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## KUWAIT EXPELS N KOREAN ENVOY, OTHER DIPLOMATS

KUWAIT: US ally Kuwait has given North Korea's ambassador a month to leave the Gulf state and will downgrade its diplomatic representation with Pyongyang, a senior Kuwaiti diplomat said yesterday. North Korea's diplomatic presence in the state will also be reduced to a charge d'affaires and three diplomats, the source said, requesting anonymity.

The measures follow a visit less than two weeks ago by Kuwait Amir HH Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah to Washington. The source said Kuwait will not renew permits given to North Korean workers to re-enter the country after projects they are currently working on are completed "within one or two years". There are between 2,000 and 2,500 North Korean workers in Kuwait, and thousands more are believed to be working in other Gulf states.

Kuwait has also decided to stop issuing visas to North Koreans and suspend all trade relations and flight links with

Pyongyang. Asian diplomatic sources said that South Korea and Japan have been putting pressure on Gulf states to stop employing North Korean workers because money they sent home was benefiting the regime.

On Friday, North Korea fired a ballistic missile over Japan and into the Pacific, responding to new UN sanctions with what appeared to be its furthest-ever missile flight amid high tensions over its weapons program. UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres condemned the missile test, and said talks on the crisis would be held on the sidelines of the General Assembly meeting next week.

US President Donald Trump and his South Korean counterpart Moon Jae-In have pledged "stronger pressure" on Pyongyang, Seoul said yesterday, after North Korea defied tough new sanctions with the test and said it wanted to match American nuclear strength. — AFP



KUWAIT: File photo shows some Indian housemaids in Kuwait. Kuwait's Residency Affairs Department has lifted the ban on recruitment of Indian female domestic helpers after India government lifted a bank guarantee clause that was imposed two years ago.

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Residency Affairs Department has lifted the ban on recruitment of Indian female domestic helpers after India government lifted a bank guarantee clause that was imposed two years ago. The decision will pave the way for hiring female domestic helpers from India which was halted following a dispute over the issue between the two friendly countries. The government of India scrapped the \$2,500 bank guarantee measure that was enforced for recruitment of Indian female domestic workers for Kuwait.

The India government had mandated in November 2014 that every employer who wanted to recruit an Indian female domestic worker had to provide a bank guarantee of \$2,500 (KD730) with the Indian Embassy, drawing protests from Kuwaiti authorities. The issue was even raised in Kuwait National Assembly and several parliament members had called for stringent measures against India such as halting of recruitment of manpower from India. The cancellation of the policy measure and subsequent lifting of ban by the Kuwait government bring an end to a two-year-old dispute between the friendly countries Kuwait and India.

Importantly, India's Minister of State for External Affairs M J Akbar is arriving in Kuwait on Sept 20, heading a high-level delegation to attend the Joint Working Group (JWG) in which many crucial bilateral issues including recruitment of maids are expected to come up for discussion. Indian Ambassador Sunil Jain had told Kuwait Times that the measure was withdrawn by India primarily because it was not acceptable to Kuwait and was proven ineffective.

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WASHINGTON: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah arrives in New York to represent His Highness the Amir at the UN General Assembly's 72nd session. — KUNA

## KUWAIT DETERMINED TO BACK UN'S GLOBAL PEACE EFFORTS: PRIME MINISTER

**NEW YORK:** Representative of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah said Saturday that Kuwait was determined to back UN for achieving global peace and security.

His Highness the Prime Minister, in New York to represent His Highness the Amir for the UN General Assembly's (UNGA) 72nd Session as his country would start non-permanent UN Security Council membership next January, called on countries of the world to support the UN programs.

His Highness the Prime Minister, who thanked all countries that supported Kuwait to

win its 2018-19 UNSC membership, noted that UN programs aimed at achieving peace and security, countering terrorism, promoting co-existence and push forward for progress and prosperity.

His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak reaffirmed Kuwait's firm support to UN's development and humanitarian programs. He said Kuwait contributed positively to addressing many disasters and crises in many countries around the world, leading to the UN honoring His Highness the Amir as Humanitarian Leader, and Kuwait as Humanitarian Center. The Kuwaiti Prime Minister said he was honored to represent His Highness the Amir to the UNGA meetings,

which would be held amidst regional and international developments that required an international cooperation to address them.

His Highness the Prime Minister was received at John F Kennedy Airport by Advisor at His Highness the Prime Minister's Diwan Sheikhha Dr Rasha Al-Sabah, Director of His Highness the Amir office Ahmad Al-Fahad, Amiri Diwan Advisor Mohammad Abulhassan, Kuwait's Ambassador to the US Sheikh Salem Al-Sabah and Kuwait's permanent representative to the UN Mansour Al-Otaibi. His Highness the Prime Minister is accompanied by First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and senior officials. — KUNA

## MOUSSA THANKS COLLEAGUES AT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

**KUWAIT:** Resigned Municipal Council member Ali Al-Moussa yesterday handed over his office to the council's secretariat general, and expressed gratitude to his colleagues for the four years they had worked together in

service of Kuwait. Moussa added in a statement that the Municipal Council had succeeded in making several achievements during its tenure, such as providing the needed land for various projects, namely housing-related ones, and solving the Erhayya used tires problem.



KUWAIT: Former Municipal Council member Ali Al-Moussa is seen with his office's director Abdulwahab Azzam.

## RAILWAY PROJECT TO SEE THE LIGHT SOON: KAPP

**KUWAIT:** Director of Kuwait Authority for Partnership Projects (KAPP) Motlaq Al-Sane said that plans to carry out the Kuwait Metro Rail Project have been approved. In an interview with Al-Rai newspaper, Sane confirmed that KAPP has completed the feasibility study for the project and its tender for public bidding. As for the foreign banks funding the project, Sane said that they have set conditions that exceed demands by the

foreign partner.

These legal conditions, which relate to energy projects, do not fit the requirements of the state Fatwa and Legislation Department. Plans have been put in place for talks with the banks and investors, he added. Separately, he said that Kuwait has set a goal to increase its renewable energy generation to 15 percent by 2030 amid the planned Al-Abdali renewable energy power plant. — KUNA

## US EMBASSY INFORMS CITIZENS OF UPDATED WORLDWIDE CAUTION

**KUWAIT:** The US Embassy in Kuwait sent the following security message for US citizens in the country:

As part of the Department of State's continuous efforts to provide US citizens traveling abroad with information about safety and security events, we are updating the Worldwide Caution with information on the continuing threat of terrorist actions, political violence, and criminal activity against US citizens and interests abroad. This replaces the Worldwide Caution dated March 6, 2017.

As terrorist attacks, political upheaval, and violence often take place without any warning, US citizens are strongly encouraged to maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness when traveling. To better prepare for possible emergencies, US citizens are encouraged to read Country Specific Information pages, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts on travel.state.gov before planning a trip.

Travelers are urged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency. The Department uses these security messages to convey information about terrorist threats, security incidents, planned demonstrations, natural disasters, etc. In an emergency, please contact the nearest US Embassy or Consulate or call the following numbers: 1-888-407-4747 (toll-free in the United States and Canada) or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries.

US government facilities worldwide remain in a heightened state of alert.

These facilities may temporarily close or periodically suspend public services to assess their security posture. In those instances, US embassies and consulates will make every effort to provide emergency services to US citizens. US citizens abroad are urged to monitor the local news and maintain contact with the nearest US embassy or consulate.

Terrorist groups including ISIS, Al-Qaeda, their associates, and those inspired by such organizations, are intent on attacking US citizens wherever they are. Extremists may use conventional or non-conventional weapons to target US government and private interests. Terrorists are increasingly using less sophisticated methods of attack to more effectively target crowds, including the use of edged weapons, pistols, and vehicles as weapons. Extremists increasingly aim to assault "soft" targets, such as:

- high-profile public events (sporting contests, political rallies, demonstrations, holiday events, celebratory gatherings, etc)
- hotels, clubs, and restaurants
- places of worship
- schools
- parks
- shopping malls and markets
- tourism infrastructure
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In multiple regions, terrorists, guerrilla groups, and criminals seek to kidnap US citizens to finance their operations or for political purposes. The Department also remains concerned that terrorists could again seek to down aircraft using concealed explosives or hijack commercial flights

Private US citizens should not travel to any country to participate in armed conflict. US citizens are reminded that fighting on behalf of or providing other forms of support to designated terrorist organizations can constitute the provision of material support for terrorism, which is a serious crime that can result in penalties, including prison time and large fines.

In addition to concerns stemming from terrorism, travelers should be alert to the possibility of political unrest, violence, demonstrations, and criminal activities when traveling. Country-specific information pages and Travel Warnings should be consulted to obtain the latest data on such threats.

## CENTRAL TENDERS COMMITTEE APPROVES FOURTH RING ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

By A Saleh

**KUWAIT:** The Ministry of Public Works (MPW) received approval from the Central Tenders Committee recently on a project to develop the Fourth Ring Road, one of the busiest main roads in the country. The project includes reconstructing a five kilometers long leg of the road between the UN roundabout and the road's junction with the airport road, said informed sources, noting that the project's total cost would be KD 4,304,000 and that it would be executed in 27 months. Another project to develop Fahaheel expressway in 24 months with a total cost of KD 1,889,000 was approved, in addition to another project to build, develop and maintain intersections serving Al-Metlaa city with a total cost of KD 5,409,000, the sources added.

### Medicine prices

Health Minister Dr Jamal Al-Harbi said that the total number of complaints filed by ministry employees and doctors against leading positions' appointment decisions was only 50. Separately, Harbi denied reports suggesting that the ministry intends to increase the prices of some medications by 45 percent, and stressed that the prices of 1,043 medicines had already been reduced according to a list published in the official gazette on June 21, 2017 in relation to implementing the GCC unified medicine pricing.

### Scholarships

Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Mohammed Al-Fares stressed that a five-year plan was in effect with regards to linking scholarship to labor market needs as specified by the Central Service Commission (CSC). He added that all scholarships to study mechanical engineering would be stopped because such studies are available in local universities. Speaking to reporters after a meeting to discuss the issue, Fares said that there was a different

plan for scholarships within Kuwait to match the needs of local markets. Further, Fares said that new incentives would be used to encourage more teachers to specialize in teaching physics, science and chemistry. He added that high school graduates with high scores would be encouraged to study the above subjects. Separately, Fares stressed that the ministry was so keen on putting CSC resolutions into effect and respecting them. He added that accordingly, he instructed the ministry's relevant departments to study CSC regulations concerning reducing working hours for female teachers and administrative staff members as per the child rights law. He added that the ministry would study the issue and consult CSC to reach the best way to put the decision in effect in a way that would not affect work progress in schools. Notably, the CSC had recently indicated that female employees working in kindergartens are not covered by the law that allows new mothers to have two hours deducted from their daily working hours, because they only work for five hours already.

### Expats' hiring

MP Mubarak Al-Hajraf yesterday filed an inquiry asking Minister of Social Affairs and Minister of State for Economic Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh about appointing an expatriate as an 'executive media producer' for a monthly salary of KD 850, arguing that there are many citizens qualified for the same position. Hajraf also inquired about the measures that were followed to appoint the expat, his qualifications, the programs he produced, date of appointment and whether an ad was published to hire citizens or children of Kuwaiti women in the same position. In addition, Hajraf filed another inquiry to Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah about the legal grounds based on which the CSC approved the expat's appointment even before he received

a degree in media, according to the lawmaker.

### Transactions

Minister of Justice and Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs Dr Faleh Al-Azb said that a recent meeting of Kuwait Institute for Legal and Judicial Studies' board of directors came up with certain recommendations to lay out and develop the institute's strategy. Azb added that the recommendations include establishing independent units in various courts to speed up processing various transactions.

### Markets Authority

Capital Markets Authority's (CMA) recent statistics showed that the total number of 117 cases filed against companies and bidders for violation of CMA and Kuwait Stock Exchange regulations were sent to the public prosecution from February 2010 to August 2017. Statistics also showed that 61 percent of the cases were acquitted or shelved for lack of evidence, while only 16 cases were indicted, eight were amicably closed and 17 are still being heard.

### Retirement age

The Public Institution for Social Security announced rejecting proposals to cut down the age of retirement and to allow early retirement. The authority said that its decision is justified because of its growing actuarial deficit resulting from not setting the retirement age, which threatens bankrupting the authority's most important fund. The authority added that most retirement systems worldwide, and namely in GCC states, adapt a minimum age of 55 and that most countries tend to increase the age of retirement because of growing current longevity rates. In addition, the authority stressed that reducing the retirement age would result in considerable financial dues that would liquidate social security funds, not to mention allowing national labor to withdraw from the workforce too early.

## US FIRM HONEYWELL PLANS 'SUMMIT' IN KUWAIT

**KUWAIT:** The US multinational conglomerate company Honeywell announced yesterday it will host a 'summit' in Kuwait on October 3 for swapping ideas among industrialists for revamping the local sector. George Bou-Metri, president for Honeywell Kuwait said in a news conference that the two-day summit aims at supporting Kuwait's strategy of transforming the emirate into a global hub for the oil, gas and petrochemicals' industries.

Technological development is important for Kuwait's overhaul of the oil and gas sectors, he said, revealing that the gathering would comprise more than 300 executives from the energy sector. Honeywell will shed light on technologies and solutions for realizing Kuwait's development plans. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Sulaiman Al-Jarallah received yesterday Australian National University (ANU) Chancellor Gareth Evans, who is in an official visit to the country with his accompanying delegation. They discussed ANU's special activities and means to boost academic cooperation between Kuwait and Australia. They also tackled the developments in the regional and international arenas, and Professor's Evans position in support of the Palestinian cause. — KUNA

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# NO PLANS TO CURB EXPATS HEALTH FEES INCREASE

## NEWLY OPENED DENTAL CLINIC BIGGEST IN MIDEAST: MINISTER

By A Saleh and KUNA

### KUWAIT WINS PRESIDENCY OF NEW GULF CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION ASSOCIATION

**DUBAI:** Kuwaiti doctor Mohammad Al-Mutairi was appointed president of the newly-formed Gulf Cardiac Catheterization Association during its constituent meeting yesterday. Dr Mutairi said in a statement that the association was established with the approval of the Gulf Heart Association to strengthen cooperation between hospitals in the region. The association will work towards improving the procedures and medical practice of cardiac catheterization in the

Gulf through holding conferences and workshops as well as cooperation with regional and international associations in this field, he said. The association also appointed the UAE's Dr Abdullah Shehab as Vice President, Saudi Arabia's Dr Fawwaz Al-Mutairi as Secretary General and Oman's Dr Mohammed Al-Mehaini as Treasury Secretary. The Gulf Cardiac Catheterization Association will hold its first conference on March 30, 2018, in Dubai. — KUNA

**KUWAIT:** The Ministry of Health has no plans to curb the increase in health services' fees presented to expatriates, which go into effect on October 1st, minister Dr Jamal Al-Harbi said yesterday. He was commenting on reports claiming that the parliament's health committee planned to meet the minister and discuss possible reduction of some of the new fees which were seen to be exaggerated.

Harbi was speaking to reporters during a ceremony marking the launch of the new Farwaniya Dental Center, which he said was part of a national development plan that aims to propel Kuwaiti healthcare to new levels. The new facility stretches over 23,000 square meters, and was built at a cost of KD 15.7 million. On the clinic, Harbi revealed that it features a basement and three floors, in addition to an operating room, a laboratory, auditorium and parking lot that accommodates 1,400 vehicles.

The minister of health pointed out that the center offers a wide array of dental procedures in a facility that boasts a 4,000-member strong workforce. Harbi pointed out that the dental industry has made significant progress in Kuwait, where the number of dentists has skyrocketed to 1,971 physicians, up from 686 back at the start of the new millennium. Citing notable projects in the industry, he pinpointed dental clinics' use of an e-file to replace antiquat-

ed paper documents that typically have a bigger margin for error.

Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti ministry of health's assistant undersecretary for dental affairs Dr Yousef Al-Duwairi told the press on the sidelines of the ceremony that the new dental clinic is the first of its kind in the Middle East region. He added that the well-equipped facility would provide dental care for Farwaniya residents for the next three decades. Earlier yesterday, Harbi confirmed that the ministry is working on improving

security and safety measures in all health care sectors. During a ceremony held at Mubarak Al-Kabeer Hospital marking the Global Safety Day, the minister indicated that the occasion is devoted for promoting safety and enhancing awareness among workers, patients and beneficiaries from the health care system. He called for creating a safer environment in all health care centers and clinics, according to regulations of World Health Organization (WHO). Dr Harbi affirmed that there is care services at the national level.



KUWAIT: Health Minister Dr Jamal Al-Harbi opens the new Farwaniya Dental Center. —KUNA



KUWAIT: Dr Feras Badr and Dr Ahmad Alduaij, of Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, and Kuwaiti cardiologist Ibrahim Al Rashdan, MD, discuss the findings of the Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi study.

### SURVEY REVEALS WIDESPREAD CONCERN ABOUT HEART DISEASE IN KUWAIT

**KUWAIT:** A new survey of social attitudes toward heart disease in Kuwait has revealed widespread concern about the illness, with leading regional heart doctors calling for greater education on the topic.

The survey which was commissioned by Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, the region's leading heart care hospital, and a strategic GCC medical resource for Kuwaiti nationals, sought responses to a series of questions about heart disease and its root causes.

In total, 39 percent of survey respondents in Kuwait feared dying due to heart disease, with slightly more men (40 percent) than women (37 percent) saying they felt afraid.

Conducted in advance of World Heart Day on September 29, the study revealed a broad consensus among Kuwaiti nationals and residents about the risks of heart disease, with 71 percent of survey respondents saying that they believed people under 40 should be more concerned about the illness. Interestingly, a higher proportion of women (76 percent) than men (69 percent) said that people under 40 should be more concerned with the issue.

Viewed by nationality, significantly more expat Asians (62 percent) and expat Arabs (38 percent) were concerned about dying from heart disease than Kuwaiti nationals (35 percent). Despite a broad awareness of heart disease among the population, there was less understanding of the factors that influence a person's heart health, particularly among younger people.

Surveyed Kuwaiti nationals and residents between the ages of 18 and 29 were less likely to be aware of the role family history can play in a person's risk of developing heart disease. More than half of young respondents (51 percent) said family history was not a factor in heart health, compared to the 57 percent of people over 40 who thought it were. Experts agree that people with a family history are significantly more likely to develop some form of heart disease over their lifetimes. Most respondents - across all age groups, nationalities, and income groups - indicated that they felt they could control the health of their heart, with 74 percent of total survey participants responding in the affirmative. Regular exercise and a healthy, balanced diet can significantly reduce a person's risk of developing heart disease over his or her lifetime. Speaking in Kuwait, Dr Feras Badr, a cardiologist at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, said:

"The survey results show that heart disease is a significant area of concern for people in Kuwait and that people understand that they have a responsibility to manage their heart health. However, it also shows that education around the causes of heart disease could be improved. Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi is involved at both ends of the effort to reduce heart disease - supporting community education projects and also delivering advanced technologies and sophisticated therapies to support the treatment of patients."

Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi has played a pioneering role in introducing new cardiovascular treatments to the region, such as catheter-based valve interventions, hybrid coronary revascularization, minimally invasive, and robotic cardiac surgery.

Kuwaiti national Dr Ahmad Alduaij, who works at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, says the hospital has seen a higher volume of patients traveling to the UAE for treatment in 2017.

"Traditionally, a significant proportion of patients have travelled overseas for complex care and advanced treatment. We're seeing a higher volume elect to come to Abu Dhabi with the support of the government or their employers, because we're able to offer a world-class quality of care, closer to home, thus saving time and money, while easing the family burden during the treatment of acute care," said Dr Alduaij.

In 2016, patients from Kuwait represented the highest proportion of international patients received at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, making up 35 percent of visiting patient numbers. The Heart & Vascular Institute received a significant proportion of these patients, as people sought advanced treatments for heart issues.

In the parallel UAE survey, 44 percent of those questioned said they feared dying of heart disease, and 76 percent of survey respondents saying that they believed people under 40 should be more concerned about the illness. The two surveys were conducted between August 21-28, 2017, by YouGov, with a pool of respondents from across the UAE and Kuwait. Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi is marking World Heart Day with a month-long campaign 'Love Your Heart', which includes community health activities, online heart health education resources, and a range of initiatives designed to raise awareness about the advanced cardiovascular services available at the hospital.





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In Brief

**KUWAITI-CYPRriot FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

**BEIRUT:** The Kuwaiti-Cypriot parliamentary friendship group delegation arrived in Cyprus yesterday in response to an invitation from the country's House of Representatives. During the three-day visit, the delegation will meet with President of the House of Representatives Demetris Syllouris, Defence Minister and Acting Foreign Minister Christoforos Fokaides and members of the Cypriot-Kuwaiti friendship group, said the Cypriot parliament in a statement. —KUNA



**MINISTRY BACKS YOUNG STAFF**

**KUWAIT:** Undersecretary of Electricity and Water Mohammad Bousehri yesterday affirmed keenness on supporting junior personnel serving in the department, in line with His Highness Amir's guidelines. In a statement at a ceremony marking the launch of the second course for the department's team 'Kafaat,' Bousehri said that the department's administration is keen on backing and encouraging the young staff and employing their creativity skills. —KUNA



**NOMINATION OPEN FOR BEST GCC TEACHER AWARD**

**KUWAIT:** The Ministry of Education yesterday declared start of nomination for Mohamed Bin Zayed Best GCC Teacher Award. Male and Female teachers of various levels are entitled to enroll in the candidacy for the award in the first edition of the scholastic year (2017-2018), Yusuf Al-Najar, the Assistant Undersecretary for Educational Development, said in a statement. He has affirmed the ministry approach to provide incentives for the teaching staff. —KUNA



**Photo**

of the day



**KUWAIT:** A photo taken from a Kuwait City tower showing landmarks of the state's capital. —Photo by Joseph Shagra



BeIN Sports TV presenter Mohammed Al-Kuwari



Ooredoo's Senior Director of Corporate Communications Mijbil Alayoub

**OOREDOO PARTNERED WITH MOYA IN YOUTH MEDIA FORUM**

**KUWAIT CITY, KUWAIT:** Ooredoo, Kuwait's fastest network, participated in the opening ceremony and its activities of the Youth Media Forum in collaboration with the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs that took place last week, held in Al-Raya Ballroom. The forum focused on providing media content and professional training that focuses on highlighting the importance of media and its influence on the community, specifically in relation with youthful causes. Whereby the forum connected the youth with professional media experts and representatives through different workshops and discussion sessions, with star guests such as the BeIN Sports TV presenter Mohammed Al-Kuwari and famous radio presenter Salman Al-Najadi who also held a workshop inside the Ooredoo HQ.

All the Youth Media Forum workshops and discussions ensured to showcase the importance of future media in relation to the Arab

youth. Furthermore raising awareness on the importance of modern technology and its impact on the media, helping to enrich the youth with all the needed positive values by opening up opportunities such as the ones presented in this forum.

Ooredoo's Senior Director of Corporate Communications Mijbil Alayoub noted during his opening statement in the opening ceremony on the occasion of the company's commitment towards its core values of caring, connecting, and challenging. "Today Ooredoo is proud to be one of the sponsors of this extraordinary forum and also take pride of our partnership with the ministry, especially since the announcement of Kuwait Arab Youth Capital which is considered one of the most important initiatives in the region. In Ooredoo we firmly believe in enabling the youth and contributing in their support to reach the highest levels of achievement in differ-

ent fields. Furthermore, through our CSR initiatives that mainly focuses on the youth, we were able to support a large number of youth activities and initiatives during the past 3 years."

Alayoub added in a previous statement: "This sponsorship activates our memorandum of understanding with the ministry, which we signed last year, and fulfills our promise to be a supporter of youth in Kuwait. We strongly believe in the importance of partnership between the private and government sectors to reach our common goals in enabling and empowering our youth." Senior Manager of Sponsorships, CSR and Social Media Yousef Al-Shallal participated discussion session that covered the topic "Role of the private sector in the Media," with other different representatives from the private sector. They had debated on how the private sector had influenced and shaped certain elements of the Arab media.



A general view of the audience.

**APPRECIATION FOR KFH EFFORTS AND ITS PILGRIMAGE AWARENESS**

**KUWAIT:** The campaign organized by Kuwait Finance House (KFH) on pilgrimage occasion to provide care and attention to the pilgrims in the holly mosque received great laudation and appreciation. The campaign comprised several activities and events in coordination with the official authorities. It also included the usage of multiple means and methods to provide religious and health advice, instructions and regulations that would ensure that each pilgrim performs his rituals in an easy and swift manner. KFH is keen on activating its social role to participate in religious and national events to achieve the best possible benefit for society members and official entities.

