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Kuwait denies reports

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Khaled Al-Jarallah denied reports on Kuwait opening an embassy in Libya. The visit by Ambassador Mubarak Al-Adwani to Libya is only to check up on the conditions of the diplomatic mission, Al-Jarallah said in a statement to Al-Jareeda newspaper published yesterday. He noted that Al-Adwani had met with Libyan Prime Minister Fayez Al-Sarraj in Tripoli a few days ago to discuss the situation in the country, adding that no date had yet been set to open the embassy. Libya is suffering tense political and security conditions since the outbreak of the revolution in 2014, as the country is torn between the struggle of two authorities over power.

Contaminated eggs

TALLINN: A scandal involving eggs tainted by the insecticide fipronil has spread to 45 countries worldwide, including 19 beyond the European Union where the scare began, a top EU official said yesterday. "The impact of the illegal use of this product has reached an EU-wide dimension with hundreds of farms blocked for production, 26 (EU) member states and 19 third countries involved," European health commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis said. The figure has increased from the 35 countries reported last week, with millions of eggs pulled from supermarket shelves to limit the risk from a product that can harm human health in high doses.



File photo shows His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah during a meeting with US President Donald Trump. — KUNA

WASHINGTON: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's current visit to Washington is historic both in the timing and the level of the accompanying delegation, said a Kuwaiti diplomat yesterday. This visit also comes at a very delicate time due to the challenges and crises in the Arab region, Ambassador of Kuwait to Washington Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah said.

He pointed out that the visit comes upon an invitation from US President Donald Trump last February shortly after his inauguration. The ambassador added that His Highness the Amir is accompanied by a highcaliber official and business delegation. Moreover, the US Chamber of Commerce and the Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry would hold a first-of-its-kind Kuwaiti-US economic forum in Washington on Friday, Sheikh Salem said.

He disclosed that Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Anas Al-Saleh would head the Kuwaiti side at the forum, which would bring together a plethora of Kuwaiti and American officials and businesspeople to discuss efforts to remove obstacles to joint investments as well as make use of the available investment opportunities. He added that His Highness the Amir and US President Donald Trump's talks tomorrow would build on the outcome of their talks on the sidelines of the Gulf-American Summit in Rivadh last May.

The talks would also be a continuation of the fruitful consultation between the two leaders and a reflection of the strength of friendship bonds linking the two nations, the ambassador said. He clarified that the talks would tackle bilateral relations and regional and international developments of mutual concern.

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PUTIN WARNS OF 'GLOBAL CATASTROPHE'



Photo shows a general view of the Qatari side of the Abu Samrah border crossing with Saudi Arabia. — AFP

NEW QATAR PORT AIMS TO BREAK THE BOYCOTT

DOHA: Qatar said yesterday that a new \$7.4 billion port would help to break a three-month-old boycott of the gas-rich emirate. The Hamad Port, which began operating in December, is a major hub for imports to Qatar, hit by a land and air embargo by some of its neighbors. "This is a gateway to break the shackles imposed on Qatar,"Transport Minister Jassim bin Saif Al-Sulaiti said in a speech during an inauguration ceremony for the port held yesterday. "Nothing can stop us and our ambition," he added.

In a relatively rare public appearance since the onset of the crisis, Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani attended the

inauguration but did not speak. On June 5, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Bahrain cut ties with Qatar, accusing it of bankrolling Islamist extremist groups and having close ties to Shiite Iran. Qatar denies the charges.

Yesterday's hour-long ceremony, broadcast live on Qatari television stations, included a band, acrobats and fireworks. Hamad will be Qatar's largest container port and will provide commercial access to some 150 countries, according to official reports. These include links to regional ports in Oman and Kuwait, and more distant ports of call from Turkey to India and Pakistan.

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GCC-BORN WOMEN STRIVE TO FIND WORK

Foreign and 'futureless'

MAKKAH: Hafsa had hoped to land a much-needed job distributing meals for the Muslim Eid Al-Fitr holiday. One question stood in her way: "Are you, your husband, or any of your relatives Saudi?" Born in one of the GCC countries to Somali parents, Hafsa had applied for temporary work during the holiday, which marked the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan in June.

The job did not have any educational requirements, and the 30-year-old-who has neither a university degree nor Saudi citizenship-was hopeful. She knocked at the door of an office overseeing logistics for Eid Al-Fitr. An eye appeared through a peephole. A voice asked her if she or anyone in her immediate family was a citizen of Saudi Arabia. The door, she said, did not open.

"Over the past three years, it has become harder and harder to find a job," said Hafsa, who along with other women interviewed for this story asked AFP not to use her real name. When her immigrant parents first arrived to Saudi Arabia, "they accepted that the system was the system and we had to follow it," she said. "They had no ambitions. They did not question if they had rights. We are different."

The ultra-conservative kingdom is home to more than nine million foreigners who constitute a third of the country's population of 31 million, a relatively low percentage compared to other Gulf countries.

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XIAMEN: Russian President Vladimir Putin warned yesterday of a global catastrophe unless a diplomatic solution is reached over North Korea, but rejected US calls for more sanctions as "useless", widening a split among major powers over how to rein in Pyongyang. Putin's comments appeared to draw the lines for a clash at the United Nations pitting Moscow and Beijing against Washington and its allies.

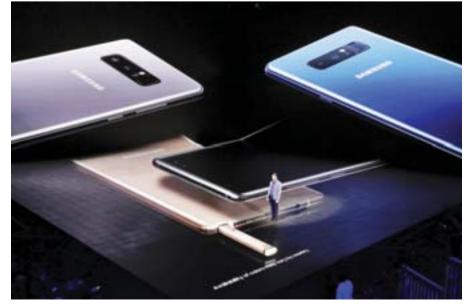
The US on Monday demanded the "strongest possible measures" against North Korea for detonating what

Pyongyang said was a hydrogen bomb that could be mounted on a missile. The announcement dramatically upped the stakes in its standoff with the international community over its banned weapons programs, which have seen it subjected to seven sets of UN Security Council sanctions so far. As well as the US, South Korea and Japan, plus permanent Security Council members France and Britain, have called for stronger measures against it, with several arguing for a potentially crippling oil embargo.

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Photo distributed by the North Korean government shows what was said to be the test launch of a Hwasong-12 intermediate range missile in Pyongyang, North Korea. — AP



NEW YORK: Justin Denison, vice president of strategy for Samsung Telecommunications America, stands among projections of the company's Galaxy Note 8, during the phone's introduction, in New York. — AP

SAMSUNG NOTE 8 GIVES ITS STYLUS - FOR A PRICE

NEW YORK: A stylus might seem, well, out of style in the tap-and-type world of smartphones. Yet it's what sets Samsung's Note phones apart from the competition. That's significant as Apple prepares to launch what's expected to be a super-premium phone next week, one that will match many of the features in the new Note 8 phone.

Though not its pen. I was skeptical at first, but the stylus grew on me. Still, the Note 8 isn't going to be for everyone. Most people will be fine with Samsung's S8 phones for a few hundred dollars less. The Note 8 is more for "power users" - those who use their phones a lot more than the average consumer. The Note 8 starts selling in the US next week for \$930 to \$960, depending on the carrier.

Battery issues

What's top on people's minds probably isn't the pen, but the phone's battery, given last year's Note 7 recall following a string of spontatests this year. Time will tell how well they work. Samsung reduced battery capacity by 6 percent to make room for various safety measures. But there's still plenty of juice. The phone still had two-thirds of its charge left after four hours of Netflix. Tasks such as email, Facebook and note-taking won't be as draining.

Great for note-taking

A screen-off memo feature lets you use the stvlus to take notes without having to unlock the phone. You can jot down a quick reminder while walking, or cross items off your shopping list at the store. It feels like real writing, without any noticeable lag. And writing a quick thought doesn't feel as rude as opening an app and typing while with friends. Unlike past Note models, this one lets you scroll down to write more than a single screen worth of notes. But I had to retype my notes anyway, including impressions I jotted down for this review.

neous fires. Samsung has stepped up its safety Samsung's character-recognition software couldn't make out my chicken-scratch handwriting. For instance, "end up typing" got transcribed as "inn up yping."

Traveling abroad

Past Note phones translated words you hovered over with the stylus. The Note 8 extends that to full sentences, though it's on you to figure out that you have to tap the "T" icon to switch modes. And you need to specify the language you're translating from, even though the Google Translate service the feature's based on usually has auto-detection. The translation feature also converts currency and units of measurements. That's useful in figuring out that a 23-kilogram baggage limit means 50.71 pounds. But it repeatedly failed to pick up measurements in centimeters. And it didn't pick up on a common European convention of using a comma where the decimal point

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His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives the National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim.



His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.



His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

DEPUTY AMIR RECEIVES SEVERAL SENIOR OFFICIALS

and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Seif Palace yesterday. HH the Deputy Amir

Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received the National also received His Highness the Prime Diwan Affairs Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-

Hamad Al-Sabah, Minister of the Amiri Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Defense Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah,

KUWAIT: His Highness the Deputy Amir Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim at Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al- Ahmad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Hamad Al-Sabah. — KUNA

KUWAIT APPLAUDS SAUDI ARABIA AFTER PROSPEROUS HAJJ SEASON

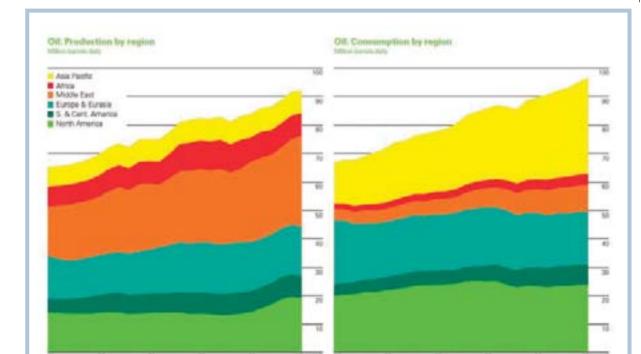
By Mesh'al Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Undersecretary of the ministry of Awgaf and Islamic affairs, Fareed Assad Emadi said that under the leadership of the custodian of the two holy mosques, King Salman Bin Abdul Aziz, KSA has succeeded in organizing the Hajj season this year and sufficiently facilitating the ritual for all pilgrims. Emadi added

that the expansions of construction sites made it much easier for pilgrims to perform Hajj this year thanks to the decades of experience KSA governments and rulers have in serving and aiding pilgrims. Emadi also said that Kuwait's Hajj mission has also developed and successfully administered the season. In addition to Kuwaiti pilgrims, the mission also served 1,000 bedoon pilgrims.



Undersecretary of the Kuwaiti Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Fareed Emadi.





Hind Al-Sabeeh receives Eid well wishers.

MPS HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO GRILL, SAYS MIN AL-SABEEH

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Hind Al-Sabeeh proclaimed yesterday that it is a parliamentarian's prerogative to interpolate any government official and that right is supported by the constitution. Al-Sabeeh's remarks come in response to the growing speculation that she could be subject to a grilling procedure in parliament, a prospect that she welcomed and discuss the matter. — KUNA

described as "a constitutional right of all MPs." Al-Sabeeh, who is also Minister of State for Economic Affairs, added that all "development plans will be shared with the parliament during its forthcoming term." When asked about the country's demographic structure, she replied that an ad hoc committee dealing with the issue would meet soon to



Kuwait's Minister of Social Affairs

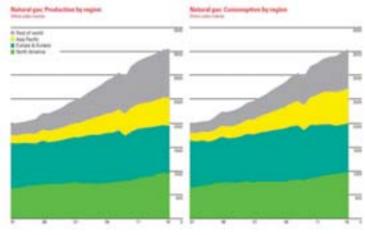
and Labor Hind Al-Sabeeh speaks to the press.

KUWAIT CONSUMPTION OF OIL DECREASES BY 1.3 PER CENT

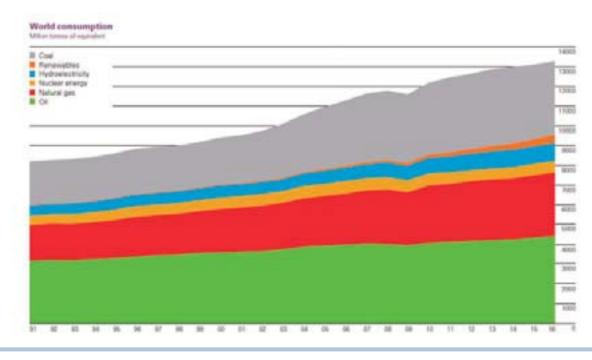
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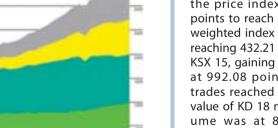
KUWAIT: BP's sixth annual report recently indicated that Kuwait consumption of oil decreased by 1.3 per cent to 499,000 barrels per day while KSA remains the highest in GCC and ME in consumption rates. International oil consumption has grown by 1.6 billion barrels/day (1.6 per cent), which more than the 1.2 per cent average that had been dominant for ten years. The report said that China had the lion's cut of the consumption increase with 400,000 barrels a day followed by India with 330,000 barrels per day.

The report also said that international daily oil consumption was 96.55 million barrels per day of which 34.8 per cent is consumed in Asia and the Pacific, 24.7 per cent in North America, 9.8 per cent in the Middle East, a little over 4 per cent in Africa, 19.5 per cent in Europe and Eurasia and 7.2 per cent in Latin and Central America. Notably, the report showed that Qatar consumption rates grew 7.5 per cent; that is 339,000 barrels per day, in 2016 followed by UAE by 6.7 per cent (987,000 barrels/day).



Legislation achievements MP Al-Humaidi Al-Subai'e said that the coming parliamentary term would witness an abundance of legislation achievements, namely laws related to citizens and economic reform. Al-Subai'e added that it was highly important to pass the bills of supporting the judiciary, retention, social insurance, honesty and contradiction of interests during the coming term. He also denied that the parliamentary legislation committee delayed laws and bills though it has





too many proposals on its agenda.

Water solutions

MPW's assistant undersecretary for health engineering affairs and the ministry's official spokesperson, Abdul Mohsen Al-Enezi expected the electric current would be connected to Al-Khairan sewage water processing plant soon in order to meet Khairan residents' demands to operate the plant and use the processed sewage water in irrigating area plants and parks.

KUWAIT BOURSE ENDS TRADING IN GREEN ZONE

KUWAIT: Boursa Kuwait, the national stock exchange, ended yesterday's trading session in the green zone as the price index went up by 28.46 points to reach 6,920.56 points. The weighted index went up 1.64 points reaching 432.21 points as well as the KSX 15, gaining 7.18 points to stand at 992.08 points. The number of trades reached 3,047 points with a value of KD 18 million while the volume was at 87,228.433 million shares. —KUNA



KNPC LAUNCHES KEY LIQUEFIED GAS PROJECT

KUWAIT: Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) kicked off yesterday the first phase of a liquefied gas tank project in Mina Al-Ahmadi refinery. The project was initiated after the export of the first shipment of propane

and butane gases, KNPC's official spokesman Abdullah Al-Ajmi told KUNA. He spoke of the significance of the enterprise as a major project that will prove beneficial for the company by boosting liquefied gas storage capacity,

which, in turn, leads to increased production and profits. Al-Ajmi pointed out that the first phase of the project entails configuring four out of 10 tanks, while the remaining ones will be up and running by December. — KUNA



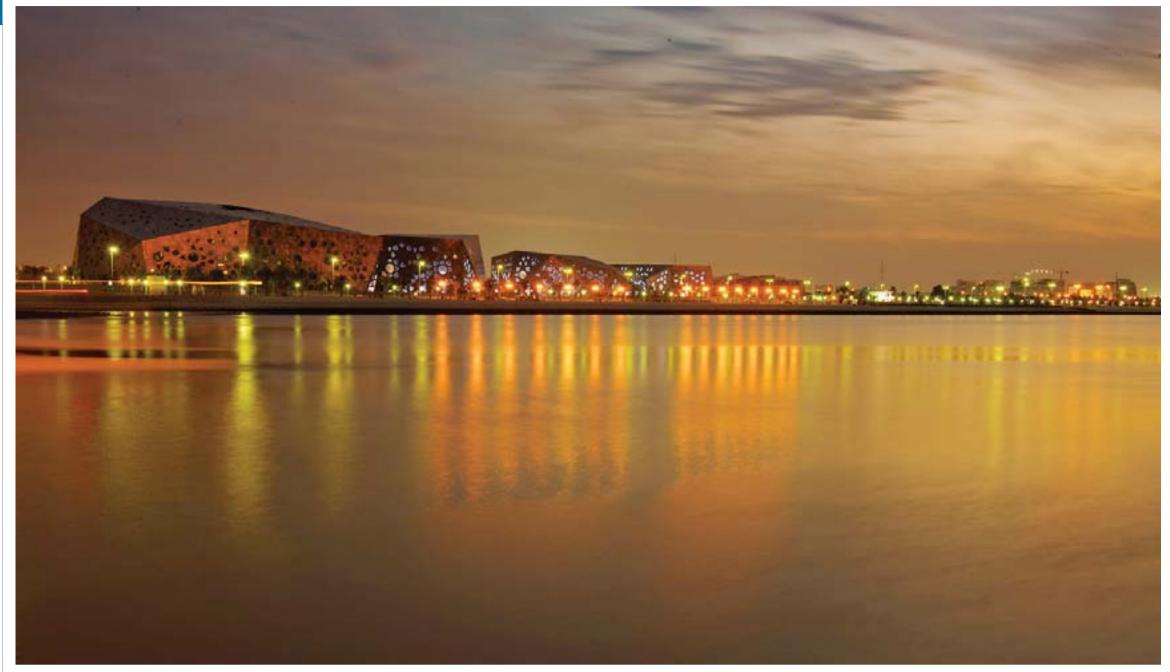
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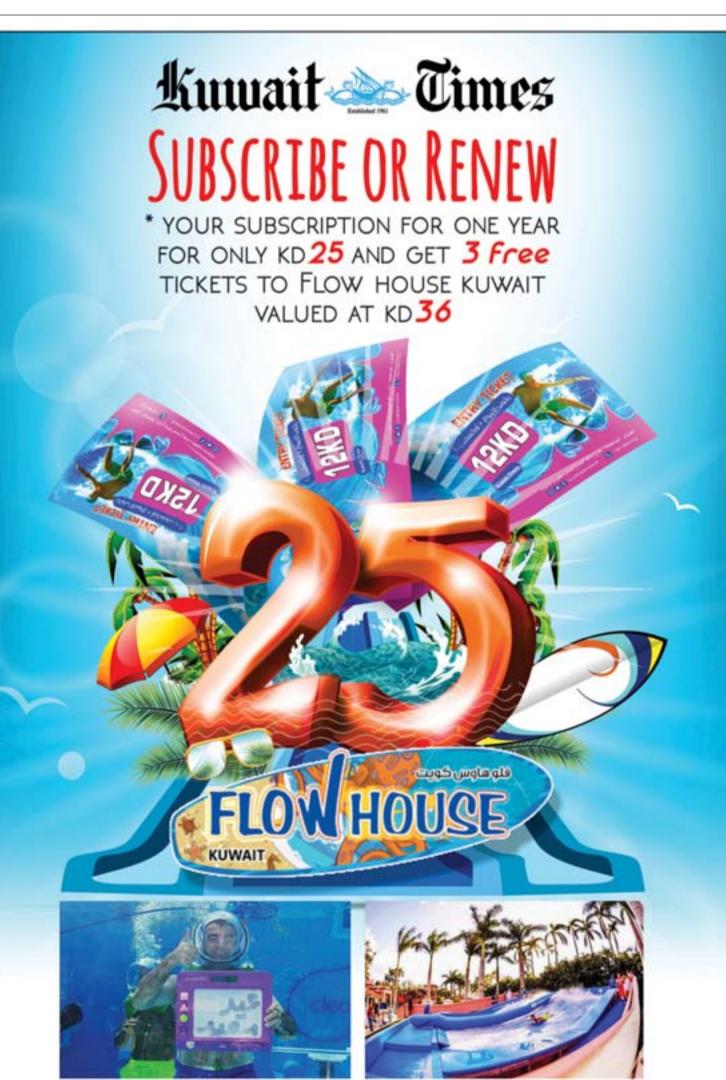
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Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Cultural Center during sunset — KUNA





DUTCH MOSQUES RECEIVE MILLIONS FROM KUWAIT

KUWAIT: According to the NRC yesterday, charitable organizations from Kuwait donated over 10 million euros towards eighteen Islamic organizations in the Netherlands. The NRC reports were based on a confidential overview of Kuwaiti gifts that the Gulf State provided to the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Kuwait is the first Gulf State to give Netherlands an overview of its gifts and donations to institutions in the country. The overview shows the amounts Kuwait donated between 2007 and 2015.

The report was well-received expect for a noted gift towards the controversial Al Fitrah mosque in the city of Utrecht. The donation

was sent from the Revival of Islamic Heritage Society, which is included on the US list of organizations funding terrorism. The document shows that AI Fitrah received money from the organization in 2012 to build a new mosque, despite denying this claim last year, the NRC said. The mosque has denied all terror claims and told the authorities that it has no financial ties with any terrorist organizations in Kuwait. The document only covers donations from charities, not private individuals. Some extremely moderate organisations also benefited from extra money for a wide range of uses, including paying for Qurans to distribute and new mosque buildings, the paper said.



JAKARTA: Muslim women hold a banner during a rally against persecution of Myanmar's Rohingya Muslim minority, outside Myanmar Embassy. — AP

KUWAIT EXPRESSES CONCERNS OVER WORRYING DEVELOPMENTS IN ASIA

KUWAIT: Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah expressed concerns yesterday over the growing and worrying developments in the Asian region. In a press statement to Al-Jareeda newspaper, Al-Jarallah expressed deep concerns over the human rights violations against Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, stressing that Kuwait's position on the issue came within the framework of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which condemned the outbreak of violence against the Rohingya.

He called on Myanmar to protect the rights of its Rohingya Muslim minority. According to the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), about 90,000 Rohingyas have fled into neighboring Bangladesh from Myanmar since violence erupted on August 25. On developments in the Korean Peninsula, Al-Jarallah reaffirmed Kuwait's commitment to the UN Security Council resolutions relating to economic embargo on North Korea.

He said that Kuwait will continue working with the competent UN bodies and international partners to keep them appraised of the measures its takes in this regard, adding that Kuwait's commitment was consistent with its international responsibilities to the resolutions of the international legitimacy. Last month, the UN Security Council unanimously passed a resolution imposing new sanctions against North Korea in response to its intercontinental missile tests, which recently resulted in projectile flying over northern Japan. —KUNA

* This campaign is limited to participants in Kuwait only. Ministries and their departments, companies and NGOs cannot enter the festival.
* Kuwait Timesi employees, spouses and their second-degree relatives also cannot participate.

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YOUNG FEMALE CITIZEN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

KUWAIT: A young female citizen was rushed to hospital for treatment after she ingested some of her mother's PB medications in an attempt to commit suicide. The girl's mother and sister claimed her daughter was experiencing bouts of shock and depression after her divorce and that her suicide attempt was due to these stressful conditions.

Drunken citizen arrested

A citizen was recently arrested when he began drunkenly shouting at salesmen in a desserts store in Hawally. He was screaming at the employees to give him money. One of the salesmen smelled the liquor on his breath and then proceeded to call the police.

Heroin users caught

Two citizens were recently arrested in Farwaniya with the possession of heroin said security sources. Sources noted that a police patrol had spotted a suspicious looking vehicle and on stopping it and searching the two passengers, they turned out to be citizens in their fifties and had the drugs on them. A case was filed and the suspects were referred to the relevant authorities.

Liquor factory shut

Ahmadi detectives recently raided a local liquor 'factory' run by two expatriates in Sabah Al-Ahmed. The police arrested the suspects and confiscated around 140 barrels of liquor, 105 sugar sacks and 6 evaporation and distillation devices.

Social media virus

A search is currently on for a reckless driver who had been filming his own stunts and posting the videos on social media networks. The videos included acts of defiance and insults to the police daring them to catch him. The suspect was also seen in one of the videos promising the police that he would be soon released if they arrest him and that he would manage to have his vehicle released the exact following day if they detained it.

Open robbery

A citizen reported that while waiting for a meal he ordered at a Fahaheel restaurant, a young Syrian approached while him crying. When he inquired about the reason, he told him that he was so hungry as he had not eaten for two days and only wanted one dinar to buy something to eat. The man told security sources that he immediately reached for his wallet to give him some money but the suspect immediately snatched the wallet and disappeared, leaving the citizen in shock. The man explained that his wallet included his IDs, driving license, credit and ATM cards in addition to KD 100 in cash.

Paradise lost

Well-informed sources recently warned that Firdous Area was becoming too dangerous for people passersby and drivers as many kids and young men have been bullying people and stoning passing vehicles and buses without any legal or ethical deterrent. The sources added that the area was no more a 'Paradise' as reckless and violent assailants have also been damaging public facilities in the area and have been seen running away from the police on



CAPITAL DRIVING TEST DEPARTMENT READY TO MOVE TO NEW LOCATION

By: Hanan Al-Sa'doun

KUWAIT: MOI relations and security media department said that the capital driving test department would be moved to its nearby new location within the capital driving school and that the new department would start receiving the public starting from the official working hours on Sunday, September 10, 2017.

Elsewhere, the acting MOI undersecretary, lit general Sheikh Mohammed Al-Yousif Al-Sabah yesterday visited the services directorate, the retirees Diwaniya, the citizenship and passports department and the residency affairs and detectives departments where he was received by top officials and briefed on the work procedures and progress in each department, especially during the vacations.









BIKER GANG APPREHENDED





By Hanan Al-Sa'doun

KUWAIT: A gang of six was arrested recently for multiple robberies said security sources noting that the suspects were arrested with the possession of seven bikes they used to rob their victims. The sources explained that two suspects usually rode a bike and approached their victims from behind to snatch their mobile phones, back bags or whatever other valuables they carried. The sources added that the suspects had also stolen the contents of vehicles they managed to break open. The suspects are so far facing charges in 23 robbery cases.

Car bust

MOI relations and the security media department said that the capital security department launched an inspection campaign in Shuwaikh industrial area where 15 vehicles were confiscated from garages where they had been under repair without insurance.

Dead man's cell

A 58-year-old central prison inmate was found dead in his cell, said security sources noting that on examining the body, coroners discovered the man had died of natural causes.

Drug dealer caught

An expatriate was recently arrested in Farwaniya for possessing over half a kilo of heroin. Security sources noted that the suspect later admitted he was a drug dealer.

AHMADI MUNICIPALITY LAUNCHES E-CONSTRUCTION LICENSE SYSTEM

KUWAIT: Ahmadi municipality officially launched its econstruction license issue system in a special ceremony held at Ahmadi municipality headquarters attended by Municipality deputy director for Ahmadi and Hawally, Fahad Al-Otaibi and Ahmadi municipality manager, Soud Al-Dabbous. The launch followed the implementation of the system in Mubarak Al-Kabeer, Hawally and the capital.

Speaking on this occasion, Al-Otaibi said that Ahmadi issued its first e-license and explained that the new system allows returning any transaction back to the related architecture and engineering office to make sure all needed documents are provided so that the license could be issued in record time. He added that the new system would be used in all municipality branches by the end of the year.

Furthermore, Al-Otaibi said that the e-construction licenses system was part of a strategy set by director, Ahmed Al-Manfouhi under the supervision of Minister of Awqaf and Islamic affairs and Minister of State for Municipal Affairs, Mohammed Al-Jebri.







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RESTAURANT **INSPECTION CAMPAIGNS**

KUWAIT: Head of the capital municipality A and B inspection teams, Abdullah Jabber said his teams had conducted inspection campaigns throughout the Eid vacation on various restaurants and stores. He added that the campaigns resulted in filing 32 citations including violating cleanliness conditions, selling expired food items, not having health certificates, using unlicensed ads, operating without a license, removing 26 ads and destroying 23 kilos of expired food items





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ABDUL HUSSEIN'S SECRET

By Professor Ghanem Al-Najjar

eactions to the sad demise of Abdul Hussein Abdul Redha have surely exceeded all norms, which is well deserved and truly reflects the legacy of that 'beautiful' human being. The atmosphere was filled with love, containment and solidarity. What is Abdul Hussein Abdul Redha's secret? He was not a political leader, ruler, millionaire or the head of some clan. How did he manage to unite everyone in loving him at such time when hatred prevails everywhere and hating others has become an acceptable habit? Abdul Hussein Abdul Redha's value appears even in his death as people realized they share a common value. I posted this on Twitter to emphasize his value and not to get answers.

The reactions were beyond my expectations but I failed to follow up all reactions that reflected a wonderful spirit. Contemplating about the secret of Abdul Hussein Abdul Redha, the feedback I received suggested patriotism, his genuine smile, pure heart, avoiding

grudges and conflicts, honesty, reaping the love he had sown. Feedback also included, "others are as honest and hardworking but he is different', "Allah loved him and made people love him", "He spread love and joy", "He was a great unrivalled artist", "He devotedly loved Kuwait" and so many more.

My tweet wasn't a question but rather to emphasize the man's value. People had a wild surge to answer a question that needed no answer. Most people feel like they are a part of Abdul Hussein, and that they knew him so well that they feel identical with him. One of the comments I received stressed the way everybody united in dealing with losing Abdul Husein Abdul Redha indicating that we need him and the national patriotic values he represented instead of the current state of fragmentation, designation and sectarianism. May almighty have mercy on your soul Abo Adnan. We will surely miss you.—*Translated by Kuwait Times*

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THE PHENOMENAL ECLIPSE

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

hen we were young we were scared of the dark and the solar eclipse or the drop in temperature accompanied with strong winds. At such times everyone used rushed to the mosques to pray for the end of this crises thinking it was something evil but all this ended with development in science that cleared the mist from our eyes, and soon this phenomenon became something that we now spend money to watch and wait for its occurrence.

On August 21, 2017, a total eclipse took place and pleased many people. The last time this occurred was about 100 years ago, and we won't see another one until 2024 so until then, Muslims will continue to fight, insult with each other and consider an unbeliever over the authenticity of seeing the crescent or Ramadan.

During the May 29, 1919 eclipse which lasted six minutes, it was seen from Northern Brazil to Principe Island in African Guinea. It represented a scientific phenomenon, as the English physicist Arthur Eddington convinced his government to finance his attempt to prove the gravity theory written by a German Jewish scientist Albert Einstein in 1915, who said that gravity causes the curvature of space, and that the lights leaving the stars bend following the curvature. So if there was a star that is close to the sun, then its light will bend due to the gravity of the sun.

The total eclipse gave Eddington the opportunity to test Einstein's theory but the English government gave credit to the German national, its arch enemy, besides that proof of the theory represents an adjustment made by the smart English scientist Isaac Newton. Yet, Eddington went ahead with his project, as he will not get another opportunity. When darkness prevailed with the sun disappearing behind the moon, and stars appeared during midday, Eddington located a certain star that is normally hidden behind the sun, exactly like Einstein expected and in turn was sure he was accurate.

In addition to that, the total eclipse phenomenon enabled scientists to see the sun's crown and considered it as a scientific discovery, as the sun's disc is brighter than its outer edges or crown, and only with the eclipse the outer limits can be seen. After that German Einstein with his relativity theory, knocked down or adjusted the theories of Isaac Newton, and became the greatest scientist humanity has known, and that was the start of Einstein's fame.—Translated by Kuwait Times

AHLI UNITED BANK VISITS CHILDREN AT AMIRI HOSPITAL BEARING EID GIFTS

Al-Adha, and as part of Ahli group. Ahli United Bank's lat-

KUWAIT: In the spirit of Eid health condition and age The Bank's volunteers who visited Amiri Hospital were able United Bank's corporate est initiative has left children to connect and communicate social responsibility frame- and their families with smiles with children with the objecwork that includes a wide and a lasting positive impact. tive of sharing happy range of initiatives and Mr Richard Groves, CEO Ahli moments with them, reflecting



range of initiatives and humanitarian acts as well as social events, the Bank's volunteer team visited children at the Amiri Hospital to celebrate the forthcoming Eid. During the visit, the Bank's team members distributed gifts and games to the children appropriate to their

United Bank said, "The Bank's visit reflects our keen interest in consistently communicating with all members of society, and sharing with them the joyful moments of Eid, especially children who may be poorly and in hospital at this time. We hope they will get well soon.

our values. The visit was successful and children have reacted positively with the Bank's team." The Amiri Hospital's Public Relations team have commended Ahli United Bank's visit and thanked the Bank's management for their staff's efforts.

NBK PARTICIPATES IN LOYAC'S SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM KON

KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) participated in Loyac's social entrepreneurship program 'KON'. 'KON' is a social entrepreneurship program that is co-created with Babson College. It aims to introduce young adults between the ages of 12 to 16 to the world business and to help turn their ideas into action. Throughout the 5 weeks program, NBK-Kuwait Deputy CEO, General Manager of Treasury Group, Sulaiman Al Marzouq along with a group of professional

leaders, mentors and trainers, encouraged the participants to create a profitable business that solves a social problem.

NBK's participation in the program comes as a part of its continuous support to Loyac. NBK is dedicated towards supporting talented young people and empowering them towards achieving their goals. 'KON' is one of these initiatives that help invest and support young youths. NBK is elated with the outcome of the program and looks forward to seeing the participants moving into key leadership roles in their near future.

NBK is committed to supporting talented and qualified youngsters and empowering them to realize their potentials. The KON program goes along with NBK's initiatives to invest in youth and support their aspirations. NBK believes that investing in human resources is investing in our future. NBK looks forward with high expectations for the outcomes of 'KON'.



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HURRICANE IRMA BARRELS TOWARDS CARIBBEAN SCHOOLS, OFFICES SHUT DOWN, HOSPITALS STOCK UP ON MEDICINES

MARIGOT, France: Irma, a dangerous Category Four hurricane that is gaining in force, closed in on the Caribbean yesterday, sparking alarm and alerts from the French West Indies to Florida. The monster hurricane coming on the heels of Hurricane Harvey that struck Texas and Louisiana late last month is expected to make landfall along the string of French islands including Guadeloupe late vesterday before heading to Haiti and Florida.

The US National Hurricane Center said at 0900 GMT that the storm was packing top sustained winds of 150 mph. Irma's centre was grinding westward at 14 miles per hour and located about 320 miles east of the West Indies' Leeward Islands, the NHC said, urging that "preparations to protect life and property should be rushed to completion" in the region. Schools and government offices in Guadeloupe have been ordered shut, while hospitals are stocking up on medicines, food and drinking water.

authorities said in the Guadeloupe capital Marigot. Saint Barthelemy and St Martin islands, both popular holiday destinations, are expected to be especially hard hit. The top French official of the islands, Anne Laubies, said the hurricane posed the greatest threat in 20 years, with more people endangered in flood-prone areas because of a rise in population.

Threat to Florida

The governor of the US state of Florida, Rick Scott, declared a state of emergency, saying Irma posed "a severe threat to the entire state of Florida", barely a week after Harvey claimed at least 42 lives. Long queues of people rushed to get batteries and bottled water, while many cut trees around their dwellings and sought to tie down objects and seal up their windows. A Category Four storm on the Saffir Simpson scale is capable of doing widespread People living on shorelines will be moved to safety, major structural and infrastructure damage. It can easily

tear off roofing, shatter windows, uproot palm trees and turn them into projectiles that can kill people.

Irma is projected to make landfall late yesterday or early today, bringing water levels up to nine feet above normal levels, rainfall of up to 10 inches in areas, and "large and destructive waves," the US National Hurricane Center warned. Category-four strength was the maximum attained by Harvey, which dumped as many as 50 inches of rain in some parts of Houston, turning neighborhoods into lakes and causing material damage estimated at around \$100 billion.

In Puerto Rico, a US territory of 3.5 million, Governor Ricardo Rossello activated the National Guard and announced the opening of storm shelters able to house up to 62,000 people. The major of the Puerto Rican capital San Juan, Carmen Yulin Cruz Soto, ordered 900 municipal employees-police, emergency personnel, and aid and social workers-to report for rotating 12-hour shifts. Even if

Puerto Rico is spared a direct hit, the mayor said, three days of pounding rain will do heavy damage.

