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# Arab rivalries exposed as Egypt targets Qatar in UNESCO vote

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### Govt to examine expats' degrees

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: Ministers of Interior Khaled Al-Jarrah and Social Affairs and Labor Hind Al-Sabeeh agreed on a mechanism of implementing the government's decision to examine and audit the degrees of expats holding university degrees. Informed sources said this measure will come into effect by the end of this month, when all expats will have to furnish their original degrees and submit them with other documents on renewing their residency visas.

"Otherwise, residencies will not be renewed no matter what the excuses are," stressed the sources. They added that in case of submitting a different degree oth-

er than the one used on appointment, the concerned expat would be referred to prosecution to face charges of forgery. The sources said the new measures will initially be for holders of university degrees, and will later be extended to holders of other degrees.

"This measure will be adopted to achieve equality between citizens and expats, rather than be seen as something against expats," explained the sources, noting that citizens are mandated to provide their original certificates on appointment, and that the same rules should be followed for expats, especially since many doubts had been raised concerning the validity of many expats' degrees.

Moreover, the sources noted that this step was part of a process of resolving the demographic problem, along with other decisions to stop recruiting unskilled laborers from various nationalities including Egyptians, Asians and other countries from where the majority of marginal laborers hail.

PARIS: Arab states may want their turn at the helm of UNESCO, but the barbs hurled by Egypt at rival candidate Qatar during the vote highlights the fractious geopolitics paralyzing the workings of the UN cultural agency. The Paris-based body is known for designating World Heritage sites like the ancient city of Palmyra in Syria and Grand Canyon National Park, but it has struggled for relevance as it becomes increasingly hobbled by regional rivalries and a lack of money.

France and Qatar were running neck-and-neck in the race to lead the troubled cultural body after a third round of voting yesterday whittled the field down to five. Qatar's Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al-Kawari and France's Audrey Azoulay - both former culture ministers - had 18 votes apiece in the battle to replace outgoing UNESCO director-general Irina Bokova.

Behind them in the secret ballot was Egyptian career diplomat Moushira Khattab with 13 votes and China's Tang Qian with five, according to results posted on UNESCO's website. Vera El-Khoury of Lebanon came last on four votes. Thirty



Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al-Kawari

votes are needed to clinch the nomination. The winner must be approved by UNESCO's 195 member states in November, though this is seen as a formality. Vietnam's Pham Sanh Chau dropped out of the race yesterday, having scored five votes in the second round. Candidates from Guatemala, Iraq and Azerbaijan have also given up.

The row between Qatar and Egypt has its roots in the crisis engulfing Qatar and its Gulf

Arab neighbors which have severed diplomatic, trade and travel ties with Doha after accusing it of sponsoring hardline Islamist groups, a charge Qatar denies. "The dispute has been bubbling for several months, but what we're seeing with the Arab candidates is that they are extremely divided. Some of the clashes are quite virulent," said one UNESCO ambassador.

Egypt, the Arab world's most populous state which has joined the boycott of Qatar, has not shied from making its feelings about Qatar's UNESCO bid clear. In an interview with Egypt Today and re-tweeted by the foreign ministry, Egypt's top diplomat Sameh Shoukry suggested Qatar was using its financial power to influence UNESCO's 58-member executive council.

"It is an organization that is owned by international society and cannot be sold to a particular state or individual," he was quoted as saying when asked about the Qatari candidate's campaign logo "I'm not coming empty handed".

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# UK supports Kuwait mediation efforts over GCC crisis: UK envoy

## UK companies free to choose investment strategy in Kuwait

**KUWAIT:** British Ambassador to Kuwait Michael Davenport stressed on UK's support for Kuwait's mediation efforts to defuse tension in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). The remarks by the ambassador came in a meeting between the British diplomat and representatives of the Kuwaiti press and media on the occasion of assuming his new duties, at the British embassy in Kuwait.

On the GCC crisis, Davenport made reference to the British Foreign Minister's recent visit to Kuwait, noting that the goal was to strengthen the position of Kuwaiti mediation. The British diplomat praised the "strong, deep and comprehensive" relation between the two nations, adding that the two countries have many common interests and effective bilateral relations.

He noted that Kuwait is a very important investor in Britain, recalling as well the large British participation in the Gulf war in 1990.

On Kuwait's 2035 vision, Davenport said that British companies have the freedom to choose the appropriate investment strategy. "We have a team at the embassy that belongs to the International Trade Ministry," he said. "This ministry, along with the Kuwait-British Trade Center, present good service to British companies that are interested in the Kuwait market." Davenport added that the British Foreign Minister expressed his pleasure for visiting Kuwait last July, and asked him to build on the excellent relations that the two countries share and exert his best efforts to strengthen them.



**KUWAIT:** British Ambassador to Kuwait Michael Davenport meets with representatives of the Kuwaiti press and media, including Kuwait Times Editor-in-Chief Abd Al-Rahman Al-Alyan.

## Kuwait, Latvia sign accords to bolster ties

**KUWAIT:** A number of accords were signed between Kuwait and Latvia yesterday aiming at bolstering ties in the economic and diplomatic domains. The signing of the agreements came after a meeting between First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and visiting counterpart Edgars Rinkevics. The meeting between the two officials focused on issues of mutual interest as well as developments within the region and the world.

Kuwait and Latvia agreed to expand cooperation in the economic and technical domains. The two countries also approved measures to exempt visas for those carrying of diplomatic passports and other documents of similar nature. A luncheon was held after the signing of the meeting, which was attended by top Kuwait and Latvian diplomats. — KUNA



**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and his Latvian counterpart Edgars Rinkevics shake hands after signing an agreement yesterday. — KUNA

## Diwan offers condolences over Talabani

**KUWAIT:** Deputy Amiri Diwan Minister Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah visited the Iraqi embassy in Kuwait yesterday, and offered condolences on part of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah over the former Iraqi President Jalal Talabani who recently passed away. — KUNA



**Deputy Amiri Diwan Minister Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah pays tribute to former Iraqi President Jalal Talabani.**

## Speaker urges vote on Kuwait's Rohingya item on IPU's site

**KUWAIT:** National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem yesterday said that Kuwait's emergency item on Rohingya Muslims has appeared on the website of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), hoping it will attract as much votes as possible to be approved. In press statements, Ghanem added that the Assembly's Parliamentary Caucus would take part in the IPU's conference due in Saint Petersburg, Russia, October 13-18. Coordination meetings will be held on the Arab and the Islamic levels regarding the IPU's next presidency, he said. Last Sunday, the Speaker said that Kuwait had officially sub-



**Marzouq Al-Ghanem**

mitted an emergency item requesting urgent examination of the plight of Rohingyas, to be voted on during the IPU conference. — KUNA

## Kuwait stresses importance of early diagnosis

**ISLAMABAD:** Kuwait stressed yesterday the importance of developing awareness on the environmental causes of some cancers, and strategic interventions within national action plans to address the harmful effects on health. Early diagnosis of cancer through community health surveys is so essential to improving survival, Dr Rihab Al-Wutinyan, Director of the Primary Health Care Department, said.

Al-Wutinyan made her remarks while addressing the 64th session of the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean in Islamabad. Kuwait has successfully implemented national health screening programs for the early diagnosis of cancer, the member of the Kuwaiti delegation at the session, noted. Some of these programs are the National Program for Early Diagnosis of Colorectal Cancer, and the early diagnosis program for breast cancer among women, she added. The primary health care system can become the starting point for implementing national strategies and action plans for prevention, early diagnosis of cancer and addressing related risk factors, she said.

The delegate also highlighted her country's commitment to prevent and treat chronic diseases since the issuance of the United Nations Political Declaration in September 2011. Kuwait has followed a multi-pronged procedure, including the confirmation of high-level commitment through the formation of a Higher Committee for Prevention and the response to chronic diseases, she added.

Wutinyan informed the attendees that the committee, formed under the supervision of Kuwaiti health minister, includes leading members and specialists from inside and outside the ministry. It also includes civil society and public benefit associations with a health relation, she added.

The health ministry has also updated the protocols and policies of the work at the level of primary health care and Hospitals and palliative care, she endorsed.

### Healthcare

The World Health Organization (WHO) yesterday

agreed on the proposal by Kuwaiti delegation, led by Minister of Health Dr Jamal Al-Harbi, to discuss the framework to promote healthcare and face effects of climate change. The proposal was presented by a member of the Kuwaiti delegation, Dr Ahmad Al-Shatti during 64th session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean here in Islamabad.

The Kuwaiti delegate proposed meeting between the ministers of health and ministers of environment next year, which was adopted on the spot. He also called for benefiting from the initiative of health cities to engage the public in health responsibility, through dealing with the social and environmental determinants. The registration of 9 healthy cities in Kuwait gave impetus to the activity and the community commitment to health, said Shatti.

Shatti expressed his pride to ensure that the curricula of the Faculty of Medicine and the Public Health College in Kuwait addressing vital issues such as climate change, air pollution, and health. He noted that the educational and training center is one of the main axes of facing the challenges and it is time to invite universities, research centers and researchers to develop public health curricula, adding that providing these opportunities for wider areas would address the challenges of environmental pollution, air pollution and climate change.

Kuwait also distributed the study of the health effects of industrial pollutants to the delegations participating in the meeting as an applied experience of the proposed Framework for Climate Change and Vulnerability (2017-2021). He welcomed the sharing of accumulated technical experience with the countries of the region. The regional Director of WHO, Dr Mahmoud Fikri prepared the meeting in the first quarter of 2018 and addressed the countries in attendance to name two health and environmental experts to start preparatory meetings for the conference. He confirmed that Kuwait has been able to mix the environmental indicators and indicators of vital health of the Ministry of Health including birth register and categories, the patterns of medical records, the reasons and rates of entry and exit of hospitals, emergency records, and cancer records. He expressed Kuwait's support for the proposal and thanked the WHO and Environmental Health Center for their outstanding efforts in the field. Dr Harbi accompanied by other senior officials from Kuwaiti Ministry of Health are among the high level representatives from 22 countries in WHO's eastern Mediterranean region attending the four-day event. — KUNA

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## Local

# Kuwait yet to send GCC Summit invites: Deputy Foreign Minister

## Coordination with Iran to release detained Kuwaiti



KUWAIT: Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah speaks during a lecture hosted in the Saud Al-Nasser Al-Sabah Diplomatic Institute. — KUNA

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah revealed yesterday that Kuwait has not yet sent invitations for the Gulf Cooperation Council Summit of leaders due to be held in Kuwait this December. He told reporters at a lecture in Saud Al-Nasser Al-Sabah Diplomatic Institute that it was "too early to discuss these invitations and send them" to Gulf leaders. According to local and Arab media reports, the invitations are set to be dispatched early December.

Meanwhile, Jarallah said that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is still coordinating with Iran on the issue of the detained Kuwaiti national Faleh Al-Azmi, adding that dialogue was still ongoing. Kuwait is keen on resolving this issue with Tehran and it is continuing to follow up on the case, he said. The Iranian authorities have arrested Azmi after he mistakenly entered a military zone located on the borders between Iran and Turkey. Azmi, who was abroad, was making his way back to Kuwait.

### Donors' conference

In the meantime, Jarallah indicated that Kuwait's preparations to host a donors' conference for the reconstruction of Iraqi areas liberated from the so-called Islamic State (IS) are running steadily and smoothly. "Kuwait is in constant contact

with the Iraqi government and the World Bank in this regard," he told reporters. "The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development seeks to provide a clear-cut framework and set of objectives for the conference," he added. His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah had announced the plans during a telephone call with Iraqi President Haidar Al-Abadi in July.

### Human rights

Kuwait deems human rights issues as the core of concern and a key indicator of any civilization's advancement. Jarallah said in a speech during a lecture hosted by the foreign ministry, dealing with the correlation between sustained development and human rights. Jarallah spoke of "diligent efforts to reinforce human rights as an essential element of sustained development." He pointed out that Kuwait is due

to present its national report on human rights before the United Nations shortly. "Kuwait is inching closer towards fulfilling His Highness the Amir's vision of transforming Kuwait into a financial and commercial powerhouse,"

## Plans underway to host Iraq donors' conference



Jarallah added. He outlined various initiatives Kuwait has taken to ensure that the aforementioned vision comes to fruition, including a slew of plans germane to sustained development. Meanwhile, assistant foreign minister for development affairs and international cooperation Nasser Al-Sabeeh noted that the lecture was part of the country's plan for sustained development. He

stressed that sustained development can only occur with cooperation across the board, where all segments of society are equally involved. — KUNA

## Bribes cost Kuwait \$2 billion a year: IMF

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: A recent study prepared by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on behalf of the Kuwaiti government suggested that the annual cost of bribery is close to two percent of the total GDP, ie around \$2 billion (KD 670 million). The study estimated the amount of corrup-

tion caused by bribery in Kuwait according to international standards used by IMF, suggesting that these figures may exceed two percent of Kuwait's GDP because of oil money, which is considered 'easy income'. According to the report, the cost of corruption adds up to 25 percent to annual government contracts, ie KD 1.8 billion (\$3.8 billion). According to the 2016 corruption index report issued by Transparency International in Berlin, Kuwait retreated 20 points last year to be ranked 75, after it was ranked 55th in 2015. The report also showed that Kuwait is ranked seventh among Arab states and the worst in the GCC.

### Temporary costs

Following the Awqaf council's meeting

total opposition and rejection of government attempts to pass an expected law on taxation in line with the unified Gulf legislation on value added tax, which Gulf states plan to start imposing next year. The lawmaker said MPs consider laws on scrapping the hike in petrol prices and pensions a priority in the coming term, and they will prepare a new list of other legislations.

Babtain warned that so far, the National Assembly has not achieved much, and many legislations have been presented but the Assembly hasn't voted on them yet. He declared that filing grillings against ministers and the prime minister is a constitutional right of lawmakers and the government should deal with this fact. Babtain said the lawmakers will hold another meeting next week.

### Tabtabaei backs grilling

In a related development, Islamist opposition MP Waleed Al-Tabtabaei said yesterday he will support the grilling filed by MPs Riyadh Al-Adasani and Abdulkarim Al-Kandari against State Minister for Cabinet Affairs and acting

yesterday, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Nasser Al-Jabri announced that the council decided to allocate KD 1 million to build temporary mosques in a number of areas around Kuwait to replace temporary unlicensed praying areas set up by residents on government property, which will be removed. Jabri added that the new mosques will be built of readymix concrete panels to facilitate speedy construction, cut costs and facilitate dismantling them later to be moved to other locations. Jabri said the new mosques will be supervised by the ministry to prevent unauthorized imams and preachers from using them.

Information Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah. He said he will also sign any no-confidence motion against the minister and any of the 10 ministers who were members of the Cabinet that served along with the previous National Assembly.

He said these 10 ministers who were retained in the new Cabinet are responsible for taking unconstitutional measures along with the previous Assembly, and accordingly should be held accountable for their work. Tabtabaei charged that the 10 ministers including the prime minister have harmed public freedoms and public funds and with the help of the previous Assembly issued bad legislation like the crackdown on tweeters, imposing security restrictions on youth activists, increasing the duration of preventive detention and revoking the citizenship of some Kuwaitis among others.

Meanwhile, National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem yesterday separately met MPs Jamaan Al-Harbash and Riyadh Al-Adasani in a bid to end a public row between the two lawmakers. The speaker urged them to end the ongoing confrontation between them.

The EU regulation also prohibits Arab governments from backing their national carrier companies, he said, noting that Air France and Lufthansa have been receiving support by the French and German governments for over 80 years. It also seeks to limit the ongoing growth of Arab and Gulf aviation companies, particularly UAE's Emirates and Ethad, and Qatar's Qatar Airways, companies with most acquisitions in the civil aviation market, said the Kuwaiti official. The meeting will forward the Arab stand against the regulation to the Arab Parliament, which would eventually discuss it with the EU before enforcing the regulation into a law, he noted. — KUNA

## 14 MPs meet, issue more grilling threats

By B Izzak

KUWAIT: Fourteen MPs met yesterday ahead of the start of the next National Assembly term on Oct 24 and warned the government of more grillings if it does not cooperate with the Assembly. Opposition MP Abdulwahab Al-Babtain, who hosted the meeting, issued stern threats to the government that "there are no red lines" with regards to grilling any member of the Cabinet, including the prime minister himself. He said the behavior of the government in the next three months is crucial to determine the relations between the Assembly and the government.

Babtain said the lawmakers declared their

## Arabs must repel EU regulation, says DGCA

CAIRO: The Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Yousef Al-Fouzan stressed yesterday the importance of repelling EU's recent regulation on fair competition in civil aviation. Fouzan made his remarks to KUNA on the sidelines of

Arab league's special meeting in Cairo regarding Arab dealing with EU's regulation No 868/2004 which aims to secure fair competition between European and international airline companies. The meeting discusses the regulation only and reviews its details, he said, adding that the Kuwaiti delegation will submit a number of proposals in that regard, and that a final worksheet on Arab consensus is to be issued at the meeting's conclusion. The regulation serves two countries only of the 28 members in the EU, Fouzan said, pointing out the pressures put by France's Air France and Germany's Lufthansa on the Union in this regard.

## KFH holds 'Enhancing Card Management' training program

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) organized a customized training program themed "Enhancing Card Management" for employees as part of the bank's strategy to raise the bar for its employees who contribute in boosting the performance indicators in the bank.

The three-day program on cards was held in collaboration with "Visa

Business School". It was tailored to allow trainees to get acquainted with Visa digital solutions, while becoming well-versed in the tools they need to create, manage and accept secure digital payments.

The program tackled different subjects including "payment in financial services, cards and consumer banking, issuing fundamentals, acquiring fundamentals, business models and transaction lifecycle, profitability, credit risk, fraud risk, performance management, driving credit usage, driving debit usage, new tactics in cards profitability, sub segmentation, managing customer experience and changing payment landscape.

The program was delivered by Peter Hall who obtains professional certificates and advanced knowledge and skill sets in the card business. He enjoys over 40 years of experience in the cards field. It is worth noting that KFH is keen on honing its human capitals' skills where it spares no effort in developing them and enhance their capabilities that can positively reflect on performance development at KFH.



KUWAIT: A group picture of the trainees.

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## Local

# Hungarian minister opens book exhibition, showcases heritage

## Held at National Library of Kuwait

By Ben Garcia

**KUWAIT:** An exhibition of Hungarian books, photos and films opened at the National Library of Kuwait (NLK) yesterday. The exhibition, attended by NLK's Director General Kamel Al-Abduljalil and the Hungarian Foreign Ministry's Minister of State for Cultural and Science Diplomacy Istvan Ijgyarto, promotes Hungarian culture, heritage and tourism.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Hungarian minister lauded Kuwait-Hungary relations, which have been deep-rooted since the 1960s. "Let me extend our gratitude towards the National Library of Kuwait for hosting this event and giving us the opportunity to showcase the richness of Hungarian literature and heritage through the books the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade donated to the library," he said.

The minister said the initiative is part of a wider Hungarian cultural and diplomatic effort to present the richness of its cultural heritage through literature, music and arts. "Kuwait has a special place in our connection to the Arab world, as Kuwait was the first country in the region to establish diplomatic relations with Hungary. Our relationship has been built on mutual respect and understanding ever since," Ijgyarto said. The two countries signed a bilateral cultural agreement in 1966 and have had regular cultural exchanges since then, including visits by artists from both sides. "My visit includes identifying areas in which we can improve our cooperation," he added.

In a press briefing at JW Marriott Hotel in Kuwait City, Hungarian Ambassador to Kuwait Mihaly Bayer said the schedule of the minister is very busy. "We are very pleased with the warm welcome accorded to us by various ministries in Kuwait. We met several ranking government officials including a meeting with the deputy minister of foreign affairs, followed by the opening of the exhibition at the National Library, then a visit to the ministry of information. Tonight we have a cultural program at Yarmouk Theater," he said.



**KUWAIT:** Kuwaiti and Hungarian officials pose for a group picture at the National Library of Kuwait. —Photos by Joseph Shagra



Hungarian Foreign Ministry's Minister of State for Cultural and Science Diplomacy Istvan Ijgyarto leaves a note in the guestbook.



Hungarian Foreign Ministry's Minister of State for Cultural and Science Diplomacy Istvan Ijgyarto (right) and other officials tour the exhibition.

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## Q8 Pulse launches 'Sana Al-Kuwait'

By Nawara Fattahova

**KUWAIT:** The popular radio station 'Q8 Pulse' (Nabd Al-Kuwait) 88.8 FM unveiled the new style and contents of the Sana Al-Kuwait program, which is broadcast from Sunday to Thursday from 6:30 am - 9:30 am. Salman Al-Najadi, the anchor of the program, said listeners will enjoy the new look of the program this season. "This program is a challenge for us and the management put great trust in us with a three-hour live broadcast. We will double our efforts to do a good job and meet expectations," he said during a press conference on Tuesday at the radio station's headquarters at 360 Mall.

"A three-hour on-air broadcast is a great responsibility. But this way, we will give a chance to most people to hear us, as our show is aired during the most important hours when people are driving to school, work or breakfast. We realize that all categories are listening to us, so we talk about different issues of their interest," added Najadi.

### Feedback is important

"I review feedback on various social media sites and criticism I receive to correct my mistakes. People are looking forward to listen to our show. Last season, we were receiving phone calls of listeners before even the show started. We try hard to be close to people. We are funny sometimes, and serious at other times," he

explained. The show sources news from the dailies. "We make a summary of the most important news published in all newspapers and only broadcast good and positive news.

We are the sunrise, as the show starts in the beginning of the day," stressed Najadi. Sana Al-Kuwait tackles a diverse range of subjects. "It has cultural, scientific, artistic, musical, social, technological and sports content. The show includes a short daily weather forecast with Eisa Ramadan, the current traffic situation and shorts on Kuwaiti and Arab soap operas, football matches, cooking and popular personalities in the community," said Zainab bint Ali, the other anchor of the program.

### Other segments

"The show includes a health segment - one about cardiac diseases and another about skincare and dermatologic diseases. Then we have segments about books, the latest Kuwaiti smartphone apps, horoscopy and important events that took place in the past on this day. We also have weekly segments such as 'fish market', 'Thursday music mix', and a segment from Bahrain," Ali added.

Talal Al-Yaqout, CEO of 88.8 FM, said more programs will be broadcast on 'Q8 Pulse', including social, political and health programs. "These programs should meet the taste of all age categories with their different subject matters from all fields," he pointed out.



**KUWAIT:** Salman Al-Najadi (left) and Zainab Bint Ali, the two anchors of the Sana Al-Kuwait program. —Photo by Joseph Shagra



Local

# Dishdasha-clad Japanese man talks about his fascination with Gulf culture

## Takatoriya chooses kabsa and majboos over sushi

By Faten Omar

**KUWAIT:** “Thobe”, “dishdasha” or “kandoura” are the names of the traditional male robe worn by locals in the Arabian Gulf. But it is unusual to see a Japanese man wearing it and walking in the streets and on public transportation. Meet Akira Takatoriya, who has been obsessed with the culture of Gulf states since he visited Saudi Arabia five years ago. He was so fascinated by the customs, traditions and the food of the region, he decided to adopt some of what he experienced in his daily life back home in Tokyo.

Kuwait Times spoke to Takatoriya, 32, who was invited to Kuwait by Adel Wawan. He welcomed us in his new Kuwaiti dishdasha that he bought from Souq Mubarakiya in Kuwait City. “Takatoriya means Sun Moon in Japanese, so in Arabic my name on social media is Shams Qamar. I majored in history and studied Turkish and Arabic. I work in a trading and advertising company,” he said. Takatoriya has a strong grasp of the Arabic language, as evidenced by his bilingual tweets and social media posts. “People tell me to speak slang and not fusha, but I’m still learning,” he noted.

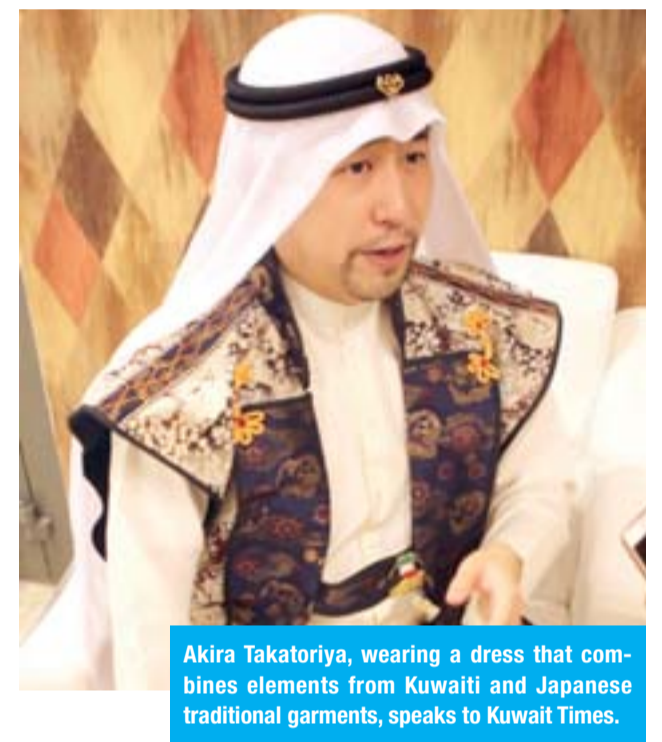
### Comfortable

Kuwait Times asked him why he loves wearing the dishdasha. “I tried traditional Saudi attire and I found it comfortable, so I wear it four to five days a week in Japan. But wearing the dishdasha on escalators looks dangerous,” he laughed. “My family is complaining because the dishdasha is very difficult to wash, because I drop a lot of food on it,” he added. Takatoriya has 60 dishdashas and 30 shemaghs (ghutras) in his wardrobe. He also expressed his admiration for majboos - the national Kuwaiti dish. “I’m planning to go on a strict diet in Japan to eat more the next time I come here and try the many types of homemade majboos.”

Apart from the GCC, Takatoriya has been to many other countries in the Middle East such as Palestine and Jordan. “I have tried the Jordanian dish mansaf, which is sour, and I’m a professional in turning the magloba upside down,” he beamed. During the Gaza war, Takatoriya was part of a diplomatic project that supported Gaza with food and medicine. And that is when he fell in love with the Palestinian desert kunafa and Nablus sweets. Takatoriya is very active on Instagram and Twitter and has on multiple occasions stated that he doesn’t like sushi and prefers kabsa, majboos and shawarma.



**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Times Editor-in-Chief Abd Al-Rahman Al-Alyan takes a selfie with Akira Takatoriya. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



Akira Takatoriya, wearing a dress that combines elements from Kuwaiti and Japanese traditional garments, speaks to Kuwait Times.

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MADRID: Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy arrives at the parliament in Madrid yesterday in Madrid. Spain threatened to suspend Catalonia's autonomy if it follows through on its threat to break away as an independent country. — AFP

# Madrid threatens to suspend Catalonia autonomy in crisis

## Spain vows 'all options' open in crisis talks

MADRID: Spain threatened yesterday to suspend Catalonia's autonomy if it follows through on its threat to break away as an independent country. Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has vowed to do everything in his power to prevent Catalan secession following a banned referendum in the region, which remains deeply divided over independence. He held an emergency cabinet meeting after Catalonia's president Carles Puigdemont announced on Tuesday that he had accepted the mandate for "Catalonia to become an independent state."

Rajoy asked the Catalan leader to clarify whether he had actually declared independence, which could trigger moves by Madrid to suspend the region's semi-autonomous status. The Catalan crisis is Spain's most serious political emergency since its return to democracy four decades ago. World leaders are watching closely and uncertainty over the fate of the region of 7.5 million people has damaged business confidence.

Puigdemont said the referendum had given him a mandate for independence but immediately asked regional lawmakers to suspend the declaration to allow for negotiations with the central government. "The cabinet agreed this morning to formally ask the Catalan government to confirm whether it declared independence," he said in a televised address after emergency cabinet talks. "The answer from the Catalan president will determine future events, in the next few days," Rajoy said.

"The government wants to offer certainty to Spaniards, especially Catalans. It wants to avoid the con-

fusion that has been generated by Catalan authorities." Rajoy could choose to trigger constitution article 155, which allows Madrid to impose control over its devolved regions—a move many fear could lead to unrest. The leader of the opposition Socialist Party, Pedro Sanchez, said meanwhile that his side and the government had agreed to study a possible constitutional reform "to try to end the crisis. The debate would focus on "how Catalonia remains in Spain, and not how it leaves," Sanchez told reporters.

### 'Destructive force'

While separatist leaders say 90 percent of voters opted to split from Spain in the October plebiscite, less than half of the region's eligible voters actually turned out. The drive to break Catalonia away from Spain has raised concern for stability in a European Union still coming to terms with Britain's shock decision to leave the bloc. The EU yesterday urged "full respect of the Spanish constitutional order," with European Commission vice-president Valdis Dombrovskis saying the bloc was following developments "closely".



## Prime Minister vows to prevent Catalan secession

Crowds of thousands gathered outside the parliament building in Barcelona on Tuesday ahead of Puigdemont's speech, waving Catalan flags and banners and screaming "democracy" in the hope of witnessing history in the making. But Spain's political establishment rounded on Puigdemont following his declaration, and support among separatists in Catalonia was mixed.

Barcelona resident Maria Rosa Bertran said she was against a delayed secession, which meant "suffering a longer agony. Indecision and uncertainty is the worst thing that can happen to us," she said. The government stuck to its stance that it would not accept mediation or any talks until Catalan leaders drop their independence bid. "Neither Mr Puigdemont, nor anyone, can expect to impose mediation without returning to legality or democracy," Deputy Prime Minister Soraya Saenz de Santamaria told reporters on Tuesday. She said Puigdemont was "a person who doesn't know where he is, where he's going or with whom he wants to go".

### Unknown consequences

Following his declaration to parliament, Puigdemont and his allies signed an independence declaration outside the chamber, but its legal validity was unclear. Regional government spokesman Jordi Turull said the declaration was "a symbolic act", adding that any official decision would need to be decided by the Catalan parliament. Madrid has consistently said independence is not up for discussion. "I did not expect independence to be declared today because of all the processes that the government of Spain has begun, both with police actions and with threats," Marc Cazes, a student in Barcelona, said on Tuesday.

Police violence against voters during the referendum vote sparked international concern. The crisis has caused deep uncertainty for businesses in one of the wealthiest regions in the euro-zone's fourth-largest economy. A string of companies have already moved their legal headquarters—but not their employees—from Catalonia to other parts of the country.

The Spanish stock market was up 1.4 percent by midday on hopes for a breakthrough in the crisis. Demands for independence in Catalonia, one of Spain's 17 semi-autonomous regions which has its own language and cultural traditions, date back centuries. But a 2010 move by Spain's Constitutional Court to water down a statute that gave Catalonia additional powers, combined with a deep economic meltdown in Spain, sparked a surge in support for independence. — AFP

## Pope hits 40 million mark on Twitter

VATICAN CITY: The pope has racked up 40 million followers on Twitter, the Vatican said yesterday, underlining the Catholic leader's status as one of the world's biggest social media players. The total, spread across accounts in nine languages, leaves Francis neck and neck with his occasional online sparring partner US President Donald Trump (40.3 million followers), but still trailing the likes of Barack Obama (95 million) and Katy Perry (104 million).

A net nine million new Twitter users have followed the various @pontifex accounts in the last year, according to the Vatican, which views the micro-blogging site as increasingly important for communicating with the faithful and non-believers. Francis, 80, has become a star of the platform despite the dry, religious nature of most of his tweets. His use of Twitter could also seem at odds with him regularly urging young people to give their smartphones a rest in favor of real-world communication. The Argentine pontiff's Spanish account has most followers (14.6 million), followed by English (14 million).

A hugely popular Latin one has 843,000 (more than the

German or Arabic feeds), much to the delight of the ancient language's dwindling band of teachers. Francis, who also counts five million followers on Instagram, is not the first pope to tweet. His predecessor Benedict XVI started in December 2012, just months before he retired because of failing health. Tweets in the name of the pope appear on average just under once a day. "God does not disappoint! He has placed hope in our hearts so that it can blossom and bear fruit," he wrote in his latest missive.

