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Anti-Islam, anti-immigration party grabs 13 percent

# MP THREATENS TO **GRILL 2 MINISTERS**

By B Izzak

**KUWAIT:** Opposition MP Shuaib Al-Muwaizri yesterday said he will file to grill the ministers of Oil and Social Affairs and Labor in the next term over a series of alleged violations. Muwaizri said the next term which opens in less than three weeks will be "extremely hot" claiming that the government violations continued. He called on the National Assembly to withdraw confidence against ministers who commit violations.

The lawmaker said he plans to file to grill the Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Hind Al-Sabeeh over the issues of the handicapped, widows, cooperative societies and manpower. He provided no details over the alleged violations. Muwaizri said he will also file to grill Oil Minister Essam Al-Marzouk, joining a host of lawmakers who threatened to grill the minister. He said the minister does not cooperate with the National Assembly and he is not competent to remain in his post.

He said that an employee in the oil sector exposed thefts and violations in the Ministry and informed the CEO of Kuwait Petroleum Corp.

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BERLIN: German Chancellor and CDU party leader Angela Merkel (center) addresses supporters after exit poll results were broadcasted on public television at the party's headquarters in Berlin yesterday. — AFP

BERLIN: Chancellor Angela Merkel clinched a fourth term in Germany's election yesterday, but her victory was clouded by the hard-right AfD party winning its first seats in parliament. Merkel, who after 12 years in power held a double-digit lead for most of the campaign, scored around 33 percent of the vote with her conservative Christian Union (CDU/CSU) bloc, according to exit polls. Its nearest rivals, the Social Democrats and their candidate Martin Schulz, came in a distant second, with a post-war record low 20-21 percent.

But in a bombshell for the German establishment, the anti-Islam, anti-immigration Alternative for Germany (AfD) captured around 13 percent, making it the country's third biggest political force. While the likelihood of the AfD winning seats was clear for months, commentators called its strong showing a "watershed moment" in the history of the German republic.

Supporters gathered at the party headquarters in Berlin, cried out with joy as public television reported the outcome, many joining in a chorus of the German national anthem. The four-year-old nationalist party with links to the far-right French National Front and Britain's UKIP has been shunned by Germany's mainstream. It is now headed for the opposition benches of the Bundestag lower house, dramatically boosting its visibility and state financing.

Alarmed by the prospect of what Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel branded "real Nazis" entering the Bundestag for the first time since World War II, the candidates had used their final days of campaigning to implore voters to reject the populists.

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BEIRUT: A Lebanese Kurd takes a selfie with a portrait of Kurdish regional president Massoud Barzani during a demonstration in Beirut's Martyrs Square in support of the referendum vote. — AFP

# IRAN HALTS FLIGHTS TO KURDISH REGION, LAUNCHES WARGAMES

# KURDS HOLD INDEPENDENCE VOTE

**DUBAI:** Iran halted flights to and from Kurdish regions in northern Iraq yesterday in retaliation to a plan by the autonomous Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) to hold a referendum on independence. It also started wargames at the Kurdish border. The air embargo is the first concrete retaliatory measure against today's Kurdish referendum which is rejected by the government in Baghdad and by Irag's powerful neighbors, Iran and Turkey.

Iranian authorities stopped air traffic to the international airports of Erbil and Sulaimaniya, in Iraqi Kurdistan, upon a request from Baghdad, Fars News Agency said. Tehran and Ankara fear the spread of separatism to their own Kurds. Iran also supports Shiite groups who have been ruling or holding key security and government positions in Iraq since the 2003 US-led invasion which toppled Saddam Hussein.

Turkey, meanwhile, said yesterday its aircraft launched strikes against Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) targets in northern Iraq's Gara region on Saturday after spotting militants preparing to attack Turkish military outposts on the border. "Turkey will never ever tolerate any status change or any new formations on its southern borders," Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said. "The KRG will be primarily responsible for the probable developments after this referendum.

