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## ISRAEL REMOVES METAL DETECTORS AMID BOYCOTT

**JERUSALEM:** Israel removed metal detectors from a highly sensitive Jerusalem holy site yesterday after their installation triggered deadly violence, but Muslim worshippers suspicious over what would come next kept up a boycott. Israel's move came in the face of intensive international diplomacy seeking to prevent the dispute over the Haram Al-Sharif mosque compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, from sparking wider Palestinian unrest.

The government said it would introduce subtler measures instead to secure the compound housing the revered Al-Aqsa mosque and Dome of the Rock, following a July 14 deadly attack on Israeli police nearby. A work crew removed the metal detectors from one entrance to the compound early yesterday, and cameras installed on overhead scaffolding in recent days were also gone. But suspicions over what the new measures would entail resulted in the boycott continuing.

Several hundred worshippers prayed outside the gates in the streets in the summer heat, as they have done since the metal detectors were installed more than a week ago. "What we want and what we demand is for everything to return how it was before July 14," said Mohammed Hijazi, who came several days ago from Acre in northern Israel to join the protests. "When that happens we are ready to return to enter the Al-Aqsa mosque to pray to God Almighty." Israel's security cabinet announced the decision to remove the detectors early yesterday.

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**JERUSALEM:** Palestinians pray as Israeli border police officers stand guard at Lion's Gate in Jerusalem's Old City yesterday. — AP

**RIYADH:** Saudi Arabia and its allies unveiled a "terrorist" blacklist yesterday of 18 organizations and individuals suspected of links with Islamist extremism that they said had ties with regional rival Qatar. The move by the four Arab governments came despite mounting international pressure to compromise in their weeks-old boycott of their fellow US ally. Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt last month released a list of 59 people and 12 groups they alleged had links to Qatar, accused by the four states of ties to extremist groups in the region. Qatar has denied the allegations.

Yesterday's list blacklisted nine charity and media organizations and nine individuals "directly or indirectly linked to Qatari authorities" as "terrorist", read a joint statement released by the four states. "We expect Qatari authorities to take the next step and prosecute the terrorist groups and people," the statement said. "The four countries and their international partners will ensure that Qatar has ceased its support and funding of terrorism, has stopped welcoming terrorists and has stopped spreading extremist and hate speech," it added.

The Saudi-led bloc, which now blacklists 89 persons and organizations accused of ties to Islamist groups they say are backed by Qatar, also dismissed an amendment last week to Doha's counter-terrorism law as "insufficient". Saudi Arabia and its allies have been boycotting Qatar since June 5 in the region's worst diplomatic crisis in years. They sealed the emirate's only land border, ordered its citizens to leave and closed their airspace and waters to Qatari flights and shipping.

They demanded that Qatar break its longstanding ties with the Muslim Brotherhood, blacklisted as a "terror group" by the four governments although not by the international community.

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**TEHRAN:** Pintapin employees work at the e-booking site's offices in the Iranian capital on July 9, 2017. — AFP

## IRAN'S TECH SECTOR BLOOMS UNDER SHIELD OF SANCTIONS

**TEHRAN:** The names may be unfamiliar but the services are immediately recognizable: Snapp is Iran's answer to Uber, Digikala is its Amazon, and Pintapin its Booking.com. US sanctions have protected the Islamic republic's tech sector, barring Silicon Valley from profiting from one of the world's most promising emerging markets, and giving a free run to domestic start-ups to recreate their services. Even some Californian mumbo-jumbo has been imported: one booth at the Elecomp tech fair in Tehran this week claimed it was "Creating Artificial Mindfulness".

But don't dare call them copycats - transplanting a foreign business model to Iran is never straightforward. "It's not a matter of copying code line-by-line," said Amirali Mohajer, the 32-year-old chief operating officer of Pintapin. "You need local expertise that has to be built from the ground up, and it might need an entirely different business model to make it successful." His office sits alongside several other fast-growing start-ups in the

offices of the Iran Internet Group (IIG), a haven of north Tehrani hipsterdom where the jeans are skinny, the headscarves loose, and 20-somethings sip espressos in glass meeting rooms.

Pintapin's staff are not just building a website, they are transforming Iran's entire hotel industry. "Up until very recently, a lot of travel arrangements were done completely offline through phone calls and faxes and traditional models that really belong in the last century," said Mohajer. Half the company's time is spent convincing hotels to give up pen-and-paper reservations and start automating their business. Mohajer, who spent 16 years abroad in Britain and Canada, says he came back to Iran because it felt like a place where tech could have "an impact that actually matters". "We really believe we're working towards creating Iran's rightful place in the worldwide travel market... helping reconstruct an Iranian identity that's been unfortunately damaged due to political issues."

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TRUMP RENEWS ATTACKS ON ATTORNEY GENERAL SESSIONS

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MICHAEL KORS TAKES OVER SHOEMAKER JIMMY CHOO

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# HIJAB GOES MAINSTREAM AS ADVERTISERS TARGET MUSLIMS

## News

in brief

### Saudis raise \$4.53bn in oversubscribed sukuk

**RIYADH:** Saudi Arabia has raised \$4.53 billion from a local Islamic bond issue that was three times oversubscribed, it said yesterday as it battles a budget deficit caused by low oil revenues. The finance ministry said orders exceeded 52 billion riyals (\$13.6 billion) for its first issue of domestic sukuk bonds worth 17 billion riyals. It said the new bonds would be divided into three tranches, with maturities ranging from five to ten years. "The strong demand for local bonds reflects the confidence of investors in the kingdom's issuings and confirms the strength of the Saudi economy's foundations," the ministry said in a statement.

### US navy fires warning shots at Iranian vessel

**WASHINGTON:** A US navy patrol ship fired warning shots at an Iranian Revolutionary Guard vessel in the Arabian Gulf yesterday after it approached within 150 yards, a US defense official said. "The IRGCN boat was coming in at a high rate of speed. It did not respond to any signals, they did not respond to any bridge-to-bridge calls, they felt there was no choice except to fire the warning shots," the defense official told AFP. The incident occurred at about 3:00 am local time (0000 GMT) in the northern Gulf, when the Iranian vessel began to approach the USS Thunderbolt. After the US ship fired the warning shots, the Iranian vessel stopped, the official said, at which point the Thunderbolt continued on her way.

**BEIRUT:** The hijab - one of the most visible signs of Islamic culture - is going mainstream with advertisers, media giants and fashion firms promoting images of the traditional headscarf in ever more ways. Last week, Apple previewed 12 new emoji characters to be launched later this year, one of a woman wearing a hijab. Major fashion brands from American Eagle to Nike are creating hijabs, while hijab-wearing models have started gracing Western catwalks and the covers of top fashion magazines.

Many Muslim women cover their heads in public with the hijab as a sign of modesty, although some critics see it as a sign of female oppression. But there is one thing most can agree on: when it comes to the hijab, there is money to be made. "In terms of the bottom line - absolutely they're (young Muslims) good for business ... it's a huge market and they are incredibly brand savvy, so they want to spend their money," said Shelina Janmohamed, vice-president of Ogilvy Noor, a consultancy offering advice on how to build brands that appeal to Muslim audiences.

Nike announced it is using its prowess in the sports and leisure market to launch a breathable mesh hijab in spring 2018, becoming the first major sports apparel maker to offer a traditional Islamic head scarf designed for competition. In June, Vogue Arabia featured on its cover the first hijabi model to walk the international runway, Somali-American Halima Aden, who gained international attention last year



Apple's new hijab emoji

when she wore a hijab and burkini during the Miss Minnesota USA pageant. "Every little girl deserves to see a role model that's dressed like her, resembles her, or even has the same characteristics as her," Aden said in a video on her Instagram account.

Hijabs have also become more visible in Western advertising campaigns for popular retailers like H&M and Gap. "Brands especially are in a very strategic and potent position to propel that social good, to change the attitudes of society and really push us forward and take us to that next step," Amani Al-Khatahtbeh, founder of online publication MuslimGirl.com, said by phone from New York.

In Nigeria, a Medical student has become an Instagram sensation for posting images of a hijab-wearing Barbie, describing hers as a "modest doll" - unlike the traditional version.

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# AMIR RECEIVES EDUCATION MINISTER, KU PROFESSORS



**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Education Minister Dr Mohammad Al-Fares, Kuwait University Director Hussein Al-Ansari and KU professors. —Amiri Diwan photos

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace yesterday Minister of Education and Higher Education Dr Mohammad Abdulatif Al-Fares and Kuwait University Director Dr Hussein Al-Ansari. His Highness the Amir also met Kuwaiti professor at Kuwait University Dr Salah Al-Najem who won the best e-learning project award at The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).

Moreover, the meeting was attended by Kuwaiti professor at Kuwait University Dr Abdulmajed Safar from the Faculty of Science who came second with his project 'Histonano.com' at the World Summit on the Information Society Award 2015 (WSIS Project Prizes 2015). His Highness the Amir commended the Kuwaiti professors for their honoring awards, wishing them success in the service of Kuwait at regional and international levels.

Meanwhile, the professors expressed their appreciation for meeting His Highness the Amir, saying that his support for scientific



**His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.**

research and knowledge reflects Kuwait's pioneering role in the information communication technology (ICT) field. Earlier yesterday, His Highness the Amir received His Highness

the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, as well as His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. —KUNA

## GOVT COMMITTED TO TRANSPARENCY ON STATE'S FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's Ministry of Finance Monday affirmed complete commitment to transparency with regards to the state's financial conditions, saying it was ready to clarify all relevant queries. The ministry said Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Anas Al-Saleh, Managing Director of Kuwait Investment Authority and ministry officials met with members of Kuwait Economic society, regarding the society's statement over withdrawal from the general reserve. The government delegation clarified some issues in the society's statement which were not reported in details by the media. The delegation thanked the society for its interest in financial issues.

### Gulf crisis

Meanwhile, the cabinet met on Monday following Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's visit as the region was witnessing a flurry of diplomacy over the Gulf crisis. His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, who chaired the meeting at Bayan Palace, briefed the ministers about Erdogan's talks with His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, which dealt with regional and international affairs. Erdogan, who visited Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar, has reiterated support for the mediation of Kuwait to solve the Gulf crisis.

Meanwhile, First Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah briefed the cabinet about his recent visit to Egypt and his meeting with President Abdelattah Al-Sisi, which dealt with coordination and consultations over regional and international issues, notably how to address the Gulf crisis. Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Sabah, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Information Minister, said in a statement after the cabinet meeting. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled reiterated Kuwait's support

for Egypt's fight against terrorism, and its policies to maintain security and stability nationwide. He also briefed the cabinet about outcome of EU Foreign Policy Chief Federica Mogherini's recent visit to Kuwait and her talks with His Highness the Amir and the Foreign Minister, all regarding means of solving the Gulf crisis.

On the other hand, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled talked about notification sent to the Iranian Ambassador to Kuwait to reduce number of diplomats, close all technical offices and freeze joint committees. Deputy Premier and Defense Minister Sheikh Mohammad Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah briefed the cabinet about his representation of His Highness the Amir at the inauguration of Egypt's Mohammad Nejeeb Military Base, and his delivery of a letter from His Highness the Amir to Al-Sisi.

### Final statements

The cabinet then approved draft laws of final statements for 2016-17 fiscal year for government institutions, and referred them to His Highness the Amir. The ministers, upon instructions of His Highness the Prime Minister, decided to refer to the State Audit Bureau (SAB) uncertainties surrounding final statements of some government authorities in order to guarantee transparency. The government assigned the technical authority of the privatization program to prepare legal environment for the privatization of some state-owned facilities. At the external front, the cabinet strongly condemned the Israeli occupation authorities' security measures in Al-Aqsa Mosque, and urged the international community to put an end to the Israeli "criminal acts" to pave way for worshippers to pray in peace. The government congratulated Sultan Qaboos bin Saeed of Oman on the national day, and welcomed the election of Ram Nath Kovind as the president of India. —KUNA



**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah chairs the cabinet's meeting on Monday. —KUNA

## DEPUTY FM MEETS WORLD FOOD PROGRAM GCC DIRECTOR

**KUWAIT:** Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah met Director of the UN World Food Program (WFP) office in the UAE and GCC Abdullah Al-Wardat yesterday. The two discussed cooperation between Kuwait and the WFP amid activities carried out by the UN Program around the world. The WFP official praised Kuwait's leading role in the

field of humanitarian work and support of WFP's activities. The encounter was held in the attendance of Assistant Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs Amal Al-Hamad. In separate talks later, Jarallah discussed regional and global developments with Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Kuwait Abdulaziz Al-Fayez. — KUNA



**KUWAIT:** Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah meets with Director of the UN World Food Program (WFP) office in the UAE and GCC Abdullah Al-Wardat. — KUNA



**Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah meets with Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Kuwait Abdulaziz Al-Fayez.**

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# 35,000 GRAMS OF ‘CHEMICAL’ DRUG SEIZED



By Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** Drugs Control General Department (DCGD) officers found 35,000 grams of ‘chemical’; a variation of ‘Spice’ (synthetic marijuana) with added chemicals, during an operation carried out yesterday, the Interior Ministry announced. Police also seized some chemical material that is used in making the drugs. The total value of the drugs seized is estimated at KD 700,000, the ministry said.

## Fires

A family consisting of one man, five women, two domestic helpers and four children were rescued from a fire in their Oyouh home. Jahra occupational and Jahra fire stations responded to a call about a fire that started in the ground floor of a three-storey building. Residents were on the upper floor and were rescued using fire lad-

ders, as they suffered smoke inhalation, while two firemen complained of heat exhaustion. They were taken to Jahra hospital separately, fire broke out in a bus on Mutlaa road near the 26th kilometer mark. Jahra fire station responded and rescued the trapped people, as five of them suffered from smoke inhalation.

## Fake office

Residency detectives busted a gang that ran a fake domestic help office and used it for vice activities. Detectives received information about two men, Arab and Asian, running a bogus office and using women for illegal activities. Police raided several apartments in Farwaniya where the two were arrested along with 41 Ethiopian women who were all in violation of the residency law. Separately, 28 violators of residency law were arrested in a Mahboubia building.

# PREPARATIONS SET FOR SHRIMPING SEASON

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Fishermen Association (KFA) organized its annual seminar to announce the start of the shrimping season in international waters, which begins on August 1. Col Tariq Al-Wazaq of the Kuwait Coast Guard, head of the violations department at the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR) Waleed Abbas Khan and KFA President Khalid Al-Suwayan attended the seminar. The meeting dealt with preparations for the start of the season. Suwayan lauded the efforts of interior minister and Assistant Undersecretary for Sea and Land Borders Lt Gen Sheikh Mohammad Al-Yousuf Al-Sabah.

He said there was an initial approval to allow exit and entrance of Kuwaiti fishing boats from Doha Port. Wazaq said the coast guard does not have a problem with boats in Al-Shamlan Marina leaving from Doha Port, and the southern boats from Um Al-Maradem, provided that KFA coordinates with the Kuwait Ports Authority (KPA).

Wazaq spoke about exiting and entering international waters, adding that boats from Shamlan Marina leave from Doha first before going to international waters. When boats return from international waters, they should first pass by the coast guard for inspection, then go to Doha Port, then to the marina, because it is not allowed to enter Shamlan Marina before passing by



**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Fishermen Association's President Khalid Al-Suwayan during the seminar.

—Photo by Fouad Al-Shaikh

Doha, and violators will face legal action.

Meanwhile, KFA's Hassan Al-Sebagha said that it was agreed by the coast guard on the following:

1. Make a special form of three copies for Doha sea outlet that has the licensing details, name of the boat, names of fishermen on the boat, the owner and their civil ID numbers.
2. Accepting the civil ID at Doha sea outlet and Um Al-Maradem instead of the passport.
3. All fishermen must have a valid residency permit along with the civil ID.
4. Fishermen with temporary residence permits are not allowed to leave to international waters.
5. If fishermen see anything suspicious, they must inform the coast guard about it to maintain public security.



Pearl diving boats prepared for the trip.

# TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS KILLED 2,366 PEOPLE IN FIVE YEARS IN KUWAIT

**KUWAIT:** At least 2,366 people were killed in traffic accidents from 2012 to April, 2017, statistics by Ministry of Interior have revealed. Up to 917,447 accidents took place during this period, the ministry's public relations and security media department said in a press statement on Monday. The number of people killed by traffic accidents in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 reached 454, 445, 461, 429, 424 and 153 respectively, it added. The number of acci-

dents in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 hit 66,271; 89,527; 99,047; 77,961; 71,582 and 23,529 respectively, it noted. Most traffic accidents and violations were caused by exceeding speed limitations, crossing red signals and talking on mobile phones while driving, the statement pointed out. The statement urged vehicles' drivers to necessarily abide by traffic rules, regulations and signals in order to avoid accidents and keep the safety of people. — KUNA



**KUWAIT:** Young divers practice yesterday in preparation for the annual pearl diving trip which kicks off tomorrow. — Photos by Joseph Shagra

# KPC CO-ORGANIZES ANNUAL PEARL DIVING TRIP

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) announced yesterday that it will co-organize the 29th annual pearl diving trip next Thursday which will be held under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-

Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. In a press release, KPC Deputy Managing Director for Relations and Information Technology Sheikh Faisal Al-Jaber Al-Sabah said that the upcoming event would promote Gulf

Cooperation Council (GCC) values and solidarity amongst the youth of Kuwait and the region.

Regarding KPC involvement, he affirmed that the corporation was always eager to contribute to the bol-

stering of cultural identity and preserving Gulf heritage, affirming that it was part of KPC's social responsibility. The 29th annual pearl diving trip will begin from Kuwait Sea Sports Club located in Ras Al-Salmiya area. — KUNA

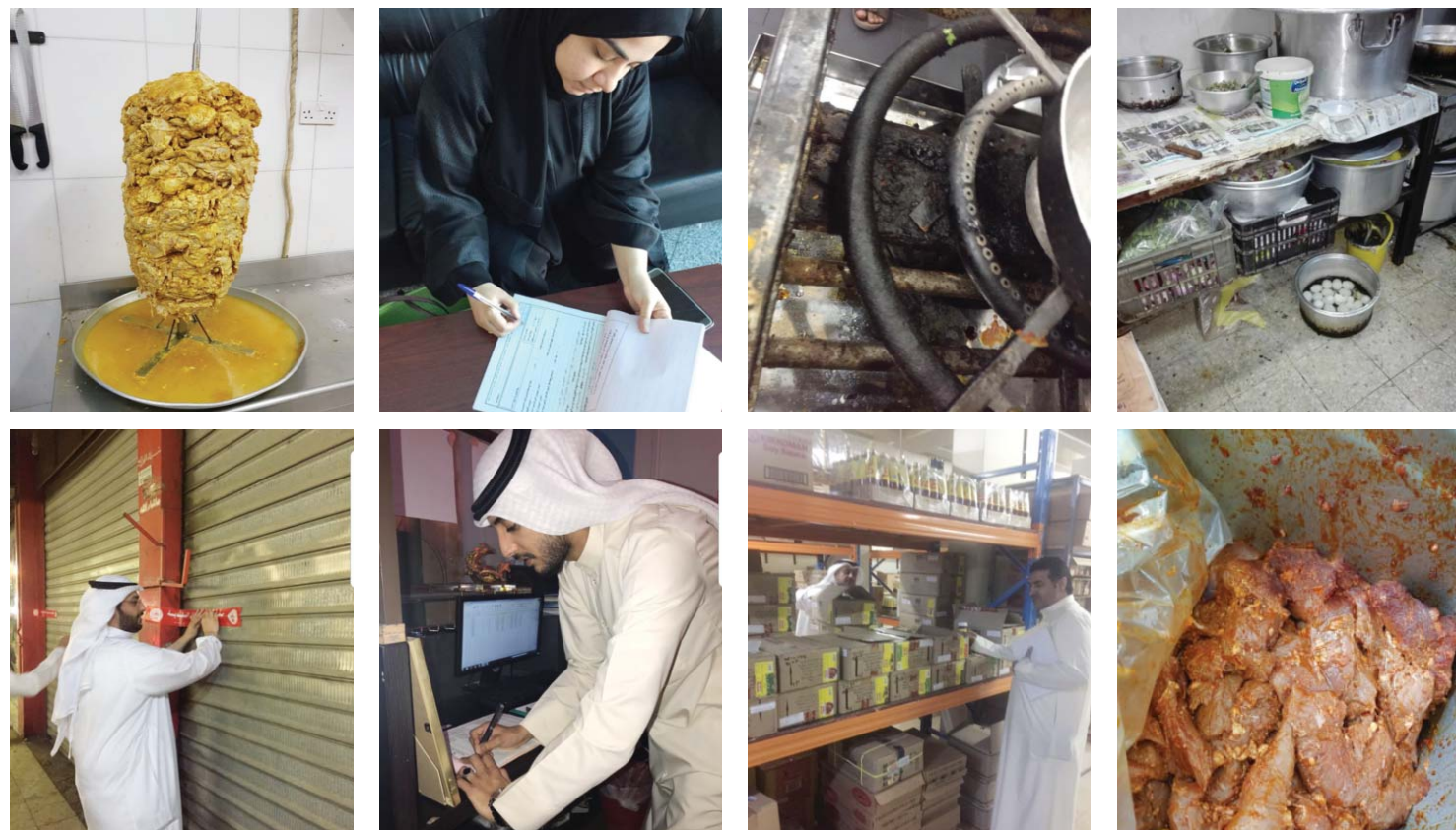


**KUWAIT:** A Municipal Council committee meets to determine an alternative location for a key petrochemical project. — KUNA

# BACKUP LOCATION SECURED FOR KEY PETROCHEMICAL PROJECT

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's Municipal Council agreed yesterday to designate a substitute site for the Petrochemicals Industries Company's integrated Olefins III and Aromatics II project, to be carried out within Al-Zour Refinery mega project. Head of Al-Ahmadi Governorate's delegation Dr Mansour Al-Khurainej said that the council has earmarked 11 locations in Hadiya area for converter stations, "given

the dearth of power stations in the area." Meanwhile, he revealed that the council has also obliged to Kuwait National Petroleum Company's request to expand its premises in Al-Ahmadi. On a related note, the municipal official pointed out that the council is looking further into plans to privatize industrial lands where several oil companies operate. — KUNA



**KUWAIT:** Hawally municipality issued 46 citations during a campaign against restaurants and shops in Hawally governorate. They also destroyed 56 kilograms of food unfit for human consumption. Meanwhile, Ahmadi Municipality carried out a campaign that resulted in issuing eight citations, and also closed two stores. Twenty five advertising signs were removed from main streets in Fahaheel.

— By Hanan Al-Saadoun

## Local Spotlight

## GERMANY TODAY - PART II



By Muna Al-Fuzai

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**D**o we need a new policy to combat trafficking in heritage objects? I would say definitely yes. The Arab world faces the threat of loss of identity, including theft and destruction of monuments and museums. So I believe institutions like the German Archaeological Institute can help countries facing civil wars and conflicts to preserve their heritage by helping their citizens do so. It is not only institutional work, but humane and important too.

It is a great and noble intuitive from the Germans to support developing countries to preserve their heritage, and I see UNESCO taking a bigger part in this as a matter of pride. It is imperative to face the dangers of theft of antiquities by training security forces and authorities at all ports to firmly stop any such illicit attempts, whether by individuals or institutions. This requires collective action and international cooperation, like the war against terror. This is a serious issue that affects the history of countries. I believe Germany has all the resources to support such a global action in cooperation with UNESCO.

Our group paid an important visit to the German Commission for UNESCO. The UN agency's headquarters is in Paris, but ties between UNESCO and Germany are old. A long time before the Federal Republic of Germany was admitted as a member of the United Nations in 1973, UNESCO opened the door to Germany's return to international politics at a multilateral level. UNESCO in Germany today has several topics of interest within its field of work, including education, science, culture and communication.

The program also focused on Prussian cultural heritage, which includes national museums in Berlin. Berlin's Museum Island is a magnificent work of art - an outstanding ensemble of five world-renowned museums. I advise everyone to go and visit the island. The complex has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After my visit, I know why, and UNESCO is right. From the bust of Egyptian queen Nefertiti, to the breathtaking Pergamon altar and the stunning Ishtar Gate, the museums have it all.

Germany has a policy to protect its history and cultural heritage. In Germany, cultural sites are endless and always wooing the public. There are calls for promoting private initiatives like the German Heritage Foundation, which seeks to create awareness among the society's members. Another example is the Zollverein Coal Mine Industrial Complex in Essen. It is a place not to miss. It was the world's largest and most modern coalmining facility and a leading example of the development of heavy industry in Europe. Today, with its Bauhaus-influenced design, the mine is a triumph of modern industrial architecture and a center of art and culture.

Cologne Cathedral is a breathtaking site restored by experts. The place was packed with people from around the world and is surrounded with touristic shops. The Augustusburg and Falkenlust palaces form a historical building complex in Bruhl, North Rhine, and are amazing. The palaces were built at the beginning of the 18th century and are listed as UNESCO world heritage sites since 1984. They are proof that "anything made by man bears the mark of his time and place and once lost, it is gone forever".

The participants of the program were all highly experienced, contributing to the enrichment of dialogue and diversity, whether geographical or cultural, which contributed to identifying other cultures and not only of the host country. Germany is a country that has survived wars, but does not want to forget its history. Germany today is strong because it knows how to preserve its identity.



In Brief

## AMIR CONGRATULATES NEW PRESIDENTS

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah congratulated Ram Nath Kovind on being sworn-in as the 14th president of India yesterday. His Highness the Amir wished Kovind luck and success in his new role. His Highness the Amir also sent a cable to the newly elected and sworn-in President of Albania Ilir Meta, congratulating him on winning the trust of his people. —KUNA



## KUWAITI OIL PRICE DOWN \$1.27 TO \$44.91 PB

**KUWAIT:** The price of Kuwaiti oil was down by \$1.27 to \$44.91 per barrel (pb) on Monday as oppose to \$46.18 pb on Friday, said the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) yesterday. Globally, the prices were up during Monday's trading after Saudi Arabia, the biggest oil producer in OPEC, pledged to lower its exports for the sake of finding a balance between supplies and demands. —KUNA



## US DOLLAR RATE STABLE AT KD 0.302

**KUWAIT:** The US Dollar's exchange rate was stable at KD 0.302, the same case with the Euro, which stood at KD 0.352, said the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) yesterday. The bank added that the Sterling Pound, the Swiss Franc, the Japanese Yen also remained unchanged at KD 0.393, KD 0.319, and KD 0.002 respectively. —KUNA



## Photo

of the day



KUWAIT: The Arabian red fox, a subspecies of the red fox that is native to the Arabian Peninsula. —KUNA

# KUWAIT BEACON OF ARAB CULTURE: NOVELIST

**ASEELA, Morocco:** Kuwait is a beacon of Arab and Islamic culture, which played a major role in spreading Arab and Islamic culture, Kuwaiti novelist Taleb Al-Refai said on Monday. In a statement made on the sidelines of Aseela's 39th International Culture forum, Refai added that what makes Kuwait become such important player was its initiative since the 1960s through issuing various publications, magazines, and books.

Refai pointed out that these publications, which continue to this day and

are distributed in Arab countries at nominal prices have placed Kuwait's on "Arab cultural memory for the entire generation," referring to some publications like Arab magazine, world of knowledge, the world of thought, world culture, and the world theater. He stressed that these issues would not have continued without the climate of freedom and openness enjoyed by the State of Kuwait, pointing to the embrace of many Arab intellectuals of Kuwait as a center of culture and enlightenment in the Arab world.

Refai stressed on the support of the Kuwaiti political leadership, led by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, to culture in Arab countries as the basis of Arab unity and a key entry point for achieving sustainable development. On Sunday, Refai participated in a symposium entitled 'Contemporary Arab Thought and the Religious Issue' at the Forum during which he reviewed the aspects of the Kuwaiti model in openness and tolerance, stressing that Kuwaiti society is tolerant and open to the others. —KUNA



ASEELA, Morocco: Kuwaiti novelist Taleb Al-Refai participates in Aseela's 39th International Culture Forum. —KUNA

## KUWAITI DOCTOR HONORED IN INT'L ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY CONFERENCE

**BEIRUT:** An international medical conference honored Kuwaiti physician Dr Abdulrazzaq Al-Obaid for his contributions in the field of spinal surgery and treatments related to this vital branch of medicine. Dr Obaid yesterday thanked the organizers of the International Musculoskeletal Society's (IMS) annual meeting for their continuous support of innovators.

The conference, held with participation of doctors from 41 countries, included seminars and workshops on new methods of spinal surgery, said Dr Obaid. It also introduced for the first time in the Middle East preparations for medical board exams in the field, he added.

Dr Obaid had previously conducted studies and research on



BEIRUT: Dr Abdulrazzaq Al-Obaid (left) is seen during the ceremony. —KUNA

spinal surgery and diseases that were published in international scientific magazines. He also took part in writing books on these topics. IMS is a charitable society headquartered in Boston, US, aiming to provide professional training to doctors around the world on spinal and nerves surgery as well as pain management. —KUNA

## KUWAITI SMES' SHORTENED PROCEDURE FACILITATES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's National Fund for Small and Medium Enterprise Development (SMEs) has simplified requirements for entrepreneurs to get their projects up and running, resulting in a process that has been compressed by 60 percent. The fund has slashed the list of prerequisites from 15 to seven documents needed for new enterprises, as its newly revamped website provides all the information needed, including legal requirements, for entrepreneurs to set their projects in motion. The statement clarified that the eased process was a measure to accommodate a growing number of Kuwaitis who have started to dabble in business. Meanwhile, the fund added that its chairman Abdullah Al-Jouan recently held talks with the Ministry of Justice's Undersecretary Abdullatif Al-Surayy, in an effort to establish closer rapport between both sides. Since its inception in April 2013, the fund has provided many young Kuwaitis with business opportunities in a bid to usher in increased economic growth. —KUNA

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# MAN QUESTIONED IN WOMAN'S OD DEATH

**KUWAIT:** Hawally detectives arrested a middle-aged citizen who accompanied a woman who was found dead as a result of a drug overdose. After learning about the discovery of a woman's body in her car, the Interior Ministry's Assistant Undersecretary for Criminal Security Major General Khalid Al-Dayeen, ordered the arrest of the man who investigations revealed was with her and left her in the car. Detectives arrested the suspect who told them he tried to take the woman to Mubarak Hospital, but noticed that she was dead, so kept her in the car and escaped.

## Assault

An Indian man beat a Kuwaiti citizen during a traffic dispute in Khaitan. The quarrel started with verbal insults then they left their cars and the physical assault happened. The Indian man drove away, and the citizen could not get his car's plate number. Separately, an Iranian inmate at central prison suffered a broken nose during a fight with a Kuwaiti prisoner. A complaint was lodged against the Kuwaiti at Sulaibiya police station.

## Officer assaulted

A citizen was detained in Sulaibiya police station and charged with beating and insulting a public employee, before being released hours later. A security source said a special forces officer was heading to the Palestinian embassy, and there was a car in front of him obstructing traffic so he stopped him, then when he asked him for his ID, the man said "you are not a traffic officer," and attacked him.

## Nude video

Criminal detectives arrested a woman who posed nude on Snapchat, prompting wide complaints from the app users in Kuwait. Police were able to identify the woman after her footage went viral on the internet, then arrested her for questioning.

## Hoax call

A security source said that 112 emergency number received a call from a person who asked for an ambulance, and once he was transferred to the ambulance operator, he said "there is a dead mouse outside," and there were people laughing in the background. The caller posted a video clip on social media documenting the incident. Detectives are working on identifying the suspects to arrest them.

## Suicide investigation

The body of an Indian farm guard in Kabd was sent to the coroner as he hanged himself there. The farm's owner called police and told them that he found the guard hanging from the ceiling. A suicide case was lodged at the police station.

## Bootlegger arrested

A restaurant delivery man, was found delivering liquor to his customers before being arrested with possession of 81 bottles ready for sale. The arrest was made when police stopped the man's car for a traffic violation, but detected the scent of liquor coming from the car. They searched the car and found liquor in plastic bags. Policemen arrested the man and sent him to concerned authorities. —Translated from the Arabic press



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# QUALIFICATIONS FOR JOB APPOINTMENTS

By Qais Al-Usta

In the West, if an official speaks, then plans are made and programs are implemented. Policies on the other hand are made to turn the official's words into reality and people accept it with conviction; furthermore, it becomes a culture practiced by the public.

Yet in our Arab countries, if the official spoke, the opposite has to take its place because the system is there to serve this official and he normally does not speak the truth to the public; therefore, the situation remains the same at best, and the worst will come.

An example of this is when Western countries spoke about the necessity of enabling youth to reach the highest of posts, messages are published, research centers are creative and universities begin to present the best youth models. This results are that the status of those young people can be enhanced, not because they are the children of certain dignitaries, but rather because they have rare competence in life sciences. It is enough to

see the image that was on social media few days ago of Canada's prime minister, who is 45 years of age, the prime minister of Belgium who is 41, the prime of Luxembourg who is 44 and the French prime minister who is 39.

The situation in our Arab countries is slightly different because the majority of officials in our Arab countries are in their 70s or 80s, because 40 for them is an adolescent age, and there is no need to mention names. All I hope from any government official in any Arab country is not to talk about youth and the need to empower them. Let us speak frankly and transparently and announce to the people that appointments are made based on sectarian, tribal, and family affiliations, because anything else will be a joke. Now, I realize that joking is a general

condition that we should get used to. Let us leave the future to its people and so may Allah change what is in people's minds to the better. Was the message delivered? I hope so. —Translated by Kuwait Times

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# FORGED ACADEMIC DEGREES SCANDAL

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

Few are those who were not angry or ashamed towards what I mentioned in a previous column about the ethical scandal related to the forged academic degrees. The scandal of academic degrees at all levels is not new, as thousands had received jobs in the military and other jobs while only having a middle school certificate as their highest academic qualification. Many were promoted with a forged high school degree, and forgery also hit BA, Master's and PhD degrees, particularly in the education and training sectors.

I learnt about the problem like others in the 1960s, when we used to see those who never left Kuwait and were not known for their genius receiving PhD degrees, especially from Egypt, including a former undersecretary and some educators along with others who did not harm anyone because they worked in the private sector.

We all remember, until recently, that some 'dignitaries' and MPs meeting with senior state officials, and taking pictures with them on the occasion of receiving postgraduate degrees. Most of them did know how to pronounce the name of the university from which they bought the degree! We, of course, cannot forget the scandal that was uncovered by the New York Times in May 2015, which I previously wrote about, involving a Pakistani company convicted for selling thousands of university degrees including Master's and PhDs in the name of prestigious American universities and has stamp approvals of university presidents and officials, including the US Secretary of State John Kerry. The company gained huge amounts of money out of that; especially from nationals in Africa, Asia, and the Arabian Gulf in particular, and the names of many of them were published then. However, I do not remember that the education ministry made a move towards that.

It was nice for the National Assembly to ask for the education and higher education minister to hold all those proven to forge their certificates to account; but we all know that proving such charges is a highly complicated process and requires a very long time to accomplish. This is enough for all to forget the issue after being pre-occupied with other scandals. The matter may end with the conviction of several persons, and strict action will be taken against them.

The issue is really complicated, as in addition to the high numbers, and having names of 'dignitaries' in sensitive posts, there are those who studied and received their degrees, but from unrecognized universities, that apart from those who received their degrees from known universities, but those were forged, besides those who received them from non-existent universities to start with.

A trusted friend of mine told me that our embassy in Washington proposed to the ministry of education to withdraw some students from non-recognized American universities and make them join better universities and extend their scholarships to make-up for the lost period. Because of the harm the country will receive in the future, the students remain in such bad universities, yet the education ministry rejected the interference of the foreign ministry in educational matters. The number of those students was few at the time, but staying silent multiplied the number much further. Finally, it is ironic that Kuwait is the only country around the world that has a society for PhD forgers, which was formed to lobby the government into recognizing their certificates.

—Translated by Kuwait Times

# WATANIYA AIRWAYS ANNOUNCES DELIVERY OF SECOND A320 AIRBUS PLANE

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Wataniya Airways, one of the three national carriers, on Monday announced that it received the second A320 Airbus plane, as part of a four-aircraft deal. In a press statement, Lana Al-Rushaid, the company's spokeswoman, said the second plane would enhance plans and flights in the upcoming period that are in line with a five-year plan seeking to meet aspirations of clients.

Two flights would be directed to and from Najaf City, south of Iraq, per week as of August 23, she said, adding that the city is a key destination for many travelers in Kuwait.

The company launched direct flights last week to Georgia's Tbilisi, Azerbaijan's Baku, and Bosnia and Herzegovina's Sarajevo, she stressed. It is planning to launch direct flights to new destinations in the coming weeks, she revealed. —KUNA





Pakistan victims call for attack plotters to hang

## N KOREA: ‘WE DON’T CARE’ ABOUT THE US TRAVEL BAN



WEST VIRGINIA: US President Donald Trump speaks during the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve in Glen Jean. —AFP

# TRUMP RENEWS ATTACKS ON ATTORNEY GENERAL

## BIZARRE SPEECH TO BOY SCOUTS LEAVES ORGANIZATION CONFUSED

**WASHINGTON:** US President Donald Trump resumed his attacks on Attorney General Jeff Sessions yesterday, calling his onetime ally “VERY weak” in pursuing intelligence leaks and for failing to go after former Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton over her email. Trump’s latest Twitter salvo followed a report in the Washington Post that the president and his advisers have discussed replacing Sessions, one of the Republican billionaire’s earliest supporters.

“Attorney General Jeff Sessions has taken a VERY weak position on Hillary Clinton crimes (where are E-mails & DNC server) & Intel leakers!” Trump tweeted. Trump has openly criticized Sessions for recusing himself from overseeing a federal probe into possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia to meddle in the 2016 US presidential elections. Sessions has said he has no plans to resign.

With pressure mounting from the investigation led by former FBI director Robert Mueller, Trump has sought to revive an election year controversy over Clinton’s use of a private server to send email while secretary of state. The White House also alleged last week that the Democrats colluded with Ukraine during the 2016 campaign, adding another twist to the president’s counter-offensive. “Ukrainian efforts to sabotage Trump campaign - ‘quietly working to boost Clinton.’ So

where is the investigation AG,” Trump said in another early morning tweet yesterday.

### ‘Beleaguered’

US presidents normally go to great pains to avoid being seen as influencing ongoing or possible investigations, making Trump’s attacks on Sessions all the more extraordinary. On Monday, Trump took to Twitter to declare his top law enforcement official “beleaguered” as he wondered out loud why Sessions was not investigating Clinton. “So why aren’t the Committees and investigators, and of course our beleaguered A.G., looking into Crooked Hillary’s crimes & Russia relations?” Trump asked.

Trump has expressed increasing anger with Sessions as his Justice Department’s investigations into possible Trump-Russia collusion has quickened. Last week, he publicly upbraided Sessions for stepping back from issues related to the probe. Sessions recused himself because of his role on Trump’s campaign and because he failed to tell the Senate during his confirmation hearings about contacts he had with the Russian ambassador in Washington. Trump said he would never have hired Sessions had he known he would recuse himself. “I think is very unfair to the president,” Trump told The New York Times last week. “It’s extremely unfair, and that’s a mild word, to the president.”

### Widening probe

Trump’s eldest son, son-in-law and top aides have become entangled in the widening investigation led by Mueller. Jared Kushner, the president’s son-in-law and a top White House official, was questioned Monday by a Senate panel about contacts with then Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak, a Russian financier and a Russian lawyer who offered dirt on Clinton.

Kushner made a statement denying collusion after testifying behind closed doors, insisting the string of undisclosed meetings with Russian officials were “proper.” Jared Kushner did very well yesterday in proving he did not collude with the Russians. Witch Hunt. Next up, 11 year old Barron Trump! Trump tweeted yesterday. In May, Trump fired FBI director James Comey over the bureau’s investigation into Russia. That led to Mueller’s appointment as a special prosecutor.

The Post report said Trump associates see getting rid of Sessions as part of a potential strategy to fire Mueller and end the Russia investigation. The website Axios reported that Trump was considering replacing Sessions with another early supporter, Rudy Giuliani, a former New York mayor. But Giuliani dismissed the report and said Sessions was right to have recused himself from the Russia probe, CNN reported. Sessions “made the right decision under the rules of the Justice Department,” CNN quoted

Giuliani as saying as he arrived at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

### Boy Scouts gets taste of Washington politics

Elsewhere, after another challenging day in Washington, President Donald Trump flew to West Virginia to a field full of 40,000 chanting and cheering Boy Scouts, telling them he was happy to leave Washington behind. “Who the hell wants to speak about politics?” Trump boomed, telling the boys he wanted to talk about how to achieve their dreams.

But politics proved too hard for Trump to resist on a day he spent pleading for Republican senators to vote to advance his long-promised health care overhaul and watching his son-in-law Jared Kushner being grilled on Capitol Hill about contacts with Russia. It did not take long for Trump to veer from inspiration to denigration. The teenaged boys loved it, cheering wildly at each sick burn, hooting and hollering like they were at a wrestling match.

“Tonight we put aside all of the policy fights in Washington, DC you’ve been hearing about with the fake news and all of that,” he told the teenaged boys, sitting state by state in brightly colored t-shirts. “You know, I go to Washington and I see all these politicians and I see the swamp and it’s not a good place,” said Trump.