KFH campaign for the service of pilgrims this year started right from the launch of preparations for pilgrimage season by using social media. KFH Group web pages comprised several educational and religious messages posted by honorable scholars. The messages brief the pilgrim on the pillars, ways and benefits of pilgrimage. The messages contained also medical and health tips to pilgrims as part of the national pilgrims awareness campaign organized in cooperation with the ministry of health. These messages aim to enrich their medical education and provide important information to both health and sick pilgrims and the ways to deal with emergency cases for patients suffering from, diabetes, high blood pressure and cardiac diseases.

KFH has also organized educational competitions on pilgrimage rituals through social media. KFH educational messages were very significant during the last ten



days of Thi Al-Hijja. Sheikh Dr Waleed Al-Tabtaba'e broadcasted several messages and episodes on Haj rules, regulations, benefits, rituals. Educational episodes were also announced by Sheikh Talal Fakhher and Quran readings by Mishari Al-Baghli.

KFH public relations team participated in cooperation with the information office at the Ministry of Health in the pilgrims' awareness activity and bid the pilgrims farewell at Kuwait Airport. The team wished the pilgrims blessed pilgrimage and accepted worship. They wished them safe return to their country and distributed certain memorial gifts to suite their Hajj needs. The pilgrims were highly pleased with these arrangements and expressed their deep gratitude and appreciation for this valuable gesture. The Ministry of Health and civil aviation employees appreciated the efforts made by KFH team.



**KUWAIT DIVE TEAM MONITORS CORAL REEF OFF OMANI COAST**

**KUWAIT:** The Kuwait Dive Team concluded yesterday its trip to inspect a coral reef location off Oman's Daymaniyat Islands Nature Reserve, 70 km from Muscat. The location is the team's first stop as part of a six-month coral reef monitoring project of waters surrounding Gulf states, head of the team's monitoring division Dhari Al-Howeil said. The team plans to visit another seven locations off the coasts of the six Gulf countries. The project aims to study and document the conditions of reef in terms of scientific standards, he said.

The team will present reports on their observations to CoralWatch, an organiza-

tion which falls under the umbrella of University of Queensland, Australia. Howeil noted that the Kuwaiti team had met representatives from the organization last year to benefit from their experience in the field and introduce their methods to the GCC.

On the location, he said Dimaniyat reserve consists of nine islands that are home to diverse marine life forms. The location is used for scientific research, environmental monitoring and education purposes, while Oman also aims to benefit from the area economically, said Howeil. The islands also have a wide variety of wild plants, seaweed, coral and birds, he added. — KUNA

Al-Qabas

RARE TO FIND

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

A few years following the liberation, I prepared a study related to financing and building a western-style non-profit educational institute for slow learners, whose numbers have largely increased. We tried hard, especially after the late Ahmad Al-Rabie, who was education minister then, refused to give us empty ministry schools to temporarily establish this institute.

A relative of mine suggested that I approach a Shiite personality with the idea of funding the establishment of the school. I immediately rejected his offer saying that I know my request will face rejection. He told me that I should try. My request, as I expected, was rejected, so I told the scholars' representative with anger that his rejection is the cause of what we are facing. No one is interested or thinks about the humanitarian, scientific or educational issues, because we are among those nations who do not spend a thing if there is no religious text that justifies it, and the establishment of a school for slow learners is for sure not part of the religious issues that the one who carries out will gain rewards from.

I remember reading the decision of the supervisors of the Mohammad Rafee Maarafi Foundation to build three schools in Pakistan and name them after Abdelhusein Abdelredha, Waleed Al-Ali and Fahad Al-Husseini, as a fantastic national and humanitarian initiative. The foundation's decision to honor those individuals surpassed what others have done by many times, as we are in need of more education than worship houses.

It is possible for anyone to worship at home, but one cannot be educated in a place other than school, especially that the ethical, scientific and industrial gap that separating us from advanced countries is widening and cannot be buried without education. The news of Mohammad Rafee Maarafi Foundation made me look up its history and I found out that Mohammad Rafee Maarafi has a long history of generosity that dates back to 70 years ago, and he was one of those who were keen to spend their own money on learners.

There is a difference between charity and generosity in my view. A charitable person is the one who spends his money for a religious purpose, but being a generous person has a more comprehensive meaning, and the work of the person in this case is wider, and Mohammad Rafee was one of those generous people, who are so rare to find in our society. Mohammad Rafee was born in 1909, and his father owned seven ships which sailed between Kuwait, Basra and India. He traveled to India when he was barely 14 for trade. He bought parts of bicycles from India and assembled and sold them in Kuwait.

He studied in Mubarakiya School, and got into politics as his commercial and political sense was formulated due to the experience he gained domestically and abroad. He had an interesting stand when he went to the British Commissioner's house, after the events of the 1938 assembly took place between the rich and educated on one side, and the authority on the other side, and demanded that the commissioner intervenes to solve the problem before it escalates further.

—Translated by Kuwait Times



Al-Jarida

Al-Anbaa

KING OF FLIES

By Saad Al-Motesh

Talk is cheap and goes uncharged; otherwise silence would prevail in all societies and we would see zero liars amongst us, not because they are afraid of losing somebody, but rather because they would not like to lose a single dime. We would also stop hearing statements made by some hotshots. Everybody would wish they had a giraffe neck to avoid saying something prematurely; for which they would immediately or later be charged and fined.

According to my humble memory, Kuwaitis were the first to use the phrase 'We Will Never Forget' which was used along with yellow ribbon to promote the idea of not forgetting Kuwait's prisoners of war and missing people during the Iraqi invasion. We used to emphasize that we will never forget, but what really happened is that, except for the families of missing citizens, others have long forgotten that experience, though some prefer living with good or bad memories.

We usually reminisce on good memories and feel sad remembering the good old days, at the same time we also remember bad ones and thank Almighty Allah to get us through them safely. We all remember what had been plotted against Kuwait during the 'Arab Spring Revolutions' and those who supported such calls in the media and social networks. If it was not for Allah's grace and our leadership's wisdom, we would have gone through what others have been experiencing.

I really find it hard to respect any of those who forgot the words said against Kuwait by some GCC nationals. I can only compare them with flies that forget that a man tried to kill them within three seconds of the previous try. I do not care if this angers you even if you were the 'king of flies.'

— Translated by Kuwait Times

**If it was not for Allah's grace and our leadership's wisdom, we would have gone through what others have been experiencing**

Crime

Report

ARMED ROBBERY FOILED IN MAHBOULA

KUWAIT: An armed robbery at a money exchange in Mahboula was foiled when a female employee hit the alarms after she saw a masked man pointing a pistol at the employees asking for money. The suspect escaped before police arrived to the scene. Ahmadi detectives are working on the case.

Fight

Criminal detectives arrested five men and three women who were involved in a fight in which they used knives. Policemen were called in to the scene and were able to arrest all persons involved. The suspects started their fight inside an apartment before moving out to the street. A security source said three of the five men are uniformed; one a lieutenant at the National Guard, another is a detective and the third works for the Drugs Control General Department.

Drunk driving

A drunk driver was arrested after police stopped his car while he was driving recklessly. An imported liquor bottle was also found with the man, who was identified as a Ministry of Defense officer. Policemen took the man to the police station, and he became angry when he was being moved to the holding cell and started shouting insults. This caused police to press charges of insulting a public employee while on duty against the man.

Suicide attempt

Farwaniya detectives saved a domestic helper's life after she ingested a large amount of detergents in an attempted suicide. The woman documented this attempt by filming herself drinking the poisonous material, while appearing to have a nervous breakdown. She was charged with attempted suicide.

Altercation

Salmiya detectives are looking for a person who had a fight with a TV announcer, then attempted to run him over with his car. The fight started in front of a juice store owned by the announcer when a person drove in the wrong way. When the announcer asked him to drive properly in order to allow customers to pass by, the driver became angry and insulted him. The driver then got out of his car, pulled a knife and threatened the announcer, before driving off. The announcer lodged a complaint and gave police the license plate number of the offender.

— Translated from the Arabic press

SOCIAL CARE DEVELOPMENT, PART OF KUWAIT 2035 VISION

KUWAIT: As an integral part of the country's 2035-development vision, the State of Kuwait is working on measures to improve and progress social care services. Kuwaiti authority have set goals to develop services for orphans and the elderly residing in their facilities, offering care and compassion. — KUNA



KUWAIT'S SECURITY APPARATUS YEARNS FOR WORLD PEACE, STABILITY

KUWAIT: NATO Week, a plethora of activities dedicated to the international military alliance, proves that Kuwait is eager for global peace and stability, said a top Kuwaiti official yesterday. Speaking to the press after the start of 'NATO Week,' organized by the NATO-Kuwait Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI) Regional Centre, Kuwait National Security Apparatus Chief Sheikh Thamer Al-Ali Al-Sabah touted the event as the first of its kind in the region, bringing together Gulf nations and NATO members.

On activities included, Sheikh Thamer Al-Ali noted that a scheduled workshop will touch on topics that run the gamut from cyber security and crisis management to maritime security. He said that the underlying objective of these workshops is to allow Gulf nations the chance to pick up a good deal of expertise from NATO, which is what these workshops provide.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Fawaz Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, an official in charge of security information, described 'NATO Week' as a significant event with key objectives, chiefly, showcasing



Sheikh Thamer Al-Ali Al-Sabah

Kuwait's relationship with NATO. Fawaz Al-Othman, the manager of the NATO-Kuwait ICI center, said that the activities will be held in the span of three days, all of which will help bring the center's goal of closer ties with NATO to fruition. — KUNA



**UK police arrest 2nd man in London subway attack case**

## AFGHANISTAN MULLS PLAN TO ARM 20K CIVILIANS



UKHIA: Rohingya Muslim refugees sit inside a temporary shelter in Balukhali refugee camp near the Bangladesh town of Gumdhum. — AFP

# RAIN, EVICTIONS ADD TO ROHINGYA MISERY

## TORRENTIAL RAIN BRING BACK SWAMP-LIKE CONDITIONS

**UKHIA, Bangladesh:** Heavy monsoon rain heaped new misery yesterday on hundreds of thousands of Muslim Rohingya stuck in makeshift camps in Bangladesh after fleeing violence in Myanmar, as authorities started a drive to force them to a new site. With food and water shortages already making life tough, torrential rain brought back swamp-like conditions to many parts of the border town of Cox's Bazar which has become a magnet for the Rohingya.

About 7.7 centimeters of rain fell in 24 hours and more is predicted in the next two days, the Bangladesh Weather Department said. Bangladesh authorities, who have already issued travel restrictions on the Rohingya, launched an operation late Saturday to get tens of thousands out of roadside camps and hillside shanties into a giant new camp. The United Nations says 409,000 Rohingyas have now overwhelmed Cox's Bazar since August 25 when the military in Buddhist-majority Myanmar launched operations in Rakhine state.

As existing camps are already full with 300,000 Rohingyas fleeing earlier violence, many of the Rohingya have been forced to live in the open air or under flimsy plastic sheets. Police toured streets with loudspeakers

ordering exhausted families to go to the Balukhali camp in Cox's Bazar, which is being cleared to build new shelters. "We are shifting them from the roadsides where many of them have been staying," Khaled Mahmud, a government spokesman for Cox's Bazar district told AFP. Mahmud said gradually all the new Rohingya would be taken to Balukhali to bring order to the chaotic aid operation.

Yesterday Myanmar's government hinted that it may not take back Rohingyas who fled across the border, accusing those refugees of having links to the militants. "Those who fled the villages made their way to the other country for fear of being arrested as they got involved in the violent attacks. Legal protection will be given to the villages whose residents did not flee," the government's Information Committee statement said. Previous statements have said the country will set up relief shelters in northern Rakhine for Muslims "who can guarantee they are in no way connected to the terrorists".

### 'Disaster unfolding'

On Saturday, Bangladesh police issued tough new orders banning the Rohingya from moving out of designat-

ed areas. The order even prevented them from taking shelter with friends and relatives. Checkpoints have been set up at key transit points. With thousands more Rohingya arriving each day, Bangladesh authorities fear the refugees could swamp other towns and cities across the country. But the United Nations is already warning of intolerable conditions in the camps around Cox's Bazar.

The rain "has doubled their misery", said Mohammed Kai-Kislu, police chief at Ukhaia near Cox's Bazar, the new home for many Rohingya. Aid workers said thousands of Rohingyas were drenched by the return of the monsoon after a respite of a few days. Arfa Begum and seven of her family tried to hide under rubber trees near the Balukhali settlement where they arrived five days earlier.

"They evicted us from the rubber plantation," she said, referring to the police and border guards forcing the refugees out of makeshift shelters. "It took hours to find a safe place. We were drenched," she told AFP. Faced with a spreading mudbath, the Rohingyas have started building bamboo carpets to get over flooded land. A human rights expert in Cox's Bazar urged the government to shut local schools for three days to allow the Rohingya to camp in

them. "It is another disaster unfolding. Thousands of Rohingyas had no place to hide when the rain came," Nur Khan Liton, who headed Bangladeshi rights group Ain O Salish Kendra said. He said moving the Rohingyas from roadsides and open spaces should be halted as it was compounding their troubles.

### Suu Kyi to give speech

Conditions deteriorated for the Rohingyas in what could be a key week in the crisis. Myanmar's de-facto leader, Aung San Suu Kyi is to give a nationally televised speech on the Rohingyas case yesterday. The Nobel peace laureate, much criticised around the world for not condemning the violence against the Rohingyas, must address the global outrage while not angering the military, which maintains huge power.

General Min Aung Hlaing, Myanmar's globe-trotting army chief, called for a "united" stance in handling the crisis but gave no sign of concessions. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has arrived at the UN General Assembly in New York to press for greater help coping with the refugees and put more pressure on Myanmar over the case. She is to address the UN assembly today. — AFP

# IRAQ MAY USE FORCE IF KURD REFERENDUM TURNS VIOLENT

**BAGHDAD:** Iraq is prepared to intervene militarily if the Kurdish region's planned independence referendum results in violence, Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview Saturday. If the Iraqi population is "threatened by the use of force outside the law, then we will intervene militarily," he said.

Iraq's Kurdish region plans to hold the referendum on support for independence from Iraq on Sept 25 in three governorates that make up their autonomous region, and in disputed areas controlled by Kurdish forces but which are claimed by Baghdad. "If you challenge the constitution and if you challenge the borders of Iraq and the borders of the region, this is a public invitation to the countries in the region to violate Iraqi borders as well, which is a very dangerous escalation," Al-Abadi said.

The leaders of Iraq's Kurdish region have said they hope the referendum will push Baghdad to come to the negotiating table and create a path for independence. However, Al-Abadi said such negotiations would likely be complicated by the referendum vote. "It will make it harder and more difficult," he said, but added, "I will never close the door to negotiations. Negotiations are always possible."

Iraq's Kurds have come under increasing pressure to call off the vote from regional powers and the United States, a key ally, as well as Baghdad. In a statement released late Friday night the White House called for the Kurdish region to abandon the referendum "and enter into serious and sustained dialogue with Baghdad." "Holding the referendum in disputed areas is particularly provocative and destabilizing," the statement read.

### 'It's chaotic here'

Tensions between Irbil and Baghdad have flared in the lead-up to the Sept 25 vote. Masoud Barzani, the president of Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region, has repeatedly threatened violence if Iraqi troops or Shiite militias attempt to move into disputed territories that are now under the control of Kurdish fighters known as peshmerga, specifically the oil-rich city of Kirkuk.

"It's chaotic there," Muhammad Mahdi Al-Bayati, a senior leader of Iraq's mostly Shiite militiamen, known as the Popular Mobilization Forces, said earlier this week, describing Kirkuk in the lead-up to the vote. Al-Bayati's forces - sanctioned by Baghdad, but many with close ties to Iran - are deployed around Kirkuk as well as other disputed

territories in Iraq's north. "Everyone is under pressure," he said, explaining that he feared a rogue group of fighters could trigger larger clashes. "Anything could be the spark that burns it all down." Al-Abadi said he is focused on legal responses to the Kurdish referendum on independence.

Earlier this week Iraq's parliament rejected the referendum in a vote boycotted by Kurdish lawmakers. Iraq's Kurds have long held a dream of statehood. They were brutally oppressed under Saddam Hussein, whose military in the 1980s killed at least 50,000 of them, many with chemical weapons. Iraq's Kurds established a regional government in 1992 after the U.S. enforced a no-fly zone across the north following the Gulf War.

After the 2003 US-led invasion ousted Saddam, the region secured constitutional recognition of its autonomy, but remained part of the Iraqi state. When asked if he would ever accept an independent Kurdistan, Al-Abadi said, "It's not up to me, this is a constitutional matter." "If (Iraq's Kurds) want to go along that road, they should work toward amending the constitution," Al-Abadi said. "In that case we have to go all the way through parliament and a referendum to the whole Iraqi people." — AP



BEIRUT: A man holds a girl waving a Kurdish flag as they gather to support next week's referendum in Iraq, at Martyrs Square in Downtown Beirut. — AP



## FRENCH REPORTER BACK HOME AFTER TURKISH TERROR CHARGES

**PARIS:** The young French journalist Loup Bureau arrived back in Paris yesterday, "tired but relieved", after being detained for more than seven weeks in a Turkish jail on terror charges. The 27-year-old's case had heightened alarm in Europe over press freedoms under Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who launched a wide-ranging crackdown after last year's failed coup against him. Bureau, a journalism student who has worked with the television channels TV5 and Arte and the website Slate, was detained on July 26 on Turkey's border with Iraq.

He was charged with membership of the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG), a Syrian Kurd militia, after he was

found with photos that showed him with members of the group. Ankara considers the YPG to be the Syrian affiliate of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which has been waging an insurgency against the Turkish state for more than three decades. But the United States regards the YPG as the most effective force fighting the Islamic State group as it seeks to wipe out the jihadists in Syria and Iraq.

Bureau's friends, family and girlfriend, along with French Culture Minister Françoise Nyssen, were at Paris's Charles de Gaulle airport to greet him as he landed on a flight from Istanbul. French President Emmanuel Macron, who had appealed to Erdogan for Bureau's

release, spoke to the journalist by telephone and told him to get some rest.

"I was not ill-treated physically but there were threats and intimidations," Bureau told reporters at the airport. "From the moment when Mr Macron announced he was demanding my release, there were changes — the guards started to understand that I wasn't a terrorist, that the things I had been accused of were not really true." Bureau's arrest had spurred a high-profile campaign in France for his freedom, and Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian flew to Ankara last week to lobby on his behalf.

### 'No change in Turkey'

Turkish authorities have arrested tens

of thousands since the failed coup of July 2016, targeting a variety of opponents as well as individuals accused of links to the alleged putschists. Several European journalists have been caught up in the crackdown, with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker speaking out against the arrests in a country that remains a candidate for EU membership.

"Journalists belong in newsrooms not in prisons," he said this week. "I appeal to the powers that be in Turkey, let our journalists go." In June, Ankara released and deported French photojournalist Mathias Depardon who was held for a month on charges of supporting terror groups. He was also detained in Turkey's

restive southeast. Germany's Die Welt correspondent Deniz Yucel was imprisoned in February and has been personally accused by Erdogan of working as a "terror agent".

Press freedom group Reporters Without Borders (RSF), which campaigned for Bureau's release, hailed his return but estimated that 160 to 180 Turkish journalists are in detention. "The liberation of Loup Bureau is welcome but the situation in Turkey has not changed," said RSF chief Pierre Haski, who was at the airport to greet the reporter. Turkey ranks 155th on the latest world press freedom index compiled by RSF, falling below Belarus and the Democratic Republic of Congo. —AFP



SURREY: Police stand guard during a search by a police forensics team in Stanwell. —AFP

## UK POLICE ARREST 2ND MAN IN LONDON SUBWAY ATTACK CASE

### BRITAIN LOWERS TERROR THREAT LEVEL

**LONDON:** A second man has been arrested in connection with the London subway attack, the city's police said yesterday in what was the clearest indication yet that authorities do not believe the person who planted the bomb acted alone. The Metropolitan Police force said a 21-year-old man was arrested shortly before midnight on Saturday in the west London borough of Hounslow. The force said the suspect was being held under the Terrorism Act and questioned at a south London police station yesterday, but has been neither charged nor identified.

The British government lowered the country's official terrorist threat level. The downgrading of the threat level from "critical" to "severe" means authorities no longer believe an attack is imminent. The "severe" classification, the second highest level of alert, is based on the assessment that an attack is "highly likely," Home Secretary Amber Rudd said the easing of the alert indicates that police and security services are making "good progress" in the sprawling investigation into the attack on a subway train that injured 30 people during the rush hour Friday morning.

Police yesterday also launched an urgent search of a property in the southwestern suburb of Stanwell that authorities said was linked to the latest arrest. They continued searching a home in Sunbury, another southwestern London suburb where neighbors were evacuated on Saturday. Two

men are in custody for possible roles in the bombing attack on a rush-hour subway train Friday morning that injured 30 people in London, including an 18-year-old man who was arrested Saturday in the departure area of the port of Dover.

The two arrests indicate police and security services believe the attack at the Parsons Green station was part of a coordinated plot, not the act of a single person. "We are still pursuing numerous lines of enquiry and at a great pace," Metropolitan Police counter-terrorism coordinator Neil Basu said. The official threat level is not likely to be lowered until police believe all of the plotters have been taken into custody.

### 'Pillars of the community'

Residents of the Sunbury neighborhood where an armed police search started Saturday were evacuated in a rush and kept away for nearly 10 hours before they were allowed to return to their homes. The property belongs to an elderly couple who have for years taken in foster children, including refugees from conflict zones in Syria and Iraq. The pair - Ronald Jones, 88, and his wife, Penelope Jones, 71 - have been honored by Queen Elizabeth II for their work with children in need of a stable home.

A friend, Alison Griffiths, said the Joneses are "great pillars of the community" who have taken in several hundred children in the last 40 years.

Neighbors said two young men had been staying with them recently. Police have not provided details about the extensive search, which began several hours after an 18-year-old suspect in the subway bombing was arrested at Dover's ferry port. The Islamic State has said Friday's subway attack was carried out by one of its affiliated units. The improvised explosive device placed on the subway train only partially detonated, limiting the number of injuries.

The National Health Service says all but one of the 30 people treated for injuries has been released from the hospital. One person is still being treated at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, which has a special unit for treating burns. Officials have raised the number of injured from 29 to 30. That includes 19 people who were taken from the explosion site at Parsons Green station to the hospital and 11 who came in for treatment later on their own.

Home Secretary Amber Rudd said the casualties would have been far higher if the bomb had fully detonated. Frustrated by the string of terrorist attacks in recent months, she said officials will have to work harder to make bomb components more difficult to obtain. Britain has endured four other attacks this year, which have killed a total of 36 people. The other attacks in London - near Parliament, on London Bridge and near a mosque in Finsbury Park in north London - used vehicles and knives to kill and wound. —AP

## FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT ANGELA MERKEL

**BERLIN:** German voters go to the polls on Sept. 24 and Angela Merkel is hoping to win a mandate for a fourth term as chancellor. By now everybody knows that the 63-year-old leader grew up in East Germany, trained as a scientist and opened the country's doors to a large number of migrants in 2015. But here are five things you might not yet know about Merkel:

### Sleepless in berlin

Merkel is well known for her ability to stay alert during important late-night negotiations. That's a big advantage when world leaders have to grapple with complex topics like climate change, state bailouts or peace talks in the early hours of the morning. Merkel says she needs her sleep just like everyone else but that she has the ability to survive on very little for a short while. "I've got certain camel-like abilities," she once told the German women's magazine Brigitte.

### Not the best communist student

Like all East German students, Merkel had to take compulsory courses in Marxism-Leninism. But unlike her studies in physics, which she completed "magna cum laude," her efforts in communist ideology rated merely "sufficient." Later, while working at the Academy of Sciences in East Berlin, the future chancellor was in the communist youth organization and held the title "Secretary for Agitation and Propaganda," according

to biographers Guenther Lachmann and Ralf Georg Reuth. Merkel has never denied this, but said her task mainly involved organizing book readings and visits to the theater.

### Green thumb, no frills

The chancellor isn't known for leading an opulent life. In fact, she lives in an ordinary apartment in the center of Berlin, owns a small country house in the Uckermark region north of the capital and grows her own vegetables.

### Big time soccer fan

Every German leader is required to cheer the national soccer team - it's the country's favorite sport, after all - and Merkel is no exception. Yet the chancellor takes her role as cheerleader more seriously than most politicians. Whenever she can, she'll pop into the dressing room to wish the German players good luck.

### The right chemist(RY)

Merkel's second husband, quantum chemist Joachim Sauer, has largely shunned the limelight. In the early days of her chancellorship, he only appeared at Merkel's side during her annual pilgrimage to the Bayreuth opera festival, prompting one magazine to dub him the "Phantom of the Opera." Nothing is known about his politics. But Merkel once told an interviewer that after one parliamentary debate Sauer noted disapprovingly that she'd been wagging her finger the whole time. —AP



BERLIN: German Chancellor Angela Merkel, center, speaks during a news conference for children as part of a family event of her Christian Democratic Union party. —AP

## SERBIA'S GAY PM JOINS BELGRADE PRIDE MARCH

**BELGRADE:** Serbia's lesbian prime minister yesterday joined hundreds of activists with rainbow flags for Belgrade's annual gay march, an event held under heavy security in the conservative country. Ana Brnabic, 41, became one of the first openly gay government leaders in the world when she came to power in June, but activists say homophobia remains a widespread problem in Serbia. "The Serbian government is there for all citizens, both majority and minority, to show that it respects diversity," Brnabic said before joining the Pride parade, Beta news agency reported.