The KRG has resisted calls to delay the

referendum by the United Nations, the United States and Britain who fear it could further destabilize the region. The vote, expected to result in a comfortable "yes" to independence, is not binding and is meant to give the KRG a legitimate mandate to negotiate the secession of the autonomous region with Baghdad and the neighboring countries.

The KRG says the vote acknowledges the Kurds' crucial contribution confronting Islamic State after it overwhelmed the Iraqi army in 2014 and seized control of a third of Iraq. Iranian State broadcaster IRIB said military drills, part of annual events held in Iran to mark the beginning of the 1980-1988 war with Iraq, were launched in the Oshnavieh border region. The war games will include artillery, armored and airborne units, it said. Clashes with Iranian Kurdish militant groups based in Iraq are fairly common in the border area.

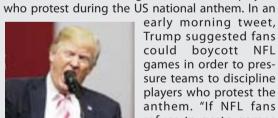
On Saturday, Turkish warplanes destroyed gun positions, caves and shelters used by PKK militants, a military statement from Ankara said. Turkey's air force frequently carries out such air strikes against the PKK in northern Iraq, where its commanders are based. Turkey's parliament voted on Saturday to extend by a year a mandate authorizing the deployment of Turkish troops in Iraq and Syria.

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# SAUDI FESTIVITIES STRESS UNITY

# TRUMP, SPORTS **WORLD FACE OFF**

**SOMERSET:** President Donald Trump renewed his spat with the sports world yesterday, again calling for National Football League owners to fire players



**President Trump** 

early morning tweet, Trump suggested fans could boycott NFL games in order to pressure teams to discipline players who protest the anthem. "If NFL fans refuse to go to games until players stop disrespecting our Flag &

Country, you will see change take place fast," Trump wrote yesterday. "Fire or suspend!"

In a second tweet, Trump said that the "league should back" fans who are upset about the protests. Trump is spending the weekend at his golf club in Bedminster, New Jersey, and held no public events on Saturday, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said Trump's first statements on the matter, which came during a political rally in Alabama on Friday, revealed an "unfortunate lack of respect" for the NFL and its players.

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**RIYADH:** Saudi Arabia is celebrating its National Day with an array of familyfriendly festivities, including allowing women to enter the main stadium in the capital, Riyadh, for the first time, to see a performance recounting the country's founding 87 years ago. The King Fahd stadium has previously been reserved for male-only crowds to watch soccer matches. The kingdom has planned sev-

eral days of festivities starting Saturday to whip up patriotism amid tensions over austerity measures, the arrest of prominent figures, a diplomatic standoff with Qatar and war in Yemen. Skyscrapers have been lit green in the color of Saudi Arabia's flag and adorned with towering images of King Salman and his son Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman, who was named heir in June. - AP



RIYADH: Saudi families arrive outside a stadium to attend an event commemorating the anniversary of the founding of the kingdom. — AFP

# BAHRAIN KING WANTS ARAB **BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL TO END**

**DUBAI:** Hosting a Los Angeles event with the son of Bahrain's king, two prominent US rabbis let something slip to those in attendance: the ruler of the island nation thinks the longtime boycott of Israel by Arab countries should end. The rabbis' revelation of the king's opinion shouldn't come as too much of a surprise, however. Arab nations slowly have inched closer to Israel in recent years, in part because both sides remain incredibly suspicious of Iran's intentions as the wars in Iraq and Syria wind down.

Bahrain may prove to be the test case for other Gulf Arab nations about coming out of the closet about their mutual interests. It also allows the kingdom, still silent about the rabbis' comments, to draw attention away from its internal crackdown on dissent, which largely targets its Shiite majority. Bahrain, an island nation off the coast of Saudi Arabia connected by a 25-kilometer causeway, long has been known as more libertine than its ultraconservative neighbor.