“In fact, today I said we ought to change it

from the word ‘swamp’ to the word ‘cesspool’ or perhaps to the word ‘sewer.’ It’s not good. I see what’s going on and believe me, I’d much rather be with you, that I can tell you,” Trump said. He told the boys that the media were dishonest and would not show the size of their jamboree on television. “Fake media, fake media,” Trump said, eliciting a chorus of boos and cheers.

Trump recounted his election night victories, state by state, the boys from Wisconsin cheering when they heard their state mentioned, the boys from Michigan doing the same. But the most sustained round of cheers and jeers came when Trump mentioned his predecessor President Barack Obama, who had declined invitations to speak to the scout gathering while he was in office.

“By the way, just a question: did President Obama ever come to a jamboree?” Trump said. Trump said he has 10 former Boy Scouts serving in his cabinet and White House, and brought a few on stage as examples of Boy Scout leadership in action, including Tom Price, his health secretary. “Hopefully he’s going to get the votes tomorrow to start our path toward killing this horrible thing known as Obamacare,” Trump said, referring to Obama’s signature health care legislation, as the boys booed. “He better get them, otherwise I’ll say, ‘Tom, you’re fired!’” he said, borrowing the catch phrase from his reality television show, “The Apprentice.” —Agencies

# BUILDING COLLAPSE KILLS 6 IN MUMBAI

**MUMBAI:** At least six people were crushed to death when a four-storey building collapsed in India’s financial capital of Mumbai yesterday, the latest incident to highlight poor construction standards in the country. Rescuers pulled a dozen others out of the rubble alive, some seriously injured, after the structure gave way mid-morning in the northern suburb of Ghatkopar, officials said.

“The death toll is now six. We think around 15 may still be trapped and rescue operations are ongoing,” Tanaji Kamble, a disaster management spokesman for Mumbai’s civic administrative body, told AFP. Building collapses are common in India, especially during the annual monsoon season which usually runs from late June to September.

In a separate incident yesterday, a building partially collapsed in Kolkata in India’s east after days of monsoonal rain. Several people were trapped in the rubble, but there were no immediate reports of casualties. “Firefighters are trying to rescue the people trapped under the debris,” said G P Ghosh, director of fire services in West Bengal state. Mumbai is particularly susceptible with millions forced to live in cramped, ramshackle properties because of rising real estate prices and a lack of housing for the poor.

The city has been hit by several deadly building collapses in recent years, often caused by shoddy construction, poor quality materials or ageing buildings. In 2013, 60 people were killed when a residential block came crashing down in one of Mumbai’s worst housing disasters. A dilapidated building left 12 people dead when it collapsed near the city in August 2015. Nine people died the same month when another old three-storey building collapsed in monsoon rain in the Mumbai suburb of Thakurli.

### 8 dead in worsening floods

Meanwhile worsening floods killed another eight people in 24 hours in India’s Gujarat state as rescue teams raced yesterday to reach hundreds of people marooned in stricken towns and villages. With scores now dead in monsoon floods across the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was to fly over Gujarat later yesterday to inspect the devastation, officials said.

More than 36,000 people have been moved to safe areas and helicopters and boats were used to rescue the worst-hit. Torrential rain and the release of water from dams in neighboring Rajasthan state created havoc in northern Gujarat, a government statement said. Army and air force helicopter rescue teams picked up more than 1,000 people from villages in the state cut off by rising water levels, it added.

About 80 people are believed to have been killed in Gujarat since the start of the monsoon a month ago, and scores elsewhere in the country. Gujarat’s main city Ahmedabad has had more than 50 centimeters of rain in four days, twice the average for July. Downpours have wreaked havoc in several parts of the country.

Apart from Gujarat, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam states in India’s northeast have been hard-hit, while pockets of the eastern states of Odisha and Bihar have also been affected. In Assam at least 75 people have been killed and a state-wide emergency relief operation has been underway since April. Tens of thousands of acres of crops have been destroyed. Thirteen people were killed in flash floods in Jammu and Kashmir at the weekend. —Agencies



MUMBAI: Indian rescue workers look for survivors in debris at the site of a building collapse. —AFP



# COURT BATTLE OVER UK BABY RAISES ETHICAL CONUNDRUM

**LONDON:** A five-month legal battle over the fate of a terminally-ill British baby that drew the attention of Pope Francis and US President Donald Trump has also stoked an often angry debate about medical ethics and the courts. Charlie Gard's parents waged a high-profile campaign with the help of social media and Britain's tabloids for him to receive experimental treatment in the United States, striking a chord worldwide.

They are now spending the last few days with their 11-month-old son before life support is withdrawn at a hospital in London after acknowledging in court on Monday that therapy could no longer help him. "No-one wanted this outcome. No-one believes this outcome was in Charlie's best interests," said Julian Savulescu, director of the Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics at the University of Oxford. "There has got to be a better way." Charlie was born on August 4 last year

with a rare form of mitochondrial disease that causes progressive muscle weakness in the heart and other key organs and is only able to survive with life support. His parents raised money to take their baby to the United States through crowdfunding but were prevented from doing so by the hospital and first went to court in March to try and overturn that decision. Their appeals went all the way to the Supreme Court but were turned down at all stages of the judicial process and judges at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg refused to intervene.

#### Who should decide?

Charlie was due to be taken off life support before the Vatican intervened on July 2 with a statement in which Pope Francis expressed his support for the parents and said he hoped doctors would allow them to "care for their

child until the end". Trump offered his support the following day, saying in a tweet that he would be "delighted" to help.

A Vatican-run hospital in Rome and a US hospital then offered to treat Charlie and London's Great Ormond Street Hospital went to court to seek a ruling on whether to allow him to undergo experimental therapy. There have also been small protests by supporters of Charlie's parents-a group calling itself "Charlie's Army"-outside Buckingham Palace and Downing Street calling for the hospital to listen to the parents. Savulescu said social media had given greater power to parents to make their case heard.

"The question of who should decide is legitimate. Some people have wrongly concluded that these decisions should only be up to parents. "But at the same time it is right that doctors, scientific experts and the courts should not be considered almighty,

beyond question or account." He said doctors should only activate legal mechanisms if "there is disagreement between the parents, or they are going to an unsafe place or they are very confident the parents' choice is unreasonable". "The problem is not who has the power, it is how it is used and the need for robust, and humble, ethical deliberation," he added.

Charlie's case is far from the only medical ethics case to end up in court in Britain and elsewhere. In France, the case of a man who was left severely brain damaged and quadriplegic as a result of a 2008 road accident has been in the courts since 2014. Family members of Vincent Lambert are divided on whether to withdraw life support.

#### Role for mediation

Dominic Wilkinson, a consultant neonatologist and professor of medical ethics at

Oxford University said court reviews in cases like Charlie Gard's was "not ideal". "It is adversarial, costly and lengthy," he said. "We need to find better ways to avoid cases of disagreement from coming to court. There is an important role for mediation to help parents and doctors where they have reached an impasse."

But Ian Kennedy, emeritus professor at University College London said the courts must be respected. "Parents cannot always be the ultimate arbiters of their children's interests," he wrote in The Guardian. "We are not in the realm of there being a right answer. We are in the realm of judgment, reasoned judgment, and we look to the courts to provide this." Kennedy warned that campaigns against the courts were "increasingly a feature of modern discourse". "It is one thing to comment on or criticize a particular decision. It is a very different thing to attack the institution of the courts." — AFP

## MAN SHOUTING 'ALLAHU AKBAR' IN SPAIN BORDER KNIFE ATTACK

**MADRID:** A knife-wielding man shouting "Allahu Akbar" entered the border post between Morocco and the Spanish territory of Melilla yesterday, threatening police who wrestled him to the ground. The man is in custody, Spanish Interior Minister Juan Ignacio Zoido tweeted, without indicating whether the incident was an attempted terror attack.

Zoido posted security camera footage of the drama-which took place on Spanish soil-showing the man in a blue top walking slowly through the border post holding a knife, police closing in on him. One of the officers hurled a portable road barricade at him, throwing him to the ground as other agents pounced to remove the knife.

"A man entered the border post and once inside, pulled out a large knife and confronted (police) shouting 'Allahu Akbar' (God is Greater), slightly injuring a policeman," Irene Flores, spokeswoman for the central government's representative office in Melilla, told AFP. Flores said an initial investigation indicated the man was Moroccan, but this has yet to be confirmed. A police spokesman had earlier said the man ran into the border post, but that is not visible on the footage.

#### Restive border

Melilla and its sister Spanish city Ceuta, both Spanish territories on Morocco's northern coast, are the only two land borders between Africa and the European Union. Many Moroccans live there or go there daily to buy tax-free products. They are also a strong draw for migrants desperate to reach Europe, many of them from sub-Saharan Africa.

These regularly storm the border fences or try and smuggle themselves in. The Melilla border has been hit by three car-ramping incidents this year, with people

driving vehicles with migrants hidden inside into the border post at high speed. But this is believed to be the first incident of this type. Spain has so far been spared the kind of extremist violence that has occurred in nearby France, Belgium and Germany. But it was hit by what is still Europe's deadliest jihadist attack in March 2004, when bombs exploded on commuter trains in Madrid, killing 191 people in an attack claimed by Al Qaeda-inspired extremists. Since 2016, Spain has emerged as a potential target for jihadists, with extremist websites mentioning it for historical reasons, since much of its territory was once under Muslim rule.

#### Third tourism destination

Generally, authorities in Spain-the world's third largest tourism destination-remain discreet on the terror threat. But they publicize every arrest of alleged jihadists, most of them detained for propaganda, recruitment for extremist groups or "glorifying terrorism." According to the interior ministry, more than 180 "jihadist terrorists" have been arrested since June 2015 when Spain raised the terror alert level to four out of a maximum of five, in domestic and foreign operations.

In Ceuta and Melilla, where poverty and unemployment are rife, such arrests are frequent. The last in Melilla dates back to June 23 when a man suspected of having tried to recruit fighters for the Islamic State group (IS) was detained. "Radicalization in Spain isn't uniform over all the national territory but appears to be concentrated around clusters or pockets of radicalization," said Clara Garcia Calvo from the Real Instituto Elcano think tank, who researches global extremism. She told AFP that these "clusters" were in Madrid, Barcelona, Ceuta and Melilla. — AFP



PARIS: French President Emmanuel Macron (R) and Libyan Prime Minister Fayez Al-Sarraj (L) attend a meeting for talks aimed at easing tensions. — AFP

## RIVAL LIBYA LEADERS 'COMMIT TO CEASEFIRE, ELECTIONS' AT TALKS

### ONLY A POLITICAL SOLUTION CAN END THE CRISIS

**PARIS:** The two main rivals in conflict-ridden Libya are committed to a ceasefire and holding elections "as soon as possible", according to a draft statement released ahead of French-brokered talks yesterday. The communique says Libya's UN-backed Prime Minister Fayez Al-Sarraj and Khalifa Haftar, the military commander who controls the remote east of the vast country, accept that only a political solution can end the crisis.

Diplomatic sources said the two sides had agreed on a joint statement but that the text being circulated was not the final version. The 10-point version seen by AFP says the ceasefire would not apply to counter-terrorism efforts. It also says the two sides are committed to developing the rule of law. French President Emmanuel Macron, who has made Libya one of his foreign policy priorities, has organized the meeting and while officials admit they have modest expectations, they say it sends a "strong signal".

French officials are aiming to persuade the two sides to agree on a roadmap to end a conflict that has plunged the oil-rich country into chaos since the 2011 uprising that toppled longtime dictator Moamer Kadhafi. The newly appointed UN envoy for

Libya, Ghassam Salame, was to chair the talks, but Macron was to make a statement at the end. It is the second time that Sarraj and Haftar have met in the space of three months after they held talks in Abu Dhabi in May. That meeting made little progress.

#### Battle for control

Dozens of armed groups have vied for control in Libya in the power vacuum created by Kadhafi's fall. Sarraj's Government of National Accord (GNA) has sought to unify powerful factions, but despite support from the United Nations has struggled to assert its authority since it began work in Tripoli in March 2016. A rival administration based in Libya's remote east-with which Haftar is allied-refuses to recognise Sarraj's government.

Jihadist groups have profited from the turmoil, seizing the Mediterranean coastal city of Benghazi three years ago, although Haftar's forces drove the extremists out earlier this month. Another diplomatic source involved in the talks said there was skepticism about whether the military strongman was prepared to share power.

"We have to hope that when he signs something, he will keep his word," the source said, speak-

ing on condition of anonymity. Human Rights Watch said it was watching the talks closely after a video appeared on social media this week showing the execution of 20 blindfolded people in orange jumpsuits, reportedly by members of the self-styled Libyan National Army (LNA) commanded by Haftar.

Eric Goldstein, Middle East and North Africa deputy director for Human Rights Watch said, if confirmed, the executions were "yet another manifestation of how (the LNA's members) are taking the law into their own hands in the absence of accountability and rule of law". The rights group called for those accused to be removed from active duty and held accountable if found guilty.

Human traffickers have exploited the chaos in Libya to boost their lucrative but deadly trade, and the country has this year become the main springboard for migrants seeking to reach Europe in often flimsy and overloaded boats. Since January, more than 100,000 migrants have made the perilous voyage from Libya, with 85,000 arriving on the shores of Italy, according to the International Organization for Migration. About 2,360 people have drowned this year attempting to make the journey, the IOM says. — AFP



This image grab taken from handout video footage released yesterday by the Spanish Police shows Spanish Police apprehending a man armed with a knife at the Beni Anzar border crossing between Morocco and the Spanish territory of Melilla. — AFP

## VENEZUELA OPPOSITION URGES BOYCOTT OF VOTE TO OVERHAUL CONSTITUTION

**CARACAS:** Venezuela's angry opposition is pushing for a boycott of an upcoming vote that it dismisses as a ploy by President Nicolas Maduro to cling to power. Ahead of next Sunday's election for a 500-plus member assembly to rewrite the constitution and give the president more power, the opposition also plans a general strike-the second in weeks-on Wednesday and Thursday and a big protest march on Friday.

It all makes for a dramatic week in the opposition's dogged drive to unseat the socialist Maduro, whom it blames for an acute economic crisis marked by shortages of food, medicine and such basics as diapers, soap and toilet paper. Four months of almost daily street protests in the oil-rich OPEC member have left 103 people dead.

"Let them lock us all up. The fight must move forward," said Freddy Guevara, the deputy speaker of the opposition-controlled congress. "The people of Venezuela must fuel the general strike. They must come to Caracas and help us prepare for the civic boycott," Guevara told a news conference. He insisted his supporters will not resort to violence.

Leopoldo Lopez, an opposition leader moved to house arrest from prison earlier this month, met Monday with former Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, and warned him of the grave potential for conflict if Maduro installs a Constituent Assembly, Guevara said later on his Twitter account. "The demand of the people was communicated to Zapatero: that the Constituent Assembly be withdrawn and that the decision of the people

be respected," he said, referring to an opposition-organized referendum July 16 that massively rejected Maduro's plans.

Next Sunday's vote is supposed to be for a 545-seat constituent assembly that will draw its members not from political parties but rather social sectors which the opposition sees as loyal to Maduro, a former bus driver who was the handpicked successor of late socialist firebrand Hugo Chavez. Maduro on Sunday urged the opposition to refrain from violence, respect the vote and let those who wish to cast ballots do so.

"I demand this of all the opposition leaders," Maduro said on state TV. "The US right wing thinks it can give orders in Venezuela, but the only one who gives orders in Venezuela is the people," Maduro said on his television show. Maduro's comments Sunday followed a warning the president had issued the previous night about the vote, and how the opposition behaves next weekend. "We will be relentless if they try to generate a process of violence in order to stop that which cannot be stopped," he said.

#### 'Treason'

Also during his Sunday TV program, Maduro said that 33 judges whom the opposition-controlled congress designated Friday as a sort of shadow Supreme Court would be arrested. One of them had already been detained Saturday. The opposition says the current top court is packed with hard-core Maduro loyalists. Many of its justices were hastily appointed shortly before Maduro's ruling party lost its majority in congress in 2015 legislative elections. — AFP

**BEIRUT:** Syrian rebels and activists are warning that an Al-Qaeda-linked jihadi group is on the verge of snuffing out what remains of the country's uprising in northwestern Syria, after the extremists seized control of the opposition-held regional capital, Idlib, last weekend. With the jihadis cementing their authority over the city and its province, also called Idlib, Syrian President Bashar Assad has been supplied with a useful pretext for a long-expected assault against the rebellious province: that the uprising against him is largely driven by Islamists and terrorists.

"There is the real possibility that because of the Nusra Front's domination, the regime will enter the area with international approval," said Lt Col Fares Bayoush, a longtime opponent of Assad, who has been leading a rebel faction in north Syria. The Nusra Front is one of the many names for the al-Qaida-affiliate that now heads the mighty Hay'at Tahrir al Sham militant group - Arabic for Levant Liberation Committee - that seized the city of Idlib, as well as two border crossings with Turkey to feed its coffers. It is also known as HTS.

In July last year, the Nusra Front changed its name to Fatah al-Sham Front and said it was cutting all its links with al-Qaida, a move seen by many as an attempt to improve its image and market itself as a faction defending the Syrian people. It abides by a deeply conservative code for ethics and jurisprudence and tolerates no dissent - leading many who live under its rule to complain they are no better than the government they sought to overthrow in 2011.

#### Black flags

The fresh gains by HTS in northern Syria come at a time when the Islamic State group is suffering defeats at the hands of Iraqi and Syrian forces as well as US-backed Kurdish-led fighters in northern Syria. In Idlib demonstrations last week, the group's members shot at protesters waving the tri-color flag of the Syrian uprising. HTS will only accept their own, jihadi-inspired black flags to be flown in their presence. "Any party that tries to confront HTS will be crushed," said an activist based in northwest Syria.



ARBIN: A Syrian man sits in his damaged house yesterday following an air strike late the previous night on the rebel-held town. — AFP

"This is a big blow for the Syrian revolution. Bashar will look like he is fighting terrorism," the activist said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals by the HTS. With its previous incarnations, Hay'at Tahrir al Sham has long been the top dog in Idlib province but the putsch has had the effect of making it feel official. In recent weeks, the group deployed masked gunmen and carried out raids in search operations for alleged IS members.

HTS deployed across Idlib city last weekend after a rival faction, the ultraconservative Ahrar al-Sham group, withdrew. Five days of clashes around the province left 77 fighters and 15 civilians dead, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group.

Other factions, including many once financed and armed in part by the CIA, kept to the sidelines. They are hoping to win a share of the revenues from the lucrative Bab Al-Hawa border crossing, said a Turkey-based opposition activist who liaises

with Syrian rebels and their state sponsors. He asked for anonymity so as not to jeopardize his position. That crossing used to bring Ahrar al-Sham over \$1 million in revenues a month, according to a senior Ahrar al-Sham official, who also asked for anonymity for the same reason. The group will now have to share those revenues with HTS after forfeiting its monopoly over it to a "civilian administration" forced in by the extremists. HTS also seized Sarmada - the first town after the Bab Al-Hawa crossing and an important trade hub in north Idlib - and Khirbet Al-Jouz, home to a second, less important crossing with Turkey. "Ahrar Al-Sham no longer has a real on-the-ground presence in Idlib province. It's over," said the Observatory's chief, Rami Abdurrahman. HTS and Ahrar have long been at odds over Idlib, but the rout last week nevertheless carried a hint of betrayal, as the two sides fought side by side in 2015 to throw the government out of the province once and for all. — AP



## DRIVER CHARGED AS DEATH TOLL CLIMBS AMONG TRUCK MIGRANTS

**CHICAGO:** A survivor of a horror truck journey in which 10 migrants suffocated to death has told how travelers took turns breathing through a tiny hole in a desperate bid to stay alive, US investigators said Monday. As charges were filed against the driver who was detained in Texas near the border with Mexico, one of President Donald Trump's cabinet secretaries denounced the "brutality" of people-smuggling gangs.

And two children were among a group of more than two dozen people still in hospital, suffering from heat stroke and dehydration, after an ordeal which ended in a parking lot. The migrants were discovered in the back of the 18-wheel truck in the early hours of Sunday in San Antonio, Texas, a two-hour drive from the US-Mexico border, when one of them approached a Walmart store employee asking for water.

The employee brought water and then called police, who found 38 people crammed in the trailer with a broken refrigeration system, parked in the baking Texas heat. Eight people were pronounced dead at the scene and two others died later at the

hospital. The sweltering trailer may have held between 70 to 200 people, with some migrants fleeing in six SUVs that had been waiting when the truck stopped in the parking lot, according to witness accounts given to authorities.

### 'Driver never stopped'

The document recounted a harrowing journey, with migrants having trouble breathing and some passing out in the trailer which was being driven by James Mathew Bradley Jr, age 60. "People began hitting the trailer walls and making noise to get the driver's attention. The driver never stopped," according to one of the migrants interviewed, identified only as JMM-J. "People had a hole in the trailer wall to provide some ventilation and they started taking turns breathing from the hole."

JMM-J said he was a Mexican national and part of a group of 29 people being smuggled into the United States. He said that after crossing the border they joined 70 migrants already in the truck's trailer. US authorities have not released all the vic-

tims' nationalities or names, pending notification of their families. Mexico's foreign ministry said four of the dead were Mexican, out of a total of 25 Mexicans riding on the truck. The other 21 remain hospitalized.

The Guatemalan foreign ministry said 20-year-old Frank Fuentes was among those killed, and his family had already been contacted to begin the process of repatriating his body. Two other Guatemalans, one of them a minor, were hospitalized and in stable condition, the ministry said. According to the migrant's recollection, his smuggler said "people linked to the Zetas" crime cartel were offering protection for the journey through Mexico to the US border, and that once arriving in the country he was to pay \$5,500.

The driver was formally charged on Monday with one count of transporting illegal aliens. The federal charge against Bradley is punishable by life imprisonment or even theoretically the death penalty. Bradley has told police he did not know he was transporting people until he stopped at the

Walmart store to use the restroom and observed "banging and shaking," prosecutors said.

### 'Network of death'

Bradley said he was delivering the trailer from Iowa to Texas on the orders of his boss, and attempted to administer aid when he found the migrants, but did not call 911, according to the complaint. Thirty people were hospitalized-including two school-age children-and more than a dozen were in critical condition, suffering from heat stroke and dehydration, authorities said. It was unclear how long the migrants were inside the truck.

Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly in a statement called the deaths "senseless" and the result of a human trafficking "network of abuse and death." "This tragedy demonstrates the brutality of the network of which I often speak. These smugglers have no regard for human life and seek only profits," Kelly said. Kelly has been to Mexico twice to discuss immigration, human trafficking and the sprawling cross-border drug trade. — AFP

## PAKISTAN VICTIMS CALL FOR ATTACK PLOTTERS TO HANG

'UPROOT THESE TERRORISTS FULLY SO OUR COUNTRY CAN PROGRESS'

**LAHORE:** Anger was growing in Pakistan yesterday as the grief-stricken relatives of 26 people killed by a suicide bomber in Lahore a day earlier buried their loved ones and demanded the government publicly hang the masterminds of the attack. Families and residents in the bustling eastern city demanded action as they attended funeral prayers, and as the chief minister of Punjab province Shahbaz Sharif-brother of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif-visited survivors in hospital.

"We demand from the Government of Pakistan that those who are involved in this inci-

dent and those who are the facilitators should be hanged in public," Hafiz Naseer ul Din, uncle of a policeman killed in the blast, told AFP. "We came here in great grief," added Shaikh Rizwan, a local resident who attended the funeral prayers for some of the victims. "Twenty-six people were martyred here yesterday, I request my government to please uproot these terrorists fully so our country can progress," he said.

The powerful blast Monday hit a busy vegetable market on a bustling main road in the southern part of Lahore, blowing out the windows in nearby buildings. Many of those killed in

the attack were police who were clearing shopping stalls that had illegally encroached on to the road. Yesterday distraught relatives carried the coffins of two policemen, brothers who were killed in the attack, to a petrol pump which had been turned into a makeshift prayer ground.

Floral wreaths from local police chiefs were placed on the wooden coffins as family members wept. Police have said their initial investigations show the attack, claimed by the Pakistani Taliban, was carried out by a suicide bomber. Forensic experts were collecting evidence from the site of the blast Tuesday, an AFP video reporter saw.

Lahore has been hit by significant militant attacks in Pakistan's more than decade-long war on extremism, but they have been less frequent in recent years. The last major blast in the city was in March last year, when 75 were killed and hundreds injured in a bomb targeting Christians celebrating Easter Sunday in a park. But the country was also hit by a wave of attacks in February this year, including a bomb that killed 14 people in Lahore.

In April a further seven were killed in an attack in the city targeting a team that was carrying out the country's long overdue census. After years of spiralling insecurity, the powerful army launched a crackdown on militancy in the wake of a brutal attack on a school in late 2014. More than 150 people, most of them children, died in the Taliban-led assault in the northwestern city of Peshawar-the country's deadliest ever single attack.

It shook a country already grimly accustomed to atrocities and prompted the military to step up operations in the tribal areas, where militants had previously operated with impunity. The country has seen a dramatic improvement in security since, though groups such as the Pakistani Taliban retain the ability to carry out spectacular attacks. — AFP



People enjoy the beach as they look at a forest fire in La Croix-Valmer, near Saint-Tropez. —AFP

## FRANCE BATTLES RAGING FIRES ON COTE D'AZUR

**MARSEILLE:** Thousands of firefighters battled forest fires in large areas of southeast France yesterday, with one "extremely virulent" inferno raging near the jetset resort of Saint-Tropez, emergency services said. The blazes have consumed 3,000 hectares of land along the Mediterranean coast, in the mountainous hinterland and on the island of Corsica — at the height of the region's holiday season.

Over 2,000 firefighters and 19 aircraft, including 10 Canadair water bombers, have been mobilized to quench the flames. With strong winds and tinder dry conditions spelling danger for a second day, the government has asked its European Union partners to send two extra air tankers. A fire in La Croix-Valmer near Saint-Tropez, a favorite resort with the rich and famous, was still "extremely virulent and difficult to control," the regional head of security Stephane Bouillon told Europe 1 radio yesterday morning.

The blaze had already gutted 400 hectares of coastal forest in an area dotted with homes, he said. In Corsica, scores of firefighters worked through the night to tamp down a wall of flames that threatened homes in the town of Biguglia in the northeast. The blaze, which consumed 1,500 hectares of forest, engulfed a sawmill

and burned several vehicles. "It's the apocalypse!" a local resident told AFP.

By yesterday morning, the wind had abated and the situation had been brought under control. In the Luberon, an area of hilltop villages and lavender fields in Provence, fires consumed around 800 hectares around the village of Mirabeau and a neighboring hamlet. Around 100 homes had to be evacuated, according to officials, but yesterday firefighters had managed to secure residential areas.

Another blaze in Carros, north of Nice, burned a house, three vehicles and a warehouse and led to some homes being evacuated, according to regional authorities. Speaking to France Info radio, Mayor Charles Scibetta described waking up to a "lunar landscape" and said the inhabitants had had a lucky escape. "All of France is mobilized," the head of the fire service in southeast France, Colonel Gregory Allione told France Info, adding that extra firefighters had been drafted in from the north. Southeast France is experiencing an exceptionally hot, dry summer that have made it especially vulnerable to fires. In mid-July, a blaze believed to have been ignited by a cigarette butt tossed out of a car ripped through 800 hectares of land near Aix-en-Provence. — AFP

## GREEK JUDGES ACCUSE TSIPRAS GOVERNMENT OF 'DIRTY' ATTACKS

**ATHENS:** Judges in Greece have reacted angrily to a blunt barrage of government criticism over recent court rulings, comparing the "dirty" attacks to authoritarian crackdowns in Turkey and Poland. The government "is systematically attempting to subjugate and control justice," the association of judges and prosecutors protested over the weekend.

"Ministers and lawmakers launch baseless accusations daily... they seek to erode the prestige of the Greek justice system... following the example of Turkey and Poland," they said. "The Greek public can understand the danger posed by a voracious executive, seeking to operate unchecked," the association said. The row erupted after a court earlier this month decided to jail a young graduate student accused of links to one of Greece's most active far-left extremist groups.

The 29-year-old linguist identified only by her first name, Irianna, was handed a 13-year prison sentence in June as a suspected accomplice of the Conspiracy of Fire Nuclei group. Police say they matched her to a partial fingerprint on a gun clip found hidden with other weaponry in an Athens park in 2011. She denies the charges, and her legal team says the alleged fingerprint findings are too partial to be conclusive beyond doubt.

The controversial move to jail her sparked street protests earlier this month, some of them attended by members of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' own leftist party Syriza. A number of his ministers and lawmakers have also taken turns attacking justice over the ruling. Among the critics was Justice Minister Stavros Kontonis, who called the decision to deny Irianna release from prison pending appeal an "unpleasant surprise." "It is strange to say the least, when certain people convicted of drug trafficking are allowed release pending trial," Kontonis told parliament last week.

### 'Dark annals'

Government spokesman Dimitris Tzanakopoulos also called the move a "bad development" which would go down in the "dark annals of Greek justice." To calm tempers, the head of Greece's top administrative court, the Council of State, made a rare public address on the issue on Monday. "Judges... do not take instructions (from the government and lawmakers)," said Nikos Sakellariou, adding: "Judges must be politically neutral."

Sakellariou's uncharacteristic public statement, read out to reporters, was carefully timed. It fell on the 43rd anniversary of the



**ATHENS:** European Economic and Financial Affairs Commissioner Pierre Moscovici (R) shakes hands with Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras (L) during a meeting at the Maximou mansion. —AFP

restoration of democracy in Greece following a brutal seven-year army dictatorship. Judges were outraged in October when, on the eve of a key ruling on a private TV tender, a pro-government newspaper reported that one of the Council judges deciding the outcome had had an illicit affair.

"In order to control justice, they have used the dirtiest means available to the state-paid for journalists," the judges' association said on Sunday. Critics note that Greek justice needs oversight too. A decade ago, a group of judges were given heavy sentences for taking bribes, attempted extortion and abuse of power.

In another case that has riled the government, the Supreme Court prosecutor last week demanded the reopening of an investigation into the former head of Greece's state statistics service, a case Tsipras' administration has been trying to close. Former statistics chief Andreas Georgiou faces charges that he allegedly inflated Greek deficit figures to help international creditors impose harsher terms for a multi-billion-euro bailout in 2010.

One of Greece's foremost legal experts, and a Tsipras ally, President Prokopis Pavlopoulos

on Monday appeared to admonish the government. "Man can only live and create in freedom (where) there is a distinction of powers," Pavlopoulos said in an address marking the democracy anniversary. He added that the judiciary had to operate "without interference or bias" and deserved "respect of their independence" from executive and legislative branches.

### 'Dangerous'

Law experts say the open dispute threatens to divide a country already under enormous pressure from a seven-year economic crisis and hardship. "The judges must lower the tone, but the government must also understand its limits," Aristotelio university law professor Grigoris Kalfelis told Athens municipal radio. "This is very dangerous," warned a prosecutor speaking on condition of anonymity.

"It is an institutional attack destabilizing democracy itself," he told AFP, whilst lamenting the escalating row with the judges. "This is paranoia." Turkish judges are among thousands of civil servants targeted in a massive crackdown after a failed putsch against President Recep Tayyip Erdogan last year. — AFP

## TEEN DRIVER LIVESTREAMS CRASH THAT KILLED SISTER

**FRESNO:** A teenage driver lost control of her car while she was livestreaming on Instagram and recorded part of the crash that authorities said Monday killed her younger sister in California. After a gap in the livestream, the driver is seen leaning over the body of the girl, trying to shake her awake and saying she was sorry. She said she expected to spend the rest of her life in prison but doesn't care.

"This is the last thing I wanted to happen, OK? ... Rest in peace, sweetie," the teen says. "If you don't survive, I'm so (expletive) sorry." Authorities say Obdulia Sanchez, 18, was driving the car Friday when it veered onto the shoulder of a road about 75 miles northwest of Fresno. She overcorrected, causing the vehicle to swerve and overturn into a field, ejecting her sister, the California Highway Patrol said.

Jacqueline Sanchez, 14, of Stockton died in the crash, Merced County Sheriff Vern Warnke said. Another girl, also 14, was in the backseat and survived with a leg injury. The driver was wearing a seat-belt but not the two girls, the CHP said. The teenagers' father, Nicandro Sanchez, told Fresno television station KFSN he has seen the video and that he believes the crash was "an accident."

"It's an accident," Nicandro Sanchez said. "It happened that way. Who knows why?" He said he hasn't spoken to Obdulia but he believes she knows she did something wrong but doesn't know what happened. "What I think is she knows she's done something wrong. Because she knows, and that's what I feel. She feels bad for herself, but she killed her own sister," he said.

### Difficult childhood

Nicandro Sanchez said Obdulia had a difficult childhood and graduated from high school last year. She was in the custody of Child Protective Services the past two years, he added. Obdulia Sanchez was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving and vehicular manslaughter and remained in jail with bail set at \$300,000. The livestream was recorded on Instagram and posted on Facebook by someone who had seen it. Stockton resident Mary Hernandez said she saw the video there and reposted it.

"People need to know these things can happen," Hernandez said, adding that she had gotten a range of responses from anger to gratitude. "I mean no disrespect to their family for posting it," she said. Hernandez said she knew about Obdulia Sanchez through social media, but they never met in person. Rob Carroll, a chief deputy in the Merced County District Attorney's Office, said he had not yet seen the video. But he expects it will be a key piece of evidence.

"Drinking, driving and driving erratically - obviously those are poor choices," Carroll said. Relatives have set up a GoFundMe page to pay for the funeral of Jacqueline Sanchez. The page says she was planning to celebrate her 15th birthday - known as a quincenera - on Sunday. Her parents, however, told the television station Jacqueline was going to be confirmed in a Catholic church. Neither Obdulia Sanchez nor an attorney representing her could be reached for comment. She is expected to make her first court appearance today. —AP





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## MALDIVES TROOPS BLOCKADE PARLIAMENT, CRISIS WORSENS

**MALDIVES:** Maldivian troops blockaded parliament and clashed with opposition leaders for a second day, witnesses said yesterday, as political turmoil escalated in the troubled honeymoon islands. The latest turbulence came as the United Kingdom urged its citizens to take caution in the capital Male after soldiers tear gassed protesting politicians there. Soldiers barred the main opposition Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) from entering the heavily guarded parliament complex again yesterday, with witnesses reporting shoving as MPs were forced back from the barricade.

"Even when parliament is not in session, MPs are free to go to the building and

attend to their work, but it is not allowed now," MDP spokesman Hamid Abdul Ghafoor told AFP. "This is ridiculous." The parliament gates were padlocked by soldiers Monday in a move described as illegal by exiled Maldivian opposition leader Mohamed Nasheed. An opposition coalition, united against President Abdulla Yameen, had been threatening to move a no-confidence motion against the speaker in a bid to impeach the president's ally. But MPs trying to enter the compound were hit with pepper spray and forcibly evicted.

Yameen's office said in a statement Tuesday that parliament was closed ahead of an "incoming VVIP visit". Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is in the

Maldives as the tropical island nation celebrates its 52nd anniversary, the Pakistan High Commission in Sri Lanka said. "The special measures taken by the security forces at the parliament building on 24 July 2017 were to ensure the security and safety of the premises, as mandated by the... constitution," Yameen's office said.

### Political protests

Residents said security in Male, a congested capital just one-square mile (two square kilometres) in size, was tighter than usual. The UK government urged its citizens to avoid large gatherings and protests following the disturbance around the parliament building.

"Previous demonstrations and political protests have led to violence and arrests," the updated travel summary said.

Months of political upheaval in the Maldives has dented its image as a honeymoon paradise. The United States and other nations have urged the Maldives to safeguard democracy amid a crackdown by Yameen on his political opponents, most of whom are in exile or jail. The opposition coalition, led by Nasheed, wants to defeat Yameen at elections next year but is struggling with its leadership in tatters.

Earlier this month they secured enough support from government defectors to begin impeachment proceedings against the speaker, hoping to

weaken Yameen's grip on parliament. However the parliament secretariat declared the impeachment motion was invalid, scheduling the next sitting on July 31. The first attempt to impeach the speaker in March triggered chaos when troops acting on Yameen's orders stormed parliament and removed dissenting opponents by force.

Nasheed became the Maldives' first democratically-elected president in 2008, but was narrowly defeated by Yameen in a controversial 2013 election run-off. In 2015, he was sentenced to 13 years in prison on terrorism charges that were widely seen as politically motivated. He now lives in exile in Britain. —AFP

# N KOREA: 'WE DON'T CARE' ABOUT THE US TRAVEL BAN

US PASSPORTS WILL NOT BE VALID FOR TRAVEL TO ISOLATED COUNTRY

**PYONGYANG:** Washington's ban on US citizens travelling to North Korea will have no effect on the country's tourism industry and Pyongyang does not care about it "at all", a senior development official insisted yesterday.

The measure is due to be enacted this week and once it goes into force US passports will no longer be valid for travel to the isolated country, which is subject to multiple sets of United Nations sanctions over its nuclear and missile programs. Around 5,000 Western tourists visit the

tracted botulism-and died soon afterwards, prompting US President Donald Trump to denounce the "brutal regime".

### 'Risk of arrest'

The State Department has long warned its citizens against travelling to North Korea, telling them they are "at serious risk of arrest and long-term detention under North Korea's system of law enforcement", which "imposes unduly harsh sentences for actions that would not be considered

option on the table. "Certainly, of all the dramas that have gone on lately, the Warmbier issue is the biggest one for tourism," said Simon Cockerell, general manager of market leader Koryo Tours which has seen bookings fall 50 percent. "It's depressed the market quite considerably."

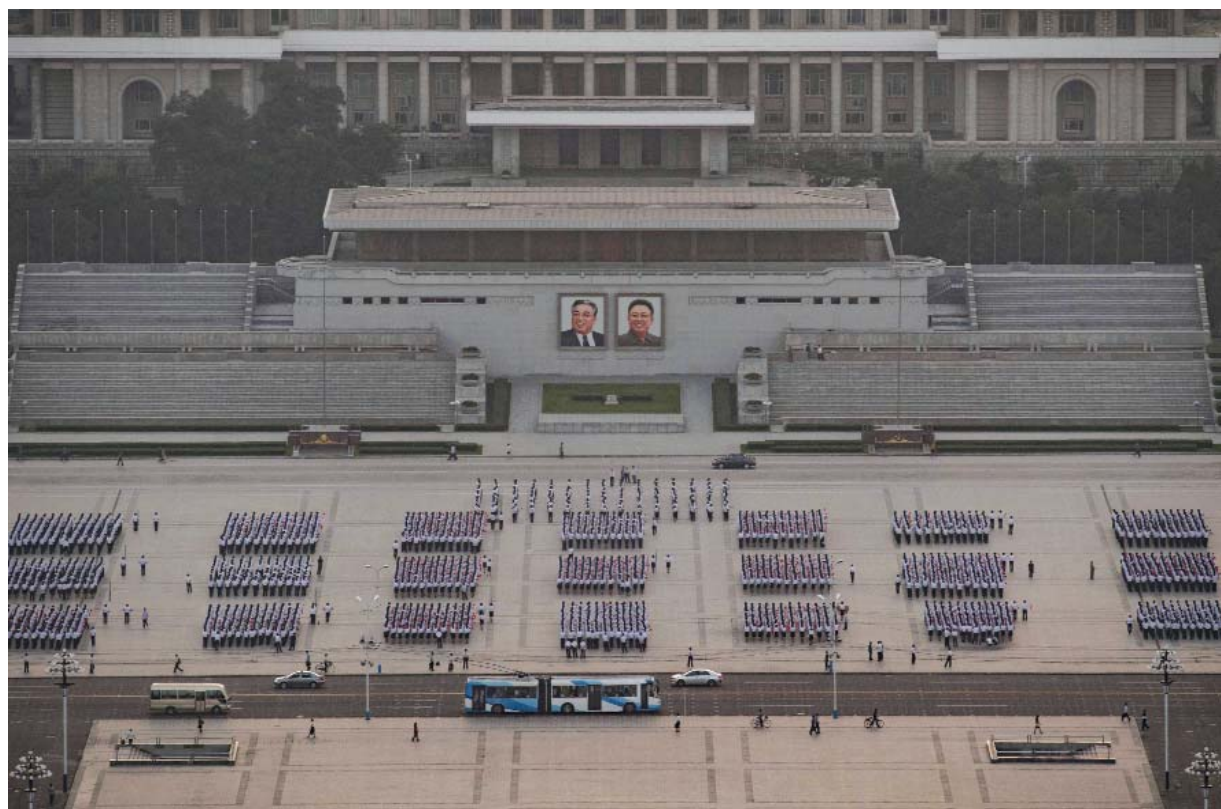
The US decision, he said, would hit North Koreans working in the tourist sector, and wipe out "any possibility of a humanizing human element between those two sides who demonize each other so much". Matt Kulesza, of Young Pioneer Tours-the company which brought Warmbier to the country-said the ban's effect on the North would be "absolutely nothing". But Americans, he added, would lose "the freedom to travel to DPRK (North Korea) and experience the DPRK for themselves".

### Gleaming towers

A promotional video for Han's project takes in beach resorts, the Masikryong skiing centre, and Mount Kumgang, renowned throughout the peninsula for its beauty. It shows the port of Wonsan transformed into a mass of gleaming towers, shopping, entertainment and trade districts, served by multiple transport links including a dual carriageway with four lanes in each direction-a far cry from the bumpy potholed road with unlit tunnels that currently links it to Pyongyang.

