs for his 25th save.

**RANGERS 17, WHITE SOX 7**

Rougned Odor homered twice, Mike Napoli also went deep, and both had five RBIs to help Texas rally from an early five-run deficit and roll past Chicago. Odor's first homer, a three-run shot in the third, made it 7-5 and ended the night for White Sox starter Derek Holland (6-13), the former Ranger starting as an opponent in Texas for the first time. That came soon after Napoli's two-run double. Napoli added a three-run homer in the fourth before Odor hit a solo shot into the second deck of seats in right field to cap the Rangers' second consecutive six-run inning. Napoli and Odor each have 26 homers. Martin Perez (8-10), needed 40 pitches in the first as Chicago went ahead 5-0, but made it through six innings to win his third straight start. The lefty needed only 56 more pitches and gave up only one more run after the first.

**PHILLIES 12, GIANTS 9**

Pinch-hitter Ty Kelly had a grand slam, Rhys Hoskins hit a three-run homer and Philadelphia snapped a six-game losing streak. Down 12-4, the Giants scored five times in the ninth inning and brought the tying run to the plate before Hector Neris struck out Carlos Moncrief for his 14th save. Adam Morgan (1-1) threw just one pitch and got the win. Kelly batted for Morgan and hit a slam that capped a seven-run burst in the sixth inning for an 11-4 lead. Hoskins homered for the fourth time in seven games. Since going hitless in his first 12 at-bats after being called up from Triple-A, the rookie is 7 for 21 with four home runs in seven games. Ty Blach (8-9) took the loss. — AP

### MLB Results/Standings

Philadelphia 12, San Francisco 9; San Diego 3, Washington 1; Milwaukee 6, Colorado 3; Texas 17, Chicago White Sox 7; Cleveland 5, Kansas City 0; Minnesota 5, Arizona 0; Cincinnati 11, Atlanta 8; NY Mets 8, Miami 1; NY Yankees 4, Boston 3; Houston 3, Oakland 0; LA Angels 5, Baltimore 1; Seattle 7, Tampa Bay 6; Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 4; LA Dodgers 3, Detroit 0; Chicago Cubs 4, Toronto 3.

American League Eastern Division				National League Eastern Division			
W	L	PCT	GB	Washington	Milwaukee	St. Louis	Pittsburgh
Boston	70	52	.574	-	73	48	.603
NY Yankees	66	56	.541	4	Miami	59	62
Baltimore	60	63	.488	10.5	NY Mets	54	67
Tampa Bay	60	65	.480	11.5	Atlanta	54	67
Toronto	59	64	.480	11.5	Philadelphia	44	77
Central Division				Central Division			
Cleveland	68	53	.562	-	Chicago Cubs	65	57
Minnesota	62	59	.512	6	Milwaukee	64	60
Kansas City	61	61	.500	7.5	St. Louis	63	60
Detroit	53	69	.434	15.5	Pittsburgh	59	64
Chicago White Sox	46	74	.383	21.5	Cincinnati	53	71
Western Division				Western Division			
Houston	76	47	.618	-	LA Dodgers	87	34
LA Angels	63	60	.512	13	Colorado	68	55
Seattle	63	61	.508	13.5	Arizona	67	56
Texas	61	61	.500	14.5	San Diego	55	68
Oakland	53	70	.431	23	San Francisco	50	75

BADMINTON

## AGEING LEGENDS HOPE TO DEFY YOUNGSTERS AT WORLDS

**GLASGOW:** China's Lin Dan and Malaysian Lee Chong Wei are both in the twilight of their careers, but they remain among the leading lights at this week's World Championships in Glasgow. Dan, 34 in October, is a five-time champion, and recognised as perhaps the greatest player of all time.

So can he make it number six? "There are very many young players coming through, so it is a massive challenge," admitted Dan, the seventh seed. "I would be delighted to win again, but there is a lot of hard work to be done. There are a

lot of hard players in the draw." Lee, who will turn 35 in October, is on a golden mission after being the best man and never the bridegroom too often—he has won three World Championship silver medals and three Olympic silvers. "I am very focussed, but it is going to be very hard," said Lee, who showed he is still a force to be reckoned with by winning his fourth All-England title this season. "At the Olympics, there are only two Chinese players, but here there are many more. The draw is very tough but I am going to do my best." So will this be the last

World Championship for Lin and Lee? With a knowing smile, they replied in unison—"I don't know." On the woman's side Carolina Marin is seeking to add a third world crown to her burgeoning medals cabinet.

The 24-year-old added to her lustre by winning Olympic gold in Rio last year although she sets little store in the past. "But this week I am forgetting about the past," said Marin, who has slipped to fourth in the world rankings.

"This is a new championship. "But my goal this week is to fight for the gold

medal. "My expectations are very high. I have had two great months of preparation and feel even better than at the Olympics."

India's fourth seed Pusarla Sindhu (known as PV) is bent on revenge having been beaten by Marin in the Olympic final and with two bronze medals in the worlds, in 2013 and 2014, she feels it is time to move up to the top step of the podium. "I hope I do well this week and I want a change of colour," she said with a smile. "I want better than bronze." Kirsty Gilmour, the No.16 seed,

is the local Scottish hope and a valid outsider for a medal having taken on a new coach. "I am in great shape," said the 23-year-old who underwent a knee operation after last year's Olympics.

Gilmour believes new coach Malaysian Wong Tat Men has transformed her as a player and turned her into a viable contender for a medal. "He has been great," she said. "Everything has improved since last year and I am so excited to be playing in front of my home crowd. It is a privilege to be under pressure." — AFP

PREVIEW

## ONCE-BITTEN GUARDIOLA WARY OF EVERTON THREAT

**LONDON:** The Premier League title credentials of Pep Guardiola's new-look Manchester City face an early-season examination today when Ronald Koeman's ambitious Everton visit the Etihad Stadium. With around £150 million (\$193.1 million, 164.1 million euros) of new players on show, City made an assured start to the campaign by winning 2-0 at promoted Brighton and Hove Albion last weekend. But Everton are also stronger, taking their spending past £130 million this week with a club-record £45 million move for Gyfi Sigurdsson, and they trounced City 4-0 when the teams last met in January. "They are a top squad and they have important players," said Guardiola, the City manager.

"They lost an important player, (Romelu) Lukaku, but they have a good group of players-midfield players and strikers. They are one of the best teams in the Premier League, I am pretty sure of that.

"I expect they will play the same way and attack our defence. "Sandro Ramirez and Wayne Rooney are used to playing in that way. They have a strong defence. They have great players and are dangerous on the counter-attack." City's 4-0 defeat at Goodison Park in January was the low point of Guardiola's maiden campaign in England, which ended with his side 15 points adrift of champions Chelsea in third place.

The visitors had 71 percent of possession and registered 13 attempts on goal to Everton's six, but they were wasteful in attack and alarmingly porous in defence. Of the goalkeeper and four defenders who started at Goodison, only centre-backs Nicolas Otamendi and John Stones are expected to be involved today.

Guardiola has used a three-man defence in pre-season and at Brighton, with captain Vincent Kompany bringing much-needed authority at the back and new boys Kyle Walker and Danilo supplying thrust on the flanks. City's third new full-back, Benjamin Mendy, is not yet ready to make his debut

due to a thigh injury.

But he is back in training, along with long-term injury victim Ilkay Gundogan, and both players are expected to return to action soon. While Guardiola prioritised signing full-backs over the close season, his former Barcelona team-mate Koeman has apparently been on a mission to cram as many number 10s into his squad as possible. Sigurdsson and his fellow new signings Davy Klaassen and Wayne Rooney all tend to play in central attacking roles and Ross Barkley also remains on Everton's books for the time being.

Rooney and Klaassen played in support of Sandro Ramirez, another new signing, as Everton won 1-0 at home to Stoke City last weekend through Rooney's first-half header. Room must now also be found for Sigurdsson following his switch from Swansea City, but Koeman says it is a pleasant headache for a manager to have. "You need competition in your team," said the Dutchman. "It is not about 11 players."

For his part, Sigurdsson says he will wear his hefty price-tag lightly. "It's not up to me how much clubs pay for me," said the 27-year-old Iceland international, who supplied nine goals and 13 assists for Swansea in the league last season.—AFP

**Live Matches on TV**  
(Local Timings)

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE	
Manchester City v Everton	22:00
beIN SPORTS HD 2	
SPANISH LEAGUE	
Levante v Villarreal	21:15
beIN SPORTS HD 2	
Malaga v Eibar	23:00
beIN SPORTS HD 3	



**GIRONA:** Atletico de Madrid's Argentinian forward Angel Correa (R) vies with Girona's defender Pedro Alcala during the Spanish league football match Girona FC vs Club Atletico de Madrid at the Municipal de Montilivi stadium in Girona on Saturday. — AFP

SOCCER

## ATLETICO DEFY GRIEZMANN RED CARD TO SALVAGE GIRONA DRAW

**MADRID:** Atletico Madrid battled back from 2-0 down after a red card for Antoine Griezmann to salvage a 2-2 draw at newly-promoted Girona to start their La Liga campaign on Saturday.

Tight security measures oversaw the first top-flight match in Catalonia since two terror attacks in the region left 14 dead and hundreds injured in Barcelona and the nearby seaside town of Cambrils on Thursday and the early hours of Friday morning.

Concrete road blocks were mounted outside the Estadi Montilivi as in both attacks vans had been used to mow down pedestrians. However, a near capacity 13,500 crowd weren't dissuaded from attending and thought the hosts were headed for a dream start to their first ever La Liga campaign.

Christian Stuani took advantage of some slack marking at the heart of an Atletico defence shorn of the suspended Diego Godin to head home twice in three first-half minutes.

Atletico's hopes seemed to have gone when Griezmann was controversially dismissed 23 minutes from time. The French international appeared to have been clipped by Gorka Iraizoz as he rounded the goalkeeper, but was instead booked for diving and then shown a straight red card for his protests towards referee Juan Martinez Manuera.

Despite their numerical disadvantage, Atletico responded heroically to salvage an unlikely point as Angel Correa blasted into the top corner from outside the box 12 minutes from time.

Jose Maria Gimenez completed the comeback when his header from Koke's free-kick caught Iraizoz in no man's land. "Many at 2-0 down in the first-half would have thought the game was over," said Atletico boss Diego Simeone.

"When we went down to 10 men that thought would have been doubled, but the team kept going in the same way they have the past few years with effort, a never say die attitude and kept going until the end."

The visitors still had their own goalkeeper Jan Oblak to thank as the Slovenian produced an outstanding reflex save to prevent Manchester City loanee OIarenwaju Kayode from netting a last-minute winner. Atletico didn't lose any ground on their likely challengers to once again be Spanish football's third force behind Real Madrid and Barcelona as Sevilla were held 1-1 at home by Espanyol.

Clement Lenglet bundled the hosts in front from a corner midway through the half, but Leo Baptistao levelled 10 minutes before half-time. Sevilla also ended with 10 men as Ever Banega was sent-off following an angry exchange with the referee.

Earlier, Real Sociedad also came twice from behind to beat Celta Vigo 3-2 at Balaidos. Maxi Gomez had put Celta in front early in both halves, but goals from Mikel Oyarzabal, Juanmi and William Jose's penalty two minutes from time handed the Basques all three points. — AFP

BOXING

## UNBEATEN CRAWFORD KOS INDONGO TO UNIFY TITLES

**LINCOLN:** Terence Crawford took all the drama out of his fight against Julius Indongo, and he did it fast. Now Crawford is the only undisputed world champion in professional boxing. Energized by his huge home-state following 45 minutes from his Omaha base, Crawford stopped Julius Indongo in the third round Saturday night to claim all four major belts at 140 pounds.

The fight was the first four-belt unification bout since 2004, when Bernard Hopkins stopped Oscar De La Hoya to claim all the belts in the 160-pound division. Crawford came in with the WBC and WBO belts; Indongo, from Namibia, was the WBA and IBF champion. "It means everything," Crawford said. "When you start boxing when you're 7 years old, that's your dream to become world champion - and after that you want to become something bigger than world champion. You just don't stop there. You go to the highest level possible."

Crawford's work at 140 pounds probably is finished. A move to 147 looks imminent. Promoter Bob Arum of Top Rank said the plan is for Crawford to go with him to Australia for the expected November rematch between Jeff Horn and Manny Pacquiao. Arum wants Crawford to fight the winner.

"I'm all for it," Crawford said. The 29-year-old Crawford was as dominant as ever against Indongo, a 34-year-old from Namibia who was fighting in the United States for the first time after making a rapid ascent to champi-

on. Though Crawford was a heavy favorite, Indongo had height and reach advantages that caused his camp some concern.

But Crawford sent Indongo to the canvas with a right to the body in the last minute of the second round and just missed with a massive left hook before the bell. At that point he was in firm control.

Midway through the third round, Crawford caught Indongo with a left hook to the body that put him down writhing in pain. "We knew the body was going to be open, being that he swings so wild," Crawford said. "We felt we could catch him in the middle of his punches. That's what we worked on in the gym." Crawford (32-0, 23 knockouts) was in his home state for the fifth time in nine fights but for the first time in Lincoln, 45 minutes from his Omaha base.

Indongo (22-1, 11 knockouts) made his rise in his weight division in less than a year after winning bouts in Russia and Scotland. Crawford entered the ring to roars from the Pinnacle Bank Arena sellout crowd of 12,121 after coming down the steps from the arena concourse. He wore a red No. 140 Nebraska Cornhuskers football jersey, a nod to this city being home to the University of Nebraska.

With fans on their feet and chanting his name, Crawford seized control early. When his final blow took down Indongo, the decibel level increased even more, and Crawford jumped in the air in the middle of the ring in celebration. Indongo couldn't get up. — AP



**LINCOLN:** Terence Crawford stands over Julius Indongo, after a punch brought him down in the second round of a junior welterweight world title unification bout in Lincoln, Neb., Saturday. Crawford won by knockout during the third round. — AP

## KYLE BUSCH COMPLETES BRISTOL SWEEP WITH 20TH WIN AT TRACK

**BRISTOL:** Erik Jones really needed to win, and Kyle Busch would have loved to celebrate the first Cup win for the kid he discovered. But this is Bristol Motor Speedway, and Busch practically owns the place. Busch swept the weekend for the second time in his career by winning the Monster Energy Cup Series race Saturday night. He also won in the Truck Series on Wednesday night and the Xfinity Series on Friday night. He's the only driver to pull off the sweep, and he also did it in 2010.

Busch toyed with the crowd, which had equal cheers and boos, by cupping his ear to the fans who disapproved of the win. "So proud of Rowdy Nation. This one's for you!" he shouted. And the haters? "I don't care. All noise is good noise," he said. He then collected a broom from an onlooker to commemorate the sweep. Busch admitted this win was the most difficult of the week because of the race he had with rookie Erik Jones, his protege, future teammate and fellow Toyota driver. Jones led the most laps and the rookie believes he needs a victory to lock up his spot in the playoffs. "Erik Jones put up a whale of a fight," said Busch. "I was running with my tongue hanging out, my arms were Jell-O and my throat hurts."

Busch won for the 40th time in the Cup Series, sixth time at Bristol in Cup, and second time this season. All told, he's won 20 times across NASCAR's national series at the Tennessee bullring. Jones settled for second, one spot short of his first career victory. He led a race-high 260 laps and felt it had been his best chance to date to win a Cup race.

He was admittedly disappointed to fall a spot short. "You don't want to sound like you're whining or being a sore loser by saying

it sucks to run second, but it's a bummer. It hurts," Jones said. "This was the first shot that I really had to come really close to it in the Cup Series. It's Kyle Busch. He won all three races here this weekend."

Jones conceded how difficult it is to beat Busch anywhere, particularly at Bristol. Busch is also Jones' former boss, and Jones was amazed at Busch's ability to win three national NASCAR races in four nights. Jones said he's done a triple-duty weekend before, and "it was something I honestly never want to do again, so I respect him for that."

"He's a hardcore racer, he really commits himself to that and he does a really good job that he doesn't let it affect his Cup racing, at all," Jones said. Denny Hamlin and Matt Kenseth were third and fourth as Joe Gibbs Racing took the win and two other spots inside the top four, while all four drivers were in Toyotas. Busch passed Jones for the lead with 55 laps remaining as the track changed and the top lane became the preferable spot. Jones' car didn't handle as well in that area, and he had Busch and Kenseth all over his bumper. It was Busch who moved from third to first, but Jones didn't relent.

He chased Kenseth after Kenseth moved into second, but Jones ultimately gouged Kenseth out of his way. It put Jones in the middle of a weird JGR sandwich. In front of him, Busch, the driver who launched Jones' career and future teammate, and Kenseth, the guy Jones is replacing next season who is looking for 2018 employment. Hamlin eventually took position from Kenseth, but it was so obviously a night for Toyota. Martin Truex Jr. finished 21st and did not clinch the regular-season title. — AP



**BRISTOL:** Kyle Busch, driver of the #18 M&M's Caramel Toyota, poses with the trophy after winning the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race at Bristol Motor Speedway on Saturday in Bristol, Tennessee. — AFP

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LONDON: Tottenham Hotspur's South Korean striker Son Heung-Min (L) vies with Chelsea's Belgian striker Michy Batshuayi during the English Premier League football match between Tottenham Hotspur and Chelsea at Wembley Stadium in London, yesterday. — AFP

## ALONSO RUINS SPURS' WEMBLEY HOUSE-WARMING

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LONDON: Tottenham Hotspur made a losing start to life as Wembley's full-time tenants after Marcos Alonso's double earned Premier League champions Chelsea a 2-1 victory yesterday. The Spaniard struck either side of a late Michy Batshuayi own goal to get Chelsea back to winning ways after their opening 3-2 loss at home to Burnley and end Spurs' club-record run of 14 successive home wins.

Spurs went unbeaten throughout their final league campaign at White Hart Lane, but struggled at Wembley in the Champions League and have now lost eight of the last 10 matches they have played there. Mauricio Pochettino's men appeared to have avoided the worst when Batshuayi put through his own goal in the 82nd minute, only for Hugo Lloris's feeble attempt at a save to gift Alonso the winner two minutes from time. For Spurs, who are playing at Wembley while White Hart Lane is rebuilt, it was a first home defeat in the league since a 2-1 loss to Southampton in May 2016. Having endured a deeply trying start to the season, Chelsea manager Antonio Conte will hope victory over the team his side pipped to the title last season will bring some much-needed positivity back to Stamford Bridge.

The Italian celebrated Alonso's winner with characteristic abandon on the touchline, thoughts of his side's transfer window struggles and his long stand-off with want-away striker Diego Costa seemingly banished. Chelsea's list of absentees-suspended pair Gary Cahill and Cesc Fabregas, injury victim Eden Hazard and the exiled Costa-moved Conte to adopt an unfamiliar 3-5-1-1 system, with David Luiz anchoring the midfield. He also gave a debut to £40 million (\$51.5 million, 43.8 million euros) new signing Tiemoué Bakayoko, who produced a leggy 90-minute showing in his first appearance since arriving from French champions Monaco.