In 2010, the parade descended into clashes between anti-gay protesters and police, injuring more than a hundred people and prompting the event to be banned for three years. This is the fourth consecutive year the march has gone ahead under a large security presence, and the first time a prime minister has attended. A helicopter buzzed overhead as marchers walked through the cordoned-off city center.

About 2,000 police officers were deployed — less than half the number on duty for last year's peaceful parade, according to organizers. "You can see the borders of freedom are shifting and, in this respect, our society has made great progress in recent years," Brnabic said in an interview published yesterday in the newspaper Politika. Brnabic was selected to be premier by her predecessor, Aleksandar Vucic, after he was elected president. She

entered politics less than a year earlier as public administration minister.

The surprise move made international headlines, but sceptics suspected an attempt at "pinkwashing," with Brnabic used as a puppet by Vucic to improve Serbia's image as it campaigns to join the European Union. Critics accuse Vucic, who remains the country's most powerful politician, of being a populist authoritarian who has clamped down on media freedom.

Some also suspect that his SNS party's hard-right roots gives it leverage over some far-right organizations and the ability to deter them from disrupting Pride. At a conference on hate speech on Friday, Brnabic dismissed as "nonsense" the accusation that she had been chosen merely because of her sexual orientation. A technocrat with a business background, Brnabic has expressed hope in interviews that people will look beyond her sexual orientation, distancing herself from LGBT issues. Activist groups are campaigning for the adoption of a law on same-sex partnerships, for which they hope to win the premier's support.

Ivana Mitrovic, a 35-year-old attending the parade from the northern Serbian city of Novi Sad, was sceptical of the prime minister's involvement. "I don't like the government. It's all for show," she said. But others said Brnabic's participation and visibility could inspire young gay and transgender people, even in small villages where conservatism is entrenched. —AFP

## PROTESTERS SMASH WINDOWS IN 2ND VIOLENT NIGHT NEAR ST LOUIS

**ST LOUIS:** Protests turned violent for a second night near St Louis following the acquittal of a white former police officer in the fatal shooting of a black man, as a small group of demonstrators refused to disperse, breaking windows at dozens of businesses and throwing objects at police, who moved in with hundreds of officers in riot gear to make arrests.

The confrontation took place late Saturday night in the Delmar Loop area of University City, a suburb about 10 miles west of St Louis near Washington University. The area is known for concert venues, restaurants, shops and bars, and includes the Blueberry Hill club where rock legend Chuck Berry played for many years.

University City had been the scene of a peaceful march earlier in the evening to protest a judge's ruling Friday clearing ex-officer Jason Stockley of first-degree murder in the 2011 shooting of 24-year-old Anthony Lamar Smith. That march ended with organizers calling for people to leave and reconvene Sunday afternoon. But a few dozen protesters refused to go. Police ordered them to disperse, saying the protest was illegal. Hundreds of police in riot gear eventually moved in with armored vehicles. The demonstrators retreated down a

street, breaking windows with trash cans and throwing objects at police.

### 'The window isn't murdered'

Several protesters were seen in handcuffs, and city and county police later tweeted that they had arrested at least nine people. Police were seen carrying one handcuffed man away from the scene upside down. At least one demonstrator was treated after he was hit with pepper spray. After the spasm of violence ended, a reporter for The Associated Press found at least half

of the businesses on one side of the street with broken windows along a two block area.

Sam Thomas, who was helping his friend clean up the glass from the shattered windows of his clothing and accessories boutique, OSO, said he understood why people were angry. The US justice system is broken and needs to be fixed, Thomas said. "I'm not saying this is the right way to fix it," he said of the damage. "The window isn't murdered. Nobody is going to have a funeral for the window. We can

replace it." On Friday night, nearly three-dozen people were arrested and 11 police officers suffered injuries, including a broken jaw and dislocated shoulder. Five officers were taken to hospitals. Police said 10 businesses were damaged that night, and protesters broke a window and spattered red paint on the home of St. Louis Mayor Lyda Krewson. Saturday night's violence capped a day of noisy but peaceful demonstrations at suburban shopping malls.

### 'Black lives matter'

Protesters shouted slogans such as "black lives matter" and "it is our duty to fight for our freedom" as they marched through West County Center mall in the suburb of Des Peres, west of St. Louis. A group also demonstrated at another suburban shopping center, the Chesterfield Mall, and at a regional food festival. Organizers hoped to spread the impact of the protests beyond predominantly black neighborhoods to those that are mainly white. Smith's death is just one of several high-profile US cases in recent years in which a white officer killed a black suspect, including the 2014 killing of Michael Brown in nearby Ferguson that sparked months of angry and sometimes violent protests. —AP



ST LOUIS: Demonstrators confront police while protesting the acquittal of former St Louis police officer Jason Stockley. —AFP



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GAZA: Masked youth cadets from the Ezzedine Al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of the Palestinian Islamist Hamas movement, march in the southern Gaza Strip city of Khan Yunis. — AFP

## MILLIONS OF WORLD KIDS LACK ANY RECORD OF THEIR BIRTHS

**MASAKA:** Would a 15-year-old girl be married off by her parents in violation of the law? Would another girl, who looks even younger, get justice after an alleged statutory rape at the hands of an older man? In their impoverished communities in Uganda, the answers hinged on the fact that one girl had a birth certificate and the other didn't. Police foiled the planned marriage after locating paperwork that proved the first girl was not 18 as her parents claimed.

The other girl could not prove she was under the age of consent; her aunt, who's also her guardian, has struggled to press charges against the builder who seduced and impregnated her. "The police were asking me many questions about proof of the girl's birth date. How old she is? Where she goes to school," said the aunt, Percy Namirembe, sitting in her tin-roofed shantytown home in Masaka near the shores of Lake Victoria in south-central Uganda. "I don't have evidence showing the victim is not yet 18."

As Namirembe spoke, in a room decorated with a collage of Christ and the Madonna, her niece sat beside her, her belly swollen and a vacant stare on her face. In the developed world, birth certificates are often a bureaucratic certainty. However, across vast swaths of Africa and South Asia, tens of millions of children never get them, with potentially dire consequences in regard to education, health care, job prospects and legal rights. Young people without IDs are vulnerable to being coerced into early marriage, military service or the labor market before the legal age.

### 'They could end up invisible'

In adulthood, they may struggle to assert their right to vote, inherit property or obtain a passport. "They could end up invisible," said Joanne Dunn, a child protection specialist with UNICEF. With the encouragement of UNICEF and various non-governmental organizations, many of the worst-affected countries have been striving to improve their birth registration rates. In Uganda, volunteers go house to house in targeted villages, looking for unregistered children.

Many babies are born at home, with grandmothers acting as midwives, so they miss out on the registration procedures that are being modernized at hospitals and health centers. By UNICEF's latest count, in 2013, the births of about 230 million children under age 5 - 35 percent of the world's total - had never been recorded. Later this year, UNICEF plans to release a new report showing that the figure has dropped to below 30 percent due to progress in countries ranging

from Vietnam and Nepal to Uganda, Mali and Ivory Coast.

India is the biggest success story. It accounted for 71 million of the unregistered children in UNICEF's 2013 report - more than half of all the Indian children in that age range. Thanks to concerted nationwide efforts, UNICEF says the number of unregistered children has dropped to 23 million - about 20 percent of all children under age 5. Uganda is a potential success story as well, though very much a work in progress. UNICEF child protection officer Augustine Wassago estimates that the country's registration rate for children under 5 is now about 60 percent, up from 30 percent in 2011.

While obtaining a birth certificate is routine for most parents in the West, it may not be a priority for African parents who worry about keeping a newborn alive and fed. Many parents wait several years, often until their children are ready for school exams, to tackle the paperwork. Maria Nanyonga, who raises pigs and goats in Masaka, says lack of birth registration caused her to miss out on tuition subsidies for some of the seven nieces and nephews she is raising. "I tried my best to get the children's certificates, but I didn't even know where to start," she said. "I didn't know when they were born, and the officials needed that." Even now, two years after losing out on the financial aid, Nanyonga is uncertain about the children's ages.

"I can only guess," she said. "I think the oldest is 10 and the youngest is 5." Henry Segawa, a census worker in the Rakai administrative district, is among those who've been trained to do the registration outreach. Their efforts have been buttressed by public awareness campaigns; radio talk show hosts and priests have been encouraged to spread the word. "When you go to a home, you explain the benefits of birth registration, and people have been responding well," Segawa said.

On one of his forays, Segawa was on hand in a remote village as a midwife delivered a baby at a decaying health center with a leaky roof, no running water and outhouse walls smeared with excrement. Upon hearing the newborn's piercing bawls, Segawa strode toward the birth register to record the newborn's details. The baby, Ben Ssekulunga, was the ninth child in his family, said his grandmother, Mauda Byarugaba. "I want this baby to be her last one," she said of her daughter. "Nine children are too many." Birth registration plays a pivotal role in Uganda's efforts to enforce laws setting 18 as the minimum age for marriage. — AP

## HAMAS DISSOLVES ITS SHADOW GOVT

ISLAMIST GROUP ACCEPTS RECONCILIATION DEMANDS

**CAIRO:** Palestinian Islamist Hamas group said yesterday it has dissolved its administration that runs Gaza and agrees to hold general elections in order to end a long-running feud with President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah movement. The last Palestinian legislative election was held in 2006 when Hamas scored a surprise victory, which laid the ground for a political rupture. Hamas and Fatah fought a short civil war in Gaza in 2007 and since then Hamas has governed the small coastal enclave.

Numerous attempts since 2011 to reconcile the two movements and form a power-sharing unity government in Gaza and the West Bank have so far failed. Hamas and Fatah agreed in 2014 to form a national reconciliation government, but despite that agreement, Hamas's shadow government has continued to rule the Gaza Strip.

Hamas said in a statement yesterday that it has dissolved its shadow government, that it will allow the reconciliation government to operate in Gaza and that it agrees to hold elections and enter talks with Fatah. Mahmoud Aloul, a senior Fatah official welcomed cau-

tiously Hamas's position. "If this is Hamas statement, then this is a positive sign," he said. "We in Fatah movement are ready to implement reconciliation."

Hoping to pressure Hamas to relinquish control of Gaza, Abbas has cut payments to Israel for the electricity it supplies to Gaza. This means that electricity has often been provided for less than four hours a day, and never more than six. Representatives for Abbas, who is in New York ahead of the UN General Assembly this week, could not be reached for comment, nor could Fatah representatives presently in Egypt, which has been hosting talks with Hamas.

Some polls show that if parliamentary elections were held now, Hamas would win them in both Gaza and the Israeli-occupied West Bank, the seat of Abbas's Palestinian Authority. The Western-backed Abbas, 82, is now 12 years into what was to be a four-year term and is an unpopular leader according to opinion polls. He has no clear successor and there are no steps being taken toward a presidential election any time soon. — Reuters

## GOVERNMENT AGREES TO ISSUE HEALTH CARDS TO BEDOONS

By B Izzak

**KUWAIT:** The Interior Ministry and the central agency for stateless people or bedoon agreed yesterday to start issuing health cards to bedoons who don't have security cards and carry fake passports from a third country, MP Mohammad Hayef said. Hayef said that the authorities agreed the new health card can be used by bedoons for a variety of issues like the security card which bedoons use as an official Identification Card.

Hayef was speaking after a meeting with the National Assembly Human Rights Committee which was attended by representatives for the Interior Ministry and the central agency for bedoons. He said that the committee accepted the health card as long as it can be used by bedoons to facilitate their affairs. The lawmaker said that officials pledged that bedoons will be able to use the new health card to get the services of health, education, driving licenses, obtain birth and death certificates and marriage contracts as well.

Hayef said that the officials pledged that the new health card will be accepted by all government departments in the same way as the security cards. The officials also vowed to inform private sector firms and certain government departments to accept the health cards for employment, the lawmaker said.

Interior Ministry officials said they will start issuing the health cards at the end of the month after the proposal is approved by the Interior Minister. Hayef however, insisted that these are temporary and partial solutions intended to help a section of bedoons who do not carry the security cards and have fake passports at the same time. He insisted that the best solution for them is a permanent and fundamental solution.

In another development, MP Thamer Al-Suwait said yesterday he will oppose government moves reportedly to dissolve the Municipal Council and replace it with advisory governorate councils. The lawmaker insisted that the Municipal Council plays a very important role in the development of the country and it cannot be scrapped and its authorities distributed to other bodies.

He stressed that the Municipal Council is one of the fundamental components of democracy and the constitution, adding that lawmakers will not accept scrapping it or reducing its powers. MP Mubarak Al-Hajraf yesterday sent questions to the ministers of social affairs and labor and state minister for cabinet affairs protesting against the appointment of an expatriate journalist at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor. The lawmaker said that hundreds of Kuwaitis can take up the job and should have been given to a citizen. He also inquired how the civil service commission has approved the appointment.

## KUWAIT LIFTS BAN ON HIRING INDIAN MAIDS

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According to one estimate, around 950,000 Indians are in Kuwait. The Indian embassy had clarified in a press release that the recruitment will, however, be regulated through six government recruitment agencies. They are:

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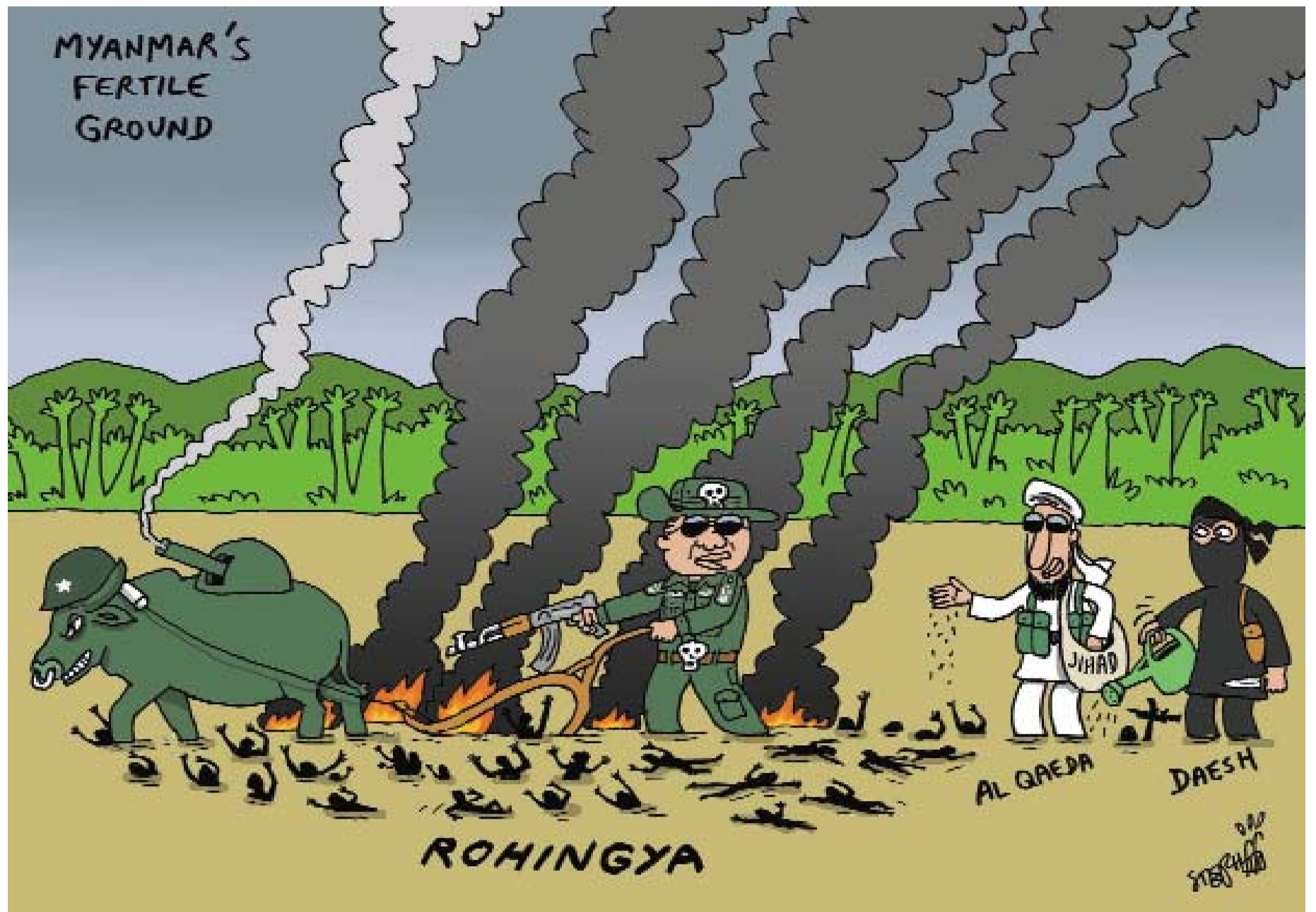
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## TO SHOOT DOWN OR NOT? NORTH KOREA INTERCEPT ISSUES

By Thomas Watkins, Shingo Ito

North Korea's latest missile launch over Japan set sirens blaring and triggered alerts telling people to seek shelter—yet neither Tokyo nor Washington tried to shoot the rocket down. The test follows one in August that saw another rocket soar over Hokkaido. In that case too, much-vaunted Japanese and US missile-intercept capabilities were not used.

Now some in the United States are wondering why all this sophisticated weaponry isn't being used, especially as North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un accelerates toward his goal of building a nuclear missile capable of striking the United States. "The next time the North Koreans launch a rocket, especially one that will traverse over our ally Japan, I would hope that we shoot it down as a message to the North Koreans and to other people, like in Japan, who are counting on us," Republican Congressman Dana Rohrabacher told lawmakers this week.

"Unless we demonstrate we're willing to use force, there's no reason for them to believe we will." The US Pacific Command confirmed Friday's rocket was an intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM), and Seoul's defense ministry said it probably traveled around 3,700 kilometers, hurtling to a maximum altitude of 770 kilometers. The missile, which fell in the Pacific Ocean, represented North Korea's furthest-ever flight. Evans Revere and Jonathan Pollack of the Brookings Institution wrote in a paper that Washington should declare that any future North Korean missiles toward or over US or allied territory would be deemed a direct threat that would "be addressed with the full range of US and allied defensive capabilities."

### Why no shoot down?

The United States and Japan together claim they can shoot incoming missiles, but officials say Friday's siren-sounding launch didn't meet that threshold. If the US and its allies "would have determined that it was a direct threat, we would have shot it down," said Pentagon spokesman Colonel Rob Manning, noting the military's "deep arsenal of capabilities." For Japan, these include advanced Patriot batteries, which can stop lower altitude missiles, and SM-3 missiles it is developing with the US that can take out high-flying short- to intermediate-range ballistic missiles.

The technology is imperfect but the Pentagon has demonstrated it can hit ICBM and intermediate-range missile targets. Bruce Klingner, a senior research fellow at the Heritage Foundation, noted that when North Korea flies a missile over Japan, it travels higher than the capabilities of any ballistic missile-defense system stationed nearby, including the SM-3. Also, Japan is a pacifist country constitutionally limited to taking military action only in self defense. Hideshi Takesada, a North Korea and defense expert who is a professor at Takushoku University in Tokyo, told AFP that Japan plans to intercept a missile only when it enters its territorial air or objects fall onto Japanese territory.

Recent missiles have flown far above Japan and nothing fell to the ground. "Therefore, the government did not issue a destruction order," Takesada said. While Japan has decent anti-missile technology, it's difficult to cover the entire Japanese archipelago, experts noted. "Also, it's technically hard to judge if a missile flying in an early stage can actually be a direct threat to the Japanese territory," Akira Kato, an international politics professor at JF Oberlin University in Tokyo said.

Japan and the United States do not want to risk trying an intercept unless it is posing a certain threat. A failed attempt could cause wide alarm and tip off Kim about any limitations. "A potential failure in intercepting a missile could only result in giving an unnecessary impression that Japan's capability of missile defense is insufficient," Kato said. Japan also has a network of Aegis missile-defense destroyers, and President Donald Trump wants Tokyo and South Korea to increase buys of such US gear. In Japan's case, that could include the purchase of a land-based version of Aegis.

### Boost phase

According to the New York Times, the US saw Friday's missile being fueled up a day earlier. Current US missile-defense technologies focus on stopping a North Korean missile when it is in mid-flight or during the "terminal" stage of its ballistic arc as it plummets towards its target. But the Pentagon also wants to develop technologies to take out missiles the moment they leave the launch pad, when they are in their so-called "boost phase." The missiles at that point are laden with explosive fuel and traveling more slowly, so are more vulnerable and could be taken out with another missile launched from nearby. —AFP

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## NEW SECRECY TACTIC: SUING PEOPLE WHO SEEK PUBLIC RECORDS

By Ryan J Foley

An Oregon parent wanted details about school employees getting paid to stay home. A retired educator sought data about student performance in Louisiana. And college journalists in Kentucky requested documents about the investigations of employees accused of sexual misconduct. Instead, they got something else: sued by the agencies they had asked for public records. Government bodies are increasingly turning the tables on citizens who seek public records that might be embarrassing or legally sensitive.

Instead of granting or denying their requests, a growing number of school districts, municipalities and state agencies have filed lawsuits against people making the requests — taxpayers, government watchdogs and journalists who must then pursue the records in court at their own expense. The lawsuits generally ask judges to rule that the records being sought do not have to be divulged. They name the requesters as defendants but do not seek damage awards.

Still, the recent trend has alarmed freedom-of-information advocates, who say it's becoming a new way for governments to hide information, delay disclosure and intimidate critics. "This practice essentially says to a records requester, 'File a request at your peril,'" said University of Kansas journalism professor Jonathan Peters, who wrote about the issue for the Columbia Journalism Review in 2015, before several more cases were filed. "These lawsuits are an absurd practice and noxious to open government."

Government officials who have employed the tactic insist they are acting in good faith. They say it's best to have courts determine whether records should be released when legal obligations are unclear — for instance, when the documents may be shielded by an exemption or privacy laws. At least two recent cases have succeeded in blocking information while many others have only delayed the release. State freedom-of-information laws generally allow requesters who believe they are wrongly denied records to file lawsuits seeking to force their release. If they succeed, government agencies can be ordered to pay their legal fees and court costs.

Suing the requesters flips the script: Even if agencies are ultimately required to make the records public, they typically will not have to pay the other side's legal bills. "You can lose even when you win," said Mike Deshotels, an education watchdog who was sued by the Louisiana Department of Education after filing requests for school district enrollment data last year. "I'm stuck with my legal fees just for defending my right to try to get these records."

The lawsuit argued that the data could not be released under state and federal privacy laws and initially asked the court to order Deshotels and another citizen requester to pay the department's legal fees and court costs. The department released the data months later after a judge ruled it should be made public. Deshotels, a 72-year-old retired teachers' union official who authors the Louisiana Educator blog, had spent \$3,000 fighting the lawsuit by then. He said the data ultimately helped show a widening achievement gap among the state's poorest students, undercutting claims of progress by education reformers.

The lawsuits have been denounced by some courts and policymakers. A New Jersey judge in 2015 said they were the "antithesis" of open-records policies and dismissed a

case filed by a township against a person who requested police department surveillance video footage. In Michigan, the state House voted 108-0 earlier this year in favor of a bill that would make it illegal for agencies to sue public records requesters.

The proposal came in response to a county's lawsuit against a local newspaper that had sought the personnel files of two employees running for sheriff. A judge dismissed the lawsuit, saying the county had to approve or deny the request. The documents, ultimately released days before the election, showed that one of the candidates had been disciplined for carrying on an affair while on-duty in 2011. That candidate lost. The Michigan bill's sponsor, Republican Rep. Clint Kesto, called the tactic "a backdoor channel to delay and put pressure on the requester" that circumvents the state's Freedom of Information Act.

"Government shouldn't file a lawsuit and go on offense. Either approve the request or deny it," he said. "This shouldn't be happening anywhere in the country." As his bill remains pending in a state Senate committee, Michigan State University filed a lawsuit May 1 against ESPN after the network requested police reports related to a sexual assault investigation involving football players. That and a number of other cases are currently unfolding. In April, the Portland, Oregon, school district filed a lawsuit against parent Kim Sordyl, who is seeking records about employees on leave for alleged misconduct after the disclosure that one psychologist had been off for three years. Sordyl said she believes the information will expose costly missteps by dis-

trict human resources officials and lawyers, and the district attorney has already ordered the records to be released. "They are going to great lengths to protect themselves and their own mismanagement. This is retaliation," said Sordyl, who has hired an attorney. "Most people would give up."