Air routes from China, Russia and Japan are also displayed, but no regular international flights have so far been scheduled to Wonsan's newly-built airport. In 2015, said Han's colleague Ri Kyong-Chol, there had been negotiations to start direct flights to Beijing and Shanghai. But "since then, because of political circumstances, the participants of the other side balked". The vast majority of foreign tourists to North Korea are Chinese. Han was unable to put a cost on the scheme. Foreign investment would be welcome, but so far none had been forthcoming due to US sanctions, he said. Hundreds of thousands of South Koreans used to visit Mount Kumgang every year, travelling to a Seoul-funded tourist resort that was the first major inter-Korean cooperation project. But that came to an abrupt end in 2008 when a North Korean soldier shot dead a South Korean tourist who strayed off the approved path and Seoul suspended the trips. New South Korean president Moon Jae-In favors engagement with the North to bring it to the negotiating table as well as sanctions.

In a five-year plan unveiled last week, his government said it would move to resume tours to Mount Kumgang and re-open the shuttered Kaesong Joint Industrial Zone, where South Korean firms employed tens of thousands of North Korean workers, "when conditions are ripe". But the North's tourism development plan did not factor in visitors from the other side of the divided peninsula, Han said. "We don't need to think of them," he said. "North and South should cooperate among themselves but because of US sanctions, this is not being done. Southern authorities have no intention to do so either." —AFP



**PYONGYANG:** A photo taken on July 24, 2017 shows groups of people gathered on Kim Il-Sung square ahead of 'Victory Day' celebrations. — AFP

North each year, tour companies say, with Americans numbering about 20 percent of them. Standard one-week trips cost about \$2,000. But Han Chol-Su, vice-director of the Wonsan Zone Development Corporation, denied that the loss of business would have any impact.

"If the US government says Americans cannot come to this country, we don't care a bit," he told AFP in Pyongyang. Washington announced the move after the death of Otto Warmbier, the University of Virginia student who was sentenced to 15 years' hard labor in the North for trying to steal a propaganda poster. Warmbier was sent home in a mysterious coma last month-Pyongyang said he had con-

crimes in the United States". Han's organization is trying to promote the Wonsan-Mount Kumgang International Tourist Zone, a grandiose vision of a tourism hub on the east coast.

He said Washington's move was politically motivated. "The US has been continuing with sanctions against us but we don't care at all," he said. Pyongyang officials consistently say that sanctions against their country have no effect on it. But according to tour companies business has already been hit hard by recent developments, including tensions over the North's weapons programs, with Trump administration officials warning that military action was an

## DUTERTE DEMANDS US RETURN CHURCH BELLS

**MANILA:** Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has demanded the United States return church bells seized by American forces in a bloody campaign more than a century ago, in another blast at his country's traditional ally. American forces took three bells from the Catholic church of Balangiga town on the eastern island of Samar in 1901 as war booty in what historians said was a particularly brutal military operation in the new US colony.

"Give us back those Balangiga bells. They are not yours. They are ours. They belong to the Philippines. They are part of our national heritage," Duterte said at his annual State of the Nation Address on Monday. "Those bells are reminders of the gallantry and heroism of our forebears who resisted the American colonisers and sacrificed their lives in the process." Two of the bells are installed at a memorial for US war dead in Wyoming, while the third is with US forces in South Korea.

Some US politicians oppose the dismantling of the memorial. US embassy spokeswoman Molly Koscina gave a non-committal reply yesterday to Duterte's demands. "We are aware that the bells of Balangiga have deep significance for a number of people, both in the United States and in the Philippines," she said in an email to AFP. "We will continue to work with our Filipino partners to find a resolution." The brutal Samar campaign was launched about a month after Filipino rebels killed 34 US troops in Balangiga on September 28, 1901, according to a US Army War College research paper. Seven other American soldiers perished during the escape from Balangiga, and US reinforcements razed the town the day after, it added. Duterte on Monday repeated a Filipino account of the campaign that the commanding general, Jacob Smith, ordered Samar be turned into a "howling wilderness" and that all Filipino males aged 10 or above be killed.

A 1902 US court-martial convicted Smith of a minor offence in relation to the Samar campaign, while 39 other Americans were separately found guilty of torturing and shooting Filipino prisoners there, the US Army War College research paper said. However none of them were jailed, according to the paper. The then Philippine president Fidel Ramos first sought but failed to recover the bells during a 1998 Washington trip.

Duterte, a self-described socialist, has since his election last year worked to distance Manila from Washington while building closer ties with China and Russia. The Philippine islands, a Spanish colony for centuries, were ceded to the United States in 1898 at the end of the Spanish-American War. — AFP



**MANILA:** China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi (L) shakes hand with Philippine Foreign Affairs secretary Alan Peter Cayetano after signing the Guestbook. —AFP

## CHINA URGES ASEAN STATES TO REJECT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE

**MANILA:** Beijing urged Southeast Asian nations yesterday to unite and "say no" to outside forces seeking to interfere in the South China Sea dispute, in an apparent swipe at the United States ahead of a regional summit. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi made the statement in Manila where he hailed the "strong momentum" in improving ties with the Philippines, a longstanding American ally which has moved closer to China under President Rodrigo Duterte.

Wang's visit came a week before he was set to return to Manila for a meeting of foreign ministers from the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its partners, which include China and the United States. Wang said warming relations between Beijing and Manila had helped ensure stability in the South China Sea, where rival claims have long made it one of Asia's potential military flashpoints. "If there are still some non-regional forces or forces in the region that don't want to see stability in the South China Sea and they still want to stir up trouble in the South China Sea, we need to stand together and say no to them together," Wang told reporters. China claims nearly all of the strategically vital sea, even waters approaching the coasts of its neighbors. ASEAN members the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia and

Brunei, as well as Taiwan, claim parts of the sea. While the United States is not a claimant and says it takes no sides in the disputes, it has criticized what it has termed Chinese "militarization" of the sea. Washington has repeatedly sent warships close to Chinese-occupied islands in the sea in recent years, triggering angry responses from Beijing. Duterte, a self-described socialist, has loosened his nation's 70-year-old alliance with the United States while looking to build stronger relations with China and Russia.

Duterte has downplayed the Philippines' dispute with China, declining to use a favorable ruling from a UN-backed tribunal last year on the issue to pressure Beijing. He has said better relations with China, following six years of tension under his predecessor who took a hard line with Beijing over the dispute, will generate billions of dollars in promised Chinese investments and aid. Duterte said on Monday the Philippines and China were in talks for joint exploration in the sea, which is believed to sit atop vast oil and gas deposits. Wang yesterday pledged 20 million renminbi (\$3 million) to help rehabilitate the war-torn southern Philippine city of Marawi, where a US-backed military offensive is seeking to flush out pro-Islamic State group militants. —AFP

## News

in brief



**NEW DELHI:** India's new President Ram Nath Kovind waves from a horse-drawn carriage during a ceremony at the Presidential Palace. —AFP

### Low-caste Hindu leader Kovind sworn in as India's president

**NEW DELHI:** Ram Nath Kovind was sworn in as India's president yesterday, becoming just the second leader from the oppressed Dalit community to be elected head of state. A former lawyer and state governor, Kovind was elected to the largely ceremonial position last week with more than 65 percent of the vote by members of India's parliament and state assemblies. Kovind, accompanied by his wife, paid respects early yesterday at a memorial dedicated to India's independence hero Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi. The 71-year-old was nominated by the ruling right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party in a move analysts say would help Modi tighten his grip on power ahead of his re-election bid in 2019.

### At least eight dead in Indonesian accident

**JAKARTA:** At least eight people including a toddler died and two German tourists were among those rescued after a speedboat capsized off the coast of Borneo yesterday. Witnesses described passengers jumping into the water without life vests as the boat-carrying 51 people-capsized outside a busy Indonesian port, while others on board are feared to be trapped inside the boat, rescue officials said. Eight people including a two-year-old child have been found dead, while 22 other people-including a German man and woman-were rescued alive and taken to hospital for treatment, he said.

### India court to consider abortion for rape victim

**NEW DELHI:** Doctors today will examine a 10-year-old raped by her uncle as India's top court considers whether she should be allowed to have an abortion despite strict laws. The girl's parents went to the Supreme Court after their appeal to abort the 26-week fetus was rejected by a lower authority, despite warnings her body was not ready for childbirth. Indian law does not allow medical terminations after 20 weeks unless there is a threat to the mother's life. But the Supreme Court agreed to hear the appeal, ordering doctors to conduct a medical examination.

### Vietnam activist jailed for 'anti-state' charge

**HANOI:** A Vietnamese activist was jailed for nine years yesterday for "anti-state activity", her lawyer said, the second such heavy sentence handed down by the authoritarian state in less than a month. Dissidents, rights lawyers and bloggers are routinely jailed in the communist country but rights groups and activists accuse the new government in place since last year of waging a particularly harsh crackdown on its critics. Anti-China activist Tran Thi Nga, 40, was sentenced after a one-day trial in a heavily guarded courthouse in northern Ha Nam province, where dozens of supporters gathered outside, some holding signs calling for her release.

### Thai police make huge drug haul linked to Laos suspect

**BANGKOK:** Thai police yesterday announced the seizure of drugs worth \$30 million, including seven million methamphetamine tablets, "ice" and liquid ketamine, from houses around Bangkok linked to an alleged Laotian drug lord. Nine Thais were arrested in the major two-day operation, which turned up 60 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine-known as "ice"-and thousands of bottles of liquid ketamine. When smoked, "ice" gives a stronger high than the pill version of meth-which is known in Thailand as "yaba" and has also flooded other parts of Southeast Asia.

### Violence against Afghan journalists sees surge

**KABUL:** At least 10 journalists were killed in Afghanistan in the first half of 2017, a 35 percent surge from last year, a media watchdog said yesterday, with rampant violence on the rise in the war-torn country. Taleban militants and the Islamic State group were behind most of the "direct and indirect" attacks on media workers in Afghanistan, the Afghan Journalists' Safety Committee (AJSC) said in a new report. The Afghan government accounted for 46 percent of violence against journalists in the first half of the year, limiting access to information and creating challenging conditions for the media, he added. —Agencies





Bees collect pollen from a sunflower yesterday near Bergheim in western Germany. — AFP

## IRAN’S TECH SECTOR BLOOMS UNDER SHIELD...

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Across town, the huge hangars, strip-lighting and shiny booths of the Elecomp tech fair could be anywhere. It is growing rapidly: Its start-up section had 80 hopefuls three years ago, now there are more than 400 - the usual mix of delivery apps, online shopping and games. But global brands are almost entirely absent, the result of severe US sanctions that remain in place despite other countries lifting restrictions under a 2015 nuclear deal.

Some Iranians have found ways to profit from sanctions: One company at Elecomp buys Amazon products from the United States and ships them to Iranians for a small surcharge. "People love it. There are many fake products in Iran. When they order from us, they get the real thing," said its spokesman Hamid Tavakoli. But isolation has been a very mixed blessing. "There are two sides to the coin. When you are under sanctions, you have an opportunity to do many things yourself," said the fair's organizer, Naserali Saadat. "But generally, it's not a good thing... you can't live like an island in this world."

That view is echoed by German-Iranian Ramtin Monazahian, who came from Berlin in 2014 to found e-commerce site Bamilo and taxi-hailing app Snapp. He may not have to worry about Amazon and Uber muscling him

out of the way, but nor can he hope they will buy him up for billions as happens elsewhere. Moreover, he needs a thriving retail sector to underpin his services, and sanctions "hit the consumer area pretty hard. Purchasing power is suffering... that's hurting all businesses," he said. Still, he sees huge potential in a country of 80 million people with a large, consumerist middle-class. "It's probably the last big country with no major competition," he said.

Foreign investors have taken notice. Iran's tech scene has attracted hundreds of millions of dollars from firms such as South Africa's MTN, Germany's Rocket and Swedish company Pomegranate. The real breakthrough is not necessarily the tech itself, said Esfandiyar Batmanghelidj, founder of the Europe-Iran Forum, but the forging of these foreign partnerships. "This is not just about digital innovation and young people thinking entrepreneurially - which is somewhat new in Iran - but also how venture capital can influence the bigger picture of investing," he said.

He predicts these partnerships will now be replicated in more traditional sectors like retail. "Tech was a smart place to start-small initial amounts of capital and you're dealing with young entrepreneurs rather than entrenched family owners," said Batmanghelidj. "Of course, many challenges remain, but they were made by people and can be solved by people." — AFP

## HIJAB GOES MAINSTREAM AS ADVERTISERS...

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And mothers in Pittsburgh have started making and selling hijabs for Barbies in a bid to make play more inclusive. However, Khatahtbeh warned of the potential for the young Muslim market to be exploited just for profit without any effort to promote acceptance and integration.

"It can easily become exploitative by profiting off of communities that are being targeted right now, or it could be a moment that we turn into a very, very empowering one," she told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

### Emojis and Fashion

Frustrated she could not find an image to represent her and her friends on her iPhone keypad, Saudi teenager, Rayouf Alhumedhi, started an online campaign, the Hijab Emoji Project. She proposed the idea of the emoji last year to coding consortium Unicode that manages the development

of new emojis, Alhumedhi said on her campaign's website, helping to prompt Apple to create its hijab-wearing emoji.

"It's only really in the last 18 to 24 months - perhaps three years - that bigger mainstream brands have started to realise that young Muslim consumers are really an exciting opportunity," said Janmohamed of Ogilvy Noor. A global Islamic economy report conducted by Thomson Reuters showed that in 2015, revenues from "modest fashion" bought by Muslim women were were estimated at \$44 billion, with designers Dolce & Gabbana, Uniqlo and Burberry entering the industry.

Janmohamed, author of the memoir "Love in a Headscarf", sees young hijabi representation in the digital communications and fashion space a step forward for tolerance. "It feels particularly empowering for young people to see themselves represented. So today I think it is the least that consumers expect and anyone that doesn't do it is actually falling behind." — Reuters

## ISRAEL REMOVES METAL DETECTORS AMID...

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They decided "to change the inspection with metal detectors to a security inspection based on advanced technologies and other means," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said. Details of the advanced technologies envisaged were not immediately clear. A statement from the Waqf, the Islamic endowments organization which administers the compound, said there should be "no entry into Al-Aqsa mosque until after an assessment by a Waqf technical committee and the return of the situation to how it was before the 14th of this month".

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan urged all Muslims to visit Jerusalem to protect the holy places. "Anyone who has the opportunity should visit Jerusalem, Al-Aqsa mosque," Erdogan said in Ankara. "Come, let's all protect Jerusalem." Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas, who froze contacts with Israel over the dispute last week, was expected to make a statement later.

Israel installed metal detectors at entrances to the compound after the July 14 attack nearby killed two policemen. Palestinians viewed the new security measures as Israel asserting further control over the site and refused to enter the compound. Israeli authorities said the detectors were needed because the attackers smuggled guns into the compound and emerged from it to shoot the officers.

The decision to remove the detectors followed talks between Netanyahu and Jordan's King Abdullah II, who demanded that they be taken away. Jordan is the official custodian of Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem and is one of only two Arab governments to have signed a peace treaty with Israel. It also came after one of US President Donald Trump's top aides, Jason Greenblatt, arrived in Israel for talks on the crisis and with UN Middle East envoy Nickolay Mladenov warning of the risks of escalation.

A separate diplomatic standoff between Israel and Jordan may have helped push negotiations on the met-

al detectors along. On Sunday night in Amman, an Israeli embassy security guard shot dead a Jordanian who attacked him with a screwdriver, according to Israeli officials. A second Jordanian was also killed, apparently by accident. Israel had insisted the security guard had diplomatic immunity and rejected Jordanian demands to question him.

But on Monday night, the guard and other diplomats arrived home after a deal also involving the mosque compound. "Amman authorized the Israeli diplomat to leave the country after hearing his account of the incident... and after reaching an understanding with the (Israeli) government on Al-Aqsa," a Jordanian government source said.

Yesterday, thousands of Jordanians chanted "Death to Israel" at the funeral of the 17-year-old said to have attacked the guard. Mourners accompanied Mohammed Jawawdeh's coffin from Wihdat city, home to a large Palestinian refugee camp. "Mohammed's blood did not flow in vain," Jawawdeh's uncle Sami said, arguing it paved the way for Israel's removal of the metal detectors.

Friday's main weekly Muslim prayers in Jerusalem - which typically draw thousands to Al-Aqsa - had brought the dispute to a boil. Clashes erupted between Israeli security forces and Palestinians around the Old City, elsewhere in annexed east Jerusalem and in the occupied West Bank, leaving three Palestinians dead. They continued on Saturday, leaving two more Palestinians dead. Friday evening also saw a Palestinian break into a home in a Jewish settlement in the West Bank during a Sabbath dinner and stab four Israelis, killing three.

The mosque compound has served as a rallying cry for Palestinians. In 2000, a visit to it by then Israeli opposition leader Ariel Sharon helped ignite the second Palestinian intifada, or uprising. The compound lies in east Jerusalem, seized by Israel in the Six-Day War of 1967 and later annexed in a move never recognized by the international community. Considered the third-holiest site in Islam, it is the most sacred for Jews. — AFP

## SAUDI ARABIA, ALLIES UNVEIL QATAR 'TERRORIST'...

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They also demanded that it close broadcasting giant Al-Jazeera and a Turkish military base, and fall in line with Saudi-led policy in the region, particularly towards Iran. Qatar has dismissed the demands as a violation of its sovereignty and has received significant support from its ally Turkey. US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who last week spent four days in the region trying to broker a settlement of the crisis, has voiced satisfaction with Qatar's efforts to address any suspicion of terror funding.

The four governments yesterday blacklisted three organizations based in Yemen and six based in Libya accusing them of ties to Al-Qaeda. They also blacklisted three Qataris, three Yemenis, two Libyans and a Kuwaiti they said were implicated in "fundraising campaigns to support (former Al-Qaeda affiliate) Al-Nusra Front and other terrorist militias in Syria".

Qatar and its neighbors support opposing sides in the conflict in Libya between a UN-backed unity government in Tripoli and a rival administration in the east. Saudi Arabia has led a military intervention against Shiite rebels in neighboring Yemen since March 2015. Militants of both Al-Qaeda and the Islamic State group have since expanded their presence in areas of the south under the nominal control of the Saudi-backed government.

Meanwhile, Egypt's President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi said on Monday his government would keep up the blockade of Qatar. "Egypt will stand by its decision and will not backtrack on this matter," Sisi said at a youth conference in Alexandria. "Our persistence on its own, our stance, and this block, is pressure in itself."

Egypt also warned the EU yesterday that four Arab states would accept no compromise in their dispute with Qatar. Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry, speaking after talks with European Union diplomatic chief Federica Mogherini in Brussels, said Qatar must accept in full the demands. "It is not an issue of compromise, we cannot compromise with any form of terrorism, we cannot compromise or enter into any form of negotiations," Shoukry told a press conference.

"It is only once the necessary measures are undertaken by Qatar, that goes towards truly accepting to be a partner in the fight against terrorism, that this crisis will be resolved," he said. Shoukry said Qatar was "harboring elements associated to terrorist ideologies, to radical ideologies, that they have utilized their media outlets to promote and to justify and to glorify terrorist activity."

But the four Arab states face mounting international pressure to compromise in their weeks-old boycott against Qatar, particularly from the United States. Mogherini - who at the weekend met HH the Amir of Kuwait emir, a key figure involved in trying to mediate the crisis - in turn reiterated calls for talks to resolve the crisis. "We in Europe see this as a need not just for one country but for all countries," she said, adding that the EU shared with Egypt a "clear commitment to fight terrorism".

But she added that the EU believed the Kuwaiti-mediated talks "can and should start as a matter of urgency," if only to head off fresh tensions which undermine the fight against terrorism, she said. "The EU will continue to have good relations with all the countries involved," the former Italian foreign minister added. — Agencies



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## Focus

DEMOLITIONS GATHER  
PACE IN HEART OF  
ETHIOPIAN CAPITAL

**A**babaker sat in his car staring through the window at the remains of his family business across the road. "It was my father's," he told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. "He lived here for more than 40 years. We used to have cafe, a hotel and restaurant here." By the time the demolition in this part of central Addis Ababa happened Ababaker's father had retired, leaving the business to his son who maintained it as a souvenir shop.

Business was good, he said, but he and his neighbors had been counting the clock with the area around being demolished. Nonetheless the razing of his house and shop, both in same week last month, came as a shock. "We just heard rumors. There was no communication from the officials," he said, one of a rising number of people voicing concerns over the way the government is rebuilding the heart of the Ethiopian capital.

For as a revised master plan for Ethiopia's capital enters implementation stage, slum clearance has stepped up a gear and the focus moved away from the city's peripheries after mass protests against evictions and displacement there last year. The new plan is restricted to city boundaries and focuses on the city centre where some 360 hectares and over 3,000 homes are slated to be demolished over the next three years, said Million Girma, head of the city's urban renewal agency, the Land Development and Urban Renewal Agency. "All eyes are now back on Addis," said Bisrat Kifle, an architect and urban planning expert based in the capital.

## Land Values Boom

According to UN-Habitat more than 80 percent of Addis Ababa's inner city is slum, the majority of which is government-owned 'kebele' housing dating back decades. In 2011, the municipality decided to clear all government housing in the city center to make a modern business district. The government also extended the nationalization of urban land and eliminated all remaining forms of transferable and inherited private property in the city.

Renovation programs intensified in the subsequent years, often with the demolition of entire neighborhoods. From 2009 to 2015, the city expropriated about 400 hectares of inner-city land and tore down a total of 23,151 dilapidated houses, according to UN-Habitat. At the same time land in central Addis Ababa shot up in value, providing an added incentive for rapid redevelopment, with a lease in the commercial centre of Addis Ababa now costing up to \$15,000 per square metre, making urban land in the capital some of the most expensive in Africa. "There is a high demand for land from private and government investors," Girma told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. "We have to prepare Addis's land to deliver this."

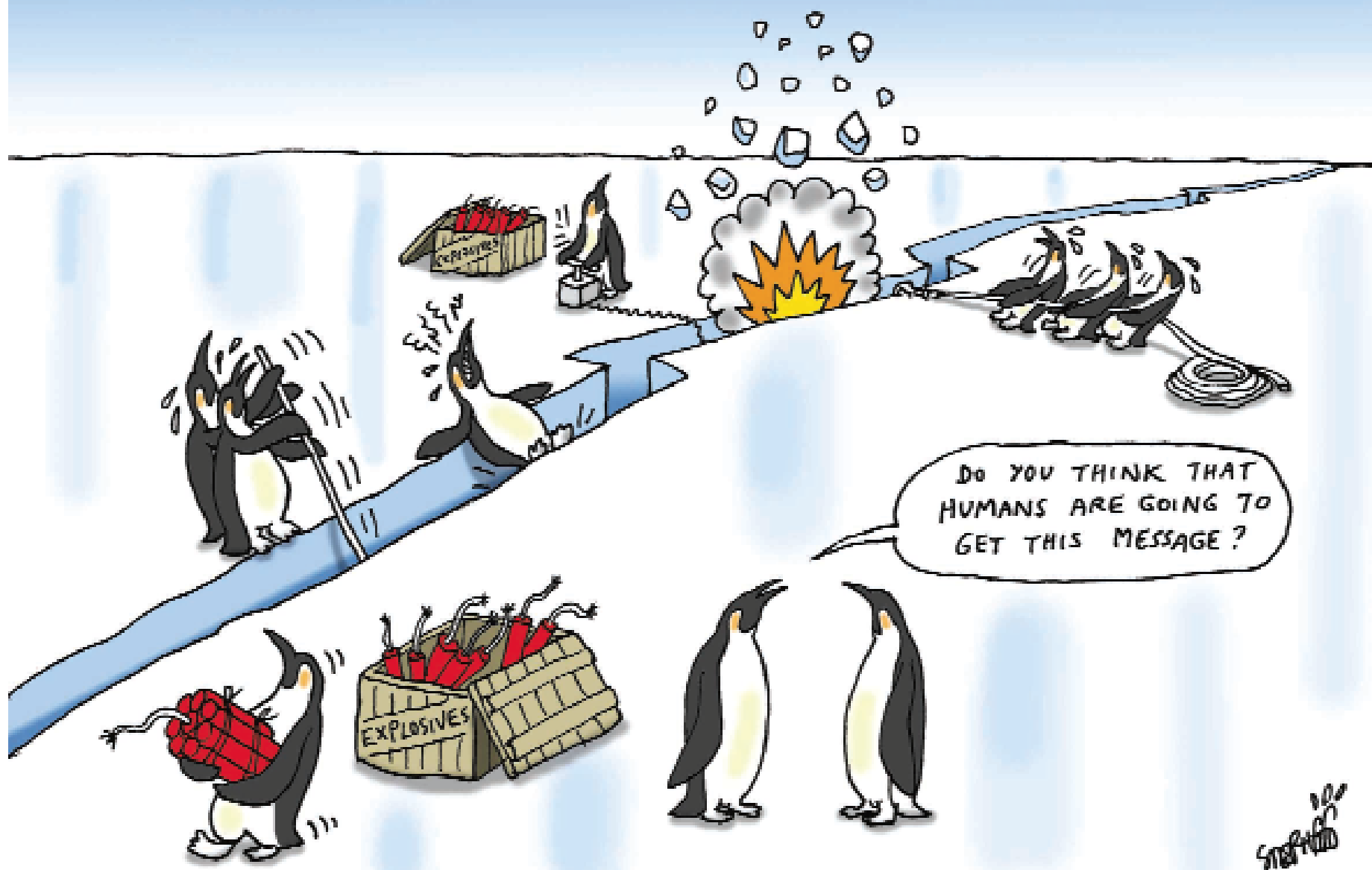
In one area, located in the shadow of the new AU (African Union) building, residents evicted in April said their entire neighbourhood was cleared in the space of days. "At first they told us we could stay until after the rainy season," 19-year-old Tsegaye told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. "But suddenly they arrived and said there was an 'extraordinary situation' that meant we only had three days." Residents in several districts across the inner city complained to the Thomson Reuters Foundation that the process had been sudden and disruptive. "There was no warning," said Fedlu, 30, who had been privately renting land near the five-star Sheraton Hotel. "There was no consultation ... They just tell us to leave the area, but we don't have any replacement or compensation. We feel like second-class citizens."

## Safeguards Needed

According to federal law in Ethiopia all evicted private landowners are entitled to a new plot of land and financial compensation to build a new home. Tenants in government housing are offered priority access to apartments in new government high-rises for those who can afford mortgages or publicly-owned rental housing for those who cannot. Those affected should be relocated within a one kilometre radius, according to the revised master plan.

Since all land in Ethiopia is officially owned by the state, financial compensation for private homeowners is based on the physical worth of the property, which is often old and undervalued compared with the informal market. "It's absolutely not enough," said Ababaker, who told the Thomson Reuters Foundation he had received 340,000 ETB (\$14,733.41) and land 15 km away. "I'm not willing to go there. It's too far and the electricity and water isn't ready." Other affected residents, most of whom were public tenants, complained that they were still living in the area because they had nowhere to else to go. —Reuters

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AN ICEBERG FOUR TIMES THE SIZE OF LONDON  
JUST BROKE AWAY FROM ANTARCTICA ...

## INDIA'S WOMEN COPS TAKE A STAND

**A**ll-female police units are shaking up the male-dominated force in conservative northwest India, hitting the streets to combat sex crimes and a pervasive culture of silence around rape. One such squad in Jaipur has been patrolling bus stops, colleges and parks where women are vulnerable to sexual harassment. Women can face a barrage on India's streets, enduring everything from lewd jokes and strangers following them - often dismissed as innocent "eve teasing" - to physical attacks and rape.

"The message we want to send out is that we have zero tolerance towards crimes against women," said Kamal Shekhawat, who heads the specialist Jaipur unit established in late May. India has a gruesome record on sex crimes, with nearly 40,000 rapes reported every year. But the real figure is thought to be much higher, with victims wary of how their complaints will be dealt with. India's police force is overwhelmingly male - women make up just seven percent of officers - and activists complain that victims are often judged by their appearance, asked probing questions, or even blamed for provoking the crime.

The shame attached to rape in India's deeply patriarchal society, and fear of reprisal, means many sex crimes are not reported and offenders go unpunished. Shekhawat hopes the visible presence of female officers on the beat will encourage more women in Jaipur to report their abusers knowing they will find a sympathetic ear. "Women police are more empathetic and victims also feel more confident and are able to communicate openly before them," she said.

## Boosting confidence

At a park in Jaipur, constable Saroj Chodhuary dismounted from her scooter and approached a group of saris-clad women to introduce herself. "You can just make a call or even message on WhatsApp and we will be right there," she said, clad in khaki uniform and white helmet as she passed around her details. "Your identity will not be revealed, so you can feel free to register your complaint. If someone makes cat calls or troubles you in any way, do let us know. Don't take law in your own hands."

The women appear impressed by her authority - Chodhuary and her colleagues are trained in martial arts and spent months learning the law - and relieved to know help was just a phone call away. Radha Jhabua, a 24-year-old mother, said she wanted to complain about a neighbor stalking her but her husband feared it would bring the family a bad name. "He told me to keep quiet and wait for the man to change his ways. I am glad we can now just send a Whatsapp message to these sisters and they will take care of the rest," she told AFP. Seema Sahu, a 38-year-

old mother of two, said she usually avoided going out at night with her daughters. "I am so glad now these police women will be on the roads. Their very presence gives us confidence," she said.

## Restoring order

India faced international scrutiny over levels of violence against women following the fatal gang-rape of a medical student in New Delhi in Dec 2012. Laws to punish sex offenders were strengthened in the aftermath, but attacks are still widespread. In the capital New Delhi alone there were 2,199 rape cases in 2015 - an average of six a day. India's police has been ordered to recruit more female officers so women make up a third of the force.

But so far, their numbers remain low. The Jaipur unit is just the second in Rajasthan state, with the first established

in Udaipur last October. Police in neighbouring Uttar Pradesh have come under fire for their controversial approach to combat sex-related crimes in the notoriously lawless state. There officers, including women, patrolling in so-called "anti-Romeo squads" have been accused of harassing unmarried and interfaith couples in an effort to enforce a moral code reflecting Hindu values.

Shekhawat said no such methods would be adopted under her watch. "We have seen a very good impact and positive results wherever our teams are on patrol," she said. "It is having a preventive effect. It is restoring the faith of the public in the police which is a must for maintaining law and order." Men are taking note, too. "It's a very good move. When a man gets rounded up by these women, others will automatically feel the heat. They will have to mend their ways," said Jaipur resident Ram Lal Gujar. — AFP



In this photo taken on June 14, 2017, members of a newly launched female police patrol unit drive through the old city in Jaipur. —AFP

## SMUGGLERS OFFER RIGS AS 'VIP TREATMENT' TO US

**W**hen Thomas Homan, the acting director of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, was awakened Sunday morning with news that migrants were found dead inside a sweltering tractor-trailer outside a San Antonio Walmart, his mind flashed back to 2003, when he stood at the back of a truck about 200 km southeast of San Antonio that carried 19 dead migrants. "It is sad that 14 years later people are still being smuggled in tractor-trailers," he said. "There still isn't water, there still isn't ventilation. These criminal organizations, they're all about making money."

The striking similarities of the Texas tragedies demonstrate how smugglers have found a durable business model carrying large groups - often in big rigs - through an elaborate network of foot guides, safe house operators and drivers. A criminal complaint about Sunday's discovery that 10 were dead and dozens injured in the truck opens a window on their degree of sophistication and organizational muscle: Passengers had color-coded tape to split into smaller groups; and six black SUVs awaited them at one transit point to bring them to their destinations.

Big rigs emerged as a popular smuggling method in the early 1990s amid a surge in US border enforcement in San Diego and El Paso, Texas, which were then

the busiest corridors for illegal crossings. Before that, people paid small fees to mom-and-pop operators to get them across a largely unguarded border. As crossing became exponentially more difficult after the 2001 terror strikes in the US, migrants

were led through more dangerous terrain and paid thousands of dollars more.

Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, a political scientist who teaches at University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley, said migrants she interviewed last year in South Texas paid \$2,000

to \$3,000 more to ride in the crammed tractor-trailers, considering them more effective, faster and safer than walking through the desert to a pickup point far from the border. Hundreds of border crossers perish each year in the desert, getting lost and dehydrated in extreme heat.

The growing use of trucks coincided with increased trade with Mexico under the North American Free Trade Agreement, allowing smugglers to more easily blend in with cargo, particularly on Interstate 35 from Laredo, Texas, to San Antonio, Correa-Cabrera said. Walking in the open desert more easily exposes them to US Border Patrol agents. Women, some carrying children, think they are less likely to be raped on a truck than in the open desert because there are more witnesses, Correa-Cabrera said. Riding in a big rig, she said, is "the VIP treatment."

For smugglers, the advantage of tractor-trailers boils down to scale. "It's like any other business: the more they move, the more profit they make," Homan said. "Rather than taking four in a car, the profit margin on tractor-trailers is a lot more." Truck drivers are low-level cogs in a big machine, recruited in the US at casinos and other places where smuggling organizations look for people who are down on their luck, desperate for quick cash and disinclined to ask questions. — AP

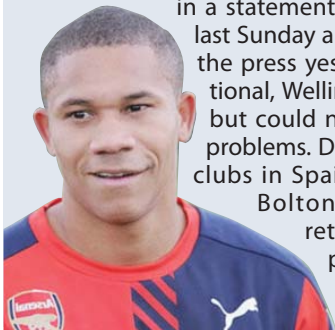


James Mathew Bradley Jr, 60, of Clearwater, Florida is escorted out of the federal courthouse following a hearing on in San Antonio. Bradley was arrested in connection with the deaths of multiple people packed into a tractor-trailer. —AP



## BORDEAUX GIVE WELLINGTON BOOT

**BORDEAUX:** Brazilian midfielder Wellington Silva's transfer to French club Bordeaux from Fluminense has been cancelled after he failed a medical, the Ligue 1 club said yesterday. "Following a medical visit, Bordeaux decided not to complete the transfer of Wellington Silva," the club said in a statement. The 24-year-old arrived in western France last Sunday and had been due to be officially presented to the press yesterday afternoon. A Brazilian youth international, Wellington Silva was recruited by Arsenal in 2011 but could not play in England because of work permit problems. During six seasons in Europe he was loaned to clubs in Spain before returning to England to play for Bolton after acquiring Spanish nationality. He returned to his first club Fluminense in 2016, playing his last match on July 13 against Botafogo. — AFP

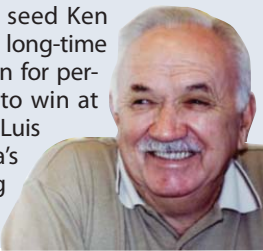


## EX-IRELAND STAR O'LEARY RETIRES

**LONDON:** Former Ireland and Munster scrum-half Tomas O'Leary announced his retirement yesterday. O'Leary made his name on international stage when he started four of Ireland's five games in their victorious 2009 Six Nations campaign. It was only Ireland's second Grand Slam and their first since 1948. O'Leary was selected for the 2009 British and Irish Lions tour of South Africa before being ruled out by a broken ankle sustained while on Munster duty. Cork-born O'Leary, who won 24 Ireland caps, also won the European Cup twice with Munster in 2006 and 2008. "I have had an incredible career from my academy days in Munster to my last game in Montpellier, all of which have been extremely satisfying," O'Leary wrote in announcing his retirement on the Navy Blue blog. "I have realised my ambition of representing Munster and Ireland. "Wearing the red and green jerseys has been a real honour. —AFP

## AUSSIE TENNIS GREAT MERVYN ROSE DIES

**SYDNEY:** Australian two-time Grand Slam singles champion Mervyn Rose, who went on to coach greats Margaret Court and Billie Jean King, has died, tennis officials said yesterday. Rose, who won the Australian Open and French Open along with five Grand Slam doubles titles, was 87. "The tennis family is mourning the passing of seven-time Grand Slam champion Mervyn Rose and our thoughts are with his family and friends," said Tennis Australia. Rose claimed his first major title at the 1954 Australian Open, defeating defending champion and top seed Ken Rosewall on the way to the final, where he beat his long-time doubles partner Rex Hartwig. A left-hander known for perfecting the art of chip and charge, he went on to win at Roland Garros four years later, overcoming Chile's Luis Ayala in the final. Rose was also part of Australia's 1951 and 1957 Davis Cup-winning teams, reaching a career-high three in the world. —AFP



## INJURED RUTHERFORD TO MISS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**LONDON:** Britain's Greg Rutherford has been ruled out of the World Championships in London after the defending long jump champion suffered an ankle injury. Rutherford, who won Olympic gold at London 2012, was forced to withdraw from his title defence after failing to recover from the ligament damage he sustained competing in Italy last month.

The 30-year-old's absence was announced by British Athletics yesterday. "In the last few days I have had to accept an unfortunate reality. I did everything I could, but a string of injuries at the worst possible time means I will be unable to defend my world title in London," Rutherford said in a statement.

"With an incredible start to the year in training, and very promising early season form, I have had a difficult series of setbacks as the season progressed. "Most recently, a badly damaged ankle ligament and a sportsman's hernia, really put paid to my plans. The injuries have taken longer to heal than we hoped, and I have been unable to even jump at all in training, let alone compete.

"I am truly gutted. That stadium is such a

special place for me, I am so devastated that I won't be competing in front of the best fans in the world, in the stadium that changed my life. "But, I'll definitely be there to support my British team mates and soak up what will be an amazing atmosphere, and an amazing championships.

"My focus will now turn to 2018 and becoming a three time European champion on the trot, something no long jumper has ever done before." As well as an Olympic title, Rutherford also claimed the Commonwealth Games crown and European gold medal in 2014.

Rutherford's withdrawal is a big blow for British Athletics ahead of the World Championships, which starts next week. Britain's Performance director Neil Black said: "Greg is one of only a few British athletes to complete the 'Grand Slam' of medals, but that won't make missing London any easier.

"He desperately wanted to defend his world title in front of the home crowd, but unfortunately his injury hasn't cleared up in time and the hard but sensible decision had to be made to withdraw." — AFP



**BUDAPEST:** Britain's Adam Peaty celebrates after setting a new world record in a men's 50-meter breaststroke heat during the swimming competitions of the World Aquatics Championships in Budapest, Hungary, yesterday. — AP

### ATHLETICS

## BOLT HEADLINES JAMAICA'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

**KINGSTON:** Sprint superstar Usain Bolt is one of three Rio Olympic gold medalists leading a 59-strong Jamaican team named Monday for next month's athletics World Championships in London. Bolt has said he intends to run the 100m and the 4x100m relay at the worlds, his final event before retiring.

He's one of two reigning world champions, along with sprint hurdler Danielle Williams, who will be defending titles they won in China two years ago. Elaine Thompson, who won the Olympic Sprint double last year in Rio, and Omar McLeod—the first man for the Caribbean island to win Olympic 110m hurdles gold—are also in the team published by the Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association.

The team also includes sprint hurdler Hansle Parchment, shot putter O'Dayne Richards and 400m runner Shericka Jackson—all individual medalists in Beijing two years ago. Fedrick Dacres, the second ranked male discus thrower in the world, will attend his second World Championships.

Meanwhile, champion hurdler Sally Pearson and walker Jared Tallent headlined a 48-strong Australian team announced yesterday for next month's world athletics championships in London. The country's largest world title squad since Seville in 1999 includes 20 debutants from the Olympic Games in Rio last year.

"It ensures that we are likely to see a competitive few months ahead as athletes seek nomination for selection to the Australia Commonwealth Games Team," Athletics Australia said. The Commonwealth Games next year are on home soil at the Gold Coast. Australia won two silvers at the last world championships in Beijing two years ago—Tallent in the 50km walk and Fabrice Lapierre in the long jump.

### Australia squad:

#### Men

400m: Steven Solomon  
800m: Peter Bol  
1500m: Ryan Gregson, Luke Mathews  
5000m: Morgan McDonald, Sam McEntee, Patrick Tiernan  
10000m: Patrick Tiernan  
110m hurdles: Nicholas Hough  
Long Jump: Henry Frayne, Fabrice Lapierre  
Pole Vault: Kurtis Marschall  
Shot Put: Damien Birkenhead  
Javelin: Hamish Peacock  
Decathlon: Cedric Dubler  
20km walk: Dane Bird-Smith, Rhyddian Cowley  
50km walk: Jared Tallent  
Marathon: Jack Colreavy, Josh Harris, Brad Milosevic  
4x100m Relay: Nick Andrews, Rohan Browning, Tom Gamble, Alex Hartmann, Trae

#### Williams

#### Women

200m: Ella Nelson  
400m: Morgan Mitchell  
800m: Georgia Griffith  
1500m: Zoe Buckman, Georgia Griffith, Linden Hall  
5000m: Madeline Hills, Eloise Wellings  
10000m: Madeline Hills, Eloise Wellings  
100m hurdles: Sally Pearson  
400m hurdles: Lauren Wells  
3000m steeplechase: Genevieve La Caze  
Long Jump: Brooke Stratton  
Discus: Dani Stevens  
Javelin: Kathryn Mitchell, Kelsey-Lee Roberts  
20km walk: Regan Lambie, Beki Smith, Claire Tallent  
Marathon: Milly Clark, Sinead Diver, Jess Tregrove  
4x400m relay: Ella Connolly, Morgan Mitchell, Ella Nelson, Anneliese Rubie, Jess Thornton, Lauren Wells. — AFP



Usain Bolt

### SWIMMING

## PEATY BREAKS 50M BREAST RECORD

**BUDAPEST:** He's done it again. Britain's Adam Peaty set a world record of 26.10 seconds in the preliminaries of the men's 50 meter breaststroke at the world championships yesterday. Peaty, who won gold in the 100 breaststroke on Monday, shaved 0.32 of a second off the record he had previously set at the previous worlds in Kazan, Russia, two years ago. "I was quite relaxed. I wasn't going out there this morning for a world record, just going out there to race and qualify for the semis," said the 22-year-old Briton, who added that it was "quite early (in the morning) for a world record. But I'm very happy with that swim."