US carrier in position

A US aircraft carrier with a field hospital and dozens of aircraft able to conduct rescue or supply missions has been positioned protectively in the area, according to Alejandro de la Campa of the Caribbean division of the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Local press identified the carrier as the USS Kearsarge. Irma's precise path remains unclear. But several projections have it passing over the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba before turning north toward

Florida and then possibly swinging up the US East Coast. Irma is expected to produce total rainfall accumulations of 3 to 6 inches across the islands of the northeastern Caribbean, with isolated maximum amounts of 10 inches across the northern section.—AFP

SYRIA ARMY BREAKS YEARS LONG IS SIEGE ON DEIR EZZOR

DEIR EZZOR, Syria: Syria's army broke a years-long Islamic State group siege on the government enclave of Deir Ezzor city yesterday as it battles to expel the jihadists from a key stronghold. The jihadist group has already lost more than half of its nearby bastion of Ragga to US-backed forces, and the loss of Deir Ezzor city and the surrounding oil-rich province would leave it with only a handful of isolated outposts.

Syria's army and allied fighters, backed by Russian air support, have been advancing towards Deir Ezzor on several fronts in recent weeks, and yesterday arrived inside the Brigade 137 base on its western edge. "The Syrian Arab Army this afternoon broke the siege on Deir Ezzor city after its advancing forces arrived from the western province to Brigade 137," state news agency SANA said.

State media reported celebrations inside the governmentheld parts of the city as the troops arrived. Government forces and tens of thousands of civilians in the city have been trapped under IS siege for over two years, facing food and medical shortages. Early this year, the government-held parts of the city were cut in two by an IS offensive. The army's advance to the Brigade 137 base yesterday breaks the siege on the northern part of the city, to which it is connected by a road.

'Good morning of victory'

But a southern government-held section, including the key military airport, remains surrounded. Government forces are heading towards the southern sector, however, and are currently around 15 kilometers away, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based monitor. Around 100,000 people are believed to be inside government-held areas of Deir Ezzor, with perhaps 10,000 more in parts of the city held by IS.

Earlier yesterday, a local journalist contributing to AFP inside the government-held northern part of Deir Ezzor reported the sound of fierce clashes and heavy artillery as the army approached. He said the national flag had been raised throughout the area in anticipation of celebrations upon the arrival of government soldiers. Some residents, who have faced shortages of food and medicine throughout the siege, had begun greeting each other with "Good morning of victory," he added.

The army still faces a potentially difficult battle to break the siege on the south of the city and free its remaining neighborhoods, and the surrounding province, from IS. But for the government, its success would be "one of the most symbolic victories in its six-year war," wrote Syria analyst Aron Lund in an analysis recently.

"The reopening of the Deir Ezzor road is a strategic disaster for IS, which is now at its weakest since 2014 and seems unable to break out of an accelerating spiral of defeats," he added. IS has lost over half its other Syrian stronghold, the city of Raqa, to an offensive by the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, an alliance of Kurdish and Arab fighters. And in neighboring Iraq, it has lost 90 percent of the territory it once held, including the city of Mosul. — AFP



DEIR EZZOR: Syrian pro-government forces gather in Bir Qabaqib, more than 40 kilometers west of Deir Ezzor, after taking control of the area on their way to Kobajiep in the ongoing battle against Islamic State (IS) group jihadists. — AFP

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YEMEN'S HUTHI REBELS FEAR COUP

SANAA: Yemen's ex-president Ali Abdullah Saleh said the country's Huthi rebels feared a "coup" but that there were no longer any tensions with them, despite strains in the past fortnight. "There is no crisis and conflict at the moment," the 75-year-old strongman said late Monday in an interview on Al-Yemen Al-Yom television, which his party controls. On August 24, hundreds of thousands put on a show of force for Saleh at a rally marking the 35th anniversary of his Arab nationalist General People's Congress (GPC) party.

"There were fears and suspicions that the rally would be a coup" against the Iran-backed Huthis, and "this is what their leaders told us," said the former president. Saleh said Huthi leaders told him there had been "an operation" against them and a GPC plot to "take control of state institutions". In response, Saleh said he had sent two letters to Abdel Malek al-Huthi, head of

the rebel group, to reassure him. "I asked him not to believe the suspicions, and he reacted positively," he added. Cracks emerged in the alliance between Saleh and Huthi after the two publicly accused each other of treason and back-stabbing.

In an unprecedented outbreak of violence between the allies on August 26, a colonel loyal to Saleh and two rebels were killed. Saleh ruled Yemen with an iron fist for more than three decades before stepping down in 2012 after a bloody, year-long uprising. But the strongman retained the loyalty of some of the bestequipped units in the military and later joined forces with the Huthis, after they overran the capital in 2014. The ensuing civil war between the Saudi-backed government and the Huthi-Saleh alliance has killed thousands and brought the Arabian Peninsula country to the brink of famine. —AFP

AID WORKERS FEAR FALLOUT FROM ISRAEL VISA SUSPENSION

JERUSALEM: Israel has suspended granting work visas for new foreign charity workers arriving in the country, humanitarians say, in a move that could impede aid to Palestinians. Dozens of aid workers from major international NGOs have been unable to get work visas or faced delays in recent months, the humanitarians say. Israel says the matter is procedural, but has not found a permanent solution to the issue in more than a year. "This situation could escalate into crippled humanitarian operations," a senior aid worker said.

Israeli officials strongly denied that the delay was intentional, with the social affairs ministry calling any such suggestion a "false accusation". Palestinians are heavily dependent on aid, with more than two-thirds in the beleaguered Gaza Strip reliant upon it, according to the United Nations. Much of it is delivered by international charities, which usually operate through Israel.

Since June, however, no new aid workers have been able to get a B1 work visa, the most common type for foreign NGO workers in the country. This followed similar suspensions from August to December 2016 and from March to April this year. Dozens of aid workers have been affected so far, the humanitarians said, with a number stuck outside the country waiting for their visas to come through.

'They can't replace me'

Others are working illegally on tourist visas, but fear they could be expelled. "A country director who is waiting outside the country for months means timely delivery of aid will be affected," the senior aid worker said. Another aid worker who arrived in Israel in June said she waited two months to hear from the ministry of social affairs to no avail. In August, the aid worker travelled outside Israel and on her return she said authorities told her she had a month to sort out her situation or leave. She expects to leave Israel in the coming days.

"They can't replace me, as any foreigner they bring in will have the same problem," she told AFP on condition of anonymity. The head of the charity's operations in the occupied West Bank is due to arrive in the coming weeks but is expected to face the

need B1 visas approved on a yearly basis, but to do so they need a letter of recommendation from the ministry of social affairs. Without such letters the interior ministry will not issue the visa, but the ministry of social affairs has said it is no longer its responsibility. And the interior ministry has said it could not issue new visas without the letters.

'Important work'

The ministry of social affairs said the delays were due to "ongoing inter-ministerial considerations regarding the applications approval procedure". "We believe the temporal delay will soon end, hopefully with minimal effect on the important work done by aid organizations and NGOs," it said in a statement to AFP. Aid workers said, however, the problem began over a year ago and some expressed concerns the Israeli government is seeking to make their work harder. The ministry of social affairs said they "absolutely and completely deny this false accusation".

Previous delays were resolved when the ministry temporarily returned to the practice of delivering the letters. Early this year, Israel passed a law allowing the interior ministry to ban entry to supporters of a movement boycotting Israel over its occupation of Palestinian territories. The senior aid worker suggested the ministry of social affairs could be wary of giving recommendation letters as it does not have the ability to properly vet individuals.

Israeli officials have accused a number of aid workers of being biased towards the Palestinians and of being manipulated by the Islamist movement Hamas. The Gaza head of the international Christian charity World Vision is on trial in Israel for allegedly providing support to Hamas, which is considered a terrorist organization by Israel, the United States and the European Union. Rights groups also fear their work is being curtailed by the Israeli government, considered the most right-wing in the country's history.

In February, Israel refused a visa for the American country head of Human Rights Watch, accusing the group of being "fundamentally biased" towards the Palestinians. After international condemnation, however, the Israeli government reversed position



TAL AFAR: Fighters of the Hashed al-Shaabi (Popular Mobilization units) ride in a motorcycle as one carries a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) launcher and an Iraqi flag, during their advance in the eastern part of the town of Tal Afar, west of Mosul. —AFP

AFTER STRING OF DEFEATS, IS FACES RETREAT TO THE DESERT SYRIAN GOVT RAPIDLY RECOVERS GROUND LOST TO JIHADISTS

BAGHDAD: Facing a string of defeats in Syria and Iraq, the Islamic State group is being forced to retreat to the desert from which it emerged three years ago. By the end of 2014, the group born in Iraq held one third of the oil-rich country and large swathes of territory in neighboring Syria. But today it has lost 90 percent of its territory in Iraq, including the city of Mosul, while in Syria a US-backed alliance of Kurdish and Arab

New tactics

"This is the area where IS will go underground and use as a launchpad for their insurgency." Commanders in the US-led coalition against IS estimate between 5,000 and 10,000 jihadist fighters and commanders have already fled Raga to the area. "The group has basically transferred all its administrative institutions and assets" there, said Carlino. The region includes key oil

inspecting ID cards of local residents and arresting young men, he said. "IS has planted more spies recently, fearing being compromised just before this expected battle," he added. As the prospect of IS being driven completely from Syria and Iraq nears, attention is turning to what might follow, and in particular the question of relations between minority and majority groups in the two countries.

same predicament. Around 300 international NGO staff, including country heads, and granted the visa. — AFP



NAIROBI: Supporters of Kenya's opposition National Super Alliance (NASA) leader, Raila Odinga celebrate in the streets of Mathare slum in Nairobi. —AFP

fighters has captured over 60 percent of its onetime bastion of Raga.

Syrian government troops meanwhile are eating away at the last province under jihadist control, Deir Ezzor. At one time, the group held around half of Syria, much of it uninhabited desert, but today it controls just 15 percent, according to Syria specialist Fabrice Balanche. Syria's government meanwhile has rapidly recovered ground lost to rebel groups and jihadists and now claims 50 percent of the ravaged country. Kurdish forces hold around 23 percent, according to Balanche.

In Iraq and Syria, "the Islamic State's governance project (is) compromised, but I don't see the Islamic State completely defeated," said Ludovico Carlino, a senior analyst at IHS Markit Country Risk. "From a narrative/propaganda perspective, losing Raqa will have surely big implications," particularly after the fall of Mosul, he said. But he said the Euphrates River Valley, an area of desert stretching from Deir Ezzor province in eastern Syria to Al-Qaim in western Iraq "from a strategic perspective... is much more important."

fields, an increasingly precious resource for IS, which has seen its finances decline enormously from their peak, with both oil revenue and tax collection down.

IS faces attack from several fronts and forces in the area, including the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), Syria's army backed by Russia, and Iraq's army. The jihadists have begun to dig tunnels, plant explosive devices and prepare vehicle bombs, according to the US-led coalition. "The loss of Raqa is already happening. It is the complete recapture of Deir Ezzor by the Syrian army that will be the real turning point," said Balanche.

Inside IS-held parts of the province, that possibility has created new restrictions and tension, according to activists. "They've built military barriers in each neighborhood and alleyway. They've mined the administrative borders to the cities," said Omar Abu Leila, an activist from Deir Ezzor 24, which publishes news on the city.

Lacking food and water

The group has also stepped up patrols,

The SDF has brought together Kurdish and Arab fighters, but it remains to be seen whether the alliance will withstand Kurdish dreams of federalism. And it is unclear whether Syria's government will allow other forces to control parts of the country it has spent six years trying to clear of rebels and jihadists. In Deir Ezzor, civilians in IS-held territory face shortages of food, water and electricity, and are increasingly afraid as the battle approaches, said Abu Leila.

"They are afraid that the SDF will collude with regime forces and hand over the territory from which Daesh was ousted to Assad's forces." he said, using the Arabic acronym for IS. They also fear revenge attacks by government forces or allies, he said. IS mined ethnic and sectarian divisions in both Syria and Iraq to recruit members to its cause, and experts warned the group would profit in the absence of real efforts at reconciliation. And the group will not disappear entirely, said Balanche. "IS will return to the underground. It will carry out terrorist attacks," he said. "Some will leave to pursue jihad elsewhere."—AFP

KENYAN OPPOSITION LEADER ODINGA SETS CONDITIONS TO TAKE PART IN POLL RE-RUN

NAIROBI: Kenyan opposition leader Raila Odinga yesterday sought the sacking of several poll commission officials and set other conditions for taking part in a presidential vote re-run in October after the landmark scrapping of last month's poll won by President Uhuru Kenyatta. On Friday, Supreme Court Chief Justice David Maraga created history in Africa by declaring Kenyatta's victory in the August 8 election "invalid, null and void", citing widespread irregularities in the electronic transmission of vote results.

It was the first time a presidential election result was overturned in the continent and followed three failed bids by the 72year-old Odinga for the presidency-in 1997, 2007 and 2013. "There will be no election on the 17th of October until terms and conditions which we have spelt out in this statement are met," a combative Odinga told reporters. He said the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) had set the new date after only consulting Kenyatta's Jubilee grouping and not his National Super Alliance.

"We find this a contemptuous action," he said. "It is Jubilee that decided on the date and not the IEBC. "A number of the election officials should be sent home and some of them should be investigated and prosecuted for the kind of heinous crimes they committed in the last elections. Their names are known," he said. "These officials should not conduct elections." Odinga said all eight presidential candidates who took part in the earlier poll should be allowed to contest this time as well.

New election no run-off

"This is a not repeat of a presidential election where number 1 and number 2 goes for a run-off," he said. "Therefore any Kenyan eligible to run can run." Odinga said the IEBC had not given the opposition access to its servers despite a Supreme Court injunction and called for a revamp of the system. "Basically by law the technology system that is being used by IEBC should be accessible by law to everyone, all the stakeholders..." he said. "We are not ready to participate in elections on October 17 without legal and constitutional guarantees. Because you cannot do a mistake twice and expect to get different results," Odinga warned.

After the shock ruling, an enraged Kenyatta said he would respect the decision but lashed out at the judges, saying: "Every time we do something a judge comes out and places an injunction. It can't go on like this... there is a problem and we must fix it." The 55-year-old president also branded the judges "hyenas" and "crooks", sparking a strong reaction about his "veiled threats" which they called an "assault on the judiciary." The electoral commission has vowed to make "internal changes" ahead of the new vote, though its chairman, Wafula Chebukati, ruled out resigning himself. — AFP

PALESTINIAN FAMILY EVICTED FROM JERUSALEM HOME OF 50 YEARS

JERUSALEM: Israeli police yesterday evicted a Palestinian family from the east Jerusalem home in which they lived for over half a century, making way for Israelis deemed the legal occupants. Plans for the eviction had been criticized by the European Union, United Nations and various Western governments, though not the United States. Fahamiya Shamasneh, 75, said police arrived unannounced before dawn and forced her out of the house along with her husband Ayoub, 84, their son and his family.

The couple had lived in the house in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of east Jerusalem near the historic Old City for 53 years. An AFP journalist saw young Jewish men moving into the building after the family were escorted out. "It is the hardest day," Fahamiya Shamasneh said tearfully on the street after being evicted. She said she was heating milk for her grandchildren when "they knocked on the door and said 'open its the police'.

"They took us out and threw us outside. "What greater injustice is there than this? Maybe we will sleep in the street." The United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, said it would seek to support the family financially to find another home. The Shamasnehs had for years been fighting a court battle against Jewish claimants who said the building was their family property, which they fled when east Jerusalem was occupied by Jordanian troops in the 1948 war that led to the creation of the Jewish state.

Under Israeli law, if Jews can prove their families lived in east Jerusalem homes before the 1948 war they can demand that Israel's general custodian office release the property and return their "ownership rights". During that war, thousands of Jews fled Jerusalem as Jordanian-led Arab forces seized the city, while hundreds of thousands of Palestinians fled from land that was later to become Israel. No such law exists for Palestinians who lost their land.

Dangerous trend The Shamasnehs say they had paid 250

shekels a month to the general custodian since 1967, an arrangement used by the settlers' side as proof that the family acknowledged its status as tenants. In 2013 the Israeli Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Jewish claimants. Yesterday's eviction was the first in the neighborhood since 2009, according to Israeli antioccupation group Peace Now. Israel sees Jerusalem as its undivided capital, while the Palestinians want the eastern sector as their future capital. —AFP



JERUSALEM: Israeli policemen evict the Palestinian Shamasneh family from their home, in which they lived for over half a century, in the Arab neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah in east Jerusalem. — AFP

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TRUMP'S DECISION ON IMMIGRANTS COULD BEGIN GOP BATTLE

WASHINGTON: A plan President Donald Trump is expected to announce to remove a shield from deportation within six months for young immigrants brought to the country illegally as children is being denounced by some Republicans as the beginning of a "civil war" within the party. Others in the GOP support such a move, but the varying responses serve as an illustration of the potential battles ahead if Trump follows through with his plan, handing a political hot potato to congressional Republicans who have a long history of dropping it.

Two people familiar with Trump's decision making said Sunday that the president was preparing to announce an end to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA program, but with a six-month delay intended to give Congress time to pass legislation that would address the status of the hundreds of thousands of immigrants covered by the program. The White House has said Trump's decision would be announced yesterday. The Justice Department announced late Monday that Attorney General Jeff Session would address the program at a morning briefing.

Trump's decision would come after a long and notably public deliberation. Despite campaigning as an immigration hard-liner, Trump has said he is sympathetic to the plight of the immigrants who came to the US illegally as children and in some cases have no memories of the countries they were born in. But such an approach - essentially kicking the can down the road and letting Congress deal with it- is fraught with uncertainty and political perils that amount, according to one vocal opponent,

to "Republican suicide."

Still other Republicans say they are ready to take on a topic that has proven a non-starter and careerbreaker for decades. "If President Trump makes this decision we will work to find a legislative solution to their dilemma," said Republican Sen. Lindsay Graham. Officials caution that Trump's plan is not yet finalized, and the president, who has been grappling with the issue for months, has been known to change his mind at the last minute ahead of an announcement.

It also remains unclear exactly how a six-month delay would work in practice, including whether the government would continue to process applications under the program, which has given nearly 800,000 young immigrants a reprieve from deportation and the ability to work legally in the country in the form of two-year, renewable permits. House Speaker Paul Ryan and a handful of other Republicans urged Trump last week to hold off on scrapping DACA to give lawmakers time to come up with a legislative fix.

But Congress has repeatedly tried - and failed - to come together on immigration overhaul legislation, and it remains uncertain whether the House would succeed in passing anything on the divisive topic. The House under Democratic control passed a Dream Act in 2010, but it died in the Senate. Since Republicans retook control of the House in late 2010, it has taken an increasingly hard line on immigration. House Republicans refused to act on the Senate's comprehensive immigration bill in 2013. Two years later, a GOP border security bill lan-



WASHINGTON: Julia Paley, of Arlington, Va., with the DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network, dances with a sign that reads 'DACA Don't Destroy Dreamers Dreams' during a rally supporting Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, outside the White House, in Washington. —AP

guished because of objections from conservatives.

Cautionary tale

Many House Republicans represent highly conservative districts, and if the president goes through with the six-month delay - creating a March deadline - the pressure is likely to be amplified as primary races intensify ahead of the 2018 midterm elections. One cautionary tale: the primary upset of House Majority Leader Eric Cantor to a conservative challenger in 2014 in a campaign that cast him as soft on illegal immigration. That loss convinced many House Republicans that pro-immigrant stances could cost them politically. The Obama administration created the DACA program in 2012 as a stopgap as they pushed unsuccessfully for a broader immigration overhaul in Congress. Many Republicans say they opposed the program on the grounds that it was executive overreach. Legislation to legalize the so-called Dreamers has been lingering in Congress for years, with a handful of bills currently pending in the House and Senate. —AP

EUROPE COURT BACKS EMPLOYEE FIRED OVER PRIVATE MESSAGES ECHR RULING TO BECOME LAW IN 47 COUNTRIES

STRASBOURG: Europe's top rights court yesterday restricted the ability of employers to snoop on the private messages of their employees, in a landmark ruling with wide ramifications for privacy in the workplace. The highest body of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) ruled in favor of a 38-year-old Romanian man who claimed his rights had been violated when he was sacked in 2007 for sending private chat messages in the office.

Bogdan Mihai Barbulescu has fought a ten-year legal battle through Romanian and European courts, claiming his privacy had been infringed when his employer accessed intimate exchanges with his fiancee and brother. In a first ruling in January last year, the ECHR found that the snooping was allowed because employers were justified in wanting to verify "that employees were completing their professional tasks during working hours."

But in a review, the 17 most senior judges at the Strasbourg-based court in France found yesterday that Romanian ees' right to privacy.

The judges also found that "an employer's instructions could not reduce private social life in the workplace to zero", meaning that some use of the internet at work for personal reasons was justified. The ruling will become law in the 47 countries that have ratified the European Convention on Human Rights, meaning some members will have to adjust their national legislation.

Sex life exposed

The case revolved around messages sent in 2007 by Barbulescu over the Yahoo messaging platform, which the software engineer was required to use by his bosses to liaise with clients. He was sacked after his employer accused him of using company resources for personal reasons, which violated company policy, and produced 45 pages of his private messages to his fiancee and brother as proof. Barbulescu argued that his employer had invaded his right to privacy by using spyware to access



STRASBOURG: The audience room of the European Court for Human Rights, in Strasbourg, eastern France. — AFP

courts had failed to determine why the group criticized the initial ruling last year,

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in brief

Soldiers among four neo-Nazi terror suspects arrested in UK

LONDON: Some of the four alleged members of a banned British neo-Nazi group arrested yesterday for terror offences are serving soldiers, Britain's defense ministry said. National Action became the first far-right group to be outlawed by the government in December last year, six months after the assassination of lawmaker Jo Cox by a farright sympathizer. The four suspects are being held "on suspicion of being concerned in the commission, preparation and instigation of acts of terrorism," British police said in a statement. Authorities did not name the four but said they were aged between 22 and 32 and came from Birmingham, Ipswich and Northampton in England and Powys in Wales.

Maduro cancels Human Rights Council appearance in Geneva

GENEVA: Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has cancelled a scheduled appearance at the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) next week, a UN spokesman said yesterday, without giving a reason. "Please note that per information the HRC Secretariat just received, President Maduro of Venezuela will not address the Human Rights Council. Instead (Foreign) Minister Arreaza Montserrat has been scheduled to address the Council on the opening day of the session" on Monday, council spokesman Rolando Gomez said in an email. Rights activists had mounted a swift condemnation of the planned appearance by Maduro, who is accused of dismantling democracy in his nation, including a violent crackdown on the opposition.

courts "had not adequately protected Mr Barbulescu's right to respect for his private life and correspondence." In a written judgment, backed by 11 votes to six, they found that previous court rulings had "failed to strike a fair balance between the interests at stake", namely the company's right to check on employees and employthe chat material which included details about his health and sex life.

In their judgment on the court's website, the ECHR judges said yesterday that it was unclear whether Barbulescu had been warned about the monitoring or the risk of the messages being read without his authorization. It also said that Romanian

monitoring measures were justified and whether there were other ways of checking on him "entailing less intrusion" into his private life.

The judges held a hearing on November 30 last year, at which it heard arguments from experts and the European Trade Union Confederation. The union judging it to be too harsh. It recommended that a verbal warning should be the first stage of any disciplinary process with dismissal only possible for repeat offenders or serious misconduct. Experts also say that companies should also have a clear policy governing the use of professional software and the internet during work hours. —AFP

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STRASBOURG: This file photo shows Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev delivering a speech to the Council of Europe parliamentary assembly in Strasbourg, eastern France. — AFP

AZERBAIJAN ELITE RAN \$2.9BN SLUSH FUND

LONDON: Azerbaijan's ruling elite ran a secret 2.5 billion euro slush fund to pay off European politicians and launder money, according to an investigation by a group of European newspapers published yesterday. The fund operated for two years from 2012 to 2014 through bank accounts of four shell companies registered in Britain, according to the investigation by papers including The Guardian and France's Le Monde and published by the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project.

Nicknamed the "Azerbaijan Laundromat", the origin of the fund is unclear "but there is ample evidence of its connection to the family of President Ilham Aliyev", the report said. Authorities in the energy-rich country dismissed claims that the funds were linked to the first family and said the reports were "biased, unfounded and provocative". "They are part of a campaign to smear Azerbaijan," presidential advisor Ali Hasanov said, pointing the finger at arch-foe Armenia and the "global Armenian lobby."

The Guardian said some of the money went to politicians and journalists as part of a "caviar diplomacy" lobbying effort to deflect criticism at a time when the former Soviet state was being accused of arresting rights activists and journalists and of voterigging. "This intensive lobbying operation was so successful that Council of Europe members voted against a 2013 report critical of Azerbaijan," the British newspaper said. Banking records leaked to Danish newspaper Berlingske which sparked the investigation show multiple payments to several former members of the Council's parliamentary assembly, The Guardian said.

Bank systems insufficient

The Council of Europe, Europe's top rights watchdog, said three independent experts were questioning witnesses as part of a probe into any alleged corruption. Top Azeri official Hasanov insisted that foreign politicians, officials and experts "who have friendly feelings towards Azerbaijan" were "having suspicions cast on their activities without any basis." One of Europe's leading banks, Denmark's Danske Bank, processed the payments via its Estonia office.

"At the time our systems and procedures in Estonia were insufficient to ensure that we could not be used for money laundering. We have taken the measures necessary to remedy this," Danske Bank said in March following reports of possible money laundering involving transactions by its Estonian branch in 2011-14, according to The Guardian. It said it had terminated relationships with a number of customers. "We do not want in any way to be used for money laundering or other criminal activity." The four British-registered firms used in the operation have been dissolved, The Guardian said. —AFP

PUTIN BACKS SENDING FORCE TO PROTECT UKRAINE MONITORS

XIAMEN, China: Russian President Vladimir Putin yesterday supported deploying an international force to eastern Ukraine to help protect monitors observing the conflict, but Kiev poured cold water on the plan. "I consider the presence of peacekeepers-one could call them not peacekeepers, but people who ensure the safety of the OSCE mission-to be completely appropriate," Putin told a press conference following a BRICS summit in China. He insisted that any force should only "assure the security" of the unarmed mission from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

It should be restricted to operating on the "demarcation line" between Ukranian troops and Russian-backed rebels, and only deployed once heavy weaponry has been withdrawn, Putin said. The Kremlin chief ordered his foreign ministry to prepare and table a UN Security Council resolution on deploying the force. Some 600 international OSCE observers are on the ground in eastern Ukraine, but their presence has failed to stop fighting in a conflict that has killed 10,000 people since 2014.

Ukraine-which has previously called for UN peacekeepers to be sent in-accuses Russia of being behind the insurgency that

has gripped swathes of its former industrial heartland. Despite overwhelming evidence of its involvement, Moscow continues to deny the allegations by Ukraine and the West. Skeptical officials in Kiev immediately rebuffed Putin's proposal, saying the Kremlin was trying to lock in Russian gains.

"This is a pretty predictable move from Putin-a step towards freezing the conflict," a senior security official told AFP on condition of anonymity. The official said that Moscow only wanted to see forces deployed along the frontline, but was rejecting bolstering controls over its porous border with the rebel-held territories. Ukraine's deputy parliament speaker Iryna Gerashchenko-who is involved in negotiations over the conflict-added that Putin was trying to turn Kiev's plea for an outside force "on its head".

"Peacekeepers must be deployed on all of the territory occupied by Russia," she said on Facebook. A European-brokered peace plan that was put forward in 2015 has hit a wall, with Moscow and Kiev accusing each other of failing to fulfill their obligations. The warring sides on the ground remain locked in a stalemate that sees regular exchanges of deadly artillery fire. —AFP



XIAMEN: Russian President Vladimir Putin attends the Dialogue of Emerging Market and Developing Countries on the sidelines of the 2017 BRICS Summit in Xiamen, southeastern China's Fujian Province. — AFP

Refugee on trial for rape, murder of German student

FREIBURG, Germany: A young refugee who claims to be from Afghanistan went on trial yesterday for the rape and murder of a German student, in a case that shocked the country and reignited tensions over its liberal asylum policy. The accused, identified by the court as Huseen K., was arrested in the southwestern town of Freiburg last December, accused of brutally raping a 19-year-old medical student and leaving her for dead on a river bank seven weeks earlier. An autopsy concluded that the woman had drowned, with the asylum seeker's DNA found at the scene. The crime made headlines nationwide and triggered a fresh wave of anger over Chancellor Angela Merkel's decision to open Germany's borders to refugees at the height of Europe's migrant crisis in 2015.



PHNOM PENH: In this file photo, opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party Deputy President Kem Sokha gestures during a speech at the party headquarters in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.—AP

Cambodia opposition leader charged with treason, espionage

PHNOM PENH: A Cambodian court yesterday charged opposition leader Kem Sokha with treason and espionage over an alleged conspiracy with unnamed foreigners, as strongman premier Hun Sen intensifies his assault on his political enemies. Opponents of Hun Sen, as well as NGOs and the critical press, have increasingly been smothered by court cases and threats before a crucial general election next year. Kem Sokha, 64, a veteran opposition politician who has formally led the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) since March, is accused of conniving in a "secret plan" with foreign entities which began in 1993, according to a court statement. It said evidence of a conspiracy was substantial enough to charge him under the penal code section for "treason and espionage", which carries up to 30 years in jail.



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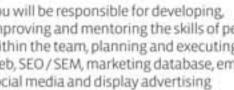
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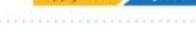


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MODI, XI MEETING ON RELATIONS CONSTRUCTIVE

XIAMEN, China: Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi agreed yesterday their countries need to make more efforts to improve mutual trust and that peace in their border areas was paramount for a positive future relationship, India's foreign secretary said. S Jaishankar told reporters that a more-than-hour-long meeting between the leaders was "constructive about where the relationship should be going and will be going." It was "a very strong affirmation at the leadership level that it is really in the interests of both countries to keep this relationship forward and on an upward trajectory," Jaishankar said.

India last week agreed to pull back troops from the disputed Doklam Plateau high in the Himalayas, where Chinese troops had started constructing a road. The 10-week standoff was the two nations' most protracted in decades, and added to their longstanding strategic rivalry. The plateau is claimed by both China and the tiny kingdom of Bhutan, whose external security is handled by India. It is "natural that between neighbors and large powers that there would be areas of difference, but where there is an area of difference it should be handled with mutual respect and efforts should be made to find common ground in addressing those areas," Jaishankar said.

The two sides agreed that Chinese and Indian defense and security personnel "must maintain strong contacts and cooperation and ensure that the sort of situations which happened recently do not re-occur," he said. 'One of the important points which was made during the meeting was that peace and tranquility in the border areas was a prerequisite for the further development of our relationship and that there should be more effort made to really enhance and strengthen the level of mutual trust between the two sides," Jaishankar said.

Healthy, stable relations

China's official Xinhua News Agency reported that Xi had said "healthy and stable" relations between China and India were in line with "the fundamental interests of their people." China is willing to work with India to improve political mutual trust, promote mutually beneficial cooperation, and "push Sino-Indian ties along a right track," Xinhua quoted him as saying. Xi and Modi met on the sidelines of the summit of the BRICS emerging economies in the southeastern Chinese port city of Xiamen. The BRICS nations are Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The Indian foreign secretary said Beijing and Delhi could help build on their relationship through multilateral institutions like BRICS and the Chinese-backed Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. Progress was made during the BRICS summit on an issue relating to a major point of discord between the two -China's ally and India's archrival, Pakistan. — AP



XIAMEN: In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, left, and China's President Xi Jinping shake hands as they pose for a photo during a meeting on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Xiamen in southeastern China's Fujian Province. — AP



COX'S BAZAR: A Rohingya family reaches the Bangladesh border after crossing a creek of the Naf river on the border with Myanmmar, in Cox's Bazar's Teknaf area. — AP

CRISIS LOOMS AS NEARLY 125,000 **REFUGEES FLOOD INTO BANGLADESH** Refugee Arrival raises fears of humanitarian disaster

COX'S BAZAR: Nearly 125,000 mostly Rohingya refugees have entered Bangladesh since a fresh upsurge of violence in Myanmar on August 25, clearing forest to create new settlements. There is the United Nations said yesterday, as fears grow

ing. "People are staying in refugee camps, on the roads, school yards and under open sky. They are an acute crisis of water and food," he said.

landmine blast as they tried to flee unrest in Myanmar, border guard commander Manzurul Hasan Khan said. "They stepped onto some sort of explosives this morning and one of them lost his leg," Khan said. The incident came after a Rohingya woman had a leg blown off in the same area on Monday, raising fears that the border area had been deliberately mined. It is not known what caused the blast, which he said was well inside Myanmar territory, but Khan said he believed it was a landmine. All three have been taken to hospitals in Cox's Bazar, the nearest city to the border, where hundreds of thousands of Rohingya-a stateless Muslim minority-have taken shelter in camps. Khan said many Rohingya were also entering Bangladesh with bullet wounds, although it was impossible to say how these were sustained as media access to the worst-hit parts of Myanmar's neighboring Rakhine is limited. Rakhine has been a crucible of religious violence since 2012, when riots erupted. Scores of Rohingya were killed and tens of thousands of people-most of them from the Muslim minoritywere forced into displacement camps. But the current round of fighting, which broke out when Rohingya militants ambushed security installations, is the worst yet. Myanmar's army has said nearly 400 people have died in the fighting that ensued, including 370 Rohingya militants. — AFP

SLOW JUSTICE AS DRUG WAR RAGES IN PHILIPPINES

MANILA: Accused murderer Manuel Cerna has languished in a Philippine jail for 15 years without a verdict, one of countless inmates enduring interminable trials that are expected to get longer as an unrelenting drug war overwhelms the courts. A notoriously slow and under-resourced judicial system has seen a "tidal wave" of new cases as police have conducted a nationwide crime crackdown in response to President Rodrigo Duterte's order to eradicate all illegal drugs from Philippine society.

The case of Cerna, 60, who almost died of tuberculosis in one of the nation's most overcrowded jails as his hearings dragged on, is not unusual in that his time in jail while on trial is close to reaching the minimum sentence. "I get depressed. Some others here committed suicide because their wives left them. They lost all hope of freedom," Cerna said in the Manila jail surrounded by rusting barbed wire and the stench of rotting food

So-called "decader" inmates-because they have spent 10 years or more behind bars while on trial-are a symptom of a deeply flawed justice system that helped fuel Duterte's rise to the presidency last year. Duterte won the elections on a brutal law-and-order platform, promising swift justice chiefly by killing tens of thousands of criminals and a no-mercy stance on convicted criminals who he said could not be rehabilitated.

Duterte's police have indeed shot dead thousands of people as they have scoured slums hunting drug traffickers and addicts, leading rights groups to express alarm at what they say are a wave of extrajudicial killings. This has undoubtedly avoided many trials. But another 96,700 people have also been arrested as part of the drug to pressure on jails that were already nearly six times more crowded than they were built for.

Defendants often have to wait months between hearings, only for the session to be delaved because a judge is sick, a prosecutor fails to show up or a lawyer has another engagement. Sometimes the case gets reassigned to a new judge and the whole process starts from scratch. In other cases, public attorneys assigned to defend poor suspects change jobs without handing over crucial documents to their replacement, or worse, files get lost, and again the defendant is back at square one.

Vicious cycle

"There is a tidal wave flooding the judiciary. (But) there is no attendant increase in the number of courts, judges, prosecutors and public attorneys," Raymund Narag, assistant professor at Southern Illinois University in the United States, said. "Extrajudicial killings are justified for Filipinos because of the failure of the criminal justice system. It becomes a vicious cycle." Trials nationwide last an average of six to 10 years, according to prominent human rights lawyer Jose Manuel Diokno. A Supreme Court task force on prison decongestion last year also said "an innocent man is jailed for at least five years before he is eventually acquitted".

One of the key problems is simply a lack of courts, prosecutors and judges. There are just 2,600 criminal, civilian and other types of courts for a population of 100 million, Supreme Court administrator Midas Marquez said. Thirty percent of those courts have no judges, according to Marquez's office. This leaves the others with impossible tasks, with judges having

of a humanitarian crisis in the overstretched camps. The UN said 123,600 had crossed the border in the past 11 days from Myanmar's violencewracked Rakhine state. Their arrival has raised fears of a fresh humanitarian disaster as already crowded camps in Bangladesh-home to around 400,000 Rohingya refugees before the latest crisis-struggle to cope with the influx.

Many are sleeping in the open air and are in dire need of food and water after walking for days to reach safety, the UN's main coordinator in Bangladesh said in a report. "There is an urgent need for emergency shelters and for land to build these shelters on," said Vivian Tan, spokeswoman for the UN refugee agency. "These people have walked for days. Some of them haven't eaten for days since they left. They survived on rain water and ground water."