A district spokesman said the lawsuit, which also names a journalist who requested similar information, amounts to an appeal "in an area of public records law that we believe lacks clarity." "When this information is released prematurely, the district's position is that the employees' right to due process is jeopardized," spokesman Dave Northfield said. The University of Kentucky prevailed in January when a judge blocked the release of records sought by its student newspaper detailing the investigation of a professor who resigned after being accused of groping students.

The judge agreed with the university that the records would violate the privacy rights of students who were victims even if their names were redacted. While that ruling is on appeal, Western Kentucky University filed a similar lawsuit against its paper, the College Heights Herald, which sought records related to allegations of sexual harassment and assault involving employees. Several other state universities released similar documents to the newspaper, and the state attorney general has ruled that they are public records. "It's not a good feeling knowing that we are being sued," said Herald editor-in-chief Andrew Henderson, whose publication has been raising money to pay legal fees. "I just hope that something beneficial comes out of all of this for everyone involved." —AP



PORTLAND: Kim Sordyl poses for a photo at home as her family eats breakfast in the kitchen in Portland, Ore. In April 2017, the Portland, Ore School District filed a lawsuit against Sordyl, who is seeking records about employees on leave for alleged misconduct after the disclosure that one psychologist had been off for three years. —AP

## A GUIDE TO THE SYRIA PEACE TALKS IN ASTANA

Key players in the Syrian war have thrashed out more details of a Russian-led plan to ease six years of violence at the latest round of talks in Kazakhstan's capital Astana. Here is a quick look at who was there and what they discussed.

Moscow, Ankara and Tehran largely sideline the West. The United States is limited to only sending an observer mission, as well as its regional ally Jordan.

### Any progress?

While the early rounds of the Astana negotiations failed to make much progress, recent meetings have enjoyed far more success. Russia, Iran and Turkey in May agreed a plan to set up four "de-escalation" zones to halt fighting in flashpoint territories held by moderate rebels. Since then Moscow has forged on with establishing the zones on the ground and deployed military police to patrol the boundaries of the three zones in the south, in Eastern Ghouta near Damascus and in the central Homs province. At the latest sixth round of talks that ended Friday, Moscow, Tehran and Ankara agreed that they would jointly police the fourth zone covering the contentious Idlib province on the border of Turkey. Idlib is the only province in Syria that remains entirely

beyond regime control after having been captured in 2015 by an alliance of jihadists and rebels. Negotiations over who would patrol the zone had dragged on, with Turkey and Iran thought to be jostling to increase their influence.

### What impact?

According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors daily the death toll and the air strikes across Syria, the impact of the de-escalation zones has been significant. "Since the implementation of the de-escalation zones agreement in Syria, the death toll has fallen significantly and the air strikes have almost stopped," in the respective areas, Abdel Rahman, head of the observatory said. But Rahman said Damascus and Moscow "took advantage of the de-escalation zones to change the balance of power on the ground and have retaken double the territory they controlled before May." Jihadists such as the Islamic state (IS) group are not covered by

the safe zones and the drop in fighting with moderate rebels has allowed Damascus and Russia to increasingly focus their firepower on them. Earlier this month Assad's forces scored their biggest success to date against IS when they broke a years-long siege in the eastern city of Deir Ezzor.

### Peace in sight?

The negotiations in Astana have done more to still the violence that has killed over 330,000 people in the past six years than any previous diplomatic push. While the talks have been focused on fighting on the ground they have not dealt with the major political obstacles blocking the path to any final peace deal in Syria. Those issues are still mainly being handled by the United Nations at parallel talks in Geneva, but progress there has been negligible. It remains to be seen if any advances in Astana can eventually be translated into concrete progress on the political front. —AFP

**CARVAJAL AGREES TO EXTEND MADRID STAY**

**MADRID:** Real Madrid have agreed a deal with Dani Carvajal to extend the defender's contract by two years to 2022, the club said yesterday. The right back has established himself as a key player for Madrid after they bought him back from Bayer Leverkusen in 2013. "Real Madrid and Dani Carvajal have agreed an extension to the player's contract, binding him to the club until the 30th of June 2022," said Madrid in a statement. Carvajal, who has lifted three Champions League trophies and one La Liga title since returning, amongst other silverware, is the third player to sign a new deal with Madrid this week, after Marcelo and Isco. — Reuters

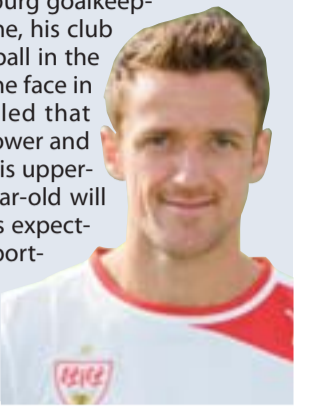


**COUTINHO COMMITTED TO LIVERPOOL AFTER FAILED BARCELONA MOVE**

**MADRID:** Liverpool playmaker Philippe Coutinho has said he has no agreement to join Barcelona next season and is committed to helping the Merseyside club achieve their ambitions. The 25-year-old Brazil international was Barcelona's key transfer target but Liverpool rejected multiple bids from the La Liga side, saying the player was not for sale. On Saturday, Coutinho made his first start of the Premier League season but failed help his side avoid a 1-1 draw against Burnley. He discussed his "complicated month" for the first time in an interview with ESPN Brazil. "What happened was a job offer and, in life, sometimes you get interested; sometimes you don't and, in my case, everyone knows that I got interested, my family too," said Coutinho. "It's an honour to receive an offer like that, but it's also an honour to be here (at Liverpool)." "I earned my place during the last four, five years and I've never had a problem with anyone here.—Reuters

**STUTTART CAPTAIN SUFFERS MULTIPLE FACIAL INJURIES**

**BERLIN:** VfB Stuttgart captain Christian Gentner has suffered various facial injuries after his collision with VfL Wolfsburg goalkeeper Koen Casteels in Saturday's Bundesliga game, his club said. Casteels leapt high to try and catch the ball in the penalty area and his knee caught Gentner in the face in the process. "Extensive examinations revealed that Christian Gentner had suffered breaks to the lower and lateral (parts of his) eye-socket, his nose and his upper-jaw," said Stuttgart in a statement. "The 31-year-old will undergo surgery over the next few days and is expected to make a complete recovery." Stuttgart's sporting director Michael Reschke described it as a "cruel blow" for Gentner. "The most important news though is that he will make a full recovery," he added.—Reuters



**BOXING**

**GOLOVKIN AND ALVAREZ FIGHT TO A BRUTAL DRAW, REMATCH TO COME**

**LAS VEGAS:** Canelo Alvarez and Gennady Golovkin argued afterward about who won their middleweight showdown. No one could argue it wasn't a great fight. Golovkin retained his middleweight titles Saturday night, fighting to a 12-round draw with Alvarez in a brutal battle that ended with both fighters holding their hands aloft in victory. It was a fight neither deserved to lose and, when the scores were tallied, neither did.

The middleweight bout years in the making lived up to its hype as the two fighters traded huge punches and went after each other for 12 rounds. Neither was down or seriously hurt, but both landed big punches to the head that had the crowd screaming in excitement.

Alvarez rallied late to win the last three rounds on each scorecard and pull out the draw, though both fighters claimed victory. "I won 7-8 rounds easily," Alvarez said. "I was superior inside the ring." "Today people give me draw. I focus on boxing," Golovkin said. "Look my belts, I'm still champion. I've not lost."

Golovkin was the aggressor throughout and landed punches that had put other fighters to the canvas. But he couldn't knock Alvarez down, and the Mexican boxer more than stood his own in exchanges with Triple G. The two were still brawling as the final seconds ticked down.

Alvarez was leading after the first three rounds, then Golovkin dominated the middle rounds. After a pep talk from his corner, Alvarez came out more aggressive in the 10th round to pull out the draw. Two scorecards were close, with Golovkin ahead 115-113 on one and a 114-114 draw on the other. But veteran judge Adalaide Byrd inexplicably had Alvarez winning 118-110, giving him all but two rounds. The Associated Press scored it 114-114.

Golovkin had chased Alvarez for nearly two years, trying to get the signature fight that would pay him millions and make him a pay-per-view draw on his own. Alvarez, the redhead known as Canelo, finally agreed to the match after Golovkin looked vulnerable earlier this year against Daniel Jacobs in a decision win that stopped his knockout streak at 23 fights.

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But Alvarez said Golovkin didn't have anything he wasn't expecting, and that his power wasn't what it was made out to be. Golovkin, who moved to Los Angeles from Kazakhstan to pursue stardom in the ring, said he would welcome a second fight.

"Of course I want a rematch," he said. "I want a fight. A true fight. I have my belts. I want a championship fight." Alvarez said he was more than willing to do it again. "Obviously yes, if the people want it," Alvarez said. "He didn't win, it was a draw. I always said I was going to be a step ahead of him."

After the decision was announced, both fighters hugged and Triple G whispered something in Alvarez's ear. They then exchanged thumbs-up signs and a handshake, knowing they had done their jobs well.

"We knew this was going to be a war," said Golovkin trainer Abel Sanchez. "There were no surprises."

The draw was the first mark on Golovkin's record, which now stands at 37-0-1. Alvarez is now 49-1-2, his only loss to Floyd Mayweather Jr. Golovkin entered the ring first, one of the concessions he had to make to get the fight with Alvarez despite holding all the middleweight belts. Alvarez, who brings millions of Mexican and Mexican-American fans, also got a bigger share of the fight proceeds and top billing.

The fight drew a sellout crowd to the T-Mobile Arena, where Mayweather and Conor McGregor engaged in their spectacle three weeks ago. But while that was more of a reality show than a fight, this was a battle that had fans on their feet screaming almost from the opening bell. Alvarez was guaranteed \$5 million, while Golovkin had a \$3 million guarantee. Both were expected to make much more on a share of the pay-per-view revenue. — AP

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**LAS VEGAS:** Gennady Golovkin (R) exchanges blows with Canelo Alvarez (L) during their WBC, WBA and IBF middleweight championship fight at the T-Mobile Arena yesterday in Las Vegas, Nevada. Gennady Golovkin retained his three world middleweight titles, fighting to a draw with Mexican star Canelo Alvarez in a showdown for middleweight supremacy that lived up to the hype. — AFP



**SINGAPORE:** Mercedes' British driver Lewis Hamilton celebrates winning the Formula One Singapore Grand Prix in Singapore yesterday. — AFP

**MOTOR RACING**

**HAMILTON WINS SINGAPORE GP AS TITLE RIVAL VETTEL CRASHES**

**SINGAPORE:** Lewis Hamilton profited from the chaos to win the Singapore Grand Prix and extend his championship lead yesterday, while title rival Sebastian Vettel lost huge ground after crashing out on the first lap. Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo prevented a Mercedes 1-2 by finishing ahead of Valtteri Bottas, who placed third.

Vettel can have little complaint as he seemed to cause the first-turn mayhem, despite starting from pole position. The crash caused a domino effect, taking out his Ferrari teammate Kimi Raikkonen. Red Bull's Max Verstappen and McLaren's Fernando Alonso.

Having started from fifth, on one of the toughest tracks in Formula One for overtaking, Hamilton could not believe his luck. The field opened up perfectly for the British driver to seal his third straight win, seventh of the season and 60th overall.

"I capitalized on the incident," Hamilton said. "Who could have known that would happen?" He now has a commanding 28-point lead over Vettel with just six races remaining. For the highly consistent Ricciardo, it was a seventh podium in the past 10 races. Carlos Sainz Jr. secured a career-best fourth place for Toro Rosso, with Force India's Sergio Perez in fifth.

Vettel took pole with a super performance in qualifying, but his form didn't translate to the race. Following a massive downpour several hours beforehand, more heavy showers soaked the Marina Bay circuit just before the 8 pm race. The treacherous conditions might have made Vettel a bit nervous, even on a track where he holds the record with four wins.

After making a hesitant start, the four-time F1 champion veered hastily left as he tried to counter Verstappen's strong start. It was a needless move, and squeezed Verstappen and Raikkonen for room, causing them to collide on the inside.

**SUPERB START**

Raikkonen's wobbling car then tagged Vettel's before spinning across the track, careering spectacularly into Verstappen and Alonso - who was in the right place at the wrong time after making a superb start.

Hamilton picked his spot, avoiding any danger as he moved into the lead, with Ricciardo jumping up from third on the grid to second. After a few laps behind the safety car, the race resumed on lap 7 with huge spray flying up from the cars.

Vettel, meanwhile, was back in the garage contemplating the heavily damaged front wing and left of his car. "Sorry guys. Sorry," he said, contritely. "Really sorry." In comments made to British broadcaster Sky, Vettel tried to explain his side of things. "I didn't see that much," he said. "I saw Max and then next thing I see is Kimi hitting the side of me and Max somewhere there."

Asked about the damage to his title hopes, he remained measured. "It's how this business is," Vettel said. "I'm sure there will be more opportunities." Verstappen, who had started from second, trudged to Red Bull's garage with his head

down, while Raikkonen expressed his frustration. "Just ridiculous," the Finnish driver said. Alonso bravely continued but retired on lap 9. The safety car came out again shortly after, as Daniil Kvyat ploughed his Toro Rosso into the barriers. By the time the race re-started again on lap 15, Ricciardo had changed tires, but not Hamilton.

He had to decide when to pit with the 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) track drying slowly. It was an important call, because he needed enough of a margin over Ricciardo in order to come back out ahead of him.

With the track still greasy, Ricciardo pitted again before Hamilton eventually came in for his change on lap 30 of 61. Mercedes timed it right, and Hamilton's lead over Ricciardo was still a

healthy nine seconds after the change. The safety car came out for a third time, after Marcus Ericsson's Sauber ground to a halt on lap 39. "Why another safety car?" a clearly annoyed Hamilton said. When the safety car comes out, not only does it cut the leader's momentum it enables others to bunch up and close the gap. After being 12 seconds behind, Ricciardo was suddenly right behind Hamilton again when the race re-started.

But Hamilton did enough to win by 4.5 seconds. Nico Hulkenberg retired late on with a mechanical problem. But his Renault teammate Jolyon Palmer finished sixth to score his first points of the season, on the weekend it was announced he will be replaced by Sainz Jr next season. — AP

**ALLGAIER WINS NASCAR XFINITY SERIES RACE AT CHICAGOLAND**

**JOLIET:** Justin Allgaier threw a victory bash in front of his home-state fans. Allgaier pulled away off the final restart and won the NASCAR Xfinity Series race Saturday at Chicagoland Speedway. Allgaier, from nearby Riverton, won for the second time this season in NASCAR's second-tier series. JR Motorsports had a banner day with Allgaier's win and the official coronation of Elliott Sadler's regular-season championship.

"This is a race track I've loved dearly for a number of years," Allgaier said. "The whole connection of being from Illinois and getting to go to victory lane was incredible." William Byron and Michael Annett give JR Motorsports four drivers in the Xfinity Series playoffs. Byron, who will replace Kasey Kahne in the No. 5 car next year at Hendrick Motorsports, enters the postseason as the points leader.

"If we have the opportunity to compete against each other at Homestead, once the green flag drops, it's every man for himself," Dale Earnhardt Jr. said. Xfinity opens its postseason next week at Kentucky Speedway. The rest of the playoff standings look like this: Allgaier, Sadler, Daniel Hemric, Brennan Poole, Ryan Reed, Jeremy Clements, Cole Custer, Blake Koch, Matt Tifft, Brendan Gaughan and Annett.

Byron has three wins this season and should be the driver to beat in the seven-race postseason. But his No. 9 Chevrolet battled transmission issues and he finished 33rd. Earnhardt said he wasn't picking a favorite among his championship drivers.

"These guys work really well together," Earnhardt said. "The crew chiefs all have a close relationship that goes beyond JR Motorsports. I think that's why we're so suc-

cessful, because of the way they work together."

Cup regular Kyle Larson was second at Chicagoland. "I was too loose to keep pace," Larson said. The 42-year-old Sadler has finished second in the final standings three times over an Xfinity career that dates to 1995. He thought he had the car to beat headed into last year's season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway until his crew chief was suspended for the race. Daniel Suarez would become NASCAR's first Mexican champion.

"I felt like last year, my team was primed and ready to go," Sadler said. "Then we lost our crew chief for Homestead and that made it a lot harder to try and be as competitive. I think the difference is to make sure we get through the playoff with no mistakes, no issues."

Erik Jones started from the pole, led 94 laps and was in position to win the race until he was penalized for changing lanes before he reached the start-finish line with seven laps left in the race. Jones finished 18th. Allgaier benefited in the No. 7 Chevrolet from Jones' mistake and won at Chicagoland for the second time in his career.

"This one, the meaning of it is a lot greater," Allgaier said. "When we got to the point where we took the white (flag), the emotion just flooded over me and it was just incredible." Allgaier's parents, in-laws, cousins and other friends and family celebrated with him in the post-race party. But the moment was truly capped when his 4-year-old daughter was with him for the first time in victory lane. "I hope she realizes at an older age just how special that moment is," he said. — AP



GOLF

NORDQVIST BEATS ALTOMARE IN PLAYOFF TO WIN EVIAN MAJOR

EVIAN-LES-BAINS: Defying driving rain and hail in a playoff, Anna Nordqvist beat unheralded American Brittany Altomare at the first extra hole to win the Evian Championship yesterday.

The 30-year-old Nordqvist earned \$547,500 for the win, her first major since the 2009 LPGA Championship. Altomare got \$340,000 for only her second career top-10 finish, three weeks after she secured a third-place tie at the Portland Classic.

Kirk of Australia, whose 70 included bogeys at the 16th and 17th as the chilling rain fell.

Jutanugarn was seeking to follow her younger sister Ariya, the 2016 Women's British Open winner, as the first siblings ever to each win a women's major title.

"A lot of lip-outs. Just probably not really my day," Jutanugarn said. No. 1-ranked So Yeon Ryu (71) finished on 2 over, and No. 2 Lexi Thompson of the US missed her chance to take the top spot.

CRICKET

PANDYA AND SPINNERS SECURE INDIA'S WIN AGAINST AUSTRALIA

CHENNAI: Hardik Pandya's all-round brilliance and some excellent bowling by the Indian spinners secured a 26-run victory against Australia under the Duckworth-Lewis method in the rain-hit first one-day international yesterday.

87-7 in the 22nd over. A 200-plus score looked a distant dream for the hosts at that stage but Pandya and Dhoni had other ideas.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play in the first One Day International between India and Australia yesterday in Chennai, India. Table with columns for India Innings, Australia Innings, and various statistics like runs, wickets, and extras.



CHENNAI: Australian cricketer Hilton Cartwright lose his wicket to India's Jasprit Bumrah during the first one day international cricket match in the India-Australia series at the M A Chidambaram stadium in Chennai yesterday. — AFP



MAPEI: Juventus' Paulo Dybala, center, scores his side's third goal during a Serie A soccer match between Sassuolo and Juventus, at Mapei Stadium in Reggio Emilia, Italy, yesterday. — AP

SOCCER

DYBALA, MERTENS NET HAT TRICKS IN JUVENTUS, NAPOLI VICTORY

MAPEI: Paulo Dybala has repeatedly said he doesn't want to be likened to his more famous compatriot Lionel Messi but the comparisons will keep coming as the Argentina youngster goes from strength to strength.

English Premier League results/standings table. Columns include Standings, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts, and team names like Manchester City, Chelsea, Arsenal, etc.

TROJANS CLAW TO SECOND OT WIN OVER TEXAS

LOS ANGELES: Freshman Chase McGrath kicked a 43-yard field goal in the second overtime after hitting a tying 31-yarder on the final snap of regulation as No. 4 Southern California rallied for a wild 27-24 victory over Texas in Top 25 college football on Saturday night.

Longhorns (1-2), who were narrowly denied a huge win early in coach Tom Herman's debut season. Ehlinger hit Armani Foreman with a 17-yard touchdown pass with 45 seconds left, but McGrath tied it on the final snap of regulation after Darnold drove the Trojans 52 yards in about 30 seconds.

sometimes unwatchable rivalry game. Franks scrambled away from the rush on a first-and-10 play with 9 seconds remaining and found Cleveland behind safety Micah Abernathy for a Hail Mary that no one - especially the Volunteers - saw coming.

NO. 1 ALABAMA 41, COLORADO STATE 23 Jalen Hurts passed for 248 yards and two long touchdowns and rushed for 103 yards to lead Alabama past Colorado State.

NO. 2 OKLAHOMA 56, TULANE 14 Baker Mayfield passed for 331 yards and four touchdowns, and Oklahoma followed its impressive victory at Ohio State with a win over Tulane.

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**Golovkin and Alvarez fight to a brutal draw, rematch to come**



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**MANCHESTER:** Everton's English defender Phil Jagielka (R) clears the ball as Manchester United's Belgian striker Romelu Lukaku attempts a shot during the English Premier League football match between Manchester United and Everton at Old Trafford in Manchester, north west England, yesterday.—AFP

## MISERABLE RETURN FOR ROONEY, MAN UTD ROUTS EVERTON

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|  | <b>Man United</b> | 4 |
|  | <b>Everton</b>    | 0 |

**MANCHESTER:** Manchester United thrashed Everton 4-0 after scoring three goals in the final 10 minutes on a miserable return to Old Trafford for Wayne Rooney in the Premier League yesterday. United was only leading through Antonio Valencia's 4th-minute strike when Rooney, the former United captain, was substituted in the 82nd minute.

Henrikh Mkhitaryan netted within a minute, Romelu Lukaku scored against his former club in

the 89th and Anthony Martial slotted in a penalty in the second minute of stoppage time after Morgan Schneiderlin handled. United and Manchester City both have 13 points at the top of the table. The defeat consigned Everton to a third consecutive league loss. Coupled with a Europa League group-stage opening defeat to Atalanta on Thursday, Everton has conceded 12 goals without reply in losing its last four games in all competitions.

Rooney left United in the offseason after 13 years with Lukaku heading in the opposite direction across northwest England. While Rooney was given a warm reception, Lukaku was jeered by Everton fans on another bleak day for the Merseyside club that got off to a terrible start by conceding in the fourth minute.

Nemanja Matic sent a sweeping pass across the

18-yard (meter) box that Valencia met with the outside of his boot, sending a half-volley past goalkeeper Jordan Pickford in front of the elated Stretford End.

### STRUGGLING

It was a strike of outstanding quality and allowed United to dictate the agenda, with Everton struggling to break through the lines and create a clear-cut chance until the 21st minute. Rooney hit a low, first-time shot across the face of goal on a sweeping attack that highlighted Everton's growing presence in a game that should have got away from them after Michael Keane's mistake. The United academy graduate's wayward pass was cut out by Juan Mata, who put Lukaku through on goal only for the striker to put wide of his former club's goal. Home celebrations turned

to embarrassment when it clicked that Lukaku had missed the target, with the traveling support quickly going through a similar swing in emotions as Gylfi Sigurdsson slotted home unaware Tom Davies had been called offside.

Pickford had to be alert as United pushed as halftime approached, but within a minute of the restart it was opposite number David De Gea in action as tenacious Rooney won the ball off Eric Bailly and got away a close-range effort. The United goalkeeper stood tall to deny Sigurdsson as the men in blue pushed for a leveler and the atmosphere Mourinho called for in his program notes began to wane.

Mata raised the noise a few notches by sending a free-kick off the post, while Jesse Lingard, on for the ineffective Marcus Rashford, was proving a handful as United looked to put the match to bed.

Matic came close from distance before Lingard's penalty claims were waved away, with Rooney then leaving to a standing ovation from the Old Trafford faithful.

The final eight minutes made uncomfortable viewing for Rooney on the Everton bench. Mkhitaryan swept a low shot past Pickford after being put through by Lukaku, who was cheered by the travelling support after hitting a free-kick into the wall. However, the former Everton striker continued into the box and fired home, cupping his ears to the fans that once adored him.

Sandro Ramirez's attempt at a consolation was well stopped by De Gea and things would soon get worse for Everton. Ex-United midfielder Morgan Schneiderlin handled when Martial cutback, with the substitute scoring the resulting spotkick in stoppage time. — AP

## IMPROVED ARSENAL HOLD CHELSEA TO GOALLESS DRAW

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|  | <b>Arsenal</b> | 0 |

**LONDON:** Arsenal produced a vastly-improved away performance to have the better of a 0-0 draw with Premier League champions Chelsea at Stamford Bridge yesterday. After defeat at Stoke City and a thrashing at Liverpool, Arsene Wenger's side showed far more steel and hit the post through Aaron Ramsey as well as having Shkodran Mustafi's headed goal disallowed as they had the better of the chances.

Tempers frayed near the end with Chelsea's David Luiz shown a red card for a wild tackle on Sead Kolasinac—their third red card of the season from only five league games. Arsenal's draw snapped a five-match losing streak away to Chelsea in the league and left them in 12th place with seven points. Chelsea are third with 10 points.

"It was about mentality and a response from our last away game. We could have won it. It was an intense game," Wenger said. "The battle was total. We were focused and determined. We tried to play when we had the ball and we were close to winning the game. With a bit more freedom we would have won the game."