Peaty is bidding to be the first man to retain the 50 breaststroke title at a worlds, and he wasn't surprised to beat his previous best-mark. "That world record is two years old. It was kind of due another push on," said Peaty, still buzzing after Monday's gold. "Last night gave me the confidence. I was out in 26.5 and I was like, 'This is so easy.' I can definitely push on for a 50! That didn't really feel like my best race."

Cameron van der Burgh of South Africa was next fastest in the non-Olympic event, a significant 0.44 behind. It's the second world record set at this year's championships after Sweden's Sarah Sjöström established a split of 51.71 in the women's 4x100 free relay on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Olympic and world champion Katie Ledecky eased to victory in her heat of the women's 200 freestyle, clocking 1:56.27, two tenths of a second slower than world record holder Federica Pellegrini, who finished ahead of home favorite Katinka Hosszu in their heat.

"I knew where I wanted to be," Ledecky said. "The only thing I had to do this morning was get a lane for tonight. Just wanted to go out and win my heat. It didn't really matter what the time was. I knew that would put me in a good position for tonight." Ledecky, who cruised to a dominating victory in the 400 free and put the U.S. ahead for gold in the 4x100 free relay on Sunday, is facing her most challenging day at the championships. She also has the 1,500 free final later, less than an hour before she returns for the 200 free semifinal.

The American star needs to get her times right outside of the pool, too. "Just planning it all out, making sure I know where I'm going at all times," Ledecky said. "Lot going on when there's medal ceremonies and warm-down and getting to the ready room. Just all those little things. Try to limit the walking and stay off my feet as much as I can during that whole process."

Ledecky is pleased with the setup in terms of distance between pool, ready

room and practice pool at the purpose-built Duna Arena. "Yeah, it's pretty good. Just lining it all up beforehand and making sure I can get everywhere I need to go pretty quickly. It's pretty warm upstairs," Ledecky said. "Just tryin' to stay cool and

manage it all really well."

Also, Hungary's Laszlo Cseh comfortably finished first in the men's 200 butterfly heat, enjoying the atmosphere among the enthusiastic home fans. AP National Writer Paul Newberry contributed. — AP

## LE CLOS BRACED TO RACE IN WORLDS 'LION'S DEN'

**BUDAPEST:** South Africa's Chad le Clos is bracing himself to race in Budapest's 'lion's den' atmosphere against home-town favourite Laszlo Cseh in the 200m butterfly at the world aquatic championships.

Every time a Hungarian swims at Budapest's Duna Arena, the home crowd roar their deafening support. Le Clos expects a battle royal as he tries to wrestle the world gold medal off Cseh. With Hungary's Tamas Kenderesi also through to Tuesday night's semi-finals, it will be extremely loud if both Hungarians reach today's final.

"It's going to be tough, I said a few months ago it'll be like a lion's den here, but I'm a fighter - I don't like to lose," said Le Clos. "I'm not afraid of anybody, I wish him all the best. "Laszlo and Kenderesi are both good friends, they are the favourites. I'm probably only fourth as it stands."

Cseh won the world title in Kazan two years ago with Le Clos having to settle for silver. With US swim superstar Michael Phelps now back in retirement, the South African wants the gold in Budapest. Cseh was the

fastest qualifier into the semis at 1:54.08 mins with Japan's Daiya Seto, the 400m medley world champion in 2013 and 2015, just behind. Le Clos, the 2012 Olympic and 2013 world champion, was fifth fastest at 1.82secs back, but said it was all part of the plan. "I knew Laszlo was going to be quick, he likes to go home fast in the morning," said Le Clos.

"I love all the heats, you know me I like to play games. "It's ok. We'll shave a bit (of time off) tonight and get ready for tomorrow." Le Clos also explained why he was a no-show for the men's 200m freestyle heats on Monday, the event in which he won a silver medal at the 2016 Olympics.

"We decided about three weeks ago not to swim, I did a time trial about 10 days ago and I was about 1.47.0," said Le Clos. "I realised I'm probably not in the right shape to go 1.44 here. "I don't think to be honest that's going to be good enough for me this time around, so we'll see.

"But definitely in the Commonwealth Games next year, and definitely in 2020 (the Tokyo Olympics), I'm back." — AFP



**BUDAPEST:** South Africa's Chad le Clos competes in a heat of the men's 200m butterfly during the swimming competition at the 2017 FINA World Championships in Budapest, yesterday. — AFP



# ROSE REPORTEDLY AGREES ONE-YEAR DEAL WITH CAVS

**LOS ANGELES:** Free agent point guard Derrick Rose is set to sign a one-year, \$2.1 million deal with the Cleveland Cavaliers, US media reported on Monday. Rose, the youngest player to win the NBA Most Valuable Player award when he took the trophy in 2011, met with Cavs officials in Ohio on Monday. Cleveland.com reported he had agreed to join the Eastern Conference champions "after spending the day dis-

cussing how the team will return to the Finals without Kyrie Irving," ESPN, citing league sources, also reported Rose and the Cavs had come to terms. Cleveland's talks with Rose, reported last week, took on an added urgency in the wake of reports that 25-year-old guard Irving has requested a trade, indicating he no longer wanted to play in the shadow of Cavaliers superstar LeBron James.

Rose, 28, could add a backcourt spark for the Cavaliers as they try to mount a tougher challenge to Golden State. The Cavs reached the NBA finals each of the past three seasons, falling to the Warriors in 2015, capturing the trophy over the Warriors in 2016, and falling again to Golden State this season. If Rose does join the Cavaliers, Golden State and Cleveland would have every NBA MVP from 2009 through

2016. James won the award in 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2013. Golden State forward Kevin Durant won it in 2014 while playing with Oklahoma City, and Warriors guard Stephen Curry was MVP in 2015 and 2016. Rose averaged 18 points, 3.8 rebounds and 4.4 assists in 64 games for the New York Knicks last season. He was acquired in a trade with the Chicago Bulls, but the 2016-17 season ended in another injury

as he hit free agency for the first time. Rose's time with the Bulls was marred by a series of knee injuries, the first of them torn left knee ligaments in the opening game of the 2012 playoffs. He missed the entire 2012-13 season and played less than a month into the 2013-14 campaign before a season-ending right knee injury. He missed 20 games in the 2014-15 season after another right knee operation. —AFP



ST LOUIS: Colorado Rockies catcher Tony Wolters, left, dives for the throw from Rockies' Mark Reynolds as St. Louis Cardinals' Yadier Molina, right, scores during the eighth inning of a baseball game Monday, in St. Louis. Reynolds was charged with a throwing error on the play. — AP

## BASEBALL

# WHITE SOX END 9-GAME SLIDE WITH WIN OVER CUBS

**CHICAGO:** Adam Engel and Matt Davidson homered as the White Sox ended a nine-game losing streak with a 3-1 victory over the crosstown rival Cubs at Wrigley Field on Monday. The Cubs lost for just the second time in 10 games following the All-Star break to fall a half-game behind idle first-place Milwaukee in the NL Central. Engel lined his third homer of the season off reliever Justin Grimm (1-1) into the wind and several rows into the left-center bleachers to snap a 1-1 tie in the sixth. Davidson led off the eighth with his 19th homer, which sailed over the left-field stands and onto Waveland Avenue. Miguel Gonzalez (5-9) allowed one run and seven hits in 7 1/3 innings to end a four-game losing streak and win for just the second time in 11 decisions. Jose Abreu had two hits and doubled in a run for the AL-worst White Sox, who ended their longest slide in four years.

### BLUE JAYS 4, ATHLETICS 2

Francisco Liriano won for the first time in three starts, Russell Martin homered and the Blue Jays beat the Athletics to end a three-game losing streak. Martin had two hits and Ezequiel Carrera reached base three times as the last-place Blue Jays won the opener of a seven-game homestand. Oakland had just two hits against Liriano and three Toronto relievers, losing for the third time in four games. After pitching a combined 3 2/3 innings in his previous two starts, Liriano (6-5) started on three days rest, moving up to take the turn of injured righty Aaron Sanchez (blister). Liriano allowed two runs and two hits in five innings. Joe Biagini pitched two innings,

Ryan Tepera worked a perfect eighth and Roberto Osuna struck out the side in the ninth for his 25th save in 29 chances. Oakland right-hander Chris Smith (0-1) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings.

### ORIOLES 5, RAYS 0

Kevin Gausman pitched six strong innings, Adam Jones homered and the Orioles sent the Rays to their season-worst fifth straight loss. The Rays began the day tied for the second AL wild-card spot. Baltimore won for the sixth time in eight games. Gausman (7-7) gave up five hits and struck out eight. Darren O'Day, Brad Brach and Richard Bleier completed a six-hitter Blake Snell (0-6) went a career-high seven-plus innings. The lefty, who entered with 19 of 30 career starts lasting five or fewer innings, allowed three runs and six hits. Jones has an RBI in six straight games. Manny Machado drove in two runs during a three-run eighth. Rays catcher Wilson Ramos left in the fifth after he was struck on the head by a piece of Ruben Tejada's broken bat. The team said Ramos got six staples and will be evaluated.

### INDIANS 6, REDS 2

Josh Tomlin pitched six efficient innings, Carlos Santana homered twice and the Cleveland Indians won their fourth straight, over the tumbling Reds in the makeup of a May 25 rainout. Tomlin (7-9) gave up two homers but stayed in the strike zone and won his third straight start. Cleveland's bullpen did its part as well, with Andrew Miller working two innings and Cody Allen finishing up. Santana homered in the seventh and eighth

as the Indians moved over .500 (25-24) at Progressive Field for the first time since winning their home opener on April 11. Cleveland's Roberto Perez snapped a 1-1 tie in the fifth with an RBI double off Reds starter Tim Lincecum (5-8), who lost his fourth straight start.

### ROYALS 5, TIGERS 3

Salvador Perez and Mike Moustakas hit consecutive homers in the 12th inning, and the Royals won their sixth straight game, over the Tigers. Hours after the Royals helped their pitching staff by acquiring Trevor Cahill and two relievers in a trade with San Diego, Kansas City outlasted the Tigers to stay 1 1/2 games behind first-place Cleveland in the AL Central. Jorge Bonifacio also homered for the Royals, who won despite squandering a 3-0 lead in the sixth. Jakob Junis (3-2), one of seven relievers used by Kansas City, pitched a hitless 11th for the win. Kelvin Herrera finished for his 20th save in 23 chances. Drew VerHagen (0-1) took the loss, allowing the homers to Perez and Moustakas in his third inning of work.

### MARLINS 4, RANGERS 0

Giancarlo Stanton hit more two home runs and moved into a tie for the major league lead, sending Adam Conley and the Marlins over the Rangers. Stanton has 32 homers, including six in his last seven games, and matched Yankees rookie Aaron Judge for most in the majors. Stanton hit a two-run drive in the first inning and a solo shot in the eighth. Texas star Adrian Beltre went 4 for 4, giving him 2,993 career hits. He moved closer to becoming the 31st player to reach 3,000. Conley (3-3) pitched seven impressive innings during his second start since getting recalled from Triple-A New Orleans on July 18. He allowed seven hits and struck out five as he pitched past the sixth inning for the first time this season. Martin Perez (5-8) went seven innings.

### CARDINALS 8, ROCKIES 2

Randal Grichuk hit a two-run homer, Mike Leake pitched seven scoreless innings and the Cardinals beat the Rockies. Leake's six-strikeout performance was his best since giving up one run over eight innings against Washington on June 30. It was the first win for Leake (7-8) against the Rockies since Aug. 10, 2011. Kevin Siegrist pitched the Cardinals out of a two-on, one-out jam in the eighth by getting Gerardo Parra to strike out and Mark Reynolds to fly out. Tyler Lyons struck out five in the ninth. The Cardinals improved to 20-5 against the Rockies at home since the 2010 season. Colorado fell to 3-14 in its last 17 road games. Grichuk's two-run homer off Rockies starter Antonio Senzatela (10-4) gave

the Cardinals a 4-0 lead in the fourth, extending his home run streak to a career-high four games.

### DODGERS 6, TWINS 4

Cody Bellinger continued his super rookie season, drilling a three-run homer in the eighth inning to rally the Dodgers to a victory over the Twins. It was Bellinger's 28th home run of the season, second in the National League behind Miami's Giancarlo Stanton's 32. Edward Paredes, making his major league debut after 12 seasons in the minors, threw a scoreless eighth to earn the win. Kenley Jansen pitched the ninth to earn his 25th save. Eddie Rosario drove in three runs for the Twins on a solo homer and two doubles. Taylor Rogers (5-2) gave up two hits prior to Bellinger's home run to take the loss. The Dodgers were playing their first game since losing ace Clayton Kershaw for an undetermined time with a back injury.

### METS 5, PADRES 3

Jacob deGrom won his eighth straight start and the Mets held on when pinch-hitter Jabari Blash's bid for a game-winning home run was barely foul, beating the Padres. DeGrom (12-3) gave up two runs in eight innings, striking out eight. The last Mets pitcher to win eight straight starts was Bobby Jones in 1997. Hunter Renfroe homered twice for San Diego, including a leadoff shot in the ninth inning. The Padres then put two runners on base with one out, and Blash sent a long drive that whistled past the foul pole and landed in the right-field seats - it was called foul, a ruling upheld on video replay. Addison Reed, who played at San Diego State, then struck out Blash and closed for his 17th save. Wilmer Flores homered off Clayton Richard (5-10). Asdrubal Cabrera had three hits, Jay Bruce had two hits and two RBIs, and Jose Reyes stole his 500th career base.

### MARINERS 4, RED SOX 0

James Paxton allowed four singles over seven innings to win his fifth consecutive start in July and Kyle Seager homered to pace the Mariners to a victory over the Red Sox. Paxton (10-3) retired the first 13 hitters before Jackie Bradley Jr.'s single to center with one out in the fifth. The left-hander, who worked out of trouble in the sixth and seventh innings, struck out 10 and walked none. Paxton has allowed six earned runs in 33 1/3 innings and not given up a home run in five starts this month. Nick Vincent and David Phelps each pitched a perfect inning to finish. Eduardo Rodriguez (4-3) allowed four runs on six hits in 5 1/3 innings. He struck out six and walked two in his second start since coming off the disabled list.

### DIAMONDBACKS 10, BRAVES 2

J.D. Martinez hit a three-run home run to help Zack Greinke and the Diamondbacks cruise to a win over the Braves. Martinez, hitless in his first five at-bats as a Diamondback after coming over in a trade with the Detroit Tigers last week, hammered a 1-2 pitch from reliever Matt Wisler high off the center field batters eye with nobody out in the bottom of the sixth. It was his 17th home run of the season. Greinke (12-4) pitched eight innings and allowed two runs on five hits with six strikeouts. He's 10-0 in 12 starts at Chase Field this season. Greinke added a run-scoring double in the second inning and a pair of sacrifices. A.J. Pollock hit a two-run homer, doubled twice and drove in four runs, and Jeff Mathis reached base four times with three singles and a walk, scoring twice for the Diamondbacks. R.A. Dickey (6-7) took the loss with his knuckleball often more wild than baffling. Dickey threw four wild pitches that helped the Diamondbacks get into scoring position over his 3 2-3 innings of work, and walked five while striking out four.

### PIRATES 10, GIANTS 3

Andrew McCutchen hit a three-run homer and had four RBIs, Gerrit Cole won for the fifth time in six starts, and the Pirates beat the Giants. Jordy Mercer added a three-run homer of his own in the eighth to further back Cole (8-7), 5-1 in his last eight starts. That lone defeat came June 30 as San Francisco swept the Pirates at Pittsburgh from June 30-July 2 - the Giants' first in the series since 2009. This time, Pittsburgh immediately jumped on San Francisco starter Matt Cain (3-9), who matched the longest losing streak of his career at eight games - also done from July 28, 2015-May 10, 2016. Giants manager Bruce Bochy was ejected by plate umpire Chris Conroy for arguing balls and strikes in support of Cain moments after McCutchen connected, the skipper's second time being tossed this year.

### ASTROS 13, PHILLIES 4

Jose Altuve had two doubles and two singles, stretched his sizzling hitting streak to 16 games and helped the Astros beat the Phillies. A day after tying his career high for hits in a game at Baltimore, Altuve got four more and drove in three runs while raising his major league-leading average to .365. Altuve is batting .528 (38 for 72) during his streak. He has gotten at least three hits in eight of those 16 games. Alex Bregman homered and doubled twice, and Brian McCann also homered for Houston. The AL West leaders got 18 hits, eight for extra bases. The game ended after midnight, running late because of a rain delay in the fourth inning that lasted nearly two hours. — AP

## MLB Results/Standings

Pittsburgh 10, San Francisco 3; Seattle 4, Boston 0; LA Dodgers 6, Minnesota 4; NY Mets 5, San Diego 3; Arizona 10, Atlanta 2; St. Louis 8, Colorado 2; Miami 4, Texas 0; Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 0; Kansas City 5, Detroit 3 (12 innings); Cleveland 6, Cincinnati 2; Toronto 4, Oakland 2; Houston 13 Philadelphia 4; Chicago White Sox 3, Chicago Cubs 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE EASTERN DIVISION					NATIONAL LEAGUE EASTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	PCT	GB					
Boston	55	46	.545	-	Washington	59	38	.608	-
NY Yankees	51	46	.526	2	Atlanta	47	51	.480	12.5
Tampa Bay	51	49	.510	3.5	NY Mets	46	51	.474	13
Baltimore	48	51	.485	6	Miami	45	52	.464	14
Toronto	45	54	.455	9	Philadelphia	34	63	.351	25
CENTRAL DIVISION					CENTRAL DIVISION				
Cleveland	52	45	.536	-	Milwaukee	53	48	.525	-
Kansas City	51	47	.520	1.5	Chicago Cubs	51	47	.520	0.5
Minnesota	49	49	.500	3.5	Pittsburgh	50	50	.500	2.5
Detroit	45	53	.459	7.5	St. Louis	48	51	.485	4
Chicago White Sox	39	57	.406	12.5	Cincinnati	41	58	.414	11
WESTERN DIVISION					WESTERN DIVISION				
Houston	66	33	.667	-	LA Dodgers	69	31	.690	-
Seattle	50	51	.495	17	Arizona	57	42	.576	11.5
LA Angels	49	51	.490	17.5	Colorado	58	43	.574	11.5
Texas	48	51	.485	18	San Diego	43	56	.434	25.5
Oakland	44	55	.444	22	San Francisco	38	63	.376	31.5



## JOHN ELWAY AGREES TO 5-YEAR CONTRACT WITH DENVER BRONCOS

**ENGLEWOOD:** One leadership saga down, another one continues for the Denver Broncos. John Elway agreed to a new five-year contract on Monday, ending a long-running story line that had fans wondering if their Hall of Fame QB-turned-GM might leave the franchise he's led to three Super Bowl titles.

Elway had insisted ever since the club approached him last October about a new deal that he wasn't going anywhere. Yet, as months passed without an agreement, the issue came to dominate discussions about the Broncos along with their quarterback

puzzle. Their on-field leader will be determined over the next few weeks as Trevor Siemian and Paxton Lynch resume their much-hyped QB competition. The Broncos begin their seventh training camp under Elway's front office leadership on Thursday.

"During these last six seasons, John's clearly established himself as one of the best general managers in all of sports. He's demonstrated impressive football instincts, a strong business acumen and a consistent ability to build competitive teams," team President Joe Ellis said in a statement.

"There's no doubt John means a

great deal to the Broncos, our fans and the entire community. It was important for us to reach this long-term agreement, and we're all excited to now turn our full attention toward the 2017 season." Elway was set to enter the final year of his contract as general manager and executive vice president of football operations. The sides tore up the final year of his old contract and added four more seasons, through 2021. "Well deserved!!!," tweeted Broncos All-Pro cornerback Aqib Talib. "#Legend on the field and in the office!!!"

In his 22 seasons with the franchise, including 16 as a player, the Broncos

have fewer losing seasons (two) than Lombardi Trophies (three). Elway led Denver to Super Bowl wins after the 1997 and '98 seasons to cap his Hall of Fame playing career. He returned to his beloved Broncos in 2011, and from the front office has led them to a 77-33 record with five playoff appearances and a win over Carolina in Super Bowl 50. Only New England (86-26) is better over that span.

During his six seasons as an executive, Elway is the only GM in the league who has acquired future Pro Bowl players through the draft, street free agency, unrestricted free agency and

college free agency. Ellis has been running the franchise for the last few years with owner Pat Bowlen battling Alzheimer's.

"I appreciate the trust and confidence that Joe has shown in me," Elway said in a statement. "Pat Bowlen has always put outstanding leadership in place, and I'm grateful for the support Joe gives us to compete for championships each and every year. This is a special place, and the Broncos are home to me. While there's still a lot of work to be done, I'm excited about the future of this team and this organization." — AP

## CHELSEA STAR KENEDY SENT HOME OVER CHINA SLURS

**LONDON:** Kenedy has been sent home from Chelsea's pre-season tour of Asia as punishment for his offensive social media posts about China, according to reports yesterday. Brazilian defender Kenedy was axed from Chelsea's high-profile tour as the Premier League champions fought to avoid further embarrassment after the social media slurs sparked a furious response in China.

The 21-year-old put two videos on Instagram, one with a caption which translated as "F\*\*k you China" and another of a security guard asleep which was tagged: "Wake up China. You idiot." Kenedy posted the messages ahead of a friendly against Arsenal in Beijing on Saturday and was jeered by the crowd during Chelsea's 3-0 win. Chelsea had already issued an apology after admitting Kenedy's actions had caused "great offence and hurt the feelings of the people of China". Kenedy, signed from Fluminense for £6 million (\$7.8 million) in 2015, flew with Chelsea to Singapore over the weekend and trained with the team on Sunday and Monday.

But, with Kenedy accused by Chinese media of humiliating their country, reports claimed the Blues were forced to remove the player from their pre-season preparations as they look to salvage the club's reputation and maintain their position in the

lucrative Asian market. Antonio Conte's side are due to face Bayern Munich in a friendly on Tuesday, then take on Inter Milan on Saturday, and the Blues boss is certain to face a barrage of questions about Kenedy's behaviour and his reported exile. Chinese fans had already blasted Kenedy's racist jibes, leading to an apology from the player who quickly deleted the posts. "I would like to apologise to the people of China for the offence I have caused. It was never my intention to insult or offend anyone at all and I now realise that my comments were totally inappropriate," Kenedy wrote. "I wish to state that I have tremendous respect and admiration for the Chinese people and their country."

"I would also like to apologise to my club Chelsea and all my companions who I have let down by my posts. I fully understand the responsibility of representing my club and it was never my intention to cause this embarrassment nor disrespect."

Kenedy's outbursts could leave his future at Stamford Bridge in jeopardy. The full-back was sent on a season-long loan to Watford last term, but made just one substitute appearance before the spell was cut short. He went on to make two appearances for Chelsea after they wrapped up the Premier League title. — AFP

## NOURI OUT OF COMA, BUT BRAIN DAMAGE UNCHANGED

**AMSTERDAM:** Stricken Ajax midfielder Abdelhak Nouri, who suffered serious, lasting brain damage after collapsing during a friendly, has been transferred out of intensive care, and can breathe on his own, the club said yesterday.

The 20-year-old is being cared for at the Academic Medical Centre in Amsterdam, where he was brought on July 14 from a hospital in Austria. "He is no longer in an induced coma and has full respiratory functions," the club said, in a statement issued in the name of Nouri's family.

But it added soberly that "his condition further remains unchanged from previous updates and is stable, but with serious and permanent brain damage." Tributes have poured in from across The Netherlands and from abroad for the youngster, affectionately known as Appie, who joined the Amsterdam club at age seven and was a promising prospect.

Nouri suffered irregular heart problems in a pre-season friendly against German side Werder Bremen in Austria on July 8 and collapsed. He was resuscitated and flown to an Innsbruck hospital by helicopter.

At first the news seemed positive, but hopes for a quick recovery were shattered when Ajax later announced he had suffered massive brain damage, most due to a lack of oxygen. Dozens of visitors have flocked to the Amsterdam hospital grounds to pay tribute to Nouri since he arrived back in the country on July 14.

A large hedge 100 metres (yards) from the entrance is decked with Ajax scarves, flowers, poems, children's drawings and Ajax shirts bearing Nouri's number 34, all

accompanied by the slogan '#StayStrongAppie'.

"The whole country is affected, not just Amsterdam. It was like it happened to our son," said Connie, a mother of four who went to the hospital to lay roses. The youngster, who broke into the first team last season and had made nine appearances in the Dutch top flight, will not be forgotten at the Amsterdam Arena, despite not being able to play again.

### 'PRAY FOR ABDELHAK'

Whiteboards are hung on the walls so fans can write messages of support, alongside the words '#Forevernumber34' and '#PrayforAppie'. A group of young Real Madrid fans from Spain also stopped at the stadium. "It's impossible not to be touched by his story. He's only 20 years old," one of them said.

In the opening match of the women's 2017 Euro in the Netherlands, where Dutch King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima were present, a minute's applause was held in the 34th minute. Ajax's rivals PSV Eindhoven posted a photo of their players holding up papers bearing the words '#StayStrongAppie' on Instagram, while Nice also voiced support before the match in France today.

Many other clubs including Manchester United, who beat Ajax in May's Europa League final, did the same on social media. And Nouri's team-mates will be hoping to pay a fitting tribute to their own, as they go into this season looking to capture the Dutch league title for the 34th time.

In their statement, his family again thanked fans for their support and asked everyone "to pray for Abdelhak". — AFP



**MARTIGNY:** This file photo taken on July 15, 2017 shows Monaco's forward Kylian Mbappe controlling the ball during a friendly football match between AS Monaco and Stoke City FC in Martigny. Real Madrid have reportedly reached a world record deal in principle to sign Kylian Mbappe from Monaco for 180 million euros (\$210m, £160m), closing one of the hottest transfer sagas of the summer. — AFP

### SOCCER

## REAL MADRID CLINCH WORLD RECORD DEAL FOR MBAPPE

**PARIS:** Real Madrid have reportedly reached a world record deal in principle to sign Kylian Mbappe from Monaco for 180 million euros (\$210m, £160m), closing one of the hottest transfer sagas of the summer.

Spanish sports daily Marca, citing sources close to the negotiations, said the gifted teenage striker who shot to stardom last season is expected to join Real "in the next few days" on a six year deal. French newspapers Le Parisien and Nice Matin were quick to announce that Monaco had denied the report. But in the cloak and dagger climate of rumour and innuendo that characterises football's transfer operations, the latest twist revived speculation surrounding the future of Europe's most-eligible young star. Only the rumour mill surrounding Neymar and the massive sums involved have come close to eclipsing the buzz generated by Mbappe in recent weeks. Neymar, Barcelona's 25-year-old Brazilian superstar, is at the centre of frenzied speculation linking him to Paris Saint-Germain for a world record 222-million-euro.

### CIRCLING PREDATORS

The likelihood of that deal looks to have receded in the past few days as the Mbappe move takes centre stage. And if it goes through, Real will have completed a major coup by snatching one of the most coveted young players in football from under the noses of top European clubs including PSG and Premier League giants including Manchester City.

Real, currently on tour in the United States and due to play Manchester City in Los Angeles on Wednesday, have yet to comment on the Spanish report. But Marca, known to have strong links to the Madrid club, insisted that Real are set to pay between 150-160m euros with add-ons of between 20 and 30m for Mbappe, dwarfing the current world transfer record of 105m Manchester United paid to lure Paul Pogba from Juventus last year. Real are looking to fill the void left by Alvaro Morata who joined Premier League champions Chelsea last Friday in a deal reported to be worth up to 80 million euros.

Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane, asked about Mbappe last week, said that Real were short one attacker after Morata's departure but chose his words carefully. "I am not saying we are lacking a centre forward but we are short of one attacker, that's how things are," he said. "We will see how we will manage that."

If he does arrive at Zidane's European champions the 18-year-old will be on a net annual salary of "seven million" euros, Marca said. Mbappe, under contract at Monaco until 2019, has been wooed so hard by some of Europe's top clubs that Monaco raised the red card and warned the circling predators that they could be reported to FIFA, world football's governing body. "Top European football clubs made contact with Kylian Mbappe and his entourage without our authorisation," Monaco said on their website. The club said they wanted to remind these clubs that such actions are contrary to French and international regulations. Mbappe scored six goals in 10 Champions League out-

ings and 16 in Ligue 1 as he exploded onto the scene in the second half of last season.

On Monday, Monaco lost full-back Benjamin

Mendy to Manchester City in a world record 52 million (\$8 million euros, \$67 million) deal for a defender. — AFP

### CRICKET

## KOHLI TELLS INDIA TO SHOW S LANKA WHO'S NUMBER ONE

**GALLE:** Two years ago Virat Kohli's India started a series in Sri Lanka as the team almost anyone could beat, today they take to the field in Galle as the team to beat.

India may have been nervous last time, but now Kohli says the side has come full circle with "no massive areas of concern" as they seek to strengthen their hold on number one Test nation status.

Two years ago, India had not won a series in seven attempts. They lost the opening Galle Test and it was an electro-shock. They won that series 2-1. India have since been embroiled in near chaos off the field-the governing body put under Supreme Court administration and a coach forced out by clashes with the captain-but near domination in competition: 13 Tests played, 10 won, two drawn and just one defeat. Kohli said yesterday that he wants a definitive end to the drama over the departure of Anil Kumble as coach and a winning start to the new era with Ravi Shastri. "We have spoken enough about these issues and it is something that we are not focusing on at all now," the skipper Kohli said.

"We are just looking forward to the cricket now and in this series to showcase our skills and have consistent performances, which we have had as a side ever since we started our climb back in the rankings."

Kohli said Sri Lanka can expect a different start and that India can dominate Tests for

years to come. They are expected to defend their top Test ranking in South Africa, England and Australia in the next year.

"It's pretty different sitting here two years after that particular series," Kohli said of the last Sri Lanka games. Those Tests were "very important in us coming together as a team in believing that we can win a series and not just matches. So that was the beginning of that mindset." The captain added: "I think we have built a really good base for us as a team to be able to do that consistently over the next few years. "We are pretty humble in our preparations and do the hard yards every game that we play. "We have all bases covered strongly." India have ruled opening batsman Lokesh Rahul out of the first Test with a viral fever. Kohli said there would be no experiments with the opening lineup, which means Shikhar Dhawan and Abhinav Mukund should start the batting.

"I don't think there are any massive areas of concern for us," Kohli said. "We've been looking to fine-tune smaller areas during the course of the game, which probably people might not be able to pick up." Kohli said the onus was on the Indian players to "put us into a position where we can't lose."

"We have been able to put ourselves in a position in games, 80-85 percent of the games, where there's only one winner left. "That's the kind of sustained pressure that we've been able to build." — AFP



**GALLE:** Sri Lankan cricketers Suranga Lakmal (L) play football as teammate Nuwan Pradeep (R) looks on during a practice session at Galle International Cricket Stadium in Galle yesterday. India will play three Tests, five one-day internationals and a Twenty20 game in Sri Lanka. The first Test starts today in Galle. — AFP



**AMSTERDAM:** A visitor stands in silence next to items placed by the hospital where the Ajax midfielder Abdelhak Nouri receives treatments in Amsterdam on Sunday. — AFP



# Sports

White Sox end  
9-game slide with  
win over Cubs



Real Madrid clinch  
world record  
deal for Mbappe



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## INJURED RUTHERFORD TO MISS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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BUDAPEST: US Katie Ledecky celebrates on the podium after the women's 1500m freestyle final during the swimming competition at the 2017 FINA World Championships in Budapest, yesterday. (Inset) (R-L) Russia's Aleksandr Krasnykh, China's Sun Yang and US Townley Haas celebrate on the podium after the men's 200m freestyle final during the swimming competition at the 2017 FINA World Championships in Budapest, yesterday. — AFP

# LEDECKY WINS HISTORIC 12TH WORLD GOLD

## SUN POWERS TO 200M FREESTYLE WORLD GOLD

**BUDAPEST:** Katie Ledecky of the United States made history yesterday by becoming the first woman to win 12 world swimming championship gold medals with victory in the 1500m freestyle. Ledecky, 20, clocked 15 minutes, 31.82 seconds with Spain's Mireia Belmonte taking silver at a huge 19.07secs back, while Italy's Simona Quadarella earned bronze at 22.04.

Ledecky now has 12 gold medals from world championships making her the most decorated female as she passed Missy Franklin of the USA, who has 11 worlds gold medals. This was Ledecky's third gold of these championships-

from a possible six she could finish with-and she led from the start.

Earlier, Chinese superstar Sun Yang won the men's 200m freestyle gold at the world aquatics championships on Tuesday to add to his Olympic title in the same event. Sun touched the wall first in one minute 44.39 seconds with Townley Haas of the United States taking silver, at 0.65sec back, while Russia's Aleksandr Krasnykh earned bronze at 0.84.

"I paid attention to detail and followed the instructions of my coach," said Sun, who punched the water in triumph after his victory.

This was Sun's second gold of these championships after his victory in the 400m freestyle final on Sunday.

He will bid for the treble in today's 800m freestyle final-the event he has dominated for the last three world championships since 2011 in Shanghai. Sun timed his 200m race to perfection. He was fourth at the halfway point, but had caught leader and defending champion James Guy of Great Britain, who finished fifth, by the final turn and powered home to victory.

His win means the 25-year-old Sun is now the 200m freestyle champion at both the worlds and

Olympics, after his victory at the Rio de Janeiro Games last year. The freestyle expert now has nine gold medals to his name spanning four world championships. He holds a world title in each of the 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m freestyle events. Haas said he pushed through the pain barrier to grab silver.

"Last 50 metres hurt," said the 20-year-old, a gold medallist in the 4x100m relay in Budapest. "I couldn't see Sun Yang, but I could see James Guy's arms so in my head I thought 'I've got to stay ahead of him', then I put my head down and kept kicking."

Guy, the 2015 world champion, was disappointed, especially after Britain's double golds on Monday when Adam Peaty won the 100m breaststroke and Ben Proud took the 50m butterfly title. "It was very disappointing, yesterday I did it exactly the same way, I felt like I had more left to give on the last leg, especially towards the finish," said Guy.

"With my roommate (Peaty) winning gold and Ben Proud winning gold, I want to get there too, but everything happens for a reason and I have a four-year plan," he added, with an eye on the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. (See Page 13). — AFP

## NETHERLANDS, DENMARK IN WOMEN'S EURO QUARTERS

**DEVENTER:** Hosts Netherlands beat neighbours Belgium 2-1 to advance to the women's Euro quarter-finals alongside Denmark, who edged 2013 runners-up Norway 1-0 in Group A on Monday. In Tilburg, Sherida Spitse converted a penalty-her second in two games — in the 27th minute to put the Netherlands ahead after Maud Coutereels had brought down Jackie Groenen in the box.

Tessa Wullaert put Belgium level on 59 minutes with a high chip that caught out goalkeeper Sari van Veenendaal. But Lieke Martens helped the hosts keep their perfect record of three wins from as many games with a shot that was deflected by defender Heleen Jaques over keeper Justien Odeurs.

In Deventer, Denmark's Katrine Veje scored on five minutes, blasting her shot past Norwegian keeper Ingrid Hjelmseth after being set up by skipper Pernille Harder. Norway wasted a spot-kick just before half-time as Danish keeper Stina Lykke Petersen kept out Caroline Graham Hansen's shot following a foul on striker Ada Hegerberg.

Denmark finished second on six points, ahead of Belgium with three and Norway-who had advanced to the knockout stages every time since 1997 — with zero points. The Dutch were on the front foot for most of the match, with Martens firing over on 11 minutes.

Belgium, playing their first European Championship, could have levelled earlier but Janice Cayman flicked the ball just over after the break. In the closing minutes, Davina Philtjens curled a free-kick over the Dutch goal, Wullaert had a left-footed strike tipped over by Van Veenendaal and Jaques saw her header cleared off the goalline.

**'NOT ACHIEVED ANYTHING YET'**  
"We are very happy to have won the three matches, which is a result to be proud of. I

am enjoying tonight, but we will focus on Saturday tomorrow," said Martens. "We still have not achieved anything yet, but we hope we can show something good again in the quarter-final."

"We started well, put up some pressure. After that Netherlands came into the match with their qualities," said Belgium coach Ives Serneels. "We just have to take the next steps to develop women's football in our nation further on. But it was our first qualification for a final tournament and I am very proud on what we achieved." Denmark pushed for a goal from the beginning, with

Harder and Stine Larsen missing the target.

Norway gradually took over, but Guro Reiten drove her two shots over. Denmark were more dangerous, with Hjelmseth stopping shots from Sanne Troelsgaard and Frederikke Thøgersen, while Nadia Nadim fluffed a chance and was then was denied by Hjelmseth after the break. At the other end, Graham Hansen fired over and then hit the post with a cross-cum-shot five minutes from time, with Ingrid Wold's rebound turned onto the bar by Petersen.

"This was a very tough match for us," said Danish coach Nils Nielsen. "The first half was

ours and we created the chances we needed. In the second half we changed a little bit and Norway put a lot of pressure on us and maybe they should have scored but it just didn't go in for them." "We might have been a bit lucky but we were chasing the luck." Norway coach Martin Sjogren said going home without a goal scored was "pretty tough for us."

"We created chances especially in the second half but the ball wouldn't go in." "It's very disappointing that we end up with three losses. It's a tough experience but you have to learn from all experiences." —AFP



DEVENTER: Norway's goalkeeper Ingrid Hjelmseth (R) vies with Denmark's Nadia Nadim (L) during the UEFA Women's Euro 2017 football tournament match between Norway and Denmark at Stadion De Adelaarshorst in Deventer city on Monday. — AFP

## I'M STAYING AT REAL: RONALDO

**MADRID:** Ending weeks of speculation about his future, Cristiano Ronaldo has told a Spanish newspaper he is staying put at Real Madrid to plunder more silverware. "To win important trophies with my club and the personal honours last season was brilliant, to do it again would be nice," Ronaldo told the sports daily Marca yesterday in an interview from Shanghai. Ronaldo's declaration of intent to remain at the Bernabeu for the upcoming season comes despite rumours of his departure which surfaced last month in Portuguese newspaper O Globo.

Those reports were founded on his apparent feeling of abandonment by his club over his run-in with the Spanish tax authorities. Ronaldo, 32, has been summoned to appear before a judge near Madrid on July 31 to answer four counts of evading 14.7 million euros (\$16.8 million) in taxes.

The four-time Ballon d'Or winner has protested his innocence with O Globo saying he had threatened to leave Real over the investigation. Since extending his contract last November until 2021, Ronaldo is the highest paid sports star in the world with \$93 million (83m euro) in 2016-2017, according to Forbes magazine. On Saturday Real manager Zinedine Zidane assured Real supporters that the superstar striker "was on holiday and would be back with us on (August) 5". Ronaldo has been given leave to miss the club's pre-season US tour and Zidane, speaking in Los Angeles, insisted that he would be back at the club "on the fifth (of August) and I think he'll stay for the next two or three years he's got left with us."

In yesterday's Marca interview Ronaldo also looked ahead to the 2018 World Cup with European champions Portugal. "We still have to qualify but I'm hoping that Portugal can win an incredible title." — AFP



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**TOKYO:** People take a foot bath at a park in Tokyo's Roppongi district yesterday. —AP

## CUSTOMER BASE UP BY 4% TO REACH 26 MILLION CUSTOMERS



### Sheikh Saud Bin Nasser Al-Thani



Financial Highlights

- Consolidated customer base increased by 4% to reach 25.6 million at 1H 2017, compared to 24.6 million for the same period in 2016.
- Revenues for 1H 2017 stood at KD 343.8 million, compared with KD 350.8 million for the same period in 2016, representing a decrease of 2%.
- EBITDA increased 11% in 1H 2017 to KD 128.9 million, compared to EBITDA of KD 115.8 million for the same period in 2016.
- The net profit attributable to NMTC in 1H 2017 was KD 23.3 million, representing a strong growth of 21% compared with KD 19.3 million for the same period last year. Net Profit growth was supported by good performances by Ooredoo Algeria and by Ooredoo Maldives.
- The consolidated earnings per share was 46 fils compared to 38 fils per share earned for the same period last year.
- Ooredoo Maldives is proceeding with the listing of its shares on the Maldives Stock Exchange as planned. A total of 14,045,260 shares will be allocated to 8,257 applicants. This is equivalent to MVR 421.4 million (KD 8.1 million) and constitutes 9.5% of the issued paid up shares of Ooredoo Maldives. Trading of the shares is expected to start during August 2017

of 16 percent compared to KD 15.7 million for the same period in 2016. EBITDA for 1H 2017 was KD 10.4 million, an increase of 20 percent compared to an EBITDA of KWD 8.7 million for the same period in 2016.

**ATHENS:** Greece broke a three-year dry spell with a successful return to the debt markets yesterday, a symbolic victory for the beleaguered eurozone nation. It even managed to borrow at cheaper rates than in 2014, the last time it tapped the international bond market, HSBC, the lead manager for the operation, told AFP. The Greek treasury sold three billion euros (\$3.5 billion) worth of five-year bonds at a rate of 4.625 percent, said Frederic Gabizon, head of European public sector debt at HSBC. That is below the 4.95 percent in Greece's last auction of bonds in 2014, reportedly the target the Greek government had set for itself in the new offer.