### KANE HITS POST

Alvaro Morata should have crowned his full

Chelsea debut with an early goal, only to head wide from seven yards when Cesar Azpilicueta's cross picked him out unmarked, but in the 24th minute his side did go ahead. Chelsea were awarded a free-kick after Dele Alli clipped Luiz and from a position 25 yards from goal, slightly to the right of centre, Alonso arced a magnificent shot into the top-right corner. Harry Kane, Alli and Mousa Dembele had all threatened for Spurs prior to Chelsea's opener and after falling behind, they dominated the rest of the first half. Kane bent a shot against the base of the right-hand post after cutting inside Andreas Christensen from Alli's pass, while Ben Davies saw a swerving effort from range clubbed away by the diving Thibaut Courtois. The hosts could count themselves unfortu-

nate to be behind, but they were also a little lucky to keep 11 men on the field after Eric Dier and Jan Vertonghen escaped with yellow cards for ugly fouls on Luiz and Victor Moses. With Chelsea's back three becoming more of a back five, they successfully held Spurs at bay in the second half and came close to adding a second goal when Willian's low drive came skidding back off the post. Spurs thought they had rescued a point with eight minutes remaining when Batshuayi, who had only been on the pitch for four minutes, inadvertently headed Christian Eriksen's free-kick into his own net. But six minutes later, Alonso picked up a loose ball in midfield and swapped passes with substitute Pedro before drilling a low shot beneath Lloris to give Chelsea victory. — AFP

## INDIA POWER TO 9-WICKET ODI WIN OVER S LANKA

DAMBULLA: Opener Shikhar Dhawan's blazing century and a disciplined effort by the spinners powered India to a nine-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the first one-day international yesterday. Chasing a modest 217 for victory, India rode on an unbeaten 197-run stand between Dhawan, who smashed 132, and skipper Virat Kohli, who made 82, to canter home in 28.5 overs. The left-handed Dhawan hit the winning runs off a boundary and later received the man of the match award for his 90-ball blitz in

Dambulla. But it was the spinners, led by Axar Patel, who set up the opening win for the visitors in the five-match series after bowling out Sri Lanka for 216 in 43.2 overs. India, who last week achieved their first clean sweep in an overseas three-Test series, lost an early wicket after Rohit Sharma was run out for four. The partnership between Dhawan, who hit his 11th ODI century, and Kohli made sure India had no more hiccups in their road to victory. "We really enjoyed batting together, me and Shikhar... The good

thing is that he is cashing in on his good form," Kohli said of his swashbuckling opener. "He is in a good state of mind and we make sure we do everything to keep him in that zone because he is a match winner. When he plays like that he will win you games of cricket and that's why we back him so much," added Kohli. Dhawan was in marauding form, hitting 20 fours and 3 sixes, but Kohli also attacked the opposition during his 70-ball stay at the crease. New limited-overs captain Upul Tharanga rotated his bowling

options at Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium but failed to stop the onslaught. It was a forgettable 200th ODI for veteran pacesman Lasith Malinga, who was not only stuck on 298 wickets but was carted for 52 runs in his eight overs. Earlier put into bat, opener Niroshan Dickwella's 74-ball 64 took Sri Lanka to 139-1 in the 25th over before their batting imploded. Patel claimed three wickets with his left-arm spin to return career-best figures of 3-34. Fellow spinners Yuzvendra Chahal, Kedar Jadhav and paceman Jasprit Bumrah took two wickets each. "At 139-1 (in Sri Lanka's innings) we surely had a bit to think about but again the way the bowler came back into the game and got us those breakthroughs along with our fielding really made the difference," said Kohli. Off-spinner Kedar Jadhav then struck twice to get two important wickets of Dickwella and Tharanga, who made 13. Patel bowled Kusal Mendis for 36 and Chamara Kapugedara's run out by a direct throw from Kohli made the hosts slip further. Former captain Angelo Mathews tried to stick around with the lower-order but eventually ran out of partners to be stranded on 36. Bumrah combined with the spinners to wipe off the tail. "We started really well and after that we didn't capitalise. The middle order collapsed. One stage, we were thinking of 300," said a disappointed Tharanga. "If you want to score 300 in an ODI, someone has to get a big score and that is what we are lacking in the last one or two years. We have to learn from the mistakes," he added. Sri Lanka must win at least two games in the series to gain direct entry into the 2019 World Cup. The second ODI is scheduled for Thursday in Pallekele. — AFP



DAMBULLA: India's wicketkeeper Mahendra Singh Dhoni, left, stumps out Sri Lanka's Lasith Malinga, right, during their first one-day international cricket match in Dambulla, Sri Lanka, yesterday. — AP

### SCOREBOARD

DAMBULLA, Sri Lanka: Final scoreboard of the first one-day international between Sri Lanka and India in Dambulla yesterday:

Sri Lanka	
N. Dickwella lbw b Jadhav	64
D. Gunathilaka c Rahul b Chahal	35
K. Mendis b Patel	36
U. Tharanga c Dhawan b Jadhav	13
A. Mathews not out	36
C. Kapugedara run out (Kohli)	1
W. Hasaranga c Jadhav b Patel	2
T. Perera b Bumrah	0
L. Sandakan lbw b Patel	5
L. Malinga st Dhoni b Chahal	8
V. Fernando b Bumrah	0
Extras (lb6, w10)	16
Total (all out, 43.2 overs)	216
Fall of wickets: 1-74 (Gunathilaka), 2-139 (Dickwella), 3-150 (Mendis), 4-166 (Tharanga), 5-169 (Kapugedara), 6-176 (Hasaranga), 7-178 (Perera), 8-187 (Sandakan), 9-209 (Malinga), 10-216 (Fernando)	
Bowling: Kumar 6-0-33-0, Pandya 6-0-35-0, Bumrah 6.2-0-22-2, Chahal 10-0-60-2, Jadhav 5-0-26-2, Patel 10-0-34-3.	
India (target 217)	
R. Sharma run out (Kapugedara)	4
S. Dhawan not out	132
V. Kohli not out	82
Extras (w2)	2
Total (1 wicket, 28.5 overs)	220
Fall of wickets: 1-23 (Sharma)	
Did not bat: L. Rahul, K. Jadhav, M.S. Dhoni, H. Pandya, A. Patel, Y. Chahal, J. Bumrah, B. Kumar.	
Bowling: Malinga 8-0-52-0, Fernando 6-0-43-0, Mathews 2-0-9-0, Perera 2-0-18-0, Sandakan 6-0-63-0, Hasaranga 4.5-0-35-0.	
Result: India won by nine wickets	
Series: India lead the five-match series 1-0	





SHIFT FROM NON-GAAP NORMS COULD BE GOOD FOR STOCKS



MUMBAI: This file photo shows the Scorpene-class submarine INS Kalvari (S50) at the naval dockyard in Mumbai.

# DEFENSE FIRMS EYE BILLION-DOLLAR CHANCE IN INDIA

## INDIA TO ROPE IN FOREIGN PLAYERS TO JOIN 'MAKE-IN-INDIA' DRIVE

**NEW DELHI:** India has drawn up a shopping list for tens of billions of dollars of foreign fighter jets, armored vehicles, submarines and helicopters but it will only sign the cheques if they are made in India.

The world's largest defense importer has announced a new policy inviting foreign defense manufacturers to set up shop as minority partners in India. It initiated the bidding process for submarines in July. Such deals would boost job creation and bring key defense technologies into India.

Foreign companies say the opportunity is too good to miss. Europe's Airbus Group, angling to sell its Panther helicopters, has said that if it wins a contract worth several billion dollars and expected to span at least a decade, it would make India its global hub for the multi-purpose choppers.

The company currently builds them at Marignane in France. Lockheed Martin says if its F-16 fighter jets are selected-it will likely compete with Saab for that order of close to

\$15 billion-it will "support the advancement of Indian manufacturing expertise."

Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems and France's Naval Group are eager to compete for a contract of up to \$10 billion to build submarines in the South Asian country.

Luring foreign defense companies to build in India would be a major and much-needed boost to the economy. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with less than two years to national elections, is under intense pressure to create more jobs for the hundreds of thousands of people joining the workforce every month. Growth in the first three months of 2017 slowed to 6.1 percent. Experts expect further disruption as businesses adjust to a new nationwide goods and services tax launched in July.

**Make in India**

India is seeking to follow other countries which created defense sectors by backing a few big players with long-term defense

orders and allowing smaller businesses to develop around them.

"Countries that have a robust defense industry have a few large companies that are supported by their government with large, long-term defense orders," Amber Dubey of the KPMG consultancy in India told AFP.

"They in turn create an eco-system of large and small suppliers to stay competitive." India currently imports at least 90 percent of its defense equipment including parts for assembly. It is banking on foreign companies to bring in new technology. The lowest bid is one key selection criteria that worries some of the competitors. "We'd like to see the Indian government work with the US government to ensure that these acquisition policies don't disadvantage US companies just because we can't get the lowest price," Cara Abercrombie, former US deputy assistant secretary of defense for southeast Asia, told a recent panel in New York.

Under the strategic partnership policy, India will line up domestic companies that foreign players have to choose from to set up local plants. For the Indian companies, which would hold the majority stake, it is a big win, says Dhiraj Mathur, an aerospace and defense specialist for the PwC consultancy. "You know nothing about defense manufacturing and you're going to partner with a global leader to make highly sophisticated equipment and the only reason they're talking to you is because the government has told them to," he said.

The Indian government wants to bring the local companies up to global standards to compete for the next round of orders. China also built up local defense equipment manufacturing by forcing international firms to link up with Chinese companies and to hand over technology.

In India's case, the foreign players are still pushing for ownership. "Let us take a lead, let us be the majority," said Ashish Saraf, vice

president for industrial development at Airbus.

"Or let the Indian guys assume full liability (as per the policy). Assuming liabilities on an aircraft is not easy.... If a product fails, we are talking about hundreds of millions."

His suggestion is a middle road where foreign companies can hold the majority stake, which can be pared back over time as the Indian partner gains in knowledge and experience. "It takes years to transfer (technology) and to get proven products. These are complex products that need to perform in battles," said Saraf. The other hurdle in the policy is that transferring defense technology requires government approval. In a strategy similar to one followed by the United States, India puts the onus on the foreign partners to get the green light from their respective governments, a challenging task for them. "But if you want indigenization, this is the only way you'll get it," said PwC's Mathur. —AFP

# BRITAIN WILL NOT EXCLUDE EU OVERSIGHT OF UK BORDERS

**LONDON:** Britain will not rule out the possibility that the European Union may retain oversight of customs controls at UK borders after it leaves the bloc, as the country seeks ways to keep unhindered access to EU markets following Brexit. Last week, the UK published a policy document proposing two possible models for British-EU customs arrangements after withdrawal from the EU in 2019.

The first model was a "highly streamlined customs arrangement" which involved the re-introduction of a customs border but which envisaged electronic tracking of shipments, rather than physical checks of goods and documents at the border.

An alternative proposal was the "new customs partnership" which would remove the need for a UK-EU customs border altogether. Under this model, the UK would operate as if it was still part of the bloc for customs purposes. British goods would be exported tariff-free and Britain would levy EU tariffs on goods coming into the UK for onward passage to the EU directly or as components in UK export goods. However, lawyers said there would be a need for a mechanism to oversee the "new customs partnership" to ensure that the UK was correctly monitoring goods coming into the UK and destined for Europe. The EU's system of movement of goods across EU borders without checks works on the basis that all members closely monitor shipments coming into the bloc from outside, to ensure the correct tariffs are paid and that goods meet EU standards.

**Weakness**

The EU anti-fraud agency OLAF polices customs agencies across Europe to ensure they are correctly monitoring imports. OLAF has the powers to conduct on-the-spot inspec-

tions and seek information from customs bodies. If OLAF finds weaknesses in a country's systems and that the member is not charging the appropriate duties on imports from outside the EU, it will recommend that the European Commission, the EU's executive arm, should recover money from the offending member.

For example, in March OLAF slammed lax UK border controls and recommended the European Commission reclaim 2 billion euros the agency said was lost because Britain had failed to apply the correct EU duties on imports of Chinese clothes and footwear in recent years.

A spokesman for the UK's tax authority said it questioned OLAF's estimate of lost revenue. Duties collected are paid to Brussels. Commission duty recovery claims can be appealed to the Court of Justice of the European Union (ECJ), the EU's highest court.

UK Prime Minister Theresa May has said the UK will no longer be subject to the jurisdiction of the ECJ after Britain's exit from the bloc. However, the British finance ministry declined to say if the country would bar OLAF from policing the UK's customs system under the "new customs partnership" model or whether it would allow the Commission to make demands for recovery of lost duties.

"The exact form of the arrangements will be agreed as part of the negotiations," a ministry spokeswoman said.

**Money and effort**

Lode Van Den Hende, a partner with Herbert Smith Freehills in Brussels, said it was hard to see how the customs partnership model could work without OLAF or a similar

body policing the UK's monitoring of imports destined for the EU. "In practical terms they (Britain and the EU) would have to operate in the same way or the whole thing would fall apart," he said.

Bernard Jenkin, a member of parliament for May's Conservative party, who backed Brexit in last year's referendum, said he opposed continued EU oversight of UK borders.

"There is no need for an EU institution to police our customs, and we should not accept this," he said in a statement. "Any dispute about each other's customs arrangements should be settled by an independent arbitrator, as with any other international agreement, not by an institution which belongs only to one party of the agreement," he added.

Van Den Hende said the ECJ may not accept the creation of an independent body to oversee EU customs. Customs are a matter of EU law and the court is supposed to be the highest authority on this.

Also, the breadth of areas in which the UK wishes to retain free trade with Europe means many such independent arbitrators would be required. They would be needed to monitor enforcement of health standards, standards in financial services and rules that apply to a host of other regulated markets.

"In theory you can design that, but in practice neither the UK nor the EU would want that because you would be replicating institutions which already exist. It would be a huge amount of money and effort," he said. "This is one of the fundamental problems about Brexit. The UK wants to retain deep integration but the UK doesn't like the institutions that administer all this stuff," Van Den Hende said. —Reuters

# US DID NOT DETAIL REQUEST FOR AUTO RULES OF ORIGIN AT TALKS

**WASHINGTON:** In the opening NAFTA session of talks, the United States did not give precise details of how much it wanted to boost North American content for autos, a source directly familiar with the negotiations said on Saturday. Robert Lighthizer, President Donald Trump's top trade adviser, this week said Washington wanted tougher rules of origin for autos, which determine how much of a vehicle must be built in the three NAFTA nations.

He also said the United States was seeking new measures to ensure "substantial US content" for autos.

Companies wishing to take advantage of free trade in goods guaranteed by NAFTA must currently meet the 62.5 percent North American content requirement for autos and 60 percent for components.

But during the opening four-hour round of talks on rules of origin on Friday, the US delegation did not give details of how much it wanted the requirements to be lifted by. It also did not give a specific figure for what substantial US content for autos could mean, said the source, who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the matter. US officials said they could not confirm the source's account. —Reuters

# INVESTING IN THE NEW KUWAIT: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

## EUROMONEY KUWAIT CONFERENCE 2017

**KUWAIT:** Our ninth Euromoney Kuwait conference will be held on 26th September 2017, in Kuwait City. Co-hosted by the Ministry of Finance, it will bring together issuers, investors and intermediaries to discuss the diverse opportunities, and challenges, the government's New Kuwait initiative is creating.

Our line-up of high-level speakers - drawn from government, business, economics and finance - will debate topics that include: the progress of the government's ambitious New

Kuwait strategy; the falling oil price and its impact on the economy, finance and investment; an update on mega projects and their progress; using capital markets to finance projects - sovereign, corporate and FIG issuance; and regional and international opportunities for investing Kuwait's wealth.

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mentation of the government's bold economic and financial reform plan will act as a bellwether to other nations in the region. It will prove that a fully diversified, free-market economy is both achievable and desirable in the GCC."

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- Central Bank of Kuwait's Governor, Dr Mohammad Youssef Al-Hashel
- KAPP's General Manager, Mutlaq Mubarak Al-Sanei
- Gulf Bank's Chairman and Alghanim Industries' Chief Executive Officer, Omar Alghanim
- Kuwait Banking Association's Deputy Chairman and Boubyan Bank's Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Adel Abdul Wahab Al-Majed
- National Bank of Kuwait's Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer, Shaikha Al-Bahar
- Aberdeen Asset Management's Chief Executive Officer, Martin Gilbert
- Boursa Kuwait Securities Company's (BKSC) Chief Executive Officer and Kuwait Clearing Company's (KCC) Chairman, Khaled Abdulrazzaq Al-Khaled
- Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait's Chief Executive Officer, Michel Accad
- Al-Hossam Legal's Managing Partner, Hossam Abdullah



# ZAIN LAUNCHES HAJJ PROMOTION FOR FREE

**KUWAIT:** Zain, the leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, launched its special promotion for customers traveling to perform Hajj this year. The promotion offers postpaid customers the opportunity to enjoy their existing local Internet capacities at the Hajj rituals locations in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia without any additional charges.

Zain's annual promotion comes as part of its keenness to keep customers connected to each other and to their loved ones during Hajj season each year and without any additional charges from their part. The offer allows postpaid customers to use their existing local Internet capacities at the Hajj rituals locations in holy Makkah and Madina with no additional charges.

Upon arrival to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, postpaid customers can simply activate the promotion by sending DATA ON to 99990 to enjoy their local Internet caps. The limited time offer starts from 23 August until 6 September. Additionally, when customers exceed the limit of their current Internet capacity, they will receive a FREE renewal with no additional charges.

Zain continuously offers services that are tailored to match its customers' expectations and needs during their



travels, and to keep them connected to their loved ones and businesses with more convenience and around the clock. By launching this exciting offer, Zain continues to reinforce its leadership position and its pledge in offering the best services and offers to meet customers' professional and personal telecommunications needs.

# VENEZUELA'S PDVSA DEFENDS 'PERFECT' TIES WITH RUSSIA

**CARACAS:** Venezuela's alliance with Russia is "perfect," the president of state oil company PDVSA said, blasting what he said was a US-led attempt to sully the growing ties between the two nations. Reuters last week published a Special Report revealing that Venezuela's unraveling socialist government is increasingly turning to Russia for the cash and credit it needs to survive and offering prized state-owned oil assets in return, sources familiar with the negotiations told Reuters.

Venezuela's opposition lawmakers say Russia is behaving more like a predator than an ally, scooping up assets on the cheap and gaining control of much of the OPEC nation's crude for trading at a time when President Nicolas Maduro is desperate for financing.

PDVSA President Eulogio Del Pino said the United States and its allies were trying to hurt Caracas' relationship with Moscow because they feared losing Latin America to Russia's sphere of influence. "That's why they're attacking you Russians," said Del Pino in a televised broadcast from the Petrozamor joint venture with Russia's Gazprombank.

"That's why the North American empire goes against our nation, why they threaten us so blatantly. Because they see a threat to what for over 80 years they considered their backyard."

Without directly mentioning Reuters, Del Pino also criticized that "every piece of news that these nation-hating people generate goes against the oil industry" as part of a broader attempt to destabilize leftist-run Venezuela. — Reuters

# YOUNG TAIWANESE CHOOSE CHINA JOBS OVER POLITICS

**TAIPEI:** Taiwan has long seen its international allies switching allegiance to an ascendant Beijing, but now there are also fears of a brain drain of the island's youth as they pursue careers in rival China.

Cross-strait tensions have soared since China's sceptic Tsai Ing-wen took power last year, with Beijing cutting all official communication. China still sees the self-ruling island as part of its territory to be reunified, but young people in particular have increasingly developed a sense of pride in their Taiwanese identity.

They have been at the forefront of anti-Beijing sentiment in recent years, famously occupying Taiwan's parliament in protest at trade deals with China in the Sunflower Movement of 2014.

However, with monthly starting salaries for college graduates unchanged at below Tw\$30,000 (\$1,000) since the 1990s and property and consumer prices spiralling upwards, some are now taking a more pragmatic approach. China is also wooing young Taiwanese talent in what analysts say is a "soft power" push to sway political sentiment.

Katherine Wang, 33, quit kindergarten teaching in Taipei and co-launched a business in May offering a variety of courses for young Chinese women in southeastern Xiamen city, saying she feels "hopeless" about Taiwan's economy. "I see a ray of hope in Xiamen and working there makes me happy. I want to make a name for myself and my partners and hopefully expand our business to all over China," she explained.

Wang receives free housing and office space as an incentive from the Xiamen city government, an example of the perks offered by provincial authorities, which also include generous grants.

According to China's Taiwan Affairs Office (TAO), over 6,000 Taiwanese young people are working or interning at more than 50 youth start-up bases launched since 2015. Top Chinese political and business leaders, including Premier Li Keqiang and Alibaba founder Jack Ma, have also encouraged Taiwanese youth to chase careers in China.

While Wang says she has no strong political views, others who do are putting them to one side for jobs. One twenty-something has opted to work in China even though he supports Taiwanese independence - a concept intolerable to Beijing. "I just focus on how to do my job well," the young worker told AFP on condition of anonymity, saying he hoped it would be a stepping stone to an international career.

"My Chinese colleagues sometimes say



**TAIPEI:** This photo taken on July 1, 2017 shows visitors walking past recruitment booths during a jobs fair in Taipei. Taiwan has long seen its international allies switching allegiance to an ascendant Beijing, but now there are also fears of a brain drain of the island's youth as they pursue careers in rival China. —AFP

things like 'Taiwan is a part of China' but that's their freedom of speech," he said. Despite being a fully-fledged democracy, Taiwan has never announced a formal split from China. Beijing has threatened military action if it ever did.

**'Carrots' for youth**

There are already well-established business links between China and Taiwan. Taiwanese manufacturers flocked to the mainland to take advantage of its resources and cheaper labour after restrictions were lifted in the late 1980s. China is also Taiwan's biggest trade partner and market, with exports there totalling \$112 billion — 40 percent of last year's total.

But the youth links have an extra dimension, says Shih Cheng-feng, a political analyst at National Dong Hwa University. "China realises that it needs to take a soft approach and use 'carrots' to attract (young people) in the hope that they will have some impact at critical time, such as the presidential election," Shih told AFP.

"Young people may not actively support Beijing's agenda, but their hostilities can be

reduced and that for Beijing is a worthwhile investment," he explained. There is no official data in Taiwan on the number of youngsters currently working in China. However, a survey released by the Taipei-based Global Views magazine in March showed that nearly 60 percent of respondents aged 20-29 years old were willing to work there.

Interest was reflected in a recent recruitment drive by China's Hainan Airlines, with more than 1,500 Taiwanese applicants applying for 80 jobs based in Beijing, according to Chinese state media.

Some say such cross-strait exchanges are a good alternative way to promote stability as official ties worsen, but others fear a brain drain that will hurt Taiwan's competitiveness. A commentary in Taiwan's Liberty Times this month accused China of trying to divide the island and draw young people away from their political ideals. "If young generations can't see hope in Taiwan and feel pessimistic about the future, and if poverty becomes a fact, how can they feel the obligation to insist on democracy and defend ideals?" it said. — AFP

# GEOPOLITICAL UNCERTAINTY STALKS MARKETS AFTER SPAIN ATTACKS

**LONDON:** An aversion to risk was evident in financial markets Friday after the attacks in Spain. Stock markets around the world were under pressure while traditional safe haven assets, such as gold, were in demand.

**KEEPING SCORE:** In Europe, the FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was down 1 percent at 7,316 while France's CAC 40 fell 1.1 percent to 5,089. Germany's DAX was 0.5 percent lower at 12,137. Wall Street was poised for a subdued opening with Dow futures and the broader S&P 500 futures down 0.1 percent.

**BARCELONA ATTACK:** The source of the risk aversion gripping markets particularly in Europe was the attacks in Spain. On Friday, police shot and killed five people wearing fake bomb belts who staged a deadly car attack in Cambrils, a seaside resort in Spain's Catalonia region, just hours after a van plowed into pedestrians on a busy Barcelona promenade. Spanish authorities said the back-to-back vehicle attacks - as well as an explosion earlier this week in a house elsewhere in Catalonia - were related and the work of a large terrorist group. In total, 14 people were killed in the attacks, 13 in Barcelona and one in Cambrils.

**TRUMP TROUBLE:** More uncertainty over developments in the White House also added to investor pessimism. President Donald Trump abandoned his plans to form an infrastructure advisory council, a day after the administration said it would close down two other advisory councils made up primarily of

business leaders. The White House was also forced to issue a statement dispelling swirling rumors that Gary Cohn, head of the National Economic Council, was stepping down, saying they were "100 percent false."

**ANALYST TAKE:** "We're seeing risk aversion in the markets again on Friday, with the possibility of a self-inflicted crisis within Donald Trump's White House and another terror attack, this time in Barcelona, weighing on risk appetite," said Craig Erlam, senior market analyst at OANDA.

**RISK:** Risk aversion traditionally sees supposedly risky assets such as stocks come under pressure, while supposed safe havens, such as gold and the Swiss franc, garner support. The precious metal was up 0.7 percent at \$1,300 an ounce.

**ASIAN SCORECARD:** Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index lost 1.2 percent to close at 19,470.41 and South Korea's Kospi shed 0.1 percent to 2,358.37. Hong Kong's Hang Seng sank 1.1 percent to 27,047.57, while the Shanghai Composite index ended flat at 3,268.72. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 fell 0.6 percent to 5,747.10.