### Hard-to-control discussions

The central importance of prayer is a recurring theme and some messages are barely comprehensible to non-Catholics. But it is not all theology. The immediacy of the social medium also offers the leader of the world's 1.3 billion Roman Catholics a platform to react quickly to global events, or voice his views on the social issues of the day. One early tweet reinforced his anti-capitalist credentials, stating: "If money and material things become the center of our lives, they seize us and make us slaves."

There have also been some that offer homespun advice, such as: "I cannot imagine a Christian who does not know how to smile." The Vatican's Twitter operation is not without risks given the hard-to-control nature of discussions on the site: some papal tweets are greeted with sarcastic, mocking or even obscene replies that make shocking reading for some of the devout. But the Church has deemed the internet has to be embraced and research suggests that has been the right call. — AFP



VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis greets faithful as he arrives for his weekly general audience in St Peter's square yesterday at the Vatican. — AFP



International

# Fearing US torpedo, Europe scrambles to save Iran deal

## Berlin, Paris, London preparing response to Trump

**BERLIN:** European countries are scrambling to cobble together a package of measures they hope will keep the Iran nuclear deal on track if US President Donald Trump ignores their pleas and decertifies the landmark 2015 agreement this week. The package would include a strong statement backing the deal by European powers, together with efforts to lobby the US Congress and put wider pressure on Iran, officials said.

But without strong US support for the deal, senior officials in Berlin, Paris and London say it may be only a matter of time before the pact between Tehran and six world powers unravels, with grave consequences for Middle East security, nonproliferation efforts and transatlantic ties. The two-year-old agreement, under which Iran agreed to freeze its nuclear program for 15 years in exchange for sanctions relief, is viewed in Europe as a rare triumph of international diplomacy in the Middle East.

As tensions over North Korea's nuclear activities risk boiling over into all-out war, any move by the United States to undermine the Iran deal is seen in Europe as utter folly. European capitals have been delivering this message to the White House and Congress in one of the most intense lobbying campaigns in recent memory. In the past weeks, European ambassadors have met dozens of US lawmakers. And on Tuesday, British Prime Minister Theresa May lobbied Trump by phone.

Despite this, Trump is expected to declare this week that Iran is not complying with the pact. He is also due to unveil a tough new strategy towards Iran - including designating its Revolutionary Guards Corps as a terrorist organization - that could sink the deal. "If the feeling is the United States no longer supports the agreement then the political reality is that the deal will be in serious jeopardy and its implementation will be very difficult," a senior French diplomat said. A decision by Trump to decertify would not automatically kill the agreement, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The expectation is that Trump would kick the ball to Congress, which would then have 60 days to decide whether to reimpose sanctions lifted as part of the JCPOA.



### Collapse of deal could hit transatlantic, Mideast ties

#### Three-pronged response

European officials said they were preparing a three-pronged strategy if this does occur. First, Berlin, London and Paris would issue statements reaffirming their commitment to the deal. Second, they would redouble efforts to lobby Congress, which appears keen to keep the deal, against any rash moves. And third, they would present measures to pressure Iran over its ballistic missile program and destabilizing policies in the Middle East-areas that fall outside the narrowly-focused nuclear deal. French President Emmanuel Macron alluded to this at the United Nations last month. Diplomats said the package was still in the works and they had not yet briefed Brussels on it.

With the third step, the Europeans hope to build a bridge to Washington while keeping the JCPOA intact. But a German diplomat said ratcheting up pressure on Tehran was like walking a tightrope: push too hard and the whole deal could fall apart. "We all knew the JCPOA wasn't perfect, but by calling its benefits into question I see us only losing," said a senior European diplomat who has been involved in negotiations with Iran since 2003, well before Washington joined the talks under President Barack Obama.

If Trump follows through on his threats it will be the second time in four months that he has distanced the United States from a major multilateral agreement despite intense lobbying by partners and members of his own cabinet. But in Europe, the Iran move would be seen as far more damaging than Trump's decision in June to pull out of the Paris climate accord. "The threat from Iran in terms of nuclear proliferation is more immediate. This is far more dangerous," said Elmar Brok, a veteran foreign policy expert in the European Parliament and party ally of German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

European officials and analysts fear a breakdown of the JCPOA could lead to an arms race in the Middle East, a military conflict between Iran and Israel and an escalation of regional proxy wars between Iran and Saudi Arabia. They fear it would also doom any chances, no matter how slim, for a negotiated deal with North Korea.



TEHRAN: Iranian President Hassan Rouhani attends a cabinet meeting yesterday. — AFP

#### All about war

"At the end of the day it's all about the risk of war," said Francois Heisbourg, chairman of the International Institute for Strategic Studies. There is also the danger of a further deterioration in transatlantic ties, especially if Washington targets European firms that do business in Iran. Were that to happen, the EU ambassador to Washington, David O'Sullivan, has said Brussels would revert to a 1990s-era law that shields European companies from extraterritorial sanctions.

Even if the EU were to take such a step, the senior French diplomat said European companies could think twice about their Iran commitments. Among firms that have announced big deals in Iran since the JCPOA went

into force are planemaker Airbus, French energy group Total and Germany's Siemens. "One of the big difficulties of the agreement is ensuring the economic operators have confidence in the system and key to that is confidence in the United States," the diplomat said.

Any signs that European companies are pulling back could prompt the Iranians to reassess the merits of the nuclear deal. "The agreement with Iran is like a delicate plant," said Omid Nouripour, an Iranian-born lawmaker with the German Greens party, which is expected to be part of Merkel's next coalition government. "It is a sign of what diplomacy can achieve but it is fragile. The American president doesn't appear to believe in diplomacy. He seems intent on crushing this plant." — Reuters

## US turns heat on Hezbollah

**WASHINGTON:** The United States stepped up its rhetoric against Hezbollah yesterday, slapping rewards on two commanders and urging allies to blacklist the Lebanese armed group. President Donald Trump is due to unveil a new strategy to counter Iran later this week, but in the meantime senior officials singled out Tehran's ally in Syria and Lebanon.

Washington and the Lebanese movement have been foes since 1983, when the group was blamed for deadly suicide bombings against its embassy and a US barracks in Beirut. Since then Hezbollah has become a powerful military force in the region and been implicated in several international attacks-but also a fixture in Lebanese politics. Some US allies impose sanctions on Hezbollah's "military wing" while tolerating the group's role as a political party representing many Lebanese Shiites in government.

But US counterterrorism chief Nicholas Rasmussen and ambassador-at-large for counterterrorism Nathan Sales said that Washington would never accept this distinction. "Countering Hezbollah is a top priority for the Trump administration," Sales told reporters, announcing the rewards for two alleged top-level Hezbollah operatives. Sales said the State Department would pay \$7 million for information that leads to Talal Hamiyah, alleged head of Hezbollah's "External Security Organization."

A further \$5 million is on offer for



NABATIEH, Lebanon: Members of Lebanon's Shiite Hezbollah scout movement hold portraits of Hezbollah fighters killed while fighting in Syria during a procession. — AFP

leads on Fuad Shukur, "a senior military commander" of Hezbollah in Lebanon. US officials believe Shukur was born in 1962, either in Beirut or the Bekaa Valley.

Talal Hamiyah's US Treasury terror blacklist designation lists four possible dates of birth between November 1952 and March 1960, and three potential Lebanese birthplaces. It describes his unit as the ESO as "the Hezbollah element responsible for the planning, coordination, and execution of terrorist attacks outside of Lebanon."

"These are the first Hezbollah-related rewards under the Rewards for Justice Program in a decade," Sales said. "The United States and our allies will aggressively target its terrorism infrastructure and financial support networks," he vowed, hailing support from US friends. But he

warned that "more work needs to be done." "Some countries have chosen to designate only Hezbollah's military wing, leaving its so-called 'political wing' untouched. But that is a false distinction," he said.

"Make no mistake: Hezbollah has no political wing. It is a single organization, a terrorist organization, and it is rotten to its core," he argued. The officials' comments will be seen as setting the tone ahead of Trump's announcement of his new Iran strategy, which will be aimed at rolling back Tehran's influence. Hezbollah-an influential force in Lebanon and key ally to Bashar Al-Assad's Syrian regime-will be a target. US Arab friends such as Saudi Arabia are pushing for a tougher line on Tehran, and close ally Israel is always alert to Hezbollah's presence across its northern border. — AFP

## Climber kills self after girlfriend's avalanche death

**MONTANA:** Just two weeks before renowned climber Hayden Kennedy killed himself following the death of his girlfriend in an avalanche in Montana, he wrote on a climbing blog that he had watched too many friends die in the mountains over the last few years. "I've realized something painful. It's not just the memorable summits and crux moves that are fleeting. Friends and climbing partners are fleeting, too," he wrote for the "Evening Sends" blog. "This is the painful reality of our sport, and I'm unsure what to make of it. Climbing is either a beautiful gift or a curse."

Gallatin County sheriff's officials say Kennedy, 27, and Inge Perkins, 23, were skiing on Imp Peak in the southern Madison Range on Saturday when they triggered an avalanche in a steep, narrow gully at about 10,000 feet (3,048 meters) above sea level. Perkins, also an accom-

plished mountain climber, was buried by the 150-foot-wide (46-meter wide) slide. Kennedy, who was partially buried, pulled himself free and hiked out for help after he couldn't find his girlfriend.

The area had received a foot (0.3 meters) of snow since Oct 1, which was on top of about 4 feet (1.2 meters) of dense snow that had fallen over the previous two weeks, according to the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center. Kennedy, who had recently moved to Bozeman, was found dead in a home Sunday as search teams prepared to recover Perkins' body. "Hayden survived the avalanche but not the unbearable loss of his partner in life," his parents wrote in a statement released Tuesday.

They described their son as "an uncensored soul whose accomplishments as a mountaineer were always secondary to his deep friendships and mindfulness." Kennedy, who grew up in Carbondale, Colorado, had been working on his EMT certification while Perkins completed a bachelor's degree in mathematics and education at Montana State University. Kennedy was perhaps best known for climbing the Southeast Ridge in Patagonia's Cerro Torre in 2012 and removing many of the bolts placed by controversial Italian climber Cesare Maestri more than 40 years earlier. — AP

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## International

# School a rare sanctuary for traumatized Rohingya kids

## 'Villages were theatres of war, with bullets everywhere'

**LEDHAPARA:** Hollow-eyed and detached, 11-year-old Rohingya refugee Sayed Nul betrays little emotion as he recounts why his family fled Myanmar: "The Rakhine Buddhists burned my house. Killed people with bullets. And raped the women." For the aid workers in Bangladesh dealing with the current exodus of Rohingya escaping sectarian violence of Myanmar's Rakhine state, it is a familiar and upsetting sight as they try to put young lives back together.

Of the 520,000 Rohingya who have arrived in recent weeks, 290,000 are children, many haunted by the horrors they have witnessed, now crammed into teeming refugee camps with minimal facilities to deal with traumas embedded deep inside so many youngsters. Aid groups are hurrying to set up schools and safe zones for children in the grim camps as part of the answer. The few schools that have sprung up offer a brief respite.

At the entrance to the packed Leda camp a handful of learning centers have been set up opposite a brick factory with a smoke-blackened chimney. Inside one of the classes about 30 children sang, the torrential rain beating down on the canvas roof almost drowning out their little voices. But memories of the Rakhine violence is never far away. "These are children, they do not understand what has happened," Rohingya teacher Shamsul Alam said. "We are trying to make them forget what happened so they are not disturbed," he added pointing to a bucketful of toys.

UN workers say many of the young exiles never went to school in their country of birth, where the Buddhist majority treat the Rohingya with disdain. The Myanmar authorities say the military have only targeted Rohingya

militants in their crackdown in Rakhine since August 25. But many of the kids in camps around the Bangladesh border town of Cox's Bazar recount scenes of massacres, torture and rape. "Their villages were theatres of war, with the noise and the bullets everywhere," says Shamail Das, 22, another teacher at the hastily set up school.

### 'Ease their pain'

Alam, Das and the other teachers deliberately do not discuss the Rakhine horrors in class. "If we talk about the atrocities with them, it could damage their minds at first. But in time it could help ease their pain," said Morsida

Akter, a Bangladeshi teacher. There are currently 200 learning centers in the camps teaching 17,000 Rohingya. But those schools are just a drop in the ocean compared to what is required the UN children's agency, UNICEF, says it needs to build 1,300 schools.

The curriculum is also starkly different from Bangladeshi schools in the region, a reflection of how the Rohingya are far from welcome even in the comparative safety of Bangladesh. The only permitted subjects are English, the Burmese language, maths and health advice such as washing hands. The Bengali language used every where in Bangladesh is deliberately off limits.

Before the current exodus, Bangladesh already hosted some 400,000 Rohingya refugees from previous upsurges in Rakhine's long history of sectarian violence. The Dhaka government has let the new Rohingya refugees in, but it does not want to do anything that could facilitate their integration. Their freedom of movement is strictly limited and marriages between Rohingya and local Bangladeshis are banned. "They don't need Bengali. English is an inter-

## Children haunted by the horrors they have witnessed



UKHIA, Bangladesh: A Rohingya child uses his food bowl to shelter himself from the sun at the Palangkhal refugee camp in Ukhiya district yesterday. — AFP

national language," said local education department official, Mohammed Zakara. "Anyway they are going back to Myanmar."

Bangladesh has repeatedly said that the Rohingya must return to Myanmar. But Myanmar, which has always refused to give them citizenship, has made vague promises.

Few of the Rohingya expect to return to their villages in Rakhine. Some of the earlier influx of Rohingya have already spent more than 20 years in the Bangladesh camps. And that means children like Sayed Nul may have to live with their Rakhine traumas in squalid camps for decades to come. — AFP

### News in brief

#### US wildfires kill 17

**SANTA ROSA:** Firefighters battling wildfires in California's wine country face the prospect of new outbreaks when dry, windy conditions return yesterday to an area where at least 17 people have been killed and 2,000 homes and businesses destroyed in blazes. Gusts of up to 50 mph and 10 percent humidity are forecast for today for the region where 17 fires have forced 20,000 people to flee their homes, fire officials said. "The potential for new fires that could grow exponentially as these fires did in such a short time period is there," said Lynne Tolmachoff, spokeswoman for California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The weather gave firefighters a reprieve on Tuesday as cooler temperatures, lower winds and coastal fog allowed them to make headway against the fires that had burned 115,000 acres. Some evacuations in Nevada and Yuba counties in western California were lifted on Tuesday while other evacuations to the east in Sonoma and Napa counties, where more than 50,000 acres burned, were expanded, Tolmachoff said.

#### Indonesia bishop resigns

**VATICAN CITY:** An Indonesian bishop has resigned following reports that he had a mistress and siphoned off more than \$100,000 in church funds. Pope Francis yesterday accepted the resignation of Bishop Hubertus Leteng of Ruteng, Denpasar bishop. Monsignor Sylvester San, will run the diocese until a permanent replacement is found. Local media and the Ucanews agency, which covers the Catholic Church in Asia, reported that dozens of priests resigned en masse in June to protest Leteng's administration. The Vatican sent an investigator to look into their allegations that Leteng had a mistress and secretly borrowed \$94,000 from the Indonesian bishops' conference and another \$30,000 from the diocese without accounting for it. According to Ucanews, Leteng said the money financed the education of a poor youth, though he declined to provide details.

#### Trump gets a win

**WASHINGTON:** The US Supreme Court on Tuesday quashed an appeal that had blocked a now-expired version of Donald Trump's anti-immigration decree. The decision was mostly symbolic victory to the Republican president because the legal context had become outdated: the second version of the decree prohibited for 90 days entry into the United States to travelers from six Muslim-majority countries. The March 6 decree, opposed by the states of Maryland and Hawaii, was suspended. Courts of appeal, respectively, in Richmond, Virginia and San Francisco, California, upheld the suspension decision in May and June. On Tuesday, the Supreme Court quashed the appeal decision on the Maryland ruling, with the suspension in Hawaii still valid but its days likely numbered. The White House at the end of September issued a new decree that permanently bars nationals of seven countries from crossing US borders, in the interest of US national security.

#### Gold hidden in rectums

**NEW DELHI:** Gold smugglers are resorting to increasingly desperate measures to get the metal past customs. Indian officials say, after nearly a dozen people were caught with bullion stashed in their rectums. India is the world's second-largest consumer of gold and smuggling has been increasing since duties were raised on the precious metal, an essential part of religious festivals and weddings. Customs officials acting on a tip-off Sunday detained a group of crafty gold mules as their plane from Sri Lanka touched down in the southern city of Madurai. "Eleven passengers had concealed some 32 to 50 grams each in their rectums. Another 17 had hidden gold in their luggage," a senior Directorate of Revenue Intelligence official said on condition of anonymity.

## Paying for household staples with cocaine paste in Colombia

**LA PAZ:** Customers in Lorena's shop place innocuous white pebbles on an electronic scale. In exchange they take away staples like cooking oil and eggs - in the depths of the Colombian jungle, you pay with cocaine base paste. "Everything is bought and sold this way. Cash is very rare and kept for emergencies," said the 26-year-old woman, adding that in her lifetime, more white powder had passed through her hands than cash.

It's the same whether locals are paying for beer or the company of a prostitute: coke or in this case its raw material, coca paste-is king. Lorena has lived in the tiny jungle village of La Paz for seven years, a hamlet of 300 souls whose reddish earth streets turn to mud in the rain. It lies on the banks of the Inirida River in the remote southeastern department of Guaviare, Colombia's most underdeveloped region.

The lush greenery of the landscape lends itself to the production of the coca leaf, the basic ingredient of cocaine, of which Colombia, despite the efforts of the government and the United States, is the world's largest producer. There is no electricity here, no potable water, no doctor and no police. Authority is exercised by dissident FARC guerrillas who have rejected a historic peace deal to remain in the jungle. "This is another Colombia. There is no health care, nothing. And there are seven-year-old children here who have never seen money," said Orland Castilla, a 64-year-old local community leader.

### State guarantees

The only links to the outside world for La Paz's 300 souls are the river, one dirt road

and two telephone lines. A loudspeaker announces incoming phone calls. Everyone here owes their existence to the cultivation and processing of the coca leaf. Contrary to the end product, flown the classic route from grass airstrips in Colombia to Mexico and on to the United States, producing coca paste is far from lucrative. The price of a gram of cocaine in the US is about \$150. But for the producers here, the gram of coca paste never exceeds 2,000 pesos, or around 70 cents.

The state guarantees aid to those campesinos or farmers who will substitute coca for legal crops. Those who refuse have to sometimes face the consequences of police raids, leading to occasional clashes. A police officer was held for three days by campesinos after clashes on July 20 on the banks of the Inirida. Under pressure from the United States, the main market for Colombia's cocaine, Bogota plans to reclaim 100,000 hectares (250,000 acres) from coca cultivation this year, by force if necessary. A hoped-for dividend on the December peace deal with FARC is that the former guerrilla movement will encourage a move to legal crops.

### Weakest link

From first light on the farm of Miguel "Mangos", laborers empty bags of freshly picked coca leaves in a makeshift jungle laboratory. Miguel, 56, runs a garden trimmer through the leaves and then sprinkles a mixture of water and lime over them. It's the beginning of a lengthy chemical process involving cement, fertilizer, gasoline, and acids to extract cocaine. The coca paste that emerges from the first rudimentary process in La Paz has a cocaine content of around 35 percent. For every \$1,000 he invests, he makes 1,200 dollars. It allows him to survive, he says. "I have planted bananas, maize, cassava, but it is not profitable," Miguel told AFP. To bring bananas to the market requires transport and he ends up trading at a loss because of the costs involved, he said. "One kilo of coca, I can take it in my pocket," he said. — AFP

## Angry protests; Kenyan officials mull next move

**NAIROBI:** Kenyan police fired teargas at opposition protesters who burned tyres and lobbed stones, a day after their leader Raila Odinga announced his withdrawal from the presidential race, plunging the country into uncharted waters. As poll officials mulled their next move, opinions were split on what the veteran opposition leader's move could mean for a dramatic election saga that saw President Uhuru Kenyatta's August 8 victory annulled by the Supreme Court in a first for Africa.

Kenyatta insists an October 26 do-over must go ahead, though his longtime rival Odinga says his withdrawal legally forces election officials to begin the entire process from scratch, leaving more time for his reform demands to be met. To maintain pressure his opposition National Super Alliance (NASA) coalition has called for protests every day next week.

Yesterday police teargassed rowdy protesters who threw stones at passing cars in Nairobi, while security forces engaged in running battles with demonstrators in Odinga's western stronghold of Kisumu. In Kisumu thousands of protesters chanted: "No reforms, no elections". Kenya's Supreme Court last month annulled the August election citing widespread irregularities in the counting process and mismanagement by election officials, and called for a re-run within 60 days.

The decision was hailed across the globe and held up as an opportunity to deepen Kenyan democracy, however the process quickly turned sour, with increasingly ugly rhetoric including attacks by Kenyatta on the judiciary. Odinga demanded deep reforms that the election commission (IEBC) said were impossible to deliver in the constitutionally mandated period. It was this failure to make the required changes to procedure that Odinga said pushed him to withdraw Tuesday from the race. "All indications are that the election scheduled for 26 October will be worse than the previous one," he said.

### New election laws passed

Odinga is betting on a ruling by the Supreme Court after 2013 elections-in which he failed to have the result overturned-which sought to clarify what happens if an election is invalidated. That judgment stated that if a candidate dies or withdraws from the fresh election, the IEBC must begin presidential nominations from scratch. Odinga's decision is likely to set the stage for more court battles,



KISUMU, Kenya: Teargas smoke rises near opposition supporters during a protest in Kisumu, Kenya yesterday. — AFP

while deepening the political crisis which has also led to an economic slowdown. Yesterday Kenya's national assembly-dominated by the ruling Jubilee party-approved a series of electoral law changes that Odinga has argued will make the "irregularities" cited by the Supreme Court, legal. Among these is a law stating that if one candidate withdraws the remaining candidate is declared elected-however it is unclear if this would apply to the current election.

The amendments, which now go to the Senate, will also allow manual vote counting to supersede electronically transmitted results and make tally forms count even if there is "a deviation from the requirements of the form". A system of biometric voter identification and electronic vote transmission was put in place after Odinga's loss in a 2007 election widely seen as flawed led to politically-motivated tribal violence that left some 1,100 dead. Among the irregularities noted by the Supreme Court was the number of vote tallying sheets that were unsigned, not stamped, or did not contain watermarks or serial numbers-despite the fact that one company was hired to print them out.

### 'Path to the unknown'

"The big question now is what next for Kenya? Will Mr

Uhuru Kenyatta be declared the president and sworn in? And what would that mean for his legitimacy, given the fact the Supreme court invalidated his election?" the Daily Nation asked in an editorial.

The newspaper said the main concern was NASA's campaign of protest action. "By the look of things, they are gearing up for some long drawn-out street battles," read the editorial. Protest violence immediately after the August election left 37 people dead, mostly at the hands of police, according to a Kenyan rights group. Since then a series of demonstrations have seen police teargas protesters, who in some cases have grown violent, with no deaths recorded.

"One thing is for sure, the country is entering uncharted waters and walking the path to the unknown," the editorial added. In another plot twist, Kenya's High Court yesterday ruled that a third presidential candidate Ekuu Aukot of the Thirdway Alliance, who scored less than one percent of the vote in the annulled election, should be allowed on the ballot. However the Supreme Court has previously ruled that only the petitioner and respondent in the case challenging the election outcome should stand in a re-run, and this decision is likely to stand. — AFP



International

# US flies bombers over Korea as Trump discusses options

## N Korea hacks US-South Korean wartime plans

SEOUL: The US military flew two strategic bombers over the Korean peninsula in a show of force late on Tuesday, as President Donald Trump met with top defense officials to discuss how to respond to any threat from North Korea. Tensions have soared between the United States and North Korea following a series of weapons tests by Pyongyang and a string of increasingly bellicose exchanges between Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

In recent weeks, North Korea has launched two missiles over Japan and conducted its sixth nuclear test, as it fast advances toward its goal of developing a nuclear-tipped missile capable of hitting the US mainland. The two US Air Force B-1B bombers were accompanied by two F-15K fighters from the South Korean military after leaving their base in Guam, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement yesterday.

After entering South Korean airspace, the two bombers carried out air-to-ground missile drills in waters off the east coast of South Korea, then flew over the South to waters between it and China to repeat the drill, the release said. The US military said in a separate statement that Japanese fighters also joined the drill, making it the first night-time combined exercise for the US bombers with fighters from Japan and South Korea. The US bombers had taken off from the Andersen Air Force Base in Guam. In August, Pyongyang threatened to shoot intermediate range

missiles towards the vicinity of Guam, a target frequently subjected to sabre-rattling from the North.

### Officials discuss options

South Korean and U.S. government officials have been raising their guard against more North Korean provocations with the approach of the 72nd anniversary of the founding of North Korea's ruling party, which fell on Tuesday. Trump on Tuesday hosted a discussion on options to respond to any North Korean aggression or if necessary to prevent Pyongyang from threatening the United States and its allies with nuclear weapons, the White House said in a statement. Trump was briefed by Secretary of Defense James Mattis and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Joseph Dunford at a meeting of members of his national security team, the statement said. US and South Korean wartime operational plans, including a plan to wipe out the North Korean leadership, were stolen by North Korean hackers last year, a South Korean ruling party lawmaker said yesterday.

Some 235 gigabytes of military documents were taken from South Korea's Defense Integrated Data Center in September last year, Democratic Party representative Rhee Cheol-hee said in radio appearances yesterday, citing information from unnamed South Korean defense officials. —Reuters



### Tensions high after weapons tests and bellicose exchanges



GUAM: A US Air Force B-1B Lancers takes off from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, to fly sequenced bilateral missions with two Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) F-15s and two Republic of Korea air force (ROKAF) F-15Ks in the vicinity of the Sea of Japan. —AFP

## More security, less soccer for China Congress

BEIJING: Nightclubs have been raided, TV dramas targeted by censors and football matches postponed—China is tightening security and discipline to ensure a landmark Communist Party meeting passes off flawlessly. The police and censorship organs have kicked into high gear to prevent anything overshadowing the week-long, twice-a-decade congress which opens on October 18.

The gathering is expected to hand President Xi Jinping a second five-year term as general secretary of the Communist Party, solidifying his position as the most powerful Chinese leader in a generation. Red banners that "warmly welcome" the 19th Party Congress have appeared across Beijing and officials hope to clear the capital's notoriously smoggy skyline when more than 2,300 delegates gather.

Mayor Cai Qi has reportedly warned the city "must hold the line for social control, eliminate all destabilising factors, hold the line for cyber security, and resolutely crack down on political rumours and harmful news". China often orders mass factory closures to clean up chronically polluted skies during key events, such as the 2008 Olympics. "We have to do a good job in assuring air quality... and fight to win the war of maintaining blue sky," Cai told city cadres, also urging them to guarantee "zero errors" in food safety for delegates and impeccable traffic control.

### Club raids

In late September, some 400 railway security personnel held tactical exercises in preparation for the congress, China National Radio reported. Photos showed police undergoing a hostage-taking exercise where SWAT-uniformed officers used ropes to scale a building and rescue a dangling captive. The department had to "make every effort to prevent any



BEIJING: An elderly man rides a bicycle past a China's 19th Party Congress promotion billboard in Beijing yesterday. The Chinese Communist Party's week-long, twice-a-decade congress will be held on October 18. — AFP

dangerous thing from happening or a dangerous person from entering the capital via the railways and ensure absolute safety," Beijing Railway Public Security Department Political Committee member Yan Li told China National Radio. A variety of entertainment has been put on hold. A football match between the capital's home team Guoan and Chongqing's Dangdai Lifan scheduled for the weekend before the congress was shifted to later this month "due to a major event," the China Football Association said.

At a comedy show last month, a Beijing venue was raided by police who asked foreigners to show their papers and submit to urine tests for drugs. A music and dance club cancelled shows planned for the two weeks around the congress, but said it was "too sensitive" to say why. Some foreigners have been visited at home by police asking to see visas and paperwork. One foreign journalist said police came to his home at nearly midnight recently to confirm details about his employment, housing contract and roommates, explaining they needed to check up on foreigners during this "special time".

### 'Thank God for congress'

Even certain television shows have been paused. The censorship bureau released a notice in July calling for provincial TV stations to stop broadcasts of period costume and teen idol dramas "in order to stay in step with the overall atmosphere" of seriousness surrounding the congress. It issued a list of approved series it said would generate "a good cultural atmosphere during the key propaganda period," mostly war sagas such as "The Farmer who was a General". In late September, Hubei Province TV said it had replaced "Informal Talks," a popular talk show of foreigners discussing China's social problems in Chinese, with one called "Glorious China" in order to "welcome" the congress.

China operates one of the most restrictive internet censorship regimes in the world, swiftly deleting content deemed politically sensitive and often moving to curb viral stories, for fear they might exert social influence beyond the party's control. When Lu Han, a heartthrob actor and singer known as China's Justin Bieber, crashed the servers of Twitter-like Weibo on Sunday by generating too much web traffic with a post introducing his new girlfriend, most mainland media outlets remained silent. —AFP

## India court says sex with a child is always rape

NEW DELHI: Sex with a minor amounts to rape even if the couple are married, India's top court ruled yesterday, closing a legal loophole that had allowed some perpetrators to escape punishment. The age of consent and thus the legal age for girls to marry in India is 18, but millions of children are made to do so when they are much younger, particularly in poor rural areas.

India's rape laws specifically exclude married couples,

which historically meant that even non-consensual sex with a minor could not be classed as rape if it took place within marriage. But the Supreme Court said that contradicted India's strict laws on the age of consent. It ruled that police should in future prosecute cases of marital rape if the victim was under 18 and registered a complaint within a year of the incident.

Vikram Srivastava, a lawyer who petitioned the court on the issue, welcomed the ruling which he said would give child victims some protection. "The judgment today in two lines says that if anyone now marries a girl child below the age of 18 years and if the girl complains within a year of sexual intercourse, then that person can be prosecuted for rape," he said in comments broadcast on the NDTV news network. —AFP

## Philippines president demotes police again

MANILA: Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has again demoted his police force from the lead role in his controversial drug war, authorities said yesterday, as he faced growing opposition to the deadly crackdown. The nation's drug enforcement agency will take the lead but police must maintain "visibility" as a deterrent against traffickers and users, according to a presidential order released by his office.

Police have reported killing 3,850 people in anti-drug operations since Duterte took office in the middle of last year. He stormed to an election victory after promising 100,000 people would die as he eradicated illegal drugs in society. Many Filipinos continue to support the crackdown but a survey last month showed the first major drop in Duterte's popularity, which followed rare street protests that were triggered by police allegedly murdering two teenagers.

The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) will take the "lead" in the crackdown, according to a statement released by the president's office to explain Duterte's order, which was signed on Tuesday. PDEA has fewer than 2,000 officers while the Philippine National Police has

more than 165,000. Duterte in January made a similar move to give the appearance of sidelining the police, describing the force then as "corrupt to the core" and giving PDEA the lead role in the drug war. This was in response to revelations officers kidnapped a South Korean businessman under the guise of a drug raid, then murdered him inside national police headquarters.

However Duterte quickly reinstated the police without making any major reforms. Police then announced they were back fighting the drug war with a campaign named: "Double Barrel Re-Loaded". One critic of the drug war, congressman Gary Alejano, said he doubted Duterte's latest order would stop the killings. "With the mindset of the president, nothing significant will actually happen with this kind of pronouncement," Alejano said. "It's possible this was done mainly to clean up the reputation of the police but in reality they will be operating behind the PDEA."