Bangladesh initially tried to block the refugees, stepping up border patrols and pushing some back into Myanmar. But in recent days they appear to have largely given up trying to prevent an influx that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said yesterday was a "big burden" for Bangladesh. Bangladeshi rights campaigner Nur Khan Liton said a "massive humanitarian crisis" was unfold-

Decades of persecution

The latest unrest broke out when a Rohingya militant group launched a series of coordinated ambushes on Myanmar security posts in response to what it said was a fresh crackdown. The Muslim Rohingya are seen as illegal immigrants in mainly Buddhist Myanmar and have suffered decades of persecution, according to rights groups.

Unverifiable testimony from those who have fled has alleged tit-for-tat mass killings and villages being torched by the army, Buddhist mobs and Rohingya militants. At least 11,000 Rakhine Buddhists and Hindus have also fled arson and attacks by militants to camps inside Myanmar, according to the last government update. Last week the World Food Program said it was suspending aid in Rakhine state as the humanitarian situation deteriorated

Landmines

Bangladesh border officials say those fleeing are also facing the risk of landmines on the frontier between the two countries. Yesterday, two Rohingya children were injured by an apparent war since Duterte came to power, according to the presidential spokesman, adding

to handle up to 5,000 cases at any one time, Marquez said. — AFP



MANILA: Eva Arnaiz, left, the mother of a teenager who was killed in an alleged shootout with police, grieves during his burial ceremony in Manila, Philippines. —AP

AUSTRALIA SAME-SEX MARRIAGE VOTE FACES LEGAL CHALLENGE

SYDNEY: Same-sex marriage advocates launched legal action in Australia's highest court yesterday against a controversial government plan for a postal vote on the issue, calling it divisive and harmful. Polls indicate popular support in Australia for marriage equality, but a standoff has dragged on for more than a decade amid political wrangling over the best way to decide the matter. After parliament's upper house, the Senate, last year rebuffed plans for a national plebiscite involving 15 million people, the government opted for a voluntary postal ballot, with papers due to be sent out next week.

Both options are strongly opposed by gay marriage advocates, who argue that a national vote is expensive and will subject gay people and their families to hate speech. If the ballot goes ahead and a majority of Australians vote "yes", the government would hold a free vote in parliament on the issue, with MPs not bound by party policy or the postal ballot's result. If there is a "no" outcome, there would be no parliamentary vote. Anna Brown, from the Human Rights Centre which is representing advocacy group Australian Marriage Equality and Greens senator Janet Rice in the legal action, said she was confident the Melbourne court would rule the vote invalid.

"The postal plebiscite is unnecessary

and is already proving divisive and harmful. LGBTI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex) groups strongly oppose the plebiscite and so do we," she said. "Telling one group of people that their rights have to be decided by a public vote sends a terrible message." It is one of two legal challenges being heard by the court, both essentially seeking the same thing. The other, launched last month and being heard alongside yesterday's challenge, is led by Independent MP Andrew Wilkie, PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), and Melbourne mother Felicity Marlowe.

Opponents claim the survey falls outside the powers of the Australian Bureau of Statistics, which has been hired to conduct the poll. They also say Canberra exceeded its executive authority by earmarking Aus\$122 million (US\$96 million) to carry it out without parliamentary approval. The government argues it can authorize using the cash under laws that allow it to green-light "urgent" and "unforeseen" spending.

"Our case is very tight," Wilkie told reporters. "It's very much about the power of the executive and whether or not a government has the right to conduct this sort of activity without the approval of the parliament." The government is expected to make its case on Wednesday, with legal experts saying a result is possible later this week. —AFP

AFGHANISTAN TO DOUBLE SPECIAL FORCES IN FIGHT AGAINST TALEBAN

CAMP MOREHEAD: Commandos armed with RPG-7 rocket launchers aim at a tank hundreds of meters away, fresh recruits to Afghanistan's most skilled fighting force-an elite group whose growing strength, US generals say, worries the Taleban. These new members of Afghanistan's Special Operations Command (SOC) will soon be on the frontline of the war that US President Donald Trump has vowed "to

win" by putting more American boots on the ground indefinitely.

Camp Morehead, a former Soviet base near Kabul, is one of two training bases where the commandos are drilled by Afghan instructors in a program overseen by US-led international forces. "We are hunters, you know. What I'm saying to you is we are killers, we are looking for the bad people to kick them in their arse,"



KABUL: In this photograph, Afghan National Army (ANA) female soldiers use rifles on a range during a live firing exercise at the Kabul Military training centre (KMTC) on the outskirts of Kabul. — AFP

one of the commandos, who cannot be identified, told reporters recently at the secondary training base.

While the SOC-which also includes top special forces-account for about seven percent of the Afghanistan National Defense and Security Forces, they have been deployed in nearly 80 percent of offensives and emerged victorious each time, they say-a claim supported by US and foreign forces. But as the Taleban gain ground across the country and Islamic State group expands its footprint, there are concerns the fighters are becoming physically exhausted.

"It's true they are tired. They are currently fighting on behalf of the world" against multiple militant groups, said General Dawlat Waziri, spokesman for the defense ministry. Earlier this year Afghan President Ashraf Ghani ordered a near doubling of their ranks from 17,000 as part of a four-year roadmap that also aims to strengthen Afghanistan's air force. At Camp Morehead, also previously used by the Taleban as a training ground, commandos are put through several months of training before being sent into battle.

From Kunduz province in the north to Helmand province in the southwest they defend villages threatened by the Taliban and-their specialty-launch night raids on insurgent hideouts. "You better be in good condition. During the week of selection they had to run around with a 25-kilogramme bag and return," said an Afghan sergeant. —AFP



PUTIN WARNS OF 'GLOBAL CATASTROPHE'

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But Putin made clear that Russia was opposed to further interdictions, and while China-North Korea's patron and closest political and economic partner has yet to be drawn on the issue, it tends to resist placing pressure on Pyongyang.

'Planetary catastrophe'

Putin, speaking after an international gathering in China, said Russia condemned North Korea's "provocative" actions. But he called for dialogue and warned against other actions that could escalate the crisis. "Resorting to just any sanctions in this situation is useless and inefficient," he told reporters in the Chinese city of Xiamen following a summit of the five-nation BRICS club of emerging economies."All of this can lead to a global planetary catastrophe and a great number of victims."

World powers are scrambling to react to the latest ominous advance in the North's rogue weapons program, which has sent global tensions soaring. US President Donald Trump has approved in principle the sale of "many billions of dollars' worth of military weapons and equipment" for South Korea, the White House said Monday. South Korea said it fired a volley of ballistic missiles on Monday to simulate an attack on the North's nuclear test site, followed yesterday by major live-fire drills at sea.

At an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council, US Ambassador Nikki Haley said Washington would present a new sanctions resolution for debate in the coming days. Declaring that "enough is enough," Haley said existing measures not worked and accused North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un of "begging for war" with the country's sixth and most powerful nuclear test. Seoul estimated the blast's yield at 50 kilotons, more than three times the size of the bomb detonated over Hiroshima in 1945.

Haley did not spell out what measures Washington was seeking, but diplomats said it could target oil supplies to North Korea-potentially dealing a major blow to its economy. In a phone call with Putin on Monday, South Korean president Moon Jae-In-who travels to Russia today-told him it was time for the Security Council to "seriously review" the suspension of crude oil supplies to the North, and the export of its workers, many of whom are sent to Russia to earn funds for Pyongyang.

New sanctions could also seek to curb tourism to the country. The most recent measures, imposed last month following Pyongyang's July firing of two intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) that apparently brought much of the US mainland into range, zeroed in on the economy. They targeted key exports such as coal that are a source of foreign currency for the regime. Seoul has said the North could be planning another missile test. At the Security Council meeting, China's ambassador Liu Jieyi warned that the crisis was worsening and emphasized the need for dialogue and a diplomatic solution. "China will never allow chaos and war on the (Korean) peninsula," he asserted.

Liu urged the parties to agree to a Chinese-Russian plan calling for the North to freeze its missile and nuclear tests and the United States and South Korea to suspend joint military exercises. Haley rejected the proposal as "insulting." "When a rogue regime has a nuclear weapon and an ICBM pointed at you, you do not take steps to lower your guard. No one would do that. We certainly won't," she declared. Haley reiterated US threats to impose sanctions on countries that trade with North Korea.

That could have major reverberations: China is the largest trading partner of both the North and the United States. South Korea's defense ministry said it was already strengthening its defenses, in part by deploying more US-made Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) missile launchers. The North says it needs nuclear weapons to defend itself, and analysts say it is seeking to strengthen its hand for any future negotiations with Washington. — AFP

KUWAIT AND US TO HOLD FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND...

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The cooperation in the fight against terror would be top on the summit's agenda, he said, adding that Kuwait is a main partner to the US in the war on terror.

The Ambassador stated that second round of strategic Kuwaiti-US dialogue would be held in Washington on Friday. First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah would head Kuwait's side in the event which is meant to push political, military, security, trade and culture cooperation to new high. This historic visit signals the start of new chapter in bilateral relations as the leaders of the two countries are seeking to lay foundations for a more developed relations in the coming 25 years, he concluded.

HH the Amir's visit to US and his meeting with President Trump highlight the shared desire to deepen cooperation to secure the Gulf region and beyond. The visit that falls in the framework of the multi-faceted strategic partnership aims to follow up the existing programs of cooperation and discuss regional and international issues of common concern.

It gains additional importance given the new challenges in the Gulf region and the two sides' profound understanding of the crises in the Arab region. Kuwait and US share the desire to stabilize the region through political means and realize the right priorities of restoring security and stability

and combating terrorism. The strategic partnership came to the fore following the US spearheading of the international coalition to liberate Kuwait from the Iraqi invasion (between August 2, 1990 and February 28, 1991).

The coalition, put into motion by former US president George HW Bush on August 7, 1990, and the US-led military campaign to liberate Kuwait on February 24-28, 1991, constituted a turning point in the Kuwaiti-US relationship. Since then the relations have been growing and both sides have showed keenness on promoting regional security and economic prosperity and combating terrorism and extremism.

Kuwait is held in high esteem in the eyes of the US due to Kuwait's growing role in addressing humanitarian disasters and economic problems worldwide as well as promotion of tolerance and coexistence among people with different cultures. President Trump invited His Highness the Amir to visit the US in recognition of Kuwait's status as a model democracy in the region, and the exemplary humanitarian role of His Highness the Amir.

Recognizing the humanitarian leadership of His Highness the Amir, the former UN secretary-general Ban Ki-moon hosted a ceremony in New York, on September 9, 2014, to pay his "deepest tribute" to His Highness the Amir and thank him and the people of Kuwait for their "outstanding generosity towards" the victims of man-made and natural disasters around the globe. — Agencies

NEW QATAR PORT AIMS TO BREAK THE BOYCOTT

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Qatar previously relied on neighboring Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates for food imports. But as part of the sanctions, Saudi Arabia sealed its land border with Qatar. Turkey and Saudi Arabia's arch-rival Iran have

since stepped in to help meet Qatar's food needs. The Hamad Port is located on Qatar's south eastern coast, around an hour's drive from Doha. It has a capacity of 1.7 million tons of general freight and one million tons of grain, according to Mwani Qatar, the country's port management company. — AFP

SAMSUNG NOTE 8 GIVES ITS STYLUS - FOR A PRICE

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usually goes, so 4.20 euros became 420 euros, or about \$500. The dollar is getting weaker, but it's not that bad.

Digital doodling

You can now handwrite text messages, instead of just typing them. Messages are sent as animated GIF files, so your friends can see your exact strokes, even if they don't have a Note 8. Those who already pepper messages with emojis and other embellishments might like it.

Camera and more

Beyond the stylus, the Note 8 mostly matches features introduced in Samsung's S8 phones this past spring. This includes an "infinity display," in which the 6.3-inch screen runs up to the edge, giving the phone more display without feeling much bigger. The fingerprint sensor is on the

back, as with the S8, though it's now farther from the camera lenses to reduce smudge. And yes, that's lenses. The Note 8 has a second lens on the back, with twice the magnification, matching Apple's iPhone 7 Plus. This permits software tricks that blur out the background, though conditions have to be just right. I find the second lens more useful for zoom.

Waiting for apple

Apple is expected to announce new iPhones next week, including an anniversary edition that, according to published reports, will include a similar edge-less display, as well as a color-boosting screen technology called OLED, something Samsung has long used. Apple users will probably want to stick with that and avoid having to buy new apps for Android. Current Note users, though, may want the Note 8, as Apple isn't likely to include a stylus. And because of the Note 7 recall, the current Note models are getting old. — AP

OMAN SEEKS TO MOVE ECONOMY BEYOND OIL

DUQM: In the remote desert along Oman's southern maritime trade routes but the fact that it lies outside the coast, construction machines hired by a Chinese consortium are levelling an expanse of pale orange sand - a first step towards billions of dollars of investment. Over the past year the Chinese have become key to Oman's effort to transform Duqm, a fishing village 550 km south of Muscat, into an industrial centre that will help the country diversify its economy beyond oil and gas exports.

In a pattern seen across much of the Middle East, the economic interests of the Omani and Chinese governments are coinciding in ways that promise a surge of Chinese capital into the region over the next few years. Oman's state finances have been hit hard by low oil prices, so it is scrambling to attract foreign money for new industrial zones that will create jobs for Omanis whom the government can no longer afford to employ.

Duqm is its biggest such project. For China, the project is a potential success in its Belt and Road Initiative, a government-backed drive to win trade and investment deals along routes linking China to Europe. Duqm, which lies on the Arabian Sea, is a potential operating dase for Chinese dusinesses near export markets which they want to develop in the Gulf, the Indian subcontinent and East Africa. Duqm is also close to some of the raw materials which Chinese companies will need for that purpose: the oil and gas resources of the Gulf. The result could be a bonanza for Duqm. Eventually, Chinese firms aim to invest up to \$10.7 billion there, said Ali Shah, chief executive of Oman Wanfang, the Chinese consortium. If that figure materializes - which is by no means certain, given the multi-year time frame and the many pressures on Chinese companies - it will be equivalent to over half of Oman's current stock of foreign direct investment. "Dugm isn't like Jeddah or like Dubai. It's still new, it needs time to develop. But we at Wanfang are thinking the future for Duqm will be better than those cities inside the Gulf," Ali Shah said. Duqm is marketing its location as a major attraction - not only its proximity to

Strait of Hormuz, which could insulate it from conflict if regional tensions rise.

As recently as 2009, China accounted for less than 1 percent of the stock of foreign direct investment in the Middle East, according to ChinaMed, a research operation at Italy's Torino World Affairs Institute. Partly because of Belt and Road, that is changing fast; the ratio rose above 5 percent in 2015. China was the top foreign investor in the Arab world in 2016, pledging \$29.5 billion of new money, according to Kuwait's Arab Investment and Export Credit Guarantee Corp. The United States, the second biggest investor, accounted for \$7 billion. The zone around Duqm already features a port and a dry dock, and is to include an oil refinery, built partly with Kuwaiti money, and petrochemical plants.

Oman Wanfang plans to develop over 11 square kilometers, making the Chinese Dugm's largest prospective foreign tenants by far. Their first facility, a \$138 million complex to store building materials and distribute them around the region, is to be completed within 18 months. Plans for a further nine Chinese facilities, including a \$2.8 billion methanol plant, pipe factories, an \$84 million vehicle assembly plant and a \$203 million hotel, have been agreed in principle and are to be completed within five years. Oman has been trying to attract capital for Duqm from many nations. It had been hoping in particular for investment from Iran, with which it has close diplomatic ties, but Iran's economy is struggling. In January 2016 its top auto maker, Iran Khodro Industrial Group, agreed to study a proposal for a \$200 million auto plant in Duqm, but no progress has been disclosed since then. For now at least, that leaves the Chinese as Duqm's best bet. Oman Wanfang is a consortium of six Chinese firms, many from the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region in north-central China, an area with a large Muslim population that is active in promoting business ties with Arab nations. — Reuters

GCC-BORN WOMEN STRIVE TO FIND WORK

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Since 2011, Saudi authorities, just like other GCC countries, have imposed quotas on employers for Saudi citizens, in a bid to curb unemployment in a country where more than half the population is under the age of 25. Among the nine million foreigners is Nour, who was fretting over a table setting at the restaurant where she had a temp job during the Muslim hajj pilgrimage to the Makkah, where she shares a flat with 10 of her family members.

With a mischievous smile, she scrolls through pictures on her cell phone of the trendy outfits and makeup she wears under her nigab: jeans, lipstick, red pumps. But she does not hide the fact that she is ready to leave. "Where, I do not care," she said. "A country that gives me my rights." Samia, a 27-year-old Somali, is likewise unemployed, and likewise does not beat around the bush when it comes to

western city of Makkah, which ended on Monday

Nour's father came to Saudi Arabia from Ethiopia to study Islamic law and start a family. While she was born in the country, the 24-year-old said she lives in "constant fear of being arrested along with my husband and family" as she has no work permit. But what she does have is a profession she loves: Nour is an underground beautician. "It takes me about 20 minutes to do a full face now," she said, adding that she can only work with clients she knows personally and can trust. "Which is good, because I can do multiple clients in a day."

'Downgrading our own rights'

While it is not technically impossible to obtain citizenship in Gulf countries, the process is long, complex and unlikely to succeed. Hafsa still struggles to adjust to life in a country she feels is still not her own, decades after her parents arrived from Somalia in search of a better life. She has settled into her daily routine in

her experience trying to secure steady income for her and her young son.

For 20 years, Samia's mother worked as a school janitor in Saudi Arabia. Her father, who is deceased, was an accountant under the kingdom's controversial kafala system. Under kafala, or "sponsorship", foreign workers' legal standing is directly tied to their employers who are granted what Human Rights Watch describes as "excessive power over workers that facilitates abuse".

Rights groups including HRW have long denounced the system, under which an employee cannot find a new job without the current employer's consent, as modern slavery. "Saudis would not be able to do the jobs that we do. They are not willing to work," said Samia. "In Egypt, for example, my son could go to a better school and I could go back to college. Here, because we do not want to put our families at risk, we end up downgrading our own rights," added the divorced mother-of-one. "If I have no future here, why would my son?" — AFP



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AFTER STRING OF DEFEATS, THE ISLAMIC STATE FACES RETREAT TO THE DESERT

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By Sarah Benhaida with Maya Gebeily

acing a string of defeats in Syria and Iraq, the Islamic State group is being forced to retreat to the desert from which it emerged three years ago. By the end of 2014, the group born in Iraq held one third of the oil-rich country and large swathes of territory in neighboring Syria. But today it has lost 90 percent of its territory in Iraq, including the city of Mosul, while in Syria a US-backed alliance of Kurdish and Arab fighters has captured over 60 percent of its one-time bastion of Raqqa. Syrian government troops meanwhile are eating away at the last province under jihadist control, Deir Ezzor.

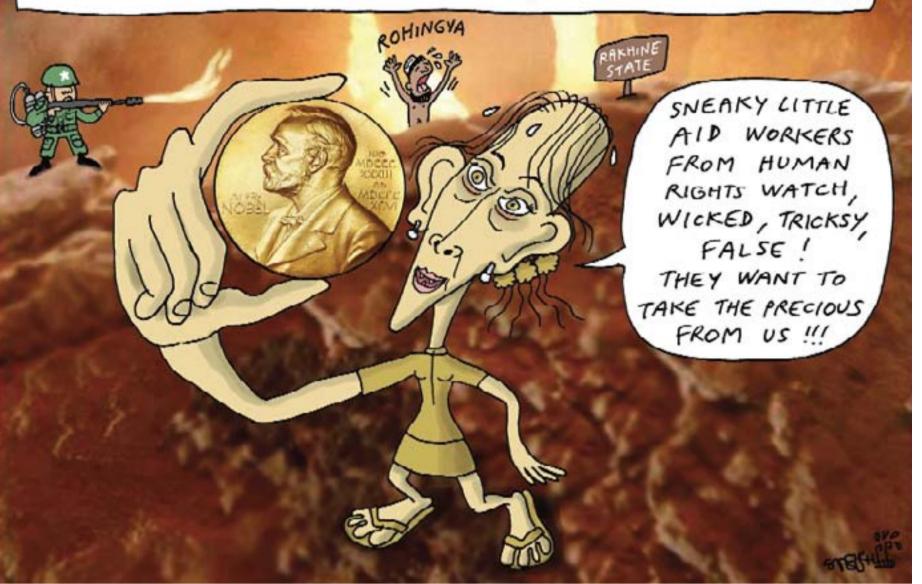
At one time, the group held around half of Syria, much of it uninhabited desert, but today it controls just 15 percent, according to Syria specialist Fabrice Balanche. Syria's government meanwhile has rapidly recovered ground lost to rebel groups and jihadists and now claims 50 percent of the ravaged country. Kurdish forces hold around 23 percent, according to Balanche.

In Iraq and Syria, "the Islamic State's governance project (is) compromised, but I don't see the Islamic State completely defeated," said Ludovico Carlino, a senior analyst at IHS Markit Country Risk. "From a narrative/propaganda perspective, losing Raqqa will have surely big implications," particularly after the fall of Mosul, he said. But he said the Euphrates River Valley, an area of desert stretching from Deir Ezzor province in eastern Syria to Al-Qaim in western Iraq "from a strategic perspective... is much more important."

New tactics

"This is the area where IS will go underground and use as a launchpad for their insurgency." Commanders in the US-led coalition against IS estimate between 5,000 and 10,000 jihadist fighters and commanders have already fled Raga to the area. "The group has basically transferred all its administrative institutions and assets" there, said Carlino. The region includes key oil fields, an increasingly precious resource for IS, which has seen its finances decline enormously from their peak, with both oil revenue and tax collection down. IS faces attack from several fronts and forces in the area, including the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), Syria's army backed by Russia, and Iraq's army. The jihadists have begun to dig tunnels, plant explosive devices and prepare vehicle bombs, according to the US-led coalition. "The loss of Ragga is already happening. It is the complete recapture of Deir Ezzor by the Syrian army that will be the real turning point," said Balanche. Inside IS-held parts of the province, that possibility has created new restrictions and tension, according to activists. "They've built military barriers in each neighborhood and alleyway. They've mined the administrative borders to the cities," said Omar Abu Leila, an activist from Deir Ezzor 24, which publishes news on the city.

THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE GAVE TO AUNG SAN SUU KYI UNNATURAL LONG POLITICAL LIFE BUT FOR TOO MANY YEARS, IT POISONED HER MIND ...



BUDDHISTS AND HINDUS FLEE MYANMAR'S SECTARIAN CLASHES

Willage chief San Tun's remote Mro tribe used to get by foraging in the Myanmar jungle, living among the patchwork of ethnic groups who co-existed imperfectly in Rakhine state. But last month murder visited his community. An attack on his people, allegedly by Muslim Rohingya militants, was the catalyst for the worst round of fighting the region has ever seen, forcing them to flee death, arson and suspicion. San Tun says Rohingya militants killed eight villagers as they were out foraging, including his brother and oldest son, on August 3.

Following the deaths a build-up of security forces in northern Rakhine sent tensions soaring. Heavy fighting broke out three weeks later between Islamist militants and security forces, causing some 73,000 Rohingya Muslims to flee west into Bangladesh, bringing with them harrowing tales of rape and murder at the hands of the military and Buddhist mobs. But a smaller and similarly terrified stream of civilians from Rakhine's Buddhist and Hindu communities-some 11,000 — have headed in the opposite direction, their lives also upended by neighbour turning on neighbour.

The Mro, a forest-dwelling and mainly Buddhist tribe who live on Myanmar's border with Bangladesh, are among them, fleeing the latest round of violence in which they had played an inadvertent central role. "We Mro used to live on the forests and mountains, our only business was farming since the time of our ancestors," San Tun, 46, told AFP earlier this week in a government-controlled village outside Maungdaw, the main town in northern Rakhine to which many Buddhists and Hindus have escaped. "Now we have no security," he lamented. to Sittwe, Rakhine's state capital. She has not heard from him since. "I was just worried for my grandchildren," she said in the grounds of a Buddhist monastery where many refugees had gathered to wash what little clothing they had with them and rest.

"We just ran, we didn't think about anything other than our safety. But now I am very worried for my husband. He is old." Some of those gathered in Sittwe said it was not the first time they had been forced to flee because of sectarian fighting. "This is the third time I have left my village," said San Mae, a 52-year-old Rakhine Buddhist. She first fled Baw Di Kone village in 2012 when sectarian riots coursed through Rakhine, killing more than 100 people and forcing some 120,000 people, mostly Rohingya, into internal camps. Violence broke out again in 2015.

'We were once brothers'

But the current round of fighting is the worst Rakhine has ever experienced. For the first time, the state's small Hindu population has found itself targeted. Last week an AFP reporter visited a hospital in Maungdaw where the

bullet-riddled bodies of six Hindu construction workers had been brought. Survivors said the group had been ambushed by Rohingya militants. "We came here for a while because Muslims were causing disturbances," Chaw, a 50-year-old Hindu woman in Maungdaw said. "But we do not know where we will go if the situation gets any worse." Rohingya refugees crossing into Bangladesh have confirmed that some of their men have stayed behind to join ARSA and fight Myanmar's military, often wielding little more than sticks and swords.

Analysts long warned that decades of state-sanctioned restrictions and persecution of the Rohingya risked fostering militancy among a Muslim minority that had largely eschewed violence. But support for the militants is far from universal, with some Rohingya left in Rakhine saying they were furious the attacks have poured fuel on the flames of Myanmar's already vitriolic anti-Muslim tensions. "We do not want terrorists," a Muslim Rohingya from the village of Maungni said. "We will cooperate with the ethnic Rakhine (Buddhists)," he added. "We used to be like family and brothers before this."— AFP

Lacking food and water

The group has also stepped up patrols, inspecting ID cards of local residents and arresting young men, he told AFP. "IS has planted more spies recently, fearing being compromised just before this expected battle," he added. As the prospect of IS being driven completely from Syria and Iraq nears, attention is turning to what might follow, and in particular the question of relations between minority and majority groups in the two countries. The SDF has brought together Kurdish and Arab fighters, but it remains to be seen whether the alliance will withstand Kurdish dreams of federalism. And it is unclear whether Syria's government will allow other forces to control parts of the country it has spent six years trying to clear of rebels and jihadists.

In Deir Ezzor, civilians in IS-held territory face shortages of food, water and electricity, and are increasingly afraid as the battle approaches, said Abu Leila. "They are afraid that the SDF will collude with regime forces and hand over the territory from which Daesh was ousted to Assad's forces," he said, using the Arabic acronym for IS. They also fear revenge attacks by government forces or allies, he said. IS mined ethnic and sectarian divisions in both Syria and Iraq to recruit members to its cause, and experts warned the group would profit in the absence of real efforts at reconciliation. And the group will not disappear entirely, said Balanche. "IS will return to the underground. It will carry out terrorist attacks," he said. "Some will leave to pursue jihad elsewhere."— AFP

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Tit for tat

Rakhine, Myanmar's poorest state, has become a crucible of religious hatred focused on the Rohingya, who are reviled and perceived as illegal immigrants in the Buddhistmajority country. The Rohingya militant group fighting Myanmar's military since last October the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) — said the coordinated ambushes they launched on August 25 were in response to the fresh security crackdown on their kin. San Tun said many of his Mro people-who number between 20,000 and 40,000 had to leave everything behind as they sought sanctuary in government-held areas, fearful Rohingya militants would target them again. Now in relative safety his thoughts turned to the village livestock and ripe paddy fields they were forced to abandon.

"There is no one left to feed them, I think our pigs will have died," he said. Han Thein, an ethnic Rakhine Buddhist, said her village of Khan Thaya was one of the places ambushed by Rohingya militants on August 25. They spent the night hiding out in nearby forest. After the fighting died down, her 62-year-old husband returned to see if he could salvage anything. But Ha Thein decided to press on



A Rohingya child is carried on a sling while his family walks through rice fields after crossing the border into Bangladesh near Cox's Bazar's Teknaf area yesterday. — AP

GHOST CITIES HAUNT STABILITY DREAM IN FAR WEST CHINA

By Ben Dooley

The future of economic development in China's far western Xinjiang region lies behind the shattered glass door of a welcome centre on the outskirts of

the ancient Silk Road city of Kashgar. Inside, a dusty model depicts a modern urban development with wide, tree-lined boulevards and a pair of twin skyscrapersbut outside the project remains a ghost town reflecting Beijing's struggle to bring prosperity to the restless region.

Dubbed "Shenzhen City" after the bustling southern port city that financed it, the more than 200,000 square metre development is part of a government project to stabilize Xinjiang with massive economic stimulus. Beijing has paired promises of wealth with strict controls on personal and religious freedoms in an effort to quell ethnic strife between the country's Han Chinese majority and the region's mostly Muslim Uighur minority. But outside the welcome centre, where a broken LED sign flashed out an investment hotline number like an SOS, the plan for a vibrant oasis on the western edge of the Taklamakan desert stood like a mirage.

The landmark buildings' half-finished silhouettes jut out of a rubble-strewn construction site, surrounded by withered trees and grass. Several such ambitious projects around Kashgar have stagnated despite government plans to bring the poverty-stricken region's economy on par with the rest of the nation. To do so, Shenzhen and 18 of the country's other wealthiest cities and provinces have been required to pump a fraction of their GDP into Xinjiang under a "pairing assistance" program.

The rationale is "if you can improve people's economic conditions, they will become less politically restive," said Enze Han, a lecturer on politics at the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies. But "if you look at the ground, the story in Xinjiang is a failure," he said.

'Pairing assistance' -

In 2010, a year after deadly riots in Xinjiang's capital Urumqi killed around 200 people, authorities rolled out the "pairing assistance" programme to raise the region's per capita GDP to the national average within five years. By the end of 2015, cities such as Beijing and Shanghai had invested some \$8.5 billion in the region, according to the official Xinhua news agency. But President Xi Jinping shifted the focus back to security in 2014 after Uighurs perpetrated a series of violent attacks across the country, killing dozens.

Two years later, the gap between Xinjiang and the rest of the country had

only grown, with its per capita GDP expanding about 18 percent more slowly than the nation as a whole during the five-year period after the assistance programme began, according to calculations by AFP using government statistics.

'Stability maintenance problems' -

Another project lies largely abandoned across town: Guangzhou New City, a 1.5 million square meter "urban centre" in suburban Kashgar funded by the wealthy southern province of the same name. In late June, Michael Jackson music blared from speakers around the complex, where rubbish piled up in front of empty store fronts covered in fading "for rent" signs. Toilets in the men's bathroom were still wrapped in their original cellophane.

When the development opened in 2012, promotional materials promised 20,000 jobs and housing for up to 80,000 people, roughly 15 percent of Kashgar's population. But local officials had to beg businessmen to come, said Lal Muhammad, a Pakistani trader, who signed a three-year lease for \$1,000, which he soon abandoned. "Few people came. Very few," he said, adding that the ubiquitous police checkpoints encircling the city had made it difficult for customers to come and go. "The project is a flop."

There is no easy answer as to why the Kashgar projects have stumbled. Ji Yeon

Hong, a Xinjiang expert at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, said that while fears of violence deter economic investment and development, the projects "seem unrelated to what the local population needs." Shenzhen City was stopped because its "prospects were not good," a project manager surnamed Yang told AFP without elaborating.

But a 2014 prospectus by the Shum Yip Group, a company involved in the development, said "frequent terrorist violence" made it difficult to attract labor or businesses. "Some shops have closed because of Kashgar's stability maintenance problems," said Zou Zebin, the owner of a highend furniture store, one of the few remaining shops in Guangzhou New City.

Xinjiang's ever stricter security may also be negatively affecting businesses, according to Adrian Zenz, an expert on Chinese security at Germany's European School of Culture and Theology. "Regular businesses and manufacturing there are no longer competitive due to the added expenses caused by security measures," he said. But Zou believes the "cities" can still replicate their namesakes' success, as Kashgar is a key part of China's One Belt, One Road initiative, a massive global infrastructure project to revive the ancient Silk Road. "The country's investment in Xinjiang is really big," Zou said. "I think in three years, we'll see the benefits."— AFP



Alli says offensive **GESTURE WAS 'JOKE'**

LONDON: England's Dele Alli said he was having "a joke" with team-mate Kyle Walker after he was caught on camera raising his middle finger during Monday's 2-1 win over Slovakia. "Just to clarify, the gesture tonight was a joke between me and my good friend Kyle Walker!" Alli wrote on Twitter after the game. "Apologies for any offence caused! Great win 2nite."



Television footage of the World Cup qualifier at Wembley showed Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Alli make the gesture in the 77th minute of the game, but it was not clear at whom it was aimed. Pictures and video footage of Alli's gesture were widely shared on social media, but manager Gareth Southgate played down the incident. "Kyle and Dele were mucking about and Dele's made a gesture towards Kyle," Southgate told reporters at Wembley. "The pair of them have a strange way of communicating! But that's what they've said when it's been raised." — AFP

AUSTRALIAN TEAM BUS HIT BY STONE IN BANGLADESH

SYDNEY: Cricket Australia insisted yesterday it is comfortable with security in Bangladesh following an incident in which a window on the team bus was smashed. CA said the window was broken by a "small rock or stone" as Australia's players were returning to the team hotel after Monday's opening day in the second Test in Chittagong. No one was injured. "En route back to the hotel last night a window on the Australian team bus was broken. No one was injured in the incident," CA's security manager Sean Carroll said in a statement. "Team security personnel are currently in discussion with local authorities while they investigate the cause, which is believed to have come from a small rock or stone. "Bangladesh authorities are taking the incident seriously and security has been increased on the route." CA added that it was "happy with security measures that have been in place and we are comfortable with the response from the Bangladesh authorities and the increased security presence we have been provided in light of the incident". —AFP

MATSON TO LEAVE BATH FOR PERSONAL REASONS

LONDON: New Zealander Tabai Matson is to step down from his role as Bath head coach for family reasons, the English Premiership club announced yesterday. Matson will return to his homeland following Bath's Premiership game against Northampton on September 15. "This has been an incredibly tough decision for me," Matson said in comments published on the Bath website. "I have enjoyed every minute at

Bath Rugby and we have such a great group of players here who I believe will achieve great success. "Ultimately I have made the decision that as a family we need to be at home in New Zealand and I appreciate the club's understanding." Matson, 44, joined Bath in July 2016 along with fellow New Zealander Todd Blackadder, who was appointed director of rugby. The pair had previously worked together at Crusaders. "Tabs' has done an exceptional job preparing the team for the new season," Blackadder said. —AFP



Tennessee pulls off remarkable 42-41 WIN OVER GEORGIA TECH

ATLANTA: No. 25 Tennessee rallied from a pair of 14-point deficits in the second half and stopped a 2-point conversion in the second overtime, stunning Georgia Tech 42-41 despite giving up five rushing touchdowns to TaQuon Marshall and getting thoroughly dominated statistically Monday night. Bolstering the outlook for embattled coach Butch Jones, the Volunteers pulled off a remarkable season-opening victory at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in a game they seemed to have no business winning.

John Kelly scored the tying touchdown in regulation on an 11-yard run with 1:29 remaining, and then added two more TD runs in overtime. Marshall, in a remarkable performance in his first college start, matched Kelly's scores with a pair of his own, finishing the game with 249 yards rushing and a school record for rushing TDs. After Marshall got to the end zone on a 13-yard run in the second overtime, Georgia Tech decided to go for the win right there rather than a tying PAT and a potential third overtime. But Marshall was stuffed as he tried to cut inside, and a desperation pitch was ruled an incomplete pass, ending the game.

Georgia Tech rushed for 535 yards, finished with 655 yards overall and held the ball for 41 minutes, 27 seconds during regulation. Tennessee was held to 369 yards and ran just 59 plays, compared to 96 by the Yellow Jackets.

But Tennessee came up with two crucial turnovers, most notably J.J. Green's fumble when the Yellow Jackets appeared to be driving for a clinching score. Georgia Tech also missed two field goals. Green was hit from behind by Rashaan Gaulden at the Tennessee 25, the ball rolled forward and Micah Abernathy fell on it for the Vols at the 7 with 4:50 remaining. Tennessee drove nearly the length of the field for the tying score. New Vols quarterback Quinten Dormady hooked up with Marquez Callaway on a 40-yard reception and Kelly finished off the drive. The running back finished with 128 yard on the ground.

injury in the first half, also had a pair of touchdown catches and finished with four receptions for 115 yards.

Georgia Tech still had a chance to win in regulation, driving into position for walk-on Shawn Davis' 36-yard field goal attempt on the final play. But the kick was low, Paul Bain got a hand on it and the game went to OT. Tennessee went ahead for the first time all night on its final touchdown and PAT. It was all the Volunteers needed.