Wenger's side were savaged by former players and pundits after the 4-0 loss at Liverpool last month but showed far greater steel yesterday and a point was the least they deserved. They have still not scored away in the league this season but came close on several occasions against Antonio Conte's side who, after a lively start, were second best.

Danny Welbeck headed one good chance over and Alexandre Lacazette shot too close to keeper Thibaut Courtois after Hector Bellerin had raced to the byline and cut back an inviting pass. Pedro wasted Chelsea's best chance in the first half when he was sent clear by Cesc Fabregas but finished tamely.

Ramsey went closest for Arsenal when he wriggled through into Chelsea's area and prodded a shot against the post with Lacazette unable to convert the rebound. The chances dried up after the break prompting Arsenal to introduce Alexis Sanchez after he was left on the bench while Chelsea threw on Eden Hazard for Willian.

Mustafi thought he had won it for Arsenal when he met a free kick with a downward header but he was adjudged offside. Arsenal's hearts were in their mouths when Hazard slalomed through and pulled the trigger but his fierce rising drive was well held by the perfectly-positioned Petr Cech.

A disappointing Chelsea display ended on a sour note when Luiz followed through recklessly on Kolasinac and referee Michael Oliver reached for his red card. "We have great respect for officials, but it is strange to finish a third game in a row against Arsenal with 10 men," Conte said. "You need to see what happened before the tackle." — Reuters



**LONDON:** Arsenal's German defender Shkodran Mustafi (3rd L) watches his header beat Chelsea's Belgian goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois (R) but the goal is disallowed for off-side during the English Premier League football match between Chelsea and Arsenal at Stamford Bridge in London yesterday. — AFP

## VIDEO REFEREE HELPS DORTMUND THRASH COLOGNE IN BUNDESLIGA

**BERLIN:** Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, Maximilian Philipp and the video referee all struck twice as Borussia Dortmund routed Cologne in the Bundesliga yesterday.

Nothing went right for the visitors in the 5-0 defeat, with Cologne now conceding 12 league goals in four defeats. Philipp got Dortmund off to a dream start with a glancing header to Andrey Yarmolenko's fine cross. It was Philipp's first goal for Dortmund since his summer transfer from Freiburg. Both he and Ukrainian forward Yarmolenko, another new arrival, were Dortmund's best players in the first half.

But the home side had to wait until first-half injury time for the next goal, scored by Greek defender Sokratis Papastathopoulos despite Cologne's protests. Referee Patrick Ittrich initially ruled the goal out for Sokratis' apparent shove - causing the defender and goalkeeper to collide and the ball to fall for Sokratis to poke over the line - but the goal was then given after consultation with his video assistant.

Cologne's anger was exacerbated as Ittrich's whistle for the alleged foul seemed to come before the ball crossed the line. Video assistance intervened for a second time when Lukas Klunter blocked Philipp's header with his arm. Play continued but Ittrich called it back and booked the Cologne defender after receiving instructions on his earpiece. Aubameyang duly converted the penalty, the only encouragement he needed for his second goal a minute later.

With the injured Marco Reus watching from the stands, his replacement Philipp claimed his second in the 69th with a brilliant chip over the goalkeeper after Mahmoud Dahoud sent him through.

The 17-year-old Alexander Isak, who came on late for Dortmund, was agonizingly close to scoring on his league debut.

### LEVERKUSEN'S RELEASE

Bayer Leverkusen took out its early season frustration on Freiburg, dealing the visitors a 4-0 defeat. Leverkusen, which started the league with two losses and a draw, raced into a 3-0 lead in the first half as the side eased the pressure on new coach Heiko Herrlich, who played as a youth for Freiburg.

Kevin Volland opened the scoring after 20 minutes with a brilliant strike inside the left post from just under 20 meters (yards), before Charles Aranguiz - who had set him up - powered in a half-cleared corner to make it 2-0. Lars Bender crossed for Volland to slide in and claim his second goal 10 minutes before the interval.

The Leverkusen forward thought he'd reached his hat trick with 20 minutes remaining - after another fine strike - but the goal was ruled out after video consultation for a foul in the build-up.

Julian Brandt wrapped up the scoring with four minutes remaining when Aranguiz took a quick free kick. In yesterday's early game, Alexander Esswein earned Hertha Berlin a 1-1 draw at Hoffenheim in a duel between Europa League contenders. — AP



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VILANO BEACH: A house rests on the beach after collapsing off a cliff from Hurricane Irma in Vilano Beach. — AP

## IRMA A REMINDER OF FLORIDA ECONOMY'S VULNERABILITY STATE'S POPULATION BOOM AT THE RISKS OF CLIMATE CHANGE?

WASHINGTON: Florida's economy has long thrived on one import above all: People. Until Irma struck this month, the state was adding nearly 1,000 residents a day - 333,471 in the past year, akin to absorbing a city the size of St. Louis or Pittsburgh. Every jobseeker, retiree or new birth, along with billions spent by tourists, helped fuel Florida's propulsive growth and economic gains.

Yet Hurricane Irma's destructive floodwaters renewed fears about how to manage the state's population boom as the risks of climate change intensify. Rising sea levels and spreading flood plains have magnified the vulnerabilities for the legions of people who continue to move to Florida and the state economy they have sustained.

Florida faces an urgent need to adapt to the environmental changes, said Jesse Keenan, a lecturer at Harvard University who researches the effects of rising sea levels on cities.

"A lot is going to change in the next 30 years - this is just the beginning," Keenan said. People might need to live further inland, Keenan said, and employers might have to relocate to higher ground, with the resulting competition between offices and housing driving up land prices. It would become harder to adequately insure houses built along canals. Traffic delays could worsen across parts of Florida as more roads flood. Developers might shift away from sprawling suburban tracts toward denser urban pockets that are better equipped to manage floods.

At the same time, the belief remains firm among some developers and economists that for all the threats from rising water levels, the state's population influx will continue with scarcely any interruption. The allure of lower taxes and easier living, the thinking goes, should keep drawing a flow of residents and vacationers.

"Irma doesn't change the fact that there is no state income tax," said Sean Snaith, director of the University of Central Florida's Institute for Economic Competitiveness. "In a few months, when the first Alberta Clipper starts blowing down cold weather across the United States and it's 80 degrees and sunny down here, the memories of Irma will be blown away."

Certainly, the influx of people has been testament to that appeal. After slowing when the housing bubble burst in 2007, the population has marched steadily upward. The number of Floridians, now above 20 million, is projected to hit 24 million by 2030, with more than half the increase coming from retiring baby boomers. Many of them first experienced Florida as tourists. More than 112 million people visited the state last year - a 33 percent increase over the past decade.

All of which means that compared with Hurricane Andrew 25 years ago, Irma struck a far more densely packed state. It is also one marked by greater extremes of wealth and poverty. Luxury condo towers populated by the global elite now crowd the Miami skyline. But the metro area is also cursed by the worst rental housing affordability in the

United States, according to Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies. Flooding washed away mobile home parks in the Florida Keys where lower-income workers live. As a magnet for jobs at restaurants, hotels and other parts of the services sector, the state attracts workers with relatively low incomes who can't pay higher rents if flooding eliminates a chunk of the housing stock. Still, Citigroup estimated that damages were just \$50 billion - well below initial estimates - in part because some homes were better equipped to weather the wind and rain than during Andrew.

Storms can cause population loss in the near term. A year after Andrew hit in 1992, Miami-Dade County lost 31,000 residents. Many appear to have moved to Broward and Palm Beach counties, where the risks of flooding were lower, a pattern that could be repeated after Irma.

### Population growth

Given the brisk pace of construction and population growth, Florida could endure a heavy economic blow in coming decades if it fails to reduce the risks from climate change. Homes that were too close to eroding beaches could become effectively worthless. Those along canals that flood could become too costly to rebuild. The state's economic fuel - tourism and residential development - could dissipate.

Sean Beckett, chief economist at Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, warned in an analysis last year that rising sea levels and widening flood plains "appear likely to destroy billions of dollars in property and to displace millions of people." "The economic losses and social disruption," Beckett added, "may happen gradually, but they are likely to be greater in total than those experienced in the housing crisis and Great Recession."

Federal taxpayers might oppose bailing out these homeowners, Beckett said, mortgage lenders could absorb heavy losses and employers might choose to move to safer parts of the country - and take their jobs with them. Still, for now at least, the heads of several major Florida real estate companies say they expect people to keep flocking to Florida despite the increasing risks.

Budge Huskey, president of Premier Sotheby's International Realty, drove around Naples, Florida, and said he observed "very little damage" to homes constructed under new building codes after Hurricane Andrew. These houses had wind-resistant hurricane windows and stronger roofs.

"Let's face it, people work their whole lives to retire to Florida - that's where they want to be," Huskey said. Jay Parker, CEO of Douglas Elliman's Florida brokerage, monitored Irma from an Atlanta hotel. He was gratified that Florida escaped much of the expected destruction. And he said would-be buyers, sniffing out potential bargains, were approaching him at the hotel about cut-rate deals on condos in the storm's wake. "If anything," Parker said, "this might create some short-term buying sprees." —AP

## TAX CUTS QUIET ONCE-DEAFENING GOP CALL FOR FISCAL DISCIPLINE

WASHINGTON: Republicans spooked world markets in their ardor to cut spending when Democrat Barack Obama was in the White House. Now, with Republican President Donald Trump pressing for politically popular tax cuts and billions more for the military, few in the GOP are complaining about the nation's soaring debt. The tea partiers and other conservatives who seized control of the House in 2010 have morphed into Ronald Reagan-style supply-siders while the GOP's numerous Pentagon pals run roughshod over the few holdouts.

Tax cuts in the works could add hundreds of billions of dollars to the debt while bipartisan pressure for more money for defense, infrastructure and domestic agencies could mean almost \$100 billion in additional spending next year alone.

The bottom line: The \$20 trillion national debt promises to spiral ever higher with Republicans controlling both Congress and the White House. "Republicans gave up on caring about deficits long ago," bemoaned Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, who was elected in the 2010 tea party class.

It's a far cry from the Newt Gingrich-led GOP revolution that stormed Washington two decades ago with a mandate to balance the budget and cut taxes at the same time. Or even from Republicans of 2001, who enthusiastically cut taxes under President George W. Bush, but only at a moment when the government was flush with money. Now, deficits are back with a vengeance. Medicare and Social Security are drawing closer to insolvency. Fiscal hawks and watchdogs like the Congressional Budget Office warn that the debt is eventually going to drag the economy down.

But like Obama and Bush before



In this Sept. 14, 2017 file photo, US President Donald Trump talks with reporters after landing on Air Force One, in Fort Myers, Fla. Trump has taken a hard stand that slashing the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to as low as 15 percent would free up cash at these companies. — AP

him, Trump isn't talking about deficits. Neither much are voters.

"Voters, frankly, after these huge deficits, are saying, 'Well, how much do deficits really matter?'" said former Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., a two-time presidential candidate. "We're not Greece yet, right?"

Topping the immediate agenda, however, is a debt-financed drive to overhaul the tax system. Top Capitol Hill Republicans such as House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky had promised for months that a tax overhaul would not add to the deficit, with rate cuts financed by closing loopholes and other steps.

Instead, Republicans are talking about tax cuts whose costs to the debt - still under negotiation - would be justified by assumptions of greater economic growth. "We want pro-growth tax

reform that will get the economy going, that will get people back to work, that will give middle-income taxpayers a tax cut and that will put American businesses in a better competitive playing field so that we keep American businesses in America," Ryan said in an AP Newsmakers interview this past week. "That's more important than anything else." He backed off months of promises that the Republicans' tax plan won't add to the nation's ballooning deficit.

The GOP moves could justify \$800 billion or so in tax cuts over 10 years, but the administration is pressing behind the scenes to push the envelope well beyond that range.

"They're starting to talk about tax cuts instead of tax reform," said former Sen. John Sununu, R-N.H. "When people are desperate to find legislation that they can pass they tend to take the easy path." — AP



# INFINITI Q30 MAKES ITS DARING FORAY

**KUWAIT:** The Q30 is INFINITI's daring foray into the new fast-growing segment of premium compact vehicles that youngsters desire. It evolves Infiniti's new signature design cues into a more stylish and fluid profile that alludes dynamism. One of the prominent styling touches of the Q30 is its double-arch grille with a unique 3D mesh. The signature C-pillar arcs forward in a dynamic crescent shape that emphasizes motion, even when stationary. The contrast of the long, low-slung roof-line, conjuring an image of a rakish shooting brake in silhouette, and elevated stance add to the visual impact. This also adds to a sleek look that gives the impression of the car being in motion even when standing still. The balance of sculptural shapes moving past one another creates a harmonious design that can be appreciated at a glance.

The Q30's elevated stance makes for an important characteristic that makes it stand out amongst the crowd. The height (1,495mm) allows for a higher hip point (531mm), which aids ingress and egress. The



A-pillar design is intentionally slim, contributing to enhanced visibility for a confident driving experience.

Technologically, the Q30 is equipped with a wide range of gizmos making it the best in the segment. Assistive technology aids such as Around View Monitor with Moving Object

Detection, Forward Collision Warning with Forward Emergency Braking and Blind Spot Warning are geared to make the enthralling driving experience safer. The Intelligent Parking Assist - a segment first - can adapt to the three key parking situations - tight parallel parking, 90-degree backing-in, and angular parking. The technology uses 12 sensors strategically located around the car automatically steers the Q30 into place while the driver only controls the brake and accelerator.

Under the hood, the INFINITI Q30 will be powered by 1.6L or 2.0L Turbo engines in a 2WD configuration. For enthusiasts, the 2.0L Turbo is also offered with an optional AWD drivetrain. The 2.0L Turbo engine is a power-horse as it delivers 208hp and 350Nm torque. At peak performance, the INFINITI Q30 blasts from 0-to-100kph in 7.3 seconds.

Infiniti Al-Babtain encourages its customers to explore the unique features of the Q30 by visiting the Infiniti showroom located in Al-Rai. The showroom is open daily except Fridays.



# STERLING SHINES AMID BOE HAWKISH REMARKS

## NBK MONEY MARKETS REPORT

**KUWAIT:** Last week, the dollar showed signs of a recovery as the easing of nuclear tensions with the defiant North Korean Regime as well as a better than expected scenario regarding hurricane Irma helped lift the dollar against its major rivals. Analysts also attributed the dollar's recovery to comments from Paul Ryan, the speaker of the House of Representatives, in which he said the White House and congressional Republicans would release an outline of their tax overhaul plan by the end of this month. Ryan also stated that the Republicans' goal was to have the tax reforms enacted into law before the end of the year. Meanwhile, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Tuesday the Trump administration is considering backdating tax reform to the start of this year to boost the economy. This comes as Trump is searching for solutions with the Democrats in a newfound alliance over tax reform and immigration.

Regarding monetary policy, markets are mixed as to whether the Federal Reserve will go ahead with a third rate hike this year. Recent positive inflation data in addition to a tighter labor market has given the Fed ammunition should it decide to proceed with a December raise. Furthermore, despite the physical devastation of hurricanes Irma and Harvey, the overall economic impairment would not be an obstacle against tightening monetary policy, according to analysts. After all, in 2005 the Fed lifted rates a month after hurricane Katrina, the costliest natural disaster in the history of the United States. Last week saw a rise in uncertainty about a third rate hike this year during the Fed's December meeting, with the probability of a hike reaching 46 percent in terms of market confidence.



In the UK, the Bank of England prepared the market for a rise, issuing its strongest guidance in a decade that it may be set to raise interest rates. All eyes will be on the Committee's November meeting, which might deliver the BoE's first rate hike since the financial crisis. In the meantime, whilst the Monetary Policy Committee members voted 7-2 against an increase in rates, "a majority of MPC members judge that, if the economy continues to follow a path consistent with the prospect of a continued erosion of slack and a gradual rise in underlying inflationary pressure then, with the further lessening in the trade-off that this would imply, some withdrawal of monetary stimulus is likely to be appropriate over the coming months in order to return inflation sustainably to target. All members agree that any prospective increases in the Bank Rate would be expected to be at a gradual pace and to a limited extent." Even though analysts expected a hawkish BoE meeting outcome, the committee's statements were regarded as much stronger than expected. The probability of a rate hike reached 64 percent in terms of market confidence. The meeting's effect on the Pound was considerable, where the GBP immediately strengthened against the dollar by 120 points as traders reacted to what could be the first rate hike in 10 years for the central bank. Commenting a day after the BoE meeting, policymaker Gertjan Vlieghe reiterated that "if these data trends of reducing slack, rising pay pressure, strengthening household spending and robust global growth continue, the appropriate time for a rise in the Bank Rate might be as early as in the coming months". Vlieghe's comments boosted the GBP to a level of 1.36 for the first time since the Brexit vote.

The Sterling pound started the week off at a stable level until the release of the inflation numbers, which came in strong and managed to lift the cable. However, these gains were wiped off on Wednesday, after wage figures failed to pick up again. Nevertheless, the cable saw fresh 14 month highs on Thursday thanks to the overly hawkish tone of the BoE. The cable opened the week at 1.3202, it ended it at 1.3591.

The euro had somewhat of a quiet week, mainly reacting to movements in other currencies. It weakened against the dollar as the latter gained some ground across the board. The single currency also dropped against the British pound after the BoE issued its hawkish statements. The EURUSD pair opened the week at 1.2039, and closed it at 1.1941.

The Japanese yen opened the week at 108.19, and continued to consistently lose ground to the dollar. This was the result of easing tensions around North Korea's nuclear program, as the yen is often viewed as a safe-haven in times of uncertainty. Towards the end of the week, a North Korean missile that flew over Japan failed to rattle markets as traders continued to sell the yen. The USDJPY closed the week at 110.84.

Regarding commodities, oil prices saw a rise this week after the International Energy Agency announced that global oil demand will climb this year by the most since 2015, mostly due to increased demand growth from both Europe and the United States. The IEA raised its estimate for demand growth in 2017 by 100,000 barrels a day to 1.6 million a day, or 1.7 percent. Meanwhile, US crude oil inventories rose by 5.9M barrels and product inventories such as gasoline and distillates fell sharply as a result of Hurricane Harvey, which prompted Texas oil companies in the affected area to temporarily close down their refinery operations. Additionally, OPEC is discussing extending the oil production cuts which are due to expire in March 2018.

### US inflation

Positive US CPI figures were released last week after 5 months of disappointing numbers. The consumer prices index rose by 0.4 percent from the previous month, and 1.9 percent y/y. The higher inflation was assisted by a jump in the cost of housing in addition to higher gasoline prices. Additionally, core CPI, which measures inflation but leaves out food and energy costs increased by 0.2 percent, in line with the market forecast after 5 months of weakness. Meanwhile, the producer prices index missed the estimate again. The report, released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, showed that producer prices increased 0.2 percent higher in August against a consensus of 0.3 percent. The overall inflation data increased uncertainty regarding a December hike.

### US retail sales

US retail sales came in lower than expected as overall sales fell 0.2 percent m/m. Industrial output recorded its biggest drop since 2009 at 0.9 percent as Hurricane Harvey disrupted activity, suggesting the storm might hinder economic growth in the third quarter. July's figure was revised down to 0.3 percent m/m from 0.6 percent and June's sales were also revised lower to a 0.1 percent m/m drop, down from a 0.3 percent gain. Notably, motor vehicle sales fell 1.6 percent m/m, the biggest drop since January. Moreover, core retail sales rose 0.2 percent m/m, below analysts' estimates of a 0.5 percent increase. According to analysts, the weak retail sales and industrial output reports will probably do little to change expectations that the Federal Reserve will announce a plan to start shrinking its \$4.2 trillion portfolio of Treasury bonds and mortgage-backed securities at its September meeting. However, the latest results make it more likely that consumption, the biggest part of the economy, will be hard-pressed to match the 3.3 percent growth pace of the prior quarter.

### UK inflation

The consumer prices index figure came in stronger than expected. The figure, released by the Office for National Statistics, indicated that consumer prices rose 2.9 percent y/y, whereas analysts expected 2.8 percent. Increases in fuel prices as well as clothing helped lift the index to the highest in five years. In addition, other indices from the United Kingdom have also exceeded expectations. The producer price index (PPI) was released at 1.6 percent, the highest in 7 months. While the retail prices index (RPI) came in at 3.9 percent, the highest level since March of 2012.

### UK wages

Meanwhile, wage rises in Britain have failed to keep up with inflation again despite a robust labor market that saw unemployment fall to its lowest level since 1975. Average annual earnings increased by 2.1 percent in the three months to July compared with a 2.6 percent increase in inflation in July that left workers suffering a 0.4 percent fall in purchasing power. The squeeze on wages continues to be a challenge the BoE must face, as the falling unemployment has failed to spark wage growth. The pound dropped 1.33 percent from its high against the USD after the release.

### UK unemployment

The United Kingdom's unemployment rate continued to fall to new lows. Whereas analysts expected the rate to remain the same at 4.4 percent, the official figure signaled that the rate has dropped to 4.3 percent for the period of May to July, exceeding analyst's expectation of 4.4 percent. The rate set a fresh record as the lowest in 42 years.

### Australia employment

Employment figures in Australia flourished in August, coming in well above analysts' expectations where 54K jobs were added. The number was the highest in 5 months, exceeding expectations by about 37K while the y/y pace jumped to 2.7 percent, the best since 2015. Meanwhile, unemployment rate was unchanged for the third straight month whereas the participation rate rose to 65.3 percent. However, even though the labor market is showing progress this needs to translate into wages growth for the RBA to proceed with a hike in the near term. In addition, RBA board member Ian Harper said last week that the economy is yet to grow strongly enough to justify a rate hike, citing under-employment, wages, and income growth as obstacles.

### China economy

Earlier last week, disappointing figures indicated further cooling in China's economy. Industrial output readings in China were underwhelming, whereas analysts expected a 6.6 percent increase y/y, the figure came out at 6 percent. Prior to that, the figure was 6.4 percent in July. Additionally, retail sales increased 10.1 percent y/y, versus a forecast of 10.5 percent y/y. Furthermore, fixed-asset investment in urban areas rose at the lowest level since 1999, at 7.8 percent from a year earlier in the first eight months.

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FED MEETING COULD TRIGGER STOCK SECTOR ROTATION

NEW YORK: US equity investors could rotate out of high-yielding sectors and into stocks of banks, which would benefit from the next leg up in interest rates, after the Federal Reserve's policy-setting meeting wraps up on Wednesday.

If the Fed next week gives a nod to rising inflation or focuses its trimmed-down bond buying on longer-dated bonds as it winds down its balance sheet, there could be a shift around of preferred sectors, investors said.

Next week's meeting is not expected to result in an interest rate increase, but investors will

focus on how Fed Chair Janet Yellen characterizes recent inflation readings, for clues to the likelihood of a hike in December, as well as on how the US central bank will begin to wind down its \$4.5 trillion balance sheet.

Any heightened expectations of a rate increase could fuel a rotation and "will certainly change leadership" among market sectors, favoring financials, industrials and materials, according to Jim Paulsen, chief investment strategist at The Leuthold Group in Minneapolis.

"It would put pressure on utilities and telecoms" as well as on companies that consistently

increase quarterly paybacks to shareholders, he said. Investors typically sell shares of utilities and telecoms as well as high dividend payers when interest rates rise, partly because they lose their appeal as bond proxies since investors can expect similar returns investing in bonds, which are seen as safer assets.

So far this year, the S&P 500 banking index is up less than 4 percent, underperforming the 9.2 percent gain in the S&P 500 dividend aristocrats index. S&P 500 utilities are up 12 percent.

While the Fed's expected announcement of the trimming of its balance sheet has been well telegraphed, investors will look for any Fed reveal on its preference for shorter- or longer-dated bonds when it reinvests a portion of its

maturing assets. If the focus is on the repurchase of short-term assets, that would likely push the long end of the yield curve higher, driving investors' attention also to shares of banks, which would theoretically make more money with the help of higher net interest margins, said Morganlander.

Banks borrow money short term and lend it out longer term, so a steeper yield curve is seen as positive for their balance sheets. However, long-term yields in the US are not immune to the effect of low-yielding bonds in other developed countries like Germany and Japan.

"The general tendency based on global rates will continue to pressure the yield curve," Morganlander said.

month from its \$4.5 trillion portfolio, with the cap rising each quarter for a year until it hits \$50 billion monthly.

The slow and steady move would not turn the US central bank into a seller. The Fed would allow assets to mature without reinvesting the totality of those maturing assets, which would trim some \$300 billion from the Fed's portfolio after the first year according to analysts.

"It's going to be run-off, not outright sales, so that in and of itself is a very gradual process," said Art Hogan, chief market strategist at Wunderlich Securities in New York.