Its bars and nightclubs attract cross-border traffic, as well as sailors based there with the US Navy's 5th Fleet. The island also hosts a small Jewish community, whose presence occasionally makes waves. An online video last year from Bahrain during Hanukkah caused a minor stir when it showed yarmulke-wearing Jews dancing with Arabs in traditional robes and kaffiyeh headdresses. In February, Bahraini King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa hosted the two rabbis from the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, its founder Marvin Hier and associate dean Abraham Cooper.

Hier, who had just given a prayer at President Donald Trump's inauguration weeks earlier, said King Hamad brought up the Arab boycott of Israel on his own. The king "said he doesn't understand what the boycott against Israel accomplishes. He made it very, very clear. He said it emphatically," Hier told The Associated Press. "He said we have to chart a new course, one based on tolerance and dignity, and that this was very important."

Cooper, who spoke separately to the AP, offered a similar recollection. "During the course of the meeting, the king brought up his personal opposition to the Arab boycott of Israel," he said. "He brought it up. It's not an issue we did." That conversation only got mentioned publicly in the last week, when the Simon Wiesenthal Center hosted King Hamad's son, Prince Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa. While there, the prince promoted a declaration signed by the king and announced Bahrain planned to open an "interfaith dia-

logue" center in November. Bahrain's government, whose state media extensively covered Prince Nasser's visit, did not respond to requests for comment. That in itself is not surprising. The newly formed Arab League opposed the creation of Israel after World War II and opposed recognizing it following the 1967 Mideast War.

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### In **Brief**

# AVIATION SAFETY DISCUSSED

KUWAIT: Kuwait's national aviation safety committee discussed required amendments in the national aviation safety program in terms of international laws. The meeting, chaired by Director General of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah, discussed the program's recommendations and measures الإمارة العامة للطيران العملي in accordance with the laws of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), head of DGCA's technical office Saud Al-Mahroos said yesterday. —KUNA



### GOLD PRICE DROPS

KUWAIT: Gold price went down by \$23 to reach \$1,295 per ounce in last week's trading in New York New Mix market, according to Sabaek Al-Kuwait Company. It added in its weekly report yesterday that gold's price went down due to various reasons, such as the recovering US dollar and a new sentiment for bold trading among stock and bond dealers. -KUNA