Total demand for the issue came in at 6.5 billion euros, Gabizon said, making it more than

The government announced Monday it was attempting a comeback to the debt markets, which it considers a test of confidence. Greece currently has no real need to draw money from the bond markets as it recently received renewed financial support at lower rates under its international bailout that should see it through until next year. However it is a psychological milestone, demonstrating that Greece is back on the road to weaning itself off bailout aid. It is also an opportunity for Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras to shore up support for his Syriza party. —AFP

Michael Kors has struggled recently, announcing in May that it would close up to 125 stores due to weak sales. It said that Jimmy Choo is “the ideal partner” and will have its online presence bolstered as a result of the deal. Jimmy Choo CEO Pierre Dennis and Creative Director Sandra Choi will remain in their jobs.

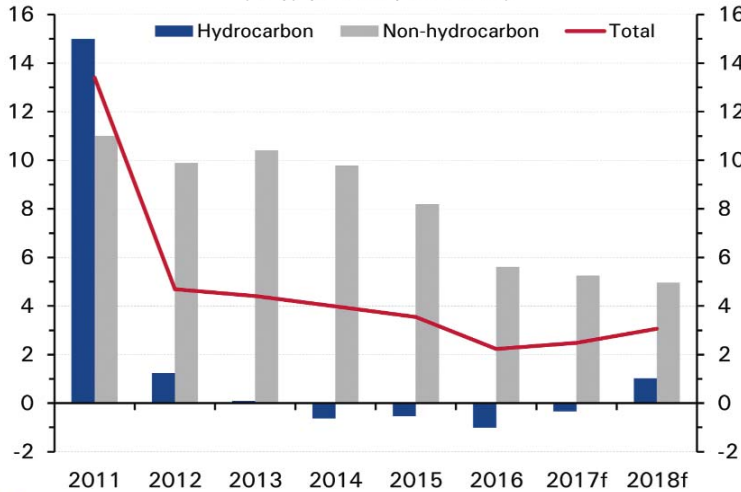
"Michael Kors intends to apply the experiences, infrastructure and capabilities that it has developed as a company over the course of its

The London-listed luxury shoemaker had put itself up for sale in April as part of a strategic review. The agreed takeover bid represented a premium of 36.5 percent on the closing share price on April 21. —Agencies



Chart 1: Real GDP growth

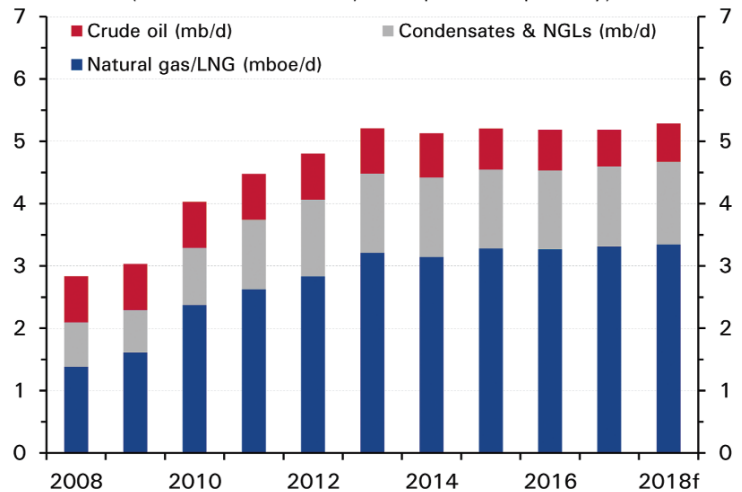
(% y/y, base year 2013)



Source: Ministry of Development Planning & Stats (MDP&S), NBK est.

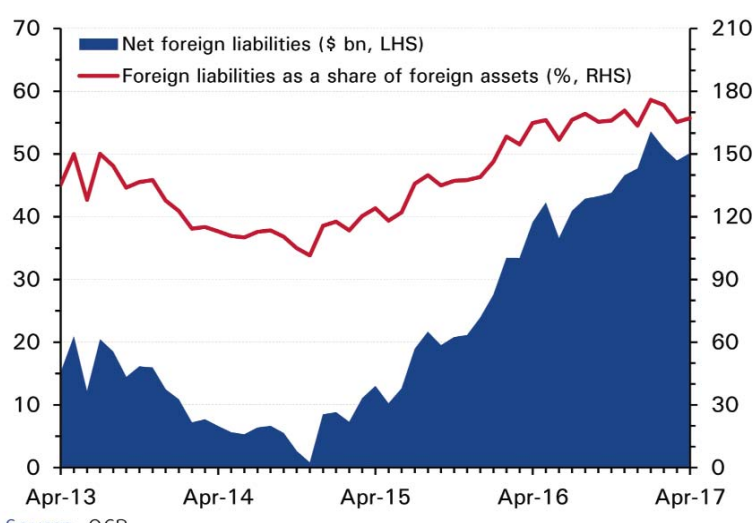
Chart 2: Oil and gas production

(million barrels of oil/oil equivalent per day)



Source: JODI, BP, OPEC, NBK estimates

Chart 10: Banks' net foreign liabilities



Source: QCB

# QATAR ECONOMIC GROWTH TO IMPROVE IN 2017

## BUT GCC DISPUTE WEIGHS ON OUTLOOK

### NBK ECONOMIC REPORT

**KUWAIT:** Qatar's economic growth moderated to 2.2 percent in 2016 from 3.5 percent in 2015 on a contraction in oil and gas output (-1 percent) and a slowdown in non-hydrocarbon sector activity (5.6 percent). In the former, maturing oil fields, maintenance of LNG facilities and delays prevented the Barzan gas processing plant from reaching full capacity and stymied potential output growth. Over in the non-hydrocarbon sector, while construction (15.4 percent y/y), financial services (7.9 percent y/y) and real estate (6.8 percent y/y) were the major contributors to growth, the economy felt the negative effects of government fiscal consolidation, tighter liquidity and private sector credit, and generally lower consumer confidence. Last year's GDP growth rate was the slowest since 2002.

Looking ahead, we expect growth to accelerate slightly this year and next to 2.5 percent and 3.1 percent, respectively, thanks to gains in LNG, natural gas and condensates output on the hydrocarbon side. Crude output is expected to average 30,000 b/d less in 2017 as per Qatar's obligations under the terms of last November's OPEC production cut agreement. Continued growth in construction, services and transportation should contribute on the non-hydrocarbon side. The government's \$200 billion public infrastructure program, which it is executing as part of its Vision 2030 diversification strategy and FIFA World Cup 2022 plan, will underpin growth in this sector, even while the government continues to keep a tight rein on current expenditures.

Of course, the recent diplomatic rift between Qatar and its neighbors, in which air, transport and even financial links have been severed or limited, does have the potential to significantly alter the equation and affect the outlook. Depending on how long the crisis lasts-two weeks and counting so far-the impact on the flow of goods and services, people and capital could be substantial, with negative repercussions for Qatari trade, tourism, labor and banking sector liquidity. These are all key components of Qatar's diversification strategy; limitations imposed on any one of these would cause headline growth to suffer. Inflation would almost certainly spike, as consumer goods and materials are rerouted, while the banking system, with its elevated share of foreign liabilities, could experience outflows and rising costs.

#### Headline inflation to ease in 2017

Inflation averaged 2.7 percent in 2016, increasing from 2015's headline figure of 1.8 percent due to price hikes which were associated with the removal of energy and utility subsidies. This also came despite a 2 percent decline in food prices that year. As of April 2017, inflation was 0.8 percent y/y, brought lower by declining rental prices (-1.3 percent y/y) and falling costs in the recreation and culture category (-2.6 percent y/y). Rent inflation, which feeds into the largest CPI contributor-the housing and utilities category-turned negative in February for the first time in 5 years. The supply of properties exceeds demand, and real estate prices, as measured by the real estate price index, were down almost 10 percent y/y in March. We expect inflation to ease to 1.5 percent in 2017 before rising to 3 percent next year

on slowly rebounding international food prices and improving economic growth. Of course, were the diplomatic dispute to drag on for several months, with the supply of food and goods entering Qatar either affected or subjected to costlier reroutes, then the impact on consumer prices could be profound.

#### Fiscal restraint to continue

Qatar recorded its second consecutive fiscal deficit in 2016, at -9 percent of GDP. Lower oil and gas revenues as a result of the oil price downturn have significantly affected the gov-

ernment's finances. In response, the authorities embarked on fiscal consolidation, cutting current expenditures through freezes in public sector pay, reductions in expatriate employees and in the number of ministries. Fuel and utility subsidies were cut, and non-essential infrastructure scaled back, as in other GCC states. This year should see further fiscal restraint, but with spending targeted to a greater extent at infrastructure projects, many of which need to be completed in time for the FIFA World Cup in 2022. The deficit is expected to narrow to -5.1 percent of GDP in 2017 and to -3.5 percent of GDP in 2018, thanks largely to an expected improvement in energy prices.

#### Debt markets

Qatar sold more than \$17 billion in bonds and sukuk in 2016, \$14.5 billion of which was raised from international investors. This included a \$9.0 billion triple-tranche USD-denominated international bond last May. Consequently, central government debt (gross) increased significantly in 2016 to 67.2 percent of GDP from 44.6 percent in 2015. Recourse to the debt markets has helped Qatar's finances and injected much-needed liquidity into the banking system.

Increasing debt issuance has not stemmed the decline in the country's international reserves, however, which fell to \$34.4 billion in April, a y/y decline of 3.6 percent. April's figure also represents a fall of \$11.6 billion, or 25 percent, from the country's all-time high reserve level of \$46 billion in November 2014. Import cover is still around 6.6 months, however, which is more than twice the 3 months recommended

Table: Key economic indicators

		2015	2016	2017f	2018f
Nominal GDP	\$ bn	164.6	152.4	169.9	183.9
Real GDP	% y/y	3.5	2.2	2.5	3.1
- Oil	% y/y	-0.5	-1.0	-0.3	1.0
- Non-oil	% y/y	8.2	5.6	5.3	5.0
Consumer price inflation	% y/y	1.8	2.7	1.5	3.0
Budget balance	% GDP	-1.9	-9.0	-5.1	-3.5

Source: Official sources, NBK estimates

### Overview and outlook

- Growth is expected to pick up to 2.5% in 2017 from 2.2% in 2016 on higher oil and gas output and further expansion in the construction, financial services and transportation sectors.
- A second consecutive, albeit narrowing, fiscal deficit is expected in 2017 (-5.1% of GDP), amid fiscal restraint and higher oil/gas revenues.
- Public debt reached 67% of GDP in 2016 as the government ramped up bond issuance and expanded its demand for credit.
- Private sector credit growth remains weak at 5% y/y in April.
- Liquidity has improved with higher energy prices and bond issuance; bank deposit growth is outpacing credit growth.
- The banking system is highly exposed to foreign funds (38% of total liabilities), a key concern in the current diplomatic crisis.
- Borrowing costs are up, CDS spreads have widened, equities are down.
- The currency is under pressure in the forwards market, but no de-peg.

by the IMF for fixed exchange-rate regimes.

#### Credit growth

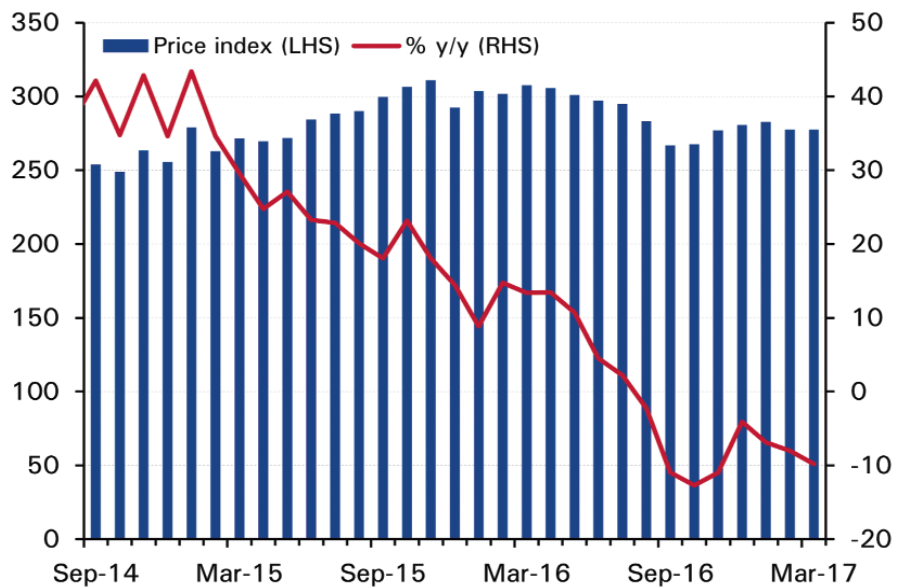
In 2016, total credit growth rebounded from the single digit lows of early 2015 to come in at a robust 12.1 percent, driven by public sector lending. By the end of April, credit growth was ranging around 9 percent y/y, with public and private sector lending growth at 15.9 percent y/y and 5.1 percent y/y, respectively. Private credit growth is below where it needs to be to get the private sector fully engaged in the country's development plan. Real estate lending is especially lackluster, while demand from industry, contractors and retail consumers remains soft.

#### Deposit growth

Meanwhile, the banking system has witnessed double-digit deposit growth since last December as oil prices firmed over that period. Total deposits rose by 16.4 percent y/y by the end of April. Both public and private sector deposits have led the way, rising by 0.3 percent y/y and 12.1 percent y/y, respectively. Meanwhile, non-resident deposits, though still increasing at the rate of 56 percent y/y, are not doubling as they were last year.

The improvement in liquidity is reflected in the banking sector's loan-to-deposit ratio (LDR), which has fallen since the start of the year as deposit growth has outpaced credit growth. As of April, it stood at 111.6 percent, having been as high as 119.9 percent in February 2016. The decline in government deposits (-11.1 percent) last year and anemic private deposit growth (0.9 percent) hastened commercial banks

Chart 4: Real estate price index



Source: Ministry of Justice (MOJ), Qatar Central Bank (QCB)

## EXCHANGE RATES

### AL-MUZAINI EXCHANGE CO.

#### ASIAN COUNTRIES

Japanese Yen	2.706
Indian Rupees	4.713
Pakistani Rupees	2.887
Sri Lankan Rupees	1.971
Nepali Rupees	2.953
Singapore Dollar	228.800
Hongkong Dollar	38.886
Bangladesh Taka	3.731
Philippine Peso	5.978
Thai Baht	9.052

#### GCC COUNTRIES

Saudi Riyal	80.974
Qatari Riyal	83.400
Omani Riyal	788.591
Bahraini Dinar	806.300
UAE Dirham	82.673

#### ARAB COUNTRIES

Egyptian Pound - Cash	21.100
Egyptian Pound - Transfer	16.830
Yemen Riyal/for 1000	1.219
Tunisian Dinar	125.910
Jordanian Dinar	428.480
Lebanese Lira/for 1000	2.023
Syrian Lira	2.164
Morocco Dirham	32.111

#### EUROPEAN & AMERICAN COUNTRIES

US Dollar Transfer	303.450
Euro	351.400
Sterling Pound	399.190
Canadian dollar	241.120
Turkish lira	86.640

Swiss Franc	317.920
Australian Dollar	241.090
US Dollar Buying	302.250

#### GOLD

20 Gram	249.070
10 Gram	127.450
5 Gram	64.570

### DOLLARCO EXCHANGE CO. LTD

#### Rate for Transfr

US Dollar	303.100
Canadian Dollar	240.555
Sterling Pound	395.155
Euro	354.530
Swiss Frank	289.630
Bahrain Dinar	803.920
UAE Dirhams	82.920
Qatari Riyals	84.135
Saudi Riyals	81.720
Jordanian Dinar	427.420
Egyptian Pound	16.954
Sri Lankan Rupees	1.972
Indian Rupees	4.715
Pakistani Rupees	2.877
Bangladesh Taka	3.746
Philippines Peso	5.976
Cyprus pound	167.275
Japanese Yen	3.710
Syrian Pound	2.415
Nepalese Rupees	2.950
Malaysian Ringgit	71.725

#### Selling Rate

US Dollar	303.100
Canadian Dollar	240.555
Sterling Pound	395.155
Euro	354.530
Swiss Frank	289.630
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Malaysian Ringgit	71.725

Chinese Yuan Renminbi	45.280
Thai Bhat	10.050
Turkish Lira	86.255

### BAHRAIN EXCHANGE COMPANY WLL

#### CURRENCY

British Pound	0.387459
Czech Koruna	0.005538
Danish Krone	0.043446
Euro	0.347875
Norwegian Krone	0.033607
Romanian Leu	0.077119
Slovakia	0.009034
Swedish Krona	0.032707
Swiss Franc	0.313455
Turkish Lira	0.080695

#### BUY

Europe	0.397459
Australasia	0.231603
America	0.236097
Asia	0.003385

#### SELL

Europe	0.017538
Australasia	0.243603
America	0.245097
Asia	0.003969

Indian Rupee	0.004240	0.004928
Indonesian Rupiah	0.000018	0.000024
Japanese Yen	0.002643	0.002823
Kenyan Shilling	0.002910	0.002910
Korean Won	0.000261	0.000276
Malaysian Ringgit	0.067466	0.073466
Nepalese Rupee	0.002978	0.003148
Pakistan Rupee	0.002657	0.002947
Philippine Peso	0.005906	0.006206
Sierra Leone	0.000037	0.000043
Singapore Dollar	0.216994	0.226994
South African Rand	0.017448	0.025948
Sri Lankan Rupee	0.001599	0.002179
Taiwan	0.009851	0.010031
Thai Baht	0.008692	0.009242

Bahraini Dinar	0.796613	0.805113
Egyptian Pound	0.015129	0.021037
Iranian Riyal	0.000084	0.000085
Iraqi Dinar	0.000190	0.000250
Jordanian Dinar	0.422755	0.431755
Kuwaiti Dinar	1.000000	1.000000
Lebanese Pound	0.000150	0.000250
Moroccan Dirhams	0.019654	0.043654
Nigerian Naira	0.000390	0.001025
Omani Riyal	0.780593	0.786273
Qatar Riyal	0.078937	0.083877
Saudi Riyal	0.079713	0.081013
Syrian Pound	0.001284	0.001504
Tunisian Dinar	0.122284	0.130284
Turkish Lira	0.080695	0.090995
UAE Dirhams	0.081071	0.082771
Yemeni Riyal	0.000985	0.001065



# GLOBAL GROWTH STEADY, GCC REMAINS RESILIENT

## KAMCO REPORT ON IMF WORLD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

**KUWAIT:** Global growth forecasts left unchanged from April-17 expectations: IMF left its global growth estimates for 2017 and 2018 unchanged at 3.5 percent and 3.6 percent respectively, in its World Economic Outlook (WEO) update released in July 2017. However, contribution to global growth from constituents at the country level was different, as US growth was brought down to 2.1 percent for both 2017 (-20bps) and 2018 (-40bps), while Japan and Euro Area growth were pushed up. Emerging Economies growth in 2017 higher than Apr-17 expectations: Regionally, the growth of Advanced Economies was kept stable in 2017, but was lowered by 10 bps for 2018 (1.9 percent).

The downgrade was driven by negative revisions in US growth, despite positive revision in Euro countries such as France, Germany, Italy and Spain, where Q1-17 growth surprised positively. Emerging Economies continued to see positive revisions in growth, as 2017 growth (4.6 percent) was revised higher driven by growth of commodity importers, while early signs of improvement are starting to emerge as well from large commodity exporters. Saudi Arabia's growth slashed by 160 bps for 2017: Saudi Arabia's Real GDP growth for 2017 and 2018 are projected to be lower at 0.1 percent (-30bps) and 1.1 percent (-20 bps) respectively, than earlier expected. These downward revisions were mainly

ascribed to the expected impact of lower oil production, following the agreement to extend production cuts until Mar-2018, as agreed in the OPEC meet earlier in 2017.

Oil production cuts, firming global growth should keep GCC fiscal initiatives going: Despite the IMF reiterating that global growth is stabilizing, oversupply concerns in oil markets and oil inventory overhang have led to oil prices dropping below \$ 50/b. For GCC countries, lower prices and production cuts should be counterproductive to oil-GDP forecasts, which should witness downward revisions similar to Saudi Arabia, if oil prices do not recover. Nevertheless, KAMCO Research believes that more firming of global growth would stabilize oil prices and the current backdrop of low oil prices and stable global growth should further set the precedent for further fiscal and revenue consolidation measures for GCC countries.

### Non-oil economy in GCC

IMF forecasts average oil prices to increase by \$9.1/b in 2017, from an average of \$42.8/b achieved over 2016 to \$51.9/b. Further, a marginal increase to \$52.0/b is forecasted for 2018. The recent agreement in May-17 to extend production cuts until Mar-18 should result in lower oil revenues for GCC countries for 2017. Nevertheless, there has been improvements seen in the non-oil sectors of Saudi

Arabia and UAE with PMI numbers published by Emirates NBD showing sharp increases in output and other indicators. KAMCO Research expects this trend to continue if global growth is expected to stabilize further, as policy initiatives should lead to more improvement in key indicators relating to the non-oil economy.

The incremental impact of newer challenges seem to be diminishing in our view, as the regions seems focused on fiscal consolidation and bolstering revenue side initiatives. US growth was revised down from 2.3 percent to 2.1 percent in 2017, while 2018 growth was revised down more from 2.5 percent to 2.1 percent, which pulled down GDP of Advanced Economies by 0.1 percent. US growth for 2017 was reduced primarily due to a weak Q1-17, while the revision for 2018 was mostly ascribed to the expectation of a less expansionary fiscal policy. UK growth was also brought down for 2017 by 30 bps to 1.7 percent, due to weaker than expected economic activity in Q1-17. On the other hand, Euro area growth picked up the slack in growth, and estimates was pushed up both for 2017 (+20bps) and 2018 (+10bps). Key drivers for the upgrade are, stronger momentum in domestic demand and positive growth revisions to high frequency indicators for Q2-17, as per the IMF. Japan is also expected to grow faster than prior expectations, as private con-

sumption, investment, and exports drove Q1-17 growth and similar indicators look promising for Q2-17 as well. CPI forecasts for Advanced Economies were revised lower by 10bps each for 2017 and 2018 and are slightly under 2 percent per annum.

### Mixed revision in forecasts

Emerging and developing economies are forecasted to see a sustained growth in activity, with GDP growth rising to 4.6 percent in 2017 (+10bps) and 4.8 percent in 2018. India and China continue to dominate as the fastest growing large economies in the region.

China's GDP growth was revised upwards by 10bps and 20bps respectively to average 6.7 percent per annum over 2017 and 2018. The upgrade reflects stronger than expected growth that came in Q1-17 underpinned by previous policy easing and supply-side reforms, as per the IMF. In Emerging and Developing Europe, growth is forecasted to be faster in 2017 (+50 bps), driven by higher growth from Turkey, where exports recovered strongly in Q4-16 and Q1-17. IMF expects external demand to be stronger with improved prospects for Euro area trading partners. MENAP (Middle East, North Africa and Pakistan) growth was retained for 2017, but brought down by 10 bps for 2018, likely due to the reduction in growth of Saudi Arabia for the year, and risks of lower oil prices on the GCC region.

## ETIHAD INTRODUCES BOEING 787 BETWEEN ABU DHABI, BEIRUT

**ABU DHABI:** Etihad Airways yesterday introduced the Boeing 787-9 on its scheduled daily service from Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), to Beirut, Lebanon.

The new 787 Dreamliner service replaces the Airbus A321 aircraft previously operating the airline's EY535/EY538 flights to and from the Lebanese capital. The Boeing 787-9 features Etihad Airways' next-generation Business and Economy Class cabins and is configured with 299 seats - 28 Business Studios and 271 Economy Smart Seats.

Mohammad Al-Bulooki, Etihad Airways Executive Vice President Commercial, said: "Beirut was the first international destination served by Etihad Airways in 2003 and it is fitting that we introduce the state-of-the-art 787 Dreamliner to this key market today. "The new two-class 787-9 provides an increase of 125 seats per flight, with 4,186 weekly seats now offered in both directions. This reflects the strong demand to Lebanon from Abu Dhabi and the entire UAE, where a large Lebanese expatriate community resides.

"Additionally, a significant proportion of our customers travelling to Lebanon originate in Australia, home to a consider-

able Lebanese Australian community, with the vast majority based in the Sydney area. They can now enjoy an upgraded, seamless flying experience, connecting from A380 services via Abu Dhabi onto 787 Dreamliners onwards to Beirut."

The Boeing 787 is the backbone of Etihad Airways' modern fleet of aircraft, boasting innovative, award-winning cabin designs and products, complemented by the airline's acclaimed service and hospitality offering, which on Beirut flights now includes a Norland approved Flying Nanny in Economy Class to provide extra specialised care for families with young children. The Business Studios offer direct aisle access, a fully-flat bed of up to 80.5 inches in length, and an increase of 20 per cent in personal space. Upholstered in fine Poltrona Frau Leather, the Business Studio is equipped with an in-seat massage and pneumatic cushion control system which enables guests to adjust the firmness and comfort of their seat. Each Business Studio has an 18-inch personal touch-screen TV with noise-cancelling headphones. Guests can also enjoy mobile connectivity, onboard Wi-Fi and seven satellite channels of live TV.

# NISSAN 'KICKS' 2018 IS NOW AVAILABLE WITH A NEW VARIANT

**KUWAIT:** Abdulmohsen Abdulaziz Al-Babtain Company (AABC), the sole authorized dealer of Nissan vehicles in the State of Kuwait, is excited to announce that the 2018 edition of the New Nissan KICKS compact crossover is now available in its showrooms, with an incredibly affordable price starting from KD 4,950 only.

Nissan KICKS is compatible to all the driving conditions with its robust exterior and elevated driving position, with its compact dimensions and fuel efficiency, thanks to its engine developed capacity of 1.6 liters along with lightweight and plenty of cargo space measuring 432 litres to combine driving comfort and savings for all groups.

Furthermore, the 2018 edition comes with increased flexibility and price options, satisfying all customer segments. Nissan KICKS meets the needs of car-buyers in the city due to its innovative, stylish and practical design as a compact crossover vehicle. Nissan KICKS has a high driving seat position with small dimensions to

ensure smooth performance and better maneuverability. The exterior structure has a dynamic aerodynamic design that contributes to fuel economy and reduces noise. Nissan Kicks is also one of the first models to embody the concept of Nissan Intelligent Mobility in which it has been unveiled at the "Geneva Motor Show 2016". Using four cameras, placed at the front and rear of the car and in both door mirrors, AVM creates a bird's eye 360-degree view of the car which can be displayed on the central monitor and used as a parking aid. When the MOD system detects a moving object - a pedestrian, for example - a warning is sounded to alert the driver to the hazard and prevent a potential accident.

Technology-loving KICKS owners will relish the convenience and simplicity of the suite of systems that are accessible via the centrally mounted 7-inch colour touchscreen. These functions include navigation, audio, and Bluetooth phone connections. Complementing the touchscreen, and



ideally located in front of the driver, a further screen in the main cluster of dials relays information from the on-board drive computer, audio system and navigation systems, as well as displaying warnings. Vehicle settings can be easily adjusted using the four-way selector on the steering wheel.

Active Trace Control is an innovation that intervenes during driving through corners to ensure the intended trajectory is maintained by discreetly applying brakes to wheels individually. This has the effect of preventing a sudden loss of grip or stability.

Underlining the car's crossover stance and inherent strength is its generous ground clearance (200mm), which helps provide a commanding driving position and a high eye point for excellent all round visibility.

Nissan KICKS has class-leading fuel efficiency thanks to its advanced 1.6-liter engine and lightweight platform. Power is rated at 88kW (118HP) and torque of 149Nm with cargo space of 432 liters. For more information about the 2018 edition of the New Nissan KICKS, you can visit Nissan Al-Babtain showroom in Al-Rai and Ahmadi.

# GULF LUBRICANTS - AL MULLA MOTORS LAUNCHED "GULF GOLDEN STARZ"

## Promotion Campaign for Kuwait market



**G**ulf Oil Middle East Limited launched another mega promotional campaign to its customers "GULF GOLDEN STARZ" through their exclusive Distributor Al Mulla Motors, on 05.07.2017 at Crown Plaza, Farwaniya.

During this prestigious event, Along with Al Mulla Motors team, all the top officials of Gulf Oil International Limited including their global CEO Mr Frank Rutten, Gulf Oil Middle east team, Mr

Venkatraman - Vice president, Mr Agarwal - CFO, Mr Rangaraj - DGM - Sales, Mr Shibi Thomas - Marketing Executive, were present to launch this promotion.

Along with this Promotional Launch, GULF LUBRICANTS also introduced their new product line 20W/50 CH4 Diesel Application Product, which is highly demanded by Kuwait Diesel Customers for long time. With this new product, Gulf Oil, strengthened their product portfolio

once again covering all spectrums of lubricant demands in Kuwait Market.

During Press meet, Gulf Oil Lubricants has announced and handed over THE BEST DISTRIBUTOR AWARD 2016 FOR GCC, to Al Mulla motors for their contribution in expanding sales and product range with many new product additions in Kuwait market. This award was presented to Mr Hisham Lakh, Divisional General Manager - Automotive, Along with Mr



Aboobacker, General Manager - After sales, by Mr Frank Rutten, Global CEO. Event has participation of all their Customers and accompanied by a sprawling Dinner for all guests.

Gulf Oil Middle East and Almulla Motors, has reaffirmed their commitment to deliver world class products and customer focused lubricant solutions and services continuously and create more customers in future with their long term association.





## FED AND TRUMP KEEP DOLLAR GLUM, EUROPE UP

**LONDON:** The dollar sat at a more-than-one-year low while stocks climbed yesterday as investors bet that subdued US inflation and strains in Washington would limit Federal Reserve interest rate moves for the rest of the year.

The Fed starts a two-day meeting later in the day to discuss its monetary stance and the timing of its long-awaited balance sheet reduction, a plan most likely to be detailed in September.

There is a growing sense that it will want to tread carefully, and markets were reflecting that.

They were also boosted by "euphoric" German economic data and Greece's first return to capital markets since 2014. With US, stock markets set to begin the day at or near their all-time highs, volatility was in deep hibernation with the so called "fear gauge"-the VIX index-at a 24-year low and only lower twice in its 25-year history.

Google parent Alphabet was down 2.5 percent in premarket trading, after the tech giant flagged up rising costs but the broader market was feeding off a stronger Europe.

Strength among commodity firms and banking stocks, as well as a string of solid corporate results, boosted bourses as the euro, the pound and main Scandinavian currencies took advantage of the soft dollar. The US currency was stuck at its lowest since June 2016 after a near 4 percent drop over the last month and more than 8 percent fall this year.

"We may see some consolidation here from the dollar but fundamentally our bearish view on it remains," UniCredit Global Head of FX Strategy Vasileios Gkionakis said.

"What the Fed says tomorrow is the million dollar question... but the risk is that they sound a bit more cautious after the fourth consecutive downside surprise in inflation."

Against the yen, the dollar did manage to put up a bit of fight, edging up to 111.380 yen having slipped as low as 110.625 yen - its lowest since mid-June - the previous day.

The yen had yielded as two new Bank of Japan policymakers said it would be premature to even talk about ending its massive monetary stimulus. Analysts see the dollar under 110 yen though, if the Fed shows any serious concern this week. The political troubles of President Donald Trump's White House continue to mount too, with investigations into his pre-election links to Russia deepening.

Trump blasted the probes again in a pair of early morning tweets aimed at his attorney general. There is also growing anxiety about the United States hitting another debt ceiling in October with few options to potentially offset that. The debt ceiling issue has started to cause problems at Treasury bill auctions and the three-month T-bill yield rose above the 6-month equivalent late Monday to account for the outside risk of a technical default.

## EURO-PHORIC

The euro got a boost early on as German business morale hit a new high, with firms "euphoric" according to the Munich-based Ifo economic institute that compiles the data from 7,000 of them in Europe's largest economy. "Hardly anything seems to be able to hit the German economy," Ifo economist Klaus Wohlrabe added, saying with reference to the

euro's recent sharp rise that German business was experienced in managing the impact of exchange rate moves.

The IMF also was expected to give an upbeat eurozone report later. Greek government borrowing costs hovered near their lowest level since 2010, meanwhile, as the country sold its first longer-dated bond in three years at 4.625 pct. Some five years since European Central Bank Mario Draghi pledged to do "whatever it takes" to preserve the euro, the debt sale by Greece was the clearest sign yet of the bloc's recovery from its crippling debt crisis.

It spurred demand for other low-rated debt, with bonds of Portugal and Spain outperforming those in powerhouse Germany and the gap between Italian and German 10-year yields dropping to its smallest since December 2016.

"Confidence in Greece is really coming back, but we need to continue the good work. We need to be on the bicycle, and to keep on pedalling," Europe's economics commissioner, Pierre Moscovici, said.

In commodities, oil prices extended their recovery on a pledge by leading OPEC producer Saudi Arabia to cut exports in August to help reduce the global crude glut. Halliburton Co's executive chairman also said the US shale drilling boom would probably ease next year. US crude jumped 1.6 percent to \$47 a barrel, after closing up 1.25 percent on Monday. Global benchmark Brent added 1.55 percent to \$49.35, extending Monday's 1.1 percent rise. The rise in risk appetite stalled gold, with the precious metal dipping almost 0.3 percent, or 5 cents, to \$1,250 an ounce. — Reuters

Daily Kuwait Stock Exchange Report							Global	
Tuesday 25 July 2017								
Index	Change	Closing	Last Closing					
Price Index	▲ 13.36	6,632.33	6,622.18					
Weighted Index	▲ 3.21	417.03	413.82					
KBX 16	▲ 5.67	953.00	943.53					
Trades								
Security	High	Low	Volume	Value (KD)	Trades	Last	Change	
IPG	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	330	—	0.0
NAPESCO	1.666	1.660	2,960	4,673	7	1,666	▲	6.0
ENERGYH	39.6	37.0	73,701	2,940	11	38.0	▼	-1.7
GPI	43.3	42.0	2,625,012	136,538	86	42.7	—	0.0
ABAR	91	88	11,750	1,066	16	88	▼	-1.0
Oil & Gas			2,622,453	117,288	102	1066.60	▲	0.40
KFCUC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	289	—	0.0
EPCO	550	550	71,000	35,006	16	550	▲	10.0
ALKOUT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	590	—	0.0
ALDUBAN	350	347	436,143	152,245	23	348	▼	-2.0
Basic Materials			807,143	192,240	38	1260.85	▲	2.10
KCEM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	445	—	0.0
CABLE	430	426	103,500	44,303	12	426	▼	-10.0
SH-P	205	204	75,361	15,624	12	205	—	0.0
PCFM	970	970	5	5	1	970	▲	48.0
FAPER	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	295	—	0.0
MIRC	120	100	58	7	3	119	▲	11.0
ACICO	270	270	250	68	1	270	—	0.0
HCS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	208	—	0.0
KBMVC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	136	—	0.0
NICBM	175	170	69,000	11,978	7	175	—	0.0
EQUIPMENT	51	49.5	306,000	15,118	13	50	▲	0.1
NCCI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	98	—	0.0
GYPSCUM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	95	—	0.0
SALBDOCH	68	60	136,827	3,233	4	61	▼	-3.0
AGLTY	840	842	473,661	436,633	63	847	▼	-2.0
EDU	337	330	69,558	22,176	13	337	▲	2.0
CLEANING	61	48.5	3,666	456	2	61	—	0.0
KGL	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	60	—	0.0
KCPG	155	155	3,000	775	1	155	—	0.0
HUMANISOFT	4,400	4,360	69,800	396,530	27	4,360	▼	-63.0
NAPAS	155	155	200	39	1	155	▲	21.0
GFC	80	75	3,000	362	4	80	▲	4.0
MAYADEEN	28.7	27.4	166,903	4,562	16	28.7	▲	0.2
CGC	552	550	18,791	10,663	11	552	▲	3.0
MTCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	56	—	0.0
UPAC	770	850	1,157	862	2	770	▼	-9.0
ALAFOD	350	340	296,413	97,517	31	348	▲	5.0
MUBARRAD	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	77	—	0.0
LOGISTICS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	61	—	0.0
SCFM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	84	—	0.0
GCIM	76	76	836,000	64,601	12	76	—	0.0
QIC	78	78	1,168	91	1	78	—	0.0
PCFM	82	81	3,300	454	3	81	▲	3.5
RKWC	86	89	1,400	125	1	89	▲	6.0
SPEC	101	92	1,247,476	117,737	86	92	▼	-1.6
Industrials			3,905,722	1,202,966	329	1916.99	▲	4.40
FAPCO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	100	—	0.0
CATIL	240	219	344,432	75,748	7	220	▲	1.0
DANAH	74	73	216,500	15,426	15	74	▼	-0.5
FCOD	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	2,108	—	0.0
Consumer Goods			654,632	91,173	22	1620.63	▼	-0.90
MHC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	400	—	0
ATC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,108	—	0
YIACO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	180	—	0
Health Care			0	0	0	1616.67	—	0.03
KICN	1,350	1,350	500	673	1	1,350	▼	-60
KHOT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	250	—	0
RIJ-TAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	67	—	0
CABLETV	28.9	27.5	106,909	3,053	5	28.5	▲	1
EYAS	830	810	3,661	2,982	3	830	—	0
IFAIR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	285	—	0
OUJAFUEL	124	122	134,976	154,178	56	123	—	0
MUNTAZAH	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	78	—	0
JAZZERA	468	470	79,004	37,143	11	498	▼	-1
SOOR	124	123	136,016	23,258	24	124	▲	1
FUTUREXO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	106	—	0
ALRAI	122	122	20,000	2,440	3	122	▲	1
Jiyad	64	62	147,671	7,090	16	64	▲	2
Mazzan	910	906	258,654	235,024	22	906	▼	-4
Consumer Services			2,148,480	476,433	139	1632.27	▼	-1.90
ZAIN	456	441	4,467,076	2,091,329	153	466	▲	11
OOREDOO	1,150	1,152	2,675	3,085	5	1,152	▼	-8
HITTELECO	43.9	43.0	854,196	35,701	31	43.5	▲	1
VNA	805	800	32,664	24,666	46	805	▼	-10
Telecommunications			6,314,604	2,664,771	236	908.16	▲	0.33
NBK	708	809	3,914,380	2,742,044	112	700	▲	1
GBK	245	241	1,627,096	256,444	56	244	▲	2
CBK	348	327	1,235,243	416,934	48	348	▲	18
ABK	320	320	157,000	50,246	3	320	—	0
ALMUTAHED	415	410	19,657	8,130	10	415	▲	6
KIB	246	243	1,192,136	231,029	56	244	—	0
EURG	372	358	1,887,871	692,501	55	367	▲	12
KFIN	551	542	10,838,670	5,527,345	431	549	▲	8
BOUBRYAN	414	410	2,185,735	901,014	82	413	▲	3
ALB	229	216	9,645,611	2,125,236	216	220	▲	4
FINMAR	45.4	44.5	1,414,320	63,426	44	45.0	▼	0
MARABANK	254	262	756,527	139,017	138	264	▼	-1
Banks			34,247,786	13,665,212	1,224	355.44	▲	10.36
KINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	260	—	0
GHIS	600	600	12,500	9,300	1	600	▲	90.0
AIRS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	430	—	0.0
WINS	78	78	72	8	1	78	▼	-1.1
KUWATRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	186	—	0.0
FTI	56	48.0	1,585	75	4	56	—	0.0
WETHAQ	46.0	46.0	90	4	1	46.0	▲	1.0
EKIRYT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	395	—	0.0
Insurance			12,217	5,385	7	1011.89	▲	29.50
Trades								
Security	High	Low	Volume	Value (KD)	Trades	Last	Change	
SOKOUK	47.9	47.3	230,988	11,038	9	47.7	▼	-0.1
KRE	59	53	2,015,690	116,032	43	59	▲	0.7
URC	85	82	3,072	258	4	88	▲	0.2
NRE	128	126	2,537,005	372,222	21	128	—	0.0
SRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	385	—	0.0
TAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	410	—	0.0
ARECO	150	137	278,577	36,690	21	142	▼	-18.0
MASSALEH	43.9	40.1	55,723	2,355	3	43.9	▼	-0.9
ARABRED	34.7	34.1	400,150	13,696	16	34.6	▲	0.1
ERESCO	40.5	40.0	1,067,152	42,835	43	40.6	▲	0.5
MABANEE	790	755	3,043	2,408	5	790	▲	10.0
INJAZZAT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	50	—	0.0
INVESTORS	24.5	24.1	2,861,790	66,556	58	24.2	▼	-0.1
IRC	31.5	31.0	242,500	7,613	7	31.5	▲	0.2
ALTUARIA	79	77	778,631	60,631	30	79	▲	1.9
SANAM	42.0	39.0	22,031	780	2	42.0	▲	6.2
AYANRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	56	—	0.0
ADAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	71	—	0.0
ALAGARA	41.0	39.0	573,632	23,047	23	41.0	▲	2.4
MAZAYA	119	116	816,652	95,996	24	118	▲	2.0
THEMAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	70	—	0.0
TLARA	80	57	90,010	5,141	9	57	▼	-4.8
TAMMEER	36.9	35.1	1,325,970	47,456	46	36.0	—	0.0
ARKAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	85	—	0.0
ARJAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	170	—	0.0
ABYAR	25.0	24.3	6,539,585	171,155	131	24.7	▲	0.3
MUNSHAAIT	55	54	213,630	11,696	10	56	▲	0.5
FIRSTDUBAI	52	50	121,425	5,124	14	51	▼	-0.1
KBT	51	49.5	1,310,278	65,496	61	50	▲	0.8
REAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	284	—	0.0
MENA	23.5	22.5	3,164,682	75,258	60	23.3	▲	0.6
ALMUDON	39.6	38.5	235,430	8,032	10	39.1	▼	-0.1
MARAKEZ	43.5	43.5	100	4	1	43.6	—	0.0
REVAL	72	70	126,600	8,946	10	72	▲	2.0
AWJ	79	77	5,002	396	2	79	▼	-1.0
Real Estate			25,791,159	1,287,079	663	961.00	▲	0.90
KINV	93	93	131,000	9,423	5	93	▲	0.3
FACIL	178	176	637,300	112,876	21	177	—	0.0
IFA	36.9	35.2	2,159,796	77,233	66	36.0	▲	1.7
KNV	110	108	758,217	84,316	39	110	▲	1.0
KPROJ	360	376	11,436	4,325	4	376	▼	-5.0
COAST	42.9	42.0	291,120	12,325	10	42.1	▲	0.5
SECH	45.6	44.5	926,600	41,834	29	44.6	▼	-0.6
ARZAN	37.9	35.5	50,300	1,785	4	37.6	▲	0.1
MARNAZ	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	109	—	0.0
KMEFC	29.0	28.0	12,400	351	3	28.0	▲	1.0
ALAMAR	46.9	46.9	500	23	1	46.9	▲	4.4
ALOLA	47.7	47.0	1,000,190	47,121	22	47.0	▼	-0.6
ALMAL	18.4	17.9	4,817,400	87,550	66	18.1	▼	-0.1
GIH	36.1	35.7						



## HUAWEI RANKED 83 IN TOP 100 OF THE LATEST FORTUNE 500 LIST

**KUWAIT:** In this year's Fortune 500 that came out in the evening of July 20th, HUAWEI climbed up the list to the 83rd place from the 129th of last year with a revenue of \$78.51 billion, making the top global 100 for the first time.