THE TAKEAWAY

Tennessee: A huge boost for a team that hasn't won a Southeastern Conference title since its national championship season of 1998. On the down side, the Vols clearly have a lot of work to do defensively after allowing Georgia Tech to march up and down the field all night long. But Dormady, taking over at QB for Joshua Dobbs, bounced back from a shaky start to complete 20 of 37 for 221 yards with no major mistakes. Callaway also looks like the type of player who can be a huge help offensively, especially if Jennings is out for an extended period with what appeared to be a hand or wrist injury.

Georgia Tech: It will be interesting to see how the Yellow Jackets bounce back from such a crushing defeat. Marshall proved a worthy successor at quarterback to threeyear starter Justin Thomas, not only with his running ability but also showing a good arm (5 of 9 for 120 yards). The defense totally broke down toward the end of the game, giving up a 50-yard touchdown to Callaway on a short pass in the flats and not slowing the Vols at all in overtime. Davis earned the kicking job in preseason camp over freshman signee Brenton King, but his tenure was short-lived. King will get a shot in the next game.

UP NEXT

Tennessee: The Vols host Indiana State in their home opener on Saturday.

Georgia Tech: The Yellow Jackets also face a six-day turnaround in their return to



NORTON: Justin Thomas holds the trophy after winning the Dell Technologies Championship golf tournament at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass. Monday. — AP

GOLF

THOMAS ADDS 5TH TITLE TO AN ALREADY BIG YEAR

NORTON: Justin Thomas had an answer for shot 70. Johnson, the No. 1-ranked player in the from there the top 30 advance to the Tour

everyone in the Dell Technologies world coming off his fourth victory of the sea- Championship for a shot at the \$10 million.

Callaway, stepping up big when top campus, hosting FCS school Jacksonville receiver Jauan Jennings went out with an State at Bobby Dodd Stadium. — AP



ATLANTA: Georgia Tech wide receiver Ricky Jeune (2) escapes from Tennessee defensive back Justin Martin (8) after catching a pass in the first half of an NCAA college football game, Monday, in Atlanta. — AP

IOC WARNS 2018 ORGANIZERS OF WHITE ELEPHANT VENUES

PYEONGCHANG: The International Olympic Committee warned organizers in Pyeongchang yesterday that they risk creating white elephants from 2018 Winter Games venues.

Completing a final full inspection visit before the Feb. 9 opening ceremony, an IOC panel predicted a successful Olympics but said "definitive legacy use for several venues is still outstanding." "The IOC has once again requested that final plans be presented as a priority," the Olympic body said in a statement. Olympic venues that lie underused after the games is a longstanding problem, and lately hurt the reputation of the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

The IOC voiced its concern in South Korea "despite legacies being identified in the bid and different options being presented over the past seven years." The statement after a three-day visit by the IOC's coordination panel did not mention political tensions fueled by North Korea's missile testing program. Olympic events will take place less than 100 kilometers (60 miles) from the demilitarized zone between the Korean neighbors.

On a weekend visit to China, North Korea's closest ally, IOC President Thomas Bach played down fears of disruption. "We are watching the situation, but I think there is no reason for any immediate concern because the fact that the games are taking place there is appreciated by all the national Olympic committees and by the governments," Bach said in Beijing.

Organizers in Pyeongchang remain upbeat that the two-week Winter Games will promote South Korea, which has also been distracted by a political corruption scandal and presidential impeachment.

"We want to make these the best Winter Games ever and showcase Korea to the world as a global leader in sports and as the new hub for winter sports in Asia," said Lee Hee-beom, president of the organizing committee.

Slow ticket sales, at home and abroad, plus low-key promotion in South Korea have also been identified as priorities to work on. A new phase of ticket sales starts next week. "While details must continue to be refined in the coming months, it was evident that the organizing committee is well on its way to delivering successful Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games," said Gunilla Lindberg, who chairs the IOC inspection panel. — AP

Championship with just about every club. He could tell from the cheers that Jordan Spieth was off to a good start. A glance at the leaderboard indicated it was better than he imagined - birdie-eagle-birdie. And then Thomas stood on the fourth tee and saw for himself.

Spieth rolled in a 4-foot birdie putt to go 5 under through four holes of the final round at the TPC Boston. Concerned his driver would get up in the air and sail into trouble, Thomas hit a bullet with hopes it would roll into the bunker. It was better than that, flying fast into the shaggy collar atop the steep bunker and onto the fringe, where he rolled in a 30-foot eagle putt.

'That was a definitely a bonus," Thomas said. The game was on. That eagle allowed him to catch Spieth and Marc Leishman, and Thomas didn't have to do much more on Monday. Leishman faltered early on the back nine. Spieth lost his way in the middle. With two birdies and one clutch par save, Thomas closed with a 5under 66 for a three-shot victory over Spieth that sent him into the off week feeling better than ever about his game, and his year.

"It was a great week because I felt like I didn't have my best stuff at the start of the week, and that's just something I've gotten so much better at," Thomas said. Three weeks after he captured his first major at the PGA Championship, Thomas added another big title to a year filled with big moments. He won for the fifth time this season, the most of anyone on the PGA Tour. He moved up to No. 4 in the world.

And barring Spieth winning the final two FedEx Cup events to claim the \$10 million bonus, Thomas became a heavy favorite to be voted PGA Tour player of the year. Only he doesn't sound as though he's finished just yet.

"I have two events left. I have two more opportunities to win," Thomas said. "And I'd love to make it six or seven wins." Spieth wasted that great start by missing the 14th green with a 5iron for bogey. Needing an eagle to stay in the game on the par-5 18th, Spieth pushed a 4-iron into a tough lie in the bunker, blasted over the green and made bogey for a 67. Spieth was runner-up for the second straight week in the FedEx Cup playoffs. He lost a three shot lead to Dustin Johnson on Long Island. There wasn't much he could have done to stop Thomas, his best friend in golf since they were teenagers.

BEST FRIENDS

"Came out firing, like I said we had to do," Spieth said. "Eight through 14 is the meat of the golf course. You want to get through even. I got through over par and didn't get any coming in when I hit some good putts."

Spieth still moved to No. 1 in the FedEx Cup with one more event before the \$10 million prize is decided at the Tour Championship. Leishman shot 30 on the front to build a twoshot lead, only for it to vanish quickly. He had to save bogey on No. 10 after an errant drive. He three-putted from long range for bogey on the 11th. He found a bunker on the 12th for a third straight bogey. And then he closed with two bogeys that only cost him money. Leishman son last week, started the final round three shots behind and was one of the few players who was never in contention. He took two to get out of a fairway bunker and made bogey on the par-5 second hole, and he closed with a 73 to finish 10 behind.

DARK WEEK

The PGA Tour heads into a dark week with Spieth, Thomas, Johnson, Hideki Matsuyama and Jon Rahm in the top five in the FedEx Cup. Next up is the BMW Championship north of Chicago for the top 70 in the standings, and

Thomas started the season at No. 34 in the world with one PGA Tour victory. Now he's among the elite, joining Tiger Woods and Spieth as the only players in the last 50 years with five victories and a major in one season before age 25. Woods did it twice. "I'm a lot better at golf," Thomas said. "I think I'm stronger. I'm in better shape. I'm way more mentally tough. Things don't affect me as much. I'm still fiery. I still get angry. That's just my personality, my character; that will probably never change. But in terms of letting it roll over into the next shot, I think I'm way better at that."— AP

CHAPPELL GRABS LAST SPOT TO MAKE PRESIDENTS CUP TEAM

NORTON: Kevin Chappell made his first Presidents Cup team by a fraction of a point, and he needed a lot more help that he realized. "I made it a lot more exciting than it needed to be," Chappell said.

Chappell, who won his first PGA Tour event earlier this year in San Antonio, earned enough FedEx Cup points from the Dell Technologies Championship to secure the 10th and final automatic spot on the US team.

Rounded off, Chappell and Charley Hoffman finished with 4,369 points. Stretched out to include decimals, the PGA Tour said Chappell beat Hoffman by 0.073. This was the final qualifying event for the Presidents Cup, which starts Sept. 28 at Liberty National. Chappell will be one of at least four Americans making their debut in a Presidents Cup or a Ryder Cup. He spent the last month getting weary of talking about the possibilities, suggesting that he could live with however it turned out.

That changed when he shot a 69 on Sunday and was projected ahead of Hoffman, meaning he controlled his own fate. "I didn't know what it meant until I tried to go to sleep last night," Chappell said Monday on his way to the airport to catch a flight home - in coach, no less - to Seattle. Hoffman, who showed up at the TPC Boston at No. 10 and with a slim lead, closed with a 68 on Monday and tied for 40th. Chappell appeared to have it locked up until three bogeys over a four-hole stretch on the back nine.

He answered with a birdie on the par-3 16th, but then his shot from a fairway bunker on the par-5 18th came to rest on a loose piece of dirt, and his wedge came up well short. Chappell pitched to 10 feet, missed his par putt and closed with a 71.

That's when he needed some help, and Russell Henley unknowingly provided it. Chappell was tied for 35th, and Henley also was in that group at 2-under 282. If Henley had made one more birdie, that would have taken points away from Chappell, and Hoffman would have moved past him.

FAMILIAR FEELING

Henley, however, made bogey on the 17th

and failed to birdie the 18th to tie for 40th. That was all Chappell needed. It was a familiar feeling for Chappell, and not a pleasant one. Five years ago in the final tournament of the year, Chappell finished at No. 125 on the money list to keep his card by \$1,809, but only after two players made par on the tough par-4 18th at Disney. If either had made bogey, Chappell would have lost his card. "That was to keep my job," he said. "I'd much rather being doing this, relying on others to get me on a Presidents Cup team." The other US qualifiers were Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas, Daniel Berger, Rickie Fowler, Brooks Koepka, Kevin Kisner, Matt Kuchar and Patrick Reed.

US captain Steve Stricker will make two wildcard selections today afternoon, and Hoffman is a favorite to get one of them. With no one below Hoffman in the standings playing exceptionally well, the other pick could go to Phil Mickelson, who has never missed a team event since 1994.

Mickelson was in the mix early at the TPC Boston on Monday, and that could be enough to show Stricker that he's worth a pick. "We'll see. I hope so," Mickelson said after he closed with a 68 to tie for sixth, his best finish in stroke play since he was runner-up at the British Open last summer. "I think this is a big step for me as far as getting back to where I want - shooting the scores, playing, having energy, being able to practice, all these things."

Mickelson said Stricker would do what's best for the American team "and I totally support him either way." Emiliano Grillo of Argentina also came up with a good round at the right time. Grillo closed with a 66, enough to move him past Hideto Tanihara of Japan to No. 11 for the International team. Only the top 10 from the world ranking qualify, though Grillo would seem to be safe to be one of captain Nick Price's picks.

"That's not up to me," Grillo said. "Today was up to me and I did my best. It worked out." The other International team qualifiers were Hideki Matsuyama, Jason Day, Adam Scott, Louis Oosthuizen, Charl Schwartzel, Marc Leishman, Branden Grace, Jhonattan Vegas, Si Woo Kim and Adam Hadwin. Vegas, Kim and Hadwin will be competing for the first time in the matches. — AP





ATLANTA: Texas Rangers' Delino DeShields, right, is caught stealing second base by Atlanta Braves' Ozzie Albies in the first inning of a baseball game in Atlanta, Monday. — AP

BASEBALL

MARTINEZ HOMERS 4 TIMES AS DIAMONDBACKS BEAT DODGERS

league record by hitting four home runs as the Arizona Diamondbacks routed the NL Westleading Los Angeles Dodgers 13-0 on Monday night for their 11th straight victory. Martinez became the 18th player in major league history to hit four homers in a game, and the 16th in the modern era. Earlier this year, Scooter Gennett accomplished the feat for Cincinnati. Martinez hit a two-run shot in the fourth off Dodgers starter Rich Hill (9-7). Martinez added solo homers in the seventh and eighth innings before capping his power show with a two-run drive in the ninth. Robbie Ray (12-5) struck out a career-high 14 in 7 2/3 innings. The last time Arizona won 11 in a row was June 18-30, 2003.

INDIANS 5, WHITE SOX 3

Jose Ramirez homered again and Trevor Bauer earned his eighth straight win as the

LOS ANGELES: J.D. Martinez tied a major for Toronto in the first inning. Jose Bautista connected for a solo drive in the third, and Raffy Lopez chased Porcello (9-16) with a tworun homer in the sixth. Porcello, who had won five of his previous six starts, allowed seven runs and 10 hits in 5 1/3 innings. He won the 2016 AL Cy Young Award. The Blue Jays added three more in the ninth, highlighted by Justin Smoak's 37th homer and a run-scoring double for Morales. J.A. Happ (7-10) gave up one earned in 5 2/3 innings.

RAYS 11, TWINS 4

Corey Dickerson hit his 26th home run and also doubled twice, powering Tampa Bay past Minnesota. The Twins' lead for the second wild-card spot was trimmed to a half-game by the Angels. Logan Morrison, who got his 36th homer, and Kevin Kiermaier each added three hits for the Rays. Evan Longoria drove in three

16-inning game. Angels star Mike Trout fouled a ball off his lower right leg in the 11th but stayed in the game after being checked by manager Mike Scioscia and a trainer. Matt Olson homered twice for Oakland, including a tying, two-run drive with two outs in the ninth against Blake Parker. Blake Treinen (1-3) gave up Calhoun's go-ahead hit.

ASTROS 6, MARINERS 2

Dallas Keuchel pitched effectively into the eighth inning as Houston won its fifth in a row. Alex Bregman hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the seventh inning for the AL West leaders. Keuchel (12-3) allowed two runs and seven hits in 7 2/3 innings. He struck out five and walked two in his longest outing since April 5. The left-hander started the season 9-0, but was 2-3 with a 5.35 ERA in his seven previous starts since coming off the disabled list on July ing Philadelphia to end a four-game losing streak. The Mets were up 10-0 by the fourth inning. Rafael Montero (4-9) won his second straight start. New York chased Mark Leiter Jr. (2-5) with a six-run fourth.

ROYALS 7, TIGERS 6

Eric Hosmer, Salvador Perez and Alcides Escobar homered for Kansas City, which denied Detroit with its defense. Alex Gordon reached well over the left-field fence to rob Mikie Mahtook of a three-run homer, while Lorenzo Cain's sliding catch took two RBIs away from Jose Iglesias. Since trading Justin Verlander and Justin Upton on Thursday, the Tigers are 0-5 and have been outscored 36-11. The Tigers trailed 7-3 going into the ninth, but Nicholas Castellanos hit a three-run homer off Brandon Maurer with one out. Maurer struck out Efren Navarro before James McCann and Jeimer Candelario singled to put the potential winning run on base. Scott Alexander replaced Maurer and retired Mahtook for his third save in five chances. Jake Junis (7-2) improved to 5-0 in his last seven starts, giving up three runs on seven hits in five innings. Artie Lewicki (0-1) pitched five innings in his major league debut, allowing five runs on 11 hits and a walk. — AP

BOLT PREDICTS HIS WORLD RECORDS COULD STAND FOR 15-20 YEARS

Cleveland Indians beat the Chicago White Sox 5-3 for their 12th victory in a row. Ramirez connected a day after tying the major league record with five extra-base hits, including two homers. Bauer (15-8) gave up two runs on three hits, striking out nine in 6 1/3 innings. The AL Central leaders moved closer to the team-record 14-game winning streak they posted last season. James Shields (2-6) kept the White Sox in the game before taking a line drive by Francisco Mejia off the knee in the seventh. Shields limped off the field after his 11th consecutive start without a win, and is considered day-to-day. Cody Allen worked around two walks to pitch a scoreless ninth for his 24th save in 28 chances.

PIRATES 12, CUBS 0

Cubs ace Jake Arrieta exited in the third inning with a hamstring cramp, and Pittsburgh routed the NL Central leaders. Arrieta (14-9) clutched his leg in obvious pain. The 2015 Cy Young Award winner tried to stretch out his right leg during a visit by manager Joe Maddon and the trainers, but a test pitch ended with Arrieta unable to let go of the ball. Arrieta said he thinks he'll be able to make his next scheduled start on Saturday against Milwaukee. Josh Bell broke the NL record for most home runs by a rookie switch-hitter with his 24th. He topped the 23 by Chipper Jones for Atlanta in 1995. Chad Kuhl (7-10) allowed four hits in seven innings. The Pirates have won three in a row.

BLUE JAYS 10, RED SOX 4

Steve Pearce had three hits as Toronto sent Red Sox starter Rick Porcello to his major league-leading 16th loss. Boston fell for the fourth time in five games. Its lead in the AL East was trimmed to 2 1/2 games over the Yankees. Kendrys Morales hit a three-run shot runs with a pair of singles. Alex Cobb (10-9) gave up one run on three hits 5 2/3 innings. Jose Berrios (12-7) allowed five runs on seven hits in five innings.

NATIONALS 7, MARLINS 2

Anthony Rendon drove in four runs, Daniel Murphy drove in three more and Washington overcame a camera-denting home run by Giancarlo Stanton to beat Miami. Rendon and Murphy each homered, doubled and singled. Stanton hit his major league-leading 53rd home run, with the ball striking a TV camera just over the right-field wall. A.J. Cole (2-4) allowed one earned run in 5 2/3 innings. Adam Conley (6-7) took the loss.

RANGERS 8, BRAVES 2

Elvis Andrus, Nomar Mazara and Rougned Odor homered, Andrew Cashner pitched six strong innings and Texas beat Atlanta. The Rangers lead the majors with 215 homers, matching their total from last season. Cashner (9-9) is 6-2 with a 2.62 ERA in his last 10 starts. R.A. Dickey (9-9) took the loss.

ANGELS 11, ATHLETICS 9, 11 INNINGS

Los Angeles employed an American League-record 12 pitchers on Labor Day, and Kole Calhoun hit a two-run triple in the 11th inning to beat Oakland. Fernando Salas (1-0), the ninth Angels pitcher, tossed a perfect 10th for the victory. Keynan Middleton came in as the third pitcher of the 11th and got his third career save as the Angels tried to move up in the wild-card race. The A's have lost a seasonworst seven in a row. Three Angels pitchers didn't record an out. The 12 pitchers overall topped the previous AL mark of 11 done four times, most recently by Tampa Bay in 2013. The Colorado Rockies set a major league record by using 13 pitchers in 2015 during a

MLB Results/Standings

Arizona 13, LA Dodgers 0; Texas 8, Atlanta 2; Tampa Bay 11, Minnesota 4; Toronto 10, Boston 4; Washington 7, Miami 2; Houston 6, Seattle 2; St. Louis 2, San Diego 0; Pittsburgh 12, Chicago Cubs 0; LA Angels 11, Oakland 9 (11 innings): Colorado 4, San Francisco 3: Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 3: NY Yankees 7, Baltimore 4: Kansas City 7, Detroit 6; Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 4; NY Mets 11, Philadelphia 7.

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Baltimore	70	68	.507	7	NY Mets	59	78	.431	24
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Cleveland	81	56	.591	-	Milwaukee	72	66	.522	3.5
Minnesota	71	66	.518	10	St. Louis	70	67	.511	5
Kansas City	68	68	.500	12.5	Pittsburgh	66	72	.478	9.5
Detroit	58	79	.423	23	Cincinnati	59	79	.428	16.5
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Seattle	69	69	.500	15.5	San Diego	62	76	.449	30.5
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28. Yuli Gurriel and Brian McCann homered for Houston. Marc Rzepcynski (2-1) took the loss.

YANKEES 7, ORIOLES 4

Starlin Castro homered and drove in three runs, Didi Gregorius also went deep and New York fueled its playoff push with a win over Baltimore. After spotting the Orioles an early lead, New York bounced back for its fourth win in five games. The Yankees enhanced their position atop the AL wild-card race - they're 2 1/2 games behind AL East-leading Boston. Aaron Judge drew a career-high four walks, singled and scored a run to help the Yankees extend their wild-card lead over Baltimore to 4 1/2 games. The Yankees played without catcher Gary Sanchez, who began serving a suspension that was reduced to three games from four. The MLB suspension stemmed from an Aug. 24 brawl during a game against Detroit. Tim Beckham, Chris Davis and Welington Castillo homered for the Orioles, who have lost three of five following a seven-game winning streak. Chad Green (3-0) struck out four in 2 1/3 innings after starter Jordan Montgomery got two outs in the fifth. Dylan Bundy (13-9) gave up five runs, five hits and four walks in four-plus innings.

ROCKIES 4, GIANTS 3

Carlos Gonzalez drew a two-out, basesloaded walk in the ninth inning, and Colorado halted a four-game skid. The game at Coors Field was played in hazy conditions because of smoke from the Western wildfires. San Francisco reliever Steven Okert (1-1) gave the Rockies their walkoff walk. Greg Holland (3-5) pitched a perfect ninth. Charlie Blackmon hit his 33rd homer as the Rockies increased their lead to 1 1/2 games over Milwaukee for the second wild-card spot. Colorado is 8-0 at home against the Giants this season.

REDS 5, BREWERS 4

Billy Hamilton hit a solo home run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, lifting Cincinnati over Milwaukee. Hamilton, who leads the majors with 58 stolen bases, sent a drive into the left-field seats for his fourth homer of the season. He connected off Josh Hader (1-3). The last-place Reds opened a three-game series by stopping the playoffcontending Brewers. Raisel Iglesias (3-2) pitched a perfect ninth for the win.

CARDINALS 2, PADRES 0

Carlos Martinez threw a three-hitter and struck out 10, Yadier Molina hit a two-run single and St. Louis beat San Diego for its fourth victory in five games. The Cardinals remained three games behind Colorado in the race for the NL's second wild card. It was the second career shutout and complete game for Martinez (11-10). Luis Perdomo (7-9) took the loss.

METS 11, PHILLIES 7

Jose Reyes and Asdrubal Cabrera each homered and the Mets built a big lead, beat-

KYOTO: Usain Bolt is feeling no pressure in retirement, confident his best times can remain world records for decades. The only sprinter to capture the 100- and 200-meter track titles at three consecutive Olympics, Bolt retired last month after the world championships in London. He holds the world record of 9.58 seconds in the 100 and 19.19 in the 200 - both set in Berlin in 2009.

"I think (they're) going to last a while," Bolt said during a promotional event in Japan yesterday. "I think our era with Yohan Blake, Justin Gatlin and Asafa Powell and all these guys was the best era of athletes. If it was going to be broken, it would have been broken in this era, so I think I have at least 15 to 20 more years."

Bolt's farewell major meet didn't go to plan in London. After a surprising thirdplace finish in the 100 behind Americans Gatlin and Christian Coleman, Bolt's last race ended in the anguish of an injured hamstring while anchoring Jamaica's 4x100meter relay team.

Gatlin, often cast as the villain during Bolt's long dominance, said he thinks his rival will be back. But Bolt brushed off that notion. "I have nothing to prove, that's the main reason I left track and field. After you do everything you want there is no reason to stick around." Bolt said.

Bolt was the life of the party every time he competed, captivating fans with his charisma and smile. As for the next biggest star in track, Bolt said he doesn't see anyone at the moment who he expects will follow in his footsteps. "It's hard for me to pick someone," Bolt said. "I think what made me stand out was not only the fast times that I ran but my personality that people really enjoyed and loved. "If you want to be a star in sports and take over a sport you have to let people know who you are as a person, not just as a track athlete."

STEP UP

Jamaica won only one gold medal at this year's worlds, a disappointing haul given its success in the last decade. Bolt said his country's young athletes will have to step up now that he's gone. "The biggest thing with Jamaica now is if the youngsters want it," Bolt said. "Over the years, one thing I've learned is you have to want to be great. If you don't want to be great, it won't happen."

Of course, wanting to be great and doing what it takes to make it happen are two different things, too. "I've noticed a lot of the young athletes, as soon as they get their first contract and start making money, they really just don't care as much anymore," Bolt said. "A lot of them are satisfied with getting their first contract, going out and making their first team. If they are satisfied with that, then we're in trouble.

"Hopefully, a few of these young guys are going to be hungry and want to be great and if we get those guys we will be OK but so far, it is not looking good." The 31-year-old Bolt said he had good people around him from his earliest successes who were also there at the end, helping him make the most of his talent. "My first two Olympics were easier, I was confident, I was young, I was enjoying the sport," he said. "But I think my last three years were the toughest years for me because then I had done so much I found myself thinking 'Why am I still doing this? I've accomplished everything. I don't really need to prove anything else.' But the team that I had around me really helped me to push myself to set the bar so high."— AP



KYOTO: Usain Bolt of Jamaica gestures with maiko, or an apprentice geisha, during a promotional event in Kyoto, western Japan, yesterday. Bolt says he has no regrets about retiring and is confident his world records will stand for at least another 15 years. — AP



MESSI DEAL 'SIGNED' BY AGENT, CLAIMS BARTOMEU

BARCELONA: Barcelona's under-fire president Josep Maria Bartomeu launched a counter-attack on his critics yesterday by insisting a four-year contract extension for Lionel Messi has been signed by the player's agent and father, Jorge Horacio Messi.

Barca announced an agreement with the five-time World Player of the Year in July, but Messi himself is yet to put pen to paper amid rumours he is unhappy with the running of the club.

Messi's current deal expires in 2018 meaning he could leave Barca for free next summer. "It is all agreed and signed," said Bartomeu in an interview with Barcelona-based daily Sport. "There are three contracts: one with Messi's foundation, that is signed by the president of the foundation and the player's brother; a contract with Leo Messi's image rights, that his father and administrator of his company have signed; and the work contract that Leo's father has signed."

When pressed on the delay in Messi signing the deal, Bartomeu claimed both the player and club's hectic start to the season was to blame and that it would be resolved within a month. "There are no problems. All that is left is the protocol of the signature.

We are calm," he added. Bartomeu and his board have received fierce criticism for their handling of the recently closed transfer window as Paris Saint-Germain enticed Neymar away from the Catalan giants for a world record 222 million euros (\$263.7 million).

A vote of no confidence motion has been launched by former Barca presidential candidate Agusti Benedito that could oust Bartomeu if it receives enough support from the club's members in the coming weeks.

However, Bartomeu described the loss of the Brazilian as an "opportunity" for Barca to build their team around the midfield rather than a superstar front three of Neymar, Messi and Luis Suarez.

"The trident was very good but it had its consequences. It is an opportunity to return to the collective football in the middle of the field, which traditionally was Barca's strength. "It is an opportunity, with a new coach, a new project. We need to stop being pessimistic!"

Neymar's departure sparked a haphazard shopping spree from Barca, who landed 20-year-old French winger Ousmane Dembele for an initial 105 million euro fee from Borussia Dortmund and Paulinho for 40 million from Chinese club Guangzhou Evergrande.

However, Barca missed out on a host of other targets, including Liverpool's Philippe Coutinho, blaming the rampant inflation in the transfer market caused by PSG and Abu Dhabi-backed Manchester City.

La Liga has asked UEFA to investigate both PSG and City for breaches of financial fair play rules. "Qatar and Abu Dhabi are two countries that have two clubs," added Bartomeu. "If Bavern Munich, Manchester United, Real Madrid or Arsenal buy a player from you, you know (the money) comes from football. "But these two clubs distort the market." — AFP

SIMEONE TO COMPLETE UNFINISHED **BUSINESS AT ATLETICO MADRID**

MADRID: Diego Simeone's love affair with Atletico Madrid is set to continue for another three years after the Argentine renewed his contract till 2020 yesterday. Since taking charge in 2011, Simeone, 47, has transformed the club's fortunes, turning Atletico from perennial underachievers to serial contenders both domestically and in the Champions League.

However, having lost in agonising fashion twice to local rivals Real Madrid in two Champions League finals, Simeone has turned his back on lucrative offers elsewhere for the challenge of making Atletico champions of Europe for the first time in their history. Simeone has already delivered five trophies, the highlight of which was ending Real and Barcelona's hegemony of Spanish football with a first La Liga title for 18 years in 2013/14.

Yet, the Champions League has continued to allude Los Rojiblancos with Real their conquerors in all four seasons since Simeone led them back into European football's premier competition. Atletico were seconds away in the 2014 final before Sergio Ramos's injury-time header forced extra-time and Real ran out 4-1 winners.

Two years later, penalties were needed to separate the two in Milan in a defeat so painful Simeone described it as a "death". Simeone was tempted to walk away last summer. Having initially agreed a contract to 2020 back in 2015, he asked for the deal to be cut by two years till 2018.

That appeared to open the door for an exit with another of his former clubs Inter Milan, freshly flushed with cash thanks to a Chinese takeover, among those interested.

NEW ERA

Yet, Simeone now seems set to add stability to a new era for Atletico as they move this season to the new 68,000 capacity

CRICKET

Wanda Metropolitano stadium. "The journalists continually ask me if I am going to stay and yes I am going to stay," Simeone told his adoring public as Atletico bade an emotional farewell to the Vicente Calderon at the end of last season.

"And do you know why I am going to stay? Because this club has a future and that future is all of us." Although still unable to match the financial muscle of Real and Barca, continued success on the field and the stadium move have allowed Atletico to stop having to sell their best players as in the early years of Simeone's reign.

Antoine Griezmann, Koke and Saul Niguez have all themselves recently signed new contracts. Despite a ban on registering new players in the recently closed transfer window, Atletico have already completed a deal for Spanish international Vitolo to arrive in January.

Meanwhile, Spanish media have reported Diego Costa's return to the club from Chelsea was one of Simeone's demands when negotiating his new deal. Costa, who was Atletico's top scorer when they won the title in 2013/14, hasn't played for the English champions this season due to a fallout with manager Antonio Conte and was left out of the Chelsea's Champions League squad on Monday.

That is doubly good news for Atletico as they face Chelsea in a tough Champions League group also featuring Roma and a tricky trip to Azerbaijani champions Qarabag. Costa would also then be free to play for Atletico in Europe should they make it to the last 16 and the Spanish international complete his expected return in January. His extra firepower could be the final missing piece for Atletico and Simeone to end their long and arduous wait to lift the Champions League come May in Kiev. —AFP



STUTTGART: Germany's Mario Gomez scores his side's sixth goal during the World Cup Group C qualifying soccer match between Germany and Norway in Stuttgart, Germany, Monday. — AP

SOCCER

GERMANY THRASH NORWAY, WHILE **ENGLAND SURVIVE SLOVAKIA SCARE**

PARIS: Germany fired six past Norway while England fought back after an early scare to beat Slovakia in European World Cup qualifying on Monday, Timo Werner scored a double in Germany's 6-0 rout of the Norwegians in Stuttgart to leave Joachim Loew's world champions with a perfect eight out of eight record atop Group C. But with second-placed Northern Ireland beating the Czech Republic 2-0 in Belfast Germany will have to wait until their next match, away to the Irish on October 5, to seal automatic qualification to Russia. Werner, booed by his own fans in Germany's 2-1 win in Prague against the Czechs last Friday, came off to a standing ovation this time after netting in the 21st and 40th minutes. After struggling to beat the Czechs, this was a far more polished performance, with Arsenal midfielder Mesut Ozil's 10th minute opener sparking the rout. Paris Saint-Germain star Julian Draxler netted the second with Werner's brace putting them four goals up at the break. Schalke midfielder Leon Goretzka grabbed Germany's fifth with Werner's replacement, the 32year-old veteran Mario Gomez, rounding off a productive night. It was the perfect antidote after Friday's laboured trip to Prague marred by a group of 200 right-wing German fans chanting Nazi-era slogans. "That showed the beautiful side of football," said head coach Loew, who had said Friday's scenes in Prague "shamed Germany", following Werner's ovation after his two goals. "It was a huge amount of fun to play here and we played our part in that with some great combinations and goals."

DRAW MOVES NIGERIA **CLOSER TO WORLD CUP**

WARNER AND HANDSCOMB GIVE AUSTRALIA MOMENTUM

CHITTAGONG: An unbeaten century stand said Lehmann. "So we had a couple of letbetween David Warner and Peter Handscomb led Australia's strong reply against Bangladesh on day two of the second and final Test in Chittagong yesterday. The visitors were 225-2 at stumps in their first innings, trailing by 80 runs after Bangladesh were bowled out for 305.

Warner was on 88 with Handscomb on 69 at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium. Skipper Steve Smith hit a gritty 58 off 94 balls before being bowled by leftarm spinner Taijul Islam as the visitors slipped to 98-2. The left-handed Warner and Handscomb then put on 127 to thwart the Bangladesh bowling attack, which failed to take a wicket in the final session of play. Handscomb, who recorded his fourth Test fifty in just his 10th game, took regular drinks breaks as he battled exhaustion and dehydration in the final half-hour. "Really gutsy, obviously it's pretty hot out there, we saw that yesterday and you have to work really hard for your runs," Australia coach Darren Lehmann told reporters.

"...Very special day and hopefully tomorrow they can kick on," the 47-year-old former batsman addded. The swashbuckling Warner played a sedate innings, having hit just four boundaries during his 170-ball stay at the crease so far. Warner rode his luck with two reprieves. He was dropped at short leg on 52 and then Mushfiqur Rahim missed a stumping when he was on 73, with Taijul and Mehedi Hasan being the unlucky bowlers.

"You don't want to miss any chances do you? We missed a couple early in their innings, one of the things I do know over here is you've got to take every chance,"

offs which is handy for us but when we get our chance tomorrow we've got to keep making sure we're scoring at a nice rate and when you come to bowl again, make sure you take all those chances." Warner's opening partner Matt Renshaw departed early, dismissed by fast bowler Mustafizur Rahman for four before the lunch break. The left-hander tried to tickle a sliding delivery down the leg side but wicketkeeper Rahim took a stunning catch.

Warner was then involved in a 93-run second-wicket partnership with Smith as the pair steadied the innings. Smith, who registered his 21st Test half-century, was done in by an arm ball from Taijul that sneaked through the bat-pad gap to hit the middle stump.

'ON THE BACK FOOT'

Earlier, Australian off-spinner Nathan Lyon claimed seven wickets to help bowl out the hosts, who resumed the day on 253-6, in the first session. Lyon returned impressive figures of 7-94 including Rahim's prized scalp for 68. "I think we fell short by 100-150 runs, looking at the wicket," Bangladesh allrounder Nasir Hossain, who scored 45, said of his team's first innings total.

"We are slightly on the back foot. A lot can however change in an hour in a Test match... we are not thinking about the result at this stage," Nasir added. Bangladesh lead the series 1-0 after registering their first-ever Test win against Australia last week. The home team tightened security after the visitors' team bus was hit with a stone following the end of play on day one. —AFP

'SEVEN CLEAN SHEETS'

The Northern Irish guaranteed themselves at least a place in the play-offs thanks to Jonny Evans' second international goal eight years after his first and his West Bromwich Albion teammate Chris Brunt's 41st minute freekick.

"I thought I might have been offside," Evans admitted. "I thought I'd head it anyway and see what happens. I saw it go into the net and I don't remember much after that!" Manager Michael O'Neill praised his men after yet another solid defensive display. "We're in a great position now. We're guaranteed second place and seven clean sheets out of eight is a phenomenal record." At Wembley, England were stunned when Stanislav Lobotka gave Slovakia a third-minute lead after a costly error by Marcus Rashford.

But the 19-year-old atoned in style when setting up the equaliser for Eric Dier and then netting a sumptuous 20-yard winner in the second half. Victory sent England five points clear of Slovakia in Group F-Gareth Southgate's side need only two points from their last two games against Slovenia and Lithuania to seal gualification. "To come from behind against a side with very good footballers, particularly in midfield, we had to show character," said Southgate. "Marcus Rashford showed, like the rest of the team, great character. He made the mistake for their goal, but he kept persevering."

Scotland kept alive their hopes of a play-off place with a 2-0 home win over Malta, the goals coming from Christophe Berra and Celtic striker Leigh Griffiths. Gordan Strachan's team are alive and kicking on the road to Russia in fourth place, on 14 points. Elsewhere, Poland held on to the Group E summit, beating Kazakhstan 3-0, with Denmark going second on the strength of a 4-1 win in Armenia. — AFP

JOHANNESBURG: Nigeria survived a late Cameroon onslaught to draw 1-1 in Yaounde Monday and move closer to qualifying for the 2018 World Cup in Russia. Moses Simon put Nigeria ahead on 30 minutes and substitute Vincent Aboubakar equalised from a 75thminute penalty at Stade Ahmadou Ahidjo to spark a rally by the hosts.

Unbeaten leaders Nigeria moved to 10 points from four matches in Group B and a home win over Zambia on October 7 will clinch a sixth World Cup appearance. Dropping two points in Yaounde eliminated seven-time World Cup qualifiers Cameroon as only group winners go to Russia and they trail Nigeria by seven points with two matches to play. The draw came three days after Nigeria thrashed African champions Cameroon 4-0 in Uyo-a result that prompted losing coach Hugo Broos to make four changes. Among those dropped were striker Aboubakar and winger Christian Bassogog, whose second-half introductions lifted the "Indomitable Lions" and put pressure on the "Super Eagles".