"The boldest, the most hawkish case, it is going to take well into the next decade for the balance sheet to get to its 'new normal' size," Hogan said. "Can the market stomach that? My supposition would be yes." Estimates of where the Fed plans to take its balance sheet range from about \$2 trillion to \$3 trillion. The Fed's portfolio was close to \$900 billion before the 2007-2009 financial crisis and ballooned to near \$4.5 trillion by late 2014, where it has roughly stayed since. — Reuters

Broad market to shrug

While the Fed's quantitative easing program was a pillar of the US stock market's march from then-12-year lows on the S&P 500 in 2009 to current record-high levels, winding it down is not expected to produce a major market reaction on the downside. The US central bank is expected to initially trim no more than \$10 billion per

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SEOUL: A currency trader covers his face with his hand at the foreign exchange dealing room of the KEB Hana Bank headquarters in Seoul on Friday. — AP

LESS FOREIGN BORROWING, LONGER BONDS OFFSET RISE IN EMERGING DEBTS

LONDON: A large-scale shift towards domestically issued and longer-dated bonds in emerging markets has helped build resilience to external shocks despite the increase in overall debt levels, the Bank for International Settlements said.

The BIS, an umbrella body for global central banks, has warned in the past that developing world risks were entering a new crisis because of a build-up in debt levels, especially in China. But its latest report found that changes in the composition of debt were a mitigating factor.

"Borrowing is mostly done in local currencies, at longer maturities and at fixed rates. Taken together, these trends should help strengthen public finance sustainability by reducing currency mismatches and rollover risks," the BIS wrote.

Its quarterly report released yesterday said emerging market government debt stood at \$11.1 trillion, having doubled since end-2007. Public debt as a share of gross domestic product had risen to 51 percent, 10 percentage points above end-2007 levels. But only 14 percent of the outstanding debt of 23 of the big developing countries was in foreign currency,

its data showed, down from 32 percent at the end of 2001.

While foreign borrowing still made up about a third of the total in some countries such as Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Poland, such issuance has broadly declined. "The fall in the share of FX-linked debt in the early-2000s may have helped shield emerging economies from the global market turbulence of the 2007-09 crisis and its aftermath," the study added.

The BIS also noted that bond tenors had risen steadily across emerging markets, with an average maturity of 7.7 years for its sample set of 23 countries. This is only slightly below the average of eight years in developed countries. It cited Mexico and South Africa as examples of countries that had extended average maturity to eight and 16 years respectively - well above many advanced nations.

This is not entirely without risk, however, the BIS warned. Longer maturities mean higher global bond yields - possibly as developed nations exit years of super-easy credit policies - "could have a greater impact than previously on the market value of debt, potentially increasing rollover risks and other adverse feedback mechanisms," the report added. — Reuters

WORLD STOCKS FALL AMID FRESH FEARS

HONG KONG: World stocks were mostly lower on Friday after North Korea launched another missile and as central banks continued to point to tighter monetary policy in coming months.

KEEPING SCORE: Britain's FTSE 100 was the biggest loser, falling 1.2 percent to 7,208 after the pound surged on expectations of interest rate increases soon. Germany's DAX lost 0.1 percent to 12,531 and France's CAC 40 edged 0.1 percent lower as well, to 5,220. Wall Street was poised to open lower. Dow and S&P 500 futures both crept 0.1 percent lower.

MISSILE TENSIONS: North Korea launched an intermediate-range missile that flew 3,700 kilometers (2,300 miles), setting off alarms as it flew over Japan to land in the Pacific Ocean. The launch was the latest sign of Pyongyang's willingness to defy international opinion as it moves closer to building up a military arsenal targeting US forces. Asian markets fell in early trading but some regained their footing later, in a sign the initial shock for investors quickly wore off.

TRADER TALK: "Another day, another missile from North Korea," said Rob Carnell, ING's head of Asia research. "It would be wrong to say that markets are not taking any notice, but the relatively muted responses of the Japanese yen and Korean won, and risk assets globally, suggest that a sense of fatigue on this belligerence is creeping in."

CENTRAL BANKS: The pound continued to surge, rising 1.3 percent to \$1.3579, as Bank of England officials confirmed they expect to start raising interest rates for the first time in a decade in coming months. The central bank surprised Thursday with the message, which was reiterated by one of its officials Friday. The pound's rise weighs on the FTSE 100 index because many of its listed

companies are multinationals whose earnings abroad are decreased when translated back into pounds.

Meanwhile, investors are also digesting US economic data as they await the Fed's next move on rates. Data released Thursday showed US consumer prices rose in August at their fastest pace in seven months. Industrial production and retail sales figures are due Friday, which could provide more hints on whether the Fed, which holds a scheduled two-day meeting wrapping up Wednesday, will remain on track to raise rates by the end of the year.

ASIA'S DAY: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index added 0.5 percent to 19,835.30 as the dollar spiked lower after the launch but then staged a quick recovery, making shares of exporters more attractive. South Korea's Kospi recouped initial losses to end 0.4 percent higher to 2,386.07. Hong Kong's Hang Seng edged up 0.1 percent to 27,807.59 while the Shanghai Composite in mainland China shed 0.5 percent to 3,353.62. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 sank 0.8 percent to 5,695.00. Taiwan's benchmark rose and Southeast Asian shares were mostly higher.

ENERGY: Oil pushed up further from a seven-week high. Benchmark US crude futures gains 1 cent to \$49.90 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 59 cents to settle at \$49.89 a barrel Thursday, the highest closing price since the end of July. Brent crude, used to price international oils, added 8 cents to \$55.55 barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar slumped against the yen immediately after news of the launch but recovered quickly and rose to 111.24 yen, the highest level since late July. The euro strengthened to \$1.1954 from \$1.1919. — AP

## RENOWNED DESIGNERS, ARCHITECTS TO JUDGE GLOBAL TALENT

**KUWAIT:** The judges and mentors for the Lexus Design Award 2018 have been recently announced. Now in its sixth year, this prestigious international competition seeks to discover and nurture a new generation of talent. The event attracts thousands of aspiring creatives from around the world and inspires them to challenge common paradigms with unconventional design ideas to make our world better. Twelve winning finalists selected by an elite creative design panel of judges will have their concepts showcased at Lexus Design Event in Milan, 2018. An experience of a lifetime awaits four of these finalists, who will be mentored by some of the world's top designers and architects. They will also receive funding (up to 3 million JPY or approximately \$25,000) to bring their visions to life.

Entries to the Lexus Design Award 2018 competition are accepted from July 24 through October 08. The 12 finalists will be announced in January 2018, and the Grand Prix winner will be announced during Milan Design Week - April 16th, 2018.

"Breaking conventions and going beyond the boundaries of imagination are at the heart of Lexus' approach to design, and the Lexus Design Award offers us an opportunity to take this approach forward and continue our passion for creating amazing experiences that ignite the emotions," said Takayuki Yoshitsugu, Chief Representative, Middle East and North Africa Representative Office, Toyota Motor Corporation. "Lexus believes in the power of design to create a better future for all, and by bringing together a panel of world-renowned designers who will guide the selected candidates to express their full potential through the development of working prototypes of their innovative ideas, we continue our commitment toward creating opportunities for emerging design talent to flourish. Lexus Design Award has always enjoyed the strong backing of our customers and the global design community, whom we would like to thank, and we look forward to their continued support as we welcome the program's sixth edition."

**Introducing new judge for 2018**  
Lexus is excited to announce a new judge for the 2018 competition, Shigeru Ban. Renowned for his ingenious use of lightweight, unconventional and environmentally responsible materials - in particular, paper and bamboo - Shigeru is changing ideas about architecture.

Returning to help judge the 2018 competition are a number of leading innovators from around the globe. Paola Antonelli is Curator of the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), Birgit Lohmann is Chief Editor of design boom and has worked as a designer and product developer for a number of Italian architects and master designers. Alice Rawsthorn writes about design in the International New York Times and frieze. Yoshihiro Sawa, President of Lexus International, started his own career in the automotive industry working on production and design.

**Top global creatives will mentor winning finalists**  
The four prototype finalists will enjoy

a hands-on experience working with pioneers and well-known creators in a number of exciting fields. One of the most renowned Japanese architects today, Sou Fujimoto, creates futuristic structures incorporating natural and architectural elements. The Italian design duo, Andrea Trimarchi, and Simone Farresin make up Amsterdam-based Studio Formafantasma. Their work has been presented and published internationally at museums such as New York's MoMA and London's Victoria and Albert,

and they teach design in various universities and institutions in Europe. Contemporary lighting designer Lindsey Adelman skyrocketed to fame with her branching chandelier designs, and now leads a team of designers, glass artists and craftspeople in her studios in New York and Los Angeles. New York-based designer and art director Jessica Walsh has won awards from most major design competitions, and she was awarded Forbes Magazine's '30 under 30 top creatives designing the future'.



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## X-CITE OPENS 19TH STORE IN KHAITAN

**KUWAIT:** Continuing its expansion to provide customers with a closely located one-stop-shop for electronics, X-cite by Alghanim Electronics launched its nineteenth store in Sama Center in the Khaitan area on the Airport road 55, offering customers its complete variety of products ranging from mobile phones and gadgets to home appliances and computers.

The opening of the store provides convenience, serving to residents in Khaitan and neighboring areas including Al-Yarmouk located 2 minutes away and South Surra, a mere 5 minutes away. This brings X-cite's competitive quality and prices closer to every customer in Kuwait for the ultimate customer shopping experience. The new Khaitan showroom is spacious and boasts a stylish interior design to enhance customers' experience when shopping for their needs. The showroom opens from 10am to 10pm every day of the week and provides all the services offered by X-cite across Kuwait.

The opening ceremony was attended by X-cite's management team, making this the official 19th store in Kuwait. X-cite by Alghanim Electronics is Kuwait's largest electronic retailer and a fast-growing electronics showroom in the Gulf region, launching its expansion out of Kuwait in 2015 by entering the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

In Kuwait, X-cite has 19 showrooms to better cater to customers wherever they are, in addition to the convenience of shopping from home with X-cite's free-to-download app as well as the store's official website www.xcite.com. Customers can also enjoy many of X-cite's convenient services including Easy Credit, shopping at any of X-cite's selected stores that are open 24/7, extended and accidental warranty programs, in addition to the free delivery and installation services. X-cite also provides customers with a full-fledged service center that operates six days a week and a professional field technician team.



## BURGAN BANK ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF YAWMI DRAW

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

1. Omar Ali Al Zumai
2. Ingo Herbert Amenda
3. Mariam Sulaiman Al-Ateeqi
4. Laheeb Hussain Kadhem
5. Ibrahim Kottodi Kumhamed

In addition to the daily draw, Borgan Bank also offers a Quarterly Draw with more chances to win higher rewards, offering the chance to one lucky customer to win KD 125,000 every three months. The

Yawmi Account offers daily and quarterly draws, wherein the quarterly draw requires customers to maintain a minimum amount of KD 500 in their account for two months prior to the draw date. Additionally, every KD 10 in the account will entitle customers to one chance of winning. If the account balance is KD 500 and above, the account holder will be qualified for both the quarterly and daily draws.

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

## 360 MALL HOSTS NEXT GEN NETWORKING EVENT

**KUWAIT:** 360 MALL, Kuwait's iconic shopping center owned by Tamdeen Shopping Centers, hosted the Next Gen Networking Event, which brought together retail professionals and business owners to share industry knowledge, network and advance their business relations. The event took place on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the Main Atrium of 360 MALL and witnessed several shopping mall developers, investors, leasing and facility managers as well as international sales and retail professionals who engaged in networking and learning about the various opportunities that the local regional market presents for their businesses.

The Next Gen. Networking event was organized by the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) in association with the Middle East Council of Shopping Centers (MECSC). The main sponsor of the event was GLA Property Management Company, a professional real estate management company and part of the Tamdeen Group. GLA Property Management is responsible for managing the properties of Tamdeen Shopping Centers such as 360 MALL, Al-Kout and Sama Centers.

Commenting on this occasion, David Boesley, Chief Executive Officer - GLA Property Management, said: "I am delighted with the robust participation at the forum and the subsequent response of the attendees. For GLA Management, sponsoring such events is part of our commitment to help Tamdeen Shopping Centers provide continuous value to their stakeholders. We hope to support such valuable events year on year and ensure that 360 MALL continues to enjoy the trust and goodwill of its retail partners."

David Macadam, Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman for the Middle East and North African (MENA) Region added: "We are pleased to host our Next Gen. Networking Event at 360 MALL, as it's important to gather all the retail and shopping malls experts from Kuwait and the region to come and meet each other to chat, share stories and insights on a social basis."

GLA Property Management Co. W.L.L is a professional retail real-estate firm and a Tamdeen Group Company currently managing 150,000 sq. m. of space for the Tamdeen Shopping Centers Co. K.S.C.C Kuwait with an additional 100,000 sq. m. of retail real estate in the development pipeline. GLA Management specializes in managing real-estate with a vision of building a world class organization that manages world class assets and delivers great experiences.



# INTUITIVE NETWORKS AND DIGITAL BUSINESS

By Osama Al-Zoubi

**B**uilt for digital business and Internet of Things, intuitive networks promise a respite for organizations struggling with legacy networks and are a stepping stone towards a much bigger picture.

There are an estimated 8.4 billion connected devices today and this number is racing ahead to reach hundreds of billions. According to Cisco's Visual Networking Index (VNI) forecasts, over 500 billion devices and objects will be connected by 2030. The present and ongoing phase of digital transformation is more powerful and challenging than previous technological transformational phases. In the past, we have leaptfrogged from mainframes to PCs and from the informational web to e-commerce driven Internet. At present, digital disruption is radically changing economies, cities, communities and the landscape of business.

The connected world has become too big and too complex for us humans to effectively administer by our own skills. The networks of tomorrow, with their dense array of devices, sensors, systems, appliances, applications, will not be manually administered. They will be too complex, too cumbersome, too complicated, and fast changing, that much more than manual administration will be required. Traditional networking models simply do not scale and perform to meet the expectations of this digital era.

With this spate of challenges, businesses in Kuwait need a new networking framework that is simplified and more secure to use. IDC indicates that businesses that have invested in modern networks, have improved their rate of growth in revenue, customer retention and profit, by a factor of two to three times. For digital organizations, the network is the foundation of their business and success.

In the connected world of today, every company is becoming a technology company. While connected devices present useful business opportunities, the complexity of managing the devices and the network itself, in an efficient and secure manner, is a challenge for present day technologies. This means every company needs to have security, on the top of its boardroom agenda. Organizations that make cybersecurity a critical foundation for their digital growth strategies will accelerate their innovation and reduce their time to market. Security is the most sensitive and critical component of digital transformation.

Increasingly industry analysts now agree that the way forward to tackle security chal-

lenges in digital organizations in Kuwait is through the network. It is within the network that people, processes and data collide, and technology itself presents solutions to move forward.

From the field of analytics, machine learning can be used to build complex models and algorithms within networks that are capable of generating forward looking trends. Analytical models inbuilt inside networks can produce reliable and repeatable decisions and can uncover hidden insights through learning from historical relationships embedded in data. Machine learning can give networks the ability to learn without being programmed. This approach has evolved from pattern recogni-

tion and learning theory in artificial intelligence. Networks with such inbuilt algorithms can learn and make predictions from data. With the help of these algorithms, networks can overcome the limitation of static programming and can make data-driven predictions and decisions, through building a model from data inputs. In the past data mining has been used to discover new trends in wide arrays of collected data. However, in the case of such intuitive networks built on machine learning, algorithms discover known trends that are prevalent in data as it is aggregated.

## Baseline behavior

Networks with in-built machine learning and complex algorithms can establish a pattern of baseline behavior and can successfully flag deviations without supervision. One of the immediate benefits is the ability to successfully build models of optimal network behavior and proactively react without intervention to anomalies and intrusions within.

Such new intuitive networks shift from the traditional manual, time-intensive, static mode of operation, towards one that is capable of continuously learning from the data that it manages for an organization. The more volume of data it manages, the more it is capable of learning through analytics and adapting for automatic and efficient response. The intuitive network automates the edge of the network and embeds machine learning and analytics at a foundational level.

Three fundamentals characterize these innovative solutions. By enabling the ability to move from manual operations to automation, this network can scale to manage millions of devices, establishing its Intent. By assessing data continuously in Context with the rest of the organization, the network can provide better insights leading to proactive



Osama Al-Zoubi

security actions and efficiency. By virtue of the actions it takes and assessment of the results, the network can improve the results of its future insights and also its future action, hence Intuition.

Where does all this lead? The first is, an intuitive network will gain the trust of business and IT executives in Kuwait wanting to select a platform to build their digital business models of tomorrow. This will be on the basis of its machine learning capabilities that it is constantly learning and evolving to become highly secure and provide insights. And the second is, the intuitive network is just the stepping stone to a much bigger vision of creating intuitive technology infrastructure. But for now, the network remains the accelerator and enabler towards this exciting end game. Note: Osama Al-Zoubi is Chief Technology Officer, Cisco Middle East.



## FIVE TRENDS AT THE FRANKFURT AUTO SHOW

**FRANKFURT:** At this year's Frankfurt International Motor Show (IAA), automakers are pulling out all the stops to dazzle visitors with cars that are greener, smarter and faster than ever.

Here are some of the highlights of the industry showcase, which runs until September 24 and is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of car enthusiasts.

### 'Supercars'

If you've always wanted to feel like Lewis Hamilton, the Mercedes-AMG Project One might be for you. A hybrid "hypercar" built with Formula 1 technology, it promises 1,000 horsepower and top speeds of over 350 kilometres per hour (218 mph). Mercedes plans to make just 275 units, each costing more than two million euros (\$2.4 million).

"It looks like a shark," was one fairgoer's verdict as a crush of people strained to catch a glimpse of the showstopper. Ten-year-old Moritz was more generous. "You can tell that Mercedes put in a lot of effort," he told AFP, "but I would have preferred bigger spoilers."

Not to be outdone, Bugatti revealed that its own limited edition supercar—the 2.4-million-euro Chiron—had just set a heart-stopping new speed record, going from 0 to 400 kmh in 42 seconds.

### Taking the high road

They're not quite the flying cars we have long been promised but if a string of start-ups are to be believed, our daily commute could soon come with a bird's eye view. Fairgoers were abuzz over a pilotless "air taxi" on display at Daimler's stand, an electric, 18-rotor craft being developed with Volocopter.

Dutch start-up PAL-V meanwhile showed off a cross between a gyrocopter and a car, which could whizz you to work from next year—all you need is 500,000 euros and a pilot licence.

### Battle for the soccer moms

SUVs reign supreme at this year's IAA. Accounting for more than two thirds of

the model launches, they cater to all tastes and wallets, from Volkswagen's sporty T-Roc to the updated budget Dacia Duster. Chinese automakers are increasingly muscling in on the action, with Chery and high-end Wey both unveiling compact 4x4s.

They may be the wheels of choice for soccer moms everywhere but SUVs are "overrepresented" at the IAA, according to the Inovec consultancy.

### Promises, promises

Eager to turn the corner on the 'dieselgate' emissions cheating scandal, carmakers are falling over themselves to present a futuristic vision of sleek, self-driving electric cars that do all the work as you lean back and enjoy the ride.

But observers expressed frustration that most of the cars being dangled were years away from hitting the roads, while Nissan and Tesla—the only two carmakers actually mass producing electric cars—shunned the IAA. "I don't want some sexy electro-concept that will never happen," said Bild car reporter Dennis Petermann, urging German carmakers to step on the gas in the race against Tesla.

### Trip down memory lane

Those who prefer the roar of a souped-up classic motor to the gentle purr of an electric engine should head over to the IAA's "Wild 70s" display to check out the red-and-white Gran Torino made famous by the "Starsky and Hutch" TV series, or a cult 911 Porsche Turbo Targa with rainbow trimming.

"That car has never felt a drop of rain," said Josef Lonsky of the Automobilclub of Germany. If you're nostalgic for the era's more mellow vibe you may want to check out Volkswagen's new ID Buzz, a re-imagined-and-of-course, electric-version of the world's best-loved hippiemobile.

With surfboards strapped to its roof and, somewhat bafflingly, a floating, meditating gnome for a dashboard ornament, the neon yellow-and-grey van could be coming to a beach near you in 2020. — AFP



**NEW DELHI:** This photo taken on July 21, 2017 shows a sales executive talking about Mahindra's electric car "e2o Plus" on display at a showroom in New Delhi. — AFP

## RICKSHAWS TO JUMP START INDIA'S ALL-ELECTRIC DRIVE

### INDIA EYES ALL-ELECTRIC VEHICLES BY 2030

**I**ndia will roll out nearly 100,000 battery-powered buses and autorickshaws onto its sulphurous city streets in the coming weeks, setting it on the bumpy road to making new vehicle sales all-electric by 2030. India, one of the world's most polluted nations, has one of the most ambitious plans to kick its fossil fuel addiction.

Analysts say the target is "daunting". Transport is a major source of India's carbon emissions and the Greenpeace group blames at least 1.2 million deaths a year in the country on pollution.

Getting off diesel and petrol would improve the nation's health and bolster India's bid to meet the bold climate change targets it pledged in Paris in 2015. India is not alone in wanting all-electric cars, though it is aiming to go faster than others. Britain and France have said they want to end the sale of fossil fuel cars by 2040. But electric and hybrid models make up just three percent of all cars on the road worldwide, say London-based consultancy firm PwC.

That figure is even lower in India, underscoring the enormity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's electric challenge. On top of gradually bringing in electric rickshaws and buses in New Delhi, the government has issued a tender to auto makers for 10,000 cars to replace pollution producers at four government ministries.

"To go all electric is a daunting task," said PwC partner Abdul Majeed. "Electric vehicles have a few huge challenges to deal with before they can take off in a big way."

### Low-cost solutions

The government does not want to pay for a network of charging stations for millions of future green motorists to power up depleted car batteries. Instead it hopes private energy companies will invest in "swapping bays", where drivers can exchange empty batteries for fresh ones, Ashok Jhunjhunwala, principal advisor to the power minister and the official spearheading the efforts, told AFP.

It plans to lease batteries separately for public transport and taxi fleets. It also wants more work on smaller, easier to use batteries. Amara Raja Batteries, an Indian battery manufacturer, would be part of the "swapping model," said its chief executive S Vijayanand.

"The headache of managing and charging the battery will not be with the driver then," he



**NEW DELHI:** Mahindra's electric car "e2o Plus" plugged in for charging at a showroom in New Delhi. India will roll out nearly 100,000 battery-powered buses and autorickshaws onto its sulphurous, clogged city streets in coming weeks to set it on the road to make new vehicle sales all-electric by 2030. — AFP

said. Other ideas include setting tougher efficiency standards so new vehicles use less power. "The idea is to keep it as low-cost as possible," Jhunjhunwala said. "Vehicles and chargers must happen without subsidies and must make business sense."

Mahesh Babu, chief executive at Indian conglomerate Mahindra, said it was an exciting project but government efficiency targets are "idealistic and might lead to compromise on consumer needs and safety." Others are more optimistic. Reductions in the size and cost of electric vehicles, coupled with rapid technological advances, mean India's ambitions were "very feasible," said Bill Hare, chief executive of the Berlin-based Climate Analytics consultancy.

### 'India's challenges'

Foreign car majors are not ready to bring their electric offerings to India. Mercedes said it needs a reasonable timeline and improved incentives for motorists—currently a tiny sum that could be withdrawn at any time—to bring in elec-

tric cars. Tesla boss Elon Musk—who in July launched Model 3, a mass-market version of Tesla's pricier cars—has postponed entry to the Indian market.

But at \$35,000, even the cheapest Tesla is out of reach for most Indians. Most of the three million new cars added to India's roads every year are far cheaper, compact vehicles.

Nissan Motor is test driving its Leaf model to see how it performs on Indian roads and copes with pollution and extreme weather conditions. That leaves the field wide open for Mahindra, currently the only company selling electric cars in India.

Its hatchback, sedan and van sell in Delhi from \$11,000 to \$15,000, after a subsidy of \$2,300.

The company hopes to sell up to 5,000 units this year, including autorickshaws. So far it has tied up with cab firms in a handful of cities, logistics firms and start-ups that offer a sharing system of self-driving cars. "We want to meet India's challenges," Babu said. — AFP

## APPLE, DELL JOIN BID TO BUY TOSHIBA'S CHIP BUSINESS

**TOKYO:** US tech titans Apple and Dell have joined a bid to buy Toshiba's memory chip business, a deal seen as key to the survival of the cash-stripped Japanese industrial conglomerate, the US investor leading the consortium has said.

"Last week Bain Capital made a revised offer" for Toshiba, which "brings in a broad list of strategic partners including Apple, Dell" and others who will invest in the business, Bain Capital said in a statement obtained by AFP yesterday.

It was the first time Apple's name has been officially confirmed as part of the bid, although it has reportedly also been involved in rival bids for the lucrative Toshiba segment.

The announcement came after Toshiba said last week it had picked the Bain Capital-led consortium as the leading candidate to buy its prized chip business in a deal reportedly worth some \$18 billion.