Duterte has as president said he would be "happy to slaughter" three million drug addicts, and repeatedly vowed that police would not go to jail for killing in his drug war. Rights groups have warned Duterte may be orchestrating a crime against humanity. Yesterday, relatives of two people killed by police filed a case in the Supreme Court calling for the drug war to be declared illegal, likening events in the Philippines to the Holocaust in Nazi Germany. The drug campaign has also led to wider violence in which thousands of people have been murdered in unexplained circumstances. —AFP

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## 50 TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHE GUEVARA'S DEATH



## Mata Hari, femme fatale executed 100 years ago

Exotic dancer and suspected double agent Mata Hari was executed in Paris 100 years ago but her name endures today as that of the ultimate seductive spy. She was just 41 when she faced a firing squad on October 15, 1917, accused of spying for Germany during World War I. On the anniversary of her death, here is a recap of her life of eroticism and intrigue that drew in a string of lovers, including ministers, military officers and diplomats from both sides of the frontline.

### 'As famous as Madonna'

Born Margaretha Geertruida Zelle in the Netherlands, she fled to Paris in 1903 aged 27 to start a new life after a rancorous divorce. Her marriage had been to an older army officer who was based in the former Dutch East Indies, now Indonesia, where she lived for some years. Penniless in Paris, the tall beauty reinvented herself, becoming a dancer in a striptease act and taking the name "Mata Hari", Indonesian for "Eye of the Day", apparently a reference to the sun.

Her fame as an exotic beauty quickly spread across Europe and she became a celebrity, also raising eyebrows for her many love affairs. Her Oriental "sacred dances" pushed the boundaries of pre-war Europe and often saw her appearing to wear little more than a jewelled brassiere. "In her time, she was as famous as Madonna..." the Washington Times said in a 2007 book review. "By the time she was executed by the French for espionage in 1917, she was perhaps the most famous non-royal in Europe if not the world."

### From call girl to spy

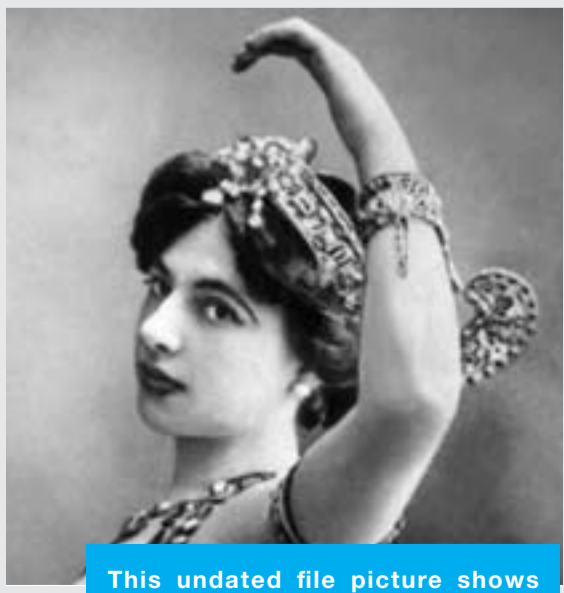
By 1914, however, her popularity was waning. She became a call girl in Paris, entertaining ministers and becoming known for her extravagant parties. Broke, due to her lavish lifestyle, she accepted in 1916 an offer from a German diplomat to pay off her debts if she spied on France. Mata Hari then offered her services to France's counter-espionage bureau where agents were already suspicious of her. They gave her several missions but kept her under surveillance.

The French suspicions deepened when she requested a pass to travel to Vittel, near the eastern front and where a new military aerodrome was being built. She said her visit was to meet a young Russian officer who was her lover. Then in Jan 1917, the French authorities intercepted a cable from Germany appearing to identify Mata Hari as their "Agent H 21". She was arrested and charged with being a double agent.

### No revelations

On the cold morning of Oct 15, 1917, Mata Hari was executed in the Parisian suburb of Vincennes, President Raymond Poincare having refused her request for clemency. Witnesses wrote that she wore a long, black velvet cloak with fur trimmings and a large square fur collar. She is said to have declined a blindfold and blew kisses to her executors. Asked by a military clerk whether she had any last revelations, she replied: "None, and if I had, I would keep them to myself."

The ultimate femme fatale, she has inspired a dozen films, numerous books, historical works, exhibitions and even a ballet by the Dutch National Ballet. Her iconic status was cemented in 1931 when Swedish-born actress Greta Garbo played her in a film entitled "Mata Hari". The nature and extent of her espionage activities remain, however, uncertain, and her guilt is still widely contested today. "She never provided the least valid information, neither to the Germans, nor to the French," according to the French magazine Le Point in 2016, echoing a view expressed in other media. — AFP



This undated file picture shows Dutch dancer and spy Margaretha Geertruida Zelle, better-known as Mata Hari.

## Refugees turn to knitting and hairdressing

When armed gunmen stormed Ashta Sahade's hometown of Bocaranga in Central African Republic, the only possession she grabbed as she fled was her unwieldy rectangular knitting machine. During the two-day journey to safety in nearby Chad, on foot and on the back of a stranger's bicycle, single mother Sabade, 27, carried the machine precariously on her head, convinced it was the key to her and her three-year-old's survival.

In the village of Diba 1 in southern Chad, she was proven right. Not only does she make knitted goods to sell, she also teaches local Chadian women to do the same in a bid to boost her income. She is not alone. In the past year, the population of Diba has more than doubled as a spike in violence in Central African Republic sends more refugees across the border. On the main road, dozens of new arrivals have set up makeshift trading stalls within days of escaping the conflict back home. They sell everything from fresh beef cuts and tailored trousers to glossy hair extensions and beauty treatments.

### Location, Location, Location

Key to the refugees' ability to get by, along with their entrepreneurship, is their location. They live not in isolated camps, where residents often struggle to find enough money to meet their needs, but in the midst of a Chadian village, where basic infrastructure is already in place and locals are among their main customers. Most build their own homes from tree branches and straw.

"The idea is that it is better for refugees to settle in host communities rather than putting them in a camp where opportunities, including mixing with the locals, can be limited," said Ibrahim Diane, a public information officer with the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) in Chad. This new approach by international aid agencies in southern Chad is also being rolled out in the east for refugees from Sudan, as well as in other parts of Africa.

It benefits villagers too as the infrastructure set up in host communities by the agencies, including wells, clinics and schools, can be used by everyone. Today, close to 10,400 refugees from Central African Republic live across

23 villages in southern Chad, while about 60,500 others are housed in six refugee camps. In Diba, Chadian couple Aime Eri-Ada and Catherine Yawa Gom are waiting to see the nurse at the village's new health post with their baby who has malaria. "He was vomiting, I brought him here urgently," said Eri-Ada. Before, the family had to walk 8 km to get medical treatment. The area has no paved roads and its muddy paths often turn into swamps in the rainy season. Travellers dodge snakes and mosquitoes, hitching rides on overloaded lorries. But with five children, trips to the doctor are unavoidable. "There are many problems of

my biggest problems are the lack of food, the lack of money - and having enough strength to keep on working," she said, breastfeeding her two-week-old baby. Spillover from the conflict in Central African Republic - which has produced at least seven waves of refugees since 2003 fuelled by impunity, marauding gangs and illegal diamond trading - is largely forgotten in a part of the world most people would struggle to pinpoint on a map.

Between 2014 and 2017, 34 out of 57 aid agencies working in southern Chad pulled out due to a lack of funding, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. So far this year, only about a third of the \$588.6 million requested by a UN-backed appeal to fund humanitarian response in Chad for 2017 has been donated. The World Food Programme says landlocked, arid Chad faces a critical shortfall in food supply, while the 2016 Global Hunger Index places it second last out of 117 countries. Inadequate food rations are linked to many other problems, including malnutrition, early marriage, domestic violence, and women and children having sex to survive, aid workers and refugees say. "There are many orphans, children separated from their families, unaccompanied minors - many of them haven't been to school for two years. We need support," said Idriss Dairou, president of the refugees' association in Diba.

The situation is compounded by Chad's own problems. The 2016 Human Development Index ranks it as the world's third least-developed country after Central African Republic and Niger. Of its 14.2 million people, almost half live below the poverty line. Yet it is also the African country that takes in the biggest number of refugees proportionate to its population, according to the United Nations.

Given the low level of aid, refugees in Diba want international partners to help them with farming, animal-rearing and other activities, Dairou said. "This way we can try and work ourselves in order to have enough to eat," he said. The international humanitarian arm of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) has set up centres in camps to train mixed groups of refugees and locals in skills such as carpentry, mechanics, tailoring, woodwork and IT. —Reuters



### Resources are stretched to breaking point

malaria, diarrhoea and so on," said Eri-Ada. "Now we can come here - and it's free."

### 18 Cents a Day

Yet resources are stretched to breaking point. At the clinic, refugees and locals complain there often isn't enough medication - and that is just the tip of the iceberg. Refugees, some of whom arrived a few days ago, told the Thomson Reuters Foundation they barely receive any food rations. Sabade is entitled to aid of 3,000 Central African francs (\$5.38) each month in cash or food vouchers - the equivalent of about 18 cents a day. Yet the last time this paltry allowance materialized was five months ago, she

## Welcome to Wels, fief of Austria's 'normal' far-right

When Austria's far-right Freedom Party recently launched its campaign for Sunday's snap elections, the choice of location was easy: Wels, the jewel in their crown. Austria's eighth-largest town has been run by the FPÖ since its candidate Andreas Rabl was elected mayor in 2015 at the height of Europe's migrant crisis. The FPÖ is hoping to replicate that success nationwide in Sunday's vote as polls put it in second or third place with support from roughly one in four voters.

Party leader Heinz-Christian Strache, 48, is then thought likely to become junior coalition partner to the centre-right People's Party (OeVP) of Sebastian Kurz, 31. Like Rabl did in Wels, this will consign Chancellor Christian Kern's Social Democrats (SPOe), which with the OeVP has dominated national politics since 1945, to opposition. For Rabl, a 45-year-old lawyer, the party's success in 60,000-strong Wels, the largest of around 30 places run by the FPÖ, is proof that it is a "normal party". "We are not extreme or radical," Rabl told AFP. The party is about "pragmatic solutions" to issues like "reducing debt, cutting crime and regenerating the town center".

An admirer of Joerg Haider, the FPÖ's charismatic but controversial leader from 1986-2000, Rabl has installed security cameras in the town center and cut spending - including the mayoral chauffeur. Regular "stammtisch" meetings - the FPÖ is keen on "direct democracy" - allow locals to vent their frustrations. With green and red cards they can "vote" on questions like "Do you feel safe in your part of Wels?"

### Detoxify

The FPÖ is in governing coalitions in two of Austria's nine states: Upper Austria - home to Wels - and Burgenland. Last year its candidate came close to winning the presidency. Founded by former Nazis in the 1950s, Strache has worked hard in recent years to detoxify the FPÖ but the party is still fiercely nationalist. It wants immigration stopped "until further notice", asylum to be temporary and a new ministry for Austrian "core culture".

Tidy Wels, part of northern Austria's industrial heartland, is not some rust belt wasteland. Unemployment is just 5.1 percent. Around one in three inhabitants was born abroad, however, mostly in the former Yugoslavia and Turkey. The 1970s Noitzmuehle housing estate, where many live, is grotty. Stefan Ganzert, 26, an SPOe activist, says that the new arrivals were long seen as "cheap labor" and integration efforts came too late. "We would do things differently today," he told AFP. "There are far too many (immigrants)," said retiree Eva, who used to work in a nearby lemonade factory. "They get away with everything."

### No German, no flat

A major boost to the FPÖ came in 2015 when hundreds of thousands of migrants, many fleeing Syria, passed through Austria. Since then, almost 150,000 people have claimed asylum in Austria, making this wealthy country of 8.75 million people one of the continent's highest recipients per capita. The FPÖ, together with tabloid newspapers, has not held back in stoking fears about the refugees. Wochenblick, a local newspaper reportedly linked to the FPÖ full of scare stories about Muslims and mendacious mainstream journalists, is available in a box outside Wels town hall. Rabl repeats several times that combating immigrants' "reluctance to integrate" is one of his biggest concerns. —AFP

## British Muslim women speak out

From a jaded TV chat show host to a Middle Eastern actress who longs to be cast as a ghostbuster, not endless jihadi brides, the stories in Sabrina Mahfouz's anthology of British Muslim women all do one thing: Challenge stereotypes. Mahfouz, a poet and playwright, brought together 22 women, with roots ranging from Pakistan to Palestine, to lift the lid on their minds and lives, which are often invisible in Britain.

"There is such a narrow perception in the UK of who a person of Muslim heritage can be, act, think or look like and I wanted to challenge that in any way that I could," London-born Mahfouz told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. "At a time of such extreme Islamophobia, the more literature can do to challenge this destructive narrative, the better."

More than three percent of Britain's 65 million population are Muslim, with the highest proportion living in London, government data shows. Police said hate crimes against Muslims rose after a series of Islamist militant attacks, including an attack on London Bridge and during a music concert by US singer Ariana Grande in Manchester in northern England.

"The Things I Would Tell You" includes poetry, essays and short stories from award-winning novelists, such as Leila Aboulela and Kamila Shamsie, emerging talents and new writers. Journalist Triska Hamid describes the frustrations young Muslim women have finding love via Islamic dating apps that allow them to swipe through photos, chat online and meet up. The poems of Sudanese-born Asma Elbadawi, 27, who successfully lob-

bied the International Basketball Federation to allow players to compete in hijab, reflect on the dual identities of many immigrants in Britain. "Our parents picked a better life for us over being with our families," she told the Thomson Reuters Foundation, describing how her parents moved from Khartoum to Bradford when she was just one-year-old.

While most British Muslims were born overseas, the majority identify as British, according to the Muslim Council of Britain, the country's largest umbrella Islamic organization. Women are the main targets of anti-Muslim prejudice, accounting for six out of ten complainants, according to Iman Atta, director of Tell MAMA, a British organization that monitors such incidents.

In addition to enduring abuse for wearing Islamic clothing like headscarves and face veils, Muslim women often face a triple economic disadvantage, according to a 2016 parliamentary report, being female, Muslim and from an ethnic minority group. The anthology confronts taboos, such as Shaista Aziz's hard-hitting essay on "honor" killings in Pakistan, including that of Qandeel Baloch, who was strangled by her brother in 2016 for her risqué social media posts.

More than 500 people - almost all women - die in Pakistan each year in such killings, usually carried out by members of the victim's family for bringing "shame" on the community. "It is profoundly shocking that young women's lives can be taken with such breathtaking ease and with no justice, no redress for them," the British-Pakistani journalist and stand-up comedian told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. Aziz said the book's inclusion in the ongoing Cheltenham Literature Festival in the west of England highlighted its broad popularity and that the British public are keen to hear more Muslim women's voices. "It just shows you, this is Britain," she said. —Reuters



# Saudis redevelop flattened Shiite town after wave of deadly clashes

**AWAMIYA, Saudi Arabia:** Posters of sumptuous villas and palm-fringed boulevards hang in the battle-scarred old quarter of Awamiya, symbols of a controversial Saudi plan to redevelop the Shiite-majority town which triggered months of deadly clashes. Saudi Arabia prides itself on stability in a wider Middle East torn apart by conflict and strife, but Awamiya - on the kingdom's oil-rich east coast - has a longstanding reputation of resistance to Sunni rule.

The latest wave of violence erupted in the summer when authorities began tearing down the neighborhood of Musawara, a walled area dating back to the Ottoman Empire, saying its labyrinthine streets and maze-like structures had become a breeding ground for "terrorists". The demolitions prompted militants who chafe under Saudi rule to clash with government forces, bringing death and destruction on a scale that evoked comparisons to a war zone.

The outer walls of buildings and mosques are constellations of bullet holes. Mangled carcasses of burned-out cars lay strewn across its once-vibrant streets. Broken roller shutters expose mouldering jars of jam and cookies in a scorched grocery store. A government official who gave AFP a rare tour of Musawara drew a triangle in the sand with a twig to describe the fighting. "Terrorists," he said, pointing at the apex of the triangle and "government forces" at the base. "In between, house, house, house," he said, explaining how pitched battles between the opposing sides wrought destruction on the neighborhood.

In August, the government announced the end of a three-month campaign to flush out gunmen from Musawara. Protest messages on walls bearing insults to the government were scrubbed. "This is not a Shiite-Sunni problem; this is a terrorist problem," the official said, revealing a cell phone image of a bullet-ridden government bulldozer targeted by snipers in the neighborhood. "We target anyone who is dangerous for the country - Shiite or Sunni."

### 'Tired, tired, tired'

Awamiya, a town of around 25,000 people, has seen bouts of unrest since 2011 when protesters emboldened by the Arab Spring uprisings called for an end to per-



**AWAMIYA, Saudi Arabia:** A picture taken on Oct 1, 2017 during a tour guided by Saudi authorities shows a man walking past destruction in this town in the eastern Qatif region. — AFP

ceived discrimination of Shia minorities. Saudi Arabia's Shiite community makes up an estimated 10 to 15 percent of the country's population of 32 million. Awamiya was also home to Nimr Al-Nimr, a fiery Shiite cleric and government critic who was executed last year on terrorism charges, sparking widespread outrage and leading to renewed tensions with regional rival Iran.

"We hope Awamiya will be restored to its former glory," said Mohammed Ali Al-Shoyoukh, an elderly resident who recently returned to the area after the fighting subsided. "Honestly, we are tired, tired, tired," he told AFP in the presence of the government official. The exact number of fatalities from the clashes is

unclear. Human Rights Watch reported in August that more than a dozen people were killed, including Saudis and foreigners, in addition to five armed militants. The interior ministry told AFP that 28 members of the security forces were killed in the wider Qatif region, which includes Awamiya, since the outbreak of unrest in 2011.

The government, meanwhile, is pressing ahead with the multi-million-dollar plan to redevelop the area. The town's acting mayor Essam Al-Mulla gave AFP a video presentation of his blueprint to transform the wasteland with glass-fronted villas, fountains and shopping malls, shaded by verdant palm fronds and bordered by manicured lawns. The construction was supposed to start

three months ago, but was delayed because of fighting. "It will now take two years to complete," he said.

The cost of the project is unclear but Mulla said the compensation package alone for 488 Musawara homes slated for demolition would cost around 800 million riyals (\$213 million). He brushed aside criticism from the United Nations that the destruction would erase the neighborhood's "unique regional heritage", saying that efforts were in place to maintain ancient structures including traditional wells. Despite the recent unrest, he said, a majority of residents supported the redevelopment as most homes were unsuitable for habitation.

### Uncertain future

"Awamiya's (residents) want government investment in their communities, but more than that they're demanding an end to discrimination," said Adam Coogler, a HRW researcher. "Saudi Arabia's violent approach to destroying the Musawara neighborhood and the many allegations of harm to residents during the process are unlikely to reassure Saudi Shiites that the state has their best interests in mind."

But the government official dismissed that view, saying the latest unrest ended in part with the support of local residents, many of whom spied on militant hide-outs, leading to a number of targeted killings and arrests. "There are still some terrorists at large, but their number is small," he said, pointing at a school inside Musawara that he claimed the militants occupied as a launchpad for sniper raids.

But government forces themselves face allegations of occupying a public school, firing into populated areas and shutting down clinics and pharmacies to deny militants a chance to seek medical treatment, according to activists cited by HRW. An activist in Awamiya said a tenuous calm had settled over the area, with random episodes of "arrests and harassment" still rattling residents. "The town has a heavy security presence and is still surrounded by concrete walls and checkpoints," he said, adding that the blockade was having an impact on farming and fishing communities as well as local merchants. "The situation has calmed down but the future looks uncertain." — AFP

## Arab rivalries exposed as Egypt...

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A diplomat at Qatar's embassy in Paris declined to comment. A Qatari official at UNESCO's headquarters also declined immediate comment.

Egyptian candidate Khattab's first message on Twitter in three months was a re-tweet of an article in the Israeli press entitled "Israel bemoans emerging Qatari victory in UNESCO leadership vote". Kawari, the Qatari candidate, has so far not reacted to the Egyptian allegations, simply tweeting yesterday: "Al-Kawari tipped to head UNESCO". Voting lasts over a maximum five rounds. If the two finalists end level, they draw lots. "You get the impression that some are playing politics and competing for the sake of having a post rather than actually wanting to secure the future of the organization," said a European diplomat.

Separately, Qatar yesterday strongly criticized Emirati officials for questioning Doha's hosting of the 2022 FIFA World Cup, saying that the tournament "is not up for discussion or negotiation" amid the diplomatic crisis engulfing the region. This shows the boycott "is founded on petty jealousy, not real concerns," a statement from Qatar's Government Communications Office said. "This demand is a clear attempt to undermine our independence. The World Cup, like our sover-

eignty, is not up for discussion or negotiation," it added.

Lobbying firms and interest groups funded by the boycotting Arab nations increasingly have focused on Qatar's hosting of the football tournament. They've pointed to allegations of corruption surrounding Qatar's winning bid, as well as the conditions that laborers working in Qatar face in building infrastructure for the games. Such conditions are prevalent across Gulf Arab nations.

On Sunday, a Dubai security official wrote on Twitter that the only way for "Qatar's crisis" to end is if Doha gives up the tournament. Lt Gen Dhahi Khalfan later said his "personal analysis" of the financial pressure Doha faces in hosting the games had been misunderstood. On Tuesday, Emirati Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash followed up by writing on Twitter that Qatar's hosting of the games should "include a repudiation of policies supporting extremism & terrorism".

Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the UAE began their boycott of Qatar on June 5. Mediation efforts by Kuwait, the US and others so far have failed to resolve the diplomatic crisis, the worst to hit the Gulf since Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. When Qatar's sole land border with Saudi Arabia was closed and sea traffic cut off by the boycott, World Cup organizers were forced to instigate a "Plan B", including bringing in supplies from Turkey. Qatari authorities say their efforts at building stadiums and infrastructure for the tournament, the first to be held in the Mideast, remain on track. — Agencies

## Middle East nations turn to private sector

**DUBAI:** Oil-rich governments from Tripoli to Tehran are increasingly relying on the private sector in a key change across the Middle East and North Africa, a report said yesterday. The value of public-private partnership (PPP) projects across the region, including those still in the pipeline, has more than doubled to \$185 billion over the past year, the Dubai-based Middle East Economic Digest wrote.

The sharp increase comes as governments have ramped up efforts to get the private sector involved in financing, building and operating public infrastructure projects in a bid to offset shrinking income from oil since crude prices began to fall in mid-2014. "The rise of PPP over the past few years is one of the most strategically significant shifts in the business landscape of the Middle East since the nationalization of the oil industry in the early 1970s," the report said.

Kuwait topped the list with joint projects worth \$44.4 billion, followed by Libya with \$36 billion, the United Arab Emirates with \$27.6 billion and Iran with \$14.3 billion worth of projects. The figures exclude any investments in the key energy sector. The report said that nearly two-thirds of the projects, worth around \$100 billion, are in the planning stages and are expected to be awarded in the next five to six years. Countries across the region, especially those in the Gulf, have lost

hundreds of billions of dollars in oil income due to the slide of crude prices.

Separately, Qatar National Bank, the Gulf emirate's top lender, yesterday reported a rise in its quarterly profits despite a trade boycott against Doha by a Saudi-led bloc of countries. QNB, one of the largest banks in the Middle East and North Africa, said its net profit for the third quarter of 2017 was up 5.3 percent on the same period last year, at 3.6 billion riyals (\$980 million).

The bank's profit over the first nine months of 2017 also rose six percent on the same period last year, it said in a statement. The report came as a diplomatic crisis that has seen Qatar isolated from its neighbors entered its fifth month. On June 5, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt imposed political and economic sanctions on Qatar, accusing the gas-rich emirate of support for radical Islamists. Doha has categorically denied the charges.

Moody's Investors Service last month said that Qatar's banking, trade and tourism had been impacted by the sanctions. The credit ratings group estimated that Qatar had spent \$38.5 billion - some 23 percent of its GDP - on propping up its economy during the first two months of sanctions.

Moody's said some \$30 billion had flowed out of Qatar's banking system in June and July, adding that a further decline was likely. QNB said it has maintained a highly diversified international and local funding base. The bank's total assets rose 11 percent to \$216 billion on September 30, up from \$194 billion a year ago. — Agencies

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## Sports

## Barcelona to make new offer for Liverpool's Coutinho

**MADRID:** Barcelona are ready to mount a new bid for Liverpool playmaker Philippe Coutinho in January, the club said yesterday. The Catalan side made multiple attempts at signing the Brazilian earlier in the year but according to reports, the Premier League club were holding out for 200 million euros (\$237 million) and kept the midfielder. Barcelona CEO Oscar Grau said the club have a record predicted revenue of 897 million euros for the 2017-18 season, up 189 million on the previous year. "We are ready to sign Coutinho or any other player the technical staff request in the winter window," Grau told a news conference. "We want to have the most competitive squad possible. The club will be sustainable, we don't want losses. If that is the case, we will look for means to generate income." Club president Josep Maria Bartomeu said in October 2016 the club were targeting one billion euros in revenue by 2021. — Reuters



## Chile's Vidal retires from national team

**PARIS:** Arturo Vidal says he is retiring from international football with his "soul crushed" after Chile failed to qualify for the 2018 World Cup finals. Vidal missed Chile's final shot at qualification on Tuesday through suspension, the South American champions losing 3-0 to Brazil to miss out on the tournament in Russia next year on goal difference. Vidal, 30, announced his intention to step down from the national team on Twitter. "Thank you lads, for everything, for all these years together... for teaching me and for showing a country that with effort and work anything is possible in life," the Bayern Munich midfielder wrote in Spanish. He said his "soul was crushed" but at the same time spoke of his "pride at players and staff". Vidal with Alexis Sanchez of Arsenal was part of the golden generation of Chile players that claimed the Copa America in 2015 and 2016. Chile, who were beaten by Brazil in the round of 16 at both the 2010 and 2014 World Cups, were soundly beaten again by Brazil in Sao Paulo on Tuesday. — AFP

## Bale urges Coleman to stay on as Wales manager

**LONDON:** Real Madrid forward Gareth Bale has called for Wales manager Chris Coleman to continue in his role despite their failure to qualify for the 2018 World Cup finals in Russia. Ireland beat Wales 1-0 in their final World Cup qualifier in Cardiff on Monday to grab the final European playoff spot and end Wales' hopes of qualifying for the World Cup finals for the first time since 1958. Coleman became Wales manager in 2012, after the death of former coach Gary Speed, and led the team to the semi-finals of the 2016 European Championships, and Bale believes the 47-year-old was still the best person for the role. "Of course we want him to stay," Bale told British media. "What he has done for the team and Welsh football has been amazing... "We don't want to keep on looking back at the Euros, but for everyone it was incredible to be a part of that and we all want that again. "It won't be easy but Chris is the man who can keep us focused and positive and show us how to get the results we need." — Reuters



# Predators rally, beat Flyers 6-5 to celebrate raising banner

## Vegas Golden Knights rout Coyotes 5-2

**NASHVILLE:** Filip Forsberg scored his second goal with 35.6 seconds left and the Nashville Predators rallied by scoring twice in the final 1:17 to beat the Philadelphia Flyers 6-5 in the NHL on Tuesday. On the night they raised their Western Conference championship banner, the Predators blew a 3-0 lead as the Flyers scored five straight goals. But then Forsberg scored his first of the game 50 seconds after the Flyers took a 5-3 lead, and Scott Hartnell scored his second goal on a 5-on-3 with 1:17 left to tie it. When Philadelphia coach Dave Hakstol challenged for offside and lost, the Predators had the man advantage, and Forsberg scored the winning goal. Craig Smith and Nick Bonino also scored, and P.K. Subban had three assists for Nashville. Forsberg also had an assist on Hartnell's tying goal as Nashville won its fifth straight home opener. Valtteri Filppula scored twice for the Flyers, and Andrew McDonald, Nolan Patrick and Travis Konecny each added a goal. Philadelphia finished 2-2 on its first four-game road trip to open a season since 1971.



### Rangers pressured Blues squad

Mika Zibanejad scored his fifth goal of the season for the Rangers on a power play.

#### BLUES 3, RANGERS 1

Carter Hutton made 16 of his 32 saves in the third period to help St. Louis remain unbeaten with a win over New York. Carl Gunnarsson and Brayden Schenn scored first-period goals for the Blues, who improved to 4-0. Jaden Schwartz added an empty-netter with 1:47 left. Trailing 2-1, the Rangers pressured an injury-depleted Blues squad in the third period, outshooting St. Louis 16-8. New York outshot the Blues 32-23 overall but dropped to 1-3. Gunnarsson scored 15 seconds into the game.

#### BLACKHAWKS 3, CANADIENS 1

Alex DeBrincat scored his first NHL goal and set up one for Artem Anisimov to help Chicago spoil Montreal's home opener. Brandon Saad also scored for the Blackhawks (3-0-1), who were coming off an overtime loss Monday night in Toronto. Corey Crawford made 41 saves and outplayed Montreal goalie Carey Price, who stopped 22 shots. Tomas Plekanec scored for Montreal (1-3-0), which has lost three in a row and scored only four goals overall. The Canadiens went 0 for 5 on the power play and are 0 for 14 this season. Montreal outshot the Blackhawks 42-25.

#### BLUE JACKETS 2, HURRICANES 1, OT

Sonny Milano scored two goals, including the game-winner on a breakaway with 22 seconds left in overtime to give Columbus a victory over Carolina. Milano scored midway through the third period before Jeff Skinner tied it late in regulation with Carolina's net empty. Sergei Bobrovsky, last season's Vezina Trophy winner but was the NHL's top goalie, made 37 saves for the Blue Jackets. Scott Darling, obtained in an offseason trade with Chicago, stopped 25 shots for the Hurricanes.



**LAS VEGAS:** Marc-Andre Fleury #29 of the Vegas Golden Knights defends the net against the Arizona Coyotes during the Golden Knights' inaugural regular-season home opener. — AFP

#### STARS 4, RED WINGS 2

John Klingberg and Tyler Seguin scored in the first period, and Dallas beat Detroit for its first win of the season. Ben Bishop made 23 saves for the Stars (1-2). Mattias Janmark scored in the second period and Martin Hanzal put the puck into an empty net with 2 seconds remaining. The Stars (2-1) got goals from Justin Abdelkader in the second period and Anthony Mantha in the third. Petr Mrazek stopped 29 shots.

#### SENATORS 3, CANUCKS 2

Mark Stone scored in the fifth round of the shootout as the Senators picked up their first win of a season. Kyle Turris kept Ottawa alive in the third round of the shootout after Markus Granlund gave Vancouver the early lead. Cody Ceci and Ryan Dzingel scored in regulation for Ottawa (1-0-2), which got 26 saves from Craig Anderson. — AP

## 'Microchip athletes to stamp out doping': WOA chief Miller

**LONDON:** Athletes should be fitted with microchips in the same way dogs are to help stamp out doping in the sport, says the head of an organisation representing more than 100,000 Olympians. World Olympians Association (WOA) chief executive Mike Miller told a conference in London that technology would soon allow an implant to detect performance-enhancing drugs.

"We chip our dogs," he told a seminar on integrity and duty of care in sport, according to Britain's Daily Telegraph newspaper yesterday. "We're prepared to do that and it doesn't seem to harm them. So why aren't we prepared to chip ourselves?"

"We need to keep in front of the cheats," he added. "I believe that, in order to stop doping, we need to chip our athletes where the latest technology is there." "Some people say it's an invasion of privacy. It's a club and people don't have to join the club if they don't want to follow the rules," added Miller. Miller's organisation represents 100,000 Olympians across the world but he said he was not speaking on behalf of the WOA but in a personal

capacity. Doping has cast a dark shadow over the sport in recent years, with the Russian athletics team banned from the 2016 Rio Olympics following an investigation into a state-sponsored doping programme.

Re-testing of old samples using new methods by the International Olympic Committee has found more than 100 athletes used banned substances at the 2008 and 2012 Olympics. And at least 30 percent of those who competed at the 2011 IAAF World Championships admitted to having used banned substances during their careers, according to a report recently made public.