**CURRENCIES:** The euro was up 0.2 percent at \$1.1741 while the dollar fell 0.4 percent to 109.08 yen.

**ENERGY:** Oil prices were little changed, with the benchmark New York rate up 9 cents at \$47.18 a barrel. Brent, the international standard, was 8 cents firmer at \$51.11 a barrel. —AP

## EXCHANGE RATES

**AL-MUZAINI EXCHANGE CO.**

ASIAN COUNTRIES	
Japanese Yen	2.759
Indian Rupees	4.746
Pakistani Rupees	2.870
Sri Lankan Rupees	1.971
Nepali Rupees	2.981
Singapore Dollar	223.020
Hongkong Dollar	38.695
Bangladesh Taka	3.737
Philippine Peso	5.988
Thai Baht	9.127

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

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

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

Swiss Franc	316.020
Australian Dollar	240.230
US Dollar Buying	301.550

GOLD	
20 Gram	249.070
10 Gram	127.450
5 Gram	64.570

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Rate for Transfr	Selling Rate
US Dollar	302.350
Canadian Dollar	241.007
Sterling Pound	390.710
Euro	357.167
Swiss Franc	293.338
Bahrain Dinar	802.247
UAE Dirhams	82.716
Qatari Riyals	83.861
Saudi Riyals	81.477
Jordanian Dinar	427.428
Egyptian Pound	17.045
Sri Lankan Rupees	1.973
Indian Rupees	4.718
Pakistani Rupees	2.869
Bangladesh Taka	3.742
Philippines Peso	5.877
Cyprus pound	17.991
Japanese Yen	3.765
Syrian Pound	1.585
Nepalese Rupees	2.948
Malaysian Ringgit	71.344
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	45.765

Thai Bhat	10.094
Australian Dollar	86.281
Turkish Lira	86.247

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CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
<b>Europe</b>		
British Pound	0.383761	0.393761
Czech Korune	0.005652	0.017652
Danish Krone	0.043818	0.048818
Euro	0.351058	0.360058
Norwegian Krone	0.134821	0.134821
Romanian Leu	0.081622	0.081622
Slovakia	0.009020	0.019020
Swedish Krona	0.033277	0.038277
Swiss Franc	0.307603	0.318603
<b>Australasia</b>		
Australian Dollar	0.232241	0.244241
New Zealand Dollar	0.215517	0.225017
<b>America</b>		
Canadian Dollar	0.235542	0.244542
US Dollars	0.298600	0.303020
US Dollars Mint	0.299100	0.303020
<b>Asia</b>		
Bangladesh Taka	0.003260	0.003844
Chinese Yuan	0.043777	0.047277
Hong Kong Dollar	0.036817	0.039567

Indian Rupee	0.004160	0.004848
Indonesian Rupiah	0.000018	0.000024
Japanese Yen	0.002701	0.002881
Korean Won	0.000255	0.000270
Malaysian Ringgit	0.066809	0.072809
Nepalese Rupee	0.003020	0.003190
Pakistan Rupee	0.002669	0.002959
Philippine Peso	0.005802	0.006102
Singapore Dollar	0.216814	0.226814
Sri Lankan Rupee	0.001597	0.002177
Taiwan	0.009856	0.010036
Thai Baht	0.008773	0.009323
<b>Arab</b>		
Bahraini Dinar	0.796242	0.804742
Egyptian Pound	0.015110	0.021018
Iranian Riyal	0.000084	0.000085
Iraqi Dinar	0.000189	0.000249
Jordanian Dinar	0.422330	0.431330
Kuwaiti Dinar	1.000000	1.000000
Lebanese Pound	0.000155	0.000255
Moroccan Dirhams	0.020826	0.044826
Omani Riyal	0.779814	0.785494
Qatar Riyal	0.078854	0.083794
Saudi Riyal	0.079633	0.080933
Syrian Pound	0.001283	0.001503
Tunisian Dinar	0.122158	0.130158
Turkish Lira	0.081232	0.091532
UAE Dirhams	0.080989	0.082689
Yemeni Riyal	0.000984	0.001064

# FED POLICYMAKERS SPLIT ON INFLATION VIEW

## NBK MONEY MARKETS REPORT

### Rates – 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

Currencies	Previous Week Levels				This Week's Expected Range		3-Month Forward
	Open	Low	High	Close	Minimum	Maximum	
EUR	1.1804	1.1661	1.1838	1.1760	1.1640	1.1950	1.1822
GBP	1.2992	1.2829	1.3022	1.2871	1.2710	1.2950	1.2920
JPY	109.05	108.58	110.94	109.17	107.30	110.15	108.69
CHF	0.9620	0.9584	0.9765	0.9648	0.9420	0.9840	0.9591

**KUWAIT:** Minutes from the Federal Reserve's July policy-setting meeting were released last week as investors awaited more details regarding the Central Bank's plan to move away from its crisis-era stimulus. In particular, economists were looking for hints as to when the Fed will begin taking steps to reduce its tremendous balance sheet size, as the quantitative easing programs have scooped up trillions of dollars of Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities during the financial crisis. Additionally, markets wanted to get a better feel for how many members remain resolved to raise interest rates again this year, and how many are wavering amid a five-month stretch of soft inflation reports.

Regarding the FOMC's views on the federal funds rate, the report stated that "some participants expressed concern about the recent decline in inflation, which had occurred even as resource utilization had tightened, and noted their increased uncertainty about the outlook for inflation. They observed that the Committee could afford to be patient under current circumstances in deciding when to increase the federal funds rate further and argued against additional adjustments until incoming information confirmed that the recent low readings on inflation were not likely to persist and that inflation was more clearly on a path toward the Committee's symmetric 2 percent objective over the medium term." Meanwhile, investors are still skeptical about a third rate hike before the end of the year, with the current probability standing at 31.2 percent in terms of market confidence, confirming that it will be a challenging time ahead for the Fed policy-setting committee.

With regards to the timeline of when the Fed intends to start the unwinding process, the minutes appeared to show that Federal Reserve policy makers were split over the decision. Some members "were prepared to announce a starting date for the [unwind] program at the current meeting", the report said. It also added "most [policymakers] preferred to defer that decision until an upcoming meeting while accumulating additional information on the economic outlook and developments potentially affecting financial markets".

Earlier during last week, US treasury yields enjoyed a mild boost on the back of solid retail sales. However, the yields managed to find their way back down after the release of the dovish FOMC minutes. Even so, political turmoil in the US and abroad garnered demand for safe, low-yielding bonds amongst nervous investors, dropping yields even further. The yield on the benchmark 10-year bond closed the week slightly lower at 2.1940 percent.

While the Dollar Index opened the week at 93.072, the greenback consistently strengthened throughout the week, and was supported further by strong retail sales data. However, the greenback faced downward pressure when the release of the Fed minutes coincided with US domestic troubles. Still, the dollar index managed to close the week higher at 93.434.

The euro was affected by a number of economic news and events last week. The single currency opened the week at 1.1804 and was mostly stable during the beginning of the week. However, the release of the FOMC minutes strengthened the euro as the dollar weakened across the board. Nonetheless, the euro hit its low of the month as the release of the ECB minutes indicated that policymakers were showing concern with regards to the euro's strength. Afterwards, the European currency

enjoyed a mild recovery as it closed the week at 1.1760. In the UK, the pound sterling weakened against the US dollar, mainly due to the weaker-than-expected inflation readings. The pair dipped by 0.64 percent as traders absorbed the news. Positive wage and unemployment indicators did not lift the Pound, as it closed the week lower at 1.2871.

In Japan, the yen failed to capitalize on strong GDP figures, which indicated that the economy grew at an annualized rate of 4.0 percent, the 6th straight quarter of expansion led by private consumption and capital expenditure. Even though the reading came in well above expectations of a 2.5 percent annualized increase, this information has failed to reflect positively on the Japanese yen which has traded weaker against the US dollar most of the week. Nevertheless, the yen managed to gain some ground against the greenback towards the end of the week, where the pair traded near 4 month lows after being triggered by the release of the FOMC minutes, which was viewed as slightly dovish by traders. The pair ended the week higher at 109.17.

On the commodities front, markets witnessed the largest drop in US crude stockpiles in almost a year. Crude oil inventories dropped by 8.9M barrels last week, and are currently at 4.9 percent below the level a year ago. The drop was more than double the decline forecasted by analysts at 3.1M barrels. However, despite the fall in inventories, which would normally give a strong lift to WTI crude prices, oil futures managed to fall immediately following the release of the EIA report. While oil prices opened the week at \$47.59, it closed it slightly higher at \$48.59.

#### US retail sales beat forecasts

United States retail sales figures came in well above market expectations. Whereas economists predicted a 0.4 percent m/m rise in sales, readings released by the Census Bureau showed that overall sales increased 0.6 percent from the previous month. Meanwhile, the core retail sales figure, which excludes automobile sales, came in at 0.5 percent m/m, also above expectations of 0.3 percent m/m. Even though the positive figures support the case of a third rate hike this year, markets are still skeptical, with the probability of a December hike currently sitting at 31.2 percent in terms of market confidence.

#### ECB policymakers

European Central Bank policymakers expressed concern regarding the euro's strength, according to the minutes of the ECB's July minutes. A strong euro is a hurdle

for the ECB needs to navigate around as it looks to unwind its quantitative easing program, which will at least continue until December of this year. Recently, the euro has climbed fiercely, reaching a two-and-a-half year high against the dollar and rising almost 5 percent against a basket of currencies since the middle of May. The strength of the single currency hinders the ECB's efforts of reaching its inflation goal of just under 2 percent, making imports cheaper and weighing on export growth. The minutes attributed the rise of the euro to the elimination of the political uncertainty following the election of Macron as well as market expectations over US interest rates. Following the report, the euro fell to its lowest level in three weeks. Nonetheless, it recouped its losses as it rose back to the same level later that day.

#### UK inflation disappoints

In the United Kingdom, the Consumer Price Index readings disappointed as they indicated inflation was weaker than expected. The official report indicated that consumer prices increased 2.6 percent in July, less than the 2.7 percent forecast by economists. The figures took their toll on the British pound, as it weakened against the Dollar. The Bank of England is facing a challenging time preparing the ground for higher borrowing costs against the backdrop of worsening economic indicators and continued uncertainty about Britain's exit from the European Union.

#### UK consumers squeezed

Wages in the UK rose 2.1 percent year-on-year and continued to lag behind a surge in consumer prices caused by the British pound's decline after the Brexit vote more than one year ago. Still, wage growth readings came in above expectations of 1.8 percent y/y, while the prior month's figure was revised up to 1.9 percent y/y. Per the Office for National Statistics, this leaves real incomes down by 0.5 percent y/y. Meanwhile, unemployment in the United Kingdom reached 4.4 percent, its lowest level in 42 years. Unemployment numbers beat forecasts of 4.5 percent, a match of the prior figure. In a further sign of labor-market tightness, the number of unemployed people per vacancy was at a record low of 1.9.

#### UK retail sales

Shoppers in the UK continued to spend at a rate higher than economists' expectations, as falls in all categories of expenditures were outweighed by higher spending on food, the official report on UK retail sales indicated. A 1.5 percent m/m increase in the volume spent in "predominantly food

stores" managed to prop up the final retail sales figure to a better-than-expected 0.3 percent m/m, versus expectations of 0.2 percent. Howard Archer, economist at EY Item Club commented on the contents of the report, saying that "a drop in most sales categories except food points to consumer caution in making discretionary purchases. This fuels suspicion that the pick-up in retail sales in the second quarter was partly a correction to the sharp fall in the first quarter, helped by some warmer weather and the later Easter."

#### Germany growth

In Germany, 2nd quarter growth numbers indicated the German economy grew by 0.6

#### RBA highlights household debt risk

The Royal Bank of Australia's minutes from its August meeting indicated that the central bank has removed the country's labor market from its watch list. The RBA left rates at record lows this month amid a feeling of confidence that inflation and jobs will pick up. However, the report also added that "members regarded conditions in the housing market and household balance sheets as continuing to warrant careful monitoring" and that the board needed to "balance the risks associated with high household debt in a low-inflation environment" by keeping policy unchanged. The Australian Dollar edged slightly higher immediately following the release of the report.

#### China growth stalls

Earlier last week, disappointing figures pointed to a second-half slowdown in China's economy. Industrial output readings in China were underwhelming, whereas analysts expected a 7.1 percent increase y/y, the figure came out at 6.4 percent. Prior to that, the figure was 7.6 percent in June. Additionally, retail sales increased 10.4 percent y/y, versus a forecast of 10.8 percent y/y. Furthermore, fixed-asset investment in urban areas rose 8.3 percent from a year earlier in the first seven months, versus a forecast 8.6 percent rise.

#### Japan exports on the rise

In Japan, exports rose for the eighth consecutive month in July after robust shipments to the United States. The recovery in overseas demand from a soft previous quarter underpins a recovering economy. The data underscores the Bank of Japan's view that the



percent, marking 3 straight years of growth. While the released number is not as bullish as analyst estimates, the 2nd quarter's growth is in line with the prior figure, which has been revised up to 0.7 percent. According to Destatis, Germany's federal statistics office, growth was supported by rising domestic demand and investment. However, trade may have held back growth after Germany suffered its worst month for exports in almost two years in June. Nevertheless, the recent solid economic data in Europe's largest economy has helped prop up Angela Merkel which is eyeing her 4th term as German Chancellor in the opinion polls ahead of the late September election.

world's third-largest economy is showing increasing signs of strength, as private consumption adds momentum to an export-led recovery. Total exports increased 13.4 percent in July from a year earlier, Ministry of Finance data showed, roughly in line with a median market forecast for a 13.6 percent gain. The rise, which followed a 9.7 percent increase in June, was driven by solid auto shipments to the United States and demand from China for electrical equipment.

#### Kuwait

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## CHINA'S SOLAR PANELS SHINE SPOTLIGHT ON N KOREA TRADE

**DANDONG, China:** Traders from North Korea visit Yuan Huan's shop in the Chinese border city of Dandong several times a month to place orders, bringing their own translators and wads of cash. Yuan, manager of Sangle Solar Power, said sales to North Koreans have soared in the past two years, one of the border businesses still thriving despite growing US pressure for China to limit commerce with the Stalinist regime.

Since North Korea mostly relies on outdated generators, blackouts are common and solar panels are prized for their role as backup power. Berkeley-based researchers at the Nautilus Institute estimated that at the end of 2014, about two percent of North Korea's population had acquired solar panels. And despite new United Nations sanctions further narrowing the categories of goods that can be traded with the hermit state this month, solar panels have remained off the growing blacklist.

Yuan's shop offers a window into how Chinese traders do business with North Korea, a country with few allies and whose economy relies heavily on China's patronage.

Every day, trucks filled with cargo cross the Sino-Korean Friendship Bridge that connects Dandong to the North Korean city of Sinuiju. After receiving orders from North Korean customers, Yuan drops off packages at a riverside depot, and a Chinese logistics company takes care of transport across the waterway.

Some of her North Korean customers place orders by phone, but most prefer to make arrangements in person, she said. "It is actually quite easy for traders to go back and forth. Some buy over 20 units at a time," Yuan told AFP.

Several North Korean solar energy research and assembly plants have begun operation in recent



In this picture taken on July 6, 2017, solar panels are seen on the roof of a building in Dandong. — AFP

years, according to domestic media reports, but Chinese panels appear to remain in high demand. Last year, China exported 466,248 solar panels across the border, according to official figures from Beijing.

#### Immune from sanctions?

China on Tuesday started banning imports of iron, iron ore and seafood from North Korea as it implements the new UN sanctions, which could cost Pyongyang \$1 billion per year and were imposed after its two intercontinental ballistic missile tests. But in Dandong, where some 70 percent of trade between China and North Korea flows, solar panel merchants remain unfazed.

"It seems that overall, there are fewer North Korean traders coming over recently, but we're not affected by what's happening politically," said Shi Zhiyong, manager of the Huang Ming Solar Power shop. "In 2009, I started seeing more North Korean traders coming to the store and their numbers have only gone

up since," Shi told AFP. Both Yuan and Shi said their best-selling items are rooftop units that provide hot water supply. These cost between 2,700 and 14,000 yuan (\$400 and \$2,060). The purchases by households, offices and factories show that many urban residents have adequate disposable income, Johns Hopkins University researcher Curtis Melvin told AFP. "Aside from a few high-profile cases, such as the increase in fuel prices in North Korea or temporary suspension of coal exports to China, we haven't seen much evidence that (previous) sanctions have had a tremendously negative effect on North Korea's economy," Melvin added.

Sino-US relations have soured as President Donald Trump has pressed Beijing to step up pressure on North Korea, complaining about their continuing trade. In the first half, trade between China and North Korea increased 10.5 percent to \$2.5 billion, compared to the same period last year. — AFP

## KOSOVO'S ELECTION DEADLOCK BLOCKS FUNDS, RECOGNITION

**PRISTINA:** Kosovo's failure to establish a government two months after an election is stalling its bids for greater international recognition and blocking funds for the poverty-stricken country. A coalition led by President Hashim Thaci's PDK party itself in power since 2007 — topped early parliamentary polls held on June 11, but the alliance did not win the absolute majority needed to govern alone. Made up of the old guard of ex-guerrilla fighters, the coalition can only form a government after nominating and winning support for a parliamentary speaker.

But so far the coalition has boycotted assembly sessions and a vote for speaker because it needs the backing of more deputies. "The ruling political class doesn't want to give up power," said Agron Bajrami, editor of the Koha Ditore newspaper.

Kosovo, a former Serbian province, unilaterally declared independence in 2008, backed by Western powers. The move has since been recognized by more than 110 countries-but not by Serbia or Russia-and Kosovo is not a United Nations member state.

The UN mission in Kosovo warned on Wednesday that the political deadlock was hurting the country economically and socially. "The election process itself consumed the energy of institutions during these past three months," UN envoy Zahir Tanin said at a Security Council meeting.

"Important economic and social opportunities were missed during such a period." The country is a potential candidate for European Union membership, but it now risks missing out on pre-accession assistance totalling 78 million euros (\$92 million) this year, according to the EU office in Pristina. The office said the funding program needs to be ratified by parliament and that this "should occur by December 2017, otherwise Kosovo will risk losing" the allocated aid. One

of the poorest parts of Europe, Kosovo also lost around 16 million euros in July from an International Monetary Fund program because there was no government to make a required legal amendment on war veterans, local media reported. Although the sum is relatively small, "this sends a bad message to all potential foreign investors on the situation in Kosovo," said economic analyst Naim Gashi.

#### Stalled accession bids

Hanging over Kosovo's political crisis is the creation of a new special court to try war crimes allegedly committed by members of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), which fought Serbian forces for independence in the late 1990s. Thaci is speculated to be among those on the list of ex-KLA fighters to be indicted, which may be announced later this year.

Bajrami suggested that the PDK's keenness to cling to power was a self-preservation tactic, because "being in

power offers you more favorable conditions to negotiate immunity".

While the stalemate ensues, hopes are waning that Kosovo can join international organizations such as Interpol and UNESCO this year. Such accession bids have long been fiercely opposed by Serbia, but Kosovo's own internal woes are now holding them back. Kosovo's acting foreign minister Emanuel Demaj said the country had not yet reapplied for UNESCO membership, following a failed 2015 bid, with the UN cultural body's general conference taking place in two months. The new application depends on the amendment of two laws-one for religious freedoms another for cultural heritage-which are impossible to pass without a functioning parliament. Pristina has also applied for membership of Interpol, which meets in Beijing in late September, but Demaj said there were going to be "difficulties", with many member-states yet to respond to Kosovo's bid. —AFP



PRISTINA: This file photo taken on June 8, 2017 shows Kosovo Albanians walking past electoral banners in Pristina. Kosovo's failure to establish a government two months after an election is stalling its bids for greater international recognition and blocking funds for the poverty-stricken country. — AFP

# SHIFT FROM NON-GAAP NORMS COULD BE GOOD FOR STOCKS

## WALL STREET WEEKAHEAD

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Investors worried about lofty stock-market valuations may take comfort in signs that companies in the benchmark S&P 500 index are padding their bottomlines less than they have in previous years. Recent changes to accounting standards and a crackdown last year by the Securities Exchange Commission are encouraging many companies to be more cautious about reporting metrics that do not adhere to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

The difference between S&P 500 companies' GAAP net incomes and the adjusted versions of net income that they play up to Wall Street is expected to

significantly shrink in 2017 for a second year, after hitting a high in 2015, according to a Thomson Reuters analysis. Such a decline may be good news for investors worried that stock prices have risen too far.

"The closer reported earnings are to GAAP, the more confident I'd be that investors are getting a fair characterization," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank in Chicago. On their income statements, companies often exclude "extraordinary" items, like charges associated with layoffs that they believe give investors an unclear picture of their performance. Those adjustments tend to make their profits appear stronger. After an

8-percent rise in 2017, the S&P 500 is trading at 17.8 times expected earnings, a level many investors consider expensive and increases the risk of a market selloff. But the expected earnings in that valuation are adjusted, not GAAP. To the extent that companies use non-GAAP accounting less this year than in recent years, investors may feel more comfortable paying higher valuations for their stocks.

"You're getting more conservative in your earnings approach rather than more aggressive," said Phil Bianco, head of Ladenburg Thalmann Asset Management in New York. "That's exactly why I don't think current PEs are very expensive."

### New standards

Following new accounting standards covering the taxation of stock-based compensation, Google parent company Alphabet Inc. stopped excluding stock-based compensation from its costs in the first quarter. Facebook Inc. said it would no longer emphasize non-GAAP expenses, income, tax rate or earnings per share. Responding to a new standard on revenue recognition, Microsoft Corp. recently said it will switch to GAAP revenue reporting. Analysts expect S&P 500 corporations in 2017 to report a total of about \$1.06 trillion in GAAP net income, according to Thomson Reuters data. But allowing for non-GAAP adjustments made by many companies and analysts, total net income is expected to reach around \$1.17 trillion.

Still, that 10-percent difference between GAAP net income and the net income companies and many investors focus on is much smaller than in 2015, when the difference was 33 percent, the largest gap since at least 2009. Last year, the difference shrank to 22 percent.

Thomson Reuters analyzed 494 S&P 500 companies and adjusted some of their fiscal years to reflect calendar years. In cases where companies and analysts focused on GAAP, that number was counted as adjusted net income. Adding to pressure on US chief financial officers, the SEC last year sent comment letters to corporations questioning their accounting methods. It warned companies not to produce misleading quarterly reports using larger fonts and bolded type to emphasize non-GAAP metrics.