The development was the latest twist in a long-running saga as Toshiba agonizes between three groups of suitors for its chip business. The Bain Capital-led group also includes the state-backed

Development Bank of Japan and the public-private Innovation Network Corp. of Japan as well as South Korean chip-maker SK Hynix.

However, Toshiba has stressed that it was a "non-exclusive" agreement with Bain Capital that "does not exclude the possibility of negotiations with other consortia".

Other suitors in the frame are a group led by Western Digital, Toshiba's US-based chip factory partner, and Taiwan's Hon Hai Precision, better known as Foxconn. Western Digital demanded control of the memory chip business, frustrating Toshiba's management which prompted them to turn to the Bain Capital-led group, according to reports in the local media.

Toshiba has sued Western Digital for trying to block the sales process.

In the latest statement, Bain Capital said: "We believe this proposal represents a solution that meets the needs of all stakeholders." The proposal "represents the best possible outcome for Toshiba by ensuring" the memory chip business's independence, Bain Capital said. — AFP

## SPACE X BLOOPERS VIDEO: 'HOW NOT TO LAND AN ORBITAL ROCKET'



This image from a video posted on YouTube by SpaceX on Sept 14, 2017 shows one of the unsuccessful landings of the company's orbital rocket boosters. — AP

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida: SpaceX has put together a bloopers video showing "How NOT to land an orbital rocket booster." Set to John Philip Sousa's rousing march "The Liberty Bell," the two-minute video posted Thursday shows rockets exploding at sea and over land. The opening blast, from 2013, is even synchronized to the music. SpaceX chief Elon Musk can afford to poke fun at his early, pioneering efforts at rocket recycling, now that his private company has pulled off 16 successful booster landings. The most recent occurred last week in Florida.

"We messed up a lot before it finally worked, but there's some epic explosion footage," Musk said recently on Twitter. In one video shot, Musk looks over a rocket's charred remains with the caption: "It's just a scratch." After another huge fiery explosion, this one on the company's barge, the caption

reads: "Well, technically, it did land ... just not in one piece." Musk tweeted Thursday that when the Falcon rocket's upper stage and the cargo enclosure can also be retrieved and reused, launch costs will drop by a factor of more than 100.

For now, SpaceX's first-stage boosters - 15 stories tall - separate shortly after liftoff and fly back to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station or an ocean platform for a vertical touchdown. Until the company's recovery efforts - unique among rocket makers launching spacecraft into orbit - these segments were discarded at sea. A couple of these recycled rockets already have launched a second time. The video ends with scenes of the first successful booster touchdown at Cape Canaveral in 2015 and the first one on an ocean platform in 2016. "The Liberty Bell" march was the theme music for the old "Monty Python" comedy TV series. — AP

## PHARMACIST IN DEADLY MENINGITIS OUTBREAK HEADING TO TRIAL

BOSTON: After watching his mother die from meningitis in a nationwide outbreak caused by contaminated steroids, Scott Shaw is determined to make sure something like that never happens again. A stiff punishment for the Massachusetts pharmacist Shaw believes is partially responsible may help, he says. "I believe as surely as I'm talking to you right now that if something isn't done, we will repeat this again," the North Carolina man said. Glenn Chin, the supervisory pharmacist at the now-closed New England Compounding Center in Framingham, about 22 miles (35 kilometers) west of Boston, is to go on trial Tuesday for his role in the 2012 fungal meningitis outbreak that killed 76 people and sickened hundreds of others.

Chin faces up to life in prison if convicted of all counts of second-degree murder under federal racketeering law. Experts, and Chin's defense attorney, believe prosecutors have a stronger case against Chin than they did against the co-founder of the compounding pharmacy, Barry Cadden. Cadden was sentenced in June to nine years in prison after being acquitted of second-degree murder charges but convicted on conspiracy and fraud charges. Chin ran the so-called clean rooms where steroid injections were made. He is accused of failing to properly sterilize the drugs, among other things. Chin also faces conspiracy, mail fraud and other charges.

"I'm just a little concerned that the judge and the jury might be a little more harsh on Glenn Chin because he was doing the work in the clean room," Chin's attorney, Stephen Weymouth, said. Throughout Cadden's trial, the co-founder's lawyers

tried to push the blame onto Chin. Chin intends to point the finger back at Cadden. Weymouth said he will argue that Chin was essentially a "puppet" for Cadden, who made working in the clean rooms so difficult that "mistakes might have been made." Cadden was the one calling the shots and pushing the orders to line his own pockets, Weymouth said.

"I think the government would agree with me that the more culpable of these two parties was actually Barry Cadden," Weymouth said. Chin "did whatever Cadden told him to do." Former prosecutor David Schumacher said that defense will only get Chin so far. Chin was ultimately responsible for making sure the drugs were safe enough to be put into people's bodies, Schumacher said.

### Additional victims

"Glenn Chin has quite a bit of exposure here," said Schumacher, who was deputy chief of the health care fraud unit in the Massachusetts US attorney's office before joining Hooper, Lundy & Bookman. The US attorney's office declined to comment on Chin's case. More than 700 people in 20 states were sickened in what's considered the worst public health crisis in recent US history. The CDC put the death toll at 64 in 2013. Federal officials identified additional victims in their investigation, raising the total number of deaths to 76. Victims and their family members slammed Cadden's nine-year sentence as inadequate punishment. Cadden and Chin's attorneys have said prosecutors overreached with the murder charges and that the men never intended to hurt anyone. — AP



MIDDLETOWN, Connecticut: Photo shows the Whiting Forensic Division maximum-security psychiatric hospital in Middletown, Conn. — AP

## ABUSE ALLEGATIONS, ARRESTS MOUNT AT STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL

'IT'S REALLY INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT THIS COULD HAPPEN IN THIS DAY AND AGE'

HARTFORD, Connecticut: At Connecticut's only maximum-security psychiatric hospital, staff members put a diaper on a patient's head, threw food at him, poured water over him, put salt in his coffee, kicked him and placed a mop on his head after cleaning a floor, according to a state report. Thirty-one staff members at the Whiting Forensic Division hospital in Middletown have been suspended, and nine have been arrested. More arrests are expected, police say, and calls are pouring in with more allegations of misconduct and abuse, according to a state lawmaker who is calling for legislative hearings.

Current and former staff members, as well as patients' relatives, are alleging abuse of other patients and staff wrongdoing, she said. "It's really incomprehensible that this could happen in this day and age," said Sen Heather Somers, a Republican from Groton. "It's like something out of a Stephen King novel. I think it's very important that we, as legislators, get to the bottom of this. If you are put in the state's care, you should be cared for. You shouldn't be tormented."

Somers did not disclose the names of the people who have called her, but she did say some of their allegations include staff abusing patients, overriding of doctors' orders and for-

gery of doctors' signatures on documents. Whiting is part of Connecticut Valley Hospital, a psychiatric care complex run by the state Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The division includes 106 beds for patients in maximum security and another 141 beds for those in "enhanced security." The patients include people found not guilty of murder and other crimes by reason of insanity, and others committed voluntarily or involuntarily by civil courts.

### A whistleblower complaint

Nine staff members were arrested and charged this month with cruelty to persons and disorderly conduct. The arrests were in connection with a 62-year-old male patient found in a report by the state Department of Public Health to have been kicked, jabbed, poked and taunted by staff over several weeks this year. The agency investigated at the request of the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, which regulates the hospital, following a whistleblower complaint.

The arrests followed the suspensions of 31 employees on claims they took part in the abuse or knew about the abuse and did not report it. Many incidents were recorded by surveillance

cameras. The patient was committed to Whiting in 1995 after being acquitted by reason of mental disease or defect in the killing of his father in Greenwich, according to his court-appointed co-conservator, Karen Kangas. He was diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder, autism spectrum disorder and other conditions, and has been combative with hospital staff, according to the Public Health Department report.

"He's been traumatized," Kangas said. "That's not how we should be treated when we have cancer, and it should not be how we're treated when we have mental illnesses. I just couldn't imagine that this all went on." The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services called the allegations "reprehensible" in a statement, saying it is cooperating with the police investigation and vowing to "do whatever is necessary to prevent future incidents." The 31 employees possibly face further discipline including being fired, as well as the possible loss or suspension of their state licenses, officials said. Officials with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services want to talk with Somers - co-chair of the legislature's Public Health Committee, which oversees the department - about the new abuse allegations, said department spokeswoman Mary Kate Mason. — AP



BOSTON: In this file photo the former supervisory pharmacist for the New England Compounding Center, Glenn Chin, left, leaves the federal courthouse in Boston with his attorney Stephen Weymouth after a hearing to announce conditions of his bail and release. — AP

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## HOLIDAY INN KUWAIT SALMIYA OFFERS RESIDENTIAL SUITES

A home away from home is what Holiday Inn Kuwait - Salmiya hotel has to offer its guests, with the launch of its newly renovated residential suites & studios designed to deliver the high standards of comfort to ensure a home alike experience in the heart of Kuwait. Holiday Inn exceptional home-style accommodation offering the highest standards of luxury and relaxation which makes it an ideal choice for families and business travelers who are seeking long-term residency in Kuwait and The Holiday Inn residential suites consist of 108 spacious serviced apartments with optional space allocations ranging from Studios, Single Bedrooms and Two Bedrooms suites, dedicated to long staying travelers as it features the guest's choice of a King size or twin single beds, a fully equipped kitchen, work space and living area equipped with large LED screens and offering a contemporary design and spectacular views.

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## LULU HYPERMARKET LAUNCHES 'PINOY FIESTA 2017'

Lulu Hypermarket, the leading regional retailer, launched its annual 'Pinoy Fiesta 2017', a celebration of the flavorful and diverse food items from the Philippines, at its Salmiya outlet on 13 September. The event was inaugurated by the Ambassador of Philippines to Kuwait HE Renato Pedeo O Villa alongside the Labor Attache Alejandro A Padaen. The Hypermarket's top management, a large crowd of shoppers, well-wishers and media personnel attended the launch event.

The highlight of the Pinoy Fiesta 2017, which runs till 23 September at all Lulu outlets, is the very special prices on offer for a full-range of products from some of the leading Philippine brands, including such favorites as

Mama Sita, Century, Dole, Newton, Star, UFC, Super, Datu Puti and Ladies Choice. During the 11-day promotion period, all outlets of Lulu Hypermarket will feature large cut-outs of traditional cultural and social scenes of Philippines, further attracting shoppers to the diversity and distinction of the land.

Pinoy Fiesta 2017 is part of Lulu Hypermarket's ongoing initiative to regularly interact with their customers through highly popular promotions and festivals. This synergistic relationship with customers is just one of the reasons why the Lulu Hypermarket brand retains such a large and loyal following among shoppers in the region.



## RCCG ORGANIZES 'MUSICAL EXPLOSION'

It was an amazing moment at the Redeemed Christian Church of God (HOD Parish Kuwait) on Friday as Christians from all denominations gathered to praise God in a unique way. The program themed 'Musical Explosion' featured harmonized song, deep praise, worship, choreography, special presentation, impartation and ministrations. Addressing the faithful, the host pastor Emmanuel Cope urged Christians to be good ambassadors of Christ. He thanked the Kuwait government for promoting peace in the region.



## TAFSEER CLASS

You are cordially invited to our Tafseer class (Divine Wisdom from the Last Testament) today by 7:00 pm. In this class, we will focus on Surat Al-Qalam (The Pen) from verse 5 till 9. We will explore the polytheists' futile efforts to dissuade Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) from his noble mission, and Allah's threat to him if he obliged. We will also rebut the polytheists' accusations that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was a liar, a poet, and possessed, among others, their attitude towards one another on the Day of Judgment, and the punishment that will be meted out to them. Finally, we will clear some misconceptions about Islam.

## INDIAN PRESIDENT'S AWARD TO ICSK PRINCIPAL DR BINUMON



The Indian Community School Kuwait (ICSK) congratulates Dr V Binumon, the Principal and Senior Administrator of the school on receiving the prestigious national award for the Best Teacher by the President of India. It is a matter of great pride and honor for the school as this much coveted and glorious award is received by Dr V Binumon. The excellent leadership and amiable team spirit of Dr Binumon endears him to the management and staff alike rendering greater glory to the achievement. The Board of Trustees whole heartedly congratulated and appreciated him on this magnificent achievement.

Dr Binumon received the prestigious National Award for The Best Teacher from the Vice President on 5th September 2017 in a solemn function at the Vighyan Bhavan, New Delhi. Sixteen teachers under various categories were carefully selected for the award from the large number of teachers in Various schools across India, Middle East and a number of countries. Dr. V. Binumon was awarded in the CBSE Principal category.

### Dedicated efforts

The award is well deserved owing to the dedicated efforts of Dr. Binumon in the scenario of curricular and co-curricular activities of the school over the years and his many years of service in the field of education. His proficiency and excellence in various fields has been rendering remarkable service to the Indian Community in Kuwait. He holds various posts, as the appointed CBSE Registered Councilor, Member of CBSE school affiliation Committee, ISO auditor, an experienced personality trainer, hypnotherapist, expert in

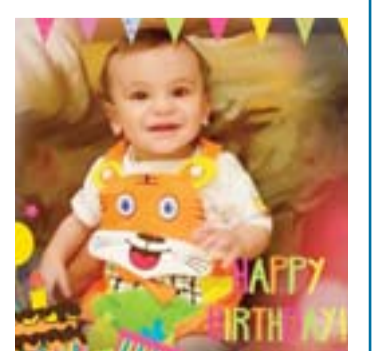


Neurolinguistic programming, Central superintendent of CBSE exams and NIOS coordinator for Kuwait. His qualifications befits the great honor bestowed on him, equipped with more than twenty years of experience in teaching with seven post graduate degrees including MBA and two M.Phils beside a Doctorate in Education. Dr. Binumon always pursue excellence. His hard work and dedication has lead The ICSK to greater name and fame, the mega art fest named ISMAF, first of its kind in Middle East with the participation of more than 3000 students from different schools across Kuwait. IOS, another of the grand ventures at ICSK is a pioneering experience at Kuwait with an intention to provide education to all.

This year (2016-17), The President of India's National Teacher award distribution was an excellent event due to the novelty of functions. This is the first time that the teacher award function was held with such grandeur and red carpet welcome. The National awards are usually given away by the

President to the various categories but this year Vice President Venkaiah Naidu the awards.

The award function held at Vighyan Bhavan, New Delhi was attended and addressed, besides the Vice President, by Prakash Javedekar, Union Minister for Human Resources, Satyapal Singh and Upendra Kuhvaha (both Ministers of State, HR) and Anil Swaroop the Secretary of Education.



Mamdouh Yusri and his wife Mary celebrated the First Birthday of their son Fares. Best wishes come from family and friends.





CROSSWORD 1713

Crossword grid with numbers 1-84 in a 15x15 format.

ACROSS

- 1. Inquire about.
4. Adjoin by royal prerogative.
12. (computer science) The part of a computer...
15. The quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength.
16. Breed of large wiry-coated terrier bred in Yorkshire.
17. Used of physical heat.
18. A white linen liturgical vestment with sleeves.
19. Behave well or properly.
21. Any of numerous local fertility and nature deities worshipped by ancient Semitic peoples.
23. An oral poliovirus vaccine...
25. Wild ox.
27. An island in the Aegean Sea...
30. A small pellet fired from an air rifle or BB gun.
32. The second largest of the Hawaiian Islands.
33. Comb-plate or locomotor organ...
36. A dissolute man in fashionable society.
38. A region of Malaysia in northeastern Borneo.
40. A unit of weight for precious stones = 200 mg.
42. Either of two large African antelopes...
44. Any of various strong liquors distilled from the fermented sap of toddy palms...
46. Title for a civil or military leader...
47. An associate degree in applied science.
48. South American armadillo with three bands of bony plates.
51. An employee of a bank who receives and pays out money.
54. A dark gray mineral with a metallic luster that is a source of tin.
56. Perennial rhizomatous herbs of Asia and Australia and Polynesia...
57. A government on the island of Taiwan established in 1949 by Chiang Kai-shek...
58. An official prosecutor for a judicial district.
60. The address of a web page on the world wide web.
61. An edge tool with a heavy bladed head mounted across a handle.
62. (neurology) Of or relating to the vagus nerve.
64. An atoll in the Marshall Islands.
74. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects.
75. A member of the Siouan people of the northern Mississippi valley.
77. Mammary gland of bovines (cows and sheep and goats).
78. A dark-skinned member of a race of people living in Australia when Europeans arrived.
79. The state capital of South Australia.
81. A condition (mostly in boys) characterized by behavioral and learning disorders.
82. A woman religious.
83. A great raja.
84. Any of several small ungulate mammals of Africa and Asia with rodent-like incisors and feet with hooflike toes.

DOWN

- 1. According to the Old Testament he was a pagan king of Israel and husband of Jezebel (9th century BC).
2. Type genus of the Sulidae.
3. Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a skewer usually with vegetables.
4. Committee formed by a special-interest group to raise money for their favorite political candidates.
5. Produced or growing in extreme abundance.
6. Genus of tropical shrubs and trees having usually odd-pinnate leaves with large leaflets and pink to reddish wood.
7. A fabric with prominent rounded crosswise ribs.
8. Germanic barbarian leader who ended the western Roman Empire in 476...
9. Primitive predaceous North American fish covered with hard scales and having long jaws with needle-like teeth.
10. In or of the month preceding the present one.
11. The branch of engineering science that studies the uses of electricity and the equipment for power generation and distribution and the control of machines and communication.
12. A Hindu disciple of a swami.
13. Meat from a domestic hog or pig.
14. A state in the western United States.
20. Infections of the skin or nails caused by fungi and appearing as itching circular patches.
22. The smallest detectable sensation.
24. A bluish-white lustrous metallic element.
26. A soft silvery metallic element of the alkali earth group.
28. A college town in central New York on Lake Cayuga.
29. A brittle gray crystalline element that is a semiconducting metalloid...
31. When dried yields a hard substance used e.g. in golf balls.
34. Small genus of Asian evergreen trees having columnar crowns and distinguished by leaves lacking a midrib.
35. A drug (trade names Atarax and Vistaril) used as a tranquilizer to treat anxiety and motion sickness.
37. A river of southwestern Africa that rises in central Angola and flows east then north (forming part of the border between Angola and Congo) and continuing northwest through Congo to empty into the Congo River on the border between Congo and Republic of the Congo.
39. Having the head uncovered.
41. Water falling in drops from vapor condensed in the atmosphere.
43. (Irish) Mother of the Tuatha De Danann.
45. A city of central Russia south of Moscow.
49. Pearl oysters.
50. A highly unstable radioactive element (the heaviest of the halogen series).
52. Small genus of usually perennial herbs having deep woody taproots and flower heads of umbels or cymes.
53. A local and well-defined elevation of the land.
55. The compass point that is one point west of northwest.
59. The eleventh month of the civil year.
63. A genus of Platlea.
65. (Babylonian) God of wisdom and agriculture and patron of scribes and schools.
66. (computer science) A graphic symbol (usually a simple picture) that denotes a program or a command or a data file or a concept in a graphical user interface.
67. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls.
68. An endorsement.
69. Tree bearing large brown nuts containing e.g. caffeine.
71. (Babylonian) God of storms and wind.
72. English monk and scholar (672-735).
73. Acute lung injury characterized by coughing and rales.
76. Any of various dark heavy viscid substances obtained as a residue.
80. A person who announces and plays popular recorded music.

STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

Fun conversation surrounding your first love prevails. This may be the renewal of an old friendship or an upcoming class reunion.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You could be frugal when it comes to possessions, always limiting your purchases to what is essential and has value.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may find yourself guiding young people today—at least spending a great deal of time with young people.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You might like to ignore responsibilities and do some socializing—realities may demand that you tend to business and forget your friends for the moment.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

You may not appreciate some changes that are taking place in your life now. Patience is in order now—with time you may see the purpose in another person's decisions or plans.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Your ability to work with others and help guide them toward a more positive direction may come into play today—perhaps with young people.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

A new cycle begins for you, signaling a greater than usual interest in relationships, social connections and the arts.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

You may be making definite moves to add to your friendship list. That rich feeling happens when you have good friendships, not just acquaintances.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

You may have a sense of circumstances working against you or feel a lack of support and love from those around you.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Real insight into your own inner workings or psychology could surface today, and in a manageable form.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

This is a time in your life marked by greater involvement with friends and groups who share some of your ideals about how people should live.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

A future neighborhood garage sale may be on your mind today. Many people could be involved to help make the garage sale a great neighborhood effort.

Wordsearch Puzzle

Songs From the Year 2003

Find and circle all of the songs from 2003 that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 22 letters spell an additional song title from 2003.

Wordsearch grid with letters and hidden words from 2003.

- ALL I HAVE ANGEL BABY BOY BEAUTIFUL CLOCKS COME OVER DRIFT AWAY FIGHTER FRONTIN' GET BUSY GET LOW GOSSIP FOLKS HEADSTRONG I CAN I WANT YOU I'M WITH YOU IGNITION IN DA CLUB INTO YOU INTUITION LANDSLIDE LIKE A STONE LIKE GLUE MESMERIZE MISS YOU PICTURE RAIN ON ME RIGHT THURR SAY YES SENORITA SO GONE SOMEDAY STAND UP STUCK SUGA SUGA SUNRISE SUPERMAN TROUBLE UNWELL

Yesterday's Solution

Songs From the Year 2002

Wordsearch grid with letters and hidden words from 2002.

- ADDICTIVE AERIALS ALL MY LIFE BABY BLURRY BY THE WAY COMPLICATED DAYS GO BY DILEMMA DISEASE ESCAPE EVERYDAY FOOLISH FOR YOU FULL MOON GIRL TALK GIRLFRIEND HALF CRAZY HANDS CLEAN HAPPY HEAVEN HELLA GOOD HERE I AM HERO HEY MA IN MY PLACE LOSE YOURSELF MOTIVATION MY LIST MY SACRIFICE NOTHIN' OH BOY RAINY DAYZ SPIN STILL FLY THE MIDDLE TOXICITY UH HUH WITHOUT ME WORK IT

The hidden song title is: CAN'T GET YOU OUT OF MY HEAD

Yesterday's Solution

Solved crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

Daily SuDoku

Daily Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers.

Yesterday's Solution

Solved Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers.

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LONDON FASHION WEEK

# Burberry brings back vintage check

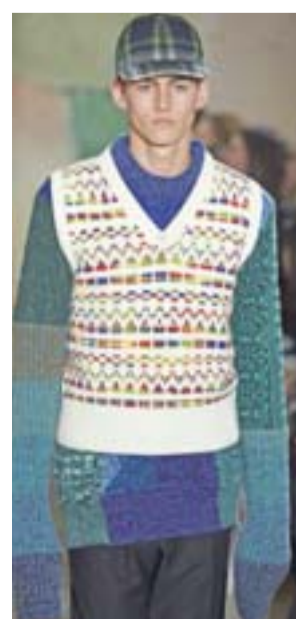
Unfazed by the London subway attack, celebrities, models and fashion editors flocked to London Fashion Week on Saturday to celebrate all things stylish. Designers showcasing their latest visions included luxury heritage brand Burberry, fashion week veteran Jasper Conran and rising star Simone Rocha.

**Burberry brings back the check**

Remember the Burberry check, so ubiquitous and widely copied in the early 2000s that it became a fashion faux pas? It's back this season, in a big way. The vintage brown check is everywhere on Burberry's new season runway: on baseball caps, oversized tote bags and belted coats for both men and women. And that's just one of many themes designer Christopher Bailey featured this season. There's tartan, reimagined military coats and riding shirts, plastic outerwear, sheer embroidered dresses, plus cozy pink faux fur coats.

If that sounds like a lot, it was deliberately meant to be so. Bailey said he wanted to celebrate the "sheer glorious eccentricity of the British way of dressing," and delivered an unexpectedly sassy, street-wise mix of a collection in an 18th-century London courthouse, a fitting venue with its raw exposed walls and huge chandeliers. The opening look had it all: Brown check baseball cap, pastel turquoise plastic raincoat, patchwork print knits, worn with a single huge earring.

Everything was worn with an air of "anything goes" insouciance - a delicate embroidered gown is paired with a loose T-shirt or slouchy scarf - and there is a throwaway sexiness in a tartan skirt that, when the model turns around, reveals the back was sheer plastic. Bailey said he had his models tell him if they liked the outfits, and adjust them if they felt they were "too done or too sophisticated." Supermodels Kate Moss and Naomi Campbell were among those who turned up for the show, which was staged together with - and inspired by - an exhibition of 20th-century photography showing portraits of British life.



Models present creations from the Burberry collection during a catwalk show for the Spring/Summer 2018 collection on the second day of The London Fashion Week Women's in London on September 16, 2017. — AP/AFP photos



Models present creations by British designer Jasper Conran.



**Animal rights protesters target Burberry**

Guests attending Burberry's catwalk show have found their usual red carpet welcome replaced by heckling protesters. Several dozen animal rights activists made a loud racket Saturday outside the luxury brand's show venue in London's Clerkenwell area, crowding around the entrance and shouting "Shame on London Fashion Week!" Some held devices showing animal cruelty videos and others held placards reading "Fur is passe."