Simon scored with a close-range shot past goalkeeper Fabrice Ondoa after a low cross eluded several defenders. A collision between Arnaud Djoum and Nigeria goalkeeper Ikechukwu Ezenwa led to the spot-kick, and Aboubakar scored with a shot into the middle of the net.

Cameroon had another penalty appeal rejected by the Gambian referee as they pushed for a first win in the "group of death" that includes Algeria and Zambia, who meet later. Ezenwa came to the rescue six minutes from time with a double save, the second particularly being brave as he dived at the feet of Djoum and was injured.

But for much of the match it looked like the central Africans were going to suffer a first World Cup qualifying defeat at home since losing to Congo Brazzaville in October 1976. The 'Super Eagles" Nigeria were more threatening going forward, thanks to crisp passing, good off-the-ball movement and dazzling individual skills. Nigeria have dedicated the qualifying campaign to goalkeeper Carl Ikeme, who is battling leukaemia in England. The disease was discovered when he went for a routine pre-season medical at second-tier club Wolverhampton Wanderers three months ago.

"Carl is constantly in my thoughts, those of the other coaches, the players and the officials," said Germany-born Nigeria coach Gernot Rohr.

Libya shaded Guinea 1-0 in Tunisia despite playing the last quarter a man short after Mohammed al Gadi was red-carded following his second caution. The Ivorian referee was the busiest man on the pitch in Monastir, showing one red and 10 yellow cards during the clash of Group A also-rans.

Amid the indiscipline, Hamdou Mohamed scored the only goal on 36 minutes by controlling a long ball with his thigh and rifling a shot past goalkeeper Naby Yattara. Tunisia lead the group with nine points, three more than the Democratic Republic of Congo, ahead of a top-of-the-table clash in Kinshasa. Guinea and Libya have three points. Libya were forced to play in Tunisia for security reasons. —AFP



AMMAN: UAE's Ahmed Khalil (C) tackles Iraq's Rebin Ghareeb Solaka (L) as UAE's Tariq Ahmed comes to defend during the FIFA World Cup 2018 qualification football match between the UAE and Iraq at the Amman international stadium in Amman yesterday.—AFP



CHITTAGONG: Australia's Peter Handscomb, left, and his teammate David Warner run between the wickets during the second day of their second test cricket match against Bangladesh in Chittagong, Bangladesh, yesterday. — AP

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Germany thrash Norway, while England Survive Slovakia scare



TEHRAN: Syria's Omar Alsoma, left, vies for the ball with Iran's Morteza Pouraliganji during their Round 3 - Group A World Cup qualifier at the Azadi Stadium in Tehran, Iran, yesterday. — AP

S KOREA QUALIFIES FOR WORLD CUP, SYRIA GOES TO PLAYOFF

TASHKENT: South Korea overcame a troubled campaign to qualify for next year's World Cup yesterday, while war-torn Syria kept its dream alive. A goalless draw away to Uzbekistan was enough for South Korea on the final day of Asian group games. Syria goes to a playoff following its 2-2 draw with Iran, which had already qualified. The South Koreans hit the woodwork twice in the first half, but endured some nervy moments in the second against Uzbekistan, which was in contention to make its first World Cup appearance. When the final whistle blew, several South Korean players sank to the ground in relief before starting some low-key celebrations. South Korea had risked missing the World Cup for the first time since 1982 after a campaign which

included surprise losses to Qatar and China.

Despite the war raging at home, Syria had come close to qualifying for its first World Cup, and would have done so had it held on to a 1-0 lead away to Iran. Syria must now get through two playoff rounds to reach the tournament in Russia. Tamer Mohamed's 13th-minute header put the Syrians ahead, but Iran fought back to show why it was unbeaten in competitive games for over three years. Sardar Azmoun pulled Iran level in first-half stoppage time, using his chest to knock in a rebound, and he struck again from close range in the 64th when Syria failed to clear a long throw-in.

Syria made it 2-2 in stoppage time when Omar Al Soma put the ball between Iranian goalkeeper Alireza Salimi's legs. Conflict at home put huge obstacles in Syria's path. The team played all its home games in Malaysia, 4,500 miles (7,240 kilometers) away to the south-east. But it still managed strong performances against some of Asia's best teams, earning draws with South Korea and Iran in previous qualifiers.

AUTOMATIC ENTRY

Earlier, a nervous Australia lineup wasted dozens of opportunities and needed a late winner to edge Thailand 2-1 yesterday and maintain hope of gaining automatic entry to the World Cup. Australia moved into second place, meaning Saudi Arabia has to win at home against already-qualified Japan to overhaul the Socceroos for the second direct spot from Group B. The Saudis entered the last matchday in Asian qualifying tied with Australia with 16 points but with a superior goal difference.

The top two teams in each group go directly to the World Cup, and the third-place teams go into a playoff for a shot at an intercontinental qualifier. The Australians went in with an attacking mindset but were unable to capitalize on almost three-quarters of the possession in the first half, when they twice hit the post and forced two good saves from Thai goalkeeper Sinthaweechai Hathairattanakool.

Tommy Rogic hit the post again in the 67th minute, Australia's 24th shot, two minutes before Tomi Juric finally broke the deadlock when he

nodded in a cross from Aaron Mooy. Pokklaw Anan got a surprise equalizer for Thailand against the run of play in the 82nd, but Mathew Leckie ensured Australia's win in the 86th with a left-foot drive from close range after Sinthaweechai failed to punch the ball clear of the goalmouth. "A little bit frustrating," Juric said. "Leaves us in a position of waiting for another result to go our way. "Obviously the win is what we need, but we needed more goals for the goal difference. That was the frustrating thing tonight - it could have been five, easily." Australia was unbeaten in qualifying until it lost at Japan last week, a result that ensured Japan secured first place in Group B and a spot in Russia next year. Thailand finished last in the group with two points. — AP

KEYS ADVANCES TO US OPEN QUARTER-FINALS

NEW YORK: Yes, Madison Keys was excited to give the United States four women in the US Open quarterfinals for the first time in 15 years. And, of course, it was significant that she got this far at Flushing Meadows, something she'd never done. Truly, though, the reason Keys was near tears at the end of her 7-6 (2), 1-6, 6-4 victory over No. 4-seeded Elina Svitolina on Monday night, and went over to slap palms with coach Lindsay Davenport and others afterward, was how far away this sort of performance seemed earlier this year.

Keys missed the first two months of 2017 after offseason surgery on her left wrist, then had a follow-up procedure in June because of lingering pain in that arm. The way she powered her way to take the last four games against Svitolina was proof that Keys is back to being at the top of her game. "I mean, it means the world to me to make the quarterfinals. It was a really rough start to my year. This is just amazing," said the 22-year-old Keys, a semifinalist at the 2015 Australian Open. "I'm really proud of myself for digging deep and figuring that out tonight."

The 15th-seeded Keys joined No. 9 Venus Williams, No. 20 CoCo Vandeweghe and unseeded Sloane Stephens in the final eight at Flushing Meadows. "I think it shows how hard we've been working," Keys said. "We're all cheering for each other." Well, at least until they might have to play one another. Each is in a separate quarter of the draw, so none will meet in the quarterfinals meaning that there could be four American semifinalists, too. Way back in 2002, the host country put five representatives in the women's quarterfinals: Davenport, Williams and her sister Serena, Jennifer Capriati and Monica Seles. Serena Williams wound up with the title.

Yesterday, Venus Williams plays No. 13 Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic, and Stephens faces No. 16 Anastasija Sevastova of Latvia. Today, Vandeweghe takes on No. 1 Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic, while Keys goes up against

418th-ranked qualifier Kaia Kanepi of Estonia.

Svitolina's loss means she is no longer in the running to move up to No. 1 in the rankings after the US Open. A race that once involved eight women with a shot at the top spot is now down to two: Pliskova, who needs to get to the final to hold onto No. 1, and Wimbledon champion Garbine

Muguruza, who can rise despite losing to Kvitova in the fourth round. Against Svitolina, Keys compiled a 19-4 edge in winners in the opening set, then had problems at the start of each of the remaining two sets. She fell behind 5-0 in the second and 4-2 in the third before running away with the victory. "It's definitely more than just a win," Keys said. "So often a match like that could have gone really quick for me, and I could have lost that third set fairly easy, come off and been really disappointed." — AP



NEW YORK: Madison Keys, of the United States, serves in a fourth-round match against Elina Svitolina, of Ukraine, at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, Monday.— AP

DEL POTRO SETS UP US OPEN SHOWDOWN WITH FEDERER

NEW YORK: Juan Martin del Potro shrugged off sickness to save two match points and defeat Dominic Thiem in a five-set US Open epic on Monday to book a quarter-final showdown with five-time champion Roger Federer. Argentina 24th seed Del Potro claimed a heroic 1-6, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7/1), 6-4 victory over the sixth-seeded Austrian on a rocking Grandstand court, describing it as night he would remember forever.

Del Potro famously defeated Federer in the 2009 final for his only career Grand Slam title before his career was almost torpedoed by a succession of wrist surgeries.

Federer, the third seed, eased into the last-eight with a 6-4, 6-2, 7-5 win over Philipp Kohlschreiber, taking his record over the German veteran to 12-0. Elsewhere, top seed Rafael Nadal claimed his 50th win at the US Open and will meet Russian teenager Andrey Rublev.

In the women's event, world number one Karolina Pliskova set-up a quarter-final date against America's CoCo Vandeweghe. Estonia's world number 418 Kaia Kanepi also reached the quarter-finals, just the second qualifier to make the last eight.

But the day belonged to Del Potro, who celebrated his win, which came off a Thiem double fault, by stretching out his arms, head facing the night sky, as his legion of fans, many dressed in the light blue colors of Argentina's famed football and Pumas rugby teams, celebrated wildly. "Oh my God," said Del Potro, who had been 2-5 down in the fourth set. "I was sick the last two days. I came here trying to play the best I can and then when I see this crowd cheering for me, I was trying to play better every game. I will always remember this."

FEDERER'S'BUM'NOTE

Federer has a 16-5 advantage over Del Potro but they have split their last six meetings. The 36-year-old Swiss maestro didn't face a break point against Kohlschreiber with his biggest challenge having to take a medical time-out off court at the end of the second set. "I needed a rub on my back ... or bottom and I didn't want to do it in front of you guys," he explained before he turned his attentions to Del Potro. "It's great to see him back on tour. He's had a rough ride with wrist problems. He's a good guy." World number one and 2010 and 2013 champion Nadal, who could meet Federer for the first time in New York in the semi-finals, crushed Ukraine's Alexander Dolgopolov 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

The 31-year-old Spaniard goes on to face Russian 19-year-old Rublev, who stunned Belgian ninth seed David Goffin 7-5, 7-6 (7/5), 6-3 to become the youngest quarterfinalist since Andy Roddick in 2001.

"I played a solid match with not many mistakes," said Nadal, the reigning French Open champion. Rublev, ranked 53, has won 13 of his last 17 matches after breaking the top 100 for the first time in June. "Rafa is a real champion. I will try to do my best-I have nothing to lose," said Rublev. Meanwhile, the 32-year-old Kanepi, a former world number 15 whose career was almost ended by illness and a crippling injury, downed Russia's Daria Kasatkina 6-4, 6-4. She will next face Madison Keys of the United States, who put out fourth seed Elina Svitolina 7-6 (7/2), 1-6, 6-4, ending the Ukrainian's hopes of taking the world number one spot.—AFP



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BRUSSELS: Anti-Brexit activists stage a demonstration in front of the European institutions in Brussels yesterday. — AP

UK ECONOMY LOSES STEAM AS BREXIT FEARS MOUNT

EUROZONE HEADS FOR DECADE-HIGH GDP GROWTH

LONDON: Britain's economy is falling further behind a fast-recovering eurozone as firms worry about Brexit and consumers feel the pinch of rising inflation and the weak pound, surveys showed yesterday.

Manufacturers are benefiting from increasing demand in Europe and beyond, but the much bigger UK services sector grew at its weakest pace in nearly a year in August, according to the IHS Markit/CIPS services Purchasing Managers' Index. The world's fifthbiggest economy initially withstood the shock of the June 2016 vote to leave the European Union, which will remodel its ties with its biggest trade partners. While Britain and the rest of the EU are struggling to agree on divorce terms, it's increasingly clear that on the economic front they are diverging sharply. In closely watched surveys of economic activity, financial information company IHS Markit said yesterday that the economy of the 19 EU countries that use the euro is heading for decade-high growth rates while Britain's is increasingly sluggish - largely due to uncertainty surrounding Brexit.

The purchasing managers' index, a broad gauge of economic activity, for the eurozone was unchanged at 55.7 points in August. The index is on a 100-point scale, with anything above 50 indicating expansion.

But growth began to slow sharply this year as inflation rose on the falling value of the pound and hit households. The economy now looks on track to grow by 0.3 percent quarter on quarter in the July-September period, IHS Markit said. That is the same slow rate as in the previous three months, and momentum is gradually being lost, IHS Markit said.

Based on similar surveys also published yesterday, growth in the euro zone is likely to be at 0.6 percent, the same as in the second quarter. The weak outlook for growth in Britain means the Bank of England, whose policymakers meet next week, is likely to keep interest rates at a record low despite rising inflation.

Separate figures published yesterday showed car sales fell for a fifth month in a row. Shoppers spent more on the high street and in supermarkets, but retailers said that was caused in part by the increased cost of food. Some economists saw yesterday's data as a precursor of more gloom.

"Where would growth come from at this stage in Britain? There is erosion of real income because of the inflation numbers and the uncertainty means investment will not play a role until you get some clarity on what is going on (about Brexit)," said Erik Nielsen, group chief economist at UniCredit.

But others predicted a slight pick-up because official data have looked a bit stronger than PMI surveys. "We continue to think that growth will come in a bit stronger in the second half of this year," Paul Hollingsworth, at Capital Economics, said. "Nonetheless, we still think that the Monetary Policy Committee will hold off until around the middle of next year, before raising interest rates."

Job growth strong

The IHS Markit/CIPS services Purchasing Managers' Index fell to 53.2 in August from 53.8 in July, a bigger drop than the median forecast of 53.5 in a Reuters poll of economists. It was the lowest reading since September last year, shortly after the referendum vote. Optimism among company managers edged up, but with Brexit a major concern, morale remained close to low levels that have previously indicated the economy was stalling or even contracting, IHS Markit said. Less than two years before Britain leaves the EU, Prime Minister Theresa May's government has yet to start substantive talks with Brussels on issues such as trade.

EU forges ahead

In one bright spot, yesterday's survey showed job creation was its strongest in 19 months as firms sought to work off backlogs. But new orders grew at the second slowest pace since September of last year.

In another concern for the BoE, prices paid by services firms grew at the fastest pace in six months, potentially adding to Britain's inflation rate which is already heading for about 3 percent, above the central bank's 2 percent target.

Though output growth in the third quarter is slightly down on the second quarter, the firm said the single currency bloc is on course for economic growth of 2.1 percent this year, its highest since 2007, when the global financial crisis started to bite. The firm's chief business economist, Chris Williamson, said the moderate growth slowdown from the second guarter is no cause for alarm given that business orders remain strong. "There's good reason to be optimistic that the current spurt growth has further to run," he said. The scale of the eurozone recovery this year has caught many economists by surprise. At the year's start, many feared that the region, already disturbed by Britain's vote last year to leave the European Union, ongoing concerns over the euro and a slew of key elections, would face a difficult time. Though uncertainty over Brexit remains, the Greek crisis seems contained and populist politicians failed to make the breakthrough many economists feared during those elections, notably in France.

One of the main arguments made during last year's Brexit referendum in Britain was about how the UK economy would be better off unshackled from a region that had battled one crisis after another for years. While that will be determined in the longer-term, for now it's clear that Britain's economy is starting to suffer from the Brexit vote. In the first few months after the vote, it held up better than anticipated, partly because of the pound's export-boosting 15 percent fall. — Agencies

US FACTORY ORDERS FELL 3.3% IN JULY

bled in July, dragged down by a sharp fall in orders for civilian aircraft. The Commerce Department said yesterday that factory orders declined 3.3 percent in July, after a 3.2 percent gain last month. July's decline was mostly because of a 19.2 percent drop in orders in the volatile transportation equipment category. Orders for civilian aircraft - which can vary wildly from month to month - tumbled 70.8 percent in July after a 129.3 percent gain last month.

Excluding the transportation sector that includes aircraft, factory orders rose 0.5 percent in July after a tiny 0.1 percent uptick last month. A category that serves as a proxy for business investment posted a solid 1 percent gain after a small 0.1 percent decline in June. In recent months, US manufacturing

WASHINGTON: Orders at US factories tum- has been benefiting from a stronger dollar and an improving global economy. Growth has been picking up in Europe, Japan and parts of the developing world.

Despite the sharp fall in overall orders, the increase in the business investment category suggests companies are more optimistic about future demand from customers. A private survey last week showed that US factories expanded at a brisk pace in August, another bright sign for the overall economy. Orders for computers and electronic products rose 2.1 percent, and orders for electrical equipment, appliances and components rose 2.6 percent. Orders for autos and auto parts fell 0.9 percent. Orders for durable goods - items meant to last at least three years - fell 6.8 percent after a 6.4 surge in June. — AP



In this May 25, 2017 file photo, an employee works on a factory floor at a Stihl Inc. production plant in Virginia Beach, Va. The Commerce Department reported on US factory orders for July yesterday.—AP

WTO REVERSES BOEING 777X RULING IN BLOW TO EU

PARIS/GENEVA: The World Trade Organization has reversed a ruling that Boeing received prohibited support for its newest aircraft, dealing a blow to the European Union in its long-running row with the United States over subsidies. Monday's decision by WTO appeal judges overturns a ruling which had banned some Washingtonstate support for plants including a \$1 billion factory designed to build the world's largest carbon-composite wings for Boeing's 777X jet.

A WTO panel ruled last year that a reduction in the state's business and occupation tax in return for a decision to place 777X production in the state had deliberately shut out imports. But its appeals body found the tax breaks had not explicitly targeted trade flows, removing them from the WTO's most severe category of banned aid known as "prohibited" subsidies.

The decision neutralizes a potential trump card, which the EU played in 2014 to shake up the world's biggest trade dispute. Prohibited subsidies are a form of aid that the WTO's 164 members consider exceptionally market-distorting and are automatically banned wherever they are proved to exist.

The WTO appeals body did not consider whether the 777X tax credits fell under the more common banner of "actionable" subsidies, since the EU had not resorted to fallback arguments as it gambled on securing a quick, game-changing victory. But the EU may use evidence from the case to try to widen a previous successful claim against earlier versions of the same tax credits, meaning that although the EU's latest gambit failed, the 13year-old war between Washington and Brussels over support for their dominant planemakers will continue. "Today's ruling will strengthen the (original EU) case on the long term and allow us to expand our compliance demands," Airbus spokeswoman Maggie Bergsma said, while Boeing called the ruling a "sweeping and clear win." US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said the EU had lost most of its claims and "cannot justify their own illegal subsidies by hiding behind groundless claims against the US."

Compliance

Neither side has been able to make the key charge of prohibited subsidies stick at the appeals stage but both have won billions of dollars of claims about "actionable" subsidies, while disagreeing over who comes off worst and racking up an estimated \$100 million in costs. The WTO is considering appeals on whether each side complied with previous demands to remove billions of dollars of unfair support. A decision on whether the EU has fallen into line is expected at the end of the year, with a ruling on US compliance due in 2018.

US sources say the timetable could give the administration of President Donald Trump, who has pledged tough enforcement of trade laws, the first crack at introducing sanctions that could theoretically be targeted at any industry, not just aerospace. If either side is found not to have complied by removing the harmful support for its planes, the other will be able to impose counter-measures. However, new disputes could arise if sanctions are imposed, despite claims to have complied subsequently. A European source predicted legal procedures could continue indefinitely until both sides decide to settle. Airbus renewed a call for a broad global agreement on support for planemakers. —Reuters

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POSITIVE PERFORMANCE FOR KUWAIT, SAUDI; MENA BEARISH

Markaz Monthly Market Research report

KUWAIT: Kuwait Financial Centre "Markaz" recently released its Monthly Market Research report. In this report, Markaz examines and analyzes the performance of equity markets in the MENA region as well as the global equity markets for the month of August 2017.

Markaz report stated that the performance of MENA markets were negative in the month of August. Kuwait (weighted) and Saudi Arabia market indices were the region's top performer gaining 4.2 percent and 2.3 percent respectively during August. These markets benefitted from developments such as the discussions around the potential inclusion of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in FTSE Russell emerging market index and the possible inclusion of Saudi Arabia in the MSCI emerging market index next year. Qatar declined by 6.4 percent, making it the worst performing market in August after



the ease of selling in July. Qatar's market came under pressure, as the prospects of an early end to the diplomatic rift appear bleak and renewed worries about the impact of the sanctions on Qatar's economy emerged.

Value traded in August reflected the negative sentiments in the market, with volume traded decreasing by 16 percent (MoM) while the turnover in the market declined by 7 percent (MoM). All MENA markets, barring Kuwait and Oman, witnessed decline in liquidity. Oman and Kuwait bourses evidenced 14 percent and 7 percent increase in value traded. The increase in liquidity attributed to buying spree of the investors in both these markets. In terms of valuation, P/E of Morocco (20.2x), Saudi Arabia (15.3x), and Kuwait (14.5x) indices were at premium, while the markets of Bahrain and Dubai trading at 8.7x and 10.1x were relatively cheap among MENA markets.

Blue chips were mostly positive, except the ones from Qatar, which performed negatively in August. Fitch lowered Qatar's credit rating by one notch to AA-minus with a negative outlook, citing the sanctions. The downgrade threatens higher funding costs for Qatari banks, which account for most of the stock market's value, as they seek to replace deposits and loans withdrawn by the other Arab states. Zain (12.4 percent), KFH (10.5 percent), and Boubyan Bank (9.2 percent) were the top performers. Kuwait Projects, Masraf Al Rayan and Ooredoo slipped by 13.9 per-

cent, 8.7 percent and 8.6 percent respectively.

GCC corporate earnings

GCC Corporate earnings fell by 1 percent (YoY) during H1 2017 compared to the same period last year. Performance of GCC banking sector was subdued as its earnings remained flat (YoY) at \$15.2 billion in the first half of 2017. Better price realization for petrochemical products enabled commodities sector to post 8 percent growth in earnings in H1, 2017 (YoY). Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Kuwait were three countries to put up positive earnings performance growing by 7 percent, 6 percent and 2 percent respectively. Saudi Arabia's earnings growth was largely helped by the positive momentum in its non-oil private sector while Kuwait was largely helped by the positive performance in the commodities sector

and its real estate sector. All of the Qatar's sectors with the exception of banking witnessed declines in their earnings during H1 2017. Telecom, Commodities and Financials witnessed a decline of 26 percent, 32 percent and 17 percent respectively. Oman witnessed an overall decline of 30 percent in its net earnings during H1 2017. While, Bahrain's earnings for 2017 increased by 6 percent during H1 2017.

Oil market review

The price of Brent oil was at \$52.38 down from \$52.65 while US WTI crude was at \$47.23 down from \$50.17 at the end of August-2017 compared to end of July-2017. Harvey has widened the Brent-WTI spread, but North Sea maintenance, new disruptions, and higher US output were already driving the spread wider.



JOHANNESBURG: In this photo taken on April 23, 2014, a man begs at a busy intersection in a suburb of Johannesburg, South Africa. Two of Africa's leading economies say they have emerged from recession as South Africa and Nigeria yesterday released figures showing economic growth in the second quarter of this year. —AP

NIGERIA, SOUTH AFRICA EXIT RECESSION IN Q2

Countries Notch up 0.6%, 2.5% growth respectively

'Bright prospects'

lot still needed to be done. Year-on-year growth

DEBT, SANCTIONS AND DISREPAIR: Venezuela's oil sector in agony

CARACAS: After decades of being Venezuela's cash cow, the state oil company PDVSA is a ragged shadow of its former self: overburdened, underfed, and in hock to Russian and Chinese creditors. The woes of the group, whose full name is Petroleos de Venezuela SA, look set to worsen because of US sanctions imposed last month restricting its access to credit.

Oil production keeps declining and much of what is exported goes to repay billions of dollars in loans.

That puts the government of President Nicolas Maduro in a very tight spot. It relies on PDVSA's export income for 96 percent of foreign earnings, and to pay for many social programs. Reduced oil revenues means "there is a real chance of default," said Tamas Varga, an analyst at Londonbased PVM Oil Associates.

Sanctions and storm

Venezuela faces additional problems in the form of US sanctions. In July, Washington imposed direct sanctions on PDVSA's financial chief, Simon Zerpa, making it illegal for US individuals or companies to do business with him. In August, President Donald Trump ratcheted up the pressure with broader sanctions against any new PDVSA bonds and the ability of its US subsidiary Citgo to repatriate cash.

The aim is to "deny the Maduro dictatorship a critical source of financing to maintain its illegitimate rule," the White House said. What the measures do is effectively cut off PDVSA's option of restructuring its debts through a new bond issue.

at least for as long as the refineries are down, thus forcing Caracas to find other outlets, and likely agree to significant discounts, for its oil,"

Antoine Halff, a director for global oil markets at Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy, told the Financial Times newspaper. "That would add to the Maduro regime's struggle to meet debt payments," he said.

World's biggest reserves

Venezuela sits atop the world's biggest proven oil reserves. Currently it accounts for eight percent of US imported crude, making it the thirdbiggest supplier, after Canada and Saudi Arabia. A third of PDVSA's output of 1.9 million barrels per day goes to America.

But the quality of its black stuffsludge high in sulfur-is inferior to the lighter crude pumped by Saudi Arabia, and far more expensive to extract or refine. "Much of it needs to be diluted with lighter oil just to be able to transport it. If you want to visualize it, think of tar on a roof on a hot summer day," said James Williams, an oil analyst at WTRG in the US.

The break-even market price for Venezuelan oil "is well over \$125 per barrel," Williams said.

That poses a challenge, given global oil prices slumped dramatically three years ago and never recovered. They are now half of what they were in mid-2014. According to PDVSA's latest annual report, the average 2016 price of a barrel of Venezuelan crude was \$35.15.

ed recession, notching up economic growth of 0.6 percent and 2.5 percent respectively in the second quarter, official data showed yesterday. Nigeria's economy returned to growth after five consecutive quarters of contraction, driven by a strong performance in the oil, agricultural, manufacturing and trade sectors, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

ABUJA: Nigeria and South Africa have both exit-

South Africa's recession was much more shortlived, at just two quarters, and the rebound was fuelled by expansion of more than 30 percent in the agricultural sector, according to Statistics South Africa. Nigeria, which depends on oil for 70 percent of state revenues and 90 percent of export earnings, has been battered by lower crude prices since mid-2014.

These have slashed government revenues, weakened the currency and caused dollar shortages, frustrating business and households. The nation's economic woes have been exacerbated by militant attacks on key oil infrastructure in the restive Niger delta, slashing output.

The crisis is heaping pressure on President Muhammadu Buhari, who took office in May 2015 on an anti-corruption platform. His government is also grappling with separatist agitation in the country's southeast, farmer-herders clashes in the central, Boko Haram insurgency in the northeast and kidnappings and militancy in the south. Analysts welcomed the positive outlook for Nigeria, but insisted there was need for caution. "You can see that there have been improved performances in non-oil sectors in the second quarter," said Bismark Rewane of the Lagosbased Financial Derivatives Company. "The prospects for more robust growth are bright. I hope the current economic diversification efforts which see attention being given to agriculture and mining will be sustained," he said.

The economy would also benefit if the ongoing truce with Niger delta militants was upheld, the expert argued. "If there are no attacks on oil facilities and production is increased and Nigeria earns more money, then the economy will stabilize," Rewane said.

Nigeria's oil output has ramped up to an average of two million barrels per day from a low of 1.3 million in 2016 following government peace talks with the oil rebels.

For John Ashbourne of Africa Capital consultancy, however, the growth rate of 0.6 percent fell short of expectations. "Growth across the economy was pretty soft, but the big surprise for me is the weakness of the oil sector," Ashbourne said.

"The strong recovery that we'd all expected didn't happen," he added.

Razia Khan, economist at Africa Global Research, also welcomed the recovery but said a

of 0.6 percent "does not count for much" when the data were starting from a two-percent contraction a year earlier, Khan said. In addition, first-quarter 2017 GDP was revised downwards, "so the picture is weaker than expected. Market consensus had been for a higher growth print overall," she told AFP.

Sluggish South Africa

In South Africa, the economy had entered a technical recession-its first in eight years-in March. The opposition Democratic Alliance party said the slight improvement provided "little hope" for millions of the unemployed, as low growth was forecast for this year. "The economy, which is set to grow at just 0.5 percent this year, is growing too slowly to increase the level of per capita income for the 30.4 million people living below the poverty line," it said.

South Africa's economy has experienced sluggish growth in recent years with the jobless rate rising to 27.7 percent. Last month, official statistics revealed that more than half of the 56.5 million population were living in poverty, despite the government's efforts to ease inequality.

In April, the country lost its investment grade credit rating when the world's two major agencies, Fitch and Standard & Poor's, downgraded its sovereign debt to junk status. — AFP Maduro railed that they amounted to a financial and economic blockade, as ratings agency Fitch downgraded Venezuela and warned default was now likelier. The country has to make \$3.8 billion in debt payments in October and November, while its foreign currency reserves have sunk under \$10 billion. Another complication, whose effects are yet to be fully felt, came with Hurricane Harvey in Texas. The storm ripped through a part of the United States that is home to a third of American refining capacity-some of it geared to handling Venezuelan crude.

PDVSA's president, Nelson Martinez, said last week that one of the company's refineries, in hard-hit Corpus Christi, was not damaged but had to shut down. The aftermath of the storm, which saw oil tankers unable to offload crude, could prove to be a tough blow to Venezuela's fragile oil export system. "The storm could impose financial pain on Venezuela without the United States actually sanctioning it, since US demand for the country's crude will fall, The oil company earned \$48 billion last year from 2.27 million barrels a day (mbpd) produced-sharply down from \$72 billion in 2015, when it pumped 2.65 mbpd.

Unsustainable demands

Nearly two decades of spendthrift Socialist governance by Maduro and, before him, the late Hugo Chavez, spread PDVSA's revenues thin, as did their scheme of selling oil to Cuba and other Caribbean states at preferential prices to ensure political support. What has been exposed are unsustainable demands on output and a severe lack of investment in PDVSA's pipelines and oil fields.

Rigid price controls and nationalizations have scared off foreign investment. Rampant political patronage at PDVSA has forced many qualified Venezuelan oil engineers and managers to emigrate. Recent efforts by OPEC, of which Venezuela is a member, to bolster prices through a production quota accord will not help Caracas, according to analysts who say only a change of government would work. — AFP

EXCHANGE RATES

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BUSINESS

SAUDI, KUWAIT REMAIN FIRM, OTHER MARKETS DROP

KUWAIT: GCC markets witnessed mixed performance during August-17 due to factors specific to each market along with the normal seasonal profit booking before the Eid holidays. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait witnessed positive returns during the month primarily on the back of expectations of these markets qualifying for the FTSE's secondary emerging markets index in a review later in September. As a result, both the markets witnessed strong trading activity, with investors basically focusing on large-cap blue chip stocks, specifically banking stocks.

On the other hand, Qatar exchange witnessed the steepest monthly drop on the back of the ongoing political deadlock with its neighbors. This also resulted in Fitch downgrading Qatar's sovereign rating by one notch to AA- with a 'Negative' outlook. The agency said that the impact of the deadlock with neighbors could be larger than currently expected.

Meanwhile, global markets were mixed after the bankers meet at Jackson Hole. On one hand, Fed speech lacked signals on the next rate hike or comments on monetary policy that led to a fall in USD after the meeting. On the other hand, ECB head had an optimistic tone on the economic prospects of the region and said that the Euro area was gaining ground even with low inflation rates. The meeting also highlighted a broad based recovery across the globe, but one that is still at its nascent stage.

Oil prices also remained firm during the month with Brent spot witnessing a strong support at \$50/b mark on the back of a number of factors including a weak USD, US shale slowdown due to Hurricane Harvey, as well as broader recovery in the commodity market with base metal prices reaching multi-year high during the month.

Kuwait

Kuwait recorded the best monthly performance in the GCC during August-17 on the back of higher trades in largecap stocks, continuing the trend seen during July-17 based on speculation surrounding the FTSE upgrade. This was reflected in the 4.2 percent gains recorded in the Kuwait Weighted Index and 4.4 percent gains for the Kuwait 15 Index, while the Price index saw marginal gains of 0.6 percent. These gains further pushed YTD-17 returns for Kuwait to nearly 20 percent for the Price Index and 13.3 percent for the Weighted Index, the highest in the GCC. Positive sentiments in Kuwait has prevailed since the start of the Q2-17 earnings season with reported earnings for the quarter up by 14.5 percent for listed Kuwaiti stocks.

Trading activity on the exchange improved during the month with monthly value traded recorded at KD 320.4 million as compared to KD 300.5 million during July-17. Average daily value traded also improved during the month to KD14.6 million as compared to KD13.7 million during the previous month. Monthly volume, however, dropped to 1.7 billion shares as compared to 1.8 billion shares during the previous month, while total trades increased by 4.2 percent to 70,305 trades. In terms of sector performance, large-cap indices surged during the month with Telecom Index gaining 8.9 percent and Banking Index return at 5.6 percent. The Insurance Index, however, topped the monthly performance chart with a strong surge of 21.7 percent as six out of the seven listed insurance names recorded positive returns during the month. Gulf Insurance Group shares were up 49.8 percent, also topping the monthly performance chart. Shares of First Takaful also surged 25.8 percent followed by 9.6 percent for Kuwait Insurance. Meanwhile, the performance of banking stocks was mixed but the index was swayed by 13.7 percent gain in shares of CBK followed by 10.5 percent gains for KFH and 6.3 percent gain in shares of NBK. The positive performance of banking stocks also reflected the healthy earnings for the sector with Q2-17 net profits up by

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Dubai Financial Market

Dubai market witnessed stable performance during August-17 with the benchmark index staying relatively flat as compared to the last month resulting in 3 percent index surge for YTD-17. That said, trading activity on the exchange dropped significantly due to seasonal factors. Total monthly volume declined by 28 percent to reach 3.7 billion shares as compared to 5.1 billion shares during the previous month. This was also one of the lowest recorded monthly traded volumes on the exchange. On similar lines, monthly value traded also declined by 26 percent to reach AED 5.4 billion, the lowest monthly value traded since March-13. In terms of individual stocks, Union Properties topped the monthly volume chart with 683.7 million shares traded during the month followed by Gulf Finance House and DSI with 513 million and 344 million shares, respectively. On the monthly value chart, Gulf Finance House topped with AED 945.3 million worth of shares changing hands during the month followed by Emaar Properties and Union Properties at AED 821.9 million and AED 592.1 million, respectively.

Qatar Exchange

The slide in Qatari indices re-emerged during August-17 after showing some improvement during July-17. The Qatar 20 Index recorded the steepest monthly decline in the GCC with a fall of 6.4 percent and once again closed below the 9,000 mark at 8,800.56 points. The broad-based Qatar All Share Index also declined by a slightly higher 6.9 percent indicating the pressure on overall market. The YTD-17 decline was also the highest for Qatar as it reached 15.7 percent for the QE20 Index following months of political deadlock with minimal indications of a resolution in the near term. The ongoing political situation concerning Qatar has also prompted a sovereign ratings downgrade from Fitch to AA- with a 'Negative' outlook, bringing the country's rating in line with S&P and Moody's ratings that had already undertaken a rating downgrade during June-17 and July-17, respectively. Fitch ratings also highlighted that the country may curtail spending on infrastructure projects in the ongoing sanctions intensify.

Bahrain Bourse

Bahrain Bourse also declined during August-17 following the wider trend in the GCC stock markets highlighting lack of catalyst and profit booking before the holiday season. The benchmark Bahrain All Share Index declined by 1.9 percent during the month as trends has remained weak since the start of the month. The index reached the lowest point in 7 months also breaking a critical support level of 1,300 points to reach 1,298.79 points only to recover on the last day to close at 1,302.46 points. Sector performance also highlighted the weak trends in the market. The Investment sector witnessed the steepest monthly decline of 7.3 percent followed by the Industrial index that declined by 1 percent. The Commercial Banks index and the Services indices remained flat during the month, while the Insurance index surged 3.4 percent solely on the back of 13 percent gain in shares of Arab Insurance Group.