The Fortune 500 list has always been the most prestigious and acknowledged list that ranks large companies all over the world, known as the "ultimate list", released every year by the Fortune magazine. The Fortune 500 list ranks the companies

according to their revenue and profit, focusing more on the size of the companies compared with other lists. The Fortune 500 rankings have become an important indicator that renowned companies use to measure their own strengths, size and international competitiveness, a parameter of global economy that transcends beyond borders, nationality and cultural differences.

HUAWEI's brand value, on the other hand, is also recognized by multiple authoritative agencies and

selected for several prestigious brand value lists of the world. For example, HUAWEI was the only Chinese company making the World's Most Valuable Brand List released by Forbes in 2017; ranked the 49th in the 2017 BrandZ Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brands list; and climbed 7 places compared with last year to No. 40 on the Brand Finance 2017 Global 500 list of the top most valuable brands in the world.

As one of HUAWEI's three business groups, HUAWEI's Consumer Business Group is committed to

becoming a signature culture and technology brand popular among consumers worldwide. According to market research statistics from wide-acknowledged agencies such as IDC, SA and Trendforce, HUAWEI ranked the third in terms of market share in the global smartphone market in Q1 2017, and Number 1 in China. Its flagship P series and Mate series have won the heart of many consumers, building a solid foundation for HUAWEI to increase its impact in the medium to high end of the market.

## KFH ANNOUNCES CARDS SUMMER CAMPAIGN 6TH DRAW WINNERS

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Finance House (KFH) announced 14 winners of the sixth draw of the new banking cards summer campaign themed "Get Back Double the Value of your Purchases". The campaign was launched in an attempt to encourage clients to use KFH credit, prepaid and debit cards while making purchases in Kuwait and overseas.

The winners are: Shamseldeen Hamzawi, Nouriah Alhabashi, Manal Alharbi, Suha Alawadhi, Khaleida Alfilakawi, Hadeel Almutairi, Abdulwahhab Almutawwa, Khamis Alenezi, Ahmed Alazmi, Adel Alhamdan, Naiyef Almutairi, Haya AlJomaa, Hind Alneqaidan and Aayedh Alajmi.

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

This campaign is part of KFH efforts to reward its clients and grant them additional value; thus achieving customer satisfaction and boosting their confidence. The campaign also aims at enhancing the bank's presence especially that it dominates the largest market share in the field of banking cards.

KFH strives to continuously offer its clients new promotions and discounts in order to distinguish them among peers, not to mention to further bolster bank's leading position in the field of banking cards. KFH marketing campaigns play a significant role in underlining KFH's principles that include boosting sales, and 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.



120 فائز في 120 يوم

## LULU EXCHANGE ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF AL-FALAH EXCHANGE COMPANY

**ABU DHABI:** Lulu Exchange, the leading foreign exchange and Remittance Company, yesterday announced that it has entered into an agreement to acquire 100 percent ownership of Al Falah Exchange Company in the UAE. This is a first of its kind large scale acquisition in the UAE, making Lulu Exchange the second largest player in the GCC. With this acquisition, Lulu Exchange's total branch count goes up by 30 branches to reach 73 in UAE and 170 globally.



Speaking about the takeover, Adeeb Ahamed, Managing Director, Lulu Exchange said, "We are very excited with this new acquisition, which will help us further consolidate our network of branches, thereby serving a much bigger customer segment. I would like to express my gratitude to the regulators and government entities for their continued support."

Launched eight years ago in Abu Dhabi, Lulu Exchange currently operates in Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, India, Bangladesh, Philippines and Seychelles.

Elaborating on the expansion plans of Lulu Exchange, Adeeb Ahamed said, "Our short-term goal (three years) is to expand our footprint across South East Asia, followed by Europe. We are also looking to tap newer markets both regionally and globally."

"Being a highly service oriented business, reach is of paramount importance, hence we believe that acquisitions are very integral to grow our numbers. I am pleased that our level of acquisition activity has picked up in the past five years, during which time we have added more than 80 branches to our portfolio and we are constantly on the lookout for opportunities that will further bolster our reach and network," added Adeeb.

"Emerging technologies are driving change in the financial services industry and we are constantly innovating our method of doing business. Our digital app is in its advanced stage of development and it will encapsulate all services that are available in our brick and mortar branches. We are currently awaiting final approval from various regulators. Effectively, we aim to move 30 percent of our transactions on to the digital platform by 2020," concluded Adeeb Ahamed.



Voronezh

## FLYDUBAI'S NETWORK IN RUSSIA EXPANDS TO TEN DESTINATIONS

### AIRLINE LAUNCHES FLIGHTS TO MAKHACHKALA AND VORONEZH

**DUBAI:** Dubai-based flydubai yesterday announced the addition of three destinations to its Russian network, bringing its presence in the country to ten points. This autumn, the airline will launch flights to Makhachkala and Voronezh and resume services to Ufa.

Flights from Dubai to Makhachkala and Voronezh will operate twice a week, starting 31 October 2017 and 29 October 2017, respectively. Services to Ufa will relaunch on 31 October 2017 with three flights a week. flydubai will be the only UAE-based carrier offering direct air links on these routes.

Commenting on the launch, Ghaith Al Ghaith, Chief Executive Officer of flydubai, said: "Russia has been a key part of flydubai's network since an early stage in our operations. We entered the market in 2010 and focused on markets that were previously underserved from Dubai. Russian passengers recognise the benefits of direct air links and together with our product offering have helped us to successfully grow our service across the country. Today, we are pleased to further expand our footprint as we see a growing demand for travel from Russia to Dubai."

Along with the new additions, flydubai's network in Russia includes Kazan, Krasnodar, Mineralnye Vody, Moscow, Rostov-on-Don, Samara and Yekaterinburg.

Travel between Russia and Dubai has been recently benefited from changes in visa requirements enabling Russian passengers to automatically receive a free 30-day Visa on Arrival in the UAE. This regulation prompted a 140 percent growth in travel numbers from Russia to Dubai within the first month since its introduction in February 2017, according to the Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing (DTCM).

Jeyhun Efendi, Senior Vice President Commercial (UAE, EU, ME, CIS) for flydubai, said: "flydubai's direct flights will give passengers from Voronezh, Makhachkala and Ufa convenience of a non-stop short journey to Dubai. Passengers can also benefit from not having to make arrangements for a visa beforehand. We are focused on meeting the travel needs of our passengers. We offer affordable travel options in both Business and Economy Classes, an enjoyable on board experience as well as an opportunity to connect to more than 200 destinations from Dubai's efficient aviation hub."



Ufa

Makhachkala is major city in the South of Russia, and capital of Dagestan Republic. Voronezh is a major city in western Russia with a population of over 1 million and rich history. Ufa was among flydubai's first destinations in Russia, initially launched in 2011. It is the largest oil refining centre in the Volga and the Urals, as well as a major transport hub, scientific, cultural and religious centre.

flydubai operates flights to over 90 destinations in 44 countries, including popular routes among Russian travellers, such as Dubai (UAE), Male (Maldives), Colombo (Sri Lanka) and Kathmandu (Nepal). Passengers also benefit from flydubai's interline agreements with other carriers, providing opportunities for onward travel to more than 200 destinations.

#### Flight Details

##### Voronezh

Flights between Voronezh (VOZ) and Dubai (DXB) will start on 29 October 2017. flydubai's FZ 941/942 will operate between Dubai International, Terminal 2 and Voronezh International Airport on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Economy Class return fares from Voronezh to

Dubai will start at AED 1,200 AED including 7kg hand baggage, while Business Class return fares will start at AED 4,500 and are inclusive of all taxes and 40kg checked baggage.

##### Makhachkala

Flights between Makhachkala (MCX) and Dubai will start on 31 October 2017. flydubai's FZ 915/916 will operate between Dubai International, Terminal 2 and Makhachkala Uytash Airport on Tuesdays and Fridays with return flights on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Economy Class return fares from Makhachkala to Dubai will start at AED 1,450 including 7kg hand baggage, while Business Class return fares will start at AED 4,200 and are inclusive of all taxes and 40kg checked baggage.

##### Ufa

Flights between Ufa (UFA) and Dubai will start on 31 October 2017. flydubai's FZ 939/940 will operate between Dubai International Terminal 2 and Ufa International Airport on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Economy Class return fares from Ufa to Dubai will start at AED 1,250 including 7kg hand baggage, while Business Class return fares will start at AED 4,500 and are inclusive of all taxes and 40kg checked baggage.

## GULF BANK ANNOUNCES 3 WINNERS OF ITS MONTHLY RED ACCOUNT DRAW

**KUWAIT:** Gulf Bank is pleased to announce the three lucky winners of its seventh monthly red account draw for year 2017, which was held at the bank's head office, on Monday, 24 July 2017, under the supervision of Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The red account draw resulted in the announcement of three students who won prizes ranging from an iPhone 7 plus to an Apple Watch and they are:

- Munera Fahad Tayib - iPhone 7 Plus
- Muneerah Ahmad Ali Al-Basais - iPad Pro
- Sarah Khalaf Mesfer Al-Shelahi- Apple Watch

Gulf Bank's red is a dedicated account for high school, college and university students aged between 15 and 25, which does not require a minimum deposit. Eligible customers will get the chance to enter the draw automatically and on a monthly basis, upon transferring their student allowances.

Each month, an iPhone 7 plus, an iPad Pro, and an Apple Watch will be gifted to three lucky winners until January 2018. The next draw dates are announced as follows:

- August 21, 2017
- September 28, 2017
- October 23, 2017



Gulf Bank team with the representative from Ministry of Commerce and Industry

- November 20, 2017
- January 11, 2018

In addition to the Apple prizes, students will have the opportunity to win a Fiat 500c-Model 2017 at the annual car draw, upon transferring their allowance. Also, movie tickets at all Cinescape theatres will be available for only KD2 seven days a week. red customers can also shop from the USA or the UK with a dedicated company (edfa3ly), which provide a mail box for internet shopping services from their website <https://kw.edfa3ly.co> /GulfBank

Red customers can now also transfer money from anyone, from any local bank into their Gulf Bank account through the all new e-pay service, which also allows customers to pay their mobile bills for Zain, Ooredoo, and Viva and buy iTunes and Google Play cards, instantly using the new 'e-Pay' service available on Gulf Bank's Online Banking and Mobile Banking App.

## AL-MULLA EXCHANGE LAUNCHES INSTANT CREDIT TO ACCOUNTS WITH METROBANK IN PHILIPPINES

**KUWAIT:** The leading remitter to the Philippines, Al-Mulla Exchange has enhanced their service with Metrobank. Now Metro Bank customers can get their remittances real time resulting in instant credit to their accounts and immediate cash pick up service across Philippines.

Filipinos living in Kuwait and who have an account in Metrobank, can avail API online web service (Server to Server) to send money real time to their loved ones at any of Al-Mulla Exchange branches or through the online portal, [www.amxremi.com](http://www.amxremi.com). This facility ensures that customers get their amount credited in their accounts in seconds when they sent money at any point of time irrespective of bank holidays or weekends.

Customers can avail this service for both their dollar and peso accounts. In addition to instant credit to accounts, cash pick up in minutes is guaranteed to be received anywhere in more than 6000 pay out locations in Philippines.

Metropolitan Bank Trust Company commonly known as Metrobank is the second largest bank in Philippines with a network over 920 branches and over 2100 ATM network spread across the Philippines.

Al-Mulla Exchange is the premier Exchange Company in Kuwait with 72 branches and growing every month. Their focus on innovation and customer service has helped to change the remittance landscape in Kuwait.



## KNOW WHERE TO FIND YOUR DIGITAL RISK

By Alastair Paterson,  
CEO and Co-Founder, Digital Shadows



A Dictionary of the English Language and equally fitting today when it comes to understanding your digital risk. There's a great deal of intelligence organizations can find on the deep and dark web. Credit card numbers, bank account information, patient information and intellectual property are widely known to be for sale on forums. Now some of the intelligence is more eye opening. We're seeing W-2 forms, and employee credentials available, making any organization ripe for tax fraud or account takeover, respectively.

One of the most popular marketplaces on the dark web for such information is AlphaBay. Not only is information related to a company's assets available, but information about new techniques to compromise targets is for sale as well. One of the latest is a tool to bypass SMS account verification, making multi-factor authentication that relies on SMS vulnerable. On such forums you can also find configuration files for credential stuffing tools, like Sentry MBA, that are created for account takeover of specific companies.

There are dozens of marketplaces on the dark web and competition for business is steep. In fact, some less popular marketplaces offer botnets devised to spam AlphaBay users with advertisements or special promotions in an attempt to entice them to switch forums. Not all dark web sources are as readily accessible as AlphaBay, of course. Some require human analyst expertise to also gain access to closed sources to get the most relevant view of the risks.

But for all the notoriety of these marketplaces, it is also important to remember that criminal activity isn't limited to the dark web, particularly given the fact that some countries don't extradite cybercriminals. With minimal consequences, bad actors have no incentive to hide. As a result, cybercrime is an Internet-wide problem, almost equally present on the deep and open web. Deer.io is a prime example. This all-in-one outsourced online shop provides hosting, design (based on WordPress-like templates) and a payment

solution. Additional items for sale on the marketplace include:

Bot-registered social media accounts (usually sold in bulk), typically with the intent of supporting social media spam and artificially increasing the popularity of other accounts/posts.

Stolen, legitimate social media accounts, which are advertised in small quantity but at higher prices compared to bot-registered accounts.

"Coupons" to services that artificially increase the popularity of social media accounts or posts.

Stolen accounts from other services including banks, payment, and gift and loyalty cards.

Dedicated servers and domain names.

The point is that criminal forums exist everywhere so focusing only on the dark web won't give you a comprehensive view of your digital risk. Furthermore, it isn't enough to simply detect mentions of company assets and concerns. You need context behind the information you see posted to have a better understanding of the actual risk to your organization. This requires a combination of technology and people.

Automated collection technology can provide visibility into incidents with context, as they happen, wherever they happen - across the open, deep and dark web. For example, being able to see previous posts by other users on the marketplace on the same thread or post can provide a deeper understanding of how your company, employees or customers may be impacted. It can also provide an overview of the user in question, with their name, data joined, activity levels and reputation.

Data scientists and intelligence experts are able to gain access to some closed sources that collection technology alone can't penetrate and they need to be involved in qualifying the data collected. With enhanced analytic capabilities and additional context they can help determine the potential impact to the organization, a possible timeline of events, and recommended action.

A comprehensive assessment of your digital risk starts with knowing where to find it. With an approach that combines technology and human experts looking across the open, deep and dark web, you can understand not only where and when you are mentioned online, but also why, by whom and the likely impact to your organization. This breadth and depth of coverage is essential to protect against threats associated with forums and marketplaces and, ultimately, to formulate a successful digital risk management strategy.



Game review

## NOT SQUIDDING AROUND

By Kallie Plagge

Splatoon 2 is easy to love. It's colorful and squirly and unafraid to be different, and it's consistently a blast to play. As far as shooters go, its unique movement mechanics stand out and make each match exciting. And while the logistics of its multiplayer aren't perfect, Splatoon 2 is a vibrant and exuberant sequel with enough fresh additions and changes to set it apart from the original.

Like the first game, Splatoon 2 stars human-squid hybrids called Inklings. Their world is bright and filled with nautical puns both spoken and implied, and even just walking around and picking out new clothes is delightful. The shoe store is called Shella Fresh, for example, and cute fish-themed decor peppers the hub area. That extends to the game play, of course; your weapons shoot (or sometimes fling) ink, and you can instantly change into your squid form and swim through ink puddles to reload.

Swimming also has a stealth element to it, since you're harder to see and faster, and therefore better equipped for surprise attacks. You can also ink walls and swim up them in squid form, which adds to your verticality in matches. In the standard multiplayer mode Turf War, you're tasked with inking more of the map than your opponents while also "splatting" them to limit their progress.

Multiplayer is undoubtedly the main draw of Splatoon 2, but both new and returning players should absolutely try the new-and-improved single player mode before jumping into any matches. Unlike in the first game, where you could only use the standard Splattershot gun in the campaign, Splatoon 2's serves as a fantastic introduction to all the basic weapon types you'll have access to-and it's much more robust, with collectibles that require a sharp eye to find and creative platforming challenges that really showcase how unique Splatoon 2's movement is for the shooter genre.

And while it starts out a bit basic, each level builds on the last and requires clever application of your knowledge to complete. Grinding on rails while shooting targets, then switching to your squid form and successfully landing a tricky jump is satisfying not just because it's fun and

cool but because it really feels like you've mastered Splatoon 2's new mechanics.

Unfortunately, not all of the single player campaign's lessons make it into the multiplayer. Most notably, rail grinding, which is the standout from single player, isn't possible on Moray Towers' rails. That in particular feels like a missed opportunity, especially since that map is returning from the first game. However, getting to use a wide variety of weapons in single player makes the transition to multiplayer easier, and subtle tweaks to weapons and gear, like faster movement with the roller, add a layer of new strategy for veteran players. On top of that, the majority of the maps are new, and favorites include Inkblot Art Academy and The Reef, both of which have several vertical levels that result in intense struggles for control of the higher ground.

The only multiplayer mode for non-ranked matches is Turf War, which is consistently so much fun that only having one casual mode isn't really a problem. Covering the most ground with your ink is a simple enough concept, but skillful movement, well-timed inking, and the right strategy for your weapon all work together to give each match more depth. There are some wrinkles with the logistics of these regular battles: there's no way to change your weapon once you're in a lobby, so you're stuck with whatever team composition you get, and you can't guarantee you'll be on the same team as any friends who join your lobby.

But, as the most laid-back of the multiplayer options, Turf Wars' quick games and random team assignments make it easy to jump in and out and have fun without too much pressure. It might be frustrating when your team of random doesn't seem to know what they're doing, but the fast-paced struggle to cover turf with your team's ink is as exhilarating as ever.

Ranked battles return with Tower Control, Rainmaker, and Splat Zones. Each mode is similar to game types you might be familiar with in other team shooters; Tower Control consists of escorting a tower to a goal, Rainmaker is like reverse capture the flag, and Splat Zones requires you to "control" specific areas for a certain amount of time by covering them with your team's ink.

Unfortunately, the lobbies for ranked matches haven't been populated enough for us to play

them ahead of launch, but based on our experience with the first game, we can expect these modes to work essentially the same way. Splatoon's ink mechanics make these modes feel different from other games, and the focus on specific objectives is great for competitive players who want something more than the informal structure of Turf War.

There's also a new co-op mode called Salmon Run that lets you play alongside one to three friends in a horde environment. It's surprisingly challenging and requires more strategy and finesse than Turf War by far. Even on lower difficulties, my groups struggled against mini bosses that require specific strategies to take out-they're less threatening than the single-player bosses but hard to deal with in high volumes.

Successfully clearing the waves was satisfying knowing that we had to have worked well as a team in order to survive. In addition to the updated single-player campaign, this is another mode that shows off what's so great about Splatoon 2's unique game play in ways that PvP multiplayer doesn't.

The biggest problems with the original Splatoon's multiplayer were limited matchmaking and a lack of voice chat, which made team strategy extremely cumbersome and difficult. While regular battles still lack shooter match-making mainstays like parties, there's a new mode called League Battle that lets you group up with either one or three other friends and play together in a more competitive environment. League battles include the same modes as ranked but don't affect your solo rank, which is a great option if your skills aren't quite in line with your friends. That said, voice chat is still a problem-you have to use a phone app to communicate, which is inelegant at best and ridiculous for a modern team-based game. There's no good reason it couldn't have been included in-game.

At first glance, Splatoon 2 seems very similar to the first game. But all the small changes, and even the bigger ones in single player and League Battles, make for a fresh take on the already unique shooter. If you played a lot of the original, the sequel has enough to keep you coming back, and if you're new to the game, it's a fantastic place to jump in. -www.gamespot.com

## IN GOOGLE VS. THE EU, A \$2.7B FINE COULD JUST BE THE START

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Google's parent company Alphabet can easily afford the \$2.7 billion write-down it's taking to cover a big antitrust fine in Europe. But it might find it harder to shrug off the rest of the European regulatory assault that's headed its way. In June, a European Commission ruling slapped down Google for abusing its market dominance in search by unfairly directing visitors to its comparison shopping service, Google Shopping, to the detriment of its rivals.

The regulators not only imposed a huge fine, they also insisted that Google change the way it provides search results in Europe. Alphabet is still mulling an appeal of that

another site. In two other cases, the commission charges Google with allegedly forcing its Android smartphone partners to favor Google's apps and limiting the way its ad-partner websites can display search ads from Google rivals. An Alphabet spokeswoman said Monday the company had nothing to say on the matter beyond its blog response to the fine last month, in which it painted itself as an underdog in product search compared to Amazon.

**How much Google could hurt**

It's unclear how constraints on its behavior could affect it, but 33 percent of Alphabet's revenue - roughly \$8.5 billion in the latest quarter - came from the region it calls Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Beyond the fine, Alphabet faces a penalty of up to 5 percent of its average daily turnover if it doesn't give equal treatment to rival comparison shopping services in Europe by late September. It's up to Google to figure out how to do so.

"These things tend to hobble a company's behavior even if there isn't a decision," says Jonathan Taplin, a former professor at University of Southern California and author of "Move Fast and Break Things: How Google, Facebook and Amazon Have Cornered Culture and Undermined Democracy." "I don't think it's the end, I think it's the beginning." Google's previous offers to the commission to change its search results were rejected. That's why it's confusing trying to predict what a solution would look like, says Mark Ballard, head of research for Merkle, an ad agency that represents Gap, Crate&Barrel and other big online ad spenders.

On Monday, Alphabet Inc. reported second-quarter earnings of \$3.52 billion, down 28 percent from \$4.88 billion a year earlier; that figure includes the effect of the \$2.7 billion European fine. Adjusted earnings were \$8.90 per share, below the \$10.26 analysts were expecting, according to FactSet. Revenues rose 19 percent to \$20.9 billion after subtracting commissions it paid out, right on par with expectations. Alphabet shares dropped more than 3 percent in after-hours trading, to \$966.



ruling, which could take years to get through the European Court of Justice. And that case is only the first of several such investigations that have embroiled Google across the Atlantic, a situation that raises uncertainty about its ability to operate freely on the continent going forward.

**Why Europe is upset**

After a seven-year antitrust probe, the European Commission concluded that Google stifles the ability of rivals like Yelp to compete. That's a different standard than in the US, where regulators tend to step in only when consumer prices go up due to monopolistic power. Europe's top antitrust regulator, Margrethe Vestager, said Google "denied other companies the chance to compete on the merits." Google says it's giving consumers what they want: product listings with pictures and prices, saving them the trouble of repeating a search on

## MICROSOFT PAINT BRUSHED ASIDE

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Microsoft on Monday announced the end of days for its pioneering Paint application as it focuses on software for 3-D drawing.

Paint drawing and image processing software that made its debut in 1985 with the Windows operating system was among the applications listed as "removed or deprecated" in a Windows 10 Fall Creators Update set for release lat-

er this year. Features or functions on the list "are not in active development and might be removed in future releases," according to the US technology company. For decades, Paint was among applications installed by default on Windows-powered personal computers and drew a strong following. Fans of the application will be able to take solace in a Paint 3-D version launched early this year.— AFP

## KASPERSKY LAB PARTNERS WITH DS VIRGIN RACING TEAM

**DUBAI:** DS Virgin Racing and Kaspersky Lab yesterday announced an innovative, new multi-year partnership that will see the global cybersecurity company protect the team's devices against cyber threats. The announcement was made in conjunction with Virgin founder Sir Richard Branson during DS Virgin Racing's pioneering Innovation Summit, held at Brooklyn's New Lab facility where more than 250 of the city's most influential business leaders had gathered to discuss the role of business in tackling climate change.

The partnership, which begins on the eve of the inaugural Formula E race in New York, will see the team working with Kaspersky Lab to design and implement its world-class cyber security solutions to protect against known and unknown cyber threats. Eugene Kaspersky, chairman and CEO of Kaspersky Lab, said: "We've been looking at Formula E for some time now and feel it's the logical next step for us in continuing to work with motorsport audiences. The DS Virgin Racing Formula E team is the obvious choice for us. Both grounded in technological innovation, we also share similar vision and passion in bringing that innovation both to our customers and the world."

In addition to supporting one of the founding teams in the fast-growing global sport of Formula E, Kaspersky Lab sees the technical environment as the next frontier in continuing its research and development of new technologies to keep connected and autonomous vehicles secured against cyber threats. The partnership will also see prominent branding on the team's DS Virgin Racing cars, garage area and driver overalls. Alexander Moiseev, CSO of Kaspersky Lab who made the announcement with Sir Richard Branson, said: "The progress we've made in automotive cybersecurity is in part due to our presence in motorsport, we use it as a testing ground for new concepts and ideas, which we then use in developing our solutions for the industry." Alex Tai, Team Principal of DS Virgin Racing, added: "We're



delighted to be partnering with Kaspersky Lab to ensure we are the best protected team on the grid. Indeed, as a leading global cybersecurity

with a rich heritage in motorsport, they are uniquely placed to protect the team's technology and keep us ahead of the competition."







INDIA: A Bangalore municipal workers fumigate a park in a bid to kill off mosquitoes in Bangalore.—AFP

## HOSPITALS OVERWHELMED AS SRI LANKA DENGUE TOLL NEARS 300

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka announced yesterday it was intensifying its war on dengue fever, with schools to shut across the island to help curb the unprecedented outbreak of the mosquito-borne virus that has claimed nearly 300 lives. The Red Cross also announced it was scaling up its emergency response to the country's worst-ever outbreak of the disease as the number of dengue cases topped 100,000. That figure is nearly double the previous year, with doctors warning hospitals were beyond capacity as medics struggled to treat a new strain of the disease.

The education ministry said schools would shut from Friday for four days as tens of thousands of volunteers join government officials and soldiers in targeting mosquito breeding grounds. "Instructions have gone out to all schools today to coordinate with local authorities and look for any mosquito breeding areas in their immediate neighborhood," a ministry official said. Troops have already been spreading out across the island to help local councils drain pools of stagnant water to ensure mosquito larvae have nowhere to flourish.

Official figures show 290 people have died so far this year from dengue fever, nearly four times the fatalities recorded in

all of 2016. The number of cases has soared to above 105,000, a sharp jump from the 55,150 recorded last year. About half those cases were reported from the island's west, including the capital Colombo. "One reason for the dramatic rise in cases is that the virus currently spreading has evolved and people lack the immunity to fight off the new strain," Dr Novil Wijesekara, head of health at the Sri Lanka Red Cross, said in a statement.

The humanitarian organization, which has increased its budget by \$300,000 to cope with the outbreak, said infected patients were "streaming into overcrowded hospitals that are stretched beyond capacity and struggling to cope". Last week Australia said it was donating \$1.2 million to manage patients and help with research to contain the spread of the virus. Humid monsoon weather, stagnant water from recent flooding and mounting piles of rotting garbage in Colombo have created perfect conditions for the rapid spread of mosquitoes. Authorities have blamed a waste management crisis in the capital for the unusually large number of infections. Sri Lanka's main rubbish tip collapsed in April, crushing dozens of homes and killing 32 people.—AFP



ANTANANARIVO: This file photo shows a couple of lemurs (Lemur catta) rest in the shade of a public park in Antananarivo.—AFP

# LOVE HOTELS TARGETED TO FIGHT HIV AMONG CAMEROON'S TEENS

79,771 CHILDREN, YOUTH HIV-POSITIVE IN CAMEROON

**GUIDER, Cameroon:** The two big maps show the districts of the northern Cameroonian town of Guider along with its brothels, nightclubs and other seedy spots to identify places from where AIDS could spread among adolescents. Cameroon, a country of 23 million that hugs Africa's Gulf of Guinea, has one of the highest HIV/AIDS prevalence rates in the world. "The maps highlight the high-risk zones for transmission," said Boris Mbaho Tchaptchet, 21, speaking at a local youth club. "We located the love hotels, the video clubs, the cabarets, the underground meeting places before putting into place an action and prevention plan in our community," he said.

The club in Guider was one of those selected for the "All In! End Aids among Adolescents" project launched in August 2015 with the backing of the UN children's agency UNICEF. According to official figures, 79,771 children and adolescents are HIV-positive, but experts say it is much higher. "This platform brings together all the interventions fighting HIV in the country targeting young people," said Jules Ngwa Edielle, who runs the HIV prevention in Cameroon's youth and civic education ministry. It ropes in local administrative, political and religious authorities to fight the disease.

### You think I'm sick?

With his colleagues, 21-year-old Bouba Salio was trained as a peer-group educator in his neighborhood. "My role is to talk with other young people, ask them questions to understand their situation and to encourage them to get tested," he explained. But broaching the delicate issue is not without its pitfalls. "Some people react saying, 'You think I'm sick? Have you ever seen me having sexual relations?'" "Other simply refuse, saying that they are confident about their status. But I try to convince anyway," he added with a smile.

Salio cites the case of a 17-year-old who found out he was HIV-positive because of his intervention. "He was very angry at me when he got the results," he recalled. "But today we talk regularly and he tells he is following his treatment regularly." This community-based



PARIS: People hold placards during the opening of the 9th International AIDS Society conference on HIV Science in Paris.—AFP

approach is essential if Cameroon is to attain the 90-90-90 target set by the UNAIDS, which Cameroon signed up to back in 2015. The aim is to get to the point where 90 percent of those who are HIV-positive know about their condition; where 90 percent of those who know are on retroviral treatment; and where 90 percent of those receiving that treatment achieve viral suppression.

The hope is to be able to wipe out the virus by 2030. Therese Nduwimana, who runs UNICEF Cameroon's HIV unit, said the program had proved its worth in the north of the country with the No Limit for Women Project (Nolfowop). "With a budget of just \$40,000 a year the results have been spectacular," she said. "In just months, the number of HIV-positive children identified has been multiplied by four," she said. However, one of the problems is an acute shortage of medical staff. The hospital in Garoua, which

serves an area with 2.7 million people, only has one pediatricist and one gynecologist.

### Door-to-door campaigns

A group of around 30 women were gathered at one of the town's health centers, waiting to be tested about their HIV status. The result is announced almost immediately. "Our volunteers have gone door to door to encourage every pregnant woman to get tested," said Odette Etame, who heads the Nolfowop project. Other mothers acting as mentors then made home visits to physically accompany HIV-positive women and their children for anti-retroviral treatment, she added. This was one way to reach people who would otherwise be lost from view, she said. Cameroon had a 5.75-percent HIV prevalence rate for pregnant women in 2016, making it one of the 10 countries responsible for 75 percent of new pediatric infections worldwide.—AFP

# TRUMP PRESSURES REPUBLICANS TO REPEAL, WARNS OBAMACARE IS DEATH

**WASHINGTON:** US President Donald Trump strongly warned Republicans on Monday that they must pass health care reform, taking his party to task and bluntly declaring that "Obamacare is death." With the effort to repeal and replace the health care law of Trump's predecessor floundering in Congress, the Senate prepared to vote Tuesday on whether to begin debate on the latest Republican plan. Several measures have been considered but then collapsed in recent weeks. The latest is a bid to dismantle the 2010 Affordable Care Act, but delay the actual implementation of the repeal to allow time for a viable replacement to be crafted.

Senate Republican leaders acknowledge they do not know whether there is sufficient support to open debate on the new plan, a sign of Republican division about the impact such reforms might have on millions of American families. With less than three weeks before the Senate is to leave Washington for its already-delayed summer recess, Trump took to his bully pulpit and demanded his party get in line. "Any senator that votes against starting debate is telling America that you are fine with the Obamacare nightmare," Trump said at the White House, where several "victims" of Obamacare stood as a backdrop to his remarks. "Obamacare is death," Trump added. "It's

gone. And now it's up to us to get great health care for the American people." Trump has repeatedly grilled fellow Republicans for not following through on their and his campaign pledge to repeal and replace Obamacare, something he said he aimed to do immediately once in office in January. "Over and over again they said repeal and replace. And for Senate Republicans, this is their chance to keep their promise."

Republicans hold 52 of the Senate's 100 seats. With all Democrats opposed, Trump can afford just two defectors. But with Senator John McCain convalescing in Arizona following a brain cancer diagnosis, that magic number is down to one. As of last week, three Republican holdouts said they will vote no on Tuesday's so-called motion to proceed, which opens debate on the legislation. Trump went to one of their home states Monday, where he was to personally lobby Senator Shelley Moore Capito as the two attended a Boy Scouts convention in Beaver, West Virginia.

**Repercussions**

Several other Republicans have also expressed concerns, but have not announced how they will vote. "I think until the vote is actually on the floor of the Senate, some people may not tell you what they're actually

going to do," Senate Republican John Barrasso told CBS talk show "Face the Nation" on Sunday. Once the repeal-only bill is on the floor, it could be amended "in various ways," Barrasso said, including changing it to a repeal-and-replace bill. Forecasts by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office on various health reform bills have predicted that millions of Americans would lose health care if the measures become law.

In the case of a bill that repeals Obamacare and provides no replacement, 32 million more people would be uninsured by 2026 as compared to current law, CBO forecast. Some Republicans have expressed concern with how legislation would impact Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor and the disabled. The latest repeal-and-replace bill would roll back an expansion of Medicaid and slash its federal funding. It would also end the mandate that most individuals have health insurance, and allow states to let insurance companies offer bare-bones plans not allowed under current law. Despite the concerns voiced by some Republicans and several outside groups-Trump issued an ominous threat. "If Republicans don't Repeal and Replace the disastrous ObamaCare, the repercussions will be far greater than any of them understand!" he tweeted.—AFP

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## LOYAC, AUB SPONSOR 'VOLUNTEERING IS MY HAPPINESS' PROGRAM

Loyac announced the signing of a strategic partnership with Al-Ahli United Bank (AUB) to sponsor the "volunteering is my happiness" program, within the framework of the sustainable development, and boost social activities. Loyac Board Member Futooh Al-Dalali said, AUB sponsorship of the program confirms its belief in its social responsibility towards Kuwait Youth. She said this comes following the success of previous experiences and thanked the bank's administration saying that they are looking for more cooperation with our economic establishments.



## BEITAK TAKAFUL INSURANCE COMPANY ORGANIZES BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN

Beitak Takaful Insurance Company organized a blood donation campaign in cooperation with blood bank, as part of its social responsibilities in appreciation of the importance of this to save the lives of patients and the injured.

## TSC STARTS 'JUST ASK' SERVICE

Just in time ahead of Eid Al-Adha and Back to School season, The Sultan Center is inviting its customers to benefit of its one-of-a kind service; Just Ask. By using this service, customers can order products not available in Kuwait, from around the globe and have the items delivered directly to their doorsteps. "Just Ask" was custom designed to reward TSC customers and preserve their loyalty by elevating and facilitating their shopping experience to new levels. TSC customers can enjoy the leisure of safe internet shopping with specialized agents who place their orders direct for them; giving that extra personalized touch.

The Just Ask service consists of three simple steps: we order, we ship, we deliver! The first stage is placing the order where TSC will communicate with the merchants and place the order on the customer's behalf. In order to ensure customers' orders are delivered within the least amount of time TSC has partnered with leading courier services. When the shipment finally arrives TSC will clear the shipment from customs and arranges to have the order delivered directly to the customer's doorstep.

The advantages this service offers are broad; it also enables the customers to be the first in Kuwait to receive newly launched items from around the world sparing them the hassle of waiting until they are available at the local market. Customers can also take advantage of this service to order items for back to school season. And if you want to treat yourself or your beloved ones on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha as well, Just Ask service would be the perfect means for that.

Commenting on the unique service Vikki Dashti, Just Ask Manager at TSC, stated: "We have always



believed providing our customers with a unique shopping experience; TSC's Just Ask service is another way to provide customers with a luxurious and exclusive shopping experience with personalized agents to assist. JUST ASK is easy and accessible orders can be placed via email, telephone, directly at the Just Ask Counter in Salmiya and Sharq or through whatsapp messages.



## CHINESE ASSOCIATION IN KUWAIT ORGANIZES GET TOGETHER



Sparking off emotions, in Mid-Summer, Chinese Association in Kuwait organized Water sports activities & get together on July 14, 2017, where more than 50 overseas Chinese, from various engineering and contracting companies, formed a friendly environment with gaiety in Aqua Park Kuwait. Various games like hula hoop, swimming

competition were the part of the enjoyment which pushed their mood into top. Final winner shared a water melon with the opponent as courtesy.

That is real win-win picture for our friends and colleagues. Many foreign friends were also invited to this event. During dinner, they exchanged ideas related to projects

and business for boost of "one belt & one road" in a friendly state. Chairman Chinese Association in Kuwait expressed his gratitude towards participants. He said that Kuwait government provides good enough sports environment for all citizen and overseas nations. Wishing Kuwait more glory, prosperity and flourishing in future.