Police and security guards ended up forming two human chains to allow guests, including US Vogue editor Anna Wintour, to enter and exit the show. While Burberry isn't known to use more fur than other designers, it was likely targeted because it typically stages London Fashion Week's most high-profile shows.

**Bright hues at Jasper Conran**

What to wear to counter the fickle, wet weather that England is so famous for? Jasper Conran has the answer: cheerful, bright rain macs and sheer sport-luxe outfits with colors plucked straight from the crayon box. Conran, who heads a design and retail empire of everything from wallpaper to a hotel, chose a thirst-quenching palette on Saturday for his show at London Fashion Week. Vivid hues of cobalt clashed with yellow, chartreuse and grapefruit pink, balanced with shades of earthy mustard and warm ochre. Anoraks and lightweight bomber jackets were layered over see-through dresses and separates. Conran made sure to keep things feminine by pairing the sporty clothes with ladylike handbags and pretty sandals.

**Simone Rocha reimagines the dollhouse**

Simone Rocha, one of London's closely-watched emerging young talents, chose an austere wood-paneled hall with stained glass windows for her quirky take on childhood fantasies and innocence. Models wore clothes that piled on everything a young girl may wish for her dolls: miles of elaborate white ruffles and Victorian lace, adorned with bows, pearls and sparkly embroidered flowers. Some models even clutched slouchy bags like a child would cuddle its blanket comforter. But Rocha nicely offset the saccharine bows and pearls with modern, sculptural silhouettes and clumpy, conventionally ugly shoes like "flatforms" and furry pool sliders. — AP



Models present creations by Turkish designer Bora Aksu during a catwalk show for his Spring/Summer 2018 collection on the first day of London Fashion Week Women's in London.



Animal welfare protesters demonstrate outside a venue before a show by British fashion house Burberry on the second day of The London Fashion Week Women's in London on September 1.



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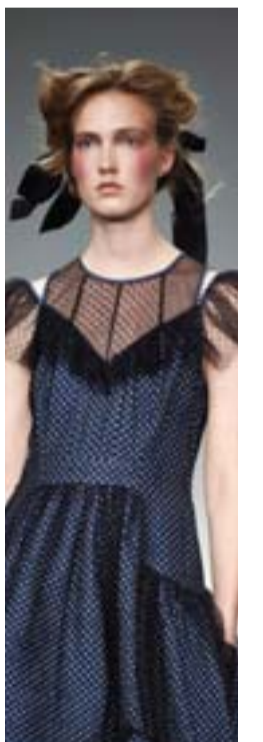
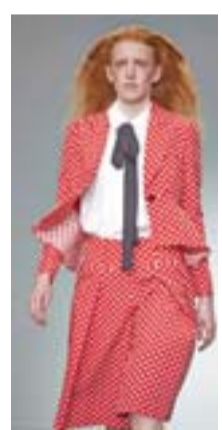


The late Pierre Berge opens up about YSL brand

The late Pierre Berge co-founded Yves Saint Laurent to try and "save" his partner and business associate Yves Saint Laurent. The 86-year-old creative mastermind - who tragically passed away on September 8 - has admitted he never wanted to become a businessman, but the only reason he entered into a partnership with the late mogul and launch the prestigious fashion house was to "help him" after Yves was hospitalized following a nervous breakdown. Speaking about the start of his career in one of his final interviews with *Another* magazine, the mogul said: "I was young and probably stupid."

"When he said we have to open a couture house together, I said yes. Ten minutes later, when I was alone in the courtyard of the hospital, I said, 'My God, what can I do?' But I did it. 'I didn't want to be a businessman. I refused to be a businessman - but I became a businessman for Yves. To help him. To save him. To give him back his place.' And Pierre has hinted he is proud of the fashion house because he thinks the garments empowered its female customers. He said: 'Saint Laurent gave power to women. When a woman was insecure, Saint Laurent garments gave them security. It's true.'"

Pierre sold Yves Saint Laurent shares, which included the label's ready-to-wear and cosmetics businesses to the Gucci Group, almost 20 years ago, and he has even let go of the variety or art work him and his lover had acquired over the years. And the entrepreneur has hinted he let the possessions go because he doesn't want to keep hold of things that remind him of his partner, who passed away in 2008. He explained: "It is also because I don't want to continue to possess that collection alone, without Yves. I don't want to do that." — Bang Showbiz



Models present creations by Turkish designer Bora Aksu during a catwalk show for his Spring/Summer 2018 collection on the first day of London Fashion Week Women's in London.

Jane Fonda to model in L'Oreal Paris fashion and beauty show

Jane Fonda is set to model in L'Oreal Paris' fashion and beauty show. The 79-year-old actress will grace the runway in the prestigious brand's first ever catwalk show titled *Le Defile L'Oreal Paris*, which will take place on the Avenue des Champs-Élysées in Paris, France, on October 1, as part of this year's Paris Fashion Week, *NYMag.com* has reported. The company hope the upcoming extravaganza will invite their customers and the worldwide audience to view fashion and beauty in a way it has "never before" been considered.

Speaking about the event the L'Oreal brand president, Pierre-Emmanuel Angeloglou, said: Bringing the show onto the most famous street of Paris is a way of opening up the worlds of fashion and beauty like never before. *Le Defile L'Oreal Paris* is truly open to all and we are proud to cast models and spokespersons from all around the world and from diverse backgrounds to represent beau-

ty for everyone." The 'Monster-in-Law' star will be accompanied by models Doutzen Kroes, Maria Borges and Soo Joo Park on the runway. The brand will flaunt over 70 make-up looks during the exhibition, which have been created by L'Oreal Paris' global make-up director Val Garland, and her team.

Meanwhile, Jane has admitted she feels "happier" in herself approaching 80 years old than she did when she was 20 because she used to feel like she was merely "drifting through life", whereas nowadays the movie icon believes she has more purpose to life. Speaking previously, Jane - who has daughters Vanessa and Mary, as well as son Troy - said: "At 20, I was so old - I was cynical, hopeless, drifting through life. Same at 30. I didn't know what I wanted to do. I didn't know who I was ... 'If you'd told me when I was 20 or 30 that I'd be happier at 70, I would have said to you, 'You're out of your mind.'" — Bang Showbiz

Graham's husband prefers her without any make-up on

Asheley Graham's husband prefers her without any make-up on. The 29-year-old plus-sized model graced the runway for Michael Kors' Spring/Summer 2018 fashion show during New York Fashion Week without any cosmetic products on her face, and the star has hinted it was not unusual to her because her partner Justin Ervin "likes" it when she goes au naturel. Speaking to *PEOPLE*, the brunette beauty said: "That's how my husband likes me-without any make-up." The *Addition Elle* creator has revealed she maintains her flawless looking complexion by staying hydrated and undergoing oxygen

facials "twice a month".

She explained: "I drink lots of water. I know everyone says it but it's real. And Mzia [Shiman]. She does oxygen facials-she's amazing. I go twice a month." The 58-year-old fashion designer has revealed he opted for the "fresh-faced" aesthetic during his exhibition because he didn't want his representatives to look like "mannequins" but wanted to show off the models in their natural form. Speaking about his showcase, the creative mastermind said: "With the fresh-faced makeup we wanted to put the spotlight on the women and not make them look like mannequins. When

you see everyone fresh-faced you get to really see their beauty. We left their hair the way their hair is. If you have straight hair your hair was straight. Curly, curly."

And the businessman - who launched his eponymous label in 1981 - enjoys dressing "all ages, all sizes" of peoples.

He said: "36 years being a designer, I've dressed all ages, all sizes and also different points of view. For me that's what's fun about being a designer-dressing this wide range of women ... I don't like when the models look like mannequins. I want them to be the women they are." — Bang Showbiz

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Photo shows Cala Mitjana bay on the island of Menorca, Spain.



Photo shows the Cova d'en Xoroi bar on the southern cliff of the island of Menorca, Spain. — AP photos



Photo shows people on a restaurant-lined street in Mahon, the capital of Menorca, Spain.



Photo shows colorful buildings in Mahon, the capital of Menorca, Spain.



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People dining on the coast of Ciutadella on the island of Menorca, Spain.

# Locals say **Menorca** can be reduced to three words: Water, fire and stone

The Spanish island's three essential elements are embodied in Cova d'en Xoroi, a natural cave that houses a sophisticated lounge halfway down a cliff. As the sun dips into the Mediterranean, waves crash on the rocks below and selfie-snapping patrons burn the same roasted-orange color as the sun-bleached limestone. Then the staff lights torches under the craggy roof, and the stunning yet laid-back venue transitions into a lively night club.

Although the scene may sound as summery as a frozen mojito, it's repeated nightly well into autumn, when Menorca remains as beguiling as it is in peak season. Through much of October, it's still warm enough to enjoy the spectacular beaches, but visitors will find the island has plenty to offer besides sun and transparent blue waters. Here's a quick look at Menorca and its vibrant cities, Mahon and Ciutadella, at a time of year when you just might have them to yourself.

### Nature vs nurture

Menorca is the farthest east of the Balearics, an archipelago between Spain and Italy that includes the better-known islands of Mallorca and jet-set Ibiza. All three enjoy an enviably mild climate in a picture-postcard setting, but Menorca's comes without the crowds or the 50-euro club cover charges. It has managed to hold on to an understated, calmer style by restricting development to a few existing, mostly low-rise resorts.

The entire 270 square mile (700 square km) island was declared a UNESCO biosphere reserve in 1993, and as a result, most of the 125 beaches that encircle Menorca's jagged coastline have very little, if any, development.

Along the south coast, walking paths that start at inland parking lots wind through forested ravines to the beaches. Cala Mitjana's powdery white sand is surrounded by cliffs, and the calm, shallow water makes it easy to explore a cave and the rocky crags with snorkeling gear. In the north, Cala Cavalleria is a little easier to get to but no less unspoiled.

The water may feel warm into autumn, but visiting after the peak summer months also means paying half-price for activities like hiring a boat with a private captain. Just plan ahead and check the weather for wind as well as temperatures.

### Cultural legacies

The ancient Phoenicians called it "Nura," or the Island of Fire. Legend has it that passing sailors saw bonfires built along the southern cliffs, which the original inhabitants used to signal each other. Signs of those first settlers-Iberian tribes that came from the mainland in the Bronze Age—are still apparent in more than 2,000 stone monuments spread throughout the island.

The Talaiotic society left stone temples, burial chambers and monuments that resemble smaller versions of Stonehenge. Some of the larger clusters require tickets and have English guides in high season, but there are so many monuments that most aren't even marked. You might stumble upon them while hiking along a walking path, hidden in tall grass. Taken together, they comprise one of Europe's largest open-air museums.

The following millennia brought ever more visitors and invaders, including the Greeks, Moors, French and Catalans, but no outside culture has left a more lasting stamp than the British. They ruled the island intermittently during the 18th century and moved the capital to Mahon from Ciutadella, which had been founded before the Romans arrived but was destroyed in the 16th century by the Turks.

The English legacy shines through in the sash windows of Mahon's architecture and in the active gin trade. The Xoriguer gin distillery is a cool spot for a pre-dinner tasting in Mahon, and I saw beach-friendly bottles of frozen gin and homemade lemonade frequently for sale, including at an ice cream shop in Ciutadella.

### Farm to table

Though beaches get all the limelight, much of Menorca's economy is agricultural, evidenced by the fact that there are more cows than people. Small farms, separated into miniature parcels by dry stone walls, cover the rugged hills of the interior, producing a shocking variety of produce (40 types of apples, for instance), olive oil, wine and the delicious Mahon cheese. The cheese even made it into my ice cream cone at Ambrosia in the capital-not cheesecake, but chunks of sharp, near-cheddar cheese mixed with vanilla ice cream. Somehow, it worked.

Menorca's ecological sensibility resonates at spectacular restaurants in the atmospheric cities, which overlook natural harbors surrounded by battle-ready fortifications. In Ciutadella, check out Es Tast de na Silvia, the only Slow Food-certified restaurant in the Balearics. They serve updated takes on local dishes like fideua, a sort of seafood paella with noodles. Over the dining room, an arched stone ceiling is stamped with the year 1704.



Photo shows people dining and walking in Ciutadella on Menorca, Spain.

### If you go...

Menorca: Through the winter, several airlines offer direct flights to Mahon from the Spanish mainland and several European capitals. In nice weather, overnight ferries from Barcelona are the insider's way to go. Spanish and a dialect of Catalan called Menorquin are the local languages, but many people, especially in the tourism industry, speak some English. — AP

## U2, Sheeran cancel concerts in protest-hit St Louis

Rock giants U2 and pop star Ed Sheeran have called off concerts in St Louis, as the US city braced yesterday for a second day of protests over the acquittal of a former police officer in the shooting death of a black man. The Irish rock band and entertainment firm Live Nation announced the Saturday show's cancellation in a statement citing concerns about fans' security.

"We have been informed by the St Louis Police Department that they are not in a position to provide the standard protection for our audience as would be expected for an event of this size," they said. "We cannot in good conscience risk our fans' safety by proceeding with tonight's concert. As much as we regret having to cancel, we feel it is the only acceptable course of action in the current environment." And Briton Sheeran announced he was pulling the plug on his show, set for a different St Louis venue Sunday, amid the protests.

A judge in the Missouri city Friday found a white former police officer, Jason Stockley, not guilty of murdering Anthony Lamar Smith, a suspected drug dealer, following a high-speed chase in 2011. The case has

drawn a lot of attention in St Louis, where racial tensions have been high since the 2014 killing of a black man in the city's suburb of Ferguson by a white police officer.

Hundreds of people turned out for initially peaceful protests after the verdict, but the situation turned violent Friday night, leading police to break up the crowd with tear gas. Ten officers were injured in the standoff with rock-throwing protesters, according to St Louis police who made at least 23 arrests. On Saturday, protesters gathered at a park and then marched through two St Louis shopping malls, chanting "the whole damn system is guilty as hell." "I can feel for and I understand what the family is going through, and I know everyone wants someone to blame, but I'm just not the guy," Stockley told the St Louis Post-Dispatch.

Stockley, 36, shot Smith, 24, five times December 20, 2011 after a car chase that followed a suspected drug deal. He was caught on an in-car camera video telling his partner, Brian Bianchi, "Going to kill this (expletive) don't you know it. —AFP

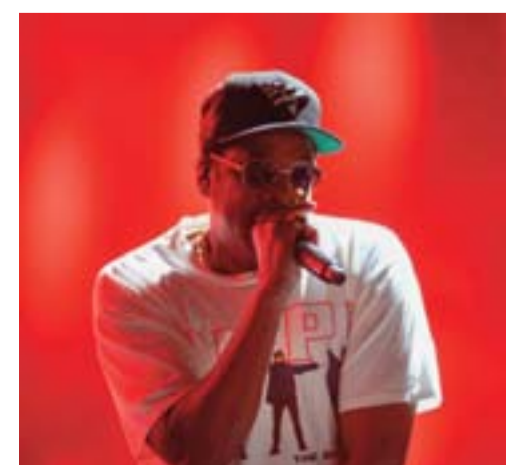
## JAY-Z DEDICATES SONG TO COLIN KAEPERNICK AT NYC CONCERT

Jay-Z performed his first headlining concert in three years in his hometown of New York City on Friday, a show that featured his popular hits and a dedication to outspoken NFL player Colin Kaepernick. The Brooklyn rapper kicked off the first of three days of the Meadows Music and Arts Festival at Citi Field in Queens, performing a 90-minute set that included his well-known songs as well as political moments.

"I want to dedicate this song to Colin Kaepernick tonight," Jay-Z said of "The Story of O.J.," a song about blackness and managing money that also references O.J. Simpson. "I want to dedicate this to Dick Gregory. I want to dedicate this to anyone that was held back and you overcame," he added about the song from his personal and revealing album, "4:44." Kaepernick became a polarizing figure among NFL fans for his decision to sit, and then kneel, during the national anthem last season to protest police brutality. Gregory, who died last month, was a comedian and activist who broke racial barriers in the 1960s and used his humor to spread messages of social justice and nutritional health.

Jay-Z's performance, though full of energy and excitement, had some other serious tones. When the beat for the Kanye West-produced 2003 song "Lucifer" came on - which samples Max Romeo's "Chase the Devil" and includes the lyrics "Lucifer son of the morning, I'm gonna chase you out of Earth" - Jay-Z told the mostly young audience: "I promise we won't take people out of this country." Jay-Z also said to the

crowd, several times, that "love always trumps hate." At the show, the 47-year-old icon wore a white T-shirt featuring the artwork of the 1965 Beatles film and album, "Help!" Jay-Z said he wanted to transform the show into rock 'n' roll territory when he played his collaborations with Linkin Park, even paying tribute to the band's lead singer Chester Bennington, who hanged himself in July. "If you know this song, I want you to sing it so loud he can hear you in heaven," Jay-Z said before performing the Grammy-winning mashup "Numb/Encore," standing still and holding the microphone close with both of his hands. Jay-Z's



set also included big hits from his 21-year-old career, from "Hard Knock Life (Ghetto Anthem)" to "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)" to "Empire State of Mind." His last main show in New York was part of his 2014 On the Run Tour with Beyonce, though he's had some performances for his Tidal streaming service and surprise appearances.

Reggae artist Damian Marley joined in for "Bam" from "4:44," which was released in June and features songs about Jay-Z's personal life and work as an entrepreneur. The Meadows festival, in its second year, will also play Saturday and Sunday, featuring performers like Gorillaz, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Nas, Weezer, Future and LL Cool J across four stages. Migos, Run the Jewels, Two Door Cinema Club and 21 Savage also performed Friday. Throughout his set, Jay-Z offered concertgoers encouraging words. "If anybody got a dream, you chase that (dream) with everything you got," he said at one point. When one fan was eager for Jay-Z to sign something, the rapper asked if the fan had a pen. The fan did not. "How am I going to sign your (stuff) without a pen?" Jay-Z asked. "Got to be prepared," he told the fan. — AP

Jay Z performs during The Meadows Music and Arts Festival at Citi Field on Friday in New York. — AP

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An Emirati man looks at and holds pieces of glass shaped as the map of the United Arab Emirates, where citizens write their hopes and aspirations, commemorating the 2017 'Year of Giving' initiative declared by UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, part of an art installation at the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian exhibition (ADIHEX) in the UAE capital on September 14, 2017. The 2017 'Year of Giving' initiative is meant to promote the culture of giving back to the community and enhancing the spirit of volunteering and national loyalty. — AFP

## Kenya dump dwellers make a living recycling hair extensions

In one of Africa's largest dumps, some residents are making a living by collecting and recycling hair from mountains of rubbish. Nairobi's Dandora Municipal Dumpsite stretches as far as the eye can see. It was declared full in 2001 but has remained active, with 850 to 1,500 tons of waste arriving every day. Kenya last month implemented a ban on plastic bags, a major contributor to the towering piles of trash. Many environmentalists have campaigned for years to have the dump shut down, calling it an eyesore and a hazard. But for thousands of Kenyans, the dump is their means of existence.

Winnie Wanjira, 31, has spent her whole life at the dump, one of an estimated 6,000 people making their living by scavenging in the rubbish. Some people raise pigs on the organic waste, while others find items to sell. Wanjira has tapped into the multi-billion-dollar global hair care industry, buying hair extensions collected by young boys in the dump and then selling it to beauty salons for a small profit.

"You can get lucky and find unused human hair," she says. "Maybe someone bought it and wasn't satisfied with it, maybe the color, then they threw it away." Of the different types of hair extensions, human hair is the most coveted for its softness and versatility. The rising demand in Africa and elsewhere has countries such as India, China and Brazil competing for the biggest share of the market. Much of the recycled hair is sold to hairdressers in Korogocho, a slum across the river from the dump. Dozens of women have set up makeshift hair salons in the local market.

In a back alley in Korogocho, 29-year-old Mary Wanjiku washes the hair she recently bought. She uses detergent to wash and rinse it, sometimes applying oil and perfume. "After we get the hair from the dumpsite we usually sort them out and pick the good ones," Wanjiku says. She has been a hairdresser in Korogocho for nearly 10 years. Business can be slow - she averages seven customers a week - as she competes with more than 30 other stalls lined with hundreds of hairpieces.



The Dandora municipal dumpsite is seen from the air in Nairobi, Kenya.

But she is happy to be working there and says using hair from the dump makes a lot of business sense. "We prefer to use those because they are cheap and easy to get because of close proximity, instead of those from the central business district that are expensive and also far away," she says.

Wanjiku says she doesn't go out of her way to tell customers where the hair comes from. But she says many know and are happy that the hair has been sufficiently cleaned and is more affordable than hair in town, where a good weave can go for up to 50,000 Kenyan shillings (\$485). A weave in

Korogocho can go for around 600 shillings (\$6). One regular customer, 25-year-old housewife Ruth Njera, says she has been coming to the salon since 2013. She knows that the hair comes from the dump but says the benefits outweigh the negatives. "They have good products that have a variety of colors and texture," she says. "You get to choose what you want, some you can wash. Yeah, they are just good." — AP



Winnie Wanjira, 31, is offered hair pieces to buy by a man who collects them from the piles of rubbish, at the Dandora municipal dumpsite in Nairobi, Kenya. — AP photos



Hairdresser Mary Wanjiku, 29, weaves the hair of local resident Ruth Njera, 25, at a makeshift hair salon in the Korogocho slum of Nairobi.



Hairdresser Mary Wanjiku, 29, weaves the hair of local resident Ruth Njera, 25, at a makeshift hair salon.



A wig of natural hair for sale is on display on a mannequin at a hair salon.

### Bizarre News

#### Ravenous pup gets head stuck in biscuit jar

A ravenous puppy got its head stuck in a biscuit jar. Animal Rescue Tactical Adviser Anton Phillips, from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, was tasked with freeing poor little Pug and Chihuahua cross Buddy from the container after he thought there were some nibbles inside and managed to ease the mutt out bit by bit. Mr Phillips told Metro.co.uk: "This was an unusual job and it was strange being able to see the animal's doleful expression through the glass. "I was keen not to risk breaking the glass as this could have injured the animal. "I used manual manipulation to release the dog's head. I pulled back the loose skin and positioned it so I could get one ear out then the other. There was a pop as I got its head free. "I have dealt with a lot of animals over the years and I always say if they can get it in I can get it out."

#### Family left mortified after distress call about lizard turns out to be sock

A family were left red-faced after calling the RSPCA out to get rid of a dangerous lizard in their house, which turned out to be a sock. Vic Hurr from the animal charity went to investigate at the property in Coventry, Northern England and within seconds of shining a light on the mystery creature, he could see it was in fact a sock. He joked with the young girl whose bedroom the accessory was in to keep a better eye on her clothes and warned her that another "lizard sock" will be lurking somewhere as they come in twos. He told the Metro.co.uk: "It wasn't moving at all. I got out my torch to see better and that's when I realized it wasn't a lizard at all but a pink stripy sock. "I advised the young girl whose bedroom it was to tidy her room and to take care of her socks, but not before reminding her that another one will turn up soon as they are usually in pairs."

#### A mother tells daughter to change her maid of honor to change her maid of honor

A mother wants her daughter to change her maid of honor because she has a limp. A woman has asked her best friend, who is only known as Katie, to take on the important role during her special day, but the bride-to-be's parent doesn't want her child's long-term pal to accept the role because of the "pretty severe" birth defect she has, which she thinks will make the marital ceremony look "unsightly". The mother opened up about her concern to agony aunt Mallory Ortberg on her Dear Prudence column. She said: "My 27-year-old daughter and her best friend, Katie, have been best friends since they were four. Katie practically grew up in our house and is like a daughter to me. My daughter recently got engaged to her fiancé and announced that Katie would be the maid of honor (Katie's boyfriend is also a good friend of my future son-in-law). "The problem is that Katie walks with a pretty severe limp due to a birth defect (not an underlying medical issue). She has no problem wearing high heels and has already been fitted for the dress, but I still think it will look unsightly if she's in the wedding procession limping ahead of my daughter. "I suggested that maybe Katie could take video or hand out programs (while sitting) so she doesn't ruin the aesthetic aspect of the wedding."

#### Australian doughnut maker inspired by London Fashion Week

An Australian doughnut maker has celebrated London Fashion Week by creating a special range of doughnuts inspired by famous catwalk models. Doughnut Time has made the Catwalk Legends, which was inspired by catwalk icons including Kate Moss, Naomi Campbell and Cara Delevingne, and the products will be available to purchase for a limited time during this year's fashion week. The three doughnuts are named Kate Floss, which is covered in pink icing and has been topped with candy floss and an edible cigarette. The Cara-mel Delevingne sweet treat is decorated with a caramel glaze, black drizzle in the shape of the star's eyebrows, as well as a gold leaf and sugar pearls. The set is finished with the Naomi Crumble doughnut, which has an apple flavored leopard-print glaze, and is topped with biscuit crumble and a sugar paper mobile phone. — Bang Showbiz