Nicole Sapstead, the UK Anti-Doping chief executive, speaking at the same event on Tuesday, welcomed technology that could help in the fight against doping but was wary. "Can we ever be sure that this type of thing could never be tampered with or even accurately monitor all substances and methods on the prohibited list?" she said, according to the Telegraph. "There is a balance to be struck between a right to privacy versus demonstrating that you are clean." — AFP

ing on our consoles and platforms and we're now in front of everyone here on these stages and performing," said British qualifier Harrison Jacks.

Abu Dhabi hosts the final round of the real Formula One championship on Nov. 26, but Mercedes' Hamilton looks likely to clinch his fourth title before then after building up a 59 point lead over Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel with four races remaining. The first Formula One Esports World Champion will be crowned at Yas Marina on Nov. 24 and 25. India's ex-Formula One and Le Mans 24 Hours driver Karun Chandhok said there was plenty of joking about a gamer one day ending up on the real starting grid but there was a serious side to that.

"Today, if you look at it, the cost of going karting is very expensive, sometimes prohibitively," he told viewers. "For somebody who is between 12 and 16, the opportunity to hone your craft on games and simulators can be a good step into the world of motor racing."

"We've seen people go to Le Mans, we've seen people race in GT racing who've come from games. I don't think you can take someone from a gamer straight to being a grand prix driver but they could get a step onto the ladder," he said. — Reuters

## Virtual F1 racers set for their own Abu Dhabi final

**LONDON:** Formula One will see at least one world champion crowned in Abu Dhabi next month, even if Lewis Hamilton wraps things up long before on the track, after 20 virtual racers secured their slots for the sport's inaugural E-sports series final on Tuesday.

The 40 hopefuls on stage at London's Gfinity Arena had won through from 63,827 entrants worldwide competing on PlayStation4, Xbox One and Windows PC platforms. The semi-finals, around virtual Silverstone and Interlagos circuits, were live-streamed through social media and f1esports.com.

"A lot of us have come from sitting in our rooms, play-



**KFH and Al Rashed inking partnership**

## KFH patronizes Kuwaiti triathlete Abdulaziz Al Rashed

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Finance House (KFH) inked a strategic partnership agreement with the Kuwaiti rising Triathlete Abdulaziz Al Rashed to participate in the world tournament. This affirms the bank's keenness to support the youth and sport and to recognize those who contribute in raising the Kuwaiti flag high in the international forums and championships, while confirm-

ing its instrumental role in the corporate social responsibility. Al Rashed expressed his thanks and gratitude to KFH for its continuing support, affirming that the partnership agreement confirms the bank's pioneering role in assuming the social responsibility.

Al Rashed won the gold medal at the US Triathlon, and qualified, as the first champion in the Arab world, for the world's tournament to be held in the USA.

KFH sponsors a group of national champions who join KFH program under the theme "KFH initiators". KFH initiators are all those who have a list of awards and achievements on global levels.

The initiators are: Kuwaiti motorcycle rider Mishari Bu-Shaiba, Kuwaiti Jet-Ski Champion Mohammad Bu Rabea, Kuwaiti Jet Ski champion Yousef Al Abdulrazzaq, and the Kuwaiti sky-diver Mohammad AlRafea.



## Sports

# LeBron James returns, Cavaliers debut new starting lineup

## Oladipo send Pacers past Haifa in home debut

**CLEVELAND:** The King has returned. LeBron James made his preseason debut Tuesday night after missing Cleveland's first three games with a sprained left ankle. He scored 17 points, but also had eight turnovers in the 108-94 loss to the Chicago Bulls.

It was the first chance for James to play with close friend and former Miami Heat teammate Dwyane Wade as the Cavaliers showed off their new starting lineup. Cavs coach Tyrone Lue brought out his new starting group for the first time now that James is back. He was joined by Wade, Kevin Love and newcomers Derrick Rose and Jae Crowder. Lue announced the lineup, which includes three former MVPs on Monday. James and Rose have won regular-season MVPs and Wade was the 2006 Finals MVP.

Rose finished with 13 points and Iman Shumpert added 12. "Tonight, I was off. I could feel it," James said. "It's just my first action since the Finals and my timing was a little off and turnovers. I think, just trickled down to everybody. So, I made everyone's timing off." The starting five was expectedly rusty with the group having spent little time together. Wade was just bought out by the Bulls on Sept. 24.

Crowder and Isaiah Thomas went to Cleveland as part of the Kyrie Irving trade on Aug. 30. And Love was just recently informed that he'd be moving to center with the unit from power forward.

Love and Wade were a combined 2 for 19 Tuesday. "I don't think we'll be the team we want to be in a week," James said. "It's going to be for the whole season. We're going to have changes, we're going to make changes, we're going to become a better team as the games go on. So, the team opening night will not be the team that we know we can be. "We've only practiced for two weeks and you play on the third week, that's not like a lot of time to prepare, especially

when you have so many new guys playing here."

Rose will move to the bench once Thomas returns from a hip injury expected to keep him out for months. That second unit will then be a formidable group with a mixture of Rose, J.R. Smith, Tristan Thompson, Iman Shumpert, Kyle Korver and Jeff Green. As the Cavs maneuver a veteran-laden roster, the young Bulls move on from the Jimmy Butler era. Justin Holiday scored a game-high 28 points and 2017 No. 7 overall pick Lauri Markkanen poured in 18. Denzel Valentine finished with 14 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

### RAPTORS 116, PISTONS 94

The Raptors never trailed as newcomer CJ Miles scored 19 points off the bench, including a 5-for-8 effort from 3-point range. Ish Smith led the Pistons with a game-high 22 points off the bench as the starting five struggled.

### PACERS 108, MACCABI HAIFA 89

Newly acquired Victor Oladipo did a little bit of everything for the Pacers as he scored 18, grabbed five rebounds, handed out four assists and had five steals. Former Atlanta Hawk Josh Smith scored 16 and pulled down seven rebounds in the loss.

### MAGIC 103, SPURS 98

Aaron Gordon scored 27 and snatched 11 rebounds as the Magic rallied from an eight-point fourth-quarter deficit. LaMarcus

Aldridge scored 16 and on 6 for 11 shooting in the loss.

### THUNDER 96, NUGGETS 84

Russell Westbrook put together an efficient 20 points for Oklahoma, knocking down 9 of 13 with every miss coming from behind the 3-point arc. The reigning regular season MVP also had seven assists. Will Barton



**CLEVELAND:** Dwyane Wade #9 of the Cleveland Cavaliers tries to drive around Jerian Grant #2 of the Chicago Bulls in the second half during a pre season game at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland. — AFP

was on fire off the Nuggets' bench with 26 points, including four triples, five rebounds, three assists and three steals.

### JAZZ 105, LAKERS 99

Rookie Donovan Mitchell knocked down consecu-

tive baskets with just over a minute remaining to give the Jazz a four-point lead they never relinquished. The No. 13 overall pick finished with 26 points, five rebounds and three assists in his best preseason game. Lakers rookie Kyle Kuzma continued his strong preseason with 18 points and four rebounds. —AP



## First chance for James to play with friend Wade

## NFL wants players to stand during US anthem: Goodell

**NEW YORK:** The National Football League said Tuesday it wanted players to stand during the US anthem as it attempts to quell the controversy which has dogged the sport since the opening weeks of the season. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell sent a memo to teams reiterating the league's preference for players to stand for renditions of The Star-Spangled Banner. "Like many of our fans, we believe that everyone should stand for the national anthem. It is an important moment in our game," Goodell wrote. "We want to honor our flag and our country, and our fans expect that of us. "We also care deeply about our players and respect their opinions and concerns about critical social issues. The controversy over the anthem is a barrier to having honest conversations and making real progress on the underlying issues. We need to move past this controversy, and we want to do that together with our players."

Existing NFL policy says players "should" stand for the anthem but does not explicitly make it mandatory. Goodell also wrote in the memo that the NFL had developed a plan to deal with the issue which would be reviewed at next week's league meeting in New York.

The NFL has been at the centre of a rumbling controversy since US President Donald Trump described players who knelt for the anthem to protest racial inequality as "sons of bitches" who should be fired. The NFL initially united in opposition to Trump's remarks, with a large-scale protest by players as well as condemnation from team owners and Goodell himself.

However although the protests have reduced in size



Roger Goodell

in recent weeks, the controversy has refused to die down and was given a fresh jolt of momentum on Sunday when vice president Mike Pence walked out of a game after several San Francisco 49ers players knelt during the anthem ahead of their game with the Indianapolis Colts.

"I left today's Colts game because @POTUS and I will not dignify any event that disrespects our soldiers, our Flag, or our National Anthem," Pence wrote on Twitter on Sunday. His walkout was subsequently criticised as a carefully-choreographed publicity stunt.

Also on Sunday, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said any player kneeling during the anthem would be benched. "I'm very supportive of the team, but under no

circumstances will the Dallas Cowboys-I don't care what happens-under no circumstances will we as an organization, coaches, players, not support and stand and recognize and honor the flag. Period," Jones said.

Trump meanwhile took to Twitter once more on Monday to applaud the Cowboys' owner's position. "A big salute to Jerry Jones, owner of the Dallas Cowboys, who will BENCH players who disrespect our Flag," Trump wrote.

"Stand for Anthem or sit for game!"

Former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick began the protests in 2016 following the deaths of several African-American men during confrontations with police. — AFP

## Changes to Tests must be in line with new structure: FICA chief

**AUCKLAND:** Any changes to Test cricket must be in line with in with the sport's new global structure, the head of the international cricket players union (FICA) Tony Irish has said. The International Cricket Council (ICC) will meet in Auckland this week, where announcements on separate league structures for tests and 50-over cricket are expected to be made.

Irish, the chief executive of the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations urged stakeholders of the game not to look at ad hoc solutions to Test cricket. "Any proposed change needs to fit into whatever the new overall global structure is going to be," he said in quotes published by the Telegraph newspaper.

"If one looks at the concept in isolation... then it's pretty obvious that traditionalists, which includes many players who consider Test cricket as the pinnacle of the game, are not going to be in favour of a change to four days."

Test matches have witnessed a decline in attendances in recent years, throwing the door open to a

number of means to engage fans, including the introduction of day-night Tests.

South Africa announced plans to play Zimbabwe in the first four-day test starting on Boxing Day in Port Elizabeth, as part of their home summer calendar for the 2017-18 season. Cricket South Africa (CSA) are awaiting approval for the four-day, day/night fixture, which would also be their first home 'pink ball' test.

However, Irish was concerned that countries trialing four-day tests on a random basis may lead to confusion and uncertainty around the format. "If the ICC for example is coming up with a new league structure for test cricket then how does playing four-day tests fit into that and what are the advantages and disadvantages of four days, as opposed to five days, in that structure," he added.

"If there are not significant advantages in making the structure and schedule better then why change? "If there are significant advantages then these need to be understood before decisions are simply made to change the format." —Reuters



Tony Irish

### Preview

## Previews of Premier League matches

**LONDON:** Match-by-match facts and statistics ahead of round eight of the Premier League on Oct. 14-16 (games 1400 GMT unless stated):

### Saturday, Oct 14

#### Liverpool v Manchester United (1130)

A win will give second-placed United their best tally (22 points) after the first eight games of a Premier League season. Seventh-placed Liverpool have not beaten United in six games, their worst run against their bitter rivals since going eight games without victory between 2004 and 2008. Belgian Marouane Fellaini is a doubt for United after picking up a knee injury on international duty. Liverpool's Sadio Mane is out for six weeks after picking up a hamstring injury with Senegal. Romelu Lukaku could become the first player to score eight goals in eight appearances for the club.

#### Burnley v West Ham United

Burnley are on their longest unbeaten Premier League run of five games and are sixth in the league with 12 points. West Ham, who are 15th in the league standings, are yet to win on the road this season losing three out of four games. Burnley have lost their last four Premier League meetings with West Ham. Coming off the back of a 1-0 win over Swansea, West Ham could win a second straight game without conceding a goal for the first time since December. Mexican striker Javier Hernandez is West Ham's top scorer bagging three out of the seven goals they have scored so far.

#### Crystal Palace v Chelsea

Chelsea have won 11 of the last 16 Premier League games against Crystal Palace. Bottom-placed Palace are yet to post a win in the Premier League this season and have let in 17 goals without response. Palace have won only one of their last eight matches against Chelsea at Selhurst Park. Midfielder Cesc Fabregas could score his 50th Premier League goal. The only other Spanish players to do so are Diego Costa (52) and Fernando Torres (85). Alvaro Morata and N'Golo Kante are doubts for fourth-placed Chelsea with hamstring injuries.

#### Manchester City v Stoke City

Manchester City, who have won six and drawn once in seven Premier League games so far, will look to extend their unbeaten run against Stoke. The league leaders' current goal difference of 20 is bettered only by Chelsea's (21) after seven games in the 2010-11 season. Stoke have shut out Manchester City three times in their past six meetings. But they have also conceded four goals in each of the other three games. Pep Guardiola will be without striker Sergio Aguero who is back in light training but still nursing a rib fracture. Stoke midfielder Joe Allen will miss the trip to the Etihad after the Wales international sustained a head injury on international duty.

#### Swansea City v Huddersfield Town

Victory in their first Premier League clash against Huddersfield could lift Swansea out of the relegation zone but they have only one win from the last six games against promoted sides. The Welsh side have struggled for fire-power up front this term, with two out of the three goals they have scored this season coming in the win over Crystal Palace. —Reuters



## Sports

# Another win for Belgium, Greece heads for World Cup playoffs

## Belgium chasing European record of 43 goals in qualifying competition

**ATHENS:** Eden Hazard fired Belgium to its fifth straight World Cup qualifying victory, scoring twice for a 4-0 win in Cyprus on Tuesday, while Greece also beat Gibraltar 4-0 to edge Bosnia and Herzegovina for a place in the playoffs.

Hazard raised Belgium's goal tally further, opening the scoring in the 12th minute after teammate Youri Tielemans poached the ball off defenders. It was a night for the Chelsea star's family to shine. He scored a penalty in the second half, and brother Thorgan also found the net, celebrating his first goal for Belgium when he was able to tap in a rebound.

Belgium was chasing the European record of 43 for most goals in a qualifying competition, either for a World Cup or European Championship, which Germany had just set in its qualifying group. In the 78th minute Romelu Lukaku - returning from injury - equaled the mark when he ran on to a long ball, shrugged off a hapless defender and scored with a low drive, his 11th goal in qualifying. Captain Jan Vertonghen appeared in his 97th international to become the most-capped Belgian international, with previous record holder Jan Ceulemans applauding from the stands.

"It was a good game for us. We could have scored five or six, but the score isn't really that

important," said Belgium coach Roberto Martinez, who rested several key players before ending the 10-game qualification run with 28 out of the possible 30 points. "We saw was a willingness to work hard and play well," he said.

### GREECE REACHES PLAYOFFS

Greece initially displayed weakness in attack, but Gibraltar eventually tired and conceded three times in the second half for the 4-0 loss, finishing with no points after 10 games in Group H. "We have rebounded from a bad spell and we are back in form," said Greece captain Vassilis Torosidis, who opened the scoring in the 32nd minute, meeting a cross from Carlos Zeca with an athletic header.

Kostas Mitroglou scored twice in the second half, striking within two minutes, and Ioannis Gianniotas added the fourth. Bosnia could only hope for a group upset, but stayed behind Greece despite a 2-1 win in Estonia.

Before the start of the match Tallinn's Le Coq Arena was littered with flares near the away-fan enclosure, setting the atmosphere for a tense game. The Bosnians pressed hard despite the dwindling odds of qualification. Izet Hajrovic got both goals for Bosnia, while Ilja Antonov scored for the hosts. Casert reported from Brussels, Belgium. — AP



**PIRAEUS PORT:** Greece's Kyriakos Papadopoulos heads the ball during the World Cup Group H qualifying soccer match between Greece and Gibraltar at Georgios Karaskakis stadium in Piraeus port, near Athens. — AP

“ We have rebounded from a bad spell and back in form ”

## Man Utd better than last year, says Mourinho

**LONDON:** Jose Mourinho says his Manchester United team are better than they were last year, playing down injury concerns as he prepares for a blockbuster Premier League clash against Liverpool. High-flying United travel to face their fierce rivals at Anfield on Saturday looking to maintain a rich vein of form that leaves them trailing Manchester City only on goal difference at the top of the table. Mourinho had a mixed first season at Old Trafford, finishing a disappointing sixth in the League but winning the Europa League and League Cup. But big-money summer signings Romelu Lukaku and Nemanja Matic have impressed in the early weeks of the season, enabling United to keep pace with free-scoring City.

"I think we are a better team (than we were)," Mourinho told Sky Sports. "You can say, like some people do, we have not played one of the top five teams but last season we did not beat West Ham at home, last season we did not beat Everton at home or Southampton away."

"I think it would be unfair to say (Romelu) Lukaku and (Nemanja) Matic did not make an impact. We have to admit that and give them what they deserve. "But also the team give Matic and Lukaku the conditions to arrive the way they have."

"Globally we are a better team. Does that mean we are going to be as successful as last season, winning two titles? I don't know. But we are better." Mourinho, already without France midfielder Paul Pogba, shrugged off the loss of muscular midfielder Marouane Fellaini, who suffered a knee injury while on international duty for Belgium.

Asked about the Fellaini injury, Mourinho told Sky Sports: "No blow, no problem. We don't cry with injuries. We may cry with the process that leads to the injuries but we don't cry with the injuries. We just trust the players that are going to play."

United have also had concerns over the fitness of striker Lukaku, who has netted 11 times since his move from Everton, but he came off the bench and scored in Belgium's 4-0 win over Cyprus on Tuesday. Mourinho said he was relishing the clash with Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool, who have struggled in recent weeks and are seventh in the table and have injury problems of their own, with forward Sadio Mane out for up to six weeks with a hamstring injury.

The Portuguese manager said he was relishing the trip to Anfield, where United played out a 0-0 draw last season. "I like to play against the best teams, I like to play against the best clubs and I like to play at the best stadiums—the stadiums with more history," said Mourinho.

"At Anfield I've had great moments and I've had bad moments," he added. "They have had happiness against me, they have had very sad moments against me. (Now) if they respect me as much as I respect them, we are going to have another one of those matches." — AFP

## Australia coach refuses to deny quit reports

**SYDNEY:** Australia coach Ange Postecoglou failed to confirm or deny reports he's about to quit yesterday, raising speculation he'll walk away even if they qualify for the World Cup. Football Federation Australia chief executive David Gallop also hinted at possible changes when he said the Socceroos needed to "lock in our set-up" after next month's play-off with Honduras.

Gallop said he had discussed the matter with Postecoglou after rival media groups News Ltd and Fairfax said the coach would quit regardless of whether Australia qualify for Russia 2018.

The Asian champions, who have reached the last three World Cups, needed extra time in Sydney on Tuesday to beat Syria 3-2 on aggregate and reach the final, two-legged play-off with Honduras.

"I am aware of reports today suggesting that I will step down as head coach of the Socceroos next month," Postecoglou said in an FFA statement. "My sole focus is on preparing the team for our final two qualifying matches. I will not let anything compromise the team's journey on getting to a fourth consecutive FIFA World Cup."

Gallop also said he wanted to keep the focus on the play-off games in November, whose dates are yet to be confirmed by world body FIFA, rather than Postecoglou's future.

"We have every confidence that Ange and the players can get the job done," Gallop said, referring to the play-off. "Beyond that, should we qualify, there is a period of some months until the World Cup and we agreed that we will need to lock in our set-up as soon as possible to maximise our preparation time," he added. News Ltd's Herald Sun said Postecoglou was irritated by criticism during Australia's laboured qualifying campaign, while the Sydney Morning Herald said he wanted to join a club overseas.

## Former FIFA official Valcke testifies in soccer ban appeal

**LAUSANNE:** Former FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke is testifying at the Court of Arbitration for Sport to challenge a 10-year ban from soccer for unethical conduct. The CAS appeal hearing on Wednesday is expected to last eight hours. A verdict is likely within weeks.

Valcke, who was a FIFA marketing executive before becoming then-President Sepp Blatter's right-hand man in 2007, declined to comment to media outside the court. Valcke was fired by FIFA in January 2016 after being implicated in irregular World Cup ticket and broadcast rights sales, plus expense abuses including personal use of private flights.

The FIFA ethics committee banned him for 12 years, with an additional charge of destroying evidence. FIFA's appeal panel cut the ban by two years because it judged the broadcasting deal charge was not proven.



Australia's soccer head coach Ange Postecoglou (left).

### 'FLYING BLIND'

The former Brisbane Roar coach took over the Socceroos after Holger Osieck's sacking in 2013, and signed a five-year contract that is due to expire after next year's World Cup.

"He hasn't got a job lined up, he would be flying blind," the Sydney Morning Herald quoted a source as saying. "It's simply the fact he has been in this job for more than four years, he has been to a World Cup, he has helped raise the standard of the Australian game. He has brought the country its first major silverware with the Asian Cup win."

"He now wants to return to the day-to-day involvement at club level overseas. He feels he has raised the reputation of Australian players on the pitch and now

he wants to do the same for Australian coaches." Under Postecoglou, Australia exited the 2014 World Cup at the group stage but then lifted the Asian Cup the following year, their first major trophy. The former Brisbane Roar and Young Socceroos coach gave few signs that his departure may be imminent after yesterday's tense victory over Syria in Sydney. "I've had confidence all the way. The nature of this qualifying process is we've done things in a difficult way the whole time," Postecoglou told reporters.

"Maybe it's not a bad thing. I've got full faith in these guys. "Whenever it's needed, they keep delivering and keep believing and working hard. I've got no doubt come those two games in November, they'll do what's needed again." — AFP

## European 2018 World Cup qualifying tables

PARIS: Final 2018 World Cup qualifying European zone Groups A, B and H standings after Tuesday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Group A							
France	10	7	2	1	18	6	23 - qualified
Sweden	10	6	1	3	26	9	19 - play-offs
Netherlands	10	6	1	3	21	12	19
Bulgaria	10	4	1	5	14	19	13
Luxembourg	10	1	3	6	8	26	6
Belarus	10	1	2	7	6	21	5

Group B							
Portugal	10	9	0	1	32	4	27 - qualified
Switzerland	10	9	0	1	23	7	27 - play-offs
Hungary	10	4	1	5	14	14	13
Faroe Islands	10	2	3	5	4	16	9
Latvia	10	2	1	7	7	18	7
Andorra	10	1	1	8	2	23	4

Group H							
Belgium	10	9	1	0	43	6	28 - qualified
Greece	10	5	4	1	17	6	19 - play-offs
Bosnia-Her	10	5	2	3	24	13	17
Estonia	10	3	2	5	13	19	11
Cyprus	10	3	1	6	9	18	10
Gibraltar	10	0	0	10	3	47	0



Sports

# Portugal and France clinch spots at 2018 World Cup finals

## Swiss unlucky after winning all nine previous qualifiers

PARIS: Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal and Antoine Griezmann's France booked spots at the 2018 World Cup finals on Tuesday while the Netherlands crashed out. Portugal beat Switzerland 2-0 in Lisbon thanks to a Johan Djourou own goal and an Andre Silva strike.

France needed goals from Griezmann and Olivier Giroud in a hard-fought 2-1 win over Belarus at the Stade de France. After a stuttering campaign, France's achievement in beating Bulgaria and Belarus in their final two qualifiers means they avoid the playoffs having had to go through that route for the last two finals.

"We have had a difficult route and tonight wasn't easy either but we've achieved our aim," coach Didier Deschamps said. "We are happy, even if qualifying is logical given the quality of the players I have."

### FRENCH RELIEF

Giroud said he was delighted to have avoided the tension of the playoffs. "We're all relieved tonight to have ended the campaign with automatic qualification," the Arsenal forward said.

"We chased this game and it wasn't easy because they were strong and efficient in attack until the final whistle and we had to roll up our sleeves." The Dutch, World Cup finalists in South Africa in 2010 and semi-finalists four years later, bowed to the inevitable as they failed to achieve the unlikely 7-0 scoreline over Sweden they needed to salvage a wretched qualifying effort.

Arjen Robben scored twice in a 2-0 win over the Swedes in Amsterdam and said afterwards he was retiring from international football. "I will always remember the 2010 World Cup and 2014. Those are my best memories. During those two competitions we formed a real team," the 33-year-old Robben said.

### PLAYOFF TENSION

In Lisbon, Portugal navigated a potentially fraught final fixture with Switzerland, who become one of the eight European nations who must fight through the

playoffs for a spot in Russia. The others are Italy, Denmark, Croatia, Sweden, Northern Ireland, Greece and the Republic of Ireland.

The Swiss can consider themselves unlucky after winning all nine previous qualifiers but must now overcome a two-legged play-off in November to earn a fourth straight World Cup appearance.

Ronaldo, who was injured for the opening qualifying defeat in Basel, returned to the Portuguese line-up after coming off the bench to notch the opening goal in a lacklustre 2-0 win in Andorra on Saturday. US pop star Madonna was among the crowd at the Estadio da Luz which erupted when Djourou inadvertently bundled in a dangerous cross from Eliseu four minutes before the break under heavy pressure from Joao Mario.

Manchester City midfielder Bernardo Silva then exchanged passes with former Monaco team-mate Joao Moutinho, threading through the return pass for an unmarked Andre Silva to poke in at the far post.

Greece locked up second place behind Belgium in Group H courtesy of a 4-0 stroll against Gibraltar. In Paris, Deschamps paired Atletico Madrid striker

Griezmann with Giroud's aerial threat, and Griezmann eased nerves in the 27th minute as he opened the scoring with a confident low finish from Blaise Matuidi's deft pass. Six minutes later, Griezmann intercepted a weak pass out of the Belarus defence and fed Giroud, who shrugged off two defenders to bundle in his 28th international goal.

But the French defence was caught napping, allowing Belarus to reduce the gap when the lively Anton Saroka swept past Hugo Lloris a minute before half-time. Saroka gave France another jolt when he shot just wide in the 64th minute, but he was narrowly offside. Deschamps brought on Paris Saint-Germain starlet Kylian Mbappe in the second half to inject pace and fresh ideas, but with the seconds ticking down to the final whistle, it was Saroka again who slid a shot just wide from close range. — AFP



LISBON: Portugal's Pepe, top, celebrates with his teammates their side's second goal during the World Cup Group B qualifying soccer match between Portugal and Switzerland in Lisbon. — AP

## Playoff-bound Sweden beaten as Robben signs off in style for Dutch

AMSTERDAM: Arjen Robben ended his international career after scoring twice to hand the Netherlands a 2-0 win over Sweden in their World Cup qualifier on Tuesday as the Dutch fell well short of the seven goals they needed to reach the playoffs.

Both Sweden and the Netherlands ended the qualifying competition level on 19 points, behind Group A winners France, but the Swedes finished second to seal the playoff place because of a superior goal difference.

They finished with a tally of +17, eight goals better off than the Dutch who had to win by a seven-goal margin to overturn the deficit. The home side started brightly in the Amsterdam Arena with Robben converting a 16th-minute penalty and then hammering home a superb left-footed shot five minutes before halftime to raise the hopes of the home fans.

The Dutch, however, lacked the necessary creativity as Sweden shut up shop in the second half and the match fizzled out. The encounter proved to be the last international for the 33-year-old Robben, who after 96 caps, received a standing ovation as he limped through the last minutes.

After the final whistle, the Swedish players went to their



AMSTERDAM: Netherland's Arjen Robben, left, greets supporters as he leaves the pitch flanked by his sons at the end of the World Cup Group A soccer qualifying match between the Netherlands and Sweden at the Arena stadium in Amsterdam. — AP

changing room to celebrate, leaving the stage free for Robben to say farewell to the fans. "We knew we didn't have a chance but it was an amazing game. It hasn't been an easy decision but I am 33 and now must give my full focus to my club," said Robben.

Missing out on the World Cup caps a remarkable demise for the Netherlands, who were runners-up at the 2010 tournament in South Africa and third in Brazil in 2014. Yet they have now missed out on a second major

tournament after also failing in their bid to qualify for last year's European Championship in France.

The opening Dutch goal followed a handball by Swedish defender Victor Lindelof, although Robben miscued a cheeky chip from the penalty spot and was fortunate that Swedish goalkeeper Robin Olsen had already committed to dive. Robben's second goal, however, was a sweeping finish after the ball was laid back to him in the Swedish area. —Reuters

briefly rallied to 5-2, but after a pep talk from Osaka's coach, the Japanese refocused and closed out the match on her serve at the second time of asking after an hour and 24 minutes. "Venus is someone I've respected and admired," said Osaka, who was not born when Williams reached her first Grand Slam final at the 1997 US Open. "I've grown up watching her. Even though she someone I admire, it's just another opponent at the end of the day so I tried to focus hard."

### RIVALRY RENEWED

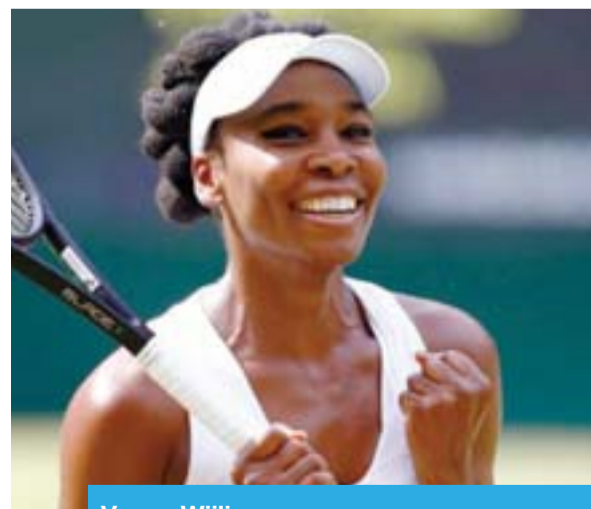
Earlier, the seventh seed Daria Gavrilova battled into the quarter-finals with a 6-1, 2-6, 6-2 win over American Shelby Rogers. Rogers and Gavrilova renewed their rivalry at Victoria Park after setting a record for the longest-ever women's singles match last month, with a three hours and 33 minute epic at the US Open.

"I was really motivated," said world number 22 Gavrilova after avenging her Flushing Meadows defeat. "She has such a great serve I knew I had to take my chances on her second serve."

Rogers had come out on top 7-6, 4-6, 7-6 in their marathon New York encounter but on this occasion Gavrilova raced to victory in the first set 6-1 in just 26 minutes. Rogers, ranked 55, hit back immediately to take the second 6-2 in a scrappy encounter littered with errors.

With both players coming under pressure on their serve in the final set, it seemed a matter of who would crack first. And at 2-2 and 0-30 it was Rogers who blinked, serving back-to-back double faults to hand the Russian-born Australian the crucial break. Another followed and the Australian closed out the match in an hour and 44 minutes.

Sam Stosur ensured there would be two Australians in the last eight when she came from a set down to oust



Venus Williams

fourth seed Agnieszka Radwanska in the final match of the evening 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.

The Polish world number 18 started strongly and was a set and break up before Stosur struck back to level at 3-3 in the second. From then on the Australian constantly pressured the Radwanska serve, and a second break in the ninth game of the second set also broke the Pole's resolve. Stosur, the 2011 US Open champion, raced through the final set to love to take her career record against Radwanska to four wins in five meetings.

"I feel I played really well and aggressively," said Stosur. "Everything I tried came off. Really happy to be in the quarter-finals." — AFP

## Pakistan barred from international football

ZURICH/LAHORE: Pakistan has been suspended from international football because of what global soccer body FIFA described as undue third-party interference in the country's football federation (PFF).

FIFA said in a statement that the suspension would prevent Pakistani teams, including the national side, from playing in international competition and the PFF from benefiting from FIFA development and training programmes.

"The PFF offices and its accounts remain in control of a court-appointed administrator, which constitutes a violation of the PFF obligations to manage its affairs independently and without influence from any third parties in accordance with the FIFA Statutes," said FIFA.

"The suspension will be lifted once the PFF offices and access to the PFF accounts are returned to the PFF." Pakistan's football federation (PFF) has been engulfed in chaos and split into two warring factions following a tussle for the presidency in 2015.