"The SEC was upset about how non-GAAP was being used, and I think people have tried to listen to that. Nobody wants a SEC comment letter," said Takis Makridis, chief executive

of Equity Methods, which advises companies on equity compensation. Silicon Valley's technology giants have additional reasons to start emphasizing GAAP results. "The biggest companies who, earlier in their evolution needed to show numbers that put them in a more favorable light, no longer need that advantage," said Pivotal Research analyst Brian Wieser. — Reuters

### THE WEEK ON WALL ST.

Net market gains and losses for week ending Aug. 18:

**Dow Jones Industrials** 21,674.51 **-183.81**

**Nasdaq** 6,216.53 **-40.03**

**S&P 500** 2,425.55 **-15.77**

**NYSE** 11,699.83 **-63.38**

**NYSE American** 2,494.01 **-12.71**

Daily Kuwait Stock Exchange Report				Global			
Sunday 20 August 2017							
Index	Change	Closing	Last Closing	Volume	Value (KWD)	Number of Trades	
Price Index	▲ 14.74	8,900.58	8,885.84	104,379,177	13,255,781	3,728	
Weighted Index	▲ 0.39	425.22	424.83				
KSX 15	▼ -2.46	965.30	967.76				

Security	High	Low	Volume	Value (KWD)	Trades	Last	Change
IPG	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	390	▲ 0.0
NAPESCO	855	850	10,872	9,096	5	850	▼ -2.0
ENERGYH	35.5	35.1	39,500	1,387	3	35.1	▼ -0.1
GPI	38.4	38.2	1,190,463	45,550	46	38.3	▲ 0.3
ABAR	90	75	42,409	3,523	21	86	▲ 11.0
<b>Oil &amp; Gas</b>			<b>1,283,044</b>	<b>59,557</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1031.48</b>	<b>▲ 2.20</b>
KFOUC	298	292	35,000	10,282	8	298	▲ 1.8
BPCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	589	▲ 0.0
ALKOUT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	600	▲ 0.0
ALQURAIN	330	336	49,566	16,658	14	336	▲ 0.0
<b>Basic Materials</b>			<b>84,566</b>	<b>26,940</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1258.44</b>	<b>▲ 0.90</b>
KCEM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	420	▲ 0.0
CABLE	514	505	75,505	38,442	24	508	▲ 1.8
SHIP	214	212	24,010	5,110	5	214	▲ 0.0
PCEM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	980	▲ 0.0
PAPER	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	280	▲ 0.0
MRC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	94	▲ 0.0
ACICO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	267	▲ 0.0
HCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	208	▲ 0.0
NCBIM	190	180	270,010	50,857	8	190	▲ 3.0
EQUIPMENT	48.9	48.2	400,050	18,772	14	48.9	▲ 1.0
NCCI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	90	▲ 0.0
GYPBUM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	95	▲ 0.0
SALBOOKH	81	80	526,724	31,886	19	81	▲ 0.4
AGLY	847	844	432,504	365,542	80	847	▲ 1.0
EDU	349	340	55,701	19,220	12	349	▲ 0.0
CLEANING	49.5	47.4	46,010	2,249	6	49.3	▲ 2.3
KSL	59	55	185,010	10,544	6	59	▼ -1.5
KDPC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	141	▲ 0.0
HUMANSOFT	4,300	4,300	90	387	1	4,300	▼ -50.0
NAFAS	220	220	232	51	1	220	▲ 25.0
GFC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	76	▲ 0.0
SHOOTING	27.4	26.8	2,122,196	56,814	45	27.2	▼ -0.3
CGC	507	505	133,000	75,301	2	505	▲ 5.0
MTCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	56	▲ 0.0
UPAC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	715	▲ 0.0
ALAFCO	374	371	270,877	100,700	46	374	▲ 4.0
MUBARRAD	72	71	539,000	38,343	22	71	▼ -0.2
LOGISTICS	53	52	756,095	39,847	44	53	▲ 1.1
SCEM	79	79	1,000	79	1	79	▲ 2.5
GCHEM	79	78	23,010	1,789	5	78	▼ -2.0
QIC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	81	▲ 0.0
FCHEM	78	77	25,127	1,925	4	78	▲ 0.4
KRWC	83	80	156,095	12,505	12	80	▼ -3.0
SPEC	97	94	687,515	64,931	28	95	▼ -2.0
<b>Industrials</b>			<b>6,728,961</b>	<b>934,354</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>1969.74</b>	<b>▲ 2.40</b>
PAPCO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	90	▲ 0.0
CATL	268	248	203,406	52,513	14	268	▲ 18.0
DANAH	73	71	349,435	25,240	15	72	▲ 1.0
FOOH	1,820	1,820	1	1	1	1,820	▼ -170.0
<b>Consumer Goods</b>			<b>552,842</b>	<b>77,754</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1060.89</b>	<b>▼ -7.70</b>
MHC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	480	▲ 0
ATC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,100	▲ 0
YIACO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	175	▲ 0
<b>Health Care</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1683.91</b>	<b>▲ 0.00</b>
KCN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,200	▲ 0
KHOT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	250	▲ 0
SULTAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	87	▲ 0
CABLETV	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	34.9	▲ 0
IFAS	870	850	8,658	7,361	4	870	▲ 20
IFAHR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	275	▲ 0
OLUFUEL	126	125	10,419	1,310	12	126	▲ 0
MUNTAZAHAT	79	76	323,402	25,113	18	79	▼ 0
JAZERA	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	574	▲ 0
BOOR	127	124	18,548	2,316	11	128	▲ 0
FUTUREKID	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	123	▲ 0
ALRAI	125	125	230,817	29,052	9	126	▼ -1
JND	52	52	80,000	3,120	3	52	▼ -1
Meezan	803	785	773,261	616,561	85	785	▼ -18
<b>Consumer Services</b>			<b>1,425,106</b>	<b>684,833</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>1062.78</b>	<b>▲ 5.30</b>
ZAIN	512	507	2,878,693	1,485,861	236	509	▲ 1
COOREDOO	1,160	1,160	467	342	1	1,160	▼ -25
AAN	39.9	39.0	318,000	12,439	14	39.6	▼ 0
VIVA	805	800	36,122	31,411	35	803	▲ 2
<b>Telecommunications</b>			<b>3,234,282</b>	<b>1,516,252</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>614.72</b>	<b>▼ -2.00</b>
NBK	732	729	457,679	334,450	79	731	▼ -1
CBK	245	244	194,900	47,605	15	244	▼ -1
CBK	306	300	158,511	57,739	16	305	▲ 5
ABK	314	314	1,500	471	1	314	▼ -2
ALMUTAHED	415	413	126,698	52,545	10	415	▼ -3
KIB	245	242	118,000	28,633	11	244	▲ 0
BURG	371	366	107,990	39,913	9	371	▲ 1
KFIN	574	568	2,493,236	1,425,439	188	574	▲ 7
BOUBYAN	430	427	403,186	172,520	36	430	▲ 1
AUB	221	217	11,090,953	2,428,211	171	219	▲ 4
ITHMR	41.0	38.9	3,592,697	141,572	107	40.9	▲ 2
WARBANK	266	264	398,773	105,713	113	266	▲ 1
<b>Banks</b>			<b>19,134,183</b>	<b>4,834,811</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>960.34</b>	<b>▲ 8.60</b>
KNS	260	260	35,000	9,100	3	260	▲ 5
GINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	790	▲ 0.0
AINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	448	▲ 0.0
WINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	96	▲ 0.0
KUWAITRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	187	▲ 0.0
FTI	58	58	32,725	1,898	2	58	▼ -2.5
WETHAQ	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	51	▲ 0.0
BKIQT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	355	▲ 0.0
<b>Insurance</b>			<b>67,725</b>	<b>18,998</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1122.57</b>	<b>▼ -2.10</b>

Security	High	Low	Volume	Value (KWD)	Trades	Last	Change
SOKOUK	50	49.1	169,958	83,123	47	49.8	▲ 0.1
KRE	64	64	1,414,811	90,456	47	64	▲ 0.1
URC	86	86	30	3	1	86	▲ 0.0
NRE	122	121	149,114	18,048	8	122	▲ 0.0
SRE	367	367	300	110	1	367	▲ 0.0
TAM	410	390	4,750	1,873	2	410	▲ 15.0
AREEC	153	153	1,500	230	2	153	▲ 0.0
MASSALEH	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	44.8	▲ 0.0
ARABREC	36.0	34.6	1,740,316	61,881	65	36.0	▲ 1.4
ERESCO	40.6	40.0	712,471	28,784	16	40.4	▲ 0.0
MABANEE	790	782	123,047	96,563	16	785	▲ 3.0
INJAZZAT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	88	▲ 0.0
INVESTORS	24.2	23.9	1,713,746	41,194	49	24.1	▲ 0.2
IRC	38.5	31.4	51,200	1,609	4	31.4	▼ -1.5
ALTIJARIA	93	92	2,960,212	273,817	89	92	▲ 1.9
SANAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	42.0	▲ 0.0
AAYANRE	83	81	121,717	9,984	6	81	▼ -2.3
AGAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	72	▲ 0.0
ALADARIA	41.0	40.0	405,894	16,343	17	41.0	▲ 1.0
MAZAYA	115	114	756,900	86,592	22	114	▲ 0.0
THEMAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	70	▲ 0.0
TUJARA	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	55	▲ 0.0
TAAMEER	34.9	34.1	503,150				

## BEST SUMMER OFFER EVER FROM INFINITI AL-BABTAIN BUY IN 2017 AND PAY IN 2018

**KUWAIT:** Abdulmohsen Abdulaziz Al-Babtain Co (AABC), the sole authorized dealer of Infiniti vehicles in the State of Kuwait, recently launched its new campaign that entitles Infiniti fans a grand chance to purchase any Infiniti vehicle in 2017 and pay in 2018. The amazing deal that ends on 30 September 2017, ensures four months of installments paid by Infiniti Al-Babtain on behalf of its customers in cooperation with selected finance companies.

The premium Infiniti line up has long been recognized for its distinctive design, premium motor experience and high performance, owing to the brands human centric approach to manufacture. Renowned for its unique combination of expressive and unique design substantiating the proven ability to develop innovative world first technologies that

enhance the driver's capability.

Some of the distinctive line up of Infiniti vehicles to make its way into the Kuwait market have been the Infiniti Q30, representing Infiniti's first entry into the fast-growing premium compact segment last year features signature design cues, with a double-arch grille with 3D mesh. The dramatic curves and turbulent lines flow up the bonnet, over the fenders and across the body line into the strong shoulder of the car. The Infiniti Q30 is available with 1.6L or 2.0L Turbo variants in a 2WD configuration. The 2.0L Turbo is also offered with an optional AWD drivetrain. The 2.0L Turbo engine delivers 208hp and 350Nm torque. An important, differentiating characteristic of the Q30's design is its combination of elevated stance with an overall height that is comparable with

models in the traditional compact segment.

Luxury model - the Infiniti Q50 comes with a pulsing heart beat that is the quiet but powerful engine. Built with a consistent, confident and engineering design that welcomes a new generation of discerning young customers looking to enjoy Infiniti's unique integration on the whole. Expressing signature Infiniti design, the double arch grille is prominently placed front and center. The arc of the bottom, like a natural reflection to that of the top, gives the front fascia a distinctive appearance while the upper and lower body of the Q50 directs air to flow over, around and under the Q50, turning it into effective downforce.

Another special edition favored by families is the QX60, which reflects the concept of high-end

hybrid cars, and is designed to be a masterpiece of all standards. This innovative icon is a role model for the future in Infiniti's pioneering automotive technologies, incorporating a range of advanced technologies that the manufacturer has adopted in its research to create exceptional, high-performance cars. Its luxurious seven-seater cabin, with a first-of-its-kind innovation supported by state-of-the-art safety technologies, as well as other features such as the second-class folding and sliding seats, welcome all passengers with unmatched ease, make it a perfect family crossover.

Infiniti Al-Babtain welcomes all its customers to avail of this special offer by visiting the Infiniti showroom located in Al-Rai area, which opens every day except Fridays.



## BURGAN BANK ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF YAWMI ACCOUNT

**KUWAIT:** Borgan Bank, the second largest in terms of assets, announced yesterday the names of the daily draw winners of its Yawmi account draw, each taking home a cash-prize of KD 5,000.

### The lucky winners are:

1. Gigy George George
2. Mohyi Aldeen Salah Aldeen Albaghdadi
3. Ujitha Prasanna Kudakalu
4. Aarah Mohammad & Aliah Mohammad
5. Ali Mohammad Al-Sayegh

In addition to the daily draw, Borgan Bank also offers a Quarterly Draw with more chances to win higher rewards, offering the chance to one lucky customer to win KD 125,000 every three months. The Yawmi Account offers daily and quarterly draws, wherein the quarterly draw requires customers to maintain a minimum amount of KD 500 in their account for two months prior to the draw date. Additionally, every KD 10 in the account will entitle customers to one chance of winning. If the account balance is KD 500 and above, the account holder will be qualified for both the quarterly and daily draws.

Borgan Bank encourages everyone to open a Yawmi account and/or increase their deposit to maximize their chances of becoming a winner. The higher the level of the deposit, the higher the likelihood to win.

Established in 1977, Borgan Bank is the youngest commercial Bank and second

largest by assets in Kuwait, with a significant focus on the corporate and financial institutions sectors, as well as having a growing retail, and private bank customer base. Borgan Bank has majority owned subsidiaries in the MENAT region supported by one of the largest regional branch networks.

The Bank has continuously improved its performance over the years through an expanded revenue structure, diversified funding sources, and a strong capital base. The adoption of state-of-the-art services and technology has positioned it as a trendsetter in the domestic market and within the MENA region. Borgan Bank's brand has been created on a foundation of real values - of trust, commitment, excellence and progression, to remind us of the high standards to which we aspire. 'People come first' is the foundation on which its products and services are developed.

The bank was re-certified with the prestigious ISO 9001:2008, making it the first bank in the GCC, and the only bank in Kuwait to receive such accreditation for the third consecutive year. The Bank also has to its credit the distinction of being the only Bank in Kuwait to have won the JP Morgan Chase Quality Recognition Award for twelve consecutive years.

Borgan Bank, a subsidiary of KIPCO (Kuwait Projects Company), is a strongly positioned regional Bank in the MENA region.



## CBK ANNOUNCES WINNERS AL-NAJMA ACCOUNT

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

1. Amal Abdulraheem Abdulkarem
2. Ahmad Ghloum Ali Baroon
3. Boulos Muqabel Labas Jendi
4. Nedum Purathu Joseph Mathew
5. Nihaya Abdulkarim Saleh Boor

Al-Najma Account allows its customers to win a daily prize of KD 7000 which is the highest daily prize in Kuwait. In addition, the Account offers quarterly draws that provide

customers with opportunity to get their dreams turned to reality by winning great prizes starting from KD 100,000 for the first quarter escalating thereafter by KD 50 thousand for each quarter to reach KD 250,000 in the last quarter. Customers can enjoy additional benefits including obtaining ATM card and a credit card against the customer's account along with enjoying all other banking services.

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

## KUWAITI INVESTORS EXPECT SAUDI MARKET BONANZA

### FOCUS ON INDEX INCLUSION AND REFORM

**KUWAIT:** The Saudi equity market is set for a boost as it heads for possible inclusion in MSCI's influential emerging market index in 2018. "In the meantime, active Kuwaiti investors could reap early gains as corporate earnings should start increasing this year," said Shakeel Sarwar, Head of Asset Management at SICO BSC (c).

"The market has moved sideways in the first half of 2017 after the spectacular 30 percent rally late last year. However, the latter part of the second half could again be an interesting period for the market. The key catalysts for another rally are going to be FTSE and MSCI related developments. With FTSE set to announce its country classification review in September, market participants estimate that it can result in regular inflows from September onwards. MSCI upgrade is expected next year but positive news flow on this front will keep coming and sustain the interest of active fund managers in the market. Large caps which are expected to be the biggest beneficiaries of such flows are trading at attractive multiples and should

do well in general versus the overall market going forward.

Corporate earnings should start recovering during the second half of the year, supported by better oil prices and on-going economic reforms," he added.



Shakeel Sarwar

SICO expects many stocks to benefit from cyclical trends and further structural reform efforts, including:

- Broad recovery in earnings after two to three years of decline;
- Dividend increases as corporate cash flows improve;
- Further easing of foreign

investor rules by the Capital Market Authority;

• Initial public offering in Saudi Aramco, the world's largest oil producer.

SICO Kingdom Equity Fund invests exclusively in Saudi equities. Against the Tadawul return of 3 percent during the first six months of 2017, the fund has returned 7.6 percent during the same period including a cash dividend of 5 percent. The fund has posted returns of over 55 percent in the last 5 years compared to a modest 10 percent return for Tadawul during this period.

This is due to a focus by SICO to invest in companies that are expected to benefit from economic reforms, rising interest rates and changing regulatory landscape.

With consumption relatively subdued, we are looking at well-managed companies that will benefit directly from a more diverse, more open economy as the Kingdom moves away from its reliance on petroleum," says Sarwar.

"Falling oil prices were tough on the domestic economy over the last three years. Astute firms have cut costs and gained market share. There are

also selective opportunities in the survivors - the best-run telco and consumer stocks. A round of banking mergers should benefit Kuwaiti investors too."

On the macro front, as a result of increase in oil prices and structural reforms undertaken by the government, the macroeconomic numbers for 2017 are already looking much better than those of 2016. Further improvement in the next couple of years as the pace of economic reforms increases.

"The Listing of Aramco and implementation of VAT and other taxation and subsidy removal measures will be some of the key milestones which the market will be following very closely over the next couple of years. These reforms and measures will not only improve the financial flexibility of the government but would also ensure that going forward like in the developed world, capital markets are used more efficiently in the efficient allocation of capital. Growth and development of capital markets will remain one of the key priorities of the government," added Sarwar.

## KFH ANNOUNCES CARDS SUMMER CAMPAIGN 11TH DRAW WINNERS

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Finance House (KFH) announced 7 winners of the eleventh draw of the new banking cards summer campaign themed "Get Back Double the Value of your Purchases". The campaign was launched in an attempt to encourage clients to use KFH credit, pre-paid and debit cards while making purchases in Kuwait and overseas.

The winners are: Saud Al-Farhan, Shamaa Al-Mutairi, Abdullah Dasmeh, Ahmed Juyed, Jassim Al-Rasheed, Zainab Abdelkader and Khaled Abuqmaz.

The campaign that lasts for 120 days gives KFH customers chances to enter draw to win double cash-back up to a maximum of KD 1,000 for each winner. To be eligible, the AUB cardholder only has to spend KD 100 or above through his AUB credit card during the campaign period. This new campaign will feature 5 prizes and will run for two months, from 12th August till 11th October 2017.

In a press statement, the bank said "We are delighted to launch our new campaign, which further enhances the value proposition for AUB cardholders. All customers using the bank's credit cards are eligible to enter the draw and win valuable prizes. This campaign reflects AUB's ongoing commitment towards our customers, and our underlying efforts to reward them

locally earns 1 chance and every KD 1 spent internationally earn 3 chances to enter the daily draw.

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

grant them additional value; thus achieving customer satisfaction and boosting their confidence. The campaign also aims at enhancing the bank's presence especially that

it dominates the largest market share in the field of banking cards.

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

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



## AUB GIVES CUSTOMERS CHANCE TO WIN 100% CASH-BACK WHEN THEY SHOP WITH AUB CREDIT CARDS

**KUWAIT:** Ahli United Bank has launched its new and exciting credit card campaign, which is designed to reward selected customers to receive a cash-back worth 100 percent of their total spend using their AUB credit cards up to a maximum of KD 1,000 for each winner. To be eligible, the AUB cardholder only has to spend KD 100 or above through his AUB credit card during the campaign period. This new campaign will feature 5 prizes and will run for two months, from 12th August till 11th October 2017.

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consistently through innovative and unique offers."

Customers will receive one fresh chance to enter the draw for every KD 50 being spent locally, and will receive two fresh chances to enter the draw for every KD 50 spent abroad. The draw is scheduled to take place on 17th October 2017 at AUB's headquarters with representatives from the Ministry of Trade and Industry. All customers are welcomed to witness the draw. In addition to this exciting 100 percent cash-back campaign, customers who spend using AUB credit cards will also automatically benefit from the Pearls reward program as well as AUB's instant discount program. These offers provide our clients a real added value that rewards the AUB credit card and ATM card holders through unique discounts at major well-known companies and retail outlets in Kuwait as well as points to be redeemed for air tickets Kuwait, Gulf and Qatar Airways."



## SPACEWALKING COSMONAUTS RELEASE 3-D-PRINTED SATELLITE

**CAPE CANAVERAL:** Spacewalking cosmonauts set free the world's first satellite made almost entirely with a 3-D printer on Thursday. In total, Russians Fyodor Yurchikhin and Sergey Ryazanskiy ended up releasing five nanosatellites by hand. One by one, the tiny craft - no more than 1 to 2 feet in size - tumbled safely away from the International Space Station. The exterior casing of the first one tossed overboard was made with a 3-D printer. So were the battery packs inside. Researchers want to see how 3-D-made parts weather the space environment.

The 3-D satellite contains regular electronics. It also holds greetings to planet Earth in a variety of languages, courtesy of students at Siberia's Tomsk

Polytechnic University, where the satellite was made. The other satellites deployed Thursday have traditional spacecraft parts. Each weighs just 10 to 24 pounds. They're expected to orbit for five to six months. One commemorates the 60th anniversary of the world's first satellite, Sputnik 1, launched Oct 4, 1957, by the Soviet Union.

Another pays tribute to Russia's father of rocketry, Konstantin Tsiolkovsky. He was born 160 years ago next month. The remaining two small satellites involve navigation and other experiments. Yurchikhin and Ryazanskiy completed the satellite releases within an hour of venturing outside. Barely a minute passed between a few of the

launches. The rest of their work took longer than expected, however, and Russia's Mission Control outside Moscow sent the planned six-hour spacewalk into overtime.