Muscat Securities Market

After five months of consecutive declines, the Oman's benchmark index witnessed slight improvement during August-17. The MSM 30 index surged 0.6 percent during the month to reach 5,052.6 points after recording consecutive gains during the second half of the month. Pressure on the index was apparent since the start of the month with the benchmark reaching the lowest point in almost 20 months at 4,889.28 points only to recover during the last two weeks of trading. Nevertheless, the marginal index gain during the month, despite the decline in all the sectoral indices, came

witnessed strong gains of 12.4 percent and 4.8 percent, which resulted in overall positive performance for the Felecom index. Gain in shares of Zain came as a result of a deal in which the telecom company sold treasury shares representing 9.84 percent stake in the company to Omantel for \$846.1 million. Zain has said to use the proceeds to reduce debt, invest in its network and look for opportunities in the digital space. In economic news, S&P affirmed Kuwait's AA/A-1+ rating with a 'Stable' outlook. The rating reflects expectation that Kuwait will be able to maintain a GDP growth rate of 3 percent from 2017 to 2020. The rating is supported by high levels of accumulated fiscal, external, and household wealth that helps to offset low oil prices and enable the government to gradually consolidate its finances without weighing on growth.

Feb-17

Jan-17

Source: GCC Stock Exchanges, KAMCO Research

Saudi Arabia (Tadawul)

After witnessing one of the biggest monthly decline in uly-17, Saudi Arabia's TASI was up 2.3 percent during August-17 on the back of strong banking sector performance further supported by stable oil prices that resulted in positive investor sentiments. With these gains, the YTD-17 return also turned positive at 0.7 percent by the end of the month. August-17 also saw the listing of Maather REIT Fund, the fifth REIT to be listed on the exchange. Trading activity on the exchange remained almost flat despite this being a

cent to reach 2.9 billion shares. Alinma Bank topped both the volume and value charts with 531 Mn shares worth SAR 8.7 Bn changing hands during the month. Amana Insurance topped the gainers chart and was up 44.6 percent followed by Middle East Specialized Cables at 42.3 percent. The decliners chart mainly included insurance stocks that declined after SAMA banned three insurance companies and four insurance agencies from selling auto insurance policies due to improper practices. Market breadth was skewed towards gainers that included 99 stocks as against decliners that included 74 companies.

Jul-17

Abu Dhabi Exchange

The ADX benchmark once again trended downward during August-17 after posting some improvement during the previous month. The ADX General Index declined by 2.1 percent during the month reflecting a broad-based decline in a majority of the key sectors. The decline in Banking and Real Estate indices were around 2 percent, whereas the Investment & Financial Services and the Services index witnessed steeper declines of 4.6 percent and 8.5 percent, respectively. This market decline was partially offset by positive performance of the Energy, Industrial and Insurance stocks. A marginal improvement in Q2-17 earnings season also affected market performance during the month. Total earnings for the quarter for ADX listed stocks increased by 1.8 percent to reach AED 10.3 billion (\$2.8 billion). However, ing the month saw a marginal slide of 0.5 percent to reach earnings were softer for the banking sector that reported a decline of 4.3 percent y-o-y.

10.5 percent y-o-y with 8 out of 10 Kuwaiti banks recording positive earnings momentum. In the telecom sector, shares of Zain and Ooredoo Kuwait

traditionally quite period for the markets. Value traded dur-SAR 60.2 billion while monthly volume declined by 1.7 per-

primarily on the back of strong gains recorded in shares of OmanTel and Bank Muscat, the two largest stocks in the regular market.

UZBEKS QUEUE TO BUY, SELL DOLLARS AS SOVIET-ERA RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

TASHKENT: Ordinary Uzbeks queued in front of bank offices yesterday to legally buy and sell foreign currency for the first time in decades, after President Shavkat Mirziyoyev lifted most restrictions in his biggest economic reform so far.

Mirziyoyev, who was elected president after the death last September of strongman Islam Karimov, has been gradually dismantling a complex system of foreign exchange rules that had been in place since independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. They had benefitted the government of the Central Asian country but stifled business and deterred foreign investors whom he is now seeking to attract.

In a decree published on Sunday, Mirziyoyev ordered the government and the central bank to launch retail foreign exchange operations with no restrictions from Sept. 5, but with one caveat-instead of buying foreign cash, Uzbeks are getting the currency on special bank cards.

On Monday, the central bank devalued the official exchange rate of the sum currency to 8,100 sums per dollar from 4,210 per dollar, making legal exchange bureaus more attractive than the black market, where the rate has been around 7,700. By 1100 local time, there were dozens-long queues in front of banks and people were calling their friends and relatives to let them know about the liberalization.

Illegal trade

"Of course there is a queue at the bank today," said Kamela Guliyeva, a sports promoter. "But the most important thing is that today free selling and buying of foreign currency has begun. I hope now everything would change for the better."

"Before, it used to be difficult for to hold and trade these things (foreign currency)," said Bekmurod Rahmatullayev, a pensioner. "Now it is good for people, were are glad." Uzbeks had previously mostly bought foreign currency from traders operating illegally. One trader said on Tuesday the authorities were cracking down on the black market, but that it continued to operate as some people preferred their dollars in cash.

Some bank customers, who declined to be named, also said they were disappointed by the restriction on holding cash. Many Uzbeks have developed a habit of keeping their savings in dollars to protect them from inflation and depreciation. — Reuters



This file photo taken on September 11, 2014 shows Lego bricks in the shape of heads at the Lego factory in Kladno, Czech Republic. Danish toy maker Lego, known for its iconic coloured plastic bricks, said yesterday that it would cut eight percent of its global workforce after a drop in sales in the US and Europe. —AP

MEXICO'S BOOMING AEROSPACE INDUSTRY NOT SWEATING NAFTA

PRODUCERS WORRIED ABOUT COMPETITION FROM ASIA

QUERETARO, Mexico: Arturo Avila toiled and suffered to build his Mexican start-up into a thriving aerospace company-and the last thing he's going to do now is lose sleep over Donald Trump's NAFTA threats. Avila is the founder of Altaser Aerospace, one of more than 300 companies that make up Mexico's small but booming aerospace sector, which has grown 179 percent since 2009 to become a \$19-billion industry.

These companies, which provide some of the millions of highly specialized parts that go into every commercial airplane, have thrived under the North American Free Trade Agreement-the 23-year-old deal the United States, Mexico and Canada are trying to revamp this week in Mexico City, at Trump's behest.

Last year, Mexico's aerospace industry exported more than \$7 billion in parts-nearly triple the \$2.5 billion it exported in 2009. It has not been easy breaking into the highly demanding sector, known for white-knuckle deadlines, complex technology and intense global competition.

Avila still remembers how hard it was to get a foothold. He recalls details like the sympathetic smile on one Bombardier executive's face when the aerospace giant rejected his bid to become its supplier. The Canadian multinational told him he would need to have far more sales history, and a solid client portfolio.

"I suffered for the first three years," said Avila, 51. "You have to be humble, very humble, to understand that it's a tough industry. You have to win their trust," he told AFP.

Today, he has a thriving medium-sized business in the state of Chihuahua, on the US border, specialized in making parts for airplane wings. It has orders booked through 2034, and will soon employ a total of 500 people when it opens a new factory in the city of Hermosillo, in the neighboring state of Sonora. His clients include such US giants as General Electric and Spirit Aerosystems.

Boeing, Airbus, Lockheed Martin, BAE Systems, Raytheon, Northrop Grumman: all the world's largest aerospace and defense companies source parts in Mexico.

Bigger worry: Asia

Given NAFTA's central role in creating this boom, Avila and his fellow entrepreneurs might be expected to be nervous over the American



president's repeated threats to "terminate" it. But at the Mexico Aerospace Summit-held in the aeronautics hub of Queretaro just before the latest NAFTA talks opened-Mexican executives said they had more pressing concerns.

"It's not something we're losing sleep over," said Avila. Mexico exported 81.3 percent of its aerospace products to the United States in 2015, and 6.6 percent to Canada. The two countries accounted for 81 percent of the \$2.1 billion in foreign investment in the sector from 1999 to 2015.

But Mexican executives say they are confident the industry is so globalized, with such complicated and deeply integrated supply chains, that even if Trump pulls out of NAFTA, he can't staunch demand for their products. The main reason is that their prices are so competitive, with or without tariffs: Mexican factory workers make an average \$2.30 an hour, about one-tenth the average US factory wage.

And demand keeps growing. "The current supply chains are maxed out, so there's opportunity for suppliers who have the know-how," said Xavier Hurtado of the Mexican Aerospace Industry Federation. The makers of the jet bodies, wiring, cables and myriad other plane parts that Mexico produces say they are more worried about competition from Asia than keeping American clients.

"We need to take action and improve" in areas like best practices, standardized processes and meeting commitments "rather than worry about something as abstract as NAFTA," said Hurtado.

European planemaker Airbus's director of procurement for North America, Ruben Tauste, said Mexican entrepreneurs and the government should be less worried about NAFTA than things like investing more in research and development and breaking into more high-tech segments such as engines and flight control systems. "Mexico should try to be independent, to make its own products... from beginning to end," he said. — AFP

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Volume

Value (KWD)

Number of Trades

LONDON: Risk appetite started to slip again yesterday, with modest falls for Wall Street's main markets as they reopened for the first time since North Korea's biggest nuclear missile test yet. Major US markets had been closed during Monday's global sell-off, so the S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq were playing catch up as they dropped 0.2-0.3 percent in opening deals. Europe's markets were being dragged back too, with stocks cutting their morning gains in half and investors shifting into bonds and the yen in fixed income and currency markets.

But as with many political risk plays over the past couple of years, the limited size of the moves suggest that investors were focused

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Confirmation that eurozone business activity remained robust last month had helped the pan-European STOXX 600 claw back some of the ground lost on Monday amid international condemnation of the previous day's nuclear test.

Gold - the traditional go-to for traders when political concerns escalate - eased too, dipping back from a one-year high in its first drop in four days. "What the recent (North Korea) episodes have shown is that you should not really try to follow these things as they tend to fade quickly," said ING's chief EMEA FX and rates strategist, Petr Krpata.

"It is less and less surprising for markets every time, so for us it is not a reason to change our constructive view on carry currencies." Among the major currency pairs, the euro tiptoed back up to \$1.19 as signs of rising inflation pressure in the earlier eurozone data put the focus back on Thursday's European Central Bank meeting and its plans to reduce its stimulus program. Cautious sounding comments from a Federal Reserve policymaker then knocked the dollar lower, taking it to a one-week low of 109.16 yen as US trading gained momentum.

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Global catastrophe

In Europe, early gains in Paris and London were swept away as the opening bell on Wall Street approached. Frankfurt managed to stay solidly in the

green. "Germany's DAX is flirting with a bullish breakout on autos-friendly rhetoric from Merkel..." said Mike Van Dulken, head of market research at Accendo Markets. Chancellor Angela Merkel on Monday pledged a billion euros to help German cities fight air pollution caused by dirty diesel cars, while coming out solidly against cities banning the vehicles which would hurt automakers. London equities were penalized by disappointing data. Britain's services sector grew at the slowest pace in almost a year in August amid uncertainty over Brexit, a survey showed yesterday.

The purchasing manager's index for services fell to 53.2 in August from 53.8 in July, data compiler IHS Markit revealed. That undershot market expectations of a fall to 53.5, though it remained above the 50 figure which indicates expansion. The service sector, which accounts for around 80 percent of British economic activity, grew at the slowest pace since September 2016.

Overnight China's Caixin/Markit services purchasing managers' index (PMI), a forward-looking economic indicator, rose to 52.7 in August, the highest reading in three months. The market reaction to that was muted, however, with sentiment in Asian equity markets still subdued. Chinese bourses eked out small 0.2-0.3 percent gains but Seoul and Tokyo remained red. South Korea's Asia Business Daily, citing an unidentified source, reported that North Korea had moved what looked like an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) towards its west coast, possibly in preparation for a launch. Seoul said it had struck an agreement with the United States meanwhile which would allow it to beef up the size and potency of its warheads.

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Speaking at a summit of the world's biggest emerging economies in China, Russian President Vladimir Putin again warned though that threatening military action against North Korea could trigger "a global catastrophe". "Russia condemns North Korea's exercises, we consider that they are a provocation ... (But) ramping up military hysteria will lead to nothing good," he told reporters.

There were some sharp moves in commodity markets.

US WTI oil prices raced higher, while US gasoline prices slumped to pre-Hurricane Harvey levels, as oil refineries and pipelines in the US Gulf Coast slowly resumed activity, easing supply concerns. US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures jumped 2.6 percent to trade at \$48.50 per barrel, and global benchmark Brent prices climbed 1.68 percent to \$53.18.

The reassuring China PMI data helped copper hit a three-year high in industrial metals markets, and nickel hovered near a 14-month peak. Meanwhile, bitcoin dropped further from Saturday's all-time high of \$4,979.9 to trade at \$4,012.

China said on Monday it was banning the practice of raising funds through launches of token-based digital currencies, known as initial coin offerings (ICOs). — Agencies

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Kowalt		2.10		0.56	28.46		0.41	16.60	
Saudi Arabia Dubai		1.84		8.64	-3.20		-0.04	0,71	
Abur Ditudori		11.28		8.73	-2.55	•	-0.06	-1.43	
Bahrain	-	6.79		2.46	3.67		0.25	6.42	
Quetar Omum		8.90		0.56	-58.34		-0.66	-15.12	
Lebanon	-	1.56		1.56	0.00		0.21	-12.63	
Jordan		7.26		0.36	-6.90		-0.32	-0.60	
Epri4		15.77	-	03.26	-12.51	•	-0.09	8.67	
Morocco Tuninia		79.39		6.83	8.15	+	0.07	6.38	
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Kuwalt Dinar	Dinar	12.3227	3.2998	2.7748	Pound 2.5444	Franc 3, 1655	Yem 360.70	Dollar 4.1382	
Saudi Kiyal	0.08115	14.3445	0.2678	0.2252	0.2065	0.7569	29.27	0.3358	
US Dollar	0.30305	3.7344		0.8409	0.7711	0.9593	109.31	1.2541	
Lurn Sterling Pound	0.36039	4.4409	1.1892	1.0903	0.9172	1.1408	130.01	1.4914	
Swiss Franc	0.31591	3.8928	1.0424	0.8766	0.8037	1.2445	113.99	1.3073	
Japanese Yen	0.00277	0.0342	0.0091	0.0077	0.0071	0.0088		0.0115	
Australian Dollar	0.24165	2.9778	0,7974	0.6705	0.6146	0.7649	87,16		
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Currency	US Dollar	Kowalti Dullar	Saudi Riyal	Bahraini Dinar	Qatari Riyal	Omarel Riyel	Emirature Dirtum	Egyptian Pound	
US Dollar	1.700	0.30305	3.7344	0.3741	3.6270	0.3831	3.4571	17.5220	
Kuwaiti Dinar. Saudi Riyal	3.2998	0.08115	12.3227	1.2344	0.9712	1.2642	12.0676	57.8188	
Bahraini Dinar	2.6732	0.81012	9.9829		9.6958	1.0242	9.7763	46.8402	
Qatari Riyal	0.2757	0.08355	1.0296	0.1031		0.1056	1.0083	4.8310	
Omani Riyal Emirates Dicham	2.6101	0.79098	9.7471	0.9764	9.4668	0.1048	9.5453	45.7338	
Egyptian Pound	0.0571	0.01730	0.2131	0.0213	0.2070	0.0219	0.2087		
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Japanese Yen	-0.02	-0.04		.03		.01	-	.11	
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West Texas	_	.17		27	-0.10	÷	-0.21	-13.47	
Geld	133	4.30	133	2.34	-1.96		-0.15	13.67	
		.89		.89	0.00		0.01	10.91	

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Index	c	hange	Closing	Last Closing		
Price index		28.45	6,920.56	6,892.10		
Weighted Index		1.64	432.21	430.57		
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'WE'VE COME A LONG WAY AND HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO' FORD REPORTS ITS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS ACROSS BUSINESS

KUWAIT: Ford Motor Company yesterday released its 18th annual Sustainability Report, including a short film, detailing its environmental progress across the world and commitment to continued sustainability actions in the future. Since 2000, Ford has published its Sustainability Report to track its comprehensive approach to managing the issues related to climate change, air quality and conservation, and identifying opportunities that have significant impacts across the business, from water stewardship to supplier training and education.

"We know climate change is real and a critical threat, and we will continue to work with leaders around the world in support of ambitious global greenhouse gas reduction targets," said Executive Chairman Bill Ford. "At the same time, we have the opportunity to make real environmental progress as we move into a world of smart vehicles and smart environments, including car sharing, multi-modal transportation and dynamic shuttles." Ford has collaborated with several other leading organizations throughout the years to increase the company's transparency and depth of environmental initiatives. A good example of this is Ford's recent pledge to the Business Alliance for Water and Climate's "Improve Water Security" initiative in June - the first automaker to do so. Business Alliance for Water and Climate is a partnership between the United Nations Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate, Carbon Disclosure Project, SUEZ and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. This coalition created a program of actions for companies to demonstrate their commitment to being responsible water stewards.

"Every day, we work to do the right things for our customers, communities and the planet," said Kim Pittel, group vice president, sustainability, environment and safety engineering. "Through our integrated sustainability approach, we're embedding sustainability best practices throughout our company and our supply chain to help make people's lives better."

Sustainability report highlights

The 2016-17 Ford Sustainability Report highlights key environmental benchmarks and the



automaker's ongoing work to address issues related to climate change, including:

Water stewardship

Believing that access to clean water is a human right, Ford made the decision to join the Business Alliance for Water and Climate "Improve Water Security" initiative enables the company to help analyze water-related risks, implement collaborative response strategies and reduce impacts on water availability and quality in both direct operations and along the value chain. Since 2000, Ford has cut water use by more than 61 percent, with a goal of zero usage of drinkable water in manufacturing. In addition, Ford suppliers who participate in the voluntary Partnership for a Cleaner Environment program are on track to save an estimated 550 million gallons of water over the next five years - enough to fill 837 competition-sized swimming pools, according to data collected in 2016.

Sustainable materials

Ford continued to expand its sustainable materials research efforts through a collaboration with Jose Cuervo to explore the use of agave plants to develop a sustainable bioplastic material to incorporate in vehicles, giving the agave fiber byproduct a second chance at usefulness. Almost 300 vehicle parts are derived from renewable sources such as soybeans, cotton, wood, flax, jute and natural rubber.

Sustainable manufacturing

Ford has an ongoing commitment to reducing waste in its manufacturing facilities, and as part of that commitment, the automaker expanded its aluminum closed-loop recycling system to three factories. Now in use at Dearborn Stamping, Kentucky Truck and Buffalo Stamping facilities, Ford's system recycles 20 million pounds of military-grade aluminum alloy a month, enough to build more than 37,000 F-Series truck bodies a month.

Supply chain sustainability

In addition to reducing the company's own environmental footprint, Ford is reducing the footprint of its supply chain with an enhanced Partnership for a Cleaner Environment program that has grown to more than 40 suppliers in 40 countries - up from iust 25 suppliers in 2015. Partnership for a Cleaner Environment, which originally focused on water and energy conservation, now has grown to offer best practices for reducing waste, carbon dioxide and air emissions. Carbon emissions could be reduced by nearly 500,000 metric tons globally in the next five years.

Waste reduction

Ford expanded its true zero-waste-to-landfill program to 82 Ford facilities around the world - 49 manufacturing facilities and 33 non-manufacturing facilities - where absolutely no waste goes to landfill. This includes the historical Ford Rouge Center, the largest complex in the company to send no manufacturing waste to landfills, as well as the North American World Headquarters - diverting more than 240,000 pounds of waste from landfills.

The report also details year-over-year progress and goals around the company's work in the areas of improving safety and fuel economy, reducing manufacturing carbon dioxide, the company global electrification strategy and more.

Responsible business

For the eighth year in a row, Ford was named to Ethisphere Institute's "World's Most Ethical Company" list - the only automaker to achieve this recognition. Ford is proud of all of accomplishments made in its sustainability journey over the last two decades, but it's not over - there is still much more work to be done. "We've come a long, long way and we've got a long way to go," said Bill Ford in the film. "We believe we have an obligation to leave this world better than we found it."



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CBK ANNOUNCES WINNERS IN AL-NAJMA ACCOUNT DRAW

the daily draw on "Al-Najma Account" yesterday at the Bank's Head Office to select 5 winners to win a cash prize of KD 7000 for each. The draw was held in the presence of Abdulaziz Ashkanani, representative of the

KUWAIT: Commercial Bank of Kuwait held their dreams turned to reality by winning great prizes starting from KD 100,000 for the first quarter escalating thereafter by KD 50 thousand for each quarter to reach KD 250,000 in the last guarter. Customers can enjoy additional benefits including obtaining ATM card and a credit card against the customer's account along with enjoying all other banking services. The Bank congratulates all the lucky winners and draws their attention that the cash prizes will be credited into their accounts with the Bank. Further, the Bank appreciates the Ministry of Commerce & Industry's significant role and its continuous cooperation and effective supervision on the draw that was smoothly and transparently organized.

NMC HEALTH, FIRST MIDDLE EAST FIRM TO BE LISTED ON FTSE 100

Company to list with a market cap of AED 26bn

KUWAIT: NMC Health, the largest private healthcare provider in the United Arab Emirates, has just been promoted to the UK's leading FTSE 100 index. The company has emerged as the first Middle Eastern company to be listed on such index,



which lists the top 100 Saeed M Bin Butti Al-Qubaisi companies listed on the

VIGOR EVENTS TO BEGIN

London Stock Exchange with the highest market capitalization, indicating strong results and a solid performance as backed by the confidence of investors.

NMC Health was promoted to the FTSE 100 yesterday while during the last quarter its shares have risen 22 percent from 2,187p to yesterday's close of 2,670p, giving it a market cap of £5.5bn (26 billion UAE Dirham)

Commenting on the development, Saeed M Bin Butti Al-Qubaisi, the largest shareholder in NMC Health, said: "Being among the FTSE 100 index solidifies NMC's standards, demonstrating the overall performance and strengthening the firm's reputation as an esteemed blue-chip company in the region. I am particularly pleased to see NMC Health, a prestigious and recognized brand, perform at that level, standing among other leading international companies."

"We take great pride in this positioning as it signifies NMC Health is rightfully recognized as a leader in the healthcare industry, and of added value to customers, businesses, communities, and most importantly, investors," he added.

Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The following names were announced as winners of the prizes:

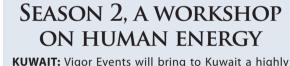
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to win a daily prize of KD 7000 which is the highest daily prize in Kuwait. In addition, the Account offers quarterly draws that provide customers with opportunity to get



engaging two-day design-based workshop, that is developed to create individual and organizational strategies for the future using the unique 7 Dimensions of the Future of Work model (based on 4 years of action research and consulting practice with progressive organizations, academic theories and applied methodologies).

The immersive program led by Perry Timms Founder of People & Transformational HR (PTHR), will be centered on design thinking and built around the use of case studies, emerging theories and disruptive models. Using each dimension of the future of work, 7 parts will follow the prime; pose and participate model to enable leaders to discover new thinking and examples and apply to their own context.

Participants will have access to a learning platform with The Future of Work content and a socialized community space to share with other participants before the event, they will participate in a complimentary psychometric assessment - The Game Changer Index with a report and the end and continued access to learning platform along with content such as films and workshop content post the event.

Attendees will understand the 7 dimensions of the future of work, build a massive transformative purpose, values, culture of success for the future and Receive key insight into the emerging future of work from case studies, theories and research.

Perry Timms the acclaimed author of the e-book "HR 2025", one of the top 10 HR Bloggers in the 2013 update and the world's only WorldBlu(r) Certified Freedom at Work Consultant + Coach - helping organizations be more democratic and inclusive.

The Future of Work workshop is a tailor made for Top Management, Executives and HR Professionals with an active interest and part to play in designing and leading workplace change and transformational activities. It will take place on the 24th and 25th of September 2017 at Hilton Resort, Mangaf - Burgan Meeting Room from 9am to 3:00pm and is organized by Vigor Events & vo-organized by ALGAS Events. Members of the Knowledge Club this year includes Hadi Clinic as Gold Member, Warba Bank & Kout Food Group as Silver Member, Kuwait Oil Company, Aramex & Platinum Gym as Corporate members and media support from the International Advertising Association (Kuwait Chapter).



OOREDOO CONTINUES TO DELIVER THE BEST BENEFITS WITH SHAMEL PREMIUM

KUWAIT: Ooredoo, Kuwait's fastest network, is proud to continue delivering the best in-class services to its customers through its Shamel Premium prepaid plans, part of its Al-Nokhba offerings. Customers of Shamel Premium can choose from a lineup of the latest smartphone devices such as the iPhone 7, Samsung Galaxy 8 and Huawei Porsche Design.

Additionally, Premium plans include a number of first-rate benefits with Nojoom, including business class tickets and Noioom rewards worth up to KD 500, which can be redeemed from Ooredoo's selection of exclusive partners who offer the best in class services in a variety of industries, ranging from retail to hospitality and travel.

Commenting on this, Ooredoo Kuwait's director of VIP direct sales Jasem Abdul Rahim noted that the company is continuously working on enriching its portfolio of partners to ensure delivering customers with an unrivalled experience. Shamel Premium offers customers with unlimited benefits that includes credit of up to KD240 in roaming benefits.

Abdul Rahim noted that the plans were especially tailored to better suit the needs of VIP customers, and that the company is keeping in mind the needs of its business leading clients with their global interests,

ooredoo especially in the fast-paced field of

telecommunication.

In addition to the unrivalled services, Shamel Premium customers can enjoy the exclusive VIP treatment in Ooredoo's Nokhba lounge, from 8 AM to 4 PM in the fifth floor of Ooredoo's Head Office in Kuwait City, Soor Street.

Ooredoo's operations in Kuwait date back to December 1999 when it launched wireless services as the second operator. The company today provides mobile, broadband internet and corporate managed services tailored to the needs of customers and businesses. Ooredoo Kuwait which is an enlisted company in the Kuwait Stock Exchange Market - operates a number of telecom service providers in the region, such as Ooredoo Algeria, Ooredoo Tunis, Ooredoo Maldives, and Wataniya Palestine. Ooredoo Kuwait is a member of the international Ooredoo Group based in Doha, Qatar.

Our vision: Enabling the Kuwaiti community through digitalization and enriching people's daily experiences. Our mission: To be a leading one-stop shop, offering comprehensive telecom services to meet all the demands of our customers.

BURGAN BANK ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF YAWMI DRAW

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

The lucky winners are:

- 1. Mehrdad Yousef Mehdi
- 2. Gigy George Parakkadan
- 3. Shamlan Abdulaziz Mahmoud
- 4. Jasem Rashim Al-Abboudi

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

Established in 1977, Burgan Bank is the youngest commercial Bank and second largest by assets in Kuwait, with a significant focus on the corporate and financial institutions sectors, as well as having a growing retail, and private bank customer base. Burgan Bank has majority owned subsidiaries in the MENAT region supported by one of the largest regional branch networks.

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

ABK ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 'DOUBLE YOUR SALARY' DRAWS

KUWAIT: Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) held its 'Double Your Salary' weekly draw on 15st - 22th August, 2017 at the Bank's Head Office in the presence of a representative from the Ministry of Commerce, announcing the names of the winners. The promotion includes weekly draws for existing and new ABK customers. The campaign will run until 30th September, 2017.

The winners are:

• Aesha Mohammad Abd Al-Rasoul Mohammad, Head office branch

• Shaheer Kamal George Shokralla, Salmiya branch

 Marzoug Theeb Saleh AlHarshani, Sabah Hospital branch

Masoud Mewafrosh, Head office branch

New customers who transfer their salary to ABK receive KD 300 and will automatically be entered into the weekly draws to double their salaries. Existing customers who are already transferring their salary to ABK are entered into a separate draw.



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HUAWEI REVEALS THE FUTURE OF MOBILE AI AT IFA 2017

CEO RICHARD YU UNVEILS THE KIRIN 970, HUAWEI'S FIRST MOBILE AI COMPUTING PLATFORM

BERLIN: At IFA 2017, Huawei Consumer Business Group unveiled a new era in smartphone innovation. As part of CEO Richard Yu's keynote address, he revealed Huawei's vision for the future of artificial intelligence with the launch of the Kirin 970. By combining the power of the cloud with the speed and responsiveness of native AI processing, Huawei is bringing AI experiences to life and changing the way we interact with our devices.

"As we look to the future of smartphones, we're at the threshold of an exciting new era," said Richard Yu, CEO of Huawei Consumer Business Group. "Mobile AI = On-Device AI + Cloud AI. Huawei is committed to developing smart devices into intelligent devices by building end-to-end capabilities that support coordinated development of chips, devices, and the cloud. The ultimate goal is to provide a significantly better user experience. The Kirin 970 is the first in a series of new advances that will bring powerful AI features to our devices and take them beyond the competition."

After years of development, Cloud Al has seen broad application, but user experience still has room for improvement, including latency, stability, and privacy. Cloud AI and On-Device AI can complement each other. On-Device Al offers strong sensing capabilities, which are the foundation of understanding and assisting people. Sensors produce a large amount of real-time, scenario-specific, and personalized data. Supported by strong chip processing capabilities, devices will become more cognitive of user needs, providing truly personalized and readily accessible services.

Kirin 970 is powered by an 8-core CPU and a new generation 12-core GPU. Built using a 10nm advanced process, the chipset packs 5.5 billion transistors into an area of only one cm≤. Huawei's new flagship Kirin 970 is Huawei's first mobile Al computing platform featuring a dedicated Neural Processing Unit (NPU). Compared to a quad-core Cortex-A73 CPU cluster, the Kirin 970's new heterogeneous computing architecture delivers up to 25x the performance with 50x greater efficiency. Simply put, the Kirin 970 can perform the same AI computing tasks faster and with far less power. In a benchmark image recognition test, the Kirin 970 processed 2,000 images per minute, which was faster than other chips on the market.

Huawei Consumer BG

New developments in Al require joint effort across the entire value chain, involving tens of millions of developers, and the experience and feedback of hundreds of millions of users. Huawei is positioning the Kirin 970 as an open platform for mobile Al, opening up the chipset to developers



Huawei's first mobile AI computing platform

and partners who can find new and innovative uses for its processing capabilities.

Huawei's products and services are available in more than 170 countries, and are used by a third of the world's population, ranking third in the world in mobile phone shipments in 2015. Fifteen R&D centers have been set up in the United States, Germany, Sweden, Russia, India and China. Huawei Consumer BG is one of Huawei's three business units and covers smartphones, mobile broadband devices, home devices and cloud services. Huawei's global network is built on 20 years of expertise in the telecom industry and is dedicated to delivering the latest technological advances to consumers around the world.

AS ROBOTS EDGE INTO WORKPLACE, FREE MONEY IDEA TAKES HOLD

HONOLULU: Driverless trucks. Factory robots. Delivery drones. Virtual personal assistants. As technological innovations increasingly edge into the workplace, many people fear that robots and machines are destined to take jobs that human beings have held for decades. For many affected workers, retraining might be out of reach -unavailable, unaffordable or inadequate.

What then? Enter the idea of a universal basic income, the notion that everyone should be able to receive a stream of income to live on, regardless of their employment or economic status.

It isn't an idea that seems likely to gain traction nationally in the current political environment. But in some politically liberal corners of the country, including Hawaii and the San Francisco Bay area, the idea of distributing a guaranteed income has begun to gain support.

Over the past two decades, automation has reduced the need for workers, especially in such blue-collar sectors as manufacturing, warehousing and mining. Many of the jobs that remain demand higher education or advanced technological skills. It helps explain

why just 55 percent of Americans with no more than a high school diploma are employed, down from 60 percent just before the Great

service jobs to automation and artificial intelligence. Even some economists who welcome technological change to make workplaces more efficient note that the pace of innovation in coming years is likely to accelerate. Community colleges and retraining centers could find it difficult to keep up. Supporters of a universal basic income say the money would cushion the economic pain for the affected workers.

Where would the money come from?

In the long run, that would likely be decided by political leaders. For now, philanthropic organizations founded by technology entrepreneurs have begun putting money into pilot programs to provide basic income. The Economic Security Project, co-led by Facebook co-founder Chris Hughes and others, committed \$10 million over two years to basic income projects.

A trial program in Kenya, led by the US group GiveDirectly, is funded mainly funded by Google; the Omidyar Network started by eBay founder Pierre Omidyar; and GoodVentures, co-led by Facebook cofounder Dustin Moskovitz.

Providing a basic income in expensive countries like the United States would, of course, be far costlier. Tom Yamachika, president of the Tax Foundation of Hawaii, a non-



BERLIN: Visitors sit in front of a television set showing the TV-debate between German Chancellor and leader of the conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party Angela Merkel and Martin Schulz, leader of Germany's social democratic SPD party and candidate for Chancellor, at the IFA consumer electronics fair in Berlin. —AFP

Recession.

Hawaii state lawmakers have voted to explore the idea of a universal basic income in light of research suggesting that a majority of waiter, cook and building cleaning jobs - vital to replaced by machines. A cru- Rep Chris Lee poses in front broad subject, it could encomcial question - who exactly of the capitol.—AP would pay for the program? -

has yet to be determined. But support for the idea has taken root. "Our economy is changing far more rapidly than anybody's expected," said state Rep. Chris Lee, who introduced legislation to consider a guaranteed universal income. Lee said he felt it's important "to be sure that everybody will benefit from the technological revolution that we're seeing to make sure no one's left behind."

Here are some questions and answers: What is a universal basic income?

In a state or nation with universal basic income, every adult would receive a uniform fixed amount that would be deemed enough to meet basic needs. The idea gained some currency in the 1960s and 1970s, with proponents ranging from Martin Luther King Jr. to President Richard Nixon, who proposed a "negative income tax" similar to basic income. It failed to pass Congress.

Recently, some technology leaders have been breathing new life - and money - into the idea. Mark Zuckerberg, Elon Musk and others have promoted the idea as a way to address the potential loss of many transportation, manufacturing, retail and customer



profit dedicated to limited taxes and fairness, has estimated that if all Hawaii residents were given \$10,000 annually, it would cost about \$10 billion a year, which he says Hawaii can't afford given its \$20 bil-Hawaii's tourism-dependent economy - will eventually be HONOLULU: Hawaii state bilities. "Basic income is such a

pass hundreds of different kinds of mechanisms to help

families," Lee said. "You don't have to enact the entire thing in one massive program. You can take bits and pieces that make sense."

Karl Widerquist, co-founder of the US Basic Income Guarantee Network, an informal group that promotes the idea of a basic income, suggests that Hawaii could collect a property tax from hotels, businesses and residents that could be redistributed to residents.

"If people in Alaska deserve an oil dividend, why don't the people of Hawaii deserve a beach dividend?" he asked. Other proponents suggest replacing part of the nation's web of social support programs with a universal basic income.

Some, like Natalie Foster, co-chairwoman of the Economic Security Project, say they think that if universal income took off in the US, it would begin incrementally - perhaps by taxing carbon emissions and distributing the money as basic income, an idea explored in California and Washington D.C. A study by the Roosevelt Institute, a left-leaning think tank, found that distributing a universal income by increasing the federal debt would expand the economy because of the stimulating effects of the additional cash. —AP

VOICE ASSISTANTS PROMISE A LIGHT-FINGERED FUTURE

Tiny speakers at IFA fair are the ears and mouths of new AI

BERLIN: Tomorrow's digital interface may be even more revolutionary than the pinching, tapping and scrolling heralded by the smartphone: voice commands promise to unify and tame our digital lives.

Tiny speakers visible at every stand at Berlin's IFA electronics fair, most of them endowed with a feminine voice, are the ears and mouths of the new artificial intelligences.

Things haven't quite reached the fever pitch of 2013's "Her", Spike Jonze's film in which Joaquin Phoenix falls in love with an operating system voiced by Scarlett Johansson. But industry experts and salespeople paint a glowing picture of a future home in which an artificial intelligence (AI)-powered butler will cater to consumers' every need via networked appliances.

"This technology is about to play a huge role in our lives. The main question for manufacturers is what technical solution will make it as intuitive as possible," said Martin Boerner, vice-president of Germany's information technology industry federation Bitkom. Industry giants like Google, Amazon, Samsung and Microsoft are battling it out to produce the most responsive voice-controlled Als, aiming to reduce the amount of time we spend tapping buttons or swiping through lists on our smartphones. Many users check their phones 200 or even 300 times a day, Sony Mobile France chief executive Jean Raoul de Gelis pointed out, meaning that "above all, voice controls free up our hands" for other tasks.