Then-PFF president Makhdoom Syed Faisal Saleh Hayat was accused of embezzlement by the second faction, which had the backing of an influential figure in the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party. Hayat denies any wrongdoing. The matter has been in the courts in recent years and judges have appointed an administrator to temporarily oversee the federation, which has been dogged by incompetence allegations and claims of corruption.

Acting Secretary of PFF, Syed Farasat Ali Shah, told Reuters the football body will hold fresh elections once the court's proceedings are over. "Pakistan's football is in a difficult situation as there is no chairman or head of PFF. We are consulting the stake-holders to evolve future strategy after FIFA's decision," Shah said.

"Once a new government body of PFF is elected, we will be in a better position to take care of the issue," he added. In a statement sent to Reuters, Shahid Khokhar, an ally of Hayat, lay the blame for PFF's trouble at the feet of Muhammad Safdar, senior PML-N lawmaker and the son-in-law of recently ousted Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

According to FIFA records, Pakistan, 200th of 211 teams in the world rankings, have not played a full international since a 0-0 draw with Yemen in a World Cup qualifier in March 2015. Pakistan have never qualified for the World Cup. — Reuters

## Venus eclipsed by Japan's rising star Osaka

HONG KONG: Venus Williams suffered a shock exit in the second round of the WTA Hong Kong Open yesterday, comprehensively beaten 7-5, 6-2 by teenager Naomi Osaka. Japan's top-ranked player reeled off eight consecutive games at one stage to power into the quarter-finals. It all seemed to be going to plan for second seed Williams when she broke the 19-year-old Osaka in the fifth game of the opening set. But then the American's first serve deserted her when serving for the set at 5-4.

Two double faults and a series of fierce ground strokes from Osaka which unerringly kissed the lines enabled the world number 64 to break twice and take the set 7-5. "She played well," a disappointed 37-year-old Williams told reporters. "You know, I made a few errors at 5-4 and after that she played pretty flawless. I can only give her credit."

Osaka, who made headlines when she knocked Angelique Kerber out of the US Open in the first round last month, continued in the same vein at the start of the second set and raced into a 5-0 lead.

"I felt like I played offensively and hit really deep hard balls but she had the luck today and could return those balls even harder and deeper," said Williams. Williams



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QUITO: Argentina's Nicolas Otamendi, left, fights for the ball against Ecuador's Roberto Ordonez during their 2018 World Cup qualifying soccer match at the Atahualpa Olympic Stadium in Quito. — AP

## Messi treble fires Argentina to WCup

### S American champions Chile suffers a shock elimination

**MONTEVIDEO:** Lionel Messi fired Argentina into the World Cup with a brilliant hat-trick on Tuesday as South American champions Chile suffered a shock elimination. Messi single-handedly resurrected Argentina's hopes in a 3-1 win over Ecuador in Quito that drew a line under a chaotic campaign that had left the two-time champions in danger of failing to qualify. The Barcelona superstar scored twice inside the opening 20 minutes to give Argentina the lead after Ecuador had stunned the visitors with an opening goal after from Romario Ibarra after 38 seconds.

Messi then completed his hat-trick—the 44th of his dazzling career—with a sublime chip in the second half to seal the victory. The Argentinian superstar can now look forward to his fourth appearance at the World Cup at next year's finals in Russia, where he will attempt once more to lead his country to an elusive major title.

Since his country's defeat to Germany in the 2014 World Cup final, Messi has twice suffered agony at major tournaments with Argentina, losing the finals

of both the 2015 Copa America and the 2016 Copa America Centenario. Messi, who will turn 31 during next year's World Cup, now has one, perhaps final, chance to emulate his idol Diego Maradona by lifting the World Cup. Relieved Argentina manager Jorge Sampaoli—the third coach appointed during the qualifying campaign—could not avoid expressing his gratitude to Messi following Tuesday's win.

“Messi doesn't owe a World Cup to Argentina—football owes a World Cup to Messi,” Sampaoli said. “He's the best player in history. This is a team victory. They played a brilliant match.” Messi later told reporters the prospect of not qualifying had weighed heavily on the squad. “It would have been crazy for

Argentina, for all of us,” he said. “Obviously there was that fear, but today we knew how to play.” The striker said he expects Argentina to improve now the pressure of qualifying has lifted.

“I think there is going to be a very big change. I think the team will grow much better now,” he added.

#### MESSI MASTERCLASS

Argentina had started the day outside the automatic qualifying positions, needing to secure their first win in Quito since 2001 to be certain of claiming at least a playoff place.

It looked as if Argentina's worst fears were set to become a reality after Ibarra's opening goal in the first minute.

But it was not long before Messi stamped his authority on the game, hauling his team back into the contest with a composed opening goal. The equaliser came in the 12th minute when Messi darted forward and quickly released Angel Di Maria down the left. The Paris Saint-Germain attacker duly returned the favour as Messi raced into the penalty area to poke home a low finish past Maximo Banguera. Eight minutes later Messi fired Argentina into the lead with another virtuoso strike, lashing into the top corner. Messi then completed his hat-trick with a sublime chip in the 62nd minute to make it 3-1. But while Argentina celebrated, it was a miserable night for Sampaoli's former team Chile. The Chileans—winners of the Copa America in 2015 and 2016—were soundly beaten 3-0 by Brazil in Sao Paulo to see themselves eliminated on goal difference.

Barcelona's Paulinho opened the scoring before Manchester City's Gabriel Jesus bagged a brace to secure a win already-qualified Brazil which relegated Chile to sixth place in the standings.— AFP

“Football owes a World Cup to Messi”

### Stunned US face major questions after World Cup debacle

**COUVA:** In one of the biggest upsets of this qualifying cycle, the United States failed to reach the World Cup for the first time in more than 30 years and now face some major questions over the progress of the sport in the country.

A 2-1 defeat to an already eliminated Trinidad and Tobago meant the US finished an embarrassing fifth out of six teams in their CONCACAF qualifying group. Mexico topped the standings with Costa Rica in second place while the third automatic spot went to Panama.

The Central American nation reached the World Cup for the first time in their history thanks to a last gasp 2-1 win over Costa Rica, while Honduras ended fourth and will play Australia over two legs for a place in Russia next year.

The impact of the US's absence will be felt at broadcasters Fox, who take over coverage of the World Cup from ESPN start-

ing with the 2018 tournament and a host of sponsors, such as Nike, who had been hoping for plenty of World Cup exposure.

But on a deeper level, the outcome raises a host of questions about whether American soccer truly is progressing. The country did not feature in any World Cup from 1954 to 1986, but after making it to Italia 90 and then hosting the tournament themselves in 1994, the game appeared to be on the rise.

The US reached the quarter-finals in 2002 and more recently impressed in Brazil four years ago by reaching the second round, finishing above Portugal in their group.

On the domestic front, Major League Soccer, which began in 1996, has produced a stable league for the first time in North America and has grown to 22 teams, many playing in new soccer specific stadiums.

“This is an utter embarrassment, with the amount of money that is in Major League Soccer and in this sport, you can't get a draw against Trinidad? You don't deserve to go the World Cup” said former US striker Taylor Twellman, now a television pundit for ESPN. “If this failure does not wake up everyone from US Soccer (Federation) to Major League Soccer to ‘pay to play’ (youth soccer), to broadcasters, everything, then we are all insane.” “That should never have happened with the billion dollars plus that is going into MLS and youth soccer development but it did and every single person should look themselves in the mirror,” he added.—Reuters



COUVA: United States' Christian Pulisic, right, jumps for a header with Trinidad and Tobago's goalkeeper Adrian Foncette, left, and Trinidad and Tobago's Daneil Cyrus, during World Cup qualifying soccer match in Couva, Trinidad. — AP



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LONDON: Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Phillip Hammond arrives at Downing Street following Prime Ministers' question time at Parliament, in London yesterday. — AFP

# Britain budgets \$330 million for Brexit

## Businesses rein in spending as 'cloud of uncertainty' hits economy

**LONDON:** Britain's businesses have reined in spending as Brexit uncertainty weighs, the government said yesterday, as it pledged £250 million (\$330 million, 279 million euros) for departments to prepare the country's EU departure. Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond told a cross-party panel of MPs that while the UK economy was "fundamentally robust", British businesses and consumers were tightening their belts.

Hammond told the Treasury Select Committee that "the cloud of uncertainty over current negotiations is acting as a temporary dampener and we need to remove it as soon as possible to make some progress."

"There is plenty of anecdotal evidence that businesses and consumers are waiting to see what the outcome is before firming up investment decisions and consumption decisions," he added.

Speaking later in parliament, Prime Minister Theresa May said her Conservative government was "committing money to prepare for Brexit, including a no-deal scenario". She added: "The Treasury has committed over £250 million of new money to departments", including those overseeing immigration, transport and agriculture.

Yesterday's updates by the government come a day after the International Monetary

Fund said Britain's gross domestic product growth would slow to 1.7 percent this year from 1.8 percent in 2016 — and slow to 1.5 percent growth next year. The European Union and Britain clashed Monday after May said the ball was in the EU's court as Brexit negotiations entered a critical fifth round.

Talks have stalled on all three of the key divorce issues—the bill Britain must pay for exiting the EU, the rights of the bloc's citizens living in Britain, and the fate of the border between the UK province Northern Ireland and eurozone member Ireland.

The Office for Budget Responsibility warned Tuesday that British productivity

growth is lower than previously forecast, dealing a blow to May's government before Hammond delivers the country's tax-and-spend plans in a key budget next month. The office, Britain's fiscal watchdog, added that it would "significantly" reduce its estimate for productivity growth over the next five years—which will in turn hit forecasts for economic growth and public finances.

Productivity refers to the average level of output produced per worker or per hour. Hammond told the committee yesterday that issues holding back productivity growth include under-developed infrastructure in the public sector and a skills shortage among

workers. But he also pointed to an issue he viewed as unique to Britain compared to other leading economies.

"We do have a fundamental underlying problem about productivity growth in the UK economy," the chancellor told MPs. "The UK distinctive issue is regional disparity. I've got no doubt in my mind that the staggering disparity between regional productivity performance is a major drag on the UK economy overall. "It's also a major social issue for us in the UK. There is no other developed economy that has such a large productivity performance gap between its capital city and its second and third city." — AFP

## Indian traders choking on Modi's economic medicine

**LUDHIANA, India:** Tax overhauls and black market clampdowns have been touted as radical medicine to modernize India's economy, but for small traders like Swarn Singh Darera, "Modinomics" has been a bitter pill to swallow.

At his factory in the northern Punjab city of Ludhiana, Sikh businessman Darera is keeping staff on for 12-hour shifts but only has enough work coming in to justify a third of that time.

He blames one man for his predicament: Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "The government finished us," he said angrily. "These people sitting in their air-conditioned offices have no idea what's happening on the ground." Over the past year Modi has rolled out controversial, but many argue much-needed, flagship reforms—often dubbed "Modinomics"—designed to streamline Asia's third-largest economy and root out corruption.

In November his government cancelled more than 80 percent of the rupee banknotes in circulation in a bid to clampdown on the black market. Eight months later it followed up with a massive sales tax overhaul—replacing more than a dozen state and national



LUDHIANA: In this picture taken on September 25, 2017, Indian men work at a garment factory in Ludhiana. — AFP

levies with four different rates of between five and 28 per cent.

Economists had long argued such steps were vital if the country of 1.3 billion people is to continue creating jobs for its ever-growing population. But small traders—who account for a third of the \$2 trillion economy—have been hit particularly hard. In Darera's shop, a box of axles worth 500,000 rupees (\$7,500) spent weeks on the shop floor when the buyer initially balked because the sales tax for the equipment leapt from two to 12 percent when the July reforms came in.

"What are these crazy people doing?" Darera said of the government's tax reforms. The rupee note withdrawal had already wiped out most of his cash reserves, he said, adding that he was keeping staff on because he didn't want to lose skilled workers.

The government says the initial pain of its economic reforms will bear fruit down the line. But analysts warn it could take months for the benefits to show, a potential headache for Modi, who faces a national election in less than two years and key state elections sooner. — AFP

## Saudi preparing tougher rules for insurers

**RIYADH/DUBAI:** Saudi Arabia's central bank is preparing tougher rules for insurance companies as part of a drive to create a smaller number of stronger market players operating in the country, two people with direct knowledge of the matter told Reuters. A new supervisory framework will be introduced in the coming months that will force insurers to boost capital significantly as well as improve internal risk controls, said the sources, who declined to be named due to the sensitivity of the matter. The moves are aimed at triggering consolidation in the insurance industry and forcing weaker companies to merge with stronger ones, industry analysts said. "They (central bank officials) said half of the companies that are here today will not be here," one of the sources said. "They want stronger companies in the market."

The proposed changes were discussed during a meeting between officials of the Saudi Arabia Monetary Authority (SAMA) and senior insurance executives this week, the people said. SAMA did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment. Current requirements for companies to have at least 100 million Saudi riyals (\$27 million) of capital for insurance activities in Saudi Arabia, or 200 million for reinsurance activities, are likely to

be significantly increased, the sources said. The Saudi insurance sector has come under pressure as the economy has slipped into recession this year, with health insurance suffering in particular as expatriates have left the kingdom and hospital costs have risen, the sources said.

### Abrupt liberalization

That pressure has exacerbated problems stemming from the sector's abrupt liberalization a decade ago, when the central bank licensed some 30 insurance firms in an attempt to encourage the sector and cut the economy's reliance on oil. Ten of the companies licensed at that time are now unprofitable. Mediterranean and Gulf Cooperative Insurance and Reinsurance Co (MedGulf), one of the most troubled, posted accumulated losses in the second quarter that surpassed 73 percent of its capital.

Over the last year, 11 firms have been temporarily suspended from issuing new insurance policies, some more than once. Among them was Sharia-compliant insurer SABB Takaful, which earlier this month was stopped from issuing or renewing insurance or savings products. — Reuters







Business

# BHGE helps oil & gas sector to optimize production: Executive

## 'Operators must adopt best means to cushion price fluctuations'

**KUWAIT:** Baker Hughes, a GE company (BHGE), plays a key role in helping producers in all phases of the oil and gas business to improve their productivity impacting positively on the overall industry, said Soufiane Kanoun, North Gulf and Turkey Geo-Market Director, Baker Hughes, in an interview. He spoke in detail about the oil & gas industry, pointing out that oil prices are cyclical. "This cyclical nature of the market highlights the need for operators to adopt the best means available across the value chain to enhance operational efficiency and productivity," he said. Excerpts from the interview:

**KT: What is the purpose of the merger between Baker Hughes and GE Oil & Gas?**

**Kanoun:** Baker Hughes, a GE company (BHGE), was established in response to the needs of oil and gas customers to keep abreast of the constantly changing trends and to help them with smart solutions to drive their operations. We enable our partners to achieve higher levels of efficiency and productivity, while reducing costs and risks. There is no other company with the same potential to offer fullstream services covering the entire value chain in the oil and gas sector. BHGE combines in-depth technology and expertise with the passion of emerging companies. We work tirelessly to conduct our business in a way that ensures the continuity of customer businesses, address any challenges, achieve and exceed the desired performance objectives.

**KT: What is the impact of the merger on oil and gas operators in the region?**

**Kanoun:** BHGE will play a key role in helping producers in all phases of the oil and gas business to improve the productivity of their businesses, which will positively impact the overall industry. The company will assist its customers in acquiring, transporting and refining hydrocarbons more efficiently and safely, reducing the environmental footprint of operations and the cost of production per barrel. The operations and services provided will also contribute to greater resource use optimization, and enhance the economies to scale through our integrated offers.

**KT: How will BHGE expand in the region?**

**Kanoun:** We have a history of achievements

spanning more than a century and a strong presence in more than 120 countries, in addition to the partnerships with leading players in the oil and gas sector, including key partners in the MENAT & India region. At the regional level, our focus is on strengthening local investments, building constructive partnerships and promoting close cooperation with our customers. We also focus on providing training programs for Nationals to prepare them to utilize our advanced digital technologies. We will continue to work with universities and academic institutions to develop a new generation of experienced and qualified professionals to achieve the desired successes in the oil and gas sector. The region has promising opportunities in the oil and gas sector, which remains an important pillar of the GCC economies.



### Digitalization a key axis for developmental strategies

**KT: Do technological and digital developments affect oil operations?**

**Kanoun:** Of course, digital transformation has become a key axis of development strategies in the region. The application of modern digital technologies in the oil and gas sector could bring about 5% productivity improvements by combining services, physical and digital components to increase reliability and uptime. BHGE will use cloud-based and on premise software, advanced manufacturing and Brilliant Factory solutions to help its customers take advantage of these opportunities as well as reduce risk and improve productivity levels in their operations. The GE Store, which could be used to accelerate processes and innovate new advanced technologies, is also an important component of our operations.

Additionally, we are committed to helping all stakeholders take advantage of the excep-

tional opportunities offered by digital technologies and will contribute to the development of the competencies and expertise required to translate the data provided by digital applications into information and dashboards that can be used to achieve tangible positive results at the operational level. Furthermore, integrating digital solutions with our full-stream capabilities enables us to achieve economies of scale to create new resources for value creation.

**KT: How do you see the challenges in the oil sector of the GCC countries?**

**Kanoun:** Oil prices are cyclical, which highlights the need for operators to adopt the best means available across the value chain to enhance operational efficiency and productivity. This will provide them with greater ability to cope with the variables and reduce their direct impacts on their operations.

Currently the focus is on digital industrial solutions that have already made a quantum leap in the sector, and provided our partners and customers with successful solutions for many of the challenges.

These solutions offer great opportunities that will be the most significant trend in the oil and gas sector this year. This is aligned with the vision of regional governments that are seeking to diversify their energy sources as part of their overall economic diversification strategies.

**KT: Will stability return to the markets in the near future?**

**Kanoun:** Oil prices are going through periods of volatility but demand for oil and gas products remains, as they are among the key requirements of economies. This has underlined the importance of digital industrial technologies as a starting point for building a future of growth and overcoming challenges. Our focus is directed towards helping customers reduce costs, improve operational efficiency and reduce the cost of production per oil barrel.

Our role is not limited to helping customers with new oilfields but also existing ones by monitoring wells as well as reservoirs, and working to increase their productivity by employing the latest data analytics solutions, in addition to our range of full-stream services

and products. We are confident that our approach will play a significant role in strengthening the stability of the oil and gas sector.

**KT: Who are the key partners of BHGE in Kuwait?**

**Kanoun:** We have many prominent partners in Kuwait and we closely cooperate with various stakeholders in developing the oil and gas sector, foremost of which are the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and its subsidiaries. We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with KOC to cooperate in training in the field of research and development in Kuwait.

The MoU is aimed at developing cost-cutting solutions for the oil and gas sector and offering specialized training programs to enhance the skills and expertise of Kuwaiti engineers, in addition to optimizing maintenance plans and enhancing productivity of advanced gas turbines and other rotating equipment. Furthermore, our Refining and Production Technology Solutions business unit is working on supplying state-of-the-art centrifugal compressors for the projects of the Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC), with which we have signed maintenance agreements for a number of turbines. We ensure our operations align with Kuwait's 2035 development vision, which focuses on building a diversified and sustainable economy and has resulted in many important projects in the oil and gas sector.

**KT: Are you going to introduce smart technologies into partner operations in the upcoming period?**

**Kanoun:** Of course, as mentioned previously, the application of advanced digital technologies and modern technology solutions contributes to achieving tangible positive changes in productivity and operational efficiency. BHGE has the ability to deliver exceptional value to customers across the industry by deploying industrial Internet technologies that integrate large data and advanced analytics with industrial machinery and equipment to achieve digital transformation.

The company's solutions are designed specifically to ensure high levels of productivity for oil and gas operators, reduce costs due to downtime and lost time. Our Predix platform is the basis and the enabler for integration in addition to many O&G applications



Soufiane Kanoun

such as Asset Performance Management solutions that are based on massive data to proactively anticipate and deal with outages.

We are also capitalizing on our fullstream capabilities as Baker Hughes, a GE company, grouping solutions that we offer from all our product lines to deliver more integrated solutions that promote further innovation for our partners and drive stronger efficiencies across operations.

We are showcasing BHGE's portfolio during the upcoming Kuwait Oil & Gas Show and Conference that is taking place next week at the Kuwait International Fair, Mishref and we look forward to introducing our partners and young professionals with the latest in efficiency-driven technologies.

**KT: How big is BHGE's investment in developing operations in the GCC countries and the world?**

**Kanoun:** We have about 70,000 employees in more than 120 countries and significant investments in various fields across four product companies: Oilfield Technology & Services, Oilfield Equipment, Turbomachinery & Process Solutions and Digital Solutions, in addition to 24 categories and production lines.

Working both onshore and offshore, our leading technologies and utilization of data, experiences and research through the GE Store helps us to deliver new solutions in shorter time frames to the market. This also enhances the competitive advantage of our partners led by a stronger business model based on creativity and innovation, with the option to provide financing capabilities.

## Kareena Kapoor Khan launches new festive collections of Malabar Gold & Diamonds

**KUWAIT:** Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one among the BIG 5 jewelry retailers globally has revealed latest collection of jewelry specially designed for the festive season. Indian film actress Kareena Kapoor Khan unveiled the versatile and sparkling collection of jewelry in the presence of MP Ahammed, Chairman - Malabar Group, KP Abdul Salam, Group Executive Director - Malabar Group, Shamla Ahmed, Managing Director - International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mr. Asher O, Managing Director - India Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, and invited guests during the showroom launch function held at Meena Bazar, Bur Dubai, UAE on Oct 5, 2017. The latest jewelry collection is specially designed in gold, diamonds and precious gems to celebrate this festive season keeping in mind the tastes

of their multicultural and multinational customers. A true shopper's delight, Malabar Gold & Diamonds will captivate the customers by exhibiting eye catching designs in gold, diamonds and precious gems from different parts of the world to flaunt any occasion or event and are well priced too. Customers can browse from over 130 designs which were specially introduced in this festive season and are starting from as low as KD 55 onwards.

Not only that, Malabar Gold & Diamonds has announced some amazing offers to celebrate this festive season and customers can win up to 100 kilos of gold. This is the first time that a jewelry retailer has announced an offer of this magnitude. It is no surprise that the biggest offer this time is from Malabar Gold & Diamonds, who are leaders



in jewelry retailing. This campaign will run until 28th October 2017 at all outlets in Kuwait. With every purchase of gold and diamond jewelry worth KD 40, customers get a chance to enter raffle draws to win 1/4 (quarter) KG of gold each in 6 raffle draws. Adding to the above, customers also get two gram gold coin on diamond jewelry purchase of KD

400 and a one gram gold coin on purchase of diamond jewelry worth KWD 250.

Also, customers can protect the gold rate at Malabar Gold & Diamonds by paying 10 percent of the entire amount on the selected gold jewelry until 17th Oct 2017. All these offers will be valid at their outlets in Kuwait until 28th October 2017.

## AUB makes a customer's dream come true with KD 250,000 grand prize

**KUWAIT:** Ahli United Bank recently conducted its Al-Hassad Islamic account weekly draw, Kuwait's leading sharia-compliant rewards program that offers a broad range of prizes to the largest number of winners, on the yesterday. The account provides 26 weekly prizes that are comprised of KD 25,000 as a grand prize and 25 other prizes valued at KD 1,000 each. AUB also offers four quarterly prizes that are valued at KD 250,000 to each winner allowing them to achieve their dreams of

Ibrahim Mubarak, Marykutty Plamoottil Mathai, Meshal Bader Al-Otaibi, Shaikha Adel Alhajri, Khaled Mohammad Al-Kandari, Adnan Abdullateef Al-Dhafeeri, Mahmoud Mohammed Yousef, Adwan Abdullah Al-Mutari, Latifah Khaled Aljamsi, Khawlah E H Yousef, Qumar Abdullmohsen Al-Saygh, Salem Eid Al-Enezi, Yassien Mehalhel Sakha, Ali Hussain Abdulla I, Mohd Shawqi Al-Tajer, Zahra Ahmed Ali, Salman Saleh Salman, Mahdi Ahmed Salman, Faris Ahmed Ali, Suhaila Jawad Ebrahim, Jaffar Hasan Ahmed.

Al-Hassad Islamic account's customers in Kuwait and Bahrain are eligible to participate in the draw in line with the program's terms and conditions. Ahli United Bank added, "There are increased opportunities that await our current customers and those who are interested in opening an Al-Hassad Islamic account to benefit from the wide range of prizes and opportunities offered this year."

Individual customers can open their accounts with a minimum deposit of KD 100, qualifying them to enter the draw. For every KD 50 deposited in the account, customers are given one chance to enter the quarterly draw. They must have held the minimum deposit requirement for at least two weeks prior to the draw date. The more deposits made, the higher the chances of winning on a weekly basis.

## Burgan Bank to announce the winner of value account draw for expatriates



**KUWAIT:** Burgan Bank will soon be announcing the winner of its Value Account Draw, who will be taking home a cash prize of KD 4,000. The draw rewards customers who transfer their salary to Burgan Bank for a chance to win KD4,000 every quarter.

The Value account provides attractive features and benefits that have been designed for expatriates living in Kuwait. Value account customers can benefit from a wide range of merchant discounts and enjoy an automatic entry into a quarterly draw for KD 4,000, whereby each KD 10

shall give the account holders one chance to enter the draw. Value account customers can also obtain a free credit card for the first year and a monthly installment fees of KD 2.5 thereafter.

For more information on opening a Value account or about the quarterly draw, customers are urged to visit their nearest Burgan Bank branch and receive all the details, or simply by calling the bank's call center on 1804080 where customer service representative will be delighted to assist with any questions on the Value account or any of the bank's products or services.

## Spend more on schooling to reduce inequality: IMF

**WASHINGTON:**

Tackling disparities in education is crucial to reducing global income inequality, the International Monetary Fund said yesterday, urging governments to spend more on schooling for disadvantaged children. In a report, the IMF said that over the past three decades, 53 percent of countries had become more unequal but experiences varied widely.

Global inequality fell-principally as India and China experienced swift economic growth-but in wealthier countries the divide between rich and poor had broadened, the report said.

Advanced economies had seen rising inequality during periods of sluggish growth between 1985 and 2015 while poorer nations saw income disparities worsen as their economies expanded. While some inequality was inevitable in market-based economies, an over-broad divide between rich and poor "can erode social cohesion, lead to political polarization, and ultimately lower economic growth," said the report, released during semiannual meetings with the World Bank in Washington.

But, unlike other methods of redistributing wealth, education both promotes economic growth at the same time as it reduces income inequality, the report said. Despite progress in recent decades, access to education in developing countries is still closely tied to the wealth of families-with children from disadvantaged backgrounds in sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East as well as poorer countries in Latin America and Asia suffering low access to primary education.

Poorer children also often attend under-resourced schools and receive lower quality education and in poorer countries girls are still enrolled at lower rates than boys, according to the report, but greater academic achievement breaks poverty cycles. — AFP



Tobias Adrian



travelling, studying abroad, or owning their dream home or car.

On this occasion Ahli United Bank announced, "With this draw, we are adding 26 new winners and prizes to the Al-Hassad Islamic account whereby, the total number of winners annually will include more than 1300.

The weekly grand prize winner of KD 25,000 Jaman M Al-Azemi. 25 other winners won prizes of KD 1,000 and are as follows: Mohammad Mahmoud Al-Kilani, Bader Mneef Al-Enezi, Ali Taleb Karam, Bibi Hamoud Ali, Abdulhakem



Business

# Catalonia relief nudges stocks to fresh high

NEW YORK: US Treasury prices rose and world stocks were up slightly yesterday ahead of the release of minutes from the Federal Reserve's September policy meeting, while the euro rose after Catalonia held off on moving towards independence.

Spanish stocks rallied and the euro reached a two-week high after Catalonia's leader, Carles Puigdemont, declined to make a formal independence declaration on Tuesday to allow for talks with Madrid. That disappointed many pro-independence supporters but pleased financial markets.

The euro move helped push the dollar index down for the fourth day in row. The dollar was weak ahead of Fed minutes and on uncertainties about the prospects for US tax reform. Wall Street's major stock indexes treaded water as a jump in shares of consumer staples was offset by a drop in financials a day before the start of the quarterly reporting season.

"Third-quarter results of large banks are expected to be tepid," said Stephen Biggar, an analyst at Argus

Research. "Trading revenue (will be) down due to low volatility and loan growth remaining flat to slightly negative." The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 15.77 points, or 0.07 percent, to 22,846.45, the S&P 500 gained 0.47 points, or 0.02 percent, to 2,551.11 and the Nasdaq Composite added 5.49 points, or 0.08 percent, to 6,592.74.

A 1.3-percent jump in Spain's IBEX more than reversed its decline in the previous session while the broader equities market showed a lackluster performance.

The pan-European FTSEurofirst 300 index lost 0.08 percent and MSCI's gauge of stocks across the globe gained 0.10 percent. Meanwhile, the US dollar fell to a two-week low against a basket of currencies ahead of the Fed's release of its September policy meeting minutes where it decided to pare the central bank's \$4.5-trillion balance sheet.

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release of the minutes on its September policy meeting where policy-makers decided to pare the central bank's \$4.5 trillion balance sheet.

While the Fed revealed plans to reduce its vast holdings of Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities, the minutes may provide clues on whether a US interest rate hike is planned for December, analysts said. The Fed will release minutes of its Sept. 19-20 meeting at 2 pm EDT (1800 GMT).

Also, US President Donald Trump's spat with Tennessee Senator Bob Corker, an influential fellow Republican, raised concerns that Trump's tax reform push may be in jeopardy. "Squabbles surrounding Trump's efforts come as no surprise, but it is still not helping the dollar," said Yukio Izhizuki, senior currency strategist at Daiwa Securities in Tokyo.

Meanwhile, US Treasuries investors were betting on a rate hike in December ahead of the Fed minutes. "Speakers have been out in force recently and I think they've been pretty clear that a December rate hike is

certainly on the table," said Thomas Simons, a money market economist at Jefferies in New York.

Japan's Nikkei 225 index closed at a new 21-year high, rising 0.3 percent to 20,881.27, a level it hasn't seen since December 1996. South Korea's Kospi rose 1 percent to 2,458.16 and Australia's S&P/ASX 20 0.6 percent to 5,770.10. The Shanghai Composite in mainland China edged up 0.2 percent to 3,388.28 but Hong Kong's Hang Seng gave up earlier gains to end 0.4 percent lower at 28,389.57. Shares in Southeast Asia were mixed.

Benchmark 10-year notes last rose 3/32 in price to yield 2.3356 percent, from 2.345 percent late on Tuesday. The 30-year bond last rose 10/32 in price to yield 2.8649 percent, from 2.881 percent late on Tuesday. Oil prices gave back earlier gains. US crude fell 0.41 percent to \$50.71 per barrel and Brent was last at \$56.24, down 0.65 percent on the day.