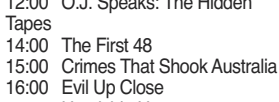




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08:05 Marvel's Rocket And Groot  
08:10 K.C. Undercover  
08:35 Milo Murphy's Law  
09:00 Supa Strikas  
09:25 Supa Strikas  
09:50 Star vs The Forces Of Evil  
10:15 Marvel's Rocket And Groot  
10:20 Kickin' It  
10:45 Kickin' It  
11:10 Future-Worm!  
11:35 Lab Rats  
12:00 Lab Rats  
12:30 Atomic Puppet  
12:55 K.C. Undercover  
13:45 Gamer's Guide To Pretty Much Everything  
14:10 Disney Mickey Mouse  
14:15 Future-Worm!  
14:40 Kirby Buckets  
15:05 Lab Rats  
15:30 Walk The Prank  
15:55 Right Now Kapow  
16:25 K.C. Undercover  
16:50 Disney11  
17:15 Mech-X4  
17:40 Milo Murphy's Law  
18:05 Disney Mickey Mouse  
18:10 Gravity Falls  
18:35 Lab Rats  
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21:40 Disney Mickey Mouse  
21:45 Lab Rats  
22:10 Lab Rats  
22:35 Phineas And Ferb  
23:00 Programmes Start At 6:00am  
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00:05 WAGS Miami  
01:50 E! News  
02:50 Celebrity Style Story  
03:50 So Cosmo  
05:30 Celebrity Style Story  
06:00 La Clippers Dance Squad  
06:55 E! News  
07:10 La Clippers Dance Squad  
08:10 E! News: Daily Pop  
09:10 WAGS Miami  
12:00 E! News  
12:15 Keeping Up With The Kardashians  
13:10 Keeping Up With The Kardashians  
15:00 E! News  
15:15 E! News: Daily Pop  
16:15 WAGS Miami  
17:10 WAGS Miami  
19:00 E! News  
20:00 Revenge Body With Khloe Kardashian  
21:00 Revenge Body With Khloe Kardashian  
22:00 Famously Single  
23:00 E! News  
23:15 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry



00:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
01:00 Man Fire Food  
02:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
03:00 Man Fire Food  
03:30 Man Fire Food  
04:00 Chopped  
05:00 Guy's Grocery Games  
06:00 Barefoot Contessa  
07:00 The Kitchen  
08:00 The Pioneer Woman  
09:00 Siba's Table  
10:00 The Pioneer Woman  
11:00 The Kitchen  
12:00 The Pioneer Woman  
12:30 The Pioneer Woman  
13:00 Siba's Table  
13:30 Siba's Table  
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14:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
15:00 Chopped  
16:00 The Kitchen  
17:00 The Pioneer Woman  
17:30 The Pioneer Woman  
18:00 Chopped  
19:00 Chopped Junior  
20:00 Chopped  
21:00 The Great Food Truck Race  
22:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
22:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
23:00 Chopped



00:10 The Chase: Celebrity Specials  
01:00 Emmerdale  
01:30 Coronation Street  
02:00 Coronation Street  
02:30 Royal Recipes  
03:25 Together  
03:55 Together  
04:25 Doc Martin  
05:15 Seven Days With...  
06:10 The Chase: Celebrity Specials  
07:05 Royal Recipes  
08:00 Together  
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12:45 Emmerdale  
13:15 Emmerdale  
13:45 Coronation Street  
14:15 The Chase: Celebrity Specials  
15:10 Royal Recipes  
16:00 This Is England '90  
16:55 Lewis  
17:50 Seven Days With...  
18:45 Emmerdale  
19:15 Emmerdale  
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23:15 Emmerdale  
23:40 Coronation Street



00:00 Ancient Discoveries  
01:00 History's Greatest Blunders  
01:30 History's Greatest Blunders  
02:00 Brad Meltzer's Lost History  
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03:40 Hangar 1: The UFO Files  
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21:00 Ancient Aliens  
22:00 How 2 Win  
23:00 Serial Killer Earth



00:20 Ronnie O'Sullivan's American Hustle  
01:10 Alone  
02:00 Swamp People  
02:50 Storage Wars  
03:15 American Pickers  
04:05 Pawn Stars  
04:30 Pawn Stars  
05:00 Mountain Men  
06:00 Fifth Gear  
06:50 Duck Dynasty  
07:15 Duck Dynasty  
07:40 Counting Cars  
08:05 Counting Cars  
08:30 Pawn Stars  
08:50 Pawn Stars  
09:20 Storage Wars  
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10:10 American Pickers  
11:00 Gold Hunters: Legend Of The Superstition...  
11:50 Duck Dynasty  
12:15 Duck Dynasty  
12:40 Counting Cars  
13:05 Counting Cars  
13:30 Ice Road Truckers  
14:20 Mountain Men  
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16:50 Pawn Stars  
17:15 Pawn Stars  
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18:30 Swamp People  
19:20 Mountain Men  
20:10 American Pickers  
21:00 Detroit Steel  
21:50 Forged In Fire  
22:40 Forged In Fire  
23:30 American Pickers



00:15 Wineroads  
00:45 Fish Of The Day  
01:10 What's For Sale?  
01:40 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces  
02:35 Maximum Foodie  
03:00 Maximum Foodie  
03:30 Rustic Adventure Argentina  
03:55 Rustic Adventure Argentina  
04:25 Valentine Warner Eats Scandinavia  
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14:30 Testing The Menu With Nic Watt  
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15:25 Fearless Chef  
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17:15 What's For Sale?  
18:10 Cruise Ship Diaries  
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22:55 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces  
23:50 Maximum Foodie



00:10 Continent 7: Antarctica  
01:00 Wicked Tuna: North vs South  
02:00 Air Crash Investigation  
03:00 Explorer  
04:00 Continent 7: Antarctica  
05:00 Showdown Of The Unbeatables  
06:00 Science Of Stupid  
06:30 Science Of Stupid  
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23:20 Science Of Stupid  
23:45 Science Of Stupid



00:20 Mother Croc  
01:10 Dr. K's Exotic Animal ER  
02:00 Cheetah: Fatal Instinct  
02:50 Monster Fish  
03:45 Monster Fish  
04:40 Deadly Instincts  
05:35 Cheetah: Fatal Instinct  
06:30 Monster Fish  
07:25 Monster Fish  
08:20 Deadly Instincts  
09:15 Battle Of The Swamp Dragons  
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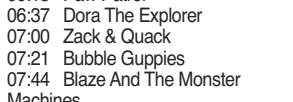
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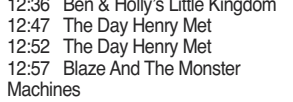
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05:24 Game Shakers  
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02:55 Paw Patrol  
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03:10 Ben & Holly's Little Kingdom  
03:22 Dora The Explorer  
03:44 Max & Ruby  
04:07 Nella The Princess Knight  
04:30 Shimmer And Shine  
04:53 Dora And Friends  
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06:00 Rusty Rivets  
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03:25 Life On The Line  
05:05 Kingslaive: Final Fantasy XV  
07:00 Bad Company  
09:00 Life On The Line  
10:45 Mad Max: Fury Road  
12:45 Rampage: President Down  
14:30 Bad Company  
16:30 Ladder 49  
18:25 Shanghai Knights  
20:25 The Man From U.N.C.L.E.  
22:25 Wild Card



01:05 Hit By Lightning  
02:40 A Madea Christmas  
04:25 With This Ring  
06:00 Mr. Popper's Penguins  
07:35 A Madea Christmas  
09:20 With This Ring  
10:55 Mr. Popper's Penguins  
12:35 Yoga Hosers  
14:05 Fierce Creatures  
15:40 Trust Me  
17:15 Mr. Deeds  
18:55 Yoga Hosers  
20:25 No Stranger Than Love  
22:00 People Places Things  
23:30 The Bronze



00:15 The Middle  
00:40 The Middle  
01:05 High Maintenance

01:35 High Maintenance  
02:05 Better Things  
02:30 The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon  
03:15 Late Night With Seth Meyers  
04:00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
04:50 George Lopez  
05:15 Two And A Half Men  
05:40 Great News  
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06:30 Mom  
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21:00 Seinfeld  
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23:00 Better Things  
23:25 Late Night With Seth Meyers



00:40 Training Day  
01:30 Marvel's Agents Of S.H.I.E.L.D.  
02:20 Blindspot  
03:20 Supergirl  
04:10 Once Upon A Time  
05:00 Good Morning America  
07:00 The View  
07:45 The View  
08:30 Training Day  
09:20 Supergirl  
10:10 Once Upon A Time  
11:00 Blindspot  
11:45 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit  
12:30 The View  
13:15 The View  
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17:00 Supergirl  
18:00 Blindspot  
19:00 Criminal Minds  
20:00 The Night Shift  
21:00 Falling Water  
22:00 The Americans  
23:00 Blindspot  
23:50 Grimm  
OSN Movies Family HD  
01:30 Storm Rider  
03:15 Return To Oz  
05:05 The Sorcerer's Apprentice  
06:55 Finding Nemo  
08:40 Storm Rider  
10:25 Up  
12:05 The Sorcerer's Apprentice  
13:55 Stitch! The Movie  
15:00 Ratatouille  
16:55 Ice Age  
18:20 The Haunted Mansion  
19:55 Snow Day  
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00:10 Words And Pictures  
02:05 Summer In February  
03:45 The Portrait Of A Lady  
05:55 Words And Pictures  
08:05 East Side Sushi  
09:55 Before I Disappear  
11:30 Every Thing Will Be Fine  
13:30 The Portrait Of A Lady  
16:00 La Bamba  
17:50 The Girl  
19:25 My Sister  
21:15 The Lobster  
23:15 Far From Men



00:15 Robosapien: Rebooted  
01:50 Blue Elephant 2  
03:30 Mamma Moo And Crow  
04:50 Memory Loss  
06:15 Ducktales: The Movie  
07:35 A.R.C.H.I.E.  
09:05 Paws  
10:30 A Town Called Panic  
11:50 Robosapien: Rebooted  
13:20 Blue Elephant 2  
15:00 Vickie And The Treasure Of Gods  
16:40 Paws  
18:15 Bonta  
19:30 Mickey's Twice Upon A Christmas  
20:40 Vickie And The Treasure Of Gods  
22:20 A.R.C.H.I.E.  
23:50 A Town Called Panic



00:00 Fear And Loathing In Las Vegas  
02:00 Everest  
04:05 Gridiron Gang

06:10 Man Of The House  
07:50 Air Force One  
09:55 The War  
12:05 Concussion  
14:10 A.I. Artificial Intelligence  
16:45 The Ladykillers  
18:35 The Color Of Money  
20:35 Raising Helen  
22:35 A Night At The Roxbury



01:00 The World Made Straight  
03:00 Jappeloup  
05:15 The Better Angels  
07:00 Penthouse North  
09:00 The Love Guide  
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15:00 Fast Girls  
17:00 The Love Guide  
19:00 Fury  
21:30 Big Eyes  
23:30 Only God Forgives



00:30 How Do They Do It?  
00:55 Food Factory  
01:20 Man v Expert  
02:10 Mega Builders  
03:00 Prototype This  
03:48 Mythbusters  
04:36 How Do They Do It?  
05:00 Food Factory



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ACROSS

1. Pan with a convex bottom.  
4. A mound of earth made by ants as they dig their nest.  
11. A master's degree in library science.  
15. Goddess of criminal rashness and its punishment.  
16. Loss of the ability to swallow.  
17. A theocratic republic in the Middle East in western Asia.  
18. Of or relating to or affecting a lobe.  
20. Order by virtue of superior authority.  
21. The muscular back part of the shank.  
22. An accidental hole that allows something (fluid or light etc.) to enter or escape.  
24. A line of text serving to indicate what the passage below it is about.  
26. A small cake leavened with yeast.  
28. Punish with an arbitrary penalty.  
30. A hard brittle blue-white multivalent metallic element.  
32. Having undesirable or negative qualities.  
33. Fish eggs or egg-filled ovary.  
34. A heavy wooden pole (such as the trunk of a young fir) tossed as a test of strength (in the Highlands of Scotland).  
38. A group of islands off the west coast of Sicily in the Mediterranean.  
41. A metric unit of volume equal to one thousandth of a liter.  
42. A fluorocarbon with chlorine.  
45. A public promotion of some product or service.  
46. One of the five major classes of immunoglobulins.  
47. Affected manners intended to impress others.  
52. The dialect of Ancient Greek spoken in Thessaly and Boeotia and Aeolis.  
54. The universal time coordinated time on board the spacecraft.  
55. Muslim name for God.  
56. An inactive volcano in Sicily.  
57. Rock star and drummer for the Beatles (born in 1940).  
59. (Irish) Mother of the Tuatha De Danann.  
61. A physician who is not a specialist but treats all illnesses.  
62. The cry made by sheep.  
63. Dyed with henna.  
66. (of champagne) Moderately dry.  
70. A mask with a filter protects the face a lungs against poisonous gases.  
73. An adherent of any branch of Taoism.  
74. A narrow depression (as in the earth or between ocean waves or in the ocean bed).  
77. An indehiscent fruit derived from a single ovary having one or many seeds within a fleshy wall or pericarp.  
78. The month following March and preceding May.  
79. Brown or blackish Alpine mosses having a dehiscent capsule with 4 longitudinal slits.  
81. A rotating disk shaped to convert circular into linear motion.  
82. The central part of a car wheel (or fan or propeller etc) through which the shaft or axle passes.  
83. Intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner.  
84. A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.

DOWN

1. An architectural partition with a height and length greater than its thickness.  
2. A member of the Siouan people inhabiting the valleys of the Platte and

- Missouri rivers in Nebraska.  
3. Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a skewer usually with vegetables.  
4. A river in north central Switzerland that runs northeast into the Rhine.  
5. A radioactive transuranic metallic element.  
6. (Greek mythology) The Titaness who was mother of Helios and Selene and Eos in ancient mythology.  
7. A large building at an airport where aircraft can be stored and maintained.  
8. One of the most common of the five major classes of immunoglobulins.  
9. Chinese tree cultivated especially in Philippines and India for its edible fruit.  
10. Coming at a subsequent time or stage.  
11. An incorrect deal.  
12. Wild sheep of northern Africa.  
13. Acquire or gain knowledge or skills.  
14. An unforeseen obstacle.  
19. Jordan's port.  
23. A Chadic language spoken in northern Nigeria.  
25. Submit or yield to another's wish or opinion.  
27. Moderate or restrain.  
29. A polyvalent metallic element that resembles chromium and tungsten in its properties.  
31. An organism or species surviving as a remnant of an otherwise extinct flora or fauna in an environment much changed from that in which it originated.  
35. (used of soaps or cleaning agents) Having a substance (an abrasive or filler) added to increase effectiveness.  
36. Border consisting of anything placed on the edge to finish something (such as a fringe on clothing or on a rug).  
37. (British) A member of the military police.  
39. Someone (especially a woman) who annoys people by constantly finding fault.  
40. An official prosecutor for a judicial district.  
43. A family of languages of the Fula people of west Africa in the sub-Sahara regions from Senegal to Chad.  
44. United States writer (1871-1900).  
48. Undergo resorption.  
49. Of a pale yellow color like straw.  
50. (astronomy) The angular distance of a celestial point measured westward along the celestial equator from the zenith crossing.  
51. The largest city of China.  
53. Swelling from excessive accumulation of serous fluid in tissue.  
58. Desert shrub of Syria and Arabia having small white flowers.  
60. Talks a great deal about uninteresting topics.  
64. A silvery soft waxy metallic element of the alkali metal group.  
65. The capital and largest city of Bangladesh.  
67. Chevrotrain somewhat larger than the kanchil.  
68. Bulky grayish-brown eagle with a short wedge-shaped white tail.  
69. Scottish chemist noted for his research into the structure of nucleic acids (born in 1907).  
71. Someone who works (or provides workers) during a strike.  
72. God of love and erotic desire.  
75. Goddess of fate.  
76. A colloid in a more solid form than a sol.  
80. Half the width of an em.

Yesterday's Solution

D	K	L		A	T	R	O	P	H	I	C		A	B	O
H	I	E		R	E	A	S	S	A	I	L		P	A	P
A	B	A		G	A	W	A	I	N		A	B	I	L	A
L	E	K	V	A	R		G			D	A	M	O	S	E
			A	L	I	K	E			G	R	O	W		
T	S	A	R	I	N	A				R	O	R	I	P	P
U	L	L	R		G	M			V	I	M		E	A	R
L	I	A	O			A	C			P	A	R	A	S	O
I	C	U		A	B		A	I			N		C	P	U
P	E	D	I	C	A	B				S	L	A	S	H	E
A	D	A	N	A				I	D	E	A		H	A	L
			U	L	C	E	R			A	B	B	E		
A	N	A	L	Y	S	E				F		I	L	I	A
R	E	C	A	P		R				C	O	A	L	F	A
M	R	I		H	A	I	P	H	O	N	G			M	R
S	O	D		A	R	E	C	I	D	A	E			B	E

STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

You may find that people are so busy today you won't be able to finish a sentence. Others may challenge your authority or the direction you are taking. Events could make it difficult for you to act. Your ideas may not find the support you need. This is a good time to back off and get a view of the day from a different perspective. Perhaps a break or an early lunch will provide the perfect opportunity to unwind and gain a focus. This afternoon points to your taking the initiative. Your special qualifications and your creativity are more likely to put you ahead of the pack, at work or home. You will receive a boost from your friends this afternoon. You could be looking forward to some form of sports or exercise with friends.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

This month's ending brings energy to learn and expand your horizons and move forward. What wonderful choices you will have this next birth year. A junior college or university around your area will have a booklet they can send you to choose your class. Art teachers, business investment counselors or any type of travel agenda can each be achieved. What you have to discover is where you want your adventure to begin and what you want to develop in the earning of a living. Now is the time to set a few dates for your goals. This is a good day to make some phone calls, set some dates and plan your path. A few co-workers or friends may want to help you celebrate this evening. Someone is a good dancer!



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

There could be difficulties to work through today. It is important during this time to effectively communicate your ideas to others, especially those who are ultrasensitive. You will become alert to any thinking that needs to be changed and eventually be pleased with your efforts as well as the outcome. By this afternoon those confusing energies will be gone. There is a massive social change going on in your community and much of it is very positive. You may find a whole new set of friends coming across your path and you may also gain a new interest in an unusual sort of entertainment. Money causes change and some of your new friends may encourage you in those changes. A new friend will lead you in a positive direction tonight.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You are riding a high now in terms of taking advantage of the cycles in your life. Good things are happening all around. This is the beginning of a series of years during which you should begin to consolidate and tie down the advances you have made in recent years. It may be best to begin to dig in and strengthen your current position rather than expand outward too much. Social and community endeavors may hold your attention this afternoon-there are more to come. You are interested, as many of us, in making the world a better place. Pick one subject and make it your job to create a public awareness campaign. Work on this the rest of the year and little by little you will see great progress. You will enjoy relaxing to music this evening.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

You and everyone you know seem to be in a good mood today and a sense of humor is not far behind. Some technical method or style of working may come to your attention that keeps you thinking about continued education. You may decide to check out the agenda at one of the community colleges in your area. You may be pleased at who is teaching these days. You may be called upon to teach or help others take a more independent approach to their life at this time. Your confidence is high and you can accomplish anything that is before you. This time in your life can have a profound effect on your psyche and may mark a time when your faith in a higher power, as well as in other people, will be most meaningful. Deep powers are being awakened.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

This is a time for serious thinking. A practical mind takes on a special importance at this time. Taking care of the necessary underpinnings of life-health, work and such-becomes a greater preoccupation. School and studies of all kinds could be in order. This is a time for perspiration in the idea department. Perhaps a little more education will get you the job that will allow you more freedom, travel or power. This may be a time during which you can get ahead by finding your limits and establishing some criteria that will enable you to move forward with your goals. Everything conspires to reveal you at your most elegant, particularly in social situations this afternoon. Romance is very possible this evening. A candlelight dinner is in order.

Wordsearch Puzzle

More 70's Songs

Find and circle all of these songs from the 1970's that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters will spell the names of ten music groups from the 70's.

N A D M T H E G A M B L E R A T S R E P U S  
E W Y R R N I A R D N A E R I F E M P L E H  
R I O C E A M E R I C A N W O M A N A S B E  
O R U D R A U E A H P A R G O T O H P T D S  
S R R B N E M O N A M R D L T Z B A G H R G  
E E E E R U V O Y O T E E E E O H N H G E O  
G V S L A O S A N T L C E U H T I R T I B N  
A E I B L L T A E T U R E N C I S O N A E  
R F X D N I I H A W T O M A N I U T D N R I  
D T T I R P V D E S M I H A Z M T A B R R P  
E H E S E I A A N A A D T M Y N E A E A N  
N G E T C W F I T N L W E E I N O N D H C A  
D I N R N I A T R I O O R R I W O N E T U C  
O N A U A M M H A D R N U E D R B O Y U D I  
N S C H D S A A A W I A S I A T O N C O A R  
T H M E T P N H G G A S G H E I C A G S U E  
S O Y V S A S G H I O Y S R E D I R W O L M  
T B B O A A Q T I N N Y U B A D G I R L S A  
O E D L L E S N G S M E K N A M C I G A M I  
P Y S S E Y E Y N O B E W O O D S T O C K S  
T H G I L E D N O O N R E T F A E V O L Y M

AFTERNOON DELIGHT DREAM ON DREAM WEAVER  
AMERICAN PIE DRIFT AWAY  
AMERICAN WOMAN EBONY EYES  
ANNIE'S SONG FIRE AND RAIN  
BAD GIRLS HELP ME  
BARRACUDA IMAGINE  
BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY LAST DANCE  
BROTHER LOUIE LET IT BE  
CRAZY ON YOU LOVE HURTS  
DELTA DAWN LOW RIDER  
DON'T STOP

MAGIC MAN MAIN STREET  
MARGARITAVILLE MY LOVE  
MY SHARONA NIGHT FEVER  
PHOTOGRAPH PIANO MAN  
REUNITED ROSE GARDEN  
SHADOW DANCING

SHE'S GONE SIGNS  
SOUTHERN NIGHTS SUMMER NIGHTS  
SUNDOWN SUPERSTAR  
THE GAMBLER WITHOUT YOU  
WOODSTOCK Y.M.C.A.  
YOU'RE SIXTEEN

Daily SuDoku

	6			2	9	5	7
2	1		9	3	6		
	7	4	5		3		
6	7	4	8	3			
3							8
			2	4	1	3	6
	6		4	9	7		
4		3		8		9	5
8	3	9	5			4	



Libra (September 23-October 22)

There is new energy available for professional endeavors now. This is a time of good fortune when things open up in a very natural way. New people in your life and new circumstances make it very easy to see which path you will want to claim for yours. Opportunities flourish and you may find yourself wanting and capable of doing most everything. You may be teaching young people today. You are not so egotistical as to believe that we should get away from the natural way of living our lives. You encourage young people to learn the old ways of navigation and communication so that they will never be without the ability to contact others or to find safety when they are lost at sea or land. You teach proper health practices and etiquette.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Things may seem magical in the way they work out today. This is a great time to organize and get things accomplished. This is a time when you have a greater appreciation for things of value. This could be a period of great material gain; it is certainly a time when material things have a great deal of importance. Your thoughts and goals are very clear. Upcoming events need planning so that the cost is kept down. Unforeseen expenses could be hard to find. You may have to be firm with a family member who seems to think that money grows on trees! This evening there is some energy present that will help you to heal, or to just feel better. This could mean less pollen or not as hot a day, etc. Look back over your day-review.



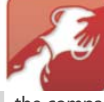
Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

An emotionally charged drama will be experienced in the realm of law, politics, education, travel or religion. You could be most persuasive with others and may add a great deal of calming energies to an intense debate or disagreement. The situation is a natural for self-expression and lends itself to your particular thoughts. You will enjoy the company of your loved ones this afternoon. Keep your positive attitude. You are feeling reflective and enjoy being with family members. Tonight when the subject of dinner comes around you may decide to cook a special dinner for everyone. If there are young people present, they could be in charge of some special side dish. This is a good opportunity to teach and to listen or to visit.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

You can work effectively behind the scenes where distractions are minimal. Circumstances may require the use of your knowledge and persuasive communication skills. This could offer you your best opportunity to exercise your own personal power. Concentrate on ways in which to bring about a balance between responsibilities and relaxation. With your resourcefulness, today's obstacles can be converted into opportunities. You are good with numbers and could become most important in accounting. There will be increased opportunities to reach out to others through a social function this evening. Networking is an excellent way to get your ideas across to others and find avenues of success. Take a hint from a person you admire.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

Communication skills are in demand-you may be requested to speak for the company or deal with the public. Your co-worker friends may become very close to you, almost like family. It is almost like an ongoing soap opera to hear about the next activity or event in your friend's life. Your emotions and the feelings of those around you may be very clear today. Gossip is easy to find, but you will encourage respect and refuse the gossip-thereby gaining appreciation from all. Many insights can be gleaned this afternoon from conversations regarding hypothetical situations. Don't be afraid to speak up when you see a situation that could bring about better business. A true maturity can be reached when you leave doubts about your abilities.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Your directional abilities are in high focus. Others may slow you down from time to time by pulling you into conversations, but your mind is on whatever project you have set up for yourself. This could mean you are working at your job, but it could just as easily mean you are working in your garage or your garden. You and your loved one may decide to take up a new hobby or attend a class together-perhaps learning about herbs or drying flowers. Whatever the case, it will be something fun and decidedly different from your normal interests. There is a deepening of your love relationship this evening and you feel like having some special time alone with a special loved one. It is likely that more money will be coming your way soon.

Yesterday's Solution

More 1950's Songs

I M W A L K I N R E B E L R O U S E R  
P L N I L R A D E L T T I L E S A M Y  
A Y E W S E E E Y B E H S I E S S Y L  
L E L G H E U R R L L L E A M T N R E  
L N P O D I C N L L L C W A A M T R  
S O A O A E T I E E F R E G I Y M E E  
H O S D S L C E B Y U N G M T N I A C  
O Y O N I Y U M E L I A E O I O U D H N  
O E R I L E H O S I R Y L L O N A F I  
K N O G E T L E S L G A L L U N D L S  
U O L H U A A O E T N H E E T O S A O  
P M L T R N T E O O G I T I N O S M Y  
G G I I C I T E S D U R L N W O E I D  
O E N R E T H R B O M L O H I K L N N  
D T A T N T B I E M L Y Y A W U N E G A  
R J O E N I O T A N A M D N A S R M M  
I O N O O T P C H A N C E S A R E L I  
B B E O D V E C D O O L B G N U O Y E

ALL SHOOK UP  
ALMOST GROWN  
AT THE HOP  
BIRD DOG  
BLUE MONDAY  
CHANCES ARE  
CHANTILLY LACE  
CRY  
DON'T BE CRUEL  
EL PASO

FLAMINGO  
GET A JOB  
GOODNIGHT IRENE  
I'M A MAN  
I'M WALKIN'  
JIM DANDY  
JUKE  
LITTLE DARLIN'  
LONELY AVENUE  
LOUIE LOUIE

LUCILLE  
MAYBE  
MONEY HONEY  
MR SANDMAN  
PERSONALITY  
REBEL ROUSER  
ROLLIN' STONE  
SEA CRUISE  
SINCERELY  
SO WHAT

SOUL ON FIRE  
STAGGER LEE  
THE BELLS  
THE WIND  
TIPITINA  
TOM DOOLEY  
TRY ME  
WHITE LIGHTNING  
YOUNG BLOOD

The hidden sentence is: PLEASE SEND ME SOMEONE TO LOVE

Yesterday's Solution

6	2	8	3	4	1	7	9	5
5	9	4	7	8	6	1	2	3
1	7	3	5	9	2	8	4	6
8	1	5	4	3	7	9	6	2
4	6	7	9	2	8	3	5	1
2	3	9	6	1	5	4	7	8
9	5	6	8	7	3	2	1	4
7	8	1	2	6	4	5	3	9
3	4	2	1	5	9	6	8	7



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**SHARQIA-1**  
CARS 3  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
CARS 3  
CARS 3  
LONDON HEIST  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
LONDON HEIST

11:45 AM  
2:00 PM  
4:00 PM  
6:15 PM  
8:30 PM  
10:30 PM  
12:30 AM

**SHARQIA-2**  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
BABY DRIVER  
BABY DRIVER  
BABY DRIVER

12:15 PM  
3:00 PM  
5:45 PM  
7:45 PM  
10:00 PM  
12:15 AM

**SHARQIA-3**  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES

1:00 PM  
1:45 PM  
3:45 PM  
6:30 PM  
9:15 PM  
12:05 AM

**MUHALAB-1**  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
FIDAA - Telugu  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING

12:20 PM  
2:20 PM  
2:00 PM  
5:15 PM  
7:15 PM  
10:00 PM  
12:05 AM

**MUHALAB-2**  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
CARS 3  
CARS 3  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES

11:45 AM  
2:30 PM  
4:45 PM  
7:00 PM  
9:45 PM  
12:30 AM

**MUHALAB-3**  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
BABY DRIVER  
BABY DRIVER  
BABY DRIVER  
BABY DRIVER

12:00 PM  
2:00 PM  
4:00 PM  
6:00 PM  
8:15 PM  
10:30 PM  
12:45 AM

**FANAR-1**  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
LONDON HEIST  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR

12:30 PM  
2:30 PM  
4:30 PM  
6:30 PM  
8:30 PM

LONDON HEIST  
LONDON HEIST

10:30 PM  
12:30 AM

**FANAR-2**  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES

12:00 PM  
2:00 PM  
4:45 PM  
6:45 PM  
9:35 PM  
12:20 AM

**FANAR-3**  
RAILROAD TIGERS  
RAILROAD TIGERS  
TUBELIGHT (Hindi)  
MUNNA MICHAEL - Hindi  
RAILROAD TIGERS  
RAILROAD TIGERS

1:00 PM  
3:15 PM  
5:30 PM  
8:15 PM  
11:00 PM  
1:15 AM

**MARINA-1**  
CARS 3  
CARS 3  
CARS 3  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
LONDON HEIST  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING

1:00 PM  
3:15 PM  
5:30 PM  
7:45 PM  
9:45 PM  
11:45 PM

**MARINA-2**  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES

11:45 AM  
2:30 PM  
4:30 PM  
6:30 PM  
9:15 PM  
12:05 AM

**MARINA-3**  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
BABY DRIVER  
BABY DRIVER  
BABY DRIVER

12:15 PM  
3:00 PM  
5:45 PM  
8:00 PM  
10:15 PM  
12:30 AM

**AVENUES-1**  
TUBELIGHT (Hindi)  
MUNNA MICHAEL - Hindi  
JAGGA JASOOS - Hindi  
MUNNA MICHAEL - Hindi  
TUBELIGHT (Hindi)

12:00 PM  
2:50 PM  
5:55 PM  
9:05 PM  
11:55 PM

**AVENUES-2**  
DESPICABLE ME 3 -3D-4DX  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING -3D-4DX  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES -3D-4DX  
BABY DRIVER-2D-4DX  
BABY DRIVER-2D-4DX

11:50 AM  
1:45 PM  
4:30 PM  
7:15 PM  
9:45 PM

WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES -3D-4DX

12:15 AM

**AVENUES-3**  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
BABY DRIVER  
FRI  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING

1:05 PM  
1:30 PM  
  
3:50 PM  
6:30 PM  
9:20 PM  
12:05 AM

**360°- 1**  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES -3D  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES

12:35 PM  
3:25 PM  
6:20 PM  
9:25 PM  
12:10 AM

**360°- 2**  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
FRI  
KHAMMIS & JUMMA (Horoob Ejbari)  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
KHAMMIS & JUMMA (Horoob Ejbari)

2:00 PM  
  
1:15 PM  
4:00 PM  
6:05 PM  
8:05 PM  
10:05 PM  
12:05 AM

**360°- 3**  
MUNNA MICHAEL - Hindi  
JAGGA JASOOS - Hindi  
TUBELIGHT (Hindi)  
NO FRI+SAT+MON  
VIKRAM VEDHA - Tamil  
FRI+SAT+MON  
MUNNA MICHAEL - Hindi  
TUBELIGHT (Hindi)

11:55 AM  
2:45 PM  
6:10 PM  
  
6:10 PM  
  
9:15 PM  
12:10 AM

**AL-KOUT.1**  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
BABY DRIVER  
BABY DRIVER  
BABY DRIVER  
BABY DRIVER

1:15 PM  
3:15 PM  
5:15 PM  
7:30 PM  
9:45 PM  
12:05 AM

**AL-KOUT.2**  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
CARS 3  
CARS 3  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING

11:30 AM  
2:15 PM  
5:00 PM  
7:15 PM  
9:30 PM  
12:15 AM

**AL-KOUT.3**  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES

1:00 PM

CARS 3  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES

1:30 PM  
3:50 PM  
6:40 PM  
9:25 PM  
12:10 AM

**AL-KOUT.4**  
RAILROAD TIGERS  
RAILROAD TIGERS  
KHAMMIS & JUMMA (Horoob Ejbari)  
LONDON HEIST  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
LONDON HEIST  
RAILROAD TIGERS

11:35 AM  
1:45 PM  
4:00 PM  
6:45 PM  
8:45 PM  
10:45 PM  
12:45 AM

**BAIRAQ-1**  
CARS 3 -3D  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
RAILROAD TIGERS  
CARS 3  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES

11:30 AM  
1:45 PM  
4:30 PM  
6:45 PM  
9:00 PM  
11:45 PM

**BAIRAQ-2**  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
BABY DRIVER  
BABY DRIVER

11:35 AM  
2:20 PM  
4:15 PM  
6:15 PM  
8:15 PM  
10:15 PM  
12:30 AM

**BAIRAQ-3**  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
TUBELIGHT (Hindi)  
TISBAH ALA KHAIR  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING

1:15 PM  
2:00 PM  
4:00 PM  
6:45 PM  
9:30 PM  
11:30 PM

**PLAZA**  
TUBELIGHT (Hindi)  
FIDAA - Telugu  
TUBELIGHT (Hindi)  
FIDAA - Telugu  
VIKRAM VEDHA - Tamil

3:30 PM  
3:30 PM  
6:30 PM  
6:30 PM  
9:30 PM

**LAILA**  
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING  
DESPICABLE ME 3  
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES  
BABY DRIVER

3:15 PM  
6:00 PM  
8:00 PM  
10:45 PM

**AJIAL.1**  
JAGGA JASOOS - Hindi  
VIKRAM VEDHA - Tamil

3:55 PM  
4:00 PM

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Fajr: 03:34  
Shorook: 05:04  
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Asr: 15:30  
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# THE KILLERS: THE STROKES WERE ALWAYS ABOVE US

The Killers always thought The Strokes were "so much more above" them. Drummer Ronnie Vannucci Jr has admitted the group didn't put themselves in the same class as their rival band, whose guitarist Nick Valensi recently admitted they used to think their songs were much better than Brandon Flowers' group's tunes. Ronnie told NME magazine: "I certainly didn't, and I don't think anybody in the band really would even put ourselves in the same boat. "We always thought those guys were so much more above us. It's kind of flattering just to hear them talking about our band - even now. "Especially The Strokes. They're one of the baddest rock bands out there." Nick recently revealed his band used to wonder why everyone was listening to some of The Killers' tracks, such as their 2004 hit 'Mr Brightside', more than their own tunes. In an excerpt of book 'Meet Me in the Bathroom: Rebirth and Rock and Roll in New York City 2001-2011' by journalist Lizzy Goodman, he says: "We had conversations that went along the lines of 'Gosh, I think our songs are better than 'Mr Brightside' by the Killers, but how come that's the one everyone is listening to?" "They did it a different

way. They recorded it in a different way. They promoted it in a different way. We could be that big." Frontman Brandon recently admitted he thought The Strokes' debut album 'Is This It' was better than The Killers' first record, 'Hot Fuss'. When asked if 'Hot Fuss' was worthy of being named one of the best debut albums in the last 30 years, he replied: "I will say it's one of them. If you ask me, The Strokes' debut is better. Guns N' Roses's debut is better. "But I do think we're up there and I'm proud of it."

## Iglesias thought Matt Terry was Spanish

Enrique Iglesias thought Matt Terry was Spanish when he first heard his vocals. The 'X Factor' winner recently worked with the hunk on a remix of his smash hit 'S'beme La Radio' alongside Sean Paul - who features on the original - but, although he was born and raised in Bromley, East London, his accent was convincing. Speaking to the Daily Star newspaper, Enrique said: "When I heard Matt sing in Spanish it's crazy. You wouldn't know he was English. He doesn't have an accent. You can tell when he was singing he has that Spanish in him." While Matt has kept a relatively low profile since he won the show, Enrique couldn't wait to work with him after he watched him storm to victory on the program. He explained: "I knew who he was because of 'X Factor' of course. I watch a lot of those shows. We thought it would be cool. He has his fan base. "What I normally like to do in these collaborations is just try it out.

Artists need to feel comfortable singing the songs. I have done collaborations before and a lot of times they don't turn out how you expect them to." Matt, 24, has been spending the last few months across the pond working on new music and the 'Hero' hitmaker has admitted he's willing to offer a helping hand. Enrique explained: "I definitely want to help, for sure. Once I collaborate with someone and the vibe is good you keep going. "And even if this once hadn't worked, I would still try and try until we got it right." And Enrique hasn't ruled out working with other 'X Factor' finalists in the future. He added: "It's tough to be an artist and get signed to a record company these days. To me, whether you're on 'X Factor' or because you walk into the Song building, it's not any different."



## Bennington's mic-breaking voice

Chester Bennington nearly broke a microphone with his voice while recording 'One Step Closer'. Record producer Don Gilmore, who worked on Linkin Park's 2000 debut album 'Hybrid Theory', insists the frontman - who sadly took his own life last week aged 41 - was a "dream come true" to work alongside and has recalled a particularly powerful recording session with the late star. Speaking about working on the US rockers' debut single 'One Step Closer', he said: "He knocked the walls down in the little fort. When he sang it, he just literally destroyed the whole thing and almost broke the microphone. He was just out of his mind. And the rest is history. "For a record producer he was just a dream come true. He could go to that point that was, like, beyond - it's just crazy how hard he could go with such precision. And even when he sings softly, the precision [was there]. So yeah, he was a super, special guy." Don admitted Chester - who leaves behind six children and wife Talinda -

used to regularly talk about his problems but also laughed a lot and would have the whole crew in hysterics during recording sessions for the band's second studio album ' Meteora'. He added to Billboard: "The thing that is so disturbing about this - and granted, I haven't been in touch with him in a long time - he was a guy who maybe had a few problems, but he would kind of talk about them. "Oh, this and that. My wife is doing this. Oh, I've got to go do this! Just normal stuff that we all do. And he liked to laugh, he had an amazing sense of humor. "On 'Meteora', he set up this little ProTools rig out in the lounge and he would write these little funny punk rock songs and record them and bring them in and play them for us. "But I mean, he just was a funny guy, it was awesome. It's just, boy, such a sad, sad thing." Chester's death was officially ruled as suicide by hanging, the LA County Coroner's Office confirmed yesterday.

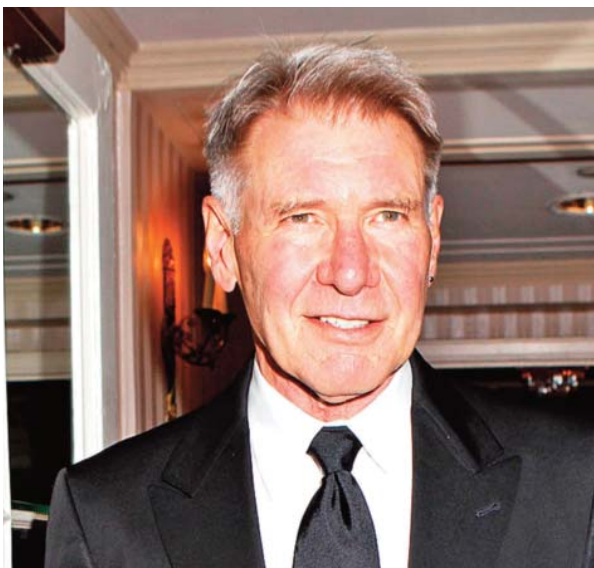
## Brian McFadden to join Boyzone

Brian McFadden is set to join Boyzone for a series of anniversary gigs next year. The 37-year-old singer was hoping that his band Westlife, who split up in 2012, would get back together for a reunion, but it looks like he's finally accepted defeat as he has now agreed to join the rival group for their upcoming 25th anniversary tour. Speaking to The Sun newspaper, Boyzone's Shane Lynch said: "There's a possibility of Brian joining us. He's doing the whole tour on a support but there's no point him hanging around. I'd like to bring him on stage for a couple of songs with the boys." Brian left Westlife in 2004 at the height of the band's success to explore a solo career, before he headed to Australia for a number of television gigs, including being a judge on 'Australia's Got Talent'. But he recently revealed he wanted to reunite with his former band mates Nicky Byrne, Kian Egan, Mark Feehily, and Shane Filan. While the group seemed semi-keen to reform, Louis Walsh - who managed the band - told him it was highly unlikely he would be able to join the foursome. Brian said previously: "Louis has said the conversations were that if there was going to ever be a Westlife reunion, which I don't know if there's going to be, it will probably just be the other four members." However, Nicky has spoken recently about the prospect of the 'Safe' hitmakers reforming, and confirmed that it was a possibility with their forthcoming 20th anniversary in 2018 being the catalyst. The 38-year-old singer said: "I don't think it would take much to get us back together. In a couple of years' time it will be the 20th anniversary and you could probably use that and maybe people will be interested. It's about wanting to do it at the right time."



## Fancher had Blade Runner sequel planned

'Blade Runner' co-writer Hampton Fancher had a sequel script planned a year after the first movie. The original cult film was released in 1982 and now 35 years later Harrison Ford is set to reprise his role as Rick Deckard in 'Blade Runner 2049' but Fancher - who wrote the original and sequel scripts with Sir Ridley Scott - admits to having an idea a year after the original was released. Speaking at San Diego Comic Con, Fancher said: "When we finished the first one, within a year we were talking about a second one. Ridley called, I was in New York and I went out to Los Angeles, and we batted stories around. Nothing came of it because of legal problems. I guess, because I was reading in the newspapers, I thought Deckard had come to bad circumstances - he was nowhere - and he got assigned a 'Blade Runner' job in Moscow, and it was all Russian, and cold, and snow ... John le Carre, you know? That's what I was thinking of. I remember telling Ridley that 'Harrison in Moscow!' Just that's a good thing, right? And nothing came of it." The highly-anticipated sequel will see Ford return to the movie and despite famously clashing with franchise creator Sir Ridley Scott, he insists he still has a lot of respect for the veteran filmmaker, but admitted he had a "very different" experience working with Denis. Jared Leto will star in the role of Neander Wallace, but director Denis Villeneuve admitted his first choice was the late David Bowie, but when the iconic singer passed away from cancer in January 2016, he was forced to look for someone else with similar rock star qualities. The film also stars 'La La Land' hunk Ryan Gosling as Officer K and Villeneuve recently admitted the part was written for the actor from the start. Denis said: "The part was written for Ryan right from the start. He was perfect."