As well as giving our thumbs a break, the new interfaces will, their makers hope, take the load off our brains as well, learning our habits and routines and working out what we want and need from them. "The ultimate goal is that you are unaware of the technology. Nobody wants to program the floor cleaner robot's duty schedule for the week. Automation needs to become as tactful and perceptive as a butler," said Paul Gray of consultancy IHS.

AI has landed

Google and Amazon overshadow IFA despite their absence, with exhibitors of TVs, home appliances or sound systems proudly declaring partnerships with one or the other. Research firm Gartner expects the connected speaker market to grow to \$3.5 billion worldwide by 2021, from 360 million in 2015. As the objects' design remains perhaps too self-consciously high-tech for many people's kitchens or bedside tables, the smartphone is likely to remain the mouthpiece of the Als for some time yet.

Google, Amazon's Alexa, Samsung's Bixby, Microsoft's Cortana and Apple's Siri are all jostling for space in consumers' imaginations. Google has a big advantage with its Android phones in billions of pockets around the world, but a competitor like Amazon could end up on top of the wide-open market for home automation-from kitchen to car, via the thermostat and the front door lock.

Bound together

But building this densely-networked future environment will bring new challenges for technology companies. They will have to work together more closely to maintain the illusion of effortlessness for users, most of whom won't be prepared to outfit their entire life with one brand's devices. At present, buyers have a hard time figuring out which devices are compatible with which others-prompting manufacturers to push for a standard protocol, a universal language that would allow appliances to communicate. "Some players think this is a winner-takesall market and a single AI agent will win. Other companies believe a smartphone will include multiple AI agents which are optimized for different tasks," IHS analyst Ian Fogg said.

Samsung has already taken up the banner of compatibility, announcing Wednesday that it would work more closely with the Open Connectivity Foundation, a group that aims to simplify linking up devices. — AFP

WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT AT IFA TECH FAIR

BERLIN: Berlin's IFA technology fair, Europe's largest and a bellwether for the Christmas season, draws to a close Wednesday. Here is a quick overview of what's hot and what's not in the aisles.

On the out

Tablets: The fever that greeted Apple's launch of the iPad in 2010 has long dissipated. Smartphones boast increasingly large screens and high performance in a handier package than the not-quite-laptop devices.

Energy efficiency: "It was a big topic in 2008, it remains important, but most devices conform to regulations now, we think it's time to turn to other things," said Reinhard Zinkann of Germany's Miele. As for phones, "it's become standard to recharge your phone overnight, now the idea is that there should be no need to charge it during the day," said Raoul de Gelis of Sony Mobile.

Virtual reality: Passion about the immersive headsets has faded from the levels seen in 2015 and 2016. Hardware remains pricey at around 500 euros (\$550), restricting VR to true gaming enthusiasts. "The VR market has been held back in 2017 by very limited supply of the OLED display panels needed," said IHS analyst Ian Fogg, suggesting 2018 may be the breakthrough year as more mobile users will be able to try out the tech.

Photography: Digital cameras are thin on the ground at IFA, as high-performance smartphone snappers crowd them out and the mania for instantly sharing lunch, travel and selfie shots on social networks rages unabated.

On the rise

Mixed reality: This technology blends virtual reality with the real world, as computer-generated images are added to the user's field of vision while they wear special glasses or a headset. Acer, Asus, Dell and Lenovo were all showing off headsets this year, while Microsoft announced a version of Windows compatible with the devices.

Activity trackers: enthusiasm for the trailblazers of the wearable technology world shows no signs of fading, with more gadgets than ever on offer to count steps, swimming strokes, water intake or calories burned-or to prod you about your health goals. Samsung and Fitbit placed their fitness wearables centre stage at IFA.

Connected speakers: Amazon Echo, Google Home and Apple HomePod all offer networked speakers that respond to voice commands-with research suggesting the market is set to balloon in the coming years. Sony's version with no buttons at all could mean the future of choosing music is all vocal.

Male grooming: IFA's aisles used to host hairdryer or straightener demonstrations, but a growing number of brands are targeting styleconscious men. Bracelets, glasses and smart glasses are in vogue, while a cavalcade of devices promises to help maintain an immaculate beard. Vinyl records: In a vintage touch, record players are back on the scene at IFA, with pride of place going to Technics' SP-10R-touted as the best-ever turntable from the legendary DJ equipment maker. A quirky offer from Thomson attaches to the wall and plays records vertically. —AFP

CHINA'S TIGHTER DRONE **RULES SEND NEW PILOTS** FLOCKING TO SCHOOL

BEIJING: A buzz fills the sky above a flight base in northern Beijing, as pilots practice take-offs and landings ahead of tests to qualify for a license - to fly drones.

Drone enthusiasts in China, the world's top maker of consumer unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), are scrambling for licenses after the government adopted strict rules this year to tackle incidents of drones straying into aircraft flight paths.

"A drone is not a toy," said Yang Nuo, the principal of the drone training school in the Chinese capital, who expects more students to sign up in a drive to boost flying skills. "It involves complicated aerial theoretical knowledge." Gao Huigiang, 32, said his construction company told him to seek a license. "Since the laws on drones are

built, they told me to come and get the license first," he added. In June, China set an end-August deadline for owners of civilian drones to register crafts up to a certain weight under their real names. Last week, a test-flight base opened in the commercial hub of Shanghai, which requires civilian drones to fly below 150 m (492 ft), the official news agency's Xinhuanet website said.

tightening and a legal framework is being

Others have balked at the idea of spending around 10,000 yuan (\$1,534) for an official qualification, particularly as uncertainty surrounds future regulations. "They don't know when the next regulation will be introduced," said Hao Jiale, the manager at a DJI drone store. "Some people want to wait and see."— Reuters

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DANAN, Ethiopia: A child attends to his malnourished calf in the Danan district of the Somali region of Ethiopia, which hasn't seen significant amounts of rain in the past three years. —AP photos

ETHIOPIA FACES WORST DROUGHT IN YEARS AS MILLIONS AT RISK

'The aid we are receiving is not enough to feed ourselves and our animals'

DANAN, Ethiopia: Men, women and children in this remote region of Ethiopia scramble to receive food aid and feed their rail-thin cattle as a huge cloud of dust rises into a sky that hasn't delivered enough rain for the past three years. The mass feeding program, managed by aid groups in this sun-scorched district, is the last attempt to save the lives of humans and animals until the rains hopefully materialize in mid-September. More than eight million people in drought-hit southeastern and southern Ethiopia are in need of emergency food assistance, officials said as the heads of the World Food Program, Food and Agriculture Organization and International Fund for Agricultural Development made a rare joint visit over the weekend.

Despite economic growth in the past decade that has made Ethiopia one of Africa's fastest-developing countries, rural areas are suffering as the nation faces its worst drought in years. This barren district called Danan, populated mostly by ethnic Somalis, has been historically neglected and is home to a rebel movement that seeks secession. "This particular year is more intense due to the fact that it's the third for fourth year that the drought repeats itself in this region," Jose Graziano da Silva, director-general of the Food and Agriculture Organization, told The Associated Press. "In Africa, Ethiopia was best-prepared to face the impacts of climate change. But after having three successive years of El Nino, the country is unable to deal with it alone."

The situation has been overshadowed by drought in neighboring Somalia and the famine that was briefly declared earlier this year in parts of neighboring South Sudan, aid workers say. Over 27 million people in East Africa are in need of food assistance, largely because of drought, according to FAO. "The aid we are receiving is not enough to feed ourselves and our animals," a local chief, Sheikh Hussein Mohammed, told the delegation. "Besides, the food that is being delivered to us is not the one that we are used to eating. And worst of all, the animals aren't providing us



DANAN, Ethiopia: Ethiopian women wait in line to receive food aid due to drought conditions in the Danan district of the Somali region of Ethiopia, which hasn't seen significant amounts of rain in the past three years.

any milk and meat. We are really hungry. And we are suffering."

Food, transport and income

Another local chief, Sheikh Ibrahim Mohamed, said he has lost half of his cattle in the past two years. "The youth are leaving the area to other towns and villages nearby, but I've nowhere to go," the 62-year-old said. "I can't abandon my family and my remaining cattle and flee this

head of the US. Agency for International Development, Mark Green, visited the country as part of his first overseas trip. "During my visit to the Somali region, which is experiencing near famine-like conditions, I saw the dire need for food assistance," Green told reporters.

The weekend visit by the heads of WFP, FAO and IFAD also was aimed at addressing the root causes of the drought and improving communities' ability to prepare for

CHINESE WOMAN CHARGED OVER FATAL AUSTRALIA BREAST IMPLANT

SYDNEY: A Chinese national was charged with manslaughter yesterday over an alleged botched attempt at breast augmentation surgery at a Sydney beauty clinic led to the death of the salon's manager. Jean Huang, 35, was rushed to hospital last week after she went into cardiac arrest during a breast implant procedure. Attempts to revive her failed and she died a few days later. Prosecutors allege Jie Shao, 33, administered an incorrect dose of anaesthetic while performing the surgery. She reportedly had no medical qualifications in Australia. Court documents listed the drugs involved as tramadol and lidocaine, both pain relievers, and restricted substance hyaluronic acid, which is often used in cosmetic surgery, including lip and breast procedures. Shao, who was visiting Australia on a tourist visa, was reportedly known to Huang through mutual friends. She also faces charges relating to recklessly causing grievous bodily harm and using poison to endanger life. Shao was refused bail with the matter due back in court next month. —AFP

DEATH TOLL FROM NIGERIA CHOLERA RISES TO 21

KANO, Nigeria: The death toll from a cholera outbreak in restive northeast Nigeria has risen to 21, with most of the victims living in a camp for people displaced by Boko Haram violence, the health ministry said yesterday. On Saturday, the ministry had said the cholera toll was 14 in the town of Maiduguri, with most of the victims living in a camp for people displaced by Boko Haram violence.

"As of 4 September, 21 deaths have been reported," the Borno state health ministry said yesterday, as the toll mounts. "The total number of suspected cholera cases is now 375 in Maiduguri," it said, up from 186 at the weekend. Most of the suspected cases and deaths are in Muna Garage, a camp for displaced people on the outskirts of Maiduguri, while other victims come from neighboring districts, it said. The government and NGOs are working to contain the outbreak which has spread to the town of Dikwa, 60 kilometers (40 miles) away, where five cases had been reported, it added. Maiduguri, the birthplace of Boko Haram has been repeatedly attacked by the jihadists. — AFP

ITALIAN DOCTORS BAFFLED AFTER MALARIA KILLS FOUR-YEAR-OLD

ROME: A four-year-old girl has died of malaria after apparently contracting the disease in northern Italy in a case that has perplexed the medical world, doctors said yesterday. "I've never seen a case like it, it's a mystery. It shouldn't have been possible for her to get malaria," Claudio Paternoster, head of the infectious diseases department at the Santa Chiara hospital in Trento, told AFP. The girl, named as Sofia Zago by the media, had not travelled to any at-risk countries but had spent her summer holiday with her family at the seaside in Italy's Veneto region.

She had then been admitted for other health reasons to the paediatric department of the Santa Chiara,



DANAN, Ethiopia: Pastoralists feed their cattle at an animal feeding scheme run by UN agencies, in the Danan district of the Somali region of Ethiopia, which hasn't seen significant amounts of rain in the past three years.

area. I will die here."

While no official death tolls are available, regional officials say half of Danan district's estimated 280,000 cattle have died, a serious blow to the seminomadic population that relies on the animals for food, transport and income. Aid groups say an additional 2.2 million households require livestock-related assistance until the end of the year.

Ethiopia's government says it has invested more than \$400 million in the humanitarian relief effort, and aid groups say the government is now beyond its capacity to deal with the drought alone. The United States last week announced \$91 million in additional aid as the new future shocks. "We've got to scale up and stop working on a project-based approach," said Gilbert Houngbo, the director of International Fund for Agricultural Development as the delegation visited Ethiopia's Tigray region, which has been praised for its land and water conservation. "We cannot do business as usual."

The northern Tigray region once was one of Ethiopia's most environmentally degraded areas after some 3,000 years of human settlement. It still faces droughts but has built resilience over the years through conservation efforts, and humanitarian aid now focuses less on the kind of emergency response seen in Danan district and elsewhere. — AP where she had come into contact with two children who had picked up malaria during a trip to Burkina Faso in Africa. "But only some types of mosquito are able to transmit the disease from person to person, and they don't exist in Italy," said Paternoster, who was called to consult on Zago's case over the weekend.

While there are a few cases of malaria in Italy a year, "they are so-called 'suitcase' cases, where someone has brought an infected mosquito back with them from Africa," he said. Zago was diagnosed with malaria on Saturday and transferred to intensive care, but rapidly deteriorated on Sunday. "It was a very hot summer and with climate change we cannot rule out the adaptation of some species (of mosquito) or the re-introduction of others" which could transmit the disease, Paternoster said. — AFP



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DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN KUWAIT BIDS FAREWELL TO AMBASSADORS

Dean of the diplomatic corps in Kuwait Abdelahad Embaki hosted a farewell dinner at Crowne Plaza for the Polish ambassador to Kuwait, Grzegorz Olszak and Czech ambassador to Kuwait, Martin Dvorak on the completion of their diplomatic missions in Kuwait. Many diplomats and dignitaries attended the event. On this occasion, Embaki presented the ambassadors with a memorial shield.



AL MUHALLAB MALL CELEBRATES EID AL-ADHA



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LULU HYPERMARKET CELEBRATES Onam and Eid Al-Adha

uLu hypermarket, the largest and most popular hypermarket chain in the region, celebrated the dual festivals of Onam and Eid with a commemorative campaign that included colorful competitions and vibrant cultural programs. Onam is a mega-cultural event for people from the Indian state of Kerala, while Eid Al-Adha is celebrated by Muslims throughout the world as a religious festival. The occurrence of these two celebrations together has multiplied the joy and festivities of the occasions.

Eid celebrations at LuLu Hypermarket, which started off on 29 August and the Onam festivities that began on 31 August, featured special offers on a wide variety of food items and festival-related products. LuLu Hypermarket organized a special two-hour colorful program on 3 September to showcase the traditional elements of Onam and Eid, and to share with patrons the jovial spirit and camaraderie of the two festivals.

Dancers in colorful costumes performed a range of traditional dances and musical pieces that helped highlight the dual festivals. A large crowd of visitors and shoppers gathered to witness and join in on the celebrations. A special attraction during the campaign period was the vibrant two-day cultural program that was held on 2nd and 3rd September. Traditional Eid and Onam songs and dances were the highlight of the cultural evening, with the Onam folk dance called 'Puli Kali' and the energetic, rhythmic renditions on drums called 'chenda melam', drawing the loudest cheers from audiences.

A floral-carpet competition, a traditional feature of Onam celebrations called the 'Pookalam', was organized by LuLu Hypermarket on 3 September. During the competition, 10 preselected teams presented their vivid decorations made with flowers placed in imaginative designs on the floor. The winning team received KD 100 worth gift vouchers, while gift vouchers of KD 75



and KD 50 were distributed to the second and third placed teams respectively.

All participating teams were appreciated for their efforts with KD 20 gift vouchers each. The celebratory campaign marking Eid and Onam festivals marks LuLu Hypermarket's unique customer-centric approach to retailing, and its commitment to strengthen customer relations by creating a distinctive shopping experience at every touch-point.







Miguel Angel Isidro extends his sincere felicitation and best wishes to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness the Crown Prince, the Government and the people of the State of Kuwait, on the occasion of the advent of iEid-Al-Adhaî, wishing the friendly people of Kuwait prosperity and stability and for the kind and distinguished relations between the two friendly nations to be further enhanced.





Manarat for educational services hosted their annual staff back-to-school orientation for staff from their eight Hamel al-Mesk Bilingual nursery schools at the Holiday Inn, Salmiya.

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01:50 Ploddy Police Car On The Case 03:15 Kim Possible: So The Drama 04:40 We're Back! A Dinosaur's Story 06:00 Funny Little Cars 07:05 Krazzy Planet 09:50 The Swan Princess: Pirate Today, Princess Tomorrow 11:15 Blue Elephant 2 13:00 Ploddy Police Car On The Case 14:20 A Town Called Panic 17:10 Legend Of The Sea 18:35 Yugo & Lala 2 20:00 A Town Called Panic 21:20 Krazzy Planet 22:35 The Swan Princess: Pirate Today, Princess Tomorrow



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00:50 Eight Below 03:00 Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie 04:50 Hannah Montana Movie 06:40 The Hunchback Of Notre Dame II 08:00 Eight Below 10:10 Mars Needs Moms 11:45 Hannah Montana Movie 13:35 The Rescuers 15:00 Finding Nemo 16:45 Beethoven's Second 18:15 Alice In Wonderland 20:05 The Santa Clause 3

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00:35 Cedar Rapids 02:10 Growing Up And Other Lies 03:45 Barely Lethal 05:30 Fun Size 07:05 Leap Of Faith 08:55 A Merry Christmas Miracle 10:20 Fun Size 11:50 Leap Of Faith 13:40 7 Chinese Brothers 15:00 Don Verdean 16:40 Big Momma's House 18:20 Hard Promises 20:00 Boomerang 22:00 The Bronze 23:40 My Man Is A Loser





01:40 It Boy 03:20 Fort McCoy 05:10 All The Wilderness 06:35 It Bov 08:15 The Wave 10:10 Fort McCoy 12:00 Words And Pictures 14:00 The Shamer's Daughter 15:45 Reds 19:05 Blue Sky 20:55 Manglehorn 22:35 Carrington

11:30 Mighty Fine 12:45 Closed Circuit 14:30 A Way With Murder 16:00 Gone Baby Gone 18:00 Jane Eyre 20:00 Gone In Sixty Seconds 22:00 Nebraska



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01:05 An Hour To Save Your Life 01:50 Monsters Inside Me 02:35 The Undateables 03:20 Sister Wives 04:05 Toddlers & Tiaras 04:50 Ultimate Shopper 05:35 Say Yes To The Dress: Bridesmaids 06:00 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners 06:45 Oprah: Where Are They Now? 07:30 Belief 08:15 Sister Wives 09:00 Cake Boss 09:25 Toddlers & Tiaras 10:10 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners10:55 Married By Mum And Dad 11:40 Outdaughtered: Busby Quints 12:25 The Undateables 13:10 Katie Price's Pony Club 13:55 Toddlers & Tiaras 14:40 Sister Wives 15:25 Married By Mum And Dad 16:10 Love, Lust Or Run 16:35 Cake Boss 17:00 Oprah: Where Are They Now? 17:50 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners 18:50 Ultimate Shopper 19:40 Say Yes To The Dress: Bridesmaids 20:10 Cake Boss 20:35 Cake Boss 21:00 My 600lb Life: Where Are They Now? 21:50 The Day I Almost Died 22:40 My Extreme Excess Skin 23:30 90 Days To Wed



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- 1. A federal agency established to regulate the release of new foods and health-related products.
- 4. Low stingless nettle of Central and South America having velvety brownish-green toothed leaves and clusters of small green flowers
- 12. Nut of any of several trees of the genus Corylus.
- 15. A local computer network for communication between computers.
- 16. Preceding all others in time or being as first made or performed. 17. Any of various primates with short tails or no
- tail at all. 18. Naked freshwater or marine or parasitic proto-
- zoa that form temporary pseudopods for feeding and locomotion.
- 20. The space between two lines or planes that intersect. 21. A piece of furniture that provides a place to
- sleep.
- 22. South African term for `boss'. 25. A hidden storage space (for money or provi-
- sions or weapons). 28. A unit of area (4840 square yards) used in
- English-speaking countries. 30. The slender spear of the Bantu-speaking peo-
- ple of Africa. 36. A less than average tide occurring at the first
- and third quarters of the moon. 37. An indehiscent fruit derived from a single ovary having one or many seeds within a
- fleshy wall or pericarp. 39. Genus of tropical Asiatic trees having large
- solitary flowers. 41. Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a skewer usually with vegetables.
- 42. The compass point that is one point north of due west.
- 43. Round object that is hit or thrown or kicked in games.
- 44. (Babylonian) God of storms and wind.

- 7. An impure form of quartz consisting of banded chalcedony.
- 8. Excavation in the earth from which ores and minerals are extracted.
- 9. English prelate noted for his pessimistic sermons and articles (1860-1954).
- 10. A high-crowned black cap (usually made of felt or sheepskin) worn by men in Turkey and Iran and the Caucasus.
- 11. Fermented alcoholic beverage similar to but heavier than beer.
- 12. A telegram sent abroad.
- 13. An organization of countries formed in 1961 to agree on a common policy for the sale of
- petroleum. 14. English monk and scholar (672-735).
- 19. A wild and exciting undertaking (not neces-
- sarily lawful). 23. One of the two main branches of orthodox
- Islam.
- 24. A unit of dry measure used in Egypt.
- 26. A soft white precious univalent metallic element having the highest electrical and thermal conductivity of any metal.
- 27. A compartment in front of a motor vehicle where driver sits.
- 29. A rotating disk shaped to convert circular into linear motion.
- 31. (of the more skilled contestants) Selectively arranged in the draw for position a tournament so that they meet each other in later rounds.
- 32. A region of Malaysia in northeastern Borneo. 33. A island in the Netherlands Antilles that is the
- top of an extinct volcano. 34. A family of languages of the Fula people of
- west Africa in the sub-Sahara regions from Senegal to Chad. 35. A port city and resort in Andalusia in southern
- Spain on the Mediterranean 38. A steep-walled semicircular basin in a moun-
- tain. 40. A unit of acoustic absorption equivalent to
 - the absorption by a square foot of a surface

STAR TRACK



Elevate your intake of foods or supplements in order to stay alert and clear. You will want to feel good about yourself and the way you do things-this addition to your diet will certainly help your feeling of wellbeing. Be wise in your task to eliminate as much unnecessary stress as you can. Delegate some of your workload and say no when you feel there are unreasonable demands on your time. This is the time of the year to get outside and enjoy nature. Create and plan some fun opportunities to do just that-having fun with friends, co-workers, loved ones, etc., can lift everyone's energies. Work, health, diet and the other things that take care of us if we take care of them can provide a lot of satisfaction as a new life phase begins for you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

As a kind and considerate person, you will probably be helping your mom or sister with a move or some repair or a gardening project soon and you work to find boxes and someone from whom you can borrow a truck with which to be helpful with the project. A weekend move or some other project needs preparation and you have begun to list the things you can do to make that move a little easier. Your schedule at work is tedious and the occasional break in your day creates the distraction to which you take pleasure in contributing your energy. You enjoy helping and you have learned to say no when you are not able to help. You are able to help others see guidelines that they may not have considered. Music is for tonight. Happy birthday!

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

The team spirit is strong this morning but can easily fall apart later in the day when there is a probability of some jealousy. Perhaps it is only competition that becomes a problem. Because you now know to be aware of this difficulty you can change frustrations to a satisfied result. You are in line to lead others, or perhaps you already lead others. You can handle emotional and personal issues-vulnerable areaswhere angels fear to tread. You can eliminate most in-house difficulties. Quite a bit of personal research may be required for a class or just for some project you enjoy. You may find that scrolling through the links on a specific subject you will soon be writing down facts and data that complete your research. Rest early-this is a busy day.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Whatever it is you are doing today brings with it the opportunity to improve situations around you. The job of decorating or plotting out a plan which needs equations and percentages results in successful expressions of your abilities. Your profession shines and encourages others to make a positive impression with the talents they can exhibit. Being musically inclined you may enjoy singing on the trip home-your personality is infectious which invites others to jump in and join you in your music. You meet people easily and enjoy hanging out with your friends in the afternoon and sometimes in the evening. Learn from people who share your talents and you will advance in several areas of your life. You enjoy passing on you own experiences as well.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

Yours is the most practical of environments. You can manipulate every idea or situation and put it to good use. Others value you for your ability to make no-nonsense decisions and you may receive compliments along those lines today. Someone will come to you with a just-suppose type of problem. You always seem sensible and will be able to lend good advice. Be careful that you do not become opinionated, however. You are, for the most part, unmoved by tears and feelings. Clear decisions affecting others can be made. You could be a bit restless this afternoon and may enjoy some fun time with friends. Be careful in the choices you make regarding the membership to some new club or group. Exciting new experiences await you.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

You have a definite sense of mission today. Above all, you are a progressive and you enjoy putting into practice that which is good for all. Some may find your job most difficult but you tend to enjoy the intricate ways to use your brain. Change and inner growth tends to come through your relationships with both friends and loved ones. Marriage could be very intense and not at all superficial. You may find yourself in a quandary between an environment that is very comfortable and supportive versus a real need to grow and progress. Making these two directions work together may be the big topic today. This evening there is plenty of time to enjoy the company of family. Laughter can be heard where the people gather in your home.

Libra (September 23-October 22)

The aggressiveness you may be feeling this day can be used to push forward with your business plans. When it comes to mental work, you have a perfect gift for research and investigation. You enjoy examining and analyzing, in particular when it comes to psychological and sensitive areas of the mind. Your ability to sift through the dross and come up with what is essential is exceptional. You like to discuss and communicate, again, at a psychological and very personal level. Your mind is often on communication, how your present yourself and come across with others. This afternoon you will be able to spend some relaxing and enjoyable time with loved ones. You may feel unusually affectionate and physical this evening.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Communicating is fun this morning. The mind and all that is mental will be the source of continued change and adjustment. Letters, writing, speaking and all the things that have to do with cognitive work assume great importance. Your mind tends to be full of new and creative ideas and concepts regarding some changes in your work development. The result of your efforts is attention-grabbing and you will find much satisfaction. You may be involved in hours of involved conversation with loved ones over how you will proceed with some changes at home, especially in obtaining a building permit. You have very clear insight, even genius, when it comes to discovering or inventing things. You require no teaching and your timing is perfect.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

This seems to be a very superficial morning. It may not be possible for you to comprehend anything remotely meaningful or moving. There is perhaps a sense of the artificial, repetitive and senseless. You cannot seem to begin a project. Perhaps the out-of-doors is calling. Allow yourself some time to develop a working plan. While contemplating the day, you could come up with new ideas for adventure and relaxation-after the chores. This afternoon you seem better able to contend with any previous sluggishness. You are in a great mood this evening and can appreciate your own better qualities. You may see value in an older person or someone in authority. Everything comes together this evening and you are appreciative of life and love, etc.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

You may feel that you might lose your mind under the current mental pressure; you will not. You will benefit from logical insights, getting to the heart of things. This is a real time to work on your specific projects and to strengthen your career. After the noon break you may find that you need to perform some research at a library or museum. Fresh insight comes to you through mass-media news reports such as broadcasting, publishing, advertising-giving you a whole new prospective on a particular subject. You enjoy and appreciate your life situation. Your system of values may deepen, providing you with a better sense of discrimination and good taste. Romance is a plus this evening. A good beginning is a lovely dinner designed by you.



Conflicts in the workplace can be settled through your intelligent comprehension and reason can be used in order to find positive results. You sense the needs of your customers and finding what fits their needs makes for successful outcomes. Selling property, collecting money and involving yourself in some supervisory activity are all favored today. Your waking time is filled with the job of fulfilling your life and helping others to fulfill theirs. It is important to you, that you do work or express your talents in ways that are heartwarming as well as financially fulfilling. Tonight you and your loved one may decide to venture a guess as to where or what you will be doing in two years, five years, etc. The future begins to take a positive shape.



You are conservative and security-conscious and may have suggestions about better protecting important documents or valuables. There is a yearning to broaden your horizons. Law, politics, education, travel and religion are some of the areas where you may talk about having further adventures. Everything works together to bring out your unique traits. You may find that someone close to you understands and is supportive of your ideas. There is some indication of restlessness on your part and you may not appreciate someone's unrealistic approach to a situation. This evening you are able to put the finishing touches on some long-awaited creative venture. You would be smart to develop your creations more often and sell them.

- 49. The cry made by sheep.
- 50. Uneaten and saved for eating later.
- 54. A public promotion of some product or serv-
- 55. Relating to or characteristic of or occurring on
- land.
- 60. West Indian tree having racemes of fragrant white flowers and yielding a durable timber and resinous juice.
- 62. Tuberous or rhizomatous herbaceous perennials
- 66. A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.
- 67. Mildly laxative n.
- 70. The syllable naming the sixth (submediant) note of a major or minor scale in solmization. 71. A crystalline rock that can be cut and polished
- for jewelry.
- 72. Someone who attacks in search of booty. 73. A city in the European part of Russia.
- 74. The capital and largest city of Japan.
- 75. Oldest known reptiles.
- 76. A workplace for the conduct of scientific
- research.

DOWN

- 1. Loose or flaccid body fat.
- 2. Fallow deer
- 3. Small buffalo of the Celebes having small straight horns.
- 4. A numbered compartment in a post office where mail is put to be called for.
- 5. A constellation in the southern hemisphere near Telescopium and Norma.
- 6. A hard malleable ductile silvery metallic element that is resistant to corrosion.

- that absorbs all incident sound.
 - 45. A language spoken by the Atakapa people of the Gulf coast of Louisiana and Texas. 46. A self-replicating protein molecule that occu-
 - pies a fixed place on a chromosome. 47. A condition (mostly in boys) characterized by
 - behavioral and learning disorders. 48. A public place in ancient Greece or Rome devoted to the training of wrestlers and other athletes.
 - 51. A state in the southeastern United States on the Gulf of Mexico.
 - 52. Enclosed in a basin.
 - 53. A Chadic language spoken in Chad.
 - 56. Any of several Orthodox Jewish sects who reject modern secular culture and many of whom do not recognize the spiritual authority of the modern state of Israel.
 - 57. The mission in San Antonio where in 1836 Mexican forces under Santa Anna besieged and massacred American rebels who were fighting to make Texas independent of Mexico.
 - 58. A state in northwestern United States on the Pacific.
 - 59. (Greek mythology) King of Thebes who was unwittingly killed by his son Oedipus.
 - 61. In bed.
 - 63. The twelfth month of the civil year. 64. A Chadic language spoken south of Lake
 - Chad. 65. According to the Old Testament he was a pagan king of Israel and husband of Jezebel
 - (9th century BC). 68. A period marked by distinctive character or reckoned from a fixed point or event.
 - 69. A reproach for some lapse or misdeed.

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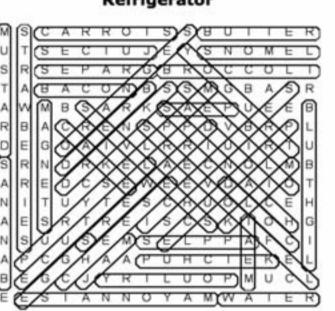
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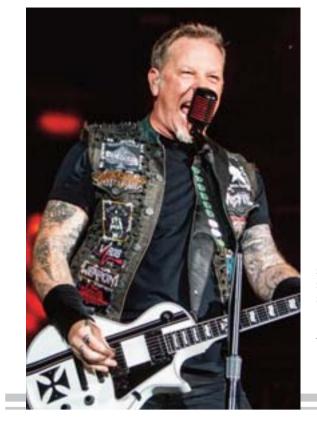
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Hetfield recovers quickly from tumble at Amsterdam gig

the band's show in Amsterdam on Monday night. The 'Seek & Destroy' rocker narrowly avoided a serious injury after stepping backwards into a hole in the stage near to the drum kit at Ziggo Dome. Video footage showed the 54-year-old singer fall down and pause for a moment in pain as the band performed 'Now That We're Dead'. In the clip shared on YouTube by a fan, James asks the crowd: "Is everyone OK?" He appeared to take the fall in good spirit and joked about how much his "ego" was hurting. He replied to himself saying: "Yes, I am OK. My ego

etallica's James Hetfield took a tumble on stage at not so much. But, we are fine. It hurt my feelings a maybe, a little bit. But I can tell you about it now it's done." The guitar god and vocalist then bravely carried on with the rest of their 18-song set including an encore of 'Blackened', "Nothing Else Matters' and Enter Sandman'. Metallica are currently on the European leg of their 'WorldWired' tour, which comes to London's The O2 on October 22 and 24 and concludes at Birmingham's Genting Arena on October 30. Meanwhile, the band recently announced they are set to re-release their third studio album 'Master Of Puppets' on November 10. The reissue of the classic 1986 metal

record will feature unreleased material including demos, rough mixes, videos and live tracks, including a new version of 'Disposable Heroes' and a live recording of 'The Thing That Should Not Be'. The LP was the band's first record to go platinum and ended up going 6 x platinum in the US. 'Master Of Puppets' was the last studio release the band recorded with late bass player Cliff Burton, who was in the band from 1982 until his death in September 1986.

Boyzone ditch love ballads for new urban sound

Ovyzone have ditched the love ballads and gone been really enjoyable." Boyzone announced their return urban for their big comeback album. The Irish guartet - Ronan Keating, Keith Duffy, Mikey Graham and Shane Lynch - will mark their 25th anniversary in 2018 by hitting the road to celebrate with their fans and releasing new music. Ronan says Shane has taken the lead with writing the new tunes and that they will be a little different from their usual love balladry. Speaking to the Daily Star newspaper, he said: "Shane has been working so hard, there has been a lot of Shane influence rather than Boyzone. "He's from an urban background with his style and taste in music, and that's been a huge influence on this record and our music." Fans of the 'No Matter What' group could see the new record - their first since 2013's 'BZ20' - could be released later this year, but definitely in time for the tour. Ronan, 40, said: "The album will be out either this year or next, we're trying to get it finished, it's

in May and have done a number of shows this summer, their last one is at Derby County Cricket Ground on September 16. They wrote on Instagram: "2018 will see Boyzone celebrate their 25th anniversary! That's something that Ronan, Keith, Mikey & Shane are incredibly proud of. Plans are being hatched for new music and lots of touring throughout the year. But next year still seems a long way off so in case you can't wait, the Boyz are hitting the road for some exclusive UK shows later this summer. Dates and ticketing details will be announced here soon... #boyzone2017 (sic)." In addition to releasing new music and going on tour, it has been claimed that the band have also discussed writing a tell-all book and even creating their own West End show.

Placebo axed Perth gig at last minute due to Brian Molko's ill health

Dlacebo cancelled their concert at Perth Arena on Monday night moments before they were due to go on stage after frontman Brian Molko was struck down with illness. Placebo were forced to pull out of their show at Perth Arena in Australia last night at the last minute, due to illness. The 'Every You Every Me' hitmakers left fans disappointed as they called off the first date of their Australian tour just before they were due to appear on stage shortly after 8.30pm. Frontman Brian Molko, 44, was struck down with a mystery illness but is on the mend, and the band are expected to resume their tour of the country today at Adelaide's Entertainment Centre Theatre. A statement released by promoters TEG LIVE read: "Placebo regretfully advise that they are unable to perform tonight's concert at Perth Arena due to illness." Promoter TEG Live has requested that fans retain their tickets until more information is available." The band hope to make it up to their Perth fans as soon as possible." Perth Arena also released a statement giving fans an update on Brian's health, adding: "We wish Brian a speedy recovery." TEG Live are believed to be working on scheduling a new show at the venue after the band's final concert in Canberra on September 14. All ticket holders are advised to retain their tickets and await further information.

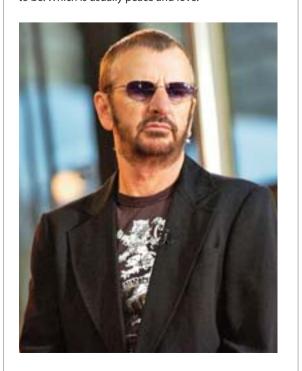




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Starr reveals his spiritual routine

R ingo Starr reads spiritual books to get himself "through the day". The 77-year-old former Beatles member has revealed the secrets to his good health, admitting his vegetarian diet and spiritual routine have been keys to his longevity. He explained: "I have a meditation practice. I pray to the god of my understanding, and I read spiritual books - day-at-atime books, things like that that help you get through the day." Ringo's new album, 'Give More Love', is released later this month, and the music icon says he's still living his life-long ambition. And Ringo insisted his passion for making new tracks remains undiminished. He told the Los Angeles Times newspaper: "I only ever wanted to play - that was my aim from 13. "I worked in factories and on the railway, but I played at night and made decisions that got me where I was. I didn't know I was going to get there [into the Beatles]. But I knew I wanted to play. So I got into a Liverpool band, then I got into Rory [Storm & the Hurricanes], then I got into the biggest band in the land. "I just always wanted to play, and to play with good people. I'm sitting here, at 77, still talking about it. And I'm still playing." Ringo has been working with former Eurythmics guitarist Dave Stewart on his new music. But he recently revealed that regardless of who he's collaborating with, he always tries to direct the tunes towards a feeling of "peace and love". Reflecting on the collaboration process, Ringo explained: "What usually happens is - it doesn't matter what people are doing. I direct it to the place I want it to be. Which is usually peace and love."