Gold prices were barely up after declining in the previous day's session. Spot gold percent to \$1,287.92 an ounce.—Reuters

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Index	Change	Closing	Last Closing						
Price Index	▲ 12.90	6,626.12	6,613.22						
Weighted Index	▼ -1.46	431.14	432.60						
KXS 15	▼ -5.24	1,004.77	1,010.01						
Trades									
Security	High	Low	Volume	Value (KD)	Trades	Last	Change		
IPG	365	365	9,000	3,285	1	365	▲ 0.0		
NAPESCO	820	757	7,936	6,061	8	820	▲ 63.0		
ENERGYH	37.9	37.7	250	9	3	37.7	▲ 1.2		
GPI	34.1	33.5	1,127,493	38,298	96	33.8	▲ 0.0		
ABAR	83	67	1,100	88	4	83	▼ -1.1		
<b>Oil &amp; Gas</b>			<b>1,145,779</b>	<b>47,762</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>999.14</b>	<b>▲ 35.50</b>		
KFOUC	290	290	6,840	1,985	2	290	▲ 0.0		
BPCO	670	660	195,329	130,806	17	670	▲ 0.0		
ALKOUT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	610	▲ 0.0		
ALQURAIN	340	335	65,240	21,909	9	335	▼ -7.0		
<b>Basic Materials</b>			<b>267,415</b>	<b>154,790</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1362.96</b>	<b>▼ -8.50</b>		
KCEM	450	442	9,000	3,986	2	442	▼ -3.0		
CABLE	501	487	145,910	72,136	35	501	▲ 0.0		
SHIP	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	217	▲ 0.0		
PCEM	990	990	63,229	62,597	3	990	▼ -19.0		
PAPER	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	290	▲ 0.0		
MRC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	109	▲ 0.0		
ADCO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	265	▲ 0.0		
HCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	190	▲ 0.0		
NBCM	185	174	17,807	3,208	2	185	▲ 11.0		
EQUIPMENT	42.2	41.0	106,960	6,907	15	42.0	▼ -0.2		
NCCI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	90	▲ 0.0		
GYPSUM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	95	▲ 0.0		
SALBOOKH	62	57	70,002	4,204	5	62	▼ -0.9		
ADLY	845	817	1,755,779	1,457,207	249	830	▼ -12.0		
EDU	312	307	2,140,252	698,412	27	308	▲ 1.6		
CLEANING	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	82	▲ 0.0		
KOL	61	61	38,395	2,342	3	61	▼ -1.9		
KPCO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	155	▲ 0.0		
HUMANSOFT	4,174	4,150	46,900	194,920	3	4,150	▼ -24.0		
NAFAS	456	456	65,019	29,649	46	456	▲ 76.0		
GFC	71	70	500,100	35,007	2	70	▲ 0.0		
SHOOTING	26.0	25.0	681,121	17,122	23	25.0	▼ -1.1		
COOC	503	490	26,985	14,331	13	503	▼ -3.0		
MTCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	96	▲ 0.0		
UPAC	615	615	1,212	745	1	615	▲ 0.0		
ALAFCO	386	379	426,506	163,872	21	379	▼ -8.0		
MUBARRAD	73	73	1,737	127	1	73	▲ 0.1		
LOGISTICS	95	53	333,941	17,931	17	94	▲ 0.1		
SCEM	83	83	140,000	11,634	1	83	▲ 0.1		
GCEM	84	81	6,300	512	4	84	▼ -0.4		
QIC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	82	▲ 0.0		
FCM	74	74	20,000	1,476	4	74	▲ 0.9		
RKWC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	81	▲ 0.0		
SPEC	85	85	3,000	255	3	85	▼ -3.0		
<b>Industrials</b>			<b>6,664,146</b>	<b>2,758,640</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>1794.62</b>	<b>▲ 21.50</b>		
PAPCO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	75	▲ 0.0		
CATL	265	265	116,639	30,909	3	265	▲ 0.0		
DANAH	70	70	159,200	11,143	6	70	▼ -0.4		
FOOD	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,980	▲ 0.0		
<b>Consumer Goods</b>			<b>276,839</b>	<b>42,063</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1023.71</b>	<b>▲ 1.40</b>		
ATC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,100	▲ 0		
YACCO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	175	▲ 0.0		
<b>Health Care</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1510.51</b>	<b>▲ 0.00</b>		
KCIN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,200	▲ 0		
KHOT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	250	▲ 0		
SULTAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	67	▲ 0		
CABLETV	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	25.3	▲ 0		
IFAHR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	299	▲ 0		
OUJAFUEL	119	118	433,124	51,528	12	118	▼ -1		
MUNTAZAHAT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	83	▲ 0		
JAZEERA	580	579	5,024	2,913	3	579	▲ 0		
SOOR	119	118	272,428	32,406	9	119	▲ 0		
FUTUREKID	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	123	▲ 0		
ALRAI	119	119	30,000	2,380	1	119	▲ 0		
Jiyad	95	49	30,150	1,498	5	91	▲ 2		
Mezzan	810	810	100	81	1	810	▲ 10		
<b>Consumer Services</b>			<b>760,826</b>	<b>90,896</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>922.88</b>	<b>▲ 1.20</b>		
ZAIN	521	509	7,781,959	3,998,965	445	513	▲ 1		
ODREDOO	1,199	1,132	452	512	3	1,199	▲ 9		
AAN	35.2	33.8	1,913,419	65,600	49	34.5	▲ 1		
VVA	799	791	22,450	17,871	27	795	▼ -4		
<b>Telecommunications</b>			<b>9,718,277</b>	<b>4,082,948</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>604.70</b>	<b>▲ 1.20</b>		
NBK	787	780	684,580	536,556	54	782	▼ -3		
CBK	257	253	1,147,290	292,909	96	253	▼ -2		
CBK	400	400	2	1	1	400	▲ 0		
ABK	312	311	400,000	124,604	9	311	▼ -2		
ALMUTAHED	415	413	5,500	2,282	2	415	▲ 2		
KIB	256	254	1,191,011	302,868	59	256	▲ 1		
BURG	357	355	185,650	66,077	12	357	▼ -5		
KFIN	603	594	2,084,393	1,247,034	201	598	▼ -5		
BOUBYAN	452	449	216,036	97,310	23	451	▲ 2		
AUB	206	203	2,779,558	967,594	79	208	▲ 0		
ITHAR	40.0	38.9	2,159,340	85,252	53	39.4	▼ -1		
WARBANK	240	234	301,966	71,440	77	238	▲ 1		
<b>Banks</b>			<b>11,156,346</b>	<b>3,393,957</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>960.32</b>	<b>▼ -3.00</b>		
KNS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	271	▲ 0.0		
GINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	800	▲ 0.0		
AINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	420	▲ 0.0		
WINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	96	▲ 0.0		
KUWAITRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	187	▲ 0.0		
FTI	80	80	2,500	150	1	80	▼ -1.9		
WETHAQ	44.5	44.5	90	4	1	44.5	▼ -0.4		
BKQWT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	355	▲ 0.0		
<b>Insurance</b>			<b>2,590</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1100.56</b>	<b>▼ -5.30</b>		
Trades									
Security	High	Low	Volume	Value (KD)	Trades	Last	Change		
SOKOUC	51	49.3	243,338	12,134	15	49.4	▼ -1.6		
KRE	62	61	515,500	31,907	20	62	▼ -0.4		
URC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	95	▲ 0.0		
NRE	133	128	382,298	49,677	21	132	▼ -2.0		
SRE	300	360	200	72	2	360	▼ -4.0		
TAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	402	▲ 0.0		
AREEC	158	158	10,000	1,680	1	158	▲ 8.0		
MASSALEH	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	39.5	▲ 0.0		
ARABREC	37.2	36.1	499,964	18,466	21	37.0	▼ -0.2		
ERESCO	39.4	38.2	292,690	10,068	11	38.9	▼ -0.7		
MABANEE	800	796	114,630	91,596	8	796	▼ -0.0		
INJAZZAT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	87	▲ 0.0		
INVESTORS	22.5	19.5	15,745,050	326,598	311	20.2	▼ -1.8		
IBC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	32.5	▲ 0.0		
ALTUARIA	96	94	616,100	58,229	10	94	▼ -2.0		
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Business

# World-renowned architect David Adjaye joins elite judging panel

## Lexus Design Award 2018



David Adjaye

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KUWAIT: Lexus has announced the addition of visionary architect Sir David Adjaye as the newest judge for Lexus Design Award 2018, a prestigious international competition that seeks to discover and nurture a new generation of creative talent. Adjaye, one of the most influential architects of his generation, complements an already world-class panel of judges that also recently added innovative architect Shigeru Ban. Through the Lexus Design Award, Sir David Adjaye and other judges will identify and recognize the next wave of global creators and designers.

Each year, thousands of young creative talents from around the world aspire to be selected to participate in Lexus Design Award, where they have an opportunity to receive mentorship from established global designers, prototype funding, and an invitation to exhibit at the Lexus Design Event during Milan Design Week. Sir David Adjaye and the other judges will select the 12 finalists that best embody this year's theme, "CO-" and reflect the Lexus brand belief that great design can make the world a better place. At Milan Design Week 2018, Adjaye and his fellow judges will award the coveted Grand Prix award to one of the finalists.

Sir David Adjaye said: "The Lexus Design Award provides an incredible platform for young designers from around the globe to help craft a more inclusive future. I'm honored to be part of this panel helping to elevate these voices. This year's theme particularly resonated with me. As we negotiate the challenges of the 21st century, thinking collaboratively and across disciplines is more important than ever before."

"We are extremely delighted to have Sir David Adjaye join the judging panel for this prestigious

award," said Takayuki Yoshitsugu, Chief Representative, Middle East and North Africa Representative Office, Toyota Motor Corporation. He continued: "At Lexus, we believe in the power of creativity to change the world and build a better future, and the Lexus Design Award offers us an opportunity to take this belief forward and continue our passion for creating amazing experiences. Through the Lexus Design Award program, Lexus is supporting the next generation of designers and creators by offering them the opportunity to explore the power of their imagination, bring their design idea to life, and work with world-renowned designers and creators to showcase their work to the world. I thank our valued customers and fans who support us in our endeavors and continue to help us promote the Lexus philosophy around the world."

Named as one of the world's 100 Most Influential People by Time Magazine, the Ghanaian-British architect was knighted in 2017 for services to architecture. In 2016, he received the Panerai London Design Medal. Among his recent accomplishments, Sir Adjaye, designed the National Museum of African American History and Culture a Smithsonian Institution museum, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. featuring a crown motif from Yoruba (native Nigerian) sculpture.

Entries to the Lexus Design Award 2018 competition are accepted from July 24 through October 8. The 12 finalists will be announced in January 2018, and the Grand Prix winner will be announced during Milan Design Week - April 16th, 2018. For more information on Lexus Design Award 2018 and submission queries, see [LexusDesignAward.com](http://LexusDesignAward.com).

“ Opportunity to explore the power of imagination ”



## Agility opens 'Center of Excellence' in Iraq

DUBAI: Agility, a leading global logistics provider, has opened a state-of-the-art training facility, known as the Center of Excellence, at the Rumaila Energy Park in southern Iraq. In partnership with Strategic Analytics Team (SAT), the Center of Excellence offers training courses for the local workforce in the oil and gas industry, led by internationally accredited trainers. Training covers a wide variety of topics, including health and safety, lifting and hoisting, defensive driving and logistics solutions. With SAT's expertise in the field of operational logistics, courses will meet international oil and gas industry standards and focus on developing accredited local content, while enhancing the capabilities of Iraq-based contractors. The Rumaila Energy Park is a one million-square meter, fully serviced industrial park developed by Agility Real Estate to provide a one-stop-shop for companies operating in southern Iraq. The park includes warehouse facilities, workshops, lay-down yards and offices. It is strategically close to the region's major oil and gas subcontractors.

The inauguration was attended by representatives from oil and gas companies and academic institutions, as well as Iraqi government officials.

"The Center of Excellence is part of Agility's ongoing commitment to building Iraq's infrastructure and human capital. We are strongly committed to building local capacity in our areas of operations, and this new center is part of this strategy," Colin Hindley, CEO, Agility Iraq, said.



Paul Jorgensen, Senior Partner, Strategic Analytics Team, said, "Our partnership with Agility makes the Center of Excellence the first of its type in the Gulf region. At SAT, we take pride in our knowledge and skills in the logistics business, and we are in a unique position to impart the same to aspiring professionals seeking further development. This is a very exciting opportunity for both SAT and Agility. With a fully developed culture of learning in an open environment that enables access to the latest information and technological innovations, we want the Center of Excellence to become the go-to resource for both logistics companies and students."

Agility Iraq has offices in Basra, Baghdad, and Erbil, serving international airports and the ports of Umm Qasr and Khor Al-Zubair. Agility's operations include freight forwarding (air, ocean, road), cross-border trucking, customs clearance, project logistics, open yard/warehousing distribution, approved HSSE training and route surveys. All of Agility's operations in Iraq are ISO 9001, ISO 14000, OHSAS18001-certified.

win valuable instant prizes and enjoy fun and games as NBK gives away loads of cash! During the NBK Mega Draw event, winners will be announced for the KD 250,000 Al-Jawhara quarterly draw and the summer credit Cards cash back competition where Ten lucky winners will receive up to KD 1,000 cash back monthly on NBK credit card spends for an entire year!

NBK invites all customers to visit its booth in the Grand Avenues for a chance to win valuable prizes and sign up for premium NBK products and services.

## VIVA participates in 37th GITEX Technology Week

KUWAIT: VIVA, Kuwait's fastest-growing and most developed telecom operator, announced its participation in the 37th GITEX Technology Week where its professional team featured latest range of products and services. The International GITEX Technology Week 2017 took place from 8 - 12 October 2017 in Dubai at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre.

On this occasion, Eng. Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-

Badran, VIVA's CEO, said: "We are honored to take part in GITEX for the sixth year in a row. It is an exciting experience for VIVA to participate in one of the world's most anticipated IT and technology exhibitions". He added, "Our participation in the GITEX Technology Week 2017 comes in line with our corporate strategy to extend and present our services not only locally, but on a regional scale."

Alongside VIVA, Saudi Telecommunication Company (STC) showcased its latest products and services through team of professionals. GITEX Technology Week is the largest event in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia, where all technology leaders participate and identify the most important global trends in the technology industry in the modern sectors, and reveal the latest advanced products and services.



## Come and win valuable prizes at the NBK mega draw day

KUWAIT: Don't miss the excitement with NBK on mega draw day for fun. Come and celebrate with National Bank of Kuwait tomorrow for a chance to

"NBK offers incredible value for its customers and rewards them with mega prizes like KD 250,000 in cash," said Suresh Bajpai, NBK General Manager, Consumer Banking Group. "We are so excited to share this fun and thrilling event with our customers and to thank them for their loyalty and support."

Customers can apply online for an NBK credit card that suits their current and future needs and receive valuable rewards and promotions including cash back competitions. They can also enjoy the amazing benefits from the region's largest reward

point program. NBK's Mega draw event will be a fun-filled day for all members of the family, with games and prizes and lots of entertainment.

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## Technology

# Game of Drones: US poised to boost unmanned aircraft exports

## Govt seeks to rival Chinese, Israeli advances

WASHINGTON: The Trump administration is nearing completion of new 01:00 "Buy American" rules to make it easier to sell US-made military drones overseas and compete against fast-growing Chinese and Israeli rivals, senior US officials said.

While President Donald Trump's aides work on relaxing domestic regulations on drone sales to select allies, Washington will also seek to renegotiate a 1987 missile-control pact with the aim of loosening international restrictions on US exports of unmanned aircraft, according to government and industry sources.

At home, the US administration is pressing ahead with its revamp of drone export policy under heavy pressure from American manufacturers and in defiance of human rights advocates who warn of the risk of fueling instability in hot spots including the Middle East and South Asia.

The changes, part of a broader effort to overhaul US arms export protocols, could be rolled out by the end of the year under a presidential policy decree, the administration officials told Reuters on condition of anonymity. The aim is to help US drone makers, pioneers in remote-controlled aircraft that have become a centerpiece of counterterrorism strategy, reassert themselves in the overseas market where China, Israel and others often sell under less-cumbersome restrictions.

Simplified export rules could easily generate thousands of jobs, but it's too early to be more specific, said Remy Nathan, a lobbyist with the Aerospace Industry Association. The main beneficiaries would be top US drone makers General Atomics, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Textron and Lockheed Martin. "This will allow us to get in the game in a way that we've never been before," said one senior US official.

### 'Buy American Agenda'

Regulations are expected to be loosened especially on the sale of unarmed intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance drones, the most sophisticated of which carry high-resolution cameras and laser-guided targeting systems to aid missiles fired from warplanes, naval vessels or ground launchers. Deliberations have been more complicated, however, on how to alter export rules for missile-equipped drones like the Predator and Reaper. Hunter-killer drones, which have essentially changed the face of modern warfare, are increasingly in demand and US dr-

Zealand, according to the industry source. Rachel Stohl, director of the conventional defense program at the Stimson Center in Washington, said if US drone export rules become too lenient, they could give more governments with poor human rights records the means to "target their own civilians." Trump's predecessor, President Barack Obama, revised the policy for military drone exports in 2015. But US manufacturers complained it was still too restrictive compared with main competitors China and Israel.

US drone makers are vying for a larger share of the global military drone market. Even before the coming changes, the Teal Group, a market research firm, has forecast sales will rise from \$2.8 billion in 2016 to \$9.4 billion in 2025. Linden Blue, CEO of privately held General Atomics, the US leader in military drones, visited the White House recently to lobby for his industry, a person familiar with the discussions said.

Among the US changes will be a formal reinterpretation of the "presumption of denial", a longstanding obstacle to most military drones sales, that would make it easier and faster to secure approval, the officials said. Britain, and only recently Italy, are the only countries that had been allowed to buy armed US drones. A long-delayed \$2 billion sale to India of General Atomics' Guardian surveillance drones finally secured US approval in June. But New Delhi's request for armed drones has stalled. A major hurdle to expanded sales of the most powerful US drones is the Missile Technology Control Regime, or MTCR, a 1987 accord signed by the United States and 34 other countries, which set rules for the sale and purchase of missiles. It categorizes drones with a range greater than of 185 miles (300 km) and a payload above 1,100 pounds (500 kg) as cruise missiles,



The Avenger extended-range UAV is manufactured by General Atomics.

requiring extremely tight import/export controls. To gain an international stamp of approval for the relaxed US export rules, US officials want the MTCR renegotiated.

State Department officials attending an annual meeting of the missile-control group in Dublin next week will present a "discussion paper" proposing that sales of drones - which did not exist when the agreement was created - be treated more leniently than the missile technology that the MTCR was designed to regulate, according to a US official and industry sources. There is no guarantee of a consensus. Russia, which has NATO members along its borders, could resist such changes, the US official said.

### China and Israel

China, which is not an MTCR signatory, has pushed ahead with drone sales to some

countries with close ties to Washington, such as Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Nigeria, but which have failed to pass U.S. regulatory muster. Chinese models such as the CH-3 and CH-4 have been compared to the Reaper but are much cheaper. US officials said Beijing sells them with few strings attached.

The Chinese foreign ministry insists it takes a "cautious and responsible attitude" to military drone exports. Israel, which is outside the MTCR but has pledged to abide by it, competes with US manufacturers on the basis of high-tech standards. But it will not sell to neighbors in the volatile Middle East. Israel sold \$525 million worth of drones overseas in 2016, according to defense ministry data. US drone makers and their supporters within the administration contend that other countries are going to proliferate drones, so they should not be left behind. — Reuters



## 'Buy American' to boost US business abroad

els considered the most advanced. The push is not only part of Trump's "Buy American" agenda to boost US business abroad but also reflects a more export-friendly approach to weapons sales that the administration sees as a way to wield influence with foreign partners, the senior official said.

Under a draft of the new rules, a classified list of countries numbering in double digits would be given more of a fast-track treatment for military drone purchases, a second senior official said. The favored group would include some of Washington's closest NATO allies and partners in the "Five Eyes" intelligence alliance: Britain, Australia, Canada and New

## Apple teams with Steven Spielberg on video expansion

SAN FRANCISCO: Apple is teaming up with award-winning director Steven Spielberg for its first major push into TV programming.

The iPhone maker is bringing back Spielberg's 30-year-old anthology series "Amazing Stories" in its attempt to build an online video subscription service to challenge the digital networks operated by Netflix, Amazon, Hulu and HBO. "We love being at the forefront of Apple's investment in scripted programming, and can't think of a better property than Spielberg's beloved 'Amazing Stories' franchise," NBC Entertainment President Jennifer Salke said in a statement Tuesday. NBC Entertainment works with Spielberg's Amblin Television on the series.

Apple declined to comment on the deal. The Wall Street Journal first reported Apple had secured the "Amazing Stories" rights. The series aired on NBC from 1985 to 1987 and won five Emmy awards for its mixture of science fiction and horror episodes, although the series was never a big hit in the ratings.



expand its current worldwide audience of more than 100 million subscribers. And Netflix is increasing the prices for its two most popular plans by a \$1 to \$2 per month in an effort to raise more money to spend on future programming.

Apple is expected to spend more than \$50 million on 10 episodes of "Amazing Stories." While the future plans for the series revival haven't been revealed, the original "Amazing Stories" run attracted guest appearances from a list of stars that included Kevin Costner, Harvey Keitel, Charlie Sheen, Mark Hamill and John Lithgow, while its list of episode directors and writers included Spielberg, Martin Scorsese, Clint Eastwood, Robert Zemeckis and Brad Bird. — AP

## Solar panels shine in darkest Amazon, the 'last frontier'

ITUXI EXTRACTIVE RESERVE, Brazil: In the darkest reaches of Brazil's Amazon, solar panels are bringing light—and could help save the rainforest.

Aurelio Souza is working to install solar panels in villages along the remote Purus and Ituxi rivers in the western Amazonas state. "The Amazon is the last big frontier for electricity in the country," says the consultant for a joint program of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and Brazil's environmental agency ICMBio. "You have at least two million people (in the Brazilian Amazon) without access to modern energy."

Bringing power to millions might not sound like an obvious way to preserve the world's greatest forest, already under constant pressure from loggers and farmers.

But consider what the solar panels are replacing. In tiny communities of the Ituxi nature reserve, west of the city of Labrea, small scale farmers almost universally depend on noisy, smoky generators for light and refrigeration—and frequent trips to buy more fuel at higher than usual prices. To keep fish they catch in the rivers fresh they also use large quantities of Styrofoam, another environmental menace.

"The reduction in the consumption of diesel cuts greenhouse gases and reduces the dependency of communities on fossil fuels," Souza said. The project was launched in July in a neighboring nature reserve, called Medio Purus, home to about 6,000 people who subsist



A class in session at a school in Cassiana in the Medio Purus Reserve, which has benefited from solar energy panels installed by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), in the Western Amazon region. — AFP

on fishing and family farms. And without the din of generators drowning out the deep silence of the forest night, life is already changing.

### Silence

At the community school in the Cassiana community, part of Medio Purus, night classes taught by satellite link have already become a whole lot more rewarding now that the generator is no longer needed. "We couldn't concentrate with the noise of the motor and a lot of our classes were cancelled because there wasn't enough fuel," said Francisca de Almeida, 30, who is in her second year of studies. Further up the river in the settlement of Jurucua, neighbors are using solar power to run a cassava mill, while Maria Francisca de Souza, 54, is finally able to have river water pumped to her house. She hopes to build her first bathroom soon.

The community association for the Ituxi reserve, with a population of barely 600, has

hooked up to solar power to run a water well pump. There's even a refrigerator for special occasions that used to cost \$400 a month in fuel. These might be small steps but innovation is the best bet for Brazilians in remote communities. Despite an official state policy of bringing power to the entire country, "the cost is very high in these places," Souza said.

For Irismar Duarte, vice president of the Ituxi association, the solar panels open the door to more progress. "Everyone is looking for ways to innovate and people are adapting to the changes. That's what we're trying to do here," she said. The association hopes to get a freezer next and ability to power equipment to ramp up production of acai, a potentially valuable fruit which so far is only grown for domestic consumption. When Duarte hears the solar panel-powered pumps fire up, almost noiselessly, she still can hardly believe the change. "It's a dream, something I thought would never happen," he says. — AFP

## Uber riders in Dubai can now select electric powered Tesla

DUBAI: Ride-hailing service Uber on Tuesday began offering its customers in Dubai the option to ride in one of 50 new Tesla electric-powered vehicles - a stark contrast to the large gas-guzzling sedans and luxury sports cars that dominate the emirate's six-lane highways.

The US-based ride-hailing app launched the UberONE option in partnership with Dubai Taxi Corporation, which added 50 Tesla Model X and Model S to its fleet last month. The vehicles, which Uber riders can select for a slightly higher fare, are equipped with self-driving components. Dubai's transport authority is aiming to add another 150 Tesla vehicles to its fleet in 2018 and 2019, part of a wider push to have

25 percent of all journeys autonomous by 2030. Already, Dubai has the world's longest driverless metro network.

Uber's General Manager in the United Arab Emirates, Chris Free, said the partnership to introduce electric-powered rides for customers is line with the company's drive to provide riders with "new and progressive experiences." The forward-looking emirate of Dubai and the oil-rich seat of the federal government, Abu Dhabi, have embraced the push for electric-powered vehicles. In Dubai alone, there are electric vehicle power stations near the world's tallest skyscraper, the Burj Khalifa, and the Middle East's largest mall, the Dubai Mall.

Tesla also opened a showroom in Dubai in February. The American electric car manufacturer's chief executive Elon Musk has said the company plans on investing millions of dollars across the United Arab Emirates to support building up an infrastructure for electric vehicles, despite facing competition from the region's subsidized lower gas prices. There are currently more than two dozen Tesla chargers in the UAE, with another 50 planned. Still, Teslas and other battery-operated models sold in the UAE, such as Renault's Twizy and Zoe, remain rare as soaring summer temperatures require drivers turn on air-conditioning. — AP

## US signals tougher stance with tech companies on encryption

WASHINGTON: US Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein on Tuesday sharply criticized technology companies that have built strongly encrypted products, suggesting Silicon Valley is more willing to comply with foreign government demands for data than those made by their home country. While echoing many arguments made by previous senior US law enforcement officials, Rosenstein struck a harder line than his predecessors who led the Obama Justice Department, dismissing attempts to negotiate with the tech sector as a waste of time and accusing companies of putting sales over stopping crime.

"Company leaders may be willing to meet, but often they respond by criticizing the government and promising stronger encryption," Rosenstein said during a speech at the US Naval Academy in Maryland, according to a copy of his remarks. "Of course they do. They are in the business of selling products and making money. ... We are in the business of preventing crime and saving lives."

Rosenstein's first lengthy comments on

encryption signaled a desire for Congress to write legislation mandating that companies provide access to encrypted products when a law enforcement agency obtains a court order. Tech companies and many cyber security experts say requiring law enforcement access to encrypted products will broadly weaken cyber security for everyone. US officials have countered that default encryption settings hinder their ability to collect evidence needed to pursue criminals.

Previous officials have urged such an approach, but Rosenstein more directly criticized Silicon Valley. He cited a series of media reports to suggest US-based companies are more willing to accede to demands for data from foreign governments than they are from the United States.

The remarks were quickly denounced by supporters of strong encryption. "Despite his attempts at rebranding, a government backdoor by another name will still make it easier for criminals, predators and foreign hackers to break into our phones and computers," Democratic Senator Ron Wyden said in a statement.

The decades-old feud over encryption reignited last year when the Justice Department attempted to force Apple Inc to break into an iPhone used by a gunman during a mass shooting in San Bernardino, California. The clash subsided when an unidentified third party outside the government came forward with a way to crack the phone.

Some US lawmakers expressed interest in legislation that would require companies to help law enforcement access encrypted data. The effort crumbled due to a lack of political support and a decision by the Obama administration to not endorse it. — Reuters



Health

# As Paris climate goals recede, geoengineering looms larger

## Single degree Celsius of warming triggers crescendo of impacts

**BERLIN:** Even if you are terrified of heights, jumping out of a plane with a makeshift parachute may begin to look like a good idea once you know the aircraft is running out of fuel. That, arguably, is akin to the mindset of climate scientists and policymakers brainstorming in Berlin this week on how to compensate for humanity's collective failure to curb the greenhouse gases-caused mainly by burning fossil fuels-that drive global warming. In 2015, 195 nations miraculously, if belatedly, vowed to cap the rise of the Earth's average surface temperature at "well below" two degrees Celsius, and to make a good-faith effort to hold the line at a 1.5 C.

But the Paris Agreement did not mandate how or when to hit those targets. With a single degree Celsius of warming so far, a crescendo of impacts-including tropical storms engorged by rising seas, along with deadly heatwaves, fires and droughts-suggest that time is not on our side and that the range of options is narrowing. "It has become very clear that getting to 2 C, and especially 1.5 C, is very dependent on our ability to remove large amounts of CO2 from the atmosphere," Naomi Vaughan, a climate scientist at the University of East Anglia, told the opening plenary of the Climate Engineering Conference 2017.

Indeed, 90 percent of projections in the UN climate science panel's most recent report that would keep the planet under the 2 C threshold depend heavily on such "negative emissions". (The others assume greenhouse gas emissions peaked in 2010, when in fact they are still climbing.) "It is a matter of considerable concern that we are not sure how to do this" on the scale needed, Myles Allen, head of the University of Oxford's Climate Research Program said.



**Some scientists think climate engineering is a slippery slope**

### Deflecting sunlight

Michael Taylor, an atmospheric scientist from the University of West Indies, underscored the urgency in the aftermath of the two Category Five hurricanes-projected to increase in frequency-that recently ravaged the Caribbean. "The region's climate will be so significantly altered that it will not just be unfamiliar," he told colleagues. "It will be unprecedented." One of two broad categories under the geoengineering umbrella, carbon dioxide removal (CDR) schemes include "enhanced weathering" of rocks that soak up CO2; large-scale production of charcoal from organic waste; sequestering CO2 cast off from burning biofuel plants; and sucking carbon dioxide directly from the air with high-tech machines. Even the massive planting of trees-which store CO2 as they grow-is seen as part of the "CDR" arsenal.

The other, far more controversial approach to climate engineering, known as solar radiation management, would deflect enough sunlight back into space to cool the planet a degree or two. This, proponents say, could be done by injecting billions of tiny reflective particles into the stratosphere, or chemically brightening mirror-like ocean clouds. "It will be very difficult to meet the Paris Agreement goal of even staying below 2 C without resorting to at least one, if not both, of these forms of climate engineering," said Mark Lawrence, scientific director of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies in Potsdam, Germany, which is hosting the four-day conference.

### Impacts on a planetary scale

Some scientists think climate engineering of any kind is a slippery slope. "It diverts attention away from the need to reduce emissions," Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, a professor at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium, and a former vice-chair of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, said. "CO2 removal gives the illusion that we can



PARIS: Photo shows the flooded Seine River bank near the Eiffel Tower and the Beaugrenelle quarter in Paris. —AFP

continue using fossil fuels indefinitely," he said. Other experts who have reluctantly embraced the necessity of geoengineering to help fix the climate are more nervous about fiddling with the sun's radiative force.

"This is the first time since the development of nuclear weapons that we have a set of technologies which has the potential of impacting Earth, as well as human society, at a planetary scale," said Arunabha Ghosh, chief executive of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water in New Delhi. Solar radiation management could disrupt rainfall patterns, and thus agriculture, say critics who also worry

about what is sometimes called "termination shock"-a sudden warming if the system were to fail. There is also the danger of conflicts over side-effects-real or perceived. Allen said. "Countries that are suffering from drought will blame whoever is doing solar radiation management for their troubles," he said. Because such technologies could be deployed unilaterally by a single country, or even a company, they also raise questions about who should set the rules. "We have to imagine governance arrangements that have never been imagined before," said Ghosh, who says research should continue in the meantime. —AFP

## Madagascans battle to evade growing plague outbreak

**ANTANANARIVO:** The little footbridge near Justin Rakatoarivony's home is submerged in a murky green liquid the texture of sewage. But he has no choice but to cross it every day on his way to work in Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar. The filthy conditions in his area, the southern Ampeloh district, make him worry that he will be the next victim of the plague outbreak sweeping the country. His fear is far from unfounded: the disease has already killed 21 people in Antananarivo since August, according to the health ministry. "The plague is a disease that comes from the filth, because the filth attracts rats, and rats carry fleas which transmit the plague to humans," said Rakatoarivony, 45.

"I fear getting the plague here, but I don't have any choice. I have to cross this bridge every day, so I do it at speed." Rakatoarivony is one of many on the Indian Ocean island nation who are increasingly fearful of the unusually virulent outbreak that

has so far killed 48 people nationwide and infected 239 in the capital and its outskirts. Everyone who crosses the bridge puts on a brave face despite the flow of brackish water and domestic rubbish beneath. "The plague can kill in 12 hours," Edmond Rakotonondroa, 46, a used-phone salesman said.