## Besson forced producers to get Rihanna in latest film



Luc Besson had to persuade his producers to get Rihanna to star in 'Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets'. The iconic 'Fifth Element' filmmaker knew from the start that he wanted to cast the 'Unfaithful' hitmaker in the pivotal role as Bubble in his new sci-fi film, but Besson had to persuade his producers to reach out as they were unsure they could get her in the independent film. He said: "Bubble is the ultimate artists - that's the part. And for me, Rihanna is the ultimate - she's the queen. I thought about her from the beginning. And when we started the cast, I said, 'For Bubble, I'd love to contact Rihanna.' They [the producers] said 'What's your second choice?' I said, 'Why?' They said, 'Luc, come on! I said, 'Why not? Let's try it. Let's see.' The first question we asked to the manager is if she's interested in shooting in the film. If she's not interested, then don't even give her the script. But the guy came back and said, 'Definitely, yes!' " Besson - who is married to film producer Virginie Silla - and Rihanna enjoyed a "normal relationship" on set he says the R&B singer could-

n't have been more "perfect" as a professional during the shoot. He said: "On set, she was normal. Even me, at the beginning, I said, 'I hope it's not going to be Rihanna and the great orchestra.' But on the first day, she looked at her entourage and said, 'You, out.' No one was on set. She came on set by herself. It was a normal relationship between an actor and an actress. When she got emotional she let me get in. She was perfect. The fact that she is the queen of soul is a handicap, in fact. I don't use that. She's not singing in the film. She's not a superstar in the film. She has a specific role. It's a handicap. And my concern with her was if she wanted to be in the film for the right reason or not, and she did." The all-star cast also included supermodel-turned-actress Cara Delevingne, Clive Owen, Ethan Hawke, Rutger Hauer and Dane DeHaan and the cast and director were in London for the UK premiere of 'Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets' on Monday night.

## Hathaway in talks for Barbie movie role

Anne Hathaway is in the frame to star in the 'Barbie' film. The 34-year-old actress is wanted by Sony and Mattel to take on the role of a character expelled from Barbieland for failing to live up to the perfection expected of its residents, according to website The Ankler. The part was initially going to be played by Amy Schumer but she has pulled out of the project, intended for cinemas in 2018, due to "scheduling conflicts". Hathaway is said to be interested in the role and talks have been progressing well. Director Alethea Jones is in talks to helm the movie which Sony and Mattel want to send a positive message to young girls about body image and self-esteem. Schumer, 36, admitted she was totally "bummed" to drop out of the 'Barbie' film, even though she had been targeted by trolls in the wake of her casting, an online attack which she laughed off with her usual wit. In a statement, she said: "Sadly, I'm no longer able to commit to 'Barbie' due to scheduling conflicts. The film has so much promise, and Sony and Mattel have been great partners. I'm bummed, but look forward to seeing Barbie on the big screen." Hathaway will next be seen in the all-female led crime

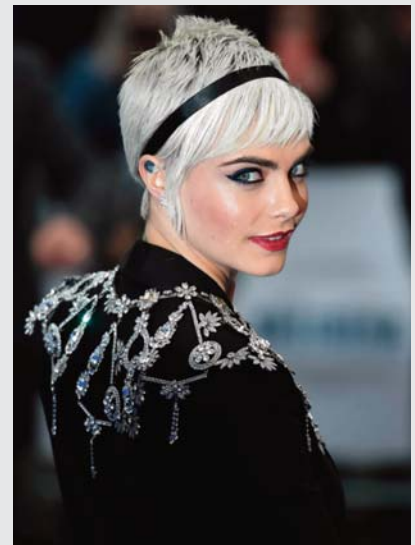
caper 'Ocean's Eight' and is currently shooting Steven Knight's new thriller 'Serenity'.



## Delevingne looks for strong female roles

Cara Delevingne only wants to play "strong, independent females" in movies. The supermodel-and-actress can currently be seen as Sergeant Laureline in Luc Besson's sci-fi movie 'Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets' and after making a few forays onto the big screen she wants to push a message of female empowerment to cinema goers with the roles she accepts. Speaking in London's Leicester Square at the European premiere of the blockbuster on Monday night the 24-year-old beauty said: "It's culmination of the role, obviously, what the role stands for. "I think at the moment I'm really going for really strong independent females." Delevingne also said that Besson, who directed the cult movie 'The Fifth Element', opened her eyes to the sci-fi genre. She said: "He really opened my eyes to sci-fi after Disney. It's really crazy that I'm standing here today after being in one of his films after watching his films. After all the incredible women he puts in his films, I'm just so thankful that he chose me." Delevingne was last seen as Enchantress in DC Extended Universe movie 'Suicide Squad', and although it received mixed

reviews she was proud of the movie and her own derided performance. She said: "I think it would be very wrong to take it personally. At the end of the day all we want as actors is to portray the world we live through as best we can and hope audiences connect with that." 'Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets' also stars Dane DeHaan as well as pop superstar Rihanna.— Bang Showbiz





## Box Office Top 20: 'Dunkirk,' 'Girls Trip' score

The news was good for two of the three new openers this weekend. Christopher Nolan's World War II epic "Dunkirk" topped the charts with \$50.5 million, while the buddy comedy "Girls Trip" earned \$31.2 million to take second place. Both well-reviewed films toppled modest expectations. But things were not so bright for Luc Besson's "Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets." The costly sci-fi spectacle pulled in only \$17 million for a fifth-place start behind holdovers "Spider-Man: Homecoming," which drew \$22.2 million, and "War for the Planet of the Apes," which earned \$20.9 million.

The top 20 movies at US and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by comScore:

- "Dunkirk," Warner Bros, \$50,513,488, 3,720 locations, \$13,579 average, \$50,513,488, 1 Week.
- "Girls Trip," Universal, \$31,201,920, 2,591 locations, \$12,042 average, \$31,201,920, 1 Week.
- "Spider-Man: Homecoming," Sony, \$22,150,085, 4,130 locations, \$5,363 average, \$251,851,666, 3 Weeks.
- "War For The Planet Of The Apes," 20th Century Fox, \$20,884,223, 4,100 locations, \$5,094 average, \$98,235,137, 2 Weeks.
- "Valerian And The City Of A Thousand Plan," STX Entertainment, \$17,007,624, 3,553 locations, \$4,787 average, \$17,007,624, 1 Week.
- "Despicable Me 3," Universal, \$13,012,050, 3,525 locations, \$3,691 average, \$213,620,275, 4 Weeks.
- "Baby Driver," Sony, \$6,070,912, 2,503 locations, \$2,425 average, \$84,304,851, 4 Weeks.



- "The Big Sick," Lionsgate, \$5,008,143, 2,597 locations, \$1,928 average, \$24,547,521, 5 Weeks.
- "Wonder Woman," Warner Bros, \$4,608,028, 1,971 locations, \$2,338 average, \$389,011,307, 8 Weeks.
- "Wish Upon," Broad Green Pictures, \$2,475,013, 2,154 locations, \$1,149 average, \$10,519,278, 2 Weeks.
- "Cars 3," Disney, \$1,918,697, 1,294 locations, \$1,483 average, \$144,013,262, 6 Weeks.
- "Transformers: The Last Knight," Paramount, \$1,169,678, 1,025 locations, \$1,141 average, \$127,606,483, 5 Weeks.

- "Fidaa," BlueSky Cinemas, \$955,455, 130 locations, \$7,350 average, \$955,455, 1 Week.
- "De Pere en Flic 2," Entertainment One Films, \$570,740, 92 locations, \$6,204 average, \$2,429,031, 2 Weeks.
- "Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie," 20th Century Fox, \$461,114, 291 locations, \$1,585 average, \$71,865,351, 8 Weeks.
- "47 Meters Down," Entertainment Studios Motion Pictures, \$447,820, 449 locations, \$997 average, \$42,272,276, 6 Weeks.

- "The House," Warner Bros, \$430,021, 453 locations, \$949 average, \$24,456,269, 4 Weeks.
- "Maudie," Sony Pictures Classics, \$391,064, 233 locations, \$1,678 average, \$4,065,731, 6 Weeks.
- "Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol 2," Disney, \$364,450, 268 locations, \$1,360 average, \$387,259,952, 12 Weeks.
- "The Beguiled," Focus Features, \$257,555, 331 locations, \$778 average, \$10,160,989, 5 Weeks. — AP



**Roger Daltrey, lead singer for the English rock band The Who, left, poses with Adam Kirk and his daughter Sawyer McGhee, a cancer patient, in Cleveland, Ohio, on Monday. — AP photos**



**Roger Daltrey signs a ukulele for a cancer patient during a visit to a hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.**

## The Who's Roger Daltrey visits teenage cancer patients

Roger Daltrey's voice may not soar as it once did. But even after 50 years of touring he hasn't lost his teenage spirit. The Hall of Fame rocker, who has been an advocate for teen cancer patients for nearly three decades, visited with children, young adults and their families at Rainbow Babies Hospital on Monday. The Who's front man toured the Angie Fowler Adolescent & Young Adult Cancer Institute, which was founded in 2012 to better serve young patients while they undergo cancer treatments and following their release.

"Teenagers for so long have been overlooked," said the 73-year-old, still on the road with longtime bandmate Pete Townshend. "Not nearly enough has been done for them." For years, teenage cancer patients were hospitalized on pediatric floors or placed with older patients. After consulting with doctors researching treatments and recovery, Daltrey understood the need for teens to have a place of their own, where they could recover in surroundings more suited to their interests and maturity level. "The light went on in my head with this one," said Daltrey, who first got involved with the Teenage Cancer Trust in 1989. "I was in the Who when I was 18 years old and without the support of this age group - adolescents and young adults - our business wouldn't be there. The music business is built mostly with this age group. It's an easy way for me to say, 'Thank you.'"

During his visit, Daltrey, whose iconic voice helped make Who songs such as "My Generation," "Behind Blue Eyes" and "Won't Get Fooled Again" anthems for generations of fans, spent time with young cancer patients who have benefited from their time in facilities like the one at Rainbow Babies

Hospital. Daltrey quickly connected with several of the teens, who eagerly shared stories of being diagnosed and lengthy hospital stays. He had a warm word, hug or handshake for each of them and was happy to pose for photos. For Adam Kirk, Daltrey's visit was a chance to meet a rock hero. The 40-year-old's daughter, Sawyer, has been fighting leukemia for months and Daltrey's face lit up when he saw the 11/2-year-old being carried toward him. Kirk came prepared for his meeting, getting Daltrey to sign a well-worn copy of "Who's Next," regarded as the band's signature album.

As he made his way around an outdoor, rooftop garden, Daltrey was approached by another dad who wanted to show his appreciation for the singer's charitable work. Tyson Stiles presented Daltrey with a musical gift. While his son, Ryver, spent nearly 300 days in the hospital after being born prematurely, Stiles recorded a short album that included songs he wrote about his son's ordeal. "I wanted you to have a copy," Stiles said. "Is it any good?" Daltrey asked. "No, it's terrible," Stiles quipped as both men laughed. Later, Daltrey donated a guitar signed by him and Townshend that will be permanently displayed in the Fowler Institute's in-patient unit. Daltrey also shared memories of his previous visits to Cleveland. He and the Who first came to town in 1967. "It's a lot different than it used to be," he said. "It was the dirtiest place I'd ever been to in my life. Everything was covered in soot. But Cleveland audiences were some of the best we ever played for." — AP

## Backstreet Boys, Florida Georgia Line back together on CMT

Backstreet Boys got their first hit country song this year on a collaboration with country duo Florida Georgia and now the two powerhouse acts are teaming up for a "CMT Crossroads" episode airing Aug. 30. The cross-genre television show will feature all-star group performances of each other's biggest singles, including "I Want It That Way," "As Long As You Love Me," "Cruise" and "H.O.L.Y." as well as their partnership on the platinum hit "God, Your Momma, and Me."

The two groups are popping up together a lot this year. They performed together on the Academy of Country Music Awards this year and are playing a series of baseball stadium tour dates this summer. FGL's Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley are longtime fans of the '90s boy band icons, who are on an upswing after a successful Las Vegas residency this year. Hubbard said in an email interview with The Associated Press that he's most looking forward to singing their classic, "Everybody (Backstreet's Back)."

"It's crazy to think how we grew up listening to this song and now are on stage performing it together," Hubbard said. "It still gets me every time!" With the two

groups hitting Boston, Minneapolis and Chicago stadiums, Hubbard said watching the Backstreet Boys performances has been a learning experience. "These guys are master entertainers, no doubt," Hubbard said. "But, I gotta say that BK and I have learned to really step up our game all the way around." Their performance at the ACMs in Las Vegas in April got everyone from Nicole Kidman to Tim McGraw on their feet to dance along. But the country duo acknowledges that it's pretty complicated to get all seven singers up on stage together to dance. "The dance moves are still a new thing for us but we love it, so much so that we even added dancers to our stadium shows," Kelley said. Debuting in 2002, "CMT Crossroads" has featured musical mashups between Def Leppard and Taylor Swift, Steven Tyler and Carrie Underwood, and John Mayer and Keith Urban. The one-hour show will air at 10 p.m. Eastern/Pacific on Aug. 30. — AP



**In this file photo, Tyler Hubbard, from right, and Brian Kelley, third from left, of Florida Georgia Line, and from left, Nick Carter, AJ McLean, Brian Littrell, and Kevin Richardson, of Backstreet Boys, perform at the 52nd annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas. — AP**

## In 'Detroit,' Bigelow revisits still-burning flames of 1967

Kathryn Bigelow hasn't forgotten the out-of-body experience she felt when she won the best director Academy Award for her 2009 "The Hurt Locker." At that moment, she became the first woman to win the award. None have been nominated since. "The gender inequity that exists in the industry, I thought it would maybe be the beginning of that inequity not being quite so pronounced," said Bigelow in a recent interview. "Sadly, that doesn't seem to be the case. And I don't know why that is. I just don't know. But I sort of feel like on behalf of all the women who might yearn to tell challenging, relevant, topical, entertaining stories -that I was standing there for them. And that emboldened me."

Boldness is not a fleeting quality for Bigelow. Since "The Hurt Locker," she has, with the reporter-turned-screenwriter Mark Boal, continued to craft an ambitious, intrepid kind of cinema that marries visceral big-screen immersion with deeply researched journalism. Their previous collaboration, the Osama bin Laden-hunt thriller "Zero Dark Thirty," proved an unparalleled flashpoint in both Hollywood and Washington, prompting debates over its representation of the role torture played in the manhunt. "I'm the messenger. I didn't invent the message," she said. "I'm just compelled to make these challenging pieces. And I'm compelled by stories that are informational, that tell you what you didn't know going in - that I didn't know going in." Her latest film, "Detroit" is a no-less challenging dive into the violent soul of America, but this time, she's on the home front.

### Fire and fury

The film, also from a script from Boal, is about the Algiers Motel incident, a relatively little-remembered event that took place amid the 1967 Detroit riots - an uprising sparked by a police raid of an after-hours club - and a reaction to a long history of oppression of the city's African-Americans. The riots, among the largest in US history, left 43 dead and led to the deployment of thousands of national guardsman to a Detroit that raged in fire and fury.

"Detroit" seeks to show the historical context and indi-

vidual reality of the riots, which many say should be called a "rebellion." Within the chaos was the particularly heinous act at the Algiers Motel. Three unarmed black males were killed in an encounter with police and nine others (seven of them black) were beaten and terrorized. Three officers were charged with murder, as well as other crimes, but found not guilty. Boal approach Bigelow about making a film about the incident shortly after a St. Louis County grand jury decided not to indict police officer Darren Wilson, whose fatal shooting of Michael Brown prompted the protests in Ferguson, Missouri. The relevance of the tale, Bigelow said, fueled her motivation for making it.

"There was something sadly, tragically contemporaneous about this story," Bigelow said. "How can this conversation happen in a meaningful way, is what I walk away asking. I'm just telling this story in as authentic and truthful

and honest a way as we could given the information that is out there." The story for Boal began with Cleveland Larry Reed. During the riots, Reed (played by Algee Smith in the film) was an 18-year-old singer in the Dramatics, an up-and-coming Motown group whose concert was canceled that night. He and another bandmate bunkered down at the Algiers, only to find themselves swept into a nightmare. Reed, who met with Boal and later with Smith, never recovered from the ordeal; he gave up professional music, singing instead in church choirs.

### Everyone stopped

"In the summer of 2014, I was drawn to this story after meeting Larry Reed and hearing him recount what had happened to him 50 years ago, and then, later on, hearing from other survivors of the Algiers," Boal wrote in an email.



**This image released by Annapurna Pictures shows a scene from "Detroit."**



**In this Nov. 9, 2013 file photo, director Kathryn Bigelow accepts the "John Schlesinger Britannia Award for Excellence in Directing" during the 2013 BAFTA Los Angeles Britannia Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif. — AP photos**

"My idea for the movie was driven from the start by real people, being moved by the fine-grained particulars of what they went through." Smith, a 22-year-old actor from Saginaw, Michigan, described the set as a profoundly emotional one where the cast merely needed to "log onto our social medias for inspiration." "We were shooting a movie about history but it felt like today," he said.

He and other actors playing the terrorized victims weren't given scripts for much of the production so that their reactions of shock and horror were more genuine. "She wanted us to have a tomorrow's-not-promised type of mindset," Smith said. "We just got there and then the first day it was just total chaos. It was: 'Put your hands on the wall.' Screaming. I'm getting light-headed because I'm breathing so hard in between takes. It was emotionally and physically draining every day for those first two weeks. Will Poulter (who plays the ringleader officer) broke down on set. In the middle of a scene, he just started crying. The whole set just stopped. Everyone stopped. Will went outside and I put my arm around him but I just started crying too."

Some may say "Detroit" is a story that ought to have been told by black filmmakers. Bigelow, who has spent her career either ignoring or exploding gender stereotypes, understands such criticism. "Am I the perfect person to tell that story? Absolutely not," Bigelow said. "But I felt honored to tell this story. It's a story that's been out of circulation for 50 years. And if it can encourage a conversation about race in this country, I would find that extremely encouraging and important." Her films, she said, are about creating empathy and, hopefully, dialogue. Earlier this year, she co-directed an eight-minute virtual-reality film about park rangers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, "The Protectors: Walk in the Rangers' Shoes." "Institutionalized racism is at the heart of the piece," Bigelow said of "Detroit." "I think the purpose of art is to agitate for change. But you can't change anything unless you're aware of it." — AP





A Girl Scout badge for learning how to program a robot is seen beneath a sample of new badges focused on science, technology, engineering and math in Owings Mills, Md. — AP photos



Members of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland watch as Girl Scout badges are manufactured during a tour of the Lion Brothers factory in Owings Mills, Md.



Badges are seen on the vest of a member of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland as Girl Scouts participate in an activity introducing them to the world of robotics in Owings Mills, Md.



Sylvia Acevedo, right, CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA, assists a member of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland as she builds a simple robotic arm during an introduction to the world of robotics in Owings Mills, Md.



Members of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland use various materials to build simple robotic arms as they participate in an activity introducing them to the world of robotics in Owings Mills, Md.

## Robots, race cars and weather: Girl Scouts offer new badges

'It's really all about how do we capture that interest in science and technology'

Girl Scouts from tiny Daisies to teen Ambassadors may earn 23 new badges focused on science, technology, engineering and math. It's the largest addition of new badges in a decade for Girl Scouts of the USA. The effort takes a progressive approach to STEM and also nudges girls to become citizen scientists using the great outdoors as their laboratory. Among the new badges are those that introduce kindergarten and first graders to the world of robots and engineering. Scouts can learn basic programming and build prototypes to solve everyday problems. Older scouts will have the chance to enhance those skills, learning more about artificial intelligence, algorithms and how to formally present their work.

Other new badges focus on race car and aviation design using kits from GoldieBlox, a girl-focused toy company. The "leave no trace" approach to interacting with the environment and the study of meteorology by learning to predict weather patterns and potential hazards are among activities geared to new outdoors badges. Cayla Hicks, 7, is grateful. She's a Baltimore Brownie who's interested in the "Designing Robots" badge. "I want to be a scientist. I like building things and I like discovering things. Me and my brother - well, I usually ask my brother if he wants to look through my telescope. Usually he says no," Cayla said as she recently demonstrated how to make a "robotic arm" out of sticks and fasteners.

Baby boomer Sylvia Acevedo, the CEO of the scouting group, was just like Cayla as a girl growing up in tiny Las Cruces, New Mexico. "My troop leader looked at me and saw me looking at the stars, and she taught me that there were constellations, she taught me there were systems and patterns to the

stars," Acevedo said in a recent interview. "Because I got my science badge I developed that courage and that confidence to study science and math at a time when girls like me weren't studying science and math. Girls like me, statistically, weren't even finishing high school." Acevedo was one of the first Hispanic students, male or female, to earn a graduate engineering degree from Stanford University. The former tech executive's first job was as a rocket scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California.



In this photo, Cayla Hicks, 7, a member of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, creates a simple robotic arm out of wooden sticks, fasteners and rope during an activity introducing the world of robotics in Owings Mills, Md.

### Vulnerable to a crisis

The new badges, some of which were requested by scouts themselves in a survey, are available starting this week. Next year, another initiative will allow Girl Scouts to earn "Cybersecurity" badges.

One study cited by the scouts showed women remain vastly underrepresented in that industry, holding 11 percent of such jobs globally. Another study, done by the Computing Technology Industry Association, found that 69 percent of women who have not pursued careers in information technology attribute their choice to not knowing what opportunities are available to them.

As for STEM overall, Acevedo said, a lot of girls remain vulnerable to a crisis of confidence in pursuing education and careers in those fields. "A lot of girls haven't made that shift from using technology to, 'You can actually be a programmer,'" she said. "That you're the one who can make that coding. For a lot of girls, they need to have that hands-on experience so they feel confident." The scouts, which are 1.8 million strong in the US, has offered such opportunities in the past but consider the new badges and related programming a major push. "It's really all about how do we capture that interest in science and technology," Acevedo said. "The other thing is the girls are learning not just how to do a specific skill but also how to think, how to think like an inventor, how to think like a creator, how to think like a maker. Those are the types of things that we want to ignite in the girls."

Jennifer Allenbach, the scouting group's vice president for "girl experience," oversaw development of the new badges. Exposing girls to STEM by second grade is crucial in motivating them to continue, she said. As for the outdoors, the strategy is to move girls forward to dig deeper into such issues as conservation. "Girls had a say in this," she said. "We reached out and asked what they were interested in and this is it." — AP

## Dutch dust off 'painful' Nazi bunkers for tourism and healing

Just behind The Hague's sandy beaches under the dunes lie dozens of Nazi bunkers built during World War II which the Dutch are now dusting off to attract tourists and to help heal lingering scars. Once buried under heaps of sand and rubble, this network of bunkers and tunnels is a remnant of Hitler's "Atlantikwall", a coastal defense stretching 5,000 kilometers (3,125 miles) from northern Norway to southern France. The Hague in particular was seen as a strategic point to be heavily fortified, and the German Nazi dictator ordered the Atlantic Wall defenses to be built in 1942 seeking to keep an Allied invasion of Europe at bay.

More than 870 bunkers of different shapes and sizes were constructed of reinforced concrete. Today around 470 of them can still be found in the Dutch capital's dunes and forests, said Jacques Hogendoorn, a volunteer at the Atlantikwall Museum based in the seaside suburb of Scheveningen. "Some have been opened to the public, others are used as a shelter for bats during wintertime," Hogendoorn told AFP.

"Some bunkers are still being discovered," added Guido Blaauw, a businessman who has bought a bunker at the Clingendael estate where Austrian Nazi boss Arthur Seyss-Inquart later executed for war crimes once had his own massive underground shelter. After the war, shortages led to the bunkers being plundered for materials such as wire and wood until the angry Dutch sealed them off. Since 2008,

Hogendoorn and his foundation, with the agreement of local authorities, have carefully restored one 10-room bunker complex in the Scheveningen woods.

Here visitors can experience the damp, cool claustrophobic atmosphere where generators constantly ran in the past to ventilate the underground maze. It is a step back in time with vestiges of an old telephone system and signs that say in German: 'Beware, the enemy is listening'.

### 'Buried it underground'

But the bunkers are a dark reminder of the bitter German occupation of The Netherlands between 1940-45, said Deirdre Schoemaker, spokeswoman of the European Atlantikwall Heritage Foundation. More than 100,000 Hague residents were forcibly removed to make space for the Atlantikwall, which saw thousands of homes, seven schools, three churches and two hospitals flattened. The bunkers were often built using Dutch slave labor and with the collaboration of Dutch companies hoping to profit from the war.

No wonder that when The Hague was finally liberated in early May 1945, its residents buried the bunkers under sand and rubble to put the war behind them. "We have a Dutch expression... which literally means 'buried it under the ground'," Schoemaker told AFP. "That was really the case after the war and for many years, for decades you saw that. It was a painful history," she said. "People just did not talk about it."

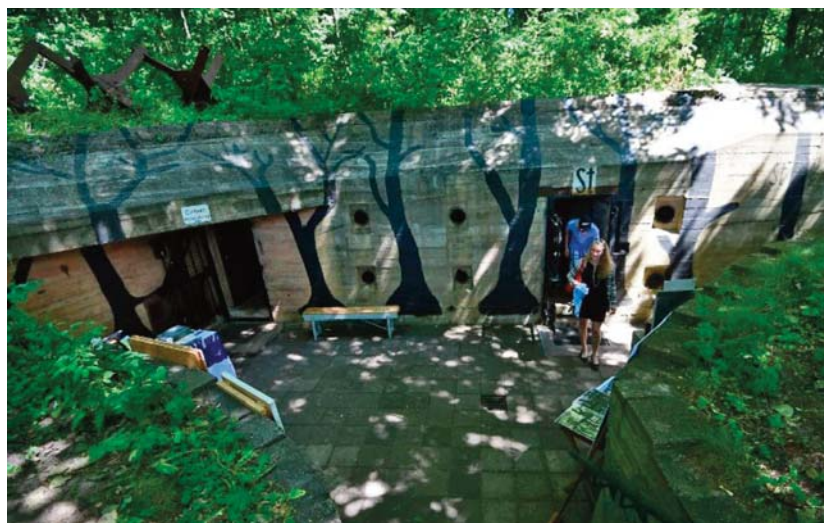
### 'Bunker Day'

For decades the bunkers mostly lay dormant, an intriguing playground for local children, while others were used by the Dutch government as high-security command posts during the Cold War. Slowly however in the last decade people's views have changed, Schoemaker said. "There's more and more openness. People are becoming more comfortable about talking about them, even with German tourists," she said. Growing curiosity combined with an understanding of their historic significance led to The Hague's first official "Bunker Day" in 2014. "It's German history, not the best history, but history you have to see in order for it not to happen again," said German tourist Sebastian Frank, 31, a geriatric nurse from Dresden.

The annual June event has now grown to incorporate bunker visits along the entire Dutch coast as well as Belgium for the first time this year, Schoemaker said. "There is huge interest. At our latest Bunker Day we had more than 10,000 visitors and each of them visited at least three to four bunkers," she said, at an entrance price of six euros (\$6.8) for adults and three euros for children.

### 'Brings back memories'

For many Dutch people who lived through the war, a visit to the bunkers may be the first time they can confront an often repressed past and it "brings back the memories," said Schoemaker. "I think it can be very therapeutic ... It's often a part of their histo-



ry that's been hidden inside them. In this way they can let it out and put it behind them." Bunker owner Blaauw added that "elderly people who witnessed the war and had problems with the bunkers right after the war are now more interested in them." But still many hesitate to be reminded of that time as the "war has defined their whole lives up until today," he said. — AFP

Once buried under heaps of sand and rubble, this network of bunkers and tunnels is a remnant of Hitler's 'Atlantikwall', a coastal defence stretching 5,000 kilometres from northern Norway to southern France.



Visitor touring bunkers built during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands in The Hague on June 18, 2017.



Visitor touring bunkers built during the Nazi occupation of The Netherlands in The Hague. — AFP photos





Photo taken at Islamorada, Florida, shows tarpon and pelicans swimming at a dock at Robbie's Marina, where tourists can feed the huge fish by hand. — AP photos



Photos shows houses and boats on a canal in a neighborhood at Key Largo, Florida.



Photos shows vacationers floating in Tarpon Basin at Key Largo, Florida.



Photos shows a colorful sunset viewed from the Caribbean Club at Key Largo, Florida.

## Road Trip: The Overseas Highway from Key Largo to Key West

The Overseas Highway links Florida's mainland with Key West, and some tourists drive straight through the chain without exploring until they get to the end of the road. Those people are missing a lot to see and do on the 108 miles (173 km) of highway and islands in between. From 33-mile-long (53-km) Key Largo to little Ramrod Key, which is less than 2 miles (3.2 km) wide, the Keys are full of opportunities for adventure for anyone willing to slow down and look around. Here are some possibilities:

### Go snorkeling

Located only 65 miles (104 km) south of Miami on the island of Key Largo, John Pennnekamp Coral Reef State Park is a good first stop on a road trip to Key West. Extending 3 miles (4.8 km) into the Atlantic Ocean, the park encompasses about 235 square miles (608 square km) of seafloor that includes the only living coral reef in the continental United States and seagrass. Privately owned boats ferrying divers and snorkelers often hover over the reef, but the park and private vendors offer reasonably priced day trips for tourists. Put on a swimming mask and stick your head beneath the water and a new world appears. Brightly colored tropical species like parrotfish and angelfish dart past waving fan coral, along with the occasional barracuda and stingrays.

### Explore a neighborhood

US 1, the official name of the Overseas Highway, makes a long, sweeping curve southward from the mainland toward Key West. There aren't many twists or turns, but there countless side streets that link the highway with waterfront neighborhoods. Go venturing down a few of those lanes. Residential areas that range from opulent to funky are hidden on side streets off the highway. Some houses are oceanfront mansions; the more interesting ones are a lot smaller.

Mobile homes painted all sorts of tropical shades line narrow streets in the upper keys, and residents go out of their way to give them an island feel. You'll see decorations like metal parrots, mounted fish, homemade art and Jimmy Buffett flags most everywhere.

### Kayak a canal

Many of those same neighborhoods are built around narrow canals that were dug of the coral bedrock decades ago to provide easier access to the sea. The best way to see the "wet" side of these spots is by kayak. You'll need a kayak - rental shops are plentiful - and a place to put it in the water, like the boat ramp beside the Caribbean Club on Key Largo's Blackwater Sound. That done, start paddling.

Canals leading into neighborhoods are easy to spot along the shore. Head down one and you're instantly surrounded by big boats, many of which hang overhead on davits that keep them suspended above the corrosive saltwater. Tiki huts and outdoor lounging areas line the canals. Look down

into the water and you're likely to see a manatee, the endangered "sea cows" that live in backwaters around the Keys. These massive mammals are protected by federal law, so don't try to feed or pet them. But also don't be surprised if one pokes its head out of the water by your boat.

### Feed a tarpon

Thousands of anglers visit the Florida Keys each year hoping to catch tarpon, a mammoth species of silver-and-green fish that often grows larger than 150 pounds. Tourists also can feed them fish by hand at a few locations. One of the best-known spots for getting an up-close look at tarpon is Robbie's Marina of Islamorada, located at the base of a bridge at Mile Marker 77.

Visitors at Robbie's pay \$2 to enter a dock where a school of the fish hang out, and it's \$3 for a bucket of small fish to feed the tarpon. Grab a dead fish by the tail, hold it close to the water and wait a few seconds - there will be a tarpon grabbing a quick snack in no time. It may sound easy, but just try holding still when a 100-pound fish with a gaping mouth jumps out of the water toward you.

### Count iguanas. Or chickens. Or coconuts

Remember the old backseat game of counting cows to make the time pass? The Florida Keys offers variations. Iguanas are the squirrels of the Keys. The green, long-tailed reptiles are easy to spot soaking up the sun on grassy roadsides, in parking lots, in trees and bushes.

But, chickens? Yep, free-range yard birds are near-constant sight also, strutting around neighborhoods and businesses. They don't belong to anyone and are best known in Key West. But feral chickens are all over the Keys, and they have been for generations. Look up in the palm trees or down at the ground and you might just see a coconut. If you want to add to the entertainment, find one on the ground in a public area and try to open it. Just remember: It's not that easy, regardless of what that video on YouTube might claim. — AP



Photos shows a manatee peering out of the water in a bay at Key Largo, Florida.

## Everyone deserves the best with Centrepont's back to school collection

Centrepont, Middle East's largest fashion retailer, has just launched its Back-to-School collection that has everything you need to start the year and be the envy of all your peers with an exciting new collection. Centrepont acknowledges that all kids have their own unique talents and interests, and wants to embrace and celebrate the differences, highlighting that every child deserves the best. The best part of the start of the new year is shopping for new school gear and this season's new collection includes everything from water bottles, stylish backpacks, to pencil pouches and stationery items in an array of attractive designs and affordable prices.

Babyshops' selection of products features a range of items perfect for little girls and boys who want to embrace their adventurous spirit! Backpacks for the little fashionistas show all their favourite heroines with characters such as Elsa from Frozen or their all-time favourite Hello Kitty. As for the boys' collection, it is packed with adventure and will have your children diving into their own little superhero world. Featuring backpacks with characters such as Superman and Batman, boys can unleash their inner hero so they can head to school full of joy and energy. For the action fans, the collection this

year features Transformers and Ferrari gear. The collection of backpacks are stylish and functional with a complete set of pencil pouches, tritan bottles and spacious lunch boxes for your child's special meal.

For the trendy teens looking for an edgy style for their school year, Lifestyle has a range of printed backpacks with characters too! With Centrepont's back to school collection, kids can find boho blitz patterns, flower power designs, pop expression prints for an eye-catching gear. The range sports popular products from brands such as Hershel, Sackroots, Jworld, Jansport, Minmei and Outsider in attractive prints and colours.

According to Simon Cooper, Head of Centrepont 'Centrepont simply offers the most comprehensive collection for kids. With 4 proven brands under its roof offering an amazing range of the latest and trendiest school gear.

Shoemart's collection for back to school wardrobe will have children feeling their best when completing their uniform look. Boys and girls can put their best foot forward with a range of black uniform shoes, white canvas sneakers and sporty kicks for the active school days. Children can head back to school the smart way with

Velcro buckle shoes with soft insoles that prevent shoe bites and that are high on comfort for the school year. Shoe Mart's back to school collection also offers a selection of brands like Puma, Skechers and Reebok that bring together a range of shoes with high durability. This year's collection also unfolds character stories for girls to go with formal school dressing such as Disney themed characters, Barbie, Cinderella and has also includes the first Hello Kitty shoes that will have each girl the envy of all her friends.

Splash's back to school selection highlights trendy new backpack designs for popular superhero characters like Batman and Superman. Along with caps, sling backs, pouches and headphones, this year's collection features Barbie, Smiley range and Hello Kitty that will have teens flaunting their new gear as they start the New Year.

Get your hands on the Back-to-School collection; do visit any of the stores located at Al-Rai, Avenues, Salmiya, Fintas, Jahra, Fahaheel, Sulaibikhat, Kuwait City, Khaitan and Hawally.





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Indian Pnar or Jaintia tribesmen carry 'Rongs' or chariots and dance in muddy waters as others watch during Behdienkhlam festival celebrations in Tuber village, in the northeastern state of Meghalaya, India, Monday, July 24, 2017. Behdienkhlam is a traditional festival of the Pnars celebrated after sowing is done seeking a good harvest and to drive away plague and diseases. Young men symbolically drive away evil spirits by beating the roof of every house with bamboo poles. — AP

## Gilberto Gil daughter becomes healthy food 'guru'

**B**ela Gil may be the youngest daughter of Brazilian singer and politician Gilberto Gil, but she's not riding on her father's musical coat tails. Instead, she has turned her fascination with the "weird" things her dad ate when she was little, such as tofu and seaweed, into her own television show on cooking, "Bela Cozinha." In it, Gil shows how to make a vegetarian version of Brazil's national dish of feijoada (a stew of beans, usually with pork and beef), gnocchi pasta made from yuca, or a pesto sauce from cacao-all showcasing natural ingredients from her country.

"I feel that Brazilians have stopped eating real, home-made food, with salad and vegetables, and instead eat more industrialized food because they are unfairly cheaper," the 29-year-old nutritionist and cook told AFP in her colorful Rio office. With around a million Facebook followers, the youngest of seven children from Gilberto Gil has made a name for herself. She has two restaurants in Rio de Janeiro, three best-selling recipe books, and various branded products, from a line of organic food to a clothing line.

But it's her tropical, healthy cuisine that is best known. In it, she swaps out butter for coconut oil, eggs for linseed, dairy milk for almond milk, and sausages for roast fish. Memes have popped up making fun of her "hippy" tendencies. But in the Gil household, such jabs have never been a problem. When it comes to eating, her father was always a diner apart. From his exile to London in the 1970s, the singer started a macrobiotic diet, back when it was considered eccentric.

**A niche in Brazil**

Gilberto Gil, says Bela, never forced his kids to follow suit. But he chided them when they drank too little water, or too much juice, or ate too much sweet foods. Bela started to adopt some of her father's ways at age 15, when yoga start-



Brazilian cooking show host Bela Gil, 29, poses during a photo session in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. — AFP

ed to influence her lifestyle. At 18, she left to live in New York, where she studied nutrition. She specialized in holistic eating in search of physical, emotional and spiritual balance. Because of her father's practices, "I didn't feel so strange and his example encouraged me to continue in this direction," she said.

While healthy eating is a current evident in Western countries, it's not so prominent in Brazil, where poverty is

once again on the rise even as genetically modified crops and deforestation grow. "Brazil is a country that's really rich, and really poor," Bela said. "Not everybody has the opportunity to choose. My fight is for those who can to give priority to organic products." She has joined an NGO that promotes food for society, and also hosts a radio program on childhood nutrition.

But her tilt towards sustainability doesn't end with food. She also uses her own YouTube channel to inspire other Brazilians to make their own toothpaste with turmeric, or homemade baby food, or alternatives to store-bought sanitary napkins for women. "We're being manipulated a lot by industries pushing us to think that we can only buy toothpaste in the pharmacy, that we should only drink bottled milk, or take certain medicines." "To learn that there are alternatives to all that is something unimaginable for a lot of people," she said.

**Like her father**

With her individual style and penchant to teach it, it's no surprise that Gilberto Gil said that she's the daughter who's most like him, and not only in appearance. He and other members of the Gil family pop up in many of her videos, in which almost nothing is kept secret-the one most watched was when she had a natural child birth of her second son in her home's pool. Naturally, she ate the placenta, for its vitamins. Bela says she regrets nothing, and has no right to say what is right or wrong-only what makes her happy. "And I feel happy to have so many followers. The more people in this boat with me, the better," she smiled. — AFP

### Bizarre News

**A group of friends make a swimming pool in the back of a car**

A group of friends made a swimming pool in the back of a car to combat the scorching heat. A collection of four friends create the make shift swimming area in the back of a pick-up truck and enjoyed the rays whilst still staying cool as they were escorted around the town of Almaty in south east Kazakhstan. And a video of the pals relaxing in the back, and splashing motorists with water has gone viral on social media. However, the Mirror Online has reported that police officers are currently trying to track down the driver of the vehicle who is reportedly set to be hit with a large fine for putting his passengers at risk. An unnamed spokesperson for the local forces said: "This is purely the driver's responsibility although the men who were passengers were clearly foolish." "Against all the established rules he put the life and health of his passengers on the line. Sadly despite tragic accidents it does not seem to serve as a lesson for certain motorists."

**Brits break the law accidentally**

A survey has revealed British people regularly break the law without realizing it. A study conducted by BT TV to celebrate the UK network premiere of 'Better Call Saul', has discovered on average 32 crimes are committed by British people every year, although the offender is mostly unaware of it, and singing 'Happy Birthday' in a restaurant takes the top spot for being the most popular law to be broken by 48 per cent. The report has shown road rage, which has seen drivers swear or flick the finger to other road users, is also in the top 10 laws to be broken alongside eating or drinking whilst at the wheel, parking on the pavement and tooting the horn for another reason than alerting traffic. However, 98 percent of people believe they have never broken any regulations and are in fact law abiding citizens, whilst 84 per cent of the British population are unsure what actions are legal. Whilst a large majority of the public are confused by what constitutes a law, 60 per cent of people are angered when they witness someone breaking the law regardless of how big or small the matter is, and they will notice a wrong doing at least four times per day. 'Better Call Saul' is available to BT customers in the UK on AMC - on BT TV channel 332. AMC is also available in HD on both BT TV and Sky with an HD subscription.

**A woman complains about takeaway and gets a date in return**

A woman complained about her takeaway order only to land a date with an employee. Tarryn McDowall ordered chicken satay via HungryHouse only to receive a Thai green curry instead, and when she complained to customer services staff member, John, about the mishap the pair instantly hit it off. According to The Mirror Online, John - who is based in Berlin, Germany - later asked Tarryn out for dinner, and had to stop himself from writing a "really dirty" and flirtatious reply via the online complaints service. Speaking about their interaction, John said: "I wanted to write something really dirty then." Tarryn thought that was the end of their romance as she was unable to get John's details, but HungryHouse flew their colleague to hand deliver the meaty dish to Tarryn so the duo could meet. She explained: "Would really like to say yes but I didn't receive his details so was unable to contact him. It would be awesome to get in touch with John again. "It was amazing to finally meet John, he's such a nice guy and kept cracking a lot of 'nutty' jokes. "It felt really special to be delivered the takeaway in person, we are definitely going to stay in touch and who knows what may happen".

## New roller coaster coming for Harry Potter theme park

**T**he Wizarding World of Harry Potter is getting a little more thrilling at Universal Orlando Resort. The theme park resort announced Monday that it would be building a new roller coaster that will showcase favorite characters from JK Rowling's fantasy series. The coaster will be built in the location of The Dragon Challenge ride, which is closing permanently in early September. The new ride will be in the Hogsmeade area of the Islands of Adventure park.

The resort said on its official blog that the ride will be unlike any other rides at the park and it will be for the entire family. The Dragon Challenge was a re-incarnation of Dueling Dragons, one of the original rides from Islands of Adventures' grand opening in 1999. — AP