It ended up lasting 7 1/2 hours, and the cosmonauts said their hands were tired. All but one task got done. "We will have actually some grounds to get drunk today, I think," one of the cosmonauts joked in Russian. A flight controller replied that he'd do it for them. The cosmonauts collected science experiments from outside their 250-mile-high home, and wiped thruster residue from various surfaces for analysis. Three Americans and one Italian also live on the space station.—AP



**IN SPACE:** In this image made from video provided by NASA, Russian cosmonaut Sergei Ryazanskiy holds a mini satellite before launching it by hand from the International Space Station. —AP

## HOLLYWOOD'S HACKING PAINS ARE BIGGER THAN MOVIE LEAKS

### CYBERCRIMINALS PUT COMPANY SECRETS AT RISK

**NEW YORK:** Piracy is a long-running and even routine issue for Hollywood, whether it's street vendors hawking bootleg DVDs on street corners or video uploaded to file-sharing sites like Pirate Bay. Now cybercriminals are also putting embarrassing chatter and other company secrets at risk. The reputational risk from leaked email is much more difficult to calculate than any financial risk from piracy. "In some ways, that risk can be higher because you have no way of knowing what's in those emails," said Erik Rasmussen of Kroll Cyber Security.

The cataclysmal event in the back of everyone's mind is the Sony hack in 2014. While unreleased movies were leaked, what's remembered is the chaos unleashed amid a network shutdown and the disclosure of derisive comments about such well-known actors as Angelina Jolie and Leonardo DiCaprio and racially insensitive remarks about then-President Barack Obama. Although the recent HBO leaks so far have fallen well short of the damage inflicted on Sony, there were concerns early on that hackers were setting the stage for an embarrassing sequel for Hollywood.

#### Piracy still a problem

While the attention is on leaked emails, that's not to say Hollywood isn't worried about piracy. On online forums where criminals "advertise their ill-gotten gains," there is now entertainment content "popping up as basically sections of these websites," Rasmussen said. Some people believe that video leaks can help gin up media and viewer attention for a show or movie, but leaking shows and movies does hurt Hollywood's take, especially if it happens before the official release, Carnegie Mellon professor Michael Smith said.

In a 2014 analysis, Smith and his co-authors concluded that a movie's box-office revenue dropped 19 percent, on average, when it was leaked ahead of the theatrical release, compared with a leak after the movie hit theaters. The research was part of a Carnegie Mellon initiative funded by the Motion Picture Association of America, Hollywood's lobbying group. One way to overcome pirates is to make programs widely and cheaply available. Netflix has many shows and movies that are easily accessible around the world for a single monthly price.

In April, hackers leaked most new episodes of Netflix's "Orange is the New Black" before their official release in early June. That doesn't

seem to have driven customers away. Netflix added more than 5 million subscribers in the April-to-June period, the largest increase ever for that quarter. Separate from HBO's recent run-ins with hackers, upcoming "Game of Thrones" episodes have leaked several times, and it is TV's most pirated show. The show is still a massive hit for HBO, with high viewership and critical acclaim. As for the recent hacks, episodes of "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "Insecure," "Ballers" and several other shows leaked. It helped that entire seasons weren't released,

\$250,000 as part of a negotiation over data swiped from HBO's servers. Whether or not HBO ever intended to follow through with the offer, the email raised questions among security professionals about the importance of the data. Besides upcoming episodes, the HBO data dumps included what appeared to be contact information of Hollywood actors, a month's worth of emails of one employee, sensitive internal documents like job offer letters and scripts for future episodes.

A person familiar with the situa-

tion, including sensitive information such as employees' salary information and Social Security numbers. Racially insensitive comments made by the former co-chair of Sony Pictures Entertainment, Amy Pascal, paved the way for her exit a few months later.

Michael Lynton, who left as Sony Pictures' head in January, said that press coverage of the emails hurt the studio's standing in Hollywood and that the public airing of employees' private information and conversations "took a long time to deal with," the trade publication



**MORIYA:** In this photo, an Asahi Breweries employee works on the production line at a factory in Moriya near Tokyo. —AP photos

## REVERENCE FOR ROBOTS: JAPANESE WORKERS TREASURE AUTOMATION

**MORIYA, Japan:** Thousands upon thousands of cans are filled with beverages, capped and washed, wrapped into six-packs, and boxed at dizzying speeds - 1,500 a minute, to be exact - on humming conveyor belts that zip and wind in a sprawling factory near Tokyo. Nary a soul is in sight in this picture-perfect image of Japanese automation. The machines do all the heavy lifting at this plant run by Asahi Breweries, Japan's top brewer. The human job is to make sure the machines do the work right, and to check on the quality the sensors are monitoring.

"Basically, nothing goes wrong. The lines are up and running 96 percent," said Shinichi Uno, a manager at the plant. "Although machines make things, human beings oversee the machines." The debate over machines snatching jobs from people is muted in Japan, where birth rates have been sinking for decades, raising fears of a labor shortage. It would be hard to find a culture that celebrates robots more, evident in the popularity of companion robots for consumers, sold by the internet company SoftBank and Toyota Motor Corp, among others.

Japan, which forged a big push toward robotics starting in the 1990s, leads the world in robots per 10,000 workers in the automobile sector - 1,562, compared with 1,091 in the US and 1,133 in Germany, according to a White House report submitted to Congress last year. Japan was also ahead in sectors outside automobiles at 219 robots per 10,000 workers, compared with 76 for the US and 147 for Germany.

#### Lifetime employment

One factor in Japan's different take on automation is the "lifetime employment" system. Major Japanese companies generally retain workers, even if their abilities become outdated, and retrain them for other tasks, said Koichi Iwamoto, a senior fellow at the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry. That system is starting to fray as Japan globalizes, but it's still largely in use, Iwamoto said.

Although data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development show digitalization reduces demand for mid-level routine tasks - such as running assembly lines - while boosting demand for low- and high-

skilled jobs, that trend has been less pronounced in Japan than in the US. The OECD data, which studied shifts from 2002 to 2014, showed employment trends remained almost unchanged for Japan.

That means companies in Japan weren't resorting as aggressively as those in the US to robots to replace humans. Clerical workers, for instance, were keeping their jobs, although their jobs could be done better, in theory, by computers. That kind of resistance to adopting digital technology for services also is reflected in how Japanese society has so far opted to keep taxis instead of shifting to online ride hailing and shuttle services.

#### Harmony with machines

Still, automation has progressed in Japan to the extent the nation has now entered what Iwamoto called a "reflective stage," in which "human harmony with machines" is being pursued, he said. "Some tasks may be better performed by people, after all," said Iwamoto. Kiyoshi Sakai, who has worked at Asahi for 29 years, recalls how, in the past, can caps had to be placed into machines by hand, a repetitive task that was hard not just on the body, but also the mind.

And so he is grateful for automation's helping hand. Machines at the plant have become more than 50 percent smaller over the years. They are faster and more precise than three decades ago. Gone are the days things used to go wrong all the time and human intervention was needed to get machines running properly again. Every 10 to 15 minutes, people used to have to go check on the products; there were no sensors back then. Glitches are so few these days there is barely any reason to work up a sweat, he added with a smile.

Like many workers in Japan, Sakai doesn't seem worried about his job disappearing. As the need for plant workers nose-dived with the advance of automation, he was promoted to the general affairs section, a common administrative department at Japanese companies. "I remember the work being so hard. But when I think back, and it was all about delivering great beer to everyone, it makes me so proud," said Sakai, who drinks beer every day. "I have no regrets. This is a stable job." —AP



**MORIYA:** In this photo, Asahi Breweries employees work at the central control room at a factory in Moriya near Tokyo.



**CALIFORNIA:** This file photo shows an exterior view of the Sony Pictures Plaza building in Culver City, California. —AP

forcing viewers to subscribe to view the whole show.

#### The fallout at HBO

HBO's hackers demanded a multi-million dollar ransom payment, something HBO refused. Because piracy is already prevalent, the leak of several scattered TV episodes might not have been enough to force such a payment, said Alex Heid, chief research officer at risk management firm SecurityScorecard. "Pirated content ends up on Pirate Bay within 24 hours of airing. Any show on HBO, any movie, the moment it's released, on the first day, you see it on pirated internet streams."

But hackers released an email from HBO in which the company expressed willingness to pay them

anonymity because the person wasn't authorized to speak publicly, said HBO was proactive in communicating with actors ahead of their personal information being released to the public. That may be helping mitigate the impact of what leaks did occur. Companies that do get hacked should be up front with customers, employees and other affected parties as soon as possible, said Richard Levick, the head of crisis-management firm Levick. "You can't sweep it under the rug," he said. "You can't be opaque about it."

#### Comparisons with Sony

In the Sony case, hackers crippled Sony's network, wiped the company's data and dumped thousands of internal emails and docu-

Variety reported. The movie studio said in April 2015 that "investigation and remediation expenses" related to the hack cost it \$41 million, or about 8 percent of the film and TV division's profit that fiscal year. It later reached an \$8 million settlement with current and former employees.

Studios are learning to be cautious. "I know people in the industry that now don't do deals over email," Smith said. "They do deals over the phone because it's not archived." Lynton told Recode in 2016 that instead of email, "my fax machine is in great use at this point." Sony declined comment on Lynton's remarks. Rasmussen said companies are also sharing information with law enforcement in an effort to protect the whole industry - and stave off another sequel.—AP

## NEW RESEARCH COULD HELP REVEAL WHO IS BUYING ONLINE TRAFFICKING ADS

**NEW YORK:** A US researcher says she has developed automated ways to identify links between online sex trafficking ads and the digital currency Bitcoin, techniques that may help locate children being sold for sex. Law enforcement and anti-trafficking groups could use the methods to investigate backpage.com, an online classified advertising site where sex ads can be found, said a statement by the University of California Berkeley, where the research was based.

Some 1.5 million people in the United States are victims of trafficking, mostly for sexual exploitation, according to anti-trafficking groups. Most sex trafficking victims are children, and most are advertised or sold online, according to a US Senate subcommittee report released this year. The new research uses an algorithm that analyzes writing styles to identify authors and could be applied to online trafficking ads, Rebecca Portnoff, its lead author, said on Thursday.

A second algorithm can use time stamps to trace ad payments to accounts, known as wallets, at Bitcoin, a web-based digital currency that allows money to move quickly and anonymously. Comparing time stamps of ad purchases on Bitcoin and time stamps and information on Backpage ads could help identify who is paying for them, said

Portnoff, a UC Berkeley doctoral candidate in computer science who developed the techniques as part of her dissertation.

"Where previously you might have five



different phone numbers that you had no idea were connected, when you can see that they all came from the same wallets, that the same person paid for them, that's a concrete

sign that these five phone numbers are all related to each other," she said. "I knew this was an issue that law enforcement was especially interested in."

Having automated style and time stamp analyses to identify sex ads by authors and Bitcoin owners is significant, said Damon McCoy, a New York University Tandon School of Engineering assistant professor of computer science and engineering and a co-author of the research. "Any technique that can surface commonalities between ads and potentially shed light on the owners is a big boost for those working to curb exploitation," McCoy said in a statement.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has said more than 70 percent of the reports it gets of trafficked children involve Backpage, based in Dallas, Texas. Backpage did not respond to a request for comment. The findings will be published by the Association for Computing Machinery's Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, UC Berkeley said. It said the work was funded by the Amazon Web Services Cloud Credits for Research Program, the technology and security firm Giant Oak, Google, the National Science Foundation and the US Department of Education.—Reuters



INDONESIA: This file photo shows a total solar eclipse in Belitung, Indonesia. —AP

## CAN'T SEE SOLAR ECLIPSE? TUNE IN ONLINE OR ON TV

LOS ANGELES: Ronald Dantowitz has been looking forward today's solar eclipse for nearly 40 years. An astronomer who specializes in solar imaging, he's been photographing eclipses for more than three decades, and will be using 14 cameras to capture the Aug 21 celestial event. The cameras have solar filters to capture the eclipse in its partial phases, along with custom modifications that can photograph the corona and light wavelengths that are invisible to the human eye, allowing scientists to view and study the sun's temperature and composition in a way only possible during a total eclipse, he said.

Dantowitz, who is based at Dexter Southfield School in Brookline, Massachusetts, is lending his expertise to NOVA's "Eclipse Over America," airing at 9 pm EDT tomorrow on PBS. That hour long special, which will incorporate his images, is among extensive coverage planned on TV and online of the first solar eclipse to cross the United States in 99 years. Still, witnessing totality - when the sun is completely obscured by the moon - is best done with the naked eye, not a camera, Dantowitz said, adding that the total eclipse is safe to view without special lenses.

"Enjoying totality by eye is more rewarding," he said. "There is much to see: stars during the daytime, the million-degree solar corona, and seeing the sun blacked out during the daytime. "I have been waiting almost 40 years for this eclipse, and although I will be operating 14 cameras during totality, I will certainly take a moment to gaze at the eclipse the same way people have done for thousands of years: with wonder."

For those not in the 14 states comprising the eclipse's "path of totality," here's a look at some of the viewing opportunities online and on TV: "Eclipse of the Century": In partnership with Volvo, CNN plans two hours of livestreaming, 360-degree coverage

accessible in virtual reality through Oculus and other VR headsets beginning at 1 pm EDT. Accompanying television coverage will include reporting from Oregon, Missouri, Tennessee and South Carolina.

"Eclipse Over America": The PBS science series NOVA is planning a quick turnaround on its eclipse documentary premiering today. Senior executive producer Paula S Apse said "Eclipse Over America," which delves into why eclipses occur and what scientists can learn from them, will incorporate images of the event from across the country shot earlier that day with Dantowitz's high-tech cameras. "Great American Eclipse": The Science Channel will broadcast its live coverage from Madras, Oregon, from noon to 4 pm EDT, with commentary from educators and astronomers from the Lowell Observatory. "The Great American Eclipse": David Muir will anchor ABC's two hours of live coverage, with correspondents reporting from viewing parties across the country. NBC also plans live coverage, with Lester Holt hosting special reports at 1 and 2 p.m. EDT featuring correspondents reporting from Oregon, Illinois, Wyoming and South Carolina. Shepard Smith will break into typical broadcasting on Fox News Channel from noon to 4 pm EDT to update viewers on the eclipse and introduce footage from NASA and observatories around the country.

"Solar Eclipse: Through the Eyes of NASA": NASA will offer hours of coverage online and on NASA Television beginning at noon Eastern. It plans livestreaming of the eclipse beginning at 1 pm EDT with images from satellites, research aircraft, high-altitude balloons and specially modified telescopes. "The Total Solar Eclipse": The Weather Channel is kicking off its live coverage at 6 am EDT and continuing throughout the day with dispatches from seven locations along the "path of totality." —AP

# LOW-COST PROSTHESES OFFER INDIAN AMPUTEES A 2ND CHANCE

ARTIFICIAL LIMBS GIVE DISABLED A NEW HOPE

JAIPUR, India: Vishnu Kumar had barely reached adulthood when he lost his limbs in a freak electrical accident, seemingly condemning him to the life of penury endured by millions of amputees in India. A year later, the 22-year-old is preparing to walk again with the aid of a "Jaipur Foot"—a no-frills prosthetic made locally. These prosthetics allow amputees to work in muddy fields, sit cross-legged on the floor and comfortably use Indian-style squat toilets without needing to remove the limb.

The manufacturers can churn out 50 prostheses a day from a simple workshop in Rajasthan and, thanks to donations, fit them for free. An estimated 10 million Indians live with some form of movement impairment according to government figures. It is common to see amputees begging at traffic stops or dragging themselves about on wheeled carts. Kumar, who worked as an electrician, feared he would endure a similar fate after his limbs were blown off in a catastrophic accident involving a high-tension wire.

Just a fraction of those maimed in accidents have access to artificial limbs or other aides. "I was devastated thinking I will have to spend the rest of my life on crutches," said Kumar, fighting back tears as he waited for a fitting at Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, the charity behind the unique design. "These limbs have given me new hope."

### Local design

Prostheses cost thousands of dollars and take weeks to manufacture in many parts of the world, but for 50 years the creators of the "Jaipur Foot" have been making dozens of limbs a day for roughly \$60 apiece. "The technology we use is such that the limb can be made very, very quickly," said Devendra Raj Mehta, the 80-year-old founder of charity behind the "Jaipur Foot". Mehta credits frugal



JAIPUR: In this photograph, 50-year-old Rajkumar Saini (2nd R), who suffered a road accident in 2004, gets his fourth prosthetic leg at the Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti non-profit organization's main branch in Jaipur. —AFP

engineering for the success of the design and its proliferation across India.

Made from durable plastic piping the limb—available for above and below knee amputees—requires little maintenance and can be fitted in hours. Wearers can leave the clinic able to run, swim, climb trees and ride a bicycle, Mehta said. A unique design allows movement in the ankle and unlike models elsewhere they can be worn without shoes—a huge plus in a region where everyone goes barefoot in kitchens and temples or mosques.

As the prosthesis endures wear and tear, or the shape of the leg changes over time, new fittings can be arranged quickly and free of charge. "I am getting my fourth leg and I didn't have to spend a penny.

It's just like getting an all new gumboot," said 50-year-old Rajkumar Saini, who lost his leg in a road accident 13 years ago.

### New technologies

The design has been so successful that it has found its way abroad, assisting amputees in countries from Africa and Asia to the Pacific Islands. More than 25,000 artificial limbs and other aides have distributed worldwide since Mehta's charity first rolled the Jaipur Foot off the assembly line in 1975. It is now branching into more advanced technology. One of its most successful new creations is a self-lubricating, oil-filled nylon knee replacement that can be manufactured for \$20, a mere fraction of the \$10,000 charged for models elsewhere in the world.

Created in collaboration with Stanford University in the US, the artificial knee is considered so cost effective it was named one of 50 best inventions in the world by Time magazine. The advent of 3-D printing has opened new possibilities, too. The charity has teamed up with a 24-year-old Indian engineer Prashant Gade to print inexpensive artificial hands using the revolutionary printing technology he was gifted at an MIT conference.

Funding remains a constant challenge, but Mehta was confident his thrifty operation would continue to reach those in desperate need. "I strongly believe that even if one percent of people in this country or in the world are compassionate, we shall survive." —AFP

## INDIAN WILDLIFE RESERVE PARK DEVASTATED BY MONSOON FLOODS

GUAHATI, India: Rising floodwaters have inundated large parts of a famous wildlife reserve park in northeastern India, killing more than 225 animals and forcing hundreds of other animals to flee, the park director said Saturday. Around 15 rhinos, 185 deer and at least one Royal Bengal tiger have died in the devastating floods that have submerged almost the entire Kaziranga National Park in Assam state, Satyendra Singh said.

"Carcasses of animals were seen floating in the floodwaters. It's a heartbreaking scene," Singh said. Meanwhile, across northern India and neighboring Nepal and Bangladesh, the death toll from drowning, collapsed houses and landslides triggered by annual monsoon rains climbed to around 578 on Saturday. Army soldiers and disaster management workers in the three countries have launched mammoth rescue efforts to evacuate and provide food and shelter to the nearly 16 million people affected by the floods in South Asia.

In the northern Indian state of Bihar, at least 153 people died as swirling floodwaters submerged hundreds of villages and swept away homes made of mud and

straw. Eleven million people have been affected by the floods in 17 districts of the state, said Pratay Amrit, an official in Bihar's disaster management department. Nearly half a million people were in more than 1,300 state-run relief camps, where they were being provided rice and lentils and medical care, he said.

In neighboring Uttar Pradesh state, the death toll rose to 40 as floodwaters submerged entire villages after 13 small dams were washed away, state officials said. The Rohini, Gandak and Rapti rivers were flowing above the danger mark and could breach their banks, adding to the sense of urgency in evacuating people from low-lying villages, said Avnish Awasthi, a government spokesman. The flood situation worsened after water was released from swollen rivers in Nepal that threatened to overflow, Awasthi said.

Soldiers used motorboats to rescue people marooned on rooftops while air force helicopters dropped packets of food and drinking water to those trapped in their homes. Officials said 144 people were swept away or drowned in Assam while 60 others were

killed in West Bengal state. At Kaziranga, nearly 80 percent of the 430-square-kilometer wildlife park was under water. Some of the animals had crossed a highway and moved to higher land.

The Assam government has deployed security guards on the highway to protect the rhinos from poachers, said Singh, the park director. In Nepal, floods have killed around 110 people since the monsoon rains began in June. However, the floodwaters were receding and no new casualties have been recorded, officials said. In Bangladesh, more than 70 people have died over the past week due to drowning or snake bites this monsoon season.

The government's Flood Forecasting and Warning Center said Saturday that the flood situation was expected to continue to improve over the next few days. Many flood protection embankments and dikes have collapsed because of the force of the floodwaters across the impoverished northern region of Bangladesh, a delta nation of 160 million people that's crisscrossed by more than 130 rivers. —AP



ASSAM: In this photo, the carcass of a tiger lies in floodwaters at the Bagori range inside Kaziranga National Park in the northeastern Indian state of Assam. —AP

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**For buffet connoisseurs**

Join us at Teatro for our famous international buffet nights, featuring the best Arabic and International specialties. Watch our chefs at live stations as they prepare gastronomic feasts of grilled meat, seafood, and fresh pasta. Sunday through Tuesday, 7 pm until midnight.

**For seafood aficionados**

Every Wednesday and Friday guests can enjoy our sumptuous seafood buffet, featuring live cooking stations. Providing a choice as vast as the ocean, our selection of delectable seafood dishes at Teatro makes this an ideal night out for seafood lovers. Every Wednesday and Friday, from 7 pm until midnight.

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Sample the finest grilled meats and seafood at our Barbecue Night. Showcasing the most succulent meats, all lovingly prepared with your favorite sauces, the Barbecue buffet at Teatro is a tantalizing treat for your taste buds. Every Thursday, from 7 pm until midnight.

**For brunch lovers**

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entertainment including face painting, a movie theatre, cartoon characters and interactive activities for younger guests, Friday Brunch at Teatro is a real treat for all the family. Fridays, 12pm until 4pm. Sensational seafood is on offer at our delectable Saturday Fish Market Brunch every Saturday. Join us and indulge in a wide selection of seafood dishes including salads, enticing fresh fish, seductive shell fish and much more. Saturdays, 12 pm until 4 pm.

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Delight in delicious Arabic fare and mouth-watering mocktails, served in the privacy of your own air-conditioned tent whilst soaking up spectacular views across the Arabian Gulf. Perfect for family gatherings or summer celebrations with friends, all tents are equipped with TV screens and can accommodate up to 10 people. Weekdays at Palm Court Terrace, 3 pm to midnight, Fri-Sat from 12 pm until midnight.