"But I'm not scared because I'm a believer and God wrote in the Bible, 'I will protect you from all epidemics,'" Scrap-metal merchants do business beside the accumulated detritus near the canal without a thought for the unhygienic surroundings. Madagascar's outbreak includes bubonic plague, in which the germ *Yersinia pestis* is spread by infected rats via fleabites, and pneumonic plague, a particularly dangerous form which spreads from person to person via airborne droplets. One of the traders there has already been diagnosed as a carrier of pneumonic plague. The individual was hospitalized in a specialist clinic in Antananarivo but discharged himself before completing his treatment.

### 'Spitting blood'

"Following our efforts to raise awareness about the plague, a group brought in a 24-year-old man who was spitting blood," said Rabenjaminahobianintra Harimanana, head doctor at the Isotry Central health clinic. "Tests (for plague) came back positive, so after being given initial treatment he was sent to the Ambohimiandra Anti-plague Clinic." But he escaped from the centre and was seen once again trading in the market. —AFP

## Beauty is skin deep for Benin pineapples

**ALLADA:** From his chair in the middle of a pile of pineapples, Jean-Xavier Satola supervises cutting and packaging, as Benin-Africa's fourth-biggest exporter of the fruit-starts trading again after an eight-month self-imposed absence. The fields of Allada in southern Benin are a hive of activity as about 20 men, in trousers to protect them from the spiky leaves, pick the pineapples while women load them in baskets and carry them away on their heads.

The smooth, fat, yellow Cayenne variety of pineapples are washed, packed into cardboard boxes and put on a lorry. Eight hundred boxes will leave on a plane for Europe that evening. Satola has been in the pineapple business for 30 years and as soon as he got the green light from the government was Benin's first trader to resume exports. "I'm at 46 tons since the start of the year. It's less than half than in September 2016," he said. "Resumption is slow. Some of our European clients are hesitant. But we're exporting more guaranteed quality now."

In December, Benin's government banned exports of the

fruit after repeated warnings from the European Union about pineapples treated with the pesticide ethephon. Ethephon is used to help a variety of crops ripen and speeds up coloring. In theory, the chemical stays on the skin of the fruit but if too much is sprayed, it can get inside. The EU warnings came as ethephon residue was found to be higher than permitted levels. But Satola, who heads Benin's National Association of Pineapple Producers and Exporters, said growers were also responding to the taste of European consumers.

### 'Respect market demands'

Producers "did any old thing" to make the outside of their pineapples the preferred yellow color rather than the natural green, he said. "They were adding doses of colorant pesticides after the rains or tipping in a lot after receiving an urgent order." Benin's authorities imposed a voluntary export ban while it got its house in order. A list of exporters was made, workers who administered the ethephon were trained and the state invested up to 300 million CFA francs (\$536,000—460,000 euros) in equipment to analyze levels. The country's food standards agency ABSSA now carries out tests in the fields and at airports before shipping. "These measures had to be taken," said the head of ABSSA, Setondji Hossou. "We have to have quality produce and respect market demands." —AFP

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## What's On

# First of its kind Boat School initiative launched in Kuwait by Marsa Al Kout



Al Kout - the largest waterfront retail and leisure destination in Kuwait - announced yesterday the launch of Marsa Al Kout Boat School. The Boat School will be organized in partnership with Maritime Concept Sea School and International Yacht Training, and will provide internationally recognized power-boating and yachting courses for residents of Kuwait free of charge.

The initiative will consist of a series of workshops starting from 17th September 2017 to 21st October 2017. Each course is a week-long and will cover a comprehensive power-boating curriculum that will take enthusiasts through power-boating basics from navigation, through all the standard on-board equipment, safety protocols to boating in difficult conditions and anchoring techniques.

The hands-on sessions delivered by veteran seamen will offer in-depth learning experiences on specific topics as part of the theory session taking place inside a Diwaniya, as well as practice time on a beautiful yacht at Marsa Al Kout. Upon successful completion of the course, students will need to take a test following which they will be issued a recognized license and certification by International Yacht Training.

Spearheading the practical session is Captain Nawaf Alqahtani, the first Kuwaiti and GCC citizen to be certified as Yacht Master Instructor by International Yacht Training Organization. With over 25 years of experience and 20,000 nautical miles at sea cruising the Mediterranean Sea and the Arabian Gulf in both motor

and sailing yachts he has trained hundreds of trainees at various levels to be certified as Captains with internationally recognized certification.

Commenting on the initiative: Jumana Atallah, General Manager, Al Kout said: "We are very proud to be launching this unique initiative in support of Kuwait's thriving boating and yachting community together with Maritime Concept Sea School. We thank Captain Nawaf Alqahtani for being a part of this boat school and ensuring the safety of all participants at sea. There's no better place to set off on your nautical skills journey than Marsa Al Kout which opens up the whole stretch of Kuwait's beautiful coastline to explore." The Boat school will inevitably add to the appeal of Marsa Al Kout for yacht and boat owners and

water sports enthusiasts. Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

Al KOUT boasts a rich tapestry of retail and leisure experiences along a 1.6km stretch of immaculate beachfront, including Al Kout Mall with an eclectic variety of international brands, Souq Al Kout - the community hub of southern Kuwait with its performing fountains and stunning sea views, Marsa Al Kout - the luxurious, marina and yacht club that accommodates 150 boats and yachts, Nag'at Al Kout, the area's traditional fishing wharf where local fishermen ply their trade, the 5-star Al Kout Rotana Hotel and Sahel Al Kout, the perfect setting for exercises, walks and relaxation offering beautiful views of the Arabian Gulf.

## Hardees and MSAL celebrate Elders Day

Within its social responsibility and in celebrating the International Day for Older Persons in collaboration with MSAL, Hardees Restaurants recently helped cheering up the elderly during the annual ceremony organized by MSAL's social care sector held under auspices and with the presence of minister of social affairs and minister of state economic development, Hind Al-Sabeeh. Speaking on the occasion, AMERICAN QUALITY'S administrative manager in Kuwait, Ehab Rehan said that Hardeez participation in this celebration is part of its constructive social responsibility towards various sects of the Kuwaiti society.



## Wendy's Middle East takes home three awards at Global Wendy's Convention

Wendy's Middle East was recognized with three prestigious awards at the annual Global Wendy's Convention, held in Las Vegas, Nevada last month. The Convention brings together all system franchisees every other year.

Wendy's Middle East, operated by Alghanim Industries, one of the largest privately-owned companies in the region, collected two coveted International Golden Grill Awards for the best freestanding opening for the restaurant in Kuwait (Blajet Street, Salmiya) and the best Overall Customer Satisfaction score. In addition, the team also won The Wendy Award for the best international franchise operations.

Phil Broad, Vice President of Food & Beverage at Alghanim Industries, who received the awards on behalf of

the company, commented: "One common value between Alghanim Industries and Wendy's is our relentless focus on quality across our brands. We are absolutely thrilled to have won these three awards and to be recognized for our commitment to uphold Wendy's global standards. Our team works hard to delight every customer with the best restaurant, take-out and delivery experience. We continuously strive to achieve and exceed Wendy's global standards and to be the best international franchise operator."

In winning The International Wendy Award, Wendy's Middle East was selected from a diverse group of international franchisees. To win this award, the franchise must show continuous dedication to the use of Wendy's operational systems and a commitment to re-investment that results in high sales and customer growth.

"We are proud of Alghanim Industries' accomplishments within the Wendy's system. These awards recognize their dedication to operational excellence and new development. Alghanim Industries continues to be a great partner and we look forward to what the future holds for Wendy's Middle East," said John Pain, Managing Director & Vice President for The Wendy's Company. All meals from Wendy's Middle East are made with quality ingredients, served freshly made for you. Wendy's lettuce and fresh tomatoes are locally sourced, and its hamburgers are sourced from 100% Halal Australian Angus Beef.



## GUST to collaborate with KFAS on Kuwait Science Festival

Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) announced yesterday that it will be hosting the newly formed Kuwait Science Festival in March 2018, in collaboration with the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), the Ministry of Education (MOE). GUST President, Professor Donald Bates, "GUST always takes pride in actively participating in events of this caliber; to offer our experience and support for the development of our youth and community. It is a pleasure to be working with an accomplished group of individuals to give the event the attention it deserves."

GUST and KFAS organized a three-day planning workshop, on the university's premises, to kick off the initial preparations for the festival. The workshop was attended by associates of the Association for Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) in Washington DC, including Dr Walter Staveloz, Director of international Relations at ASTC; Dr John Durant, Creator of the Cambridge Science Festival from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); Dr Tod Boyette, Co-Founder of the North Carolina Science Festival from University of



North Carolina (UNC); David Wells, Maker Programming Director at the New York Hall of Science; Hanaa Hosny, Manager of the BA Science Festivity at Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt; and Vincenzo Lipardi President and CEO of Citta della Scienza in Naples, Italy. GUST was represented by President, Professor Donald Bates, Director of Public Relations, Aseel Al-Turkait, Assistant Dean of the College of Arts,



Dr Iqbal Al-Shammari, Head of the English Department, Dr. Cathy Daniel, and Head of the Mass Communication and Media Department, Dr Fahed Al-Sumait.

Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences was represented by Dr Salam Al-Ablani, Director of the Scientific Culture Directorate, several program managers including Dr Layla Al-Musawi, Engineer Manar Al-Rashid, and Engineer Dina Al-Nakib, including the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of The Scientific Center of Kuwait, Rana Al-Nibari.

The workshop included discussions on various aspects of the festival planning, including each entity's specific roles, how its success will be measured, what youth programs to include, and how to market it externally to its audience. The festival will launch with the theme of 'Sustainable Development' with a focus on renewable energy and innovation, to shed light on the importance of this issue internationally.

## Non-resident Keralites board to enlist expats in welfare scheme



Non-Resident Keralites' Welfare Board will broaden its welfare activities in Kuwait by bringing more expats under the board's various welfare schemes. The Non-Resident Keralites' Welfare Board Director N Ajith Kumar, while detailing the various welfare schemes introduced by the board, said more than 70,000 people from Kuwait have already taken memberships in the welfare scheme that ensures a minimum of Rs 2,000 monthly pension for the members.

"We want to create awareness about the board's various welfare schemes among the Keralite expat community in Kuwait so that they can benefit from these schemes," Ajith Kumar said, while

addressing a press conference.

The welfare board, instituted under the Non-resident Keralites' Welfare Act 2008, has also proposed a dividend pension scheme and an expat village scheme for non-resident Keralites, Ajith Kumar, told the press conference. The welfare board is currently implementing a digitalization program and once that is complete, expats can register online as members and become beneficiaries of the welfare schemes. "As part of the pan-Gulf campaign, the board is also embarking on a membership campaign in Kuwait with a target of enlisting 100,000 members over the next one year," said Ajith Kumar.



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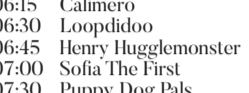
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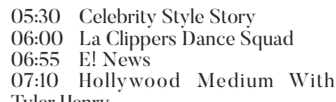
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22:40 JFK Declassified: Hunting Oswald
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02:50 Celebrity Style Story
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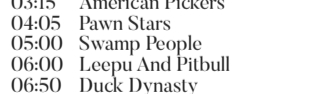
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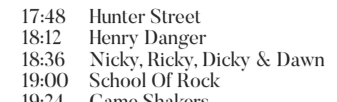
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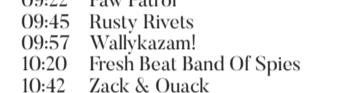
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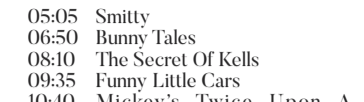
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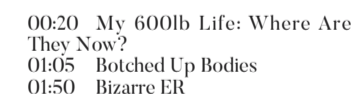
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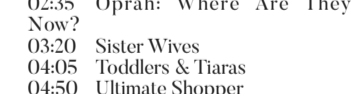
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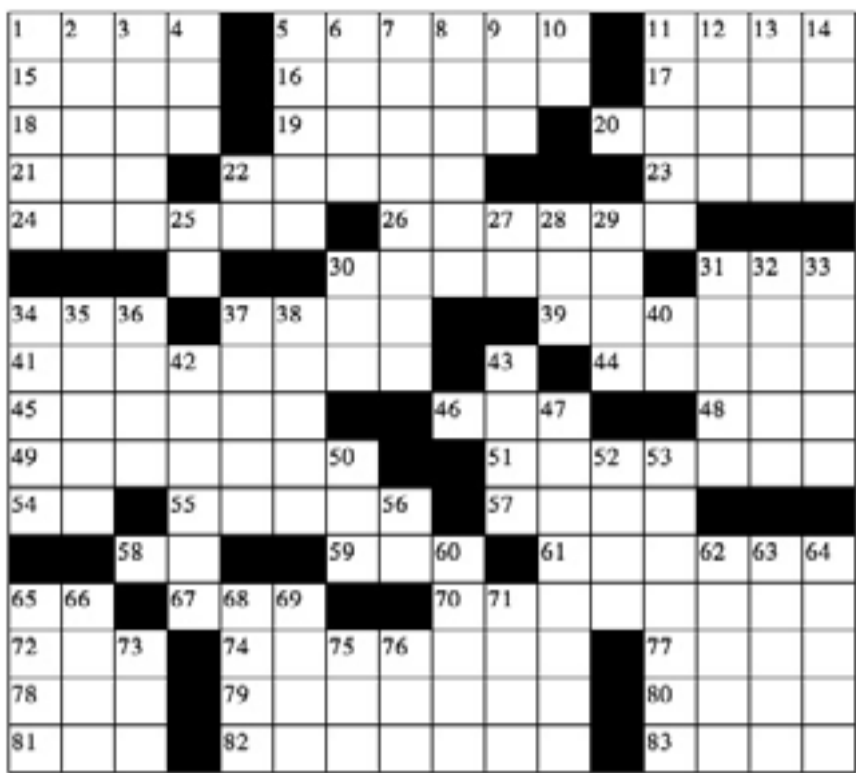


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Stars

CROSSWORD 1733



ACROSS

1. Mentally or physically infirm with age.
5. The act of putting something in working order again.
11. A written proposal or reminder.
15. Goddess of spring and wife of Brahi.
16. A peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf.
17. An independent ruler or chieftain (especially in Africa or Arabia).
18. (British) An open river valley (in a hilly area).
19. Russian writer of plays and novels and short stories.
20. Any plant of the genus *Erica*.
21. Title for a civil or military leader (especially in Turkey).
23. A theocratic republic in the Middle East in western Asia.
24. Popular music originating in the West Indies.
26. Small low-growing annual or perennial herbs of temperate and cool regions.
34. An overwhelming feeling of wonder or admiration.
39. The ratio of reflected to incident light.
41. (legend) Chalice used by Christ at the last supper.
44. Back and sides of a hog salted and dried or smoked.
45. Antiarhythmic drug (trade name Enkaid) used to treat life-threatening arrhythmias but increases the risk of sudden death in heart attack patients.
46. A former monetary unit in Great Britain.
48. A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.
49. (of spatial position) In or brought into line with or into proper relative position.
51. Forced to turn and face attackers.
54. A Mid-Atlantic state.
55. Genus of tropical Asiatic trees having large solitary flowers.
57. A medicine or therapy that cures disease or relieve pain.
58. An official prosecutor for a judicial district.
59. (computer science) A computer that is running software that allows users to leave messages and access information of general interest.
61. Large bamboo having thick-walled culms.
65. A small pellet fired from an air rifle or BB gun.
67. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series.
70. Involving the joint activity of two or more.
72. A river in north central Switzerland that runs northeast into the Rhine.
74. A monocotyledonous genus of graceful palm trees in tropical America.
77. A three-dimensional shape with six square or rectangular sides.
78. Goddess of criminal rashness and its punishment.
79. Eighth month of the Revolutionary calendar (April and May).
80. The biblical name for ancient Syria.
81. A workplace for the conduct of scientific research.
82. United States writer remembered for his novels (1904-1979).
83. A small cake leavened with yeast.

DOWN

1. A Chadic language spoken south of Lake Chad.
2. A condensed but memorable saying embodying some important fact of experience that is taken as true by many people.
3. A Russian prison camp for political prisoners.
4. Used of a single unit or thing.
5. East Indian cereal grass whose seed yield a somewhat bitter flour, a staple in the Orient.
6. (Greek mythology) God of love.
7. Parachute that will lift a person up into the air when it is towed by a motorboat or a car.
8. A member of the Circassian people living east of the Black Sea.
9. Being one more than two.
10. An intensely radioactive metallic element that occurs in minute amounts in uranium ores.
11. A dark region of considerable extent on the surface of the moon.
12. An independent ruler or chieftain (especially in Africa or Arabia).
13. Any of various minerals consisting of hydrous silicates of aluminum or potassium etc. that crystallize in forms that allow perfect cleavage into very thin leaves.
14. A port city in northwestern Algeria and the country's 2nd largest city.
22. An informal term for a father.
25. 1,000,000,000 periods per second.
27. A rare silvery (usually trivalent) metallic element.
28. A plant hormone promoting elongation of stems and roots.
29. Agency of the United States government charged with mediating disputes between management and labor.
30. The cry made by sheep.
31. A summary that repeats the substance of a longer discussion.
32. The clay from which adobe bricks are made.
33. A gland in which gametes (sex cells) are produced.
35. In a weak or pale or languid manner.
36. (Sumerian) Water god and god of wisdom.
37. The cardinal number that is the sum of one and one and one.
38. (Greek mythology) The god of the underworld in ancient mythology.
40. A soft silvery metallic element of the alkali earth group.
42. A comedian who uses gags.
43. A training program to prepare college students to be commissioned officers.
47. English dandy who was a fashion leader during the Regency (1778-1840).
50. Give a nickname to.
52. An Arabic speaking person who lives in Arabia or North Africa.
53. A tricycle (usually propelled by pedalling).
56. The blood group whose red cells carry both the A and B antigens.
60. A sloping mass of rocks at the base of a cliff.
62. Frogs, toads, tree toads.
63. Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a skewer usually with vegetables.
64. Swelling from excessive accumulation of serous fluid in tissue.
66. A Chadic language spoken south of Lake Chad.
68. An African grass economically important as a cereal grass (yielding white flower of good quality) as well as for forage and hay.
69. A Polynesian rain dance performed by a woman.
71. A translucent mineral consisting of hydrated silica of variable color.
73. (informal) 'johnny' was applied as a nickname for Confederate soldiers by the Federal soldiers in the American Civil War.
75. A prominent rock or pile of rocks on a hill.
76. To make a mistake or be incorrect.

Yesterday's Solution



STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

Starting over seems to be the story for you this day. This is not a bad thing, but it will delay the end results that you thought you would achieve this afternoon. Of all days, this is a good day to begin again on some project. Making plans or decisions and finding your way through just about any problem you discover can be very insightful. You are having new thoughts and sudden insights—you may get an unexpected boost in the way you think, speak or write. Communications are simplified and connections of all kinds are furthered—often at the expense of tradition or established order. Friends play an extremely important role at this time and someone invites you to dinner. If you want to meet a possible new mate, be sure to accept the invitation.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Career decisions that point to real success may go against your sense of values. You may not be able to appreciate this particular way or road to success. Your idea of success may be to live off of the land and provide enough goods to support yourself. You are anxious to build up savings and are admired by many when your goals are known. You may benefit from a senior or one in authority. Take time to see the long-term results and transfer your attention to this viewpoint. Consider meditation before action as decision making will become clearer. You will be successful and your ability to communicate and express ideas to others will be accepted. Shopping this afternoon can be a challenge. Your mind may not be on what vegetables to choose.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

This is a real time to buckle down and strengthen your career. You may consider ways to rid your personal space and goals of those unnecessary elements that simply add to your frustrations and block your movement. You may be thinking that a couple of your co-workers could go find jobs somewhere else but you must learn the lessons they have to teach you—then you will be free to bring them on as life friends. Your sense of responsibility is strong and will see you through any rough times. Your career could assume a more determined and solid form—a firm foundation. You are favored this day. Good luck and positive actions are in the forecast. This is one of your best overall days. It is also a good day for love. A weekend trip could be planned.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Requesting a loan is a positive today. You have good practical job-related thoughts and ideas. Use that ability you have to communicate with superiors or describe what you see. If you must make a career decision today, your decisions are clear-cut. You make your way through ideas, concepts and your ability to be expressive to others. You may have to give instructions to new people or relate a machine problem to repair people. Be patient with yourself and just tell the process. Do not relay what you think but only what steps create the end result. Ideas of group cooperation could further your career. You are able to meet new people and make your talents known to others. Don't be afraid to project your image—make those dreams real.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

Although most of us shy away from challenges whenever possible, one cannot escape all of them. Challenges help us grow and they create opportunities to discover things about ourselves and others. Challenges also help us to improve our skills. Today there may be a disagreement with what you say or think. This is where you fall headlong into a challenge and in the end, it may be best to agree to disagree—time changes many things. Approaching a situation later, from a different angle, may be helpful. There is much on your mind today. Your attitude is good, as usual, and you can be a mentor to others in how to get through a challenging workday with a smile. Family is the main interest this evening and laughter fills the air.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Your approach to any problem is always original and you could invent things or discover new places or develop new ways of motivation. This is the best time to make progress, push forward and rise to prominence. It will be hard for you to do wrong—all the energies are working in your favor. You may suddenly decide to marry or take on a new role in the community or with other people. Self-discipline and a sense of self-worth become important issues. You will be in demand and recognition will be imminent. Your desires are strong—romance is very possible. Enjoy the art of dancing this evening—feel the freedom of movement in harmony with rhythms and sound. There is a basic drive to appreciate and taste life.

Wordsearch Puzzle

Valentine's Day

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a popular Valentine's Day item.



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| ADMIRER    | COUPLE   | FLOWERS    | LOVERS       |
| ADORE      | CRUSH    | FONDNESS   | PARTNER      |
| AFFECTION  | CUPID    | FOREVER    | PROPOSAL     |
| ATTRACTION | DARLING  | FRIENDSHIP | RELATIONSHIP |
| BEAU       | DATE     | GIFT       | RESTAURANT   |
| BELOVED    | DEAR     | GIRLFRIEND | ROMANCE      |
| BOYFRIEND  | DEVOTION | HEARTS     | ROSES        |
| CANDLES    | FANCY    | JEWELRY    | SENTIMENT    |
| CANDY      | FEBRUARY | LIKE       | SUITOR       |
| CHOCOLATES | FLAME    | LOVEBIRDS  | SWEETHEART   |

Libra (September 23-October 22)



Circumstances may appear to work against you, but if you really step back and look at the whole picture, you will find you have more control than you thought. Take your time in making decisions. You will thrive on a chance to display and test your talents. Those who lack confidence and experience welcome your kind words and courtesy. Learn techniques that will relieve stress. Responsibilities and outside pressures are just a part of life; knowing when to create change and how to always maintain your positive thoughts are important in maintaining a sense of wellbeing. There is the possibility of new visions or sudden insights into your self-image or into your ideals and dreams. There are breakthroughs in compassion.



Scorpio (October 23-November 18)

Strict responsibilities seem to become more relaxed today. Whether you teach or you guard or you guide, this is a day for a little more relaxed frame of mind. You seem compelled to investigate some questionable activity but all you really need to do is to go with the flow. You may benefit from a senior advisor or you may be the advisor. However, you will find your attention diverted several times today by unimportant matters. You enjoy the exciting life you lead but quiet times are appreciated. A kick-start regarding a hobby is an attention grabber this afternoon. Years ago you spent lots of time with this hobby and now you may become acquainted with someone that has your same interest. This is, indeed, an interesting day.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Today brings about a situation where you must have statistics and examples to be convincing. You will be successful with this endeavor because you do your homework—don't worry so much. You are at your most practical when it comes to dealing and working with others: people that work with you give higher-ups a good report. You know just what to do to please a customer and can act without haste. You may find you are valued because of your ability to act and get things done. You are called on to make use of your professional proficiency and common sense. Your need to be respected will be recognized at this time. Work, achievement and ambition create a successful outcome. When asked, you can help others achieve success.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Extra work that promises to compensate you well is very attractive. Meetings are productive and you will find yourself in the front of the room, often deliberating and presenting ideas. You are at your mental best. You may have the last say in a round table discussion and an issue you tried to press from the past will get a lot of interest now. Your logical abilities are finely tuned to the subject at hand. Now there is a need to buckle down and gain the confidence of others. You have an opportunity to make one of your wise decisions this afternoon but it will be important to hear all the possibilities before making your decision. Your career could assume a much more solid form. Telephone calls and letters bring insight into a relationship later this evening.



Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

You are driven and passionate in your pursuit of a lighter weight and a lighter frame of mind regarding some of your work. You possess, at the core, an intensity that burns strong. Use that intensity to succeed in your weight loss and take your frame of mind to a bookstore and enjoy thumbing through the comedy subjects. This is a good time to take risks. This effort to improve mind and effort sets the example for others and secures your intention. You prosper through new insights, inventions and an independent point of view. Your career could open up now with new approaches. This evening you are in a rare mood of self-enjoyment and can appreciate your own better qualities. You may be pleasantly surprised by an irresistible invitation this evening.

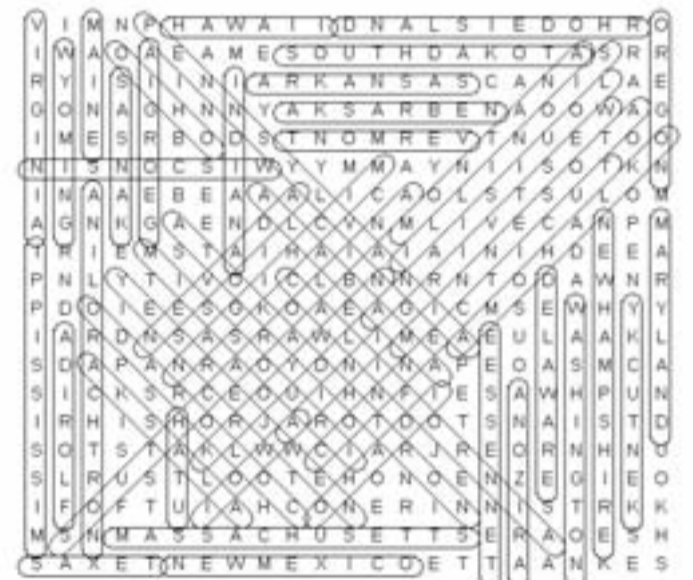


Pisces (February 19-March 20)

You have a natural sense for communicating with others, particularly those younger than yourself. The young people clearly do not like the old rules and you will work very hard to find ways to make the work flow faster with fewer rules. You might make notes of the rules dropped and praise the effort of the young people to adapt. This is a fortunate time, when things open up in a very natural way—answers are within your reach. Your charm and agreeable manner add to the general aura of good luck just now. Invest in art, jewelry or collectibles. Seek favors from those in authority. At this time, you are driven by a thirst to know and are learning ways to surrender your mind to a universal mind. Performing arts is in your future.

Yesterday's Solution

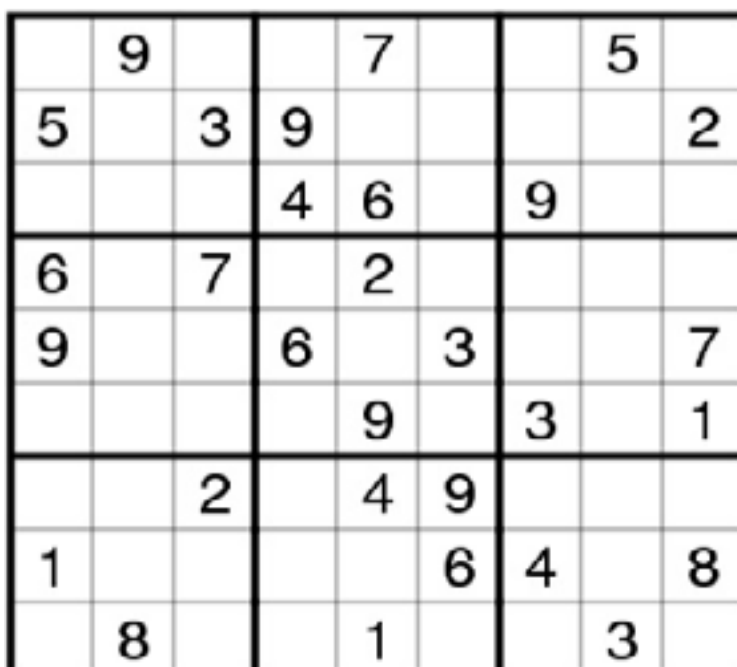
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| HAWAII      | MISSISSIPPI   | OREGON         | WYOMING        |
| IDAHO       | MISSOURI      | PENNSYLVANIA   |                |
| ILLINOIS    | MONTANA       | RHODE ISLAND   |                |

The hidden sentence is: IN AMERICA ANY BOY MAY BECOME PRESIDENT AND I SUPPOSE IT'S JUST ONE OF THE RISKS HE TAKES

Daily SuDoku



Yesterday's Solution





# Kuwait Times Classifieds

Thursday, October 12, 2017

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**Expected Weather for the Next 24 Hours**  
 Issued 11/10/2017-19:00 LT UTC +3hr

**MIN Temperature 25 °C**

**By Night:** Fair with light to moderate freshening at times north westerly wind, with speed of 15 - 40 km/h.

**By Day:** Hot with moderate to fresh north westerly wind, with speed of 20 - 45 km/h causing rising dust over open areas.

SFC CHART



Four-Day Forecast

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Expected Weather	Hot causing rising dust over open areas	Relatively hot	Hot	Hot and Relatively humid specially over coastal areas
Min Temp °C	25	23	24	24
Max Temp °C	38	37	38	38
Wind Direction	northerly westerly	northerly westerly to northerly	northerly westerly changing to variable	south easterly to southerly
Wind Speed km/h	20 - 45	08 - 30	06 - 28	08 - 30

All times are local time (GMT+3) unless otherwise stated

**Warnings & Weather Watches**  
 no warnings or weather watches

**Kuwait Forecast**

Station	MIN °C EXP	Max °C REC
KUWAIT CITY	28	38
KUWAIT AIRPORT	25	38
ABDALY	24	37
BUBYAN	21	38
JAHRA	27	38
FALAKA ISLAND	26	37
SALMIYAH	28	34
AHMADE	29	35
JAL ALZYAH	24	37
QARH ISLAND	28	33
UNM AL-MARADEM	28	34
NUWAZISIB	26	36
WAFRA	26	38
SALMIY	22	36
MUTRIBA	23	38

**Recorded Yesterday at Kuwait Airport**

Max Temp (°C)	40
Min Temp (°C)	22
Max Rel Hum (%)	59
Min Rel Hum (%)	14
Max Wind Speed (km/h) and Direction	32 S
TOTAL RAINFALL IN 24 HR	0 mm
Sunrise	05:47
Sunset	17:22

**Tomorrow Prayer Times**

Fajr	04:28
Sunrise	05:47
Zuhr	11:35
Aar	14:53
Sunset	17:22
Isha	18:38

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**Flight Schedule**

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SVA	502	Jeddah	00:20	MSR	2615	Cairo	00:30
SVA	514	Riyadh	00:25	FDB	072	Dubai	00:30
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KAC	504	Beirut	00:45	JAI	573	Mumbai	01:25
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JZR	539	Cairo	01:20	MSC	412	Asyut	01:30
SAI	441	Lahore	01:30	DLH	773	Istanbul	01:40
UAE	853	Dubai	01:40	KAC	635	Frankfurt	02:00
RJA	642	Amman	01:45	JZR	1442	Doha	02:10
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KLM	446	Bahrain	02:05	AXB	396	Kozhikode	02:55
QTR	1086	Doha	02:10	KAC	351	Kochi	03:05
PGT	830	Istanbul	02:10	PGT	831	Istanbul	03:10
GFA	211	Bahrain	02:15	UAE	854	Dubai	03:30
KAC	418	Manila	02:50	KLM	446	Amsterdam	03:30
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# Chloe Khan struggles as an unpaid caretaker

The 26-year-old television personality has revealed she has been taking care of the loved one "mentally, physically, and financially" since she was a young girl, and has admitted that she finds the task "draining", as she is struggling to deal with the "blame" she receives when things go wrong. Writing in a lengthy post on Instagram, she wrote: "Hey guys, I don't really talk about my

family life on here but I haven't been posting much so just wanted to fill you in. Since I was a little girl I have basically been a (unpaid) caretaker for one of my family members who has severe mental health problems. It's frustrating because they are so intelligent but unfortunately they mask their issues with addiction and it has really caused a lot of problems for me and the

family over the years. It's probably what makes me such a positive person because I've seen what bad vibes and negative thoughts / depression can do to a person. The former 'Celebrity Big Brother' contestant then added that although she doesn't like talking about her family on social media, she simply wants to be "understood".