Danny **O'Donoghue** lost his voice for two months



he Script frontman Danny O'Donoghue has revealed he almost completely lost his voice after having an operation to remove nodules from his vocal cords. The 37year-old singer was unable to talk for two months after having surgery to correct the problem which was affecting his ability to perform live. Danny admits the medical problem occurred because the band had taken on too much work and were "burning the candle from both ends". Appearing on UK TV show 'Loose Women' on Monday, he said: "It was from partying and burning the candle from both ends. We'd done like 300 shows in one year and all those other days we were travelling. Fame came to us at a later stage so were grateful for everything we have, and we just weren't able to say no to anything - because we didn't know if it was going to come again or going to stop. So God has a way of making you kind of stop. I'm really lucky to have come out the other end." Following the surgery Danny had to learn how to sing again, and his bandmates Mark Sheehan and Glen Power have had to be patient with him as he had to build up his vocal stamina again. He said: "It's taken us six months to build the stamina back up. I've had to learn how to relax more when I'm singing. No tension around the neck area. I couldn't cough and I couldn't burp! I had to stay deadly silent. I went through the surgery once, then the doctor had another look and said we didn't get everything out. So I had to go back in again." Discussing how his family and friends reacted to his enforced vow of silence, he added: "They were like, 'When was the last time vou've been silent for this amount of time?'



Lewis recruits Scott for new music

eona Lewis has been discussing a duet with Calum Scott. The 32-year-old singer was last heard on the Grenfell Tower charity single, a cover of Simon and Garfunkel's 'Bridge Over Troubled Water', alongside the likes of Stormzy, Rita Ora, Robbie Williams, Louis Tomlinson and Liam Payne, which was released in June to benefit the victims of the blaze at the block of flats in west London, which killed over 70 people. However, the 'Britain's Got Talent' alumni has revealed he's been messaging the former 'X Factor' winner about getting together for a new song, though he didn't say if it would be for his debut album or Leona's next offering. He told The Sun newspaper: "Me and Leona have been texting recently. She was like, 'Maybe you'd like to do this song with me?' So we're going back and forth. "It's times like that where I'm like, 'I'm messaging Leona Lewis about a possible duet. What is going on with my life?" In 2016, Leona was dropped from her label, Island Records, and experienced a bumpy ride in the charts, despite their best efforts to propel her career. The 'Bleeding Love' hitmaker signed to the label in 2015, following her split from Simon Cowell's Syco. A source said at the time: "It simply didn't work out with Island. She made a great record and the label really championed her but something just didn't click." Leona's first single 'Fire Under My Feet' from her fifth studio album 'I Am', released under Island Records, flopped in the charts and the LP sold just 8,500 copies in its first week in September 2015. As for Calum, his cover of Robyn's 'Dancing on My Own' released last year sold over 600,000 copies, making it platinum in the UK.

album nerves

my Lee is "nervous" and excited about releasing the band's new album 'Synthesis'. The 35year-old singer has been working on the remix record with David Campbell, who was responsible for the arrangement, along with producer William B. Hunt. And while she is proud of the finished product, which will be released on November 10, it was a whole new experience for the 'Everybody's Fool' hitmaker. Speaking exclusively to BANG Showbiz about the project, she said: "I'm nervous and thrilled at the same time. It's absolutely beautiful, it isn't just beautiful it's next level awesome. Usually the strings, they're not an after thought, but the songs are written and already have everything done and they get thrown on top. But with this, we started there. So we did orchestration and programming, collaborating back and forth with David for months. It is exciting. It's a very different process." Amy explained that the record - their first since their self-titled LP in 2011 - was about combining the old with the new and "orchestra with electronica". She explained: "It's about the dichotomy, the synthesis, the synergy, between several things. One being, orchestra and electronica, these two very opposite things. Organic and synthetic, they seem like they'd be polar opposites, but they totally work together. "Also past and present. Because it's our history, it's our catalogue, so pulling it together in this new place, the musician that I am now. It's the synthesis of that as well and probably more things I can't think of right now." The American rock band recently released a new version of their biggest hit 'Bring Me To Life' reimagined with orchestration, which gives an indication of what to expect from the rest of the record. 'Synthesis' so far features 'Bring Me To Life' and a new version of 'Imperfection' from 2003's 'Fallen'.



LIFESTYLE FEATURES

Stephen King inspired 'It' filmmakers to become storytellers

n 1989, when Stephen King had already published more than 20 books, three teenagers were discovering his horror novel "It," a 1,100-page epic about a group of adolescent outcasts and a shapeshifting villain who most often manifests as a child-eating clown. Those teenage readers grew up to become filmmakers, and they joined forces to make "It" into a movie, opening Friday. Director Andy Muschietti, screenwriter Gary Dauberman and producer Seth Grahame-Smith say King's work shaped the storytellers they are today, and his approval of their adaptation is critical if they're to consider the film a success.

"There's no way I would be a writer or a novelist without Stephen King," said Grahame-Smith, author of "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" and "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter," both of which were adapted for the screen. "The last thing we would ever want is to be part of a lesser Stephen



In this combination photo, author Stephen King appears at a book promotion event in Paris in 2013, left, and filmmaker Seth Grahame-Smith appears at the "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" premiere in New York in 2012.

King movie." "He's definitely on my Rushmore of horror writers," Dauberman said, also mentioning Edgar Allan Poe, Christopher Pike and R.L. Stine.

If King dislikes the film, "it's like disappointing a family member in a way," said the screenwriter, who counts the horror hit "Annabelle: Creation" among his credits. "And my wife's from Maine (like King), so I'm like, 'Am I going to be able to go back and visit?' He's just everywhere." Muschietti said King is one of the greatest creative influences in his life. "I'm wired with his way of telling stories," he said. But with "It," the filmmakers immediately made two major changes to the original novel: they chopped it in half and shifted its setting by 30 years.

"It just became evident that you can't take an 1,100-plus page book and condense it down into one movie," Grahame-Smith said. The novel centers on seven characters in Derry, Maine, during two periods in their lives: as kids in the late 1950s, and as adults in the mid-'80s. The film, though, focuses only on their childhood, when they first meet Pennywise the Dancing Clown. And it's set around the time the filmmakers first discovered the book.

Today's moviegoers may be more nostalgic for the 1980s than the 1950s, Grahame-Smith said. "They remember growing up and being teenagers in the 1980s, so it just made sense to push it forward," he said. "So that ultimately when we do hopefully get to tell the second part of the story, it'll be present day." This film is about how a group of kids who call themselves "The Losers' Club" band together when they discover a mysterious and evil force is responsible for the frequent disappearance of children in their small town. One boy in the club lost his beloved little brother to it. Others have had personal encounters with the creepy being. They decide that their only chance of beating it is to stick together. "It" stars a fine bunch of child actors, including Jaeden Lieberher ("The Book of Henry") and Finn Wolfhard ("Stranger Things"), with Bill Skarsgard as the terrifying Pennywise.



This image released by Warner Bros Pictures shows Bill Skarsgard in a scene from "It."

Hansel and Gretel

King said in an interview last week that the book is among his favorites, "in kind of a problematic way." "There was a point in my career where people were calling me Horrormeister and, you know, the scary guy. And I thought well, fine. OK. We'll do a final exam and I will say everything there is to say that I know about monsters and fear and how childhood is the perfect growth medium for terrifying things everything from Hansel and Gretel to the Werewolf of London - and I'll put it all in one book and that will be it, that will be done and I can move on and do whatever other things that I've got to do," King said by phone from his home in Maine. "And so for this to come back at this time is kind of a remarkable thing."

King would go on to write many other horror stories, including "Misery" and "The Tommyknockers," both of which were adapted for the screen. He said he has no problem with the 1980s setting for "It" because "there's the same feeling of



This image released by Warner Bros Pictures shows Finn Wolfhard in a scene from "It." — AP photos

nostalgia for people who are grown-ups who say, 'Well, I remember that era." And he thinks it was a "no-brainer" to split the book in two and focus just on the protagonists as kids. "I thought it was a terrific idea," he said. "And I'm hoping that the movie will be a success and they'll do the grown-ups, and then they can do a DVD package where everything's together!"

Summing up his thoughts on the film, King said, "I liked it." "That was when I exhaled," Dauberman said. "I want everyone to enjoy it, but his opinion was the one that mattered to me most." The same goes for the director and producers. "In some ways, the best day of this whole experience was when we screened the movie for him and he loved it," Grahame-Smith said. "After that, it was a huge sigh of relief because whatever else happened, we pleased the man himself." — AP

Saudi Arabia seeks Islamic tourism boost in test for heritage, tradition

few steps away from Makkah's Grand Mosque, a dozen empty towers rise into the sky above the holy city visited by millions of Muslim pilgrims every year. Hilton and Marriott logos adorn the site, heralding the \$3.2 billion Jabal Omar complex that is being built to bring hotels, restaurants and luxury malls to the pilgrimage experience.

"All these hotels and buildings around the mosque will bring more business, God willing," said Awad Al-Arshani, beckoning customers into his Dates of the Two Holy Mosques shop. Pilgrimage is the backbone of a plan to expand tourism under Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's economic reform program, announced a year ago to diversify the economy away from oil.

The hajj, a journey every able-bodied Muslim who can afford it must perform once in a lifetime, is a profound experience for those who undertake it. It is also big business for Saudi Arabia. The hajj and the year-round lesser pilgrimage, umrah, generate \$12 billion in revenues from worshippers' lodging, transport, gifts, food and fees, according to BMI Research.

But there are still big questions about how Saudi Arabia will cater to its most active tourism market, especially as the kingdom eschews tourist visas. Pilgrimage visas currently bar travel outside the holy cities of Makkah and Madinah. Authorities plan to relax the restrictions, but have not specified to what extent and have raised the visa cost for return pilgrims to more than \$500. ping at shrines is considered idolatry under Saudi Arabia's austere official Wahhabi school of Islam and it is unclear which Islamic historical sites pilgrims might be lured to after years of neglect.

The Saudi tourism commission has pledged to rehabilitate four sites in Makkah: Jabal Al-Nour, Jabal Thawr, Hudaybiyyah and Mohammed's migration path from Makkah to Madinah. But there is scant sign of any restoration in Makkah so far, said Irfan Alawi, founder of the Islamic Heritage Research Foundation. Religious police still sit outside some of the sites, shooing away pilgrims with warnings about idolatry, he said. Dozens of other sites were demolished to make way for the redevelopment.

Cradle of Islam

Pilgrims comprise the bulk of Saudi Arabia's 20 million annual foreign visitors, apart from workers and business travellers. Nearly 2.4 million came for this year's hajj, up from 1.9 million last year, and 7.5 million performed umrah in 2016.

Officials aim to increase the number of umrah and hajj pilgrims to 15 million and 5 million respectively by 2020, and hope to double the umrah number again to 30 million by 2030. In addition, they hope pilgrims will be attracted to spend money at museums, luxury resorts and historical sites. Some pilgrims are encouraged by the moves. "We love this country because it's the cradle of Islam, the land of the revelation and the Prophet, peace be upon him," Nasser Al-Zein, a Turkish-German car dealer from Frankfurt, told Reuters as he performed hajj. "We'd love to spend our money here, more than in the West. Here, it's an Islamic country." Others find the costs prohibitive. "The problem is the visa. If they were to extend it perhaps we could stay and visit places other than Makkah and Madinah," said Zawaoui Daraji, 50, a trader from Algeria. "The hotels charge you 25,000 riyals (\$6,666.31) for your stay. It's too much for us," he said. Such concerns have not deterred Saudi officials. Long before last year's reform announcement, they began investing tens of billions of dollars in mega-hotels, public transit and a Grand Mosque expansion in Makkah.

The \$15 billion Abraj Al-Beit golden clocktower complex, completed in 2011 with seven towers of hotels and malls, already looms over the mosque. Joining it soon will be 40 new towers from the Jabal Omar development, begun in 2008, and the \$3.5 billion Abraj Kudai complex, which will be the world's largest hotel and come complete with four rooftop helipads.

A new airport in Jeddah and the high-speed Haramain rail system, both set to open next year, will whisk visitors between cities along the Red Sea Coast. Despite a funding crunch for existing projects in the last year, authorities have announced new leisure mega-projects outside the holy cities.

One of these, the Faisaliah project, will run from Makkah's edge out to the Red Sea. It aims to attract 10 million visitors to seaside getaways and Islamic research centers by 2050. Further north, the Red Sea Project hopes to attract luxury travellers to island resorts and pre-Islamic ruins in a closed visafree zone. The King Abdullah Economic City, one of the stops on the rail line, is planning resorts and theme parks, too. — Reuters



Director Darren Aronofsky, from left, actors Michelle Pfeiffer, Jennifer Lawrence and Javier Bardem pose for photographers at the photo call for the film 'mother!' at the 74th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice Italy — AP

Most of the kingdom's tourism development so far targets the affluent end of the market, while the biggest and fastest-growing pilgrim populations come from modest means. Additionally, worship-

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Jennifer Lawrence gets the chills in horror story 'mother!'

ennifer Lawrence's new film, a delirious horror story that escalates from menace to mayhem to mind-bending weirdness, provoked strong reactions at the Venice Film Festival yesterday. Darren Aronofsky's "mother!" stars Lawrence and Javier Bardem as a couple living in that horror-flick staple, an isolated old house. They start to receive mysterious houseguests, with results that go from puzzling to apocalyptic. The film, which Aronofsky describes as a "fever dream" provoked by angst at the state of the environment and society, was greeted with a mix of applause and boos at its first press screening in Venice.

Most critics were impressed by what a review in the Hollywood Reporter called the "madhouse bacchanal" of the film's final stretch. Others wondered what it all meant. Variety found the film impressive but empty, a "baroque nightmare that's about nothing but itself." Aronofsky acknowledged the movie was "a very, very strong cocktail." "Of course there are going to be people who are not going to want that type of an experience. And that's fine," Aronofsky told reporters before the film's red carpet premiere in Venice. "I've been making it clear that this is a roller-coaster ride - only come on it if you are really prepared to do the loop-the-loop a few times." — AP



Actress Jennifer Lawrence poses for photographers upon arrival at the press conference for the film 'mother!' at the 74th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy yesterday. — AP photos



Lady Gaga performs onstage during her "Joanne" World Tour at Citi Field on August 28, 2017 in New York, New York. — AFP

Gaga postpones Montreal show, citing laryngitis, infection

ady Gaga postponed her Montreal concert Monday night, citing laryngitis and a respiratory infection. Gaga apologized to fans Monday on her Twitter account, writing that she got sick after singing in the rain at New York's Citi Field last week and has been pushing through since then. Gaga performed two shows at Boston's Fenway Park over the weekend.

She says she sings the entire show live and prides herself "in giving it all." She added that she would be sending pizza to fans who had gathered outside her hotel in the Canadian city. Her tour promoters explained her illness in a statement. They say the Montreal show will be rescheduled. Gaga is slated to open a two-night stand in Toronto today. — AP

Shoe Mart unveils fun and exciting ways to get 'Back to School' this season

Besides the conventional formal and sports shoes that every school-going kid will need, Shoe Mart; region's leading name in footwear and accessories, has rolled out an impressive range in 'Back to School' essentials for the upcoming academic year.

A range of fun designs, comfortable footbed and durable shoes for both boys and girls, create a much-needed statement to otherwise mundane looking silhouettes. Bearing in mind functionality as well as style quotient, the latest collection has your kids' favourite Barbie, Disney and Marvel characters that will make them excited to head out for school!

The range for girls is an eclectic mix of pretty insoles and silhouette embellishments in velcro straps, slip-ons and buckled shoes. Pretty mary janes in velcro straps are here to provide easy dressing during those busy mornings whereas, slipon shoes with simple and dainty details have been designed especially for your choosy preteens to wear. Elevating the style quotient, glitter-strewn uppers, bows and floral imprints on formal black shoes will leave your princesses spoilt for choice. Printed insoles with Barbie, Disney Princesses, Anna & Elsa of Frozen and the all-time BFF, Minnie Mouse; make for a rather attractive padding to put their feet in, allowing a sense of comfort and style from within.

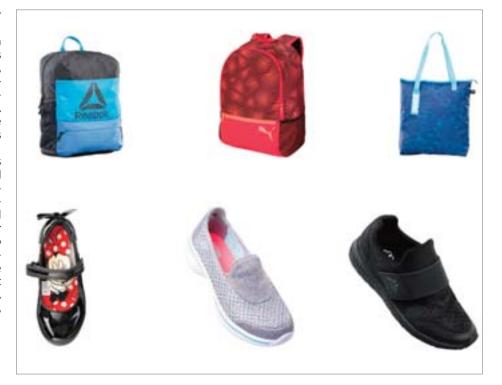
Newest in the squad are Hello Kitty shoes and some adorable animal designs by Brazilian brand, Puket, that screams nothing but fun, cuteness and of course, fashion. Light-weight and flexible soles have been tailored to ensure roomy interiors and comfort for growing and active feet. The sports collection too has black and white shoes with velcro straps and cushioned uppers for breath-easy wear and comfort. Curated bearing in mind comfort as well as need for style by little fashionistas, the new 'Back to School' collection is what every girl wants to be seen in!

Fulfil the trendy needs

Smart and crisp is the name of the game when it comes to the Boy's collection. The traditional black shoes get an update with treated uppers and grippy soles for added comfort and ease of walking; while shoes with velcro straps are here to give busy moms more time to make hearty breakfast for little juniors as they independently prepare themselves for school. Boys are sure to tread along with some action-packed fun as superheroes like Captain America and Iron Man foray into the year's collection. White and coloured sport shoes flaunt a combination of tailored patterned designs for active P.E. days whereas black formals have sleek finishing for little gentleman in the making.

Usher in the new academic year with stylish bags and a thoughtfully curated range in sports bags and teen bags. Brands like Reebok, Puma, Skechers and Kangaroos have lined up super-functional silhouettes in functional designs and eyecatching colours for all things school and sports. Tote bags and stylish options in Aztec prints are also on a roll this season to fulfil the trendy needs of preteens as well as teens.

Shoe Mart's 'Back to School' collection has international brands like Disney, Marvel, Mattel and Hello Kitty who have curated character-full silhouettes to woo little schoolers. Whereas, sportsters like Puma, Reebok and Skechers have lined up a comfort-driven range in school footwear essentials. Do check out the all new 'Back to School' collection of bags and shoes that are available across all stores in Get your hands on the Back-to-School collection ; do visit Shoe Mart at any of the Centrepoint stores located at Al-Rai, Avenues, Salmiya, Fintas, Jahra, Fahaheel, Sulaibhikhat, Kuwait City, Khaitan and Hawally.



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This combination of photos shows from left top to bottom; The interiors of 1951 Spartan Royal Mansion, 1947 Airporter Bus, 1957 Airfloat, 1959 El Rey, 1947 Chris Craft Yacht, 1951 Spartan Royal Mansion, 1951 Spartan Royal Mansion, 1950 Spartanette, and 1959 El Rey at the Shady Dell Trailer Court in Bisbee, Ariz. Vintage aluminum travel trailers, a yacht and a Hawaiian-themed bus are used as guests rooms at the trailer lodge located off Highway 80 in the historic Southern Arizona copper mining town. — AP photos

Vintage trailer court takes tourists back in time

isitors arriving at the neon-illuminated office of the Shady Dell trailer court enter a kind of time warp, transported back to the 1950s when big Studebakers and Chevys rolled up carrying road-weary travelers, their trailers in tow. Decades later, that mid-century feeling endures at this southern Arizona tourist stop. Lined inside with warm woods, vintage aluminum travel trailers manufactured under names such as Airstream, Spartan Royal Mansion, Airfloat, Boles Aero and El Rey populate the tidy trailer court with gravel paths and small lawns. But the trailers, rather than the spaces, are for rent, like hotel rooms. The trailer windows glow a soft amber hue after dusk, and tiki torches and neatly hung strings of multicolored lights circle a small bandstand outside. Once-popular songs from 1950s vinyl records crackle over a loudspeaker throughout the park just 10 miles (16 kilometers) from the US-Mexico border. Founded in 1927 as the Thompson Motor Court and renamed Shady Dell in the 1950s, the rest haven nestled in the copper mining town of Bisbee was a frequent stop for motorists along Highway 80 during the golden age of American automobile travel. Similar to its big brother, Route 66, the lesser-known Highway 80 once linked America's Atlantic and Pacific coasts - in its case between Savannah, Georgia, and San Diego. Back then, trailer courts lined Highway 80, offering respite to motorists tra-



its own for vintage enthusiasts and those just looking to get off the beaten path. The trailer park shuts down several months each year for the brutally hot desert summer but reopens as fall nears, coming this year on Friday. Along with various mid-century trailers, a 1947 Chris Craft yacht with V-shaped berth sleeping quarters and a 1947 Airporter bus decked out in 1950s Hawaiian style have added to the court's yesteryear charm.

All guest rooms come complete with period-correct furnishings. Several have old-fashioned phonographs and black-andwhite television sets, but there are no telephones, digital clocks or remote controls. Staying true to the 1950s style, classic films are shown every night at a kind of drive-in theater outside, the viewers sitting in carts as they watch the big screen spread against Arizona's star-filled sky. The outdoor movie, adjacent to a little snack bar, is the perfect nightcap to a relaxing day in Bisbee's slow lane. — AP



The interior of a 1947 Airporter bus is decorated in a 1950's Hawaiian theme at the Shady Dell Trailer Court in Bisbee, Ariz.



The 1953 movie "Cat Women of the Moon" is shown on the big screen at the Shady Dell Trailer Court.



The galley of a 38-foot 1947 Chris Craft Yacht dry docked at the Shady Dell Trailer Court.



A retro motel room key to a 1947 Airporter bus sits on a tiki pole at the Shady Dell Trailer Court.



Windows glow a soft amber hue after dark at the Shady Dell trailer court.

versing the Southwest's harsh landscape in the final push to Southern California.

The Shady Dell later sat dormant, reopening in 1996 with the idea of reviving its vintage atmosphere. Now, the former layover for people traveling long distances has become a destination of

A guest takes a photo with her smartphone while leaning on a Spartan Manor travel trailer.

COURTYARDS - THE ORIGINAL 'OUTDOOR ROOMS' - GET A NEW LOOK



This undated photo provided by Ed Castro Landscape, Inc. shows the courtyard outside a home in Atlanta, Ga.

The trend toward outdoor living, which uses comfy seating, bright rugs and weatherproof art to extend the al fresco season at home, is bringing new attention to a centuries-old architectural feature: the courtyard. "It's the original outdoor room," said Philip Weddle, principal architect of Weddle Gilmore Black Rock Studio in Scottsdale, Arizona. "Courtyards are as much about enriching the indoor spaces as creating amazing outdoor spaces. That blurring of the boundary between indoors and out makes the experience of each space richer."

Courtyards - a staple in Roman, Middle Eastern and ancient Chinese architecture - are becoming popular in homes throughout the United States, builders and architects say. As they have for thousands of years, courtyards offer a safe and private area for families and guests to gather. In urban areas, especially, such secluded outdoor space is rare. Courtyards increase the amount of living space in a home. And when designed right, they can create a cooling retreat in warm climates. Improvements in retractable glass walls and sliding doors have helped make them more feasible. "That technology has really improved over the last decade," Weddle said. "It really does allow you to open interior space to a courtyard more easily."

People are accessing that outdoor space to cook, dine, entertain or just relax, Weddle said. He's designed small courtyards that connect to a master bath and include an outdoor shower. "Courtyards come in all shapes and sizes," he said. Builder Nilay Bhatt, president of Dani Homes in Columbus, Ohio, also sees more Midwestern customers choosing courtyards: "It's an element of outdoor living," he said. And in older suburban neighborhoods in Atlanta, Ed Castro Landscape has helped clients add courtyards to existing homes, said Hannah Seaton, a senior landscape design consultant with the firm. "They're trying to turn an area of their property into a private place," she said.

Luckily, the footprints of many older homes include nooks and hidden spots that lend themselves to courtyards, Seaton said. In other places, homeowners are creating courtyards in front of houses by adding plantings and paving stones. That can increase curb appeal, reduce the amount of water-guzzling lawn, and showcase a water feature or piece of sculpture, said Tanya Wilson of Bonick Landscaping in Irving, Texas. Front-yard courtyards can be casual (benches and gravel walkways) or formal (statues, fancy lighting and fountains). The key, Wilson said, is selecting a look that matches the house's architecture. "It's a nice transition from the street to the front door," she said. "It can feel more welcoming." Missy Henriksen, vice president of public affairs for the National Association of Landscape Professionals in Herndon, Virginia. The courtyard's purpose is to connect the home's interior with the outdoors, she said. "Most landscape features bring the indoors out. With the popularity of outdoor living, we think of landscapes as extensions of our homes," she said. "Courtyards are unique in that they flip this idea by instead bringing the outdoors inside the home, allowing the beauty of the courtyard to be seen from several areas of the home." Courtyards are all about the sight lines from inside the home, agreed Tracy Schiefferle , interim director of the Building Industry Association of Central Ohio.

Several builders in recent years have included front courtyards in homes for the association's annual Parade of Homes, which showcases trends. "We're definitely seeing more attention to the front of the house," she said. Front courtyards make sense in neighborhoods trying to build community, she said. They mix well with walking trails, bike paths and other amenities designed to help homeowners stay active, Schiefferle said: "It reflects how people want to be connected to their neighborhood." — AP

Build community

But the appeal of a courtyard doesn't stop at the door, said



This photo shows the entry courtyard of a residence located in Paradise Valley, Ariz.



This photo provided by Bonick Landscaping shows a contemporary courtyard landscape by Bonick Landscaping in Dallas, Texas. — AP photos

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Fellow nuns of Maria Valentina de los Angeles, of the 'Comunicadoras Eucaristicas del Padre Celestial' (Eucharistic Communicators of the Celestial Father) congregation, perform during the recording of a music video at a convent on the outskirts of Cali, Colombia. — AFP photos

Straight outta Colombia: Nun raps for pope

Nun Maria Valentina de los Angeles (center) plays the guitar as she prays alongside fellow nuns at a convent.



Fellow nuns of Maria Valentina de los Angeles perform during the recording of a music video at a convent.

Colombian nun-turned-rapper in sports sneakers will perform for Pope Francis when he visits her country this week. Maria Valentina de los Angeles is one of a group who will sing the official song for the Argentine pontiff's visit as he greets the crowds. It is "an opportunity to show him our love the way that we know, which is through music," Maria Valentina, 28, told AFP. "The cool thing about rap is that it sticks in your head easily. And when it has the depth of truth, which is Christ, then it is even more striking."





Fellow nuns of Maria Valentina de los Angeles walk at a convent. The group was formed in response to a call from the late

Pope Jean Paul II for artists to use their work as a means of spreading the gospel. Its members include a television producer and a musical group including Maria Valentina, which has made two records. "God wants to be known through the media," she says. "He has to make himself

known by way of current trends."

Rafaela (left) and Fatimam, fellow nuns of Maria Valentina de los Angeles make an internet radio program at a convent.

'Blessed be God'

The petite nun, 28, performs a rap interlude among the cheerful Latin beats of the song "Let's Take The First Step" by the United Catholic Musicians. The ensemble headhunted her after she won a reality-show competition on television called "Another Level." The United Catholic Musicians hailed the naturalness of her rapping and invited her to compose and perform the rap interlude. Francis visits Colombia, a Catholic country of 47 million, from September 6 to 10. He is credited with aiding a peace deal signed last year between the Colombian government and the leftist FARC rebel force after half a century of war. "Colombia welcomes you with open arms," goes Maria Valentina's rap. "With one voice happily we say to you: blessed be God, who in his wisdom has brought you to our land to be its guide."

Raising hell

The nun says she likes the rebellious spirit of rap. For her, it chimes with Francis's own call to the young to "make trouble"-his way of telling them to fearlessly share their faith. "Trouble in the way the holy father means it is being different, being bold and bringing a message of joy, hope and charity," she told AFP in the western city of Cali, where she is based. "Our intention beyond just thanking the holy father is to act as a church so that all people can sing with us."

Divine mouthpiece

Maria Valentina is a member of the Community of Eucharistic Communicators of the Heavenly Father in Cali.



A fellow nun of Maria Valentina de los Angeles prepares to play football at a convent.

Songs of devotion

Maria Valentina also strums the ukelele and played rock guitar in her youth. She says God saved her from a serious liver disease when she was a youngster. "My dream is to be a good nun. Making music is a second dream," she says. "I want to make more recordings, but more than making people fall in love with my voice, I want to make them fall in with Jesus."— AFP



Fellows nun of Maria Valentina de los Angeles play football at a convent.



Nun Maria Valentina de los Angeles (right) plays the guitar and sings at a convent.



Nun Maria Valentina de los Angeles sings during a concert together with the group MCU Musicos Catolicos Unidos in Cali, Colombia.



Sarah, fellow nun of Maria Valentina de los Angele records a music video at a convent.



Sarah, fellow nun of Maria Valentina de los Angeles Fellow nuns of Maria Valentina de los Angeles make their morning prayer at a convent.



Nun Maria Valentina de los Angeles sits on a swing at a convent in the outskirts of Cali.



Hot air balloons glide during a flight over Nevsehir in Turkey's historical Cappadocia region, Central Anatolia, eastern Turkey, yesterday. The rides by hot air balloon start in the morning as the balloons cannot fly at temperatures over 28 degrees Celsius and during extreme windy conditions. Cappadocia is one of the most famous tourist sites in Turkey and has been listed as a World Heritage Site in 1985. — AFP

Stylish and savvy wastebaskets

Bizarre News

Cheaters are likely to cheat again, research finds People who cheat are more likely to cheat ets really don't pay a lot so I went in with the five dollar ticket."





This undated photo shows designer Annie Selke's wire basket sets at Pine Cone Hill, which bring several trends into a room, including brass accents, minimalism and geo patterning.-AP photos

This photo provided by Brendan Ravenhill Studios shows a wastebasket by Los Angeles-based designer Brendan Ravenhill.

When decorating a room, we don't tend to give much thought to the waste receptacle. But the decorative details can be important. "They can make or break your best efforts," says Diane Henkler, a decorator in Lake Murray, South Carolina. "The details are the fine tuning; you should give them the same thought and planning that you give to the major elements in the room."

You could plunk any utilitarian plastic bucket in the corner, but why not add something with a little dash to stash the trash? Some options that would make a space look pulled together and cohesive:

Los Angeles designer Brendan Ravenhill calls his clever, clean-lined bin "the lovechild of a trash can and dust pan." It's made from a durable, powder-coated steel that resists chips and scratches; a handy dust pan made of birch, with coconut-skin bristles, attaches to the side of the dustbin with magnets.

Lidded bins are a smart choice for the bathroom. Simple Human's 10-liter, rectangular model has a slim profile that slides nicely between vanity and toilet. Easy-to-clean, odor-resistant metal, a sturdy foot pedal and a well-fitting lid make it a durable option. Or if you're a tech lover, you might appreciate Simple Human's 58-liter can

that comes in several finishes, including trendy burnished bronze and rose gold. No need to tap the pedal or lift the lid; the can has a hand and voice-activated sensor.

If you don't need a lid but would still like to use a liner, consider Rubbermaid's Executive Series 3.5-gallon can. You fit your plastic waste bag over an inner liner, then a black-and-chrome outer bin slides over the top like a collar so the plastic bag won't show.

Lexmod takes a whimsical approach with their Lava bin made of plastic molded to look like crumpled paper. It comes in white, black and an emphatic red.

More whimsical bins are to be found at www.overstock.com , including one made of resin molded into a tree stump, with a mother bear and cub climbing up the side. A trio of Kokopelli dancers cavorts around another resin bin in traditional Southwestern hues. Or art lovers might appreciate Van Gogh's "Autumn Blossom" rendered on canvas and wood with a leather trim.

Umbra Studio's designer Henry Huang has created an elegant yet minimalist wood bin with an integrated handle. Choose from matte-finish stains in on-trend colors like teal, espresso and misty blue. Metallic accents add flair to a room. Urban Outfitters has a simple yet chic copper cylinder that would work in bed, bath or office. Also here, there's one with a silvery, iridescent finish.

Designer Annie Selke's trio of copper wire bins could be used to hold crafts or accessories.

Another option: The creative folks at Martha Stewart Living suggest combing antiques fairs and flea markets for old cracker barrels, sap buckets, woven baskets or ceramic canisters that can be used as wastebaskets.

Or make your own. Henkler bought an inexpensive woven bin, spray-painted it and then worked strips of coordinating fabric through the basketweave.

Repurpose an existing trashcan by giving it a new outfit. Choose felt, fabric or a decorative paper - gift wrap, scrapbook, newsprint, glossy magazine or handmade - and roll the can along the paper to trace the outline. Attach with glue or tape, and add top and bottom ribbon trim if desired. Leftover wallpaper or contact paper also works well. Add embellishments like stencils, pompoms or trinkets. Instructions can be found at www.hgtv.com and www.shelterness.com. — AP again according to new research. A study carried out by the Archives of Sexual Behavior found that people who had been unfaithful on their parents in the past were three times more likely to do so again. The researchers asked the 484 participants in mixed-gender relationships if any of them had sexual relations outside of their relationships, and if they suspected their other half to have done the same. The report also found that people can forget their own cheating, but are able to remember others very clearly.

Young boy discovers python in toilet

A young boy was left terrified after a three foot snake was found in his toilet. The fiveyear-old child from Essex was horrified when he lifted the lid of his loo only to find the reptile coiled up looking at him while its head lay on the rim of the lavatory with its tail stretched into the pipe, the BBC has reported. The youngster's mother, Laura Cowell, said the toilet had been blocked for a few days but they didn't know what had caused the problem - until now. The parent was worried the animal would creep out of the toilet into their home so she decided to put weights on top for several days, even after the snake was removed, to stop a repeat happening. Laura said: "I had to use a broom handle to life the lid, then out popped its head and its tongue came out as well." A specialist from Scales and Fangs pet shop rescued the baby royal python and explained it must have came up through the U-bend of the toilet.



Man's unexpected \$1M lotto win

A man who went back to a shop after he forgot to buy ice won \$1 million on the lottery. Neil Briggs from New York thought he'd try his luck and pick up a ticket for \$5 when he returned to his local store and was left gobsmacked when he won the jackpot. He told UPI: "I ran my errands earlier that day, but I forgot to buy two bags of ice. "I ran down to the store to grab the ice and decided not but a lottery ticket while I was there. "I had two 20s, a five and three singles on me. "I can't justify paying \$20 for a lottery ticket and the dollar tick-

Toilet-themed restaurants take Taiwan by storm

A toilet-themed restaurant chain in Taiwan is serving up meals in mini bogs. Local people are rushing to book a table at one of the many Modern Toilet eateries which serve up Chinese food and other popular dishes including Spaghetti Bolognese and even pork chop. Each customer gets a complimentary toilet with chocolate ice cream in the shape of poop and a green tea. The first restaurant opened in 2004 and just served ice cream, but has gone on to expands its menu.



Eight million Britons only shower once a week

A study has found over eight million Britons shower just once a week. The research conducted by BetterBathrooms.com found that 14 percent of British people wash once in seven days, while 51 percent of people have admitted to showering daily. The survey has also revealed only four per cent shower twice a day, whilst 21 percent of those who took part in the survey shower every other day. And eight percent of people have revealed they never shower, and prefer to have a bath instead. The report also discovered men are most likely to shower daily and women wash less frequently and prefer having a relaxing bath. The study has found men take a shorter time washing and enjoy a seven minute shower, compared to women who spend an average of 13 minutes hosing down. And within that time almost 40 percent of people have admitted to singing in the shower. — Bang Showbiz



Kitten walking on highway rescued after traffic is shut down

A kitten found walking in a busy Massachusetts highway tunnel has been rescued with the help of state police troopers who shut down traffic for it. Police said Sunday on Facebook the kitten decided to "play a little hide and seek" in the Ted Williams Tunnel in Boston.

Sgt Bob Dateo shut traffic down. The Animal Rescue League of Boston quickly rescued the kitten. A trooper posted a photo of the wayward kitten on social media. A video taken by police shows the kitten walking along the side of the road as cars drive by. Police say they need ideas on what to name the kitten. The kitten will be put up for adoption when it's medically cleared. — AP

> This image shows a kitten was spotted walking along the side of the road as cars drive by in the Ted Williams Tunnel in Boston, and was rescued by state police troopers who shut down traffic for it. — AP