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Enjoy a special romantic dinner with your loved one at our exclusive Palm Court tents. Experience tantalizing set menus, including celebratory cake and non-alcoholic sparkling juice, whilst delighting in the magical views over the Arabian Gulf and romantic decor at Palm Court Terrace.

**For the sweet tooth**

The stylish Song Bird Cafe tempts guests with sumptuous French pastries and aromatic, freshly brewed coffee. Guests are invited to sip gourmet tea or indulge in one of our master chocolatier's finest creations in our stylish lounge, or on the outdoor terrace. For little sweet-lovers, light snacks, ice-cream and cotton candy are available to keep the entire family happy. Daily at Song Bird Cafe, 9 am to midnight.



## ASSE CONDUCTS TRAINING PROGRAM

American Society of Safety Engineers, (ASSE) Kuwait Chapter conducted their third training program for the term 2017-18 "Environmental & Social Impact Assessment" on August 4, 2017, at Kohinoor Training Hall in Fahaheel.



## READY- SET- GO- START BACK TO SCHOOL WITH THE SULTAN CENTER

**B**ack to School is almost here and The Sultan Center is geared up with the latest school supplies to get your children off to another successful academic year. As the school countdown begins, TSC is the shopping destination for all your Back to School needs, ranging from trendy and fashionable backpacks, lunch boxes, notebooks and stationery sets to calculators and coloring pens, TSC provides the latest and trendiest supplies.

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According to Makram Malaeb TSC's commercial director, "It's time for kids to load up their backpacks, bond their new threads and head back to school. It can be a hard transition going from the freedom of summer to the structure of being full time students. We at TSC make it exciting for them through offering a comprehensive and exclusive range covering all their needs."

## TAFSEER CLASS

**Y**ou are cordially invited to our Tafseer class (Divine Wisdom from the Last Testament) today at 7:00 pm. In this class, we will focus on Surat Al-Haaqqah (The Inevitable Reality) from verse 45 until 48. We will discuss various accusations leveled by the polytheists of Makkah against Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), among them that he fabricated the Noble Qur'an. We will then rebuff those accusations by quoting some verses and analyzing them. We will also shed some light on the miraculous nature of the Noble Qur'an and discuss some other miracles that Allah (SWT) supported Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) with. Finally, we will discuss various benefits of reciting the Noble Qur'an, understanding it, implementing its teachings, and teaching it to others.





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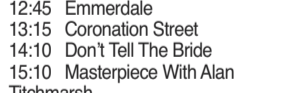
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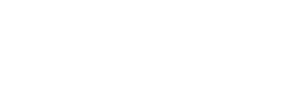
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16:00 The Kitchen
17:00 Cooking For Real
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19:00 Iron Chef America
20:00 Restaurant Stakeout
21:00 Mystery Diners
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23:00 Chopped



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01:00 Emmerdale
02:00 Coronation Street
02:30 Masterpiece With Alan Titchmarsh
03:25 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!
04:20 Tonight At The London Palladium
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01:10 Insect Wars
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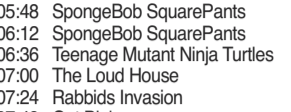
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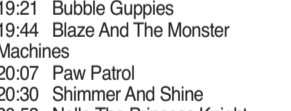
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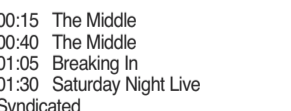
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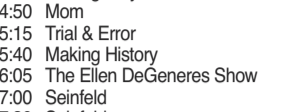


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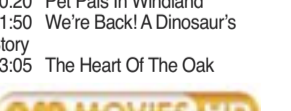
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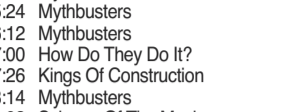


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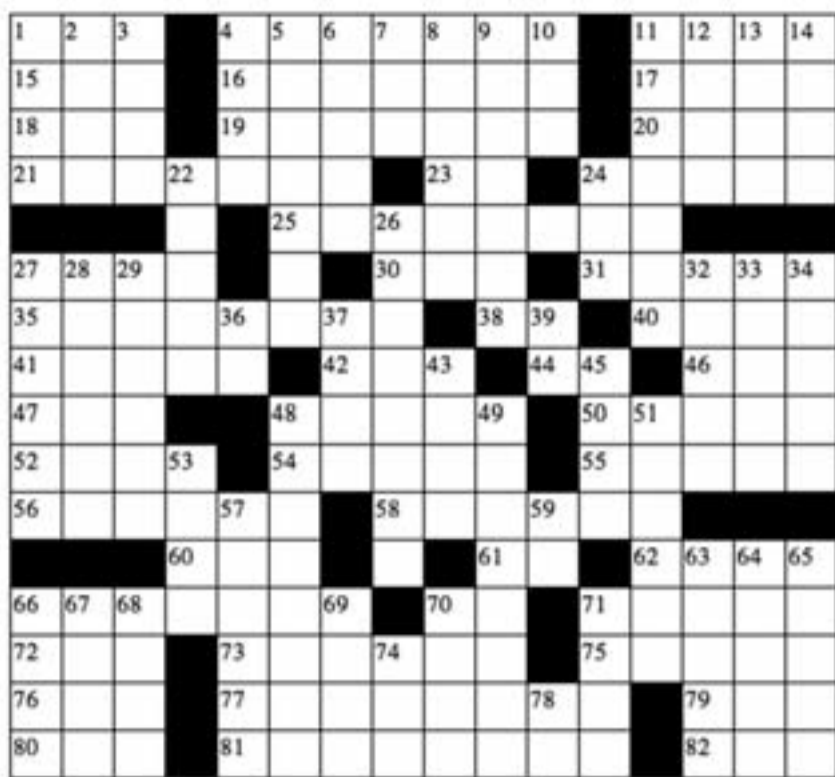
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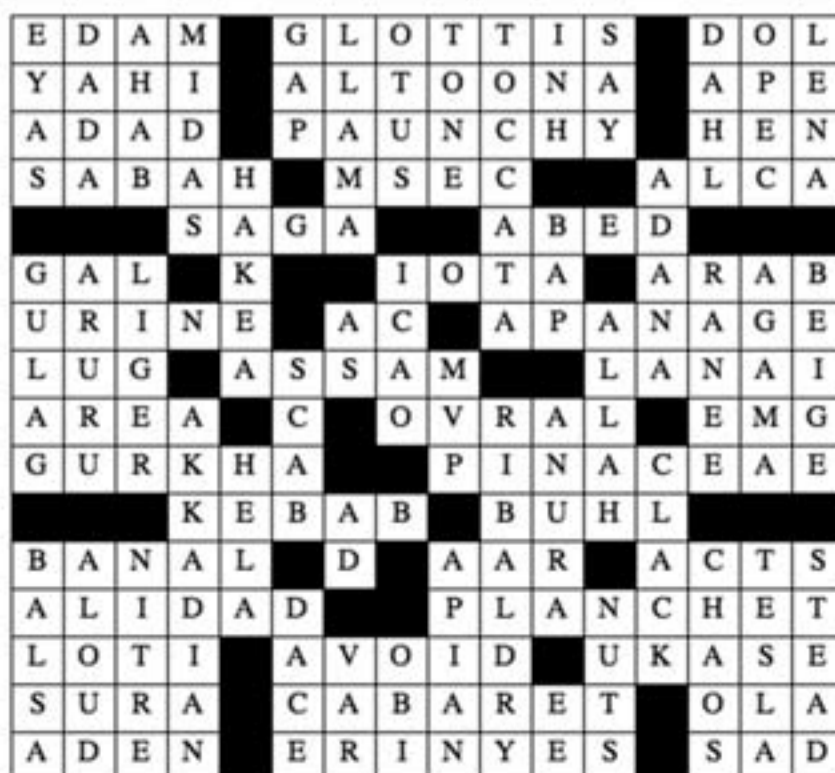
ACROSS

1. A change in the electrical properties of the skin in response to stress or anxiety.
4. The dilated portion of a canal or duct especially of the semicircular canals of the ear.
11. Similar to the color of jade.
15. (informal) Of the highest quality.
16. (of persons) Befitting a warrior.
17. (Babylonian) God of storms and wind.
18. The cry made by sheep.
19. A member of the Caddo people who formerly lived in the Dakotas west of the Missouri river.
20. (of a young animal) Abandoned by its mother and raised by hand.
21. The first of the Old Testament patriarchs and the father of Isaac.
23. A class of proteins produced in lymph tissue in vertebrates and that function as antibodies in the immune response.
25. Fringed or adorned with tassels.
27. Measuring instrument for indicating speed of rotation.
30. (computer science) The smallest discrete component of an image or picture on a CRT screen (usually a colored dot).
31. A cushion on a throne for a prince in India.
35. The animal order including amoebas.
38. A soft silvery metallic element.
40. French philosopher (1909-1943).
41. United States parapsychologist (1895-1980).
42. A constellation in the southern hemisphere near Telescopium and Norma.
44. A radioactive element of the actinide series.
46. Being ten more than sixty.
47. Not reflecting light.
50. A linguistic element added to a word to produce an inflected or derived form v 1.
52. An Arabic speaking person who lives in Arabia or North Africa.
54. Type genus of the Percidae.
55. A milky exudate from certain plants that coagulates on exposure to air.
56. West Indian tree having racemes of fragrant white flowers and yielding a durable timber and resinous juice.
58. (prosody) Of or consisting of iambs.
60. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects.
61. The blood group whose red cells carry both the A and B antigens.
62. The United Nations agency concerned with atomic energy.
66. A special anniversary.
72. (Irish) Mother of the ancient Irish gods.
73. A complex inorganic compound that contains ammonia molecules.
75. The mission in San Antonio where in 1836 Mexican forces under Santa Anna besieged and massacred American rebels who were fighting to make Texas independent of Mexico.
76. Artists or writers whose ideas are ahead of their time.
77. Severely simple in line or design.
79. (Brit) A tough youth of 1950's and 1960's wearing Edwardian style clothes.
80. The month following July and preceding September.
81. The semantic relation that holds between two words that can (in a given context) express opposite meanings.
82. The compass point midway between east and southeast.

DOWN

1. An amino acid that is found in the central nervous system.
2. Someone who works (or provides workers) during a strike.
3. Located in or toward the back or rear.
4. A woman hired to suckle a child of someone else.
5. An Indic language.
6. Indicating the most important performer or role.
7. Greenwich Mean Time updated with leap seconds.
8. act between parties with a view to reconciling differences.
9. In large part.
10. A flat wing-shaped process or winglike part of an organism.
11. Common black-and-gray Eurasian bird noted for thievery.
12. (Old Testament) In Judeo-Christian mythology.
13. An informal term for a father.
14. Any place of complete bliss and delight and peace.
22. Ash-colored or anemic looking from illness or emotion.
24. A graphical record of electrical activity of the brain.
26. A cut of pork ribs with much of the meat trimmed off.
28. A member of the Semitic speaking people of northern Ethiopia.
29. Of or relating to coitus or copulation.
32. A style of glazed earthenware.
33. The 11 southern states that seceded from the United States in 1861.
34. Being nine more than seventy.
36. A light strong brittle gray toxic bivalent metallic element.
37. Informal terms for a (young) woman.
39. A soft silvery metallic element of the alkali earth group.
43. Type genus of the Alcidae comprising solely the razorbill.
45. City in southwestern Colombia in a rich agricultural area.
48. A person trained to travel in a spacecraft.
49. A monastery for lamas.
51. Of or concerning the face.
53. An island in Indonesia east of Java.
57. When dried yields a hard substance used e.g. in golf balls.
59. A small pellet fired from an air rifle or BB gun.
63. Make less active or intense.
64. United States designer noted for an innovative series of chairs (1907-1978).
65. A positively charged electrode by which electrons leave an electrical device.
67. Relatively small fast-moving sloth.
68. A vigorous blow.
69. Expel, as of gases and odors.
70. Sweet pulpy tropical fruit with thick scaly rind and shiny black seeds.
71. A polite name for any woman.
74. The United Nations agency concerned with the interests of labor.
78. The square of a body of any size of type.

Yesterday's Solution



STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

You are concerned with performing your job well and are stable in your ways of moving forward. You resist change and may have trouble getting started with initiating changes, but once on the move you can be unyielding. You may mistrust that which is new or untried. Given time, you will become more confident and trusting as well as understanding. You are a good employee and eventually you will be given more and more responsibility—just be a little more patient with yourself. Listen to your intuition—it is strong and can guide you accurately in making decisions. You know and understand more than you realize; others may experience growth quickly but will forget the basics; you are a strong worker and will teach the basics. You are an important asset.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Decisions made now may have to be rethought later; take your time with how you think you want to proceed on some project. You are a heavy-duty thinker and serious student, always ready to work an idea through, reducing it to what is essential. You enjoy mental efforts and discipline and will often work long and hard toward any project's end result. Teaching opportunities give you a way to coach others and see the positive results. You enjoy working with other people and may pour a lot of energy into helping those around you. Your home and surroundings reflect this as well. When it comes to educating young people, you are a natural and may be asked to motivate and inspire. Tonight could be a socially active evening.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are able to act quickly and get things accomplished fast. You may find people coming to you for those odd jobs that nobody wants and that need to be completed and out of the way. You may like to be depended on in this way but it could cause some stressful moments in getting your own work accomplished. So that others will respect your time, you must learn to politely say no, occasionally. Your organizational abilities and sense of responsibility will be what guides you and proves successful. Your career could assume a much more determined and solid form. You naturally are a giving person, sacrificing your own interests for the sake of what you feel is right. A born psychologist, you may find yourself counseling a friend this evening.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You may find yourself very appreciative of your own career and practical skills. You might enjoy solving puzzles and technical problems—finding solutions. There is a renewed appreciation for your work that may be apparent to your superiors and to everybody. Put your back into whatever needs accomplishing today. You will be pleased at the outcome of your efforts. Circumstances may stimulate and encourage an appreciation and enjoyment of your life situation. Your system of values may deepen, providing you with a better sense of discrimination and good taste. Purchasing, selecting colors, etc., are easy for you. Plans to redecorate or perhaps, add a room or new entry to your existing home are looking like a done deal.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

It may be hard to organize or persevere today. Everything may seem to be falling apart and coming unglued. Do not force things. A little note-taking can bring the plans for the day back into focus. Be patient and let the chaos of others dissolve. It is time to dive into your work now—you seem to shine when it comes to practical matters or those involving work and career. You have an easy way with superiors or those in authority and can always manage to get the most out of any skill or ability you have. You may tend to fear that others find you too sense-oriented from time to time. You radiate energy and have to just accept the fact that people like to feel your warmth. Enjoy the attention you receive from your loved ones this evening.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

You enjoy working hard and being organized and you exercise skill and discipline in anything that affects your career and reputation. Today you will enjoy working in the environment where higher-ups show off their independence and originality. You could find yourself engaged in nonconformist causes, always ready to promote what is independent and innovative. You like radical approaches and may find yourself in support of whatever new-wave product or breakthrough advance is next in line. Communication, computers, electronics and everything new excite you and these are the areas in which you excel now. You may discover new ways of working with traditional materials. This is a great time to reflect. Enjoy a walk this evening.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

Someone could challenge you on a very sensitive issue this day. This could result in a very intense discussion. You may find yourself analyzing a situation. Too much time spent in serious thought could undermine your progress. Lighten up! Tell some jokes and enjoy the company of others. Soon, you will find the most sensitive issues can be put to rest. You may become very interested in research surrounding life survival, scientific research or what have you. There is a passion for searching, finding out and communicating your discoveries. This may turn out to be a very interesting day with perhaps a renewed appreciation for all that is beautiful and fine. There is a time of meditation when that first sip of wine or a little evening refreshment is quite relaxing.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Things are happening, and your career or path depends upon your own ambition and drive, which can be quite strong now. There could be some discussions over business affairs but a compromise can be reached. Learn better time management by briefly monitoring your use of time. Schedule tasks so that they serve your larger goals and are achievable in time and circumstances. Build some time for breaks and rewards into your schedule. Leave some space for regular and periodic review. Last, but not least, provide time for exercise and relaxation as well as sleep and nourishment. Strength, perseverance and an attitude that emphasizes common sense will also enable you to help make proper decisions in family matters.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Your ability to work more efficiently with others eventually enables you to achieve even bigger and more encompassing goals. As a good detective or research person, you will find yourself having a passion for answers. Questioning and searching finds you in pursuit of some piece of useful information. It could only be that an accounting problem is solved. You enjoy a game of team sports this afternoon. When you are not involved in sports, create for yourself a regular period of vigorous exercise and then use exercise to drain off tension. This evening you may want to dive into some interesting philosophical ideas with a love partner. Cultivate methods that enable you to get enough good sleep—wind down first, perhaps with a bit of relaxing music.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

You have a relentless drive to get at the heart of things this Wednesday, whatever is under the surface or behind the scenes. Your relentless pursuit of anything hidden or secret makes you a researcher or investigator bar none. Emotionally, you are also hot stuff, rushing into areas and handling subject matters that others would never come near. You may not like displays of emotion and pushy people, or at least find them challenging and thought-provoking. There is not much to slow your progress, however, and by this afternoon you are moving forward with your professional activities at full speed ahead. This evening is a good time to have a long talk with your partner about your future plans. You may decide on a new budget at this time.



Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

The word for today is accomplishment. If there is a job, you can do it. As a prodigious worker, you pour yourself into any task with absolute determination. You are responsible to the extreme and take on obligations as though you just cannot get enough. You enjoy discipline and limitations are seen as opportunities rather than handicaps. Home and family matters can play a big part in your life. Relatives take on greater importance than ever before. You are pleased with the results of your efforts and may busy yourself making new plans with family. This may mean a game of golf, a tennis match, camping, or some other activity. Music plays an important role and you enjoy photography, especially to capture the moments of family time.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Take a little trip, or get outside. You may want to break that routine and take a little walking exercise around the area where you work. Sometime today you may discover insights into day-to-day problems that will be of great value later. The encircling networks of friends and co-workers are crucial to your success. You are nourished in great measure by the atmosphere and conditions you are able to set up for yourself. You are happiest this afternoon as you accomplish your chores and improve your surroundings. All that is fine and luxurious may be what you enjoy most. You are very much the creature of habit and habitat as you go about making your own way and finding solutions to whatever problems may come about. Tonight is for romance.

WORD SEARCH

Oliver Twist

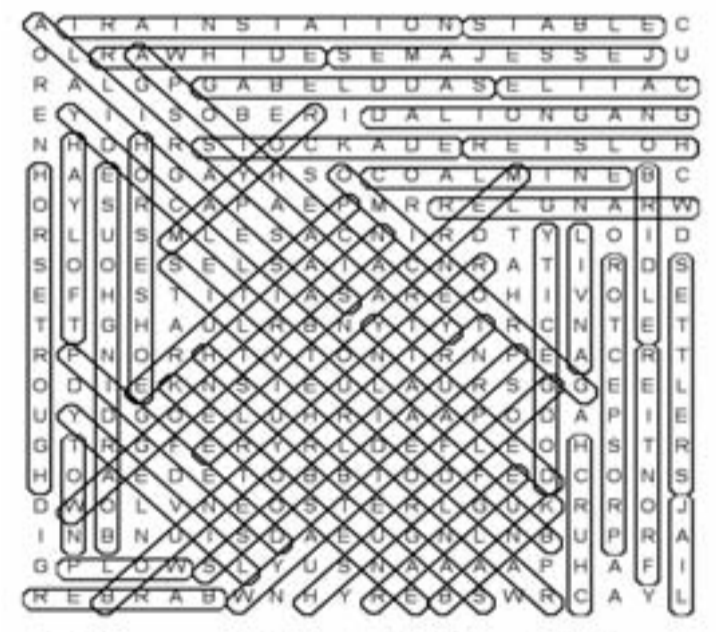
Find and circle all of the words and names from Oliver Twist. The remaining letters spell the title of the first chapter of Oliver Twist.



- AGNES FLEMING
- BARNEY
- BEADLE
- SLATHERS
- BOLTER
- BUTTLES
- BROWNLOW
- SULL'S-EYE
- BUMBLE
- CHARLEY BATES
- CHARLOTTE
- COACH
- COURT
- DICKENS
- DOCTOR
- DOOPER
- DUFF
- FAGIN
- GALLOWES
- GAMFIELD
- GILES
- GRIMWAG
- GRISEL
- HANDKERCHIEF
- HARRY MAYLIE
- HOUSEBREAKER
- INHERITANCE
- JAIL
- LEEFORD
- LIMBKINS
- LOOKET
- LONDON
- LOSSIERNE
- MAGISTRATE
- MONKS
- MR. FANG
- MRS. BEDWIN
- MRS. CORNEY
- MRS. MANN
- NANCY
- NOAH
- OLD SALLY
- JAIL
- OLIVER TWIST
- ORPHAN
- PIPOCKET
- PISTOL
- ROSE MAYLIE
- SIKES
- SOWERBERRY
- SURGEON
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- TOM CHITLING
- TRAPS
- UNDERTAKER
- WAISTCOAT
- WILL
- WORKHOUSE

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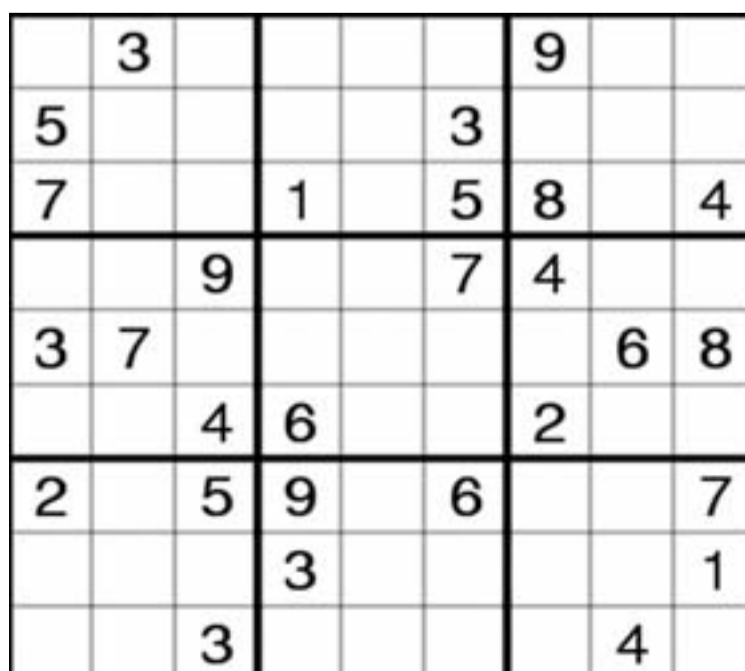
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- ANVIL
- APOTHECARY
- BANK
- BARBER
- BOARDING HOUSE
- BOUNTY HUNTER
- BRIDLE
- BUFFALO BELL CODY
- CATTLE
- CHURCH
- COAL MINE
- DALTON GANG
- DEPUTY
- DODGE CITY
- FRONTIER
- GERONIMO
- GOLD RUSH
- HAYLOFT
- HOLSTER
- HORSE TROUGH
- HORSESHOE
- JAIL
- JESSE JAMES
- KEROSENE
- LIVERY
- MAYOR
- MERCANTILE
- PASTURE
- PIG FEED
- PLOW
- PROSPECTOR
- RANGE
- RAWHIDE
- SADDLEBAG
- SASPARILLA
- SETTLERS
- SILVER DOLLAR
- STABLE
- STOCKADE
- TOWN
- TRAIL BOSS
- TRAIN STATION
- WAGON TRAIN
- WRANGLER
- WYATT EARP

The hidden message is: COURAGE IS BEING SCARED TO DEATH AND SADDLING UP ANYWAY

Daily SuDoku



Yesterday's Solution



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**Expected Weather for the Next 24 Hours**

**BY DAY:** Very hot with light to moderate freshening at times north westerly wind becoming light variable wind later on, with speed of 08 - 45 km/h with a chance for rising dust over open areas.