## Lawrence doesn't worry about success



The 'mother!' actress insists the only time she thinks about a finished piece of work is during filming because it's naturally on her mind, but after she's wrapped a shoot, she feels "ful-filled" enough to immediately move on. Speaking in ELLE's upcoming Women in Hollywood issue, she said: "The only time I find myself worrying about the result is when I'm filming, because I'm working all day, and then I come home and my brain's just like, 'What should we panic about?' 'After I've finished the process, though, it's done for me. I've done my work, and I've gotten what I need to get out of it - I've fulfilled myself. What happens next doesn't really matter.'" The 27-year-old actress - who is dating 'mother!' director

Darren Aronofsky and was previously in a relationship with Nicholas Hoult - recently admitted she used to struggle with life in the public eye and felt "angry and resentful" with her fame. She said: "I was angry and resentful because I thought that I deserved the right to do what I love and do my job and then still have privacy. And then after a few years you're like but that's not the way it is. It's important to just keep a separation and know that the people who are screaming outside a premier, they're screaming because of a job and a character...I don't put any stock in it."

## Scott Eastwood admits doing his own stunts



The 31-year-old actor relished the chance to get behind the wheel to play a classic car thief in his new movie 'Overdrive' because he gets bored without any action to thrive on. He said: "I really enjoyed the stunt work a lot. That's the stuff that keeps me going in this business for sure. It's great when you get to raise the adrenaline a little bit, because if not, I get kind of bored sometimes. But I think that that was probably the most fun, and I really enjoyed just being in the cars." And Scott doesn't mind if he gets injured while doing his stunts as he insists that's just part of the job. He told Men's Fitness magazine: "I think as an athlete or actor, you're always playing hurt. You've always got something. You're always dealing with this, that, and the other. But you know, just gonna deal with it, grind through and keep on hammering." While preparing for the movie, Scott upped his workout regime, and as well as daily yoga sessions, would pay two visits to the gym.

## Cara Delevingne and her dog have ADHD

The 25-year-old model revealed she and her pet pooch Leo both have the disorder - a group of behavioral symptoms which include inattentiveness, hyperactivity and impulsiveness - during a TV appearance alongside her four-legged friend on Monday. Speaking about the white husky cross-breed during on 'This Morning', she said: "He's got ADHD like I have." Leo was running all over the studio and jumped up on the sofa next to Cara during her interview slot, but fortunately there weren't any mishaps. Cara recently took her cute canine to a Chanel show and he urinated on the runway. The 'Suicide Squad' star admitted she used to feel "guilty" during her younger years when she previously suffered from "depression". Speaking on the show, she added: "I'm not in hell now. The things that stick with all of us the most are the darker times, the more traumatic times. Those are some of the points I remember the most. I didn't know how to communicate my emotions. I was very ashamed of the way I felt. I had a very privileged upbringing, I was very lucky, I went to an amazing school. I had depression and I had moments when I didn't want to carry on. And then the guilt of feeling that way and not being able to tell anyone because I shouldn't feel that way and I shouldn't feel bad. It's the guilt. For me, it was realising that I shouldn't be ashamed of feeling these things and that I wasn't alone."

## Robbie enjoys dressing as a male for Halloween



The 27-year-old actress has admitted she will style herself to resemble a man for the American holiday, because she has "the most fun" when she opts for the unusual and unconventional attire instead of the "slutty costumes" other women wear. Speaking to W magazine, the blonde-haired beauty said: "Every Halloween I dress as a guy character because they are always the most fun. From day one, I never got the Halloween slutty costumes. I went out as Jason from 'Friday the 13th', with my jumpsuit and machete. I was in New York that year, and it was snowing. I thought, surely, everybody is going to cover up but every other woman was in lingerie." And the 'The Wolf of Wall Street' star has revealed her favorite ensemble was when she dressed as James Franco's character Alien from 'Spring Breakers'. The Australian beauty explained: "I did my hair in cornrows, put on a Hawaiian shirt and a gold grille on my teeth. I nailed it. I felt pretty cool." While Margot is dressing up as unconventional characters, her friends are turning to her for advice on how to perfect the costume she adorned in 'Suicide Squad', which saw her play The Joker's lover Harley Quinn. She explained: "A lot of my friends dressed up as Harley Quinn for Halloween. When they started texting me, 'What did the tattoo on your right thigh say?' I really thought they were taking the p\*\*s. I was like, 'Ha ha'. They wrote back, 'No, seriously, we are dressing as Harley for Halloween!' 'I've always dressed up as guy characters, so to think that guys are now trying to take on Harley because she's the coolest and craziest - that's pretty awesome." — Bangshowbiz

## Gillian Anderson says next X-Files series will be her last

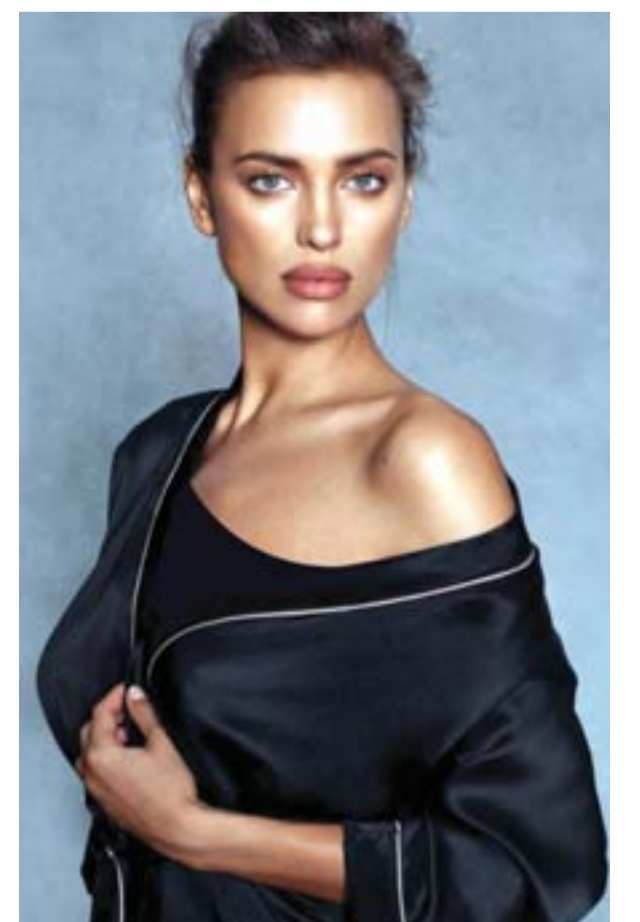


The 49-year-old actress has played FBI agent Dana Scully in 10 series since September 1993, but has hinted the forthcoming 11th season of the sci-fi drama series could well be her last. When asked if she expected to appear in any more episodes after the 11th series, she replied: "No, no, I think this will be it for me." The show's forthcoming series, the second season of its comeback after returning to the small screen in January 2016 following a 15-year break, is due to air in 2018, and Gillian signed up for more episodes because she felt as though the story had more to give. She added: "It

felt like it wasn't over. It didn't feel like we necessarily deliver everything the fans were expecting of us last time, and so it was that." But 'The Fall' actress didn't expect to return to her role opposite David Duchovny, who plays FBI agent Fox Mulder, following last year's comeback series. She said: "I thought I was done [after season 10]. 'The X-Files' was among the most popular TV shows of the 1990s and even influenced a number of other TV series, including 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer'."

## Irina felt 'insecure' about her body when she started modeling

The 31-year-old model - who has starred in underwear campaigns for Victoria's Secret and Intimissimi - has admitted when she first embarked on a career in the fashion industry she was apprehensive about stripping down in front of the camera. Speaking to W Magazine Online, the brunette beauty - who has six-month-old daughter Lea with her partner Bradley Cooper - said: "I had just starting modelling, ten years ago, and I was very insecure about myself. To be in front of the camera wearing lingerie, it's not easy no matter what size dress you wear. I was really insecure I didn't know what to do." However, the catwalk icon's partnership with the label Intimissimi has boosted her confidence and has made her feel "comfortable" with her body. She added: "By working with Intimissimi, I learned how to move in front of the camera, how to be comfortable in my own skin. I learned about my body, and I learned about myself. They were the first lingerie brand that discovered me, back in Moscow." But Irina has drastically changed her outlook as she will happily wear her underwear on an evening out. Speaking about her wardrobe choices, she said: "I think nowadays you can have lingerie and wear it as an evening dress, as a little gown with a cool jacket. I think you just have to have fun with it." Irina doesn't think feeling sexy is about how a person looks, but on the "spiciness" of their personality. She said: "It is not red lips, push-up bra and high-heels. It is some spiciness that you have inside. You can be sexy in conversation, you know? It is a charisma, it is part of your character-that what is really sexy to me."





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# New York gets huge immigration-themed exhibit by famed artist

An enormous exhibition by the activist artist Ai Weiwei, designed to draw attention to the world's refugee crisis, is going on view at some 300 sites around New York City. "Good Fences Make Good Neighbors," presented by the Public Art Fund, will be open to the public from today until Feb 11. A global trend of "trying to separate us by color, race, religion, nationality" is a blow "against freedom, against humanity," Ai said at a Manhattan press conference Tuesday. "That's why I made a work related to this issue."

Ai, now based in Berlin, is considered one of the world's most successful artists. He spent his childhood in a remote Chinese community after his father, a poet, was exiled by Communist authorities. He came to New York City as an art student in the 1980s, then returned to his homeland in 1993, using his art and public platform to address political issues. He was alternately encouraged, tolerated and harassed, spending time in detention and being barred for years from leaving the country.

Since his passport was reinstated in 2015, Ai and his team have traveled to 23 countries and territories and more than 40 refugee camps while making a documentary, "Human Flow." The New York exhibition will include three large-scale works and ancillary works throughout the city. Ai expressed a special affinity for Manhattan's Lower East Side, his former home.

'Gilded Cage'

Art will be incorporated onto flagpoles, bus shelters, lampposts, newsstands and rooftops. Banners will bear portraits of immigrants from different periods, including historic pictures from Ellis Island. There also will be images from Ai's "Human Flow" projects. At Central Park's Doris C. Freedman

“Designed as a democratic oasis and vision of utopia”

Plaza, viewers will be able to walk in and around a work titled "Gilded Cage."

The 24-foot-tall symbol of division stands in powerful contrast to one of the most visited urban public parks in the US, the Public Art Fund says. "Designed as a democratic oasis and vision of utopia, Central Park has vast open areas, lush forests, and monuments of heroes and explorers," it says. Another cage-like structure, about 40 feet tall, is in Greenwich Village's Washington Square Arch, built in 1892.

"When I lived in New York in the '80s, I spent much of my time in Washington Square Park, an area that was "a home to immigrants of all backgrounds," Ai said in a statement.

"The triumphal arch has been a symbol of victory after war since antiquity," he said. "The basic form of a fence or cage suggests that it might inhibit movement through the arch, but instead a passageway

cuts through this barrier - a door obstructed, through which another door opens." The third large-scale work will be displayed at Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queens, surrounded by some of the city's most diverse neighborhoods. "Circle Fence" features a low, mesh netting around the Unisphere, a 120-foot-diameter globe commissioned for the 1964-65 World's Fair.

The big globe "celebrated both the dawn of the space age and the fair's broader theme of Peace Through Understanding," according to the city's parks department. "Rather than impeding views of the historical site," says the Public Art Fund, "the installation will emphasize the Unisphere's form and symbolic meaning, engaging with the steel representation of the Earth." — AP



Art advisor Emily Havens, of New York City, walks from Chinese activist artist Ai Weiwei's "Gilded Cage".



Chinese activist artist Ai Weiwei poses by one of his "Good Fences Make Good Neighbors" installations, "Gilded Cage," in New York's Central Park. — AP photos



People walk by "Arch," by Chinese activist artist Ai Weiwei, inside the Washington Square Arch, in New York's Greenwich Village.

## Transgender teddy, girl pirate: Authors tackle gender norms

From a transgender teddy bear to a fearless girl pirate, children's authors are tackling gender norms like never before, as debate rages about what it means to be a boy or girl. Visitors at this week's Frankfurt book fair, the world's largest publishing event, will be faced with a string of books for young readers that defy stereotypes and navigate today's hot-button issues of transsexuality and gender fluidity. Stories with transgender lead characters in particular have broken one of the last "taboos" left in children's writing, said literary expert Nicola Bardola.

"Some are watching this trend nervously, these kinds of books still make critics uncomfortable," Swiss-born Bardola said, an author himself. One of the most headline-grabbing recent titles has been "Introducing Tilly", a tender story about Thomas the teddy bear who tells a friend: "I've always known that I'm a girl teddy, not a boy teddy." The picture book, aimed at children aged four and older, was written by Australian Jessica Walton who was inspired by her own father's transition to a woman. Translated into German last year as "Teddy Tilly", Bardola called the book "a phenomenon". For a slightly older audience, there is US author Alex Gino's award-winning "George", which is about a transgender 10-year-old determined to play a female part in the school play.

'Inappropriate'

The book has won widespread praise for its warm portrayal of a feisty heroine, but it has also stirred controversy. A Kansas district last month decided not to purchase "George" for the area's schools, deeming it inappropriate for young readers. Gino, a self-described "genderqueer"-someone who refuses to be defined by a gender-promptly started a Twitter fundraising campaign to deliver copies to every school library in the district.

In just half an hour the money poured in. "Sharing stories of trans people with children is key to trans acceptance. There is no age before which it is appropriate to be compassionate," Gino told AFP. In the young adult section, readers can find Meredith Russo's "If I Was Your Girl", which chronicles an American teen's fresh start at a new school, burdened by the secret that she used to be a boy. Children's book expert Bardola said the trailblazing tales had triggered much earnest hand-wringing from critics wondering whether it was "appropriate" or "dangerous" to introduce young

readers to such complex themes. He said it reminded him of the stir caused in the 1980s when gay characters started appearing in young adult books.

"The debate is nearly identical. You can tell literary critics are unsure about these (transgender) themes," he said. "I think we can be a little more relaxed about it," he added. "These books should be judged by their literary quality and children should be given a chance to decide whether or not they want to read these stories." German literature critic Ralf Schweikert was more skeptical. "If you want to talk about what it feels like to live in the wrong body, you are asking for a lot of self-reflection from young readers," Schweikert told AFP.

For bookworms scouting for a more general take on the gender debate, there's no shortage of new titles out to smash the patriarchy, reflecting a wider cultural discussion about the traditional roles pushed upon boys and girls. "There are increasingly books for very young readers out there that deliberately challenge these gender stereotypes," Schweikert told AFP. He listed the German early-reading book series "Wild Wilma" as a standout example, about the buccaneering adventures of a girl sailing the high seas as captain of a pirate ship.

'Ponies and princesses'

Bardola said stories that turned gender roles on their head had always been around but that such titles tended to peak every few years depending on the zeitgeist. "Of course you can still find books for girls about ponies and princesses," Schweikert said. "But if you want to get away from those clichés, there's a lot of good material out there right now."

And more titles grappling with gender issues are on their way. Scholastic, which published "George", will next year be releasing the young adult novel "And She Was" by Jess Verdi, about a teen coming to terms with a parent's transgender identity. "And we've seen a number of trans or gender non-binary characters in other books we are publishing," said Scholastic's editorial director David Levithan. Books, he added, that "show how gender diverse our real world can be." — AFP



A visitor looks through a children's book at the pavilion of guest of honor France at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2017 in Frankfurt am Main. — AFP

## Hollywood mogul Weinstein accused of rape

Disgraced Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein faced claims Tuesday he raped an Italian film star and two other women, in a widening scandal that has drawn condemnation from across the film industry as well as America's liberal political elite. The women's allegations against the 65-year-old movie mogul were made in a bombshell expose published by the New Yorker Tuesday.

Weinstein denies all charges, according to a statement from his spokeswoman Sallie Hofmeister, circulated among US media. But former President Barack Obama and presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton have weighed in to condemn the Oscar-winning producer, a longtime Democratic Party donor who has become a political liability.

His wife, British fashion designer Georgina Chapman meanwhile told celebrity magazine People she was leaving Weinstein, with whom she has two children. The latest accusations are a hugely damaging escalation of the scandal. Previous allegations which led to his weekend sacking from The Weinstein Company had so far been limited to complaints about harassment.

New Yorker writer Ronan Farrow spent 10 months interviewing 13 women who reported they were harassed or assaulted by Weinstein. The investigation was published as fresh misconduct allegations emerged from Hollywood A-listers such as Angelina Jolie, Rosanna Arquette and Gwyneth Paltrow. Italian actress Asia Argento, the 42-year-old daughter of iconic horror director Dario Argento, said Weinstein forced oral sex and intercourse on her 20 years ago.

She told the publication she had maintained her silence until now for fear that Weinstein would "crush" her, adding: "I know he has crushed a lot of people before." She said Weinstein, who has weighed up to 300 pounds, terrified her due to his immense size. "It wouldn't stop. It was a nightmare," she added, revealing that she had felt forced to pretend she was enjoying the attack in hopes that it would be over with sooner.

Argento acknowledges that her credibility may be compromised by the fact that she eventually yielded to his advances, even growing close to him and having consensual

sex with him multiple times over the following five years. She said she felt "obliged" to submit, however, and worried that he would ruin her career if she rejected him. "Just his body, his presence, his face, bring me back to the little girl that I was when I was 21... After the rape, he won," she told the New Yorker. Lucia Evans, an aspiring actress, said she met Weinstein at the Miramax office in New York in 2004 and that he forced her to perform oral sex on him. "I said, over and over, 'I don't want to do this, stop, don't,'" she told the New Yorker.



In this Feb. 28, 2016 file photo, producer Harvey Weinstein arrives at the Oscars in Los Angeles.

'People give up'

Evans said she was overpowered and "just sort of gave up." "That's the most horrible part of it, and that's why he's able to do this for so long to so many women: people give up, and then they feel like it's their fault," she added. Another woman, who was too afraid to allow her name to be published, told the New Yorker Weinstein brought her to a hotel room and "forced himself on me sexually."

She thought about going to the police, but decided it would be a case of "he said, she said," and worried about how powerful his legal team would be, and how much she had to lose. Another instance involved model Ambra Battilana Gutierrez, once a finalist in the Miss Italy contest, whom the New Yorker said Weinstein met in March 2015 at a reception for a show he was producing in New York. — AP

## Eminem sears 'racist' Trump at award show

Eminem savaged Donald Trump as a racist and warned fans not to support the US president as the rap superstar appeared at the BET Hip Hop Awards broadcast Tuesday. Eminem, the top-selling rapper of all time, made a rare and unexpected appearance in a recorded video aired during hip-hop's premier awards show.

With a hoodie over his head and visceral anger in his voice, Eminem rapped freestyle from inside a parking ramp as an entourage stood guard behind him. Eminem in his profanity-laden salvo decried Trump as both incompetent and prejudiced, rapping: "Racism's the only thing he's fantastic for. We better give Obama props / 'Cause what we got in office now's a kamikaze / That'll probably cause a nuclear holocaust." Eminem said in a likely reference to Trump's Twitter war of words with North Korean strongman Kim Jong-Un.

Eminem, who is by far the most successful white rapper, ends the video by demanding that his fans forswear Trump. "Any fan of mine who's a supporter of his-I'm drawing a line in the sand / You're either for or against," he said. Eminem pledged solidarity with former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, whose protests against racism during the US national anthem have triggered an intensifying row as Trump demands that athletes stand for the flag.

Trump "gets an enormous reaction when he attacks the

NFL / So we focus on that instead of talking Puerto Rico or gun control for Nevada." Eminem rapped, referring to the devastation of Hurricane Maria and the massacre at a concert in Las Vegas. "All these horrible tragedies and he's bored and would rather cause a Twitter storm with the Packers," Eminem quipped. "Now if you're a black athlete you're a spoiled little brat for trying to use your platform or stature to try to give those a voice who don't have one," he said.

Eminem, whose music is rarely overtly political, made the intervention a year after releasing his last song-also a denunciation of Trump recorded in the run-up to the election. Eminem's longtime producer Denaun Porter recently said that the 44-year-old rapper had completed an album, which would be his first since 2013. BET, which stands for Black Entertainment Television, broadcast the awards four days after the gala took place in Miami. Cardi B, who has quickly become one of the top women in hip-hop, ruled the night with five awards including best single or her debut track "Bodak Yellow." Kendrick Lamar, who triumphed at the latest MTV Video Music Awards, came in a close second with four trophies. — AFP



# Discover beautiful Tatarstan

## The land of 1001 delights

By Javaid Ahmad

Tatarstan is one of the highly developed and most attractive destinations in Russia for tourists. It is a region of wealth, peace and harmony. A unique place known as "The Land of 1001 Delights". Here you will plunge into our authentic way of life, with its own cuisine, music, fashion, art, architecture and hard working & joyous people.

There are three UNESCO world heritage sites in Tatarstan. The Kazan, Kremlin, The Great Bolgar and the island town of Svivazhsk. Only in Tatarstan, the great Russia River Volga reach its widest span at 43 kilometers.

The capital of the Republic of Tatarstan, Kazan is the third capital of Russia. The city has more than 1,000 year history and at the same time is a huge megalopolis, modern, fashionable and innovative. Kazan hosts Russia's largest music festivals and international sports competition explained Sergey Inanov Chairman State Committee of Tourism of Tatarstan in his briefing. Last year 2.9 million tourist visited Tatarstan, mostly from Russia, China and Europe. Tatar 53.2 million and Russian 39.7 with other ethnic group live in peace and harmony.

The Temperature in summer from May to September is between 15-20 degrees and it is the best time of the year to visit this touristic spot. For Kuwaiti and Gulf tourists it is the best place for shopping and more for quiet and enjoyable holidays. Tatarstan offers exciting, pleasant and safe experience for all categories of tourists.

Spending four days in Tatarstan was a unique experience. Kazan and Moscow has some similarities, for example Kremlin in Moscow and Kremlin in Kazan, Moscow with red and Kazan in white without V.I Lenin Mausoleum. Moscow has a very famous Arbat street with famous Russian poet's residence "Pushkin" and in Kazan you find "Bauman" and "Karl Marx" street with Lenin statue.

First day started with a visit to Kazan Kremlin, as a part of Fam/Press trip to Tatarstan.

### Kazan Kremlin (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

The stunning white walls of the Kazan Kremlin (Fortress) are the primary attraction point in Kazan. The Kremlin dates back to the 12th century and host a wealth of sights within its walls. The most obvious is the blue and white gem of the Kul Sharif mosque, one Russia's largest. Next to it is the Russian Orthodox cathedral, and the mysterious learning tower of Syumbike, the legendary last queen of Kazan.

The Kremlin is a home to governmental bodies, a dedicated museum, as well shops and cafes. One can easily spend a day here, especially during art show and festivals. Kazan Kremlin was designated a UNESCO world heritage in 2000.

I will share some stories narrated by our intelligent guide "Alexander"

### The Legend of Suyumbike Tower

Once there was a country called Kazan Kaganate. Its ruler was Khan Safa-Girey who was married to a beautiful lady called Suyumbike. As the legend holds, Suyumbike was so beautiful, that whenever she stepped out to the balcony of her palace, the Sun would hide behind a cloud being ashamed of its ugliness, and when she spoke, birds would fall silent in the garden.

Their marriage, of Safa-Girey and Suyumbike, was blessed with a son Utyamysh-Girey. However, their happiness did not last long, as Safa-Girey died when his son was two years. So, Suyumbike had to rule the Kazan Kaganate on her own as a regent for her under-aged son.

Apart from being beautiful, Suyumbike proved herself as a wise ruler, and Kazan Kaganate flourished under her rule.

At the same time, in Moscow, a young and ambitious Prince Ivan the Fourth ascended the throne after the death of his father. Prince Ivan learnt of the beautiful and wise



### Kazan the third capital of Russian Federation





"Lady Khan" and decided to marry her, as he thought her to be a perfect match for him, firstly, because such marriage would enable him to demand the throne of Kazan for himself. So Prince Ivan sent some matchmakers with precious gifts to Kazan, but Suyumbike still loved her late husband, so she refused to marry the Russian Prince.

Decades later, Prince Ivan would be called "Ivan the Terrible". A person who would bear such name did not tolerate refusals even at a very young age. So he raised an army of about 150,000 men and besieged Kazan. Finally, after more than 40 days of siege, his troops breached the walls of the Kazan Kremlin. Suyumbike was captured and brought before the eyes of the victor. He proposed to her once again, this time in person. Of course, Suyumbike was not in position to refuse this time, so she said neither yes nor no. Instead, she put a condition for Prince Ivan and his men to build the tallest tower in the Kazan Kremlin within 7 days only.



Volga, 180km away from Kaza, there sat the buzzing capital of the thriving and formidable Volga Bolgar civilization. Here the ancestor of Tatars adopted Islam in 922 and in the 13th century Bolgar became the capital of Golden Horde. A UNESCO world heritage site, Bolgar remains a sacred pilgrimage place. A visitor can admire the cathedral mosque, with its big minaret, north and east mausoleum, Khan Tomb builds in 13-14 centuries. So important is Bolgar for modern Tartarstan that it continues to be developed, keeping it live and present in Tartarstan culture in recent years. An elegant white mosque was added, and a commemoration monument to celebrate the adoption of Islam. Its hosts the world's largest Quran with pages 2 meters tall and solid malachite cover weighing 800 kg. The excellent on-site museum displayed intricate pieces of beautiful medieval jewelry, runic scrolls and weapon, and tells the engaging story of what was once the core state between Europe and Asia. After a day full of sightseeing, a visit to bread museum with a working mill is rewarding.



The construction began; workers built the first tier of the tower during the first day. However, they realized there was so much work ahead of them, but the time was so short, and they were very tired already. So the second tier of the tower built on the second day ended up smaller and shorter than the first one, and the third tier was even smaller than the second one. Nevertheless, by the end of the seventh day the tower was complete.

On the next morning, a wedding feast began. During the feast, Suyumbike asked for a permission to climb the new tower to give her farewell to Kazan and its people. Once she was at the top, she saw the beauty of the land around her and crowds of people at the foot of the tower crying for her soon departure for Moscow. The heart of Suyumbike broke, and she threw herself down from the top of the tower, but an instance before crashing on the ground, she turned into a white swan and flew away.

One can believe it or not, but the tower is still there in Kazan Kremlin. It has exactly seven tiers, and the people of Kazan still call it Suyumbike Tower. Please come, count and make sure for yourselves.

**The Great Bolgar**

The second day, visited Bolgar by bus on a two hours journey, a thousand years ago on a tall shore high above

**The Island Town of Sviyazhsk**  
Pushkin's fairy tales come to life on the Sviyazhsk river island only 60km from Kazan. Initially a fortress built by Ivan the Terrible to size Kazan in the 16th century, Sviyazhsk has grown through the ages into a quintessential place of Russian culture. The island has less than 300 residents have 37 cultural sites. Two of them are currently being considered world heritage status. The solitary and pure nature of the island is preserved with no industry or public transport allowed on the island. Today Sviya has a lively arts and festival scene. There is a museum, a stable yard and a medieval theme center, complete with an iron monger, archery stalls, and interactive knights armor displays. The serene and spiritual Sviyazhsk is a firm favorite with locals and visitors alike. It is good news for football lovers that June 2018 World Cup will be played in eleven cities of Russia including Kazan with state of the art stadiums and Turkish Airline will be flying to the all destinations of World Cup in Russia.

**Al-Yaish Travel and Russia tourism board in Kuwait headed by dynamic Basil Al Aswad is doing a fine job in promoting tourism to the Russian Federatio, including visa facilities,travel plan and other relevant information .**

Spasiba means thank you in Russian language.

Rahmat means thank you in Tartarstan language.





# Lifestyle

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A journalist tries out an installation of Chinese Artist Ai Weiwei entitled 'Good Fences Make Good Neighbors' during a press preview at the Unisphere at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park in New York City, on October 10, 2017 ahead of October 12's public opening of his multi-venue exhibition inspired by the international migration crisis. (Story on page 29)

## A Rabat restaurant challenges exclusion of mentally disabled

In a country where nearly half of people with mental disabilities are unemployed, one restaurant in the Moroccan capital is part of a pilot project tackling the problem. When a customer enters the Hadaf restaurant in the capital's business district, nothing indicates that many of the staff are disabled in any way.

Take Amr, an enthusiastic 28-year-old in a crisp white shirt and black trousers. He scouts the street for prospective clients as front of house staff add vases as the finishing touches to tables. "I first learnt in the canteen," Amr said. "Now I take orders from customers in the restaurant—I like the contact with them, getting to know each other," he added.

The experiment was launched by a local association created by parents to shake up prejudices and serve as a springboard for young people with mental disabilities. The jobless rate for such people is 47.65 percent, four times the average in a country which has 2.3 million disabled, according to a study published last year by the families ministry.

Soumia Amrani is on the board of a human rights group and the co-chair of a disability-focused collective. She believes the battle to integrate must begin at an early age. "You can't prepare children to be sociable and learn to join society if they stay on the margins of that society," she said. "They must be inside society to learn with everyone else."

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### Constitutional rules

In the kitchen at Hadaf, 28-year-old Moed, chef's hat perched on his head, is delighted to have a trade after spending just three years in primary school. "I've learnt a lot from my colleagues. I'm very happy and my family is proud of me," he said. Morocco's 2011 constitution says those with disabilities should be able to "integrate and rehabilitate into civil life".

But things are different in reality. Just 41.8 percent of disabled youngsters aged between six and 17 go to school, and in the six to 11 range that figure falls to 37.8 percent.

Another indicator that there is a problem is that a third of homeless people suffer from some form of disability. "This restaurant? It's a good thing for me and the customers," said Moed as he chopped parsley for the salad of the day, all grown from the restaurant's own organic garden. Other young people busied themselves at the kitchen work surfaces as skewers of meat sizzled on the flames.

The restaurant is part of the Hadaf Centre—Hadaf means "goal" in Arabic that was established 20 years ago by a group of parents and friends of people dealing with mental disabilities. Today, it looks after 90 young people in the greater Rabat area, with more on the waiting list. In addition to the catering business, others undergo training in such diverse areas as gardening, jewelry-making, carpentry and sewing. Their studies have to be paid for, unless families are too badly off to afford them.

### Strength in numbers

Amina Mesfer is the driving force behind the project. She has an adult son of 38 with mental and sight disabilities. "It became clear to me very quickly that I couldn't do everything on my own, but that getting a group together meant we could work on solutions," she said. "There were care structures in place, but only until they were 21 — as if a mental disability miraculously evaporates at that age—and then our children were left to their own devices."



In the dining room at Hadaf, business was brisk as Fati Badi polished off her creme caramel. "It's the first time I've been here, and I'm very pleasantly surprised," she said, having come to dine with a friend. "Nice surroundings, the quality of the service and the food—it's all here. "They've set an example—it's a way of empowering people with disabilities in the best way possible." The Hadaf Centre also has a guest house that provides some income and gives the young people the chance to socialize, said Mesfer. Since 2016, a centre funded by the Mohamed VI Foundation has provided training and diplomas. Five students trained by Hadaf have already been able to obtain certification there—basically a passport to a job. Which is exactly what Amr hopes will happen. "When I've learnt my trade well, I'd like to work in a restaurant or hotel," he said, a great big smile on his face. — AFP



Women and men suffering from mental illness work in a restaurant of Morocco's Hadaf association on September 26, 2017 in the capital Rabat. — AFP photos