**BY NIGHT:** Relatively hot and Relatively humid specially over coastal areas with light to moderate south easterly wind to light variable wind, with speed of 08 - 30 km/h.

WEATHER WARNING			No Current Warnings	
STATION	MAX. EXP.	MIN. REC.	SFC. CHART 20/08/2017 0000 UTC	
KUWAIT CITY	46 °C	35 °C		
KUWAIT AIRPORT	48 °C	35 °C		
ABDALY	49 °C	33 °C		
BUBYAN	38 °C	30 °C		
JAHRA	49 °C	34 °C		
FAILAKA ISLAND	42 °C	33 °C		
SALMIYAH	43 °C	35 °C		
AHMADI	39 °C	37 °C		
NUWAISIB	46 °C	34 °C		
WAFRA	48 °C	34 °C		
SALMY	49 °C	31 °C		

4 DAYS FORECAST						
DAY	DATE	WEATHER	Temperatures		Wind Direction	Wind Speed
			MAX.	MIN.		
Monday	08/21	Very hot and some scattered clouds will appear	47 °C	34 °C	NW-VRB	08 - 35 km/h
Tuesday	08/22	Very hot and Relatively humid over coastal areas	47 °C	32 °C	VRB-SE	08 - 32 km/h
Wednesday	08/23	Hot and Relatively humid specially over coastal areas	45 °C	30 °C	VRB-SE	08 - 28 km/h
Thursday	08/24	Hot and Relatively humid specially over coastal areas	44 °C	31 °C	VRB-SE	08 - 26 km/h

PRAYER TIMES	
Fajr	03:55
Sunrise	05:20
Zuhr	11:51
Asr	15:27
Sunset	18:24
Isha	19:45

RECORDED YESTERDAY AT KUWAIT AIRPORT	
MAX. Temp.	50 °C
MIN. Temp.	32 °C
MAX. RH	45 %
MIN. RH	07 %
MAX. Wind	N 57 km/h
TOTAL RAINFALL IN 24 HR.	0 mm

## AIRLINES

American Airlines	22087425
Kuwait Airways	22087426
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Air Slovakia	22425747
Olympic Airways	22434940
Royal Jordanian	22420002/9
Reservation	22418064/5/6
British Airways	22433388
Air France	22425635
Emirates	22430224
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Egypt Air	22424444
Swiss Air	22421578
Saudia	22421516
Middle East Airlines	22426306
Lufthansa	22423073
PIA	22422493
Alitalia	22421044
Balkan Airlines	22414427
Bangladesh Airlines	22416474
Czech Airlines	22452977/8
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# Jay Z's tribute to Chester Bennington



Jay Z paid tribute to Chester Bennington during his V Festival performance on Saturday. The 47-year-old rapper ended his headline set at Weston Park, Staffordshire with a rendition of his 2004 Linkin Park collaboration 'Numb/Encore' and he asked the crowd to "make some noise" so Chester could hear. He said: "Can I get some love for Chester tonight?" before asking them to "make some noise so he can hear you in heaven". Chester, 41, died by suicide in July at his home in Palos Verdes, California. And, earlier this month, Jay Z's close pal Chris Martin paid tribute to Chester with a

solo piano version of Linkin Park's 2000 hit 'Crawling' at a Coldplay concert in New Jersey. Chris made a mistake at the start of the song but began again, after saying: "I know this is probably going to end up on YouTube so I want to do it right, and I want to do it respectfully." He dedicated the performance to musicians and to people everywhere, who are missing loved ones. He added: "This is to everybody who misses someone you know. This is for our whole community of musicians." Chester's bandmate, Mike Shinoda, shared a video of the emotional recital on Instagram and wrote: "Thank you

@coldplay. It sounded beautiful.(sic)" Chester was laid to rest earlier this month at an intimate funeral with just a few hundred people in attendance. Chester's family wanted a private memorial for the star and the service was attended by family members, friends, bandmates and musicians he had worked with over the years.

## GALLAGHER WANTS TO PLAY WE ARE MANCHESTER SHOW

Liam Gallagher wishes he could perform at the 'We Are Manchester' benefit show on September 9. The former Oasis frontman's brother and bitter rival Noel Gallagher is headlining the first concert at Manchester Arena following the terrorist attack at Ariana Grande's concert in May, and though Liam is playing in Spain that day he'd love to make the show. The 'Wall of Glass' singer wrote on Twitter: "I would love to play that gig in MCR on sept 9th but I'm afraid I'm playing in Spain saying that though it's only a hop skip n a jump LG x (sic)". Noel's High Flying Birds will be joined by local acts including Blossoms, The Courteeners and Rick Astley at the concert following the atrocity, which saw 23 people were killed and 250 were injured. All money made from ticket sales will be donated to the Manchester Memorial Fund, which has been setup to fund a memorial for the people who tragically lost their lives. It is only fitting that the 50-year-old rocker should perform at the show as Oasis' 1996 hit 'Don't Look Back in Anger' has become an anthem for the city in the wake of the horrific terrorist bombing.

Liam, 44, performed the song at Ariana's One Love Manchester benefit concert in June. And even though Noel donated the royalties from the track to the victims, Liam blasted his former bandmate for not performing the song with him at the Emirates Old Trafford Cricket Ground. At the time, he said: "He's made it clear that a reunion is not at the top of his priorities and right now it's not the top of mine. I would prefer it if I was in Oasis, but that's not what the Manchester concert was about. He could have got up and done 'Don't Look Back in Anger' and never even had to see me. "Are you telling me that if Noel Gallagher rocked up with his guitar and knocked on the door they would say, 'You're not invited, mate? So he can take off on that one. I don't care if he was in the Amalfi Coast or wherever, it lacked sympathy on his behalf. We have family and friends in Manchester and me mam's still there, and it would have been nice to do it for his people. End of."



## Peter Andre plotting duet with son

Peter Andre is going to record a charity single with his son. The 'Mysterious Girl' hitmaker is a big fan of 12-year-old Junior's "beautiful voice" and though he won't be putting pressure on the youngster to launch his career, he'll give him as much support as he can when he decides to take the plunge. He revealed: "Junior has decided he wants to be a singer. He's actually got a beautiful voice and I've said to him he's got to promise me I'll be the first person to record his vocals. "I'm not going to pressure him but I've told him when he's ready we can record a track for charity. "I was actually around Junior's age when I decided I wanted to be a singer, so it's nice that history is repeating itself." However, the 43-year-old singer - who has Junior and his sister Princess, 10, with ex-wife Katie Price, and three-year-old Amelia and Theo, eight months, with spouse Emily - won't be allowing his son to neglect his studies in favor of his pop ambitions. He added: "He's such a sweet boy and although he's turning into a bit of a teenager, I've said to him that as long as he keeps his manners and finishes school, then he can do anything. "I've got him extra maths and English lessons and he's doing really well at school at the moment." The 'Behind Closed Doors' star thinks it is important his kids also help out around the house. Writing in his latest column for new! magazine, he explained: "I can't bear clutter. I like a home to feel like a home, but if we don't need it, I say get rid of it. "The kids have a playground where all their toys are kept and the other day Emily said she was going to tackle it. "But I said the kids need to help clean it otherwise they won't learn. In the end, we all tackled it."



## The Amazons dream of headlining Reading Festival

The Amazons' dream is to headline Reading Festival. The 'Junkfood Forever' hitmakers are from the English town where the iconic music extravaganza takes place every year and the say topping the bill is far more important to them than the number of albums they sell. Speaking exclusively to BANG Showbiz, frontman Matt Thomson said: "This is going to be my 10th year when we play it this year. "Growing up with a festival like that on your doorstep it really shapes our success in rock n roll. "It's not how many records can we sell, it's can we headline Reading Festival that's what is exciting." The 'Black Magic' rockers - completed by guitarist Chris Alderton, bassist Elliot Briggs and drummer Joe Emmet - have been riding high on the success of their self-titled debut LP, which was released a few months ago, and were surprised by how well it was received. Matt said: "The response to the album has been humbling. "I didn't really expect the reaction to the album that we got in terms of the love we received on social media and the pre-orders we beat our weeks target in a day. So we are gobsmacked by the response. "The Amazons' play Reading's Festival Republic Stage on August 25.



## Selena Gomez confirms Marshmello collaboration

Selena Gomez has recorded a song with anonymous DJ Marshmello. The 25-year-old pop beauty will be putting the untitled track with the EDM superstar - who has previously collaborated with Noah Cyrus - on her eagerly-anticipated third studio album and says she brings her own vibe to the 'Chasing Colors' hitmaker's electronic dance sound. Speaking to San Diego's Energy 103.7 radio station, she said: "It's really cool. It's kind of in that world, his world, and I'm stepping into it and bringing my style too." The single will follow 'Fetish' featuring rapper Gucci Mane, which was released in July. The 'It Ain't Me' singer previously promised

her fans - who are known as Selenators - that new tunes are "coming for sure" as she is making headway in the studio. She said recently: "I spent a year in the studio, and now I'm putting all of these pieces together, and it's coming a lot faster than people think. But that's what makes it great, because there's a little mystery to it, and it sounds so separate from everything else I've done. I mean, from the Kygo record, to 'Bad Liar' and the next thing that's after 'Bad Liar' is so separate from that, it's just me trying to figure out where it's gonna go. And I don't really have a set plan, but a lot of new music is coming for sure." The brunette beauty - who is

dating 'Starboy' rapper The Weeknd - admitted she needed some space to work out what she enjoys most in life as an actress, singer and as executive producer on hit Netflix series '13 Reasons Why'. She explained: "I kind of hovered away a little bit because I really tried to find the balance in my life. I think it's really important for me to figure out what makes me happy, and I don't really want to be all over the place. "I want to pick the things that I'm passionate about, and I want to make them great, and I think that's where I'm at in my life and in my career. So, I take the moments for myself."



## Miley Cyrus channels Elvis in music video for Younger Now

Miley Cyrus channels Elvis Presley in the music video for her album-titled track 'Younger Now'. The 24-year-old pop beauty's third single, following on from 'Malibu' and 'Inspired', is now available and features lyrics about feeling at her best. She sings: "Feels like I just woke up/ Like all this time I've been asleep/ Even though it's not who I am/ I'm not afraid of who I used to be." The promo for the track sees the 'Wrecking Ball' singer rock a number of looks, including a rhinestone-encrusted all-in-one with her hair in an Elvis-esque quiff while she prances around with puppets. Miley has also taken to social media to unveil the full track-listing for the 11-track record, which includes a special collaboration with her godmother, country music legend Dolly Parton, on 'Rainbowland'. If the song titles are anything to go by, Miley seems to be wearing her heart on her sleeve and has no doubt written several of the tracks about her fiancé Liam Hemsworth. They include 'I Would Die For You', 'Miss You So Much' and 'Love Someone', all carrying strong themes of love. The album will be released on September 29, and is the first studio LP from the 'Hannah Montana' actress since 2015's 'Miley Cyrus & Her Dead Petz'. The star is set to perform at the 2017 MTV Video Music Awards (VMAs) on August 27.

## Kieran Shudall: The charts are broken

Caracal Waves' Kieran Shudall says it's "a shame" the charts are filled with "sugary pop acts". The 30-year-old rocker has been vocal about his distaste for the state of the charting system and thinks it's sad that legendary acts like the late David Bowie don't feature in the top 10 anymore. Speaking exclusively to BANG Showbiz, he said: "It's strange. It feels like something is broken with the way it is all working. "It is a shame that back in the day you used to have people like Carole King and David Bowie, all these great influences but no it is just full of sugary pop." However, the 'Fire That Burns' hitmaker says he is not bothered by having his band's music in the charts and says people buying tickets for their shows and the number of streams they receive is a better measure of their success. He continued: "It is a shame, but I don't concentrate too much on it because I think people who are into rock

n' roll and spend money on tickets as opposed to records. We have big streaming numbers so I guess that is how people consume our music genuinely." Kieran previously slammed acts like Ed Sheeran and James Arthur for being "purely commercial". He said: "Bands survive now by people buying gig tickets, the charts. "I don't like any of the music in the charts, I don't like Ed Sheeran and I don't like James Arthur and the people who see my band don't care about them. "Rock bands will stay strong as long as record labels don't care too much about the charts because otherwise we will have too many singers that are purely commercial. "We need people to still invest in bands and good honest music."



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# DANIEL CRAIG TO CUT DOWN ON DANGEROUS STUNTS



**D**aniel Craig has agreed to cut back on dangerous stunts for the new James Bond movie. The 49-year-old actor recently revealed he will reprise his role as the suave spy in the forthcoming 25th film in the series but will be opting out of some of the more thrilling stunts after his wife Rachel Weisz begged him to be careful. A source told the Mirror: "It's a big bone of contention. Rachel doesn't want him in agony again. None of his aches and pains have gone away completely. "There's a legacy to all these injuries and she lives

with them. They've come to an agreement about how hard he will push himself and he is pulling back from the edge this time. It's a prerequisite." Daniel has previously admitted that his work on the franchise has left him needing extensive surgery. He said: "I knackered my knee and had surgery, I've had my right shoulder reconstructed, my other knee operated on and my thumb got hurt." And Rachel, 47, has insisted her husband is nothing like his alter-ego. She said: "I am not married to James Bond. He doesn't get married. I've watched him bed

girls and not marry them. Daniel is a very good actor and very talented. We are really into normal life. I looked at the Greek peppers and thought that looks like a nice recipe Daniel would like that."

## Will Poulter praises Kathryn Bigelow's calm nature

**W**ill Poulter relied on Kathryn Bigelow to help with his evil character in 'Detroit'. The 24-year-old actor stars as Philip Krauss, a police officer involved in the Algiers Motel incident of 1967, in which three African American men were killed during the 12th Street Riot, and said he needed the filmmaker to help maintain a "calm, level-headed" feeling. Speaking at the press conference for the film at London hotel Claridge's on Wednesday, Poulter said: "I relied heavily on Kathryn. "Someone who in the presence of chaotic and overwhelming action, maintains a calm, level-headed, aspiring closure. "I think the fact that I was generally friends with the cast helped as well. We had those bonds and respect and trust with each other. "A sense of purpose came with the film. The psychology of that character was very uncomfortable. Any time I was feeling emotional, I would think of those that who have been the recipient of that abuse. "My feelings don't even measure up to what the real people went through. I kept that in mind when shooting the film." Oscar-winning filmmaker Bigelow, who has helmed very successful gritty movies including 'The Hurt Locker', recently revealed she based her script on court reports and testimonies of people who witnessed the atrocity.



## Ryan Reynolds wants to see Deadpool in the MCU

**R**yan Reynolds wants to see Deadpool in the Marvel Cinematic Universe - but only if it was R-rated. The 40-year-old actor starred as the Merc with a Mouth in the hit movie and is currently working on a sequel, but due to the use of violence and graphic language, the character is unlikely to appear in the current MCU despite Reynolds saying it would be a "great idea". Speaking to Total Film Magazine, Reynolds said: "That sounds like a great idea but a very expensive idea. "Can you imagine that s\*\*t-talking contest with Iron Man? Oh, that would be great. But it would have to be rated R to completely unharness everybody. "Unbridle the merriment and watch them go..." The next 'Deadpool' movie stars Josh Brolin as the villain Cable - the son of X-Men members Cyclops and Madelyne Prior - and Reynolds said Brolin is "everything you want in a character that's as iconic and imposing as Cable. "He's going to bring the right levels of intimidation and charisma." It's slated to be released next year and Reynolds said the script has been finished for a while. He explained: "I don't think a day's gone by where I haven't worked on it in some manner or other since we wrapped on the first one. "Rhett Reese, Paul Wernick and I have been having so much fun. The script's been done now for quite a while; we're in the place where we're just writing alternative jokes. "We're fortunate that we can tell the story and not worry about any form of censorship. "We get to scream in the Deadpool language with a full-throated ease." Stefan Kapacic will reprise his role as Colossus and Brianna Hildebrand returns as teenage psychic Negasonic Teenage Warhead. Morena Baccarin will also return as Deadpool's love interest Vanessa Carlysle, and Leslie Uggams will reprise her role as Blind Al.



## David Tennant joins Mary Queen of Scots



**D**avid Tennant has joined the cast of 'Mary, Queen of Scots'. The former 'Doctor Who' actor's role is yet to be revealed, but he joins Dunkirk's Jack Lowden, Guy Pearce, Martin Compston, Joe Alwyn and Downton Abbey's Brendan Coyle in the forthcoming drama. Margot Robbie is set to portray Queen Elizabeth I, who died in 1603, opposite Saoirse Ronan as the titular character. The big screen project, which is being directed by Josie Rourke and is expected to go into production this year, is based on the true story of Mary Stuart's attempt to overthrow her cousin Elizabeth's seat on the English throne, which, ultimately, led to her being condemned to years in prison before facing execution. Filming has begun in England and Scotland on the Working Title Films production. The feature film is being produced by Tim Bevan, Eric Fellner and Debra Hayward. Academy Award-nominee Beau Willimon has penned the script which is adaptation of John Guy's biography 'My Heart is My Own: The Life of Mary Queen of Scots'. The movie is expected to be released next year. The chairman of Focus, who own worldwide rights and will release the movie in the US, Peter Kujawski said: "We are privileged to be collaborating with our partners at Working Title on this stellar production, and with Josie as she makes the exciting move from stage to screen work. With two of today's most vital actresses bringing to life two female titans, 'Mary, Queen of Scots' will be one of the movie events of 2018."

## Kathryn Bigelow wants Detroit to help end racial profiling

**K**athryn Bigelow hopes 'Detroit' will end "racial profiling". The 65-year-old filmmaker helmed the new movie based around the real life murders of three African American men during the 1960s race riots in the US city, and one of her main goals was to encourage viewers to start healthy debates about race issues. Speaking at a press conference for the film at London hotel Claridge's on Wednesday, Bigelow said: "If there is a chance for the film to create a positive dialogue and create some tensions, then that is my greatest aspiration. "I hope it starts the conversation of ending racial profiling. "I think any opportunity to try and meet head on with this racism is really important for me personally." This year marks 50 years since the incident in the Algiers Motel and Bigelow wanted to make the film to give an opportunity to tell the "tragic story". She said: "I think with this material and subsequent films I have made, lend itself to an immersive experience. "I try to have an active relationship between the audience and the screen. I actually try to draw you in. "I had this opportunity to tell this tragic story and give it a life of its own and a potential to create empathy for these characters. "There were two reasons why I wanted to make this film. One because it was not well-known and also how it felt contemporary. "These were the two elements that certainly motivated me." The film stars John Boyega, Hannah Murray, Algee Smith, Will Poulter, Jack Reynor and Anthony Mackie. Many of the characters featured in the film are based on real people, including Melvin Dismukes (Boyega) and Julie Hysell (Murray), and the director has praised the cast for being "hugely responsible" for the way the movie developed.



## Jaime King signs up for indie drama

**J**aime King will star in 'Ice Cream in the Cupboard'. The 38-year-old actress has joined the cast of the indie drama, which tells the heartbreaking story of how a couple cope when the wife is diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's. Claudia Ferri and Dana Ashbrook will portray the couple, while Jaime has signed on to play the neurologist who treats the woman. Drew Pollins is directing the movie, based on the book by Pat Moffat. Along with working in front of the camera, Jaime has also previously turned to writing and directing, with her directorial debut 'Latch Key', which was released in 2011. Speaking previously about it, she said: "I've always wanted to write and direct. I've been writing since I was seven. It's a film called 'Latch Key', about a 14-year-old girl who loses her mother suddenly and because she can't cope with the stress of it, she wakes up when day and decides to pretend like it never happened, so it's her first day back to school after the tragedy. And, I used actors and crew who were all from Omaha. It was really an amazing experience." And she also worked in TV for four years with 'Hart of Dixie', after Rose Byrne encouraged her to try the small screen. She said: "Rose Byrne said to me, 'Jaime, you have to do a television series!' She said, 'There's nothing like it. The roles for women are so spectacular and amazing, and you get to act, every single day.' There's something to be said about that, and I really wanted the opportunity to not only be consistently working, every single day, but also, on my hiatus, have the time to really focus on my work as a director."

## Kate Beckinsale's surprising career

**K**ate Beckinsale's entire career has been a "surprise" to her. The 'Underworld' actress insists she has never had a plan in place for her future, and didn't set out to make her name in any particular film genre but thinks it's "cool" she's become known as an action star. She said: "I have never really had a map of my career. "So I always find myself going, 'Oh I'm here - this is a surprise!' "I never, ever saw myself doing an action movie, yet I've found myself becoming closely associated with that genre. "This is continually surprising to me and at the same time kind of cool, too." The 44-year-old actress can next be seen opposite Pierce Brosnan in drama 'The Only Living Boy in New York' and she liked the fact the film - in which she beds a father and his son - was relatable. She told HELLO! magazine: "What I like about it is that it's very much about people being human and flawed and still being decent. Let's face it, we're all just bumbling along." The film was shot in New York and took the British star - who has 18-year-old daughter Lily with former partner Michael Sheen - back to her first filming experience in the States. She recalled: "My first American movie, 'The Last Days of Disco', was shot in New York. "I was so terrified to be away from my family and life in Britain and here in this city that I had only seen in movies and was sooo intimidated by... But I had an amazing time and made some really close friends. "I returned to make 'Serendipity' when Lily was a baby. She said her first words, and learned to walk there so it's special to me for that."



# LAKME FASHION WEEK



Indian models showcase creations by designer Manish Arora at the Lakme Fashion Week (LFW) Winter/Festive 2017 in Mumbai yesterday. — AFP photos

## Los Angeles at war over gentrification

One morning, Los Angeles businesswoman Eva Chimento was about to open her art gallery in the city's Hispanic enclave of Boyle Heights when she found the door slightly open. While puzzled, she didn't think much of the incident until a second occasion when she found the lock had been forced. She was later invited by a group of women

of harassment from community activists trying to halt an influx of affluent residents. Mihai Nicodim, a neighboring gallery owner, has had his door vandalized and his store front defaced with insulting slogans such as "fuck white art," while exhibition openings have been met with protests. "All the while I had a Chinese artist on display. I represent a South African, local artists," said Nicodim, who has lived in Boyle Heights for decades, since arriving in the US as a penniless Romanian refugee.

The entrepreneurs are among a growing number of aggrieved in an escalating battle between the burgeoning galleries, coffee shops and other new businesses and activists who fear their community is being threatened by a wave of gentrification. A few hundred meters (yards) from the galleries lives Irma Aguilar, who has just seen her rent jump from \$1,000 to \$1,800 a month and risks losing the apartment she has called home for 20 years. "What do they want us to do with art galleries? We are not going to buy paintings. Our community needs schools," says the 43-year-old.

### Too 'hipster'

Gentrification—a gradual process of transforming an area to appeal more to middle-class tastes—often begins with the arrival of artists and galleries in search of vast spaces with low rents. Then come the trendy shops and restaurants and, in the long term, rents soar and the original inhabitants are forced to leave. "Historically, the inner cities of Los Angeles have been working class and poor. Rich people were living in the suburbs, further out," says urban planner and activist James Rojas. "Now, young rich people want to move back to the city. It started in the early 2000s."

Los Angeles, which is experiencing a real estate boom and a housing and homelessness crisis, has seen its downtown sector, once a no-man's land, become one of the most vibrant neighborhoods in

the country. Boyle Heights, a few miles (kilometers) away, is the logical progression. Tension between the established community and newcomers was ratcheted up a few weeks ago with the opening of Weird Wave Coffee, its long counter and walls decorated with work by local artists, and a poster of Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao.

Some locals weren't exactly happy to see the place, judging it too "hipster" and ensuring it was welcomed to the neighborhood with protests and vandalized windows. "We're not trying to gentrify the neighborhood—we couldn't do it even if we tried—we're just here to sell coffee," says Jackson Defa, one of the three partners in the business.

### Rebellion

Despite its problems, Defa says he doesn't regret having chosen Boyle Heights for his business. "After our windows were vandalized, the whole neighborhood donated money to pay for the repairs," he reveals. "People would like to picture that we are not welcome, but the facts are different." For others, like art gallery Psst, the harassment has already become too much and the business has shut down. The development was welcomed as a victory by "Defend Boyle Heights," a group of activists at the forefront of the rebellion against gentrification.

Chimento, who opened her gallery with a small budget to satisfy her passion for art, has no intention of following suit. A single mother, she says she understands the need for affordable housing, but emphasizes the need for "dialogue and compromise" and plans on staying put. Other residents are fatalistic in the face of what they see as an irresistible influx of gentrifying businesses. Elizabeth Blaney, a member of the local residents' association, says no one wanted the types of businesses that have contributed to the gentrification of the neighborhood.

"They said, 'We need a laundromat' and instead



Coffee shop owners, Mario Chavarria (second left) and Jackson Defa, working the machine, talk with customers at their Weird Wave Coffee Brewers in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles.

calling themselves the Ovarian Psychos to a community meeting "to talk about gentrification," but encountered hostility and verbal abuse when she stood up to talk.

"It was horrible, I was insulted," says Chimento, who believes the incidents are part of a larger pattern



Owners Jackson Defa (right) and Mario Chavarria (center) work at their Weird Wave Coffee Brewers coffee house.

they get a gallery; 'places for youth or seniors,' and they get breweries. That's not what the people are asking for," she told AFP. She added that while vandalism and violence are wrong, people need to be aware that the campaigners are "fighting for their home and this basic need is being taken away from them." "These businesses are known as gentrifying businesses and it's about who they attract. And they attract developers who increase the rents." — AFP



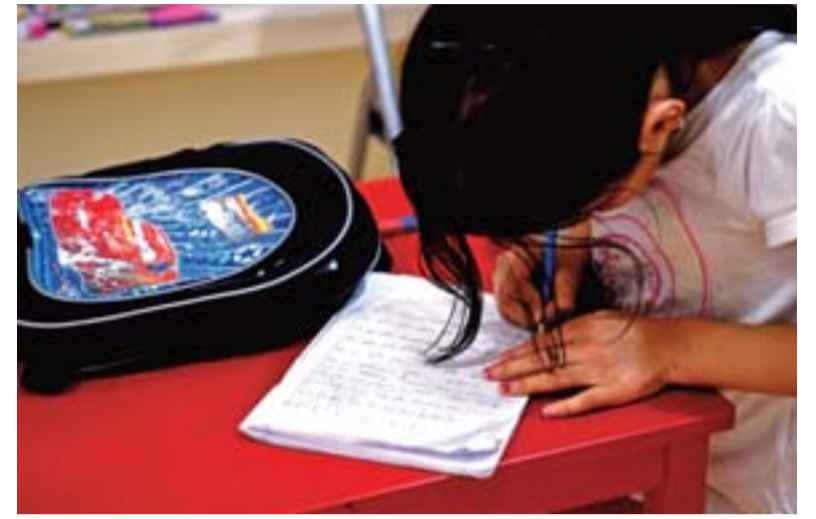
Eva Chimento who runs the Chimento Contemporary Gallery, outside her premises in Boyle Heights, California. — AFP photos



Community activist Elizabeth Blaney is interviewed in front of the apartment block where, with no rent control due to the year it was built.



Refugees read books at a library set up on the premises of an international non-governmental organization (NGO) hosting Syrian and Afghan women and children.



A refugee girl writes at a library.



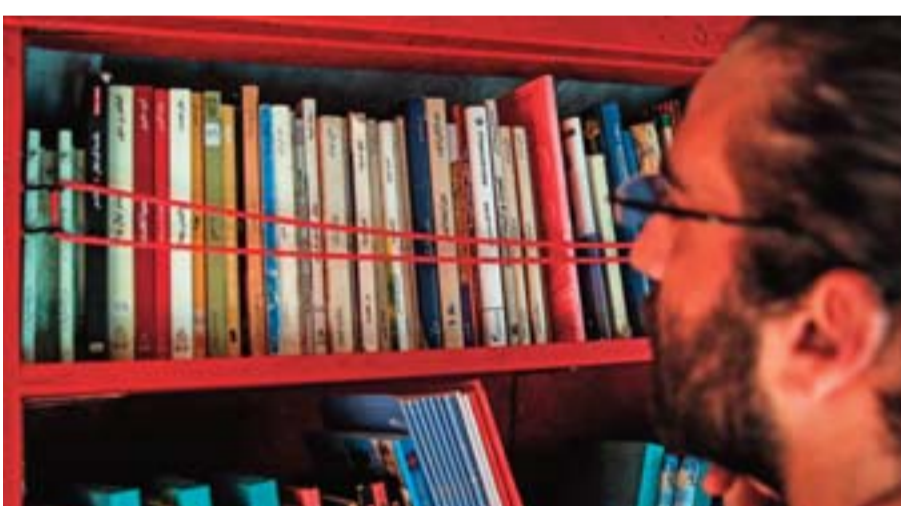
A refugee woman studies a book at a library set up on the premises of an international non-governmental organization (NGO) hosting Syrian and Afghan women and children, in central Athens. — AFP photos



A refugee woman looks at a book shelf at a library.



A man reads a book as he sits inside a library van in central Athens.



A man looks at books inside a library van in central Athens.

## Books to go: Bringing literature to refugees stuck in Greece

The brightly coloured minivan that pulls into Athens' food market, drawing a group of refugees around it, is not carrying something edible. The contents—hundreds of books—are there to satisfy a different sort of hunger. For tens of thousands of refugees stuck in Greece for the past two years after European states shut their borders in rapid succession, survival is no longer an issue. Instead, boredom and creeping despair about their future are their new enemies as they wait for months, even years, for their applications to relocate elsewhere in Europe to be processed.

Now, at least two separate initiatives have emerged to help refugees fill the long hours of their day. One of them is Echo Refugee Library—a minivan fitted with shelves carrying over 1,000 books that does a weekly round of refugee camps in the greater Athens area, plus poorer districts of the capital where many refugees live in UN-rented flats. The goal of the initiative is to "make culture accessible to all," says Esther Ten Zijthoff, 25, the Dutch-American coordinator of the project.

The books—in English, Greek, French, Arabic, Kurdish and Farsi—have been provided by benefactors in Greece, Belgium, Britain and Lebanon or purchased with money donated online. Ali, a 26-year-old Syrian, is among those who never misses a delivery at the food market. "I really love having something to read. It does me good," he tells AFP, an Agatha Christie novel under his arm. The English mistress of the whodunit is proving a top draw for refugees, says Zijthoff.

"The mystery and romance present in her stories are well-liked by Arab speakers. We would like to have her whole collection." Language dictionaries are also in demand, with many readers borrowing them to photocopy and keep close at hand. In another part of the city centre, a similar initiative draws Syrian and Afghan refugees to the offices of We Need Books, a volunteer group formed last year that also gives language classes in Arabic and French.

### 'Escape through literature'

We Need Books has the largest collection of Farsi books in Athens, including over 150 sent directly from Afghanistan, says co-founder Ioanna Nissiriou. Here, the most popular book is Arabian Nights. The sole copy in Farsi, delivered in June, is already in tatters, she notes with pleasure. "Initially our goal was to help refugees escape through literature. But now we also seek to educate the children and help them integrate," says Nissiriou, a 38-year-old former journalist. Seated on a brightly-coloured pouffe, 16-year-old Zahra from Afghanistan has just discovered the works of iconic



Greek writer Nikos Kazantzakis, author of Zorba the Greek and the Last Temptation of Christ.

"I like this book because it's a new culture for me," she says whilst poring through Nikos Kazantzakis's *Odyssey*, a sequel to Homer's classic opus. "But my favorite is the *Tales of the Brothers Grimm*, which is similar to fairie tales I used to read as a child," the young Afghan says. — AFP

A man reads a book as he sits inside a library van in central Athens.



A man reads a lexicon as he sits inside a library van in central Athens.

## Comedian, civil rights activist Dick Gregory dies

Dick Gregory, the comedian and activist and who broke racial barriers in the 1960s and used his humor to spread messages of social justice and nutritional health, has died. He was 84. Gregory died late Saturday in Washington, DC after being hospitalized for about a week, his son Christian Gregory told The Associated Press. He had suffered a severe bacterial infection. As one of the first black standup comedians to find success with white audiences, in the early 1960s, Gregory rose from an impoverished childhood in St. Louis to win a college track scholarship and become a celebrated satirist who deftly commented upon racial divisions at the dawn of the civil rights movement.

"Where else in the world but America," he joked, "could I have lived in the worst neighborhoods, attended the worst schools, rode in the back of the bus, and get paid \$5,000 a week just for talking about it?" Gregory's sharp commentary soon led him into civil rights activism, where his ability to woo audiences through humor helped bring national attention to fledgling efforts at integration and social equality for blacks.

Democratic Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey tweeted, "Dick Gregory's unflinching honesty & courage, inspired us to fight, live, laugh & love despite it all." A tweet by actress/comedian Whoopi Goldberg said, "About being black in America Dick Gregory has passed away. Condolences to his family and to us who won't have his insight 2 lean on R.I.P." Gregory briefly sought political office, running unsuccessfully for mayor of Chicago in 1966 and U.S. president in 1968, when he got 200,000 votes as the Peace and Freedom party candidate. In the late '60s, he befriended John Lennon and was among the voic-

es heard on Lennon's anti-war anthem "Give Peace a Chance," recorded in the Montreal hotel room where Lennon and Yoko Ono were staging a "bed-in" for peace.

An admirer of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr, Gregory embraced nonviolence and became a vegetarian and marathon runner. He preached about the transformative powers of prayer and good health. Once an overweight smoker and drinker, he became a trim, energetic proponent of liquid meals and raw food diets. In the late 1980s, he developed and distributed products for the popular Slim-Safe Bahamian Diet.

### Solid food

When diagnosed with lymphoma in 2000, he fought it with herbs, exercise and vitamins. It went in remission a few years later. He took a break from performing in comedy clubs, saying the alcohol and smoke in the clubs were unhealthy and focused on lecturing and writing more than a dozen books, including an autobiography and a memoir. Gregory went without solid food for weeks to draw attention to a wide range of causes, including Middle East peace, American hostages in Iran, animal rights, police brutality, the Equal Rights Amendment for women and to support pop singer Michael Jackson when he was charged with sexual molestation in 2004.

"We thought I was going to be a great athlete, and we were wrong, and I thought I was going to be a great entertainer, and that wasn't it either. I'm going to be an American Citizen. First class," he once said. Richard Claxton Gregory was born in 1932, the second of six children. His father abandoned the family, leaving his mother poor and struggling. Though the family



In this July 21, 2012 file photo, comedian and activist Dick Gregory poses for a portrait during the PBS TCA Press Tour in Beverly Hills, Calif.

often went without food or electricity, Gregory's intellect and hard work quickly earned him honors, and he attended the mostly white Southern Illinois University.

"In high school I was fighting being broke and on relief," he wrote in his 1963 book. "But in college, I was fighting being Negro." He started winning talent contests for his comedy, which he continued in the Army. After he was discharged, he struggled to break into the standup circuit in Chicago, working odd jobs as a postal clerk and car washer to survive. His breakthrough came in 1961, when he was asked to fill in for another comedian at Chicago's Playboy Club. His audience, mostly white Southern businessmen, heckled him with racist gibes, but he stuck it out for hours and left them howling. That job

was supposed to be a one-night gig, but lasted two months—and landed him a profile in Time magazine and a spot on "The Tonight Show."

### 'The Last Laugh'

Vogue magazine, in February 1962, likened him to Will Rogers and Fred Allen: "bright and funny and topical ... (with) a way of making the editorials in The New York Times seem the cinch stuff from which smash night-club routines are rightfully made." "I've got to go up there as an individual first, a Negro second," he said in Phil Berger's book, "The Last Laugh: The World of Stand-up Comics." "I've got to be a colored funny man, not a funny colored man." His political passions were never far from his mind—and they hurt his comedy career. The nation was grappling with the civil rights movement, and it was not at all clear that racial integration could be achieved. At protest marches, he was repeatedly beaten and jailed.

He remained active on the comedy scene until recently, when he fell ill and canceled an August 9 show in San Jose, California, followed by an August 15 appearance in Atlanta. On social media, he wrote that he felt energized by the messages from his well-wishers, and said he was looking to get back on stage because he had a lot to say about the racial tension brought on by the gathering of hate groups in Virginia. "We have so much work still to be done, the ugly reality on the news this weekend proves just that," he wrote. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, and 10 children. — AP

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Runners participate in the annual Color Run in Centennial Park in Sydney yesterday. The Color Run is a 5km fun run started in the US in 2012 and is inspired by the traditional Hindu festival Holi, where people throw natural coloured powders as the seasons change from winter to spring. — AFP

## Couple's arranged marriage turned into 19-year 'love story'

David and Elizabeth Weinlick's life together began like a reality TV show, blossomed into two decades out of a romance novel, and now seems destined to end in tragedy. David Weinlick and Elizabeth Runze were strangers when they said "I do" in front of thousands of shoppers and in the national spotlight at Minnesota's Mall of America in June 1998. Now it seems the thing that will end what they call "our great love story" is cancer, after David was diagnosed with terminal and inoperable stage IV colon cancer.

They were brought together not by love or mutual attraction but by friends and family, whom David tasked with finding him the right bride. Nineteen years and four children later, it's obvious Elizabeth, or Bethy, was the right choice. The Weinlicks bristle at even the suggestion that their union wasn't meant to last ("It was a spectacle wedding, but not a spectacle marriage," David quips).



In this June 13, 1998 file photo, Elizabeth Runze looks up as David Weinlick says, "I do" during their wedding ceremony at Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn. — AP photos

"Basically, our fairy tale romance is being cut short by decades. We're hoping that we get Dave for another year. We'll be lucky if we get that," Bethy told The Associated Press.

The Weinlicks, both 47, will write their final chapter together in the mostly ordinary way their lives have unfolded since their unusual marriage. There will be family gatherings, a high school reunion, books to read and binge-watching "The West Wing." On Friday, they will return to the same spot where they were married at the Mall of

America to renew their vows - an event that will double as a fundraiser for the Angel Foundation, which has helped their family and countless others suffering from cancer with financial help and free camps for children. Their arranged marriage started with an offhand joke: David told nosy relatives and friends he would be married June 13, 1998, never mind the unknown bride. As the date approached, he enlisted friends and family to help find one.



They shot a commercial, placed advertisements and did countless television interviews, eventually soliciting inquiries from hundreds of women. David's friends grilled the applicants with questions. As the field narrowed to two dozen women, Bethy stood out to his screeners because she showed she was willing to build and work on a relationship.

They overwhelmingly chose Bethy, and the pair was married that day at the megamall, having met briefly just twice before - as Bethy picked up a questionnaire, then



David and Elizabeth Weinlick, poses for a photo at their home in Woodbury, Minn.

dropped it off. The commitment to a relationship that made Bethy David's surprise bride has also been the key to their long marriage, the pair said.

### A happy marriage

"Finding a good partner for life is about working with people as they are, not insisting that ... people have to be the perfect person for you," David said. "You're not going to find somebody carved in a statuary that's perfect for you." David was diagnosed in March, and the cancer had already spread to his liver. Bethy quit her job as a nurse soon after, while David had left his work for the state Democratic-Farmer-Labor party years earlier. After a few rough months, there's still plenty of laughter in the Weinlicks' house in suburban St. Paul - another key to a happy marriage, they said.

They're squeezing in as many laughs as they can, joking about who would remarry faster - David, because he would need his pants ironed - and recalling Bethy telling their growing children, two boys and two girls, now 8 years old to 16 years old, that "Daddy's friends picked mommy because she was the prettiest that day."

But Bethy can't help but cry as she pictures the unfulfilled future she had drawn up for them: building an empty nest when their youngest child leaves home or road trips on a motorcycle together. "The hardest part for me is knowing that there are going to be things that I'm going to miss about Dave in the future and knowing that there's nothing I can do right now to make up for that," she said through tears. "When our first grandchild is born, he's not going to be there. What would have been our 25th wedding anniversary, he probably won't be there." — AP

### Mystery surrounds a pair of false teeth strapped to a tree



A pair of false teeth have been found tied to a tree. Lois Salcombe, from Skegness, discovered a pair of false teeth inside a plastic food bag that was strapped to a tree as she was out walking, according to Mirror Online. The teeth were left with a note, which read "Have you lost your teeth?" but there was no further information. Lois took a photo of the finding and circulated the picture on Facebook in a bid to track down the mystery owner.

### Father designs app to force teens to reply to parent's texts

A father has designed his own mobile phone app which forces his son to reply to his text messages. Nick Herbert, of West Wickham, London, was fed up of his 13-year-old son Ben ignoring his messages so much that he designed an app called ReplyASAP. According to The Sun newspaper, the app takes control of his son's mobile phone home-screen and sounds an alarm that doesn't stop until he has replied to the message. Nick said: "I'm hoping the app will make our relationship better. It will alleviate the stress when I can't get hold of him as I will know that he has seen my message." If the message is read, it alerts the parents but they also get a message if the phone has been switched off, which notifies them that the message is pending. At the moment, the app is only available on Android phones but it's expected to be rolled out onto iPhones. The app costs 99p to snoop on one person, £2.49 to track four people, £6.99 for ten people and £12.99 for platinum, which connects with 20 numbers.



### Bizarre News

### Teenager's tan turns out like Nutella

A teenager looked like she'd self-tanned in "Nutella" after falling asleep with the lotion on. Alicia Bettsworth, 18, put three layers of St Moriz ultra-dark fake tan all over herself to try and get the perfect beach body look, but got a shock when she opened her Snapchat and her face resembled the color of the chocolate spread. The mother from Crawley, West Sussex claims she couldn't leave the house for a whole week because of the tanning fail. She told the MailOnline: "When I woke up the next day and saw what color I was I thought 'what the hell have I done?'" "Once I got over the shock I started laughing and thought it was hilarious. I looked like I'd bathed in Nutella." My



little girl looked a bit confused at first and then she burst into tears - she was probably a bit scared." Alicia said she ended up having a nice shade once it had faded a bit. She added: "I just stayed indoors and hid from the world. I tried to get it off in the shower it wouldn't go any lighter." "It was only a week later that I got a really nice tan from it, but in the meantime I just didn't go out."

### Two boys allegedly ate £300 worth of food after supermarket lock in

Two young boys locked themselves in a supermarket and allegedly scoffed £300 worth of food. Police have launched an investigation after two 12-year-old schoolboys from South Lanarkshire hid in a Sainsbury's store in Kingsgate, East Kilbride, after closing time on Monday and allegedly gorged on hundreds of pounds worth of produce. After allegedly hiding in the clothing section supermarket, it's claimed the boys spent four hours roaming the aisles helping themselves to treats and goodies before being found at 2am by workers who were just about to start their early morning shifts. The children's parents were called and the police were contacted. — BangShowbiz