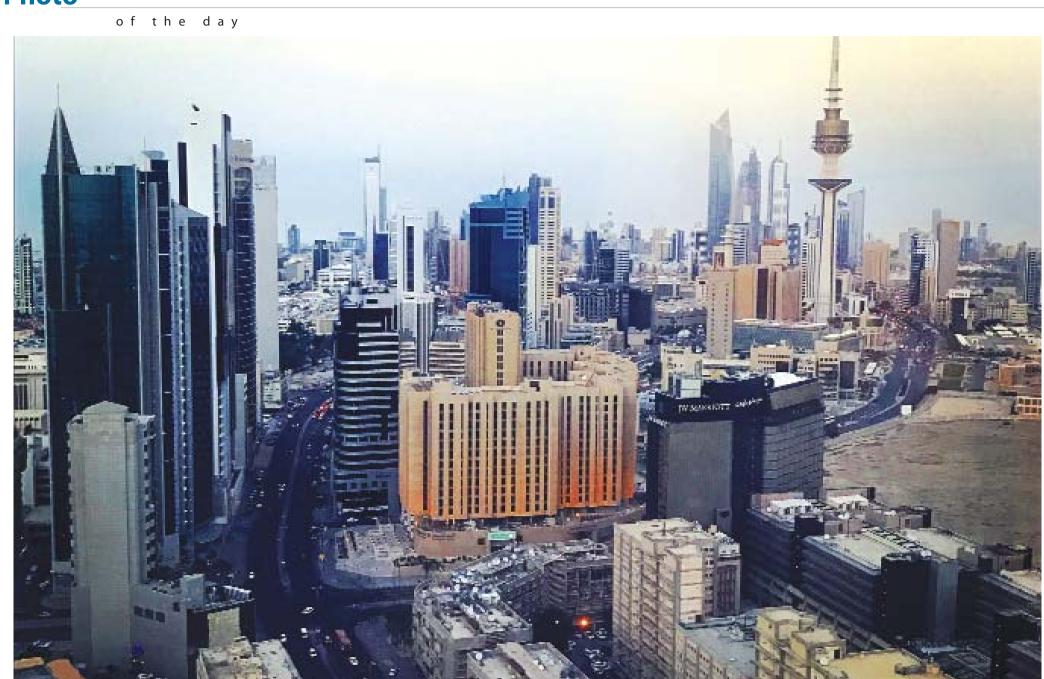


# DOLLAR UNCHANGED

KUWAIT: The US dollar's exchange rate was unchanged at KD 0.301 while the euro went down to KD 0.360, the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) said yesterday. Meanwhile, the rate of the pound Sterling dropped to KD 0.406, the same case with the Swiss franc which exchanged at KD 0.311 mark. The Japanese yen stood still at KD 0.002. — KUNA



# **Photo**



KUWAIT: Fahad Al-Salem Street, is located in downtown Kuwait City and surrounded by hotels and business towers. —KUNA photo

# Panel discusses how to succeed in new media

KUWAIT: ArabNet organized a discussion panel titled 'MediaXchange' recently at Sirdab Lab in Kuwait City. The event featured a panel on 'what it takes to succeed in new media - online content and distribution,' which discussed the proliferation of mediums and platforms that consumers can access content on, and the time spent on traditional media outlets (reading physical newspapers and watching TV) that has shrunk.

According to Nielsen, TV viewership has been decreasing internationally, down by a staggering 30 percent within some demographics. Meanwhile, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region consumes 23.5 billion hours of video content each month, according to Deloitte. The region is also considered the second largest international consumer of YouTube content globally. Consumer interest and behavior is shifting towards social media channels and on-demand content.

During the discussion panel, Bilal Mourad, Regional Connect Director - MENA, IPSOS said that people want to express themselves "and that is why the world is developing in platforms in Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and Snapchat. People want something fast." He added "Newspapers will not die in Kuwait, because the owners have their own traditional agenda they cannot change. Maybe they will

shift to digital under the fait accompli." Dana Al-Hanbali, managing partner of Beattie and Dane, said meanwhile: "We need to better understand our consumers, what they need and which channel is the best to use. I appreciate the infusers' cultures because they understand who they are talking to, and



KUWAIT: (From left) Rita Makhoul, Managing Editor of ArabNet, Dana Al-Hanbali, managing partner of Beattie and Dane, Bilal Mourad, Regional Connect Director - MENA, IPSOS and Nael Halabi, Managing Director at Vivaki Productions. —Photo by Joseph Shagra

how to reach them." Hanbali stated "I would love to talk to the media channels to discuss the best ways, but they do not want to take the risk to go on the creativity way."

# **Different types**

For Nael Halabi, Managing Director at Vivaki Productions, traditional media still do not know how to deal with different types of channels. "The common mistake that all ads do is they put the same ad in all media chan-

nels. They do not know that each media has its own purpose."

Halabi noted that social media followers want something interesting, or else content would end up being a waste of time and money. "Customers are becoming less and less attentive because of a lot of distractions in many channels. We need to know how to improve the content," he explained.

He added "It is a mistake to use the same ad from TV on YouTube, because you have five seconds to attract consumers. If the ad does The two-day conference particularly focuses not attract them, they will skip it. You need to change the story of the ad according to the media channel that you use. Social media is not a competitor; it complements traditional media to reach different people."

# Interactive media

On the sidelines of the discussion, Kuwait Times spoke with Rita Makhoul, Managing Editor of ArabNet, who also moderated the panel. Makhoul pointed out that people no longer are interested in reading 4,000 words. Instead, they want visual content, short details with videos and pictures, as well as interactive material. "We felt that there is a gap. We have done some research, so we requested to do a media exchange across the region. More importantly, this will help educate the media about how to transform from traditional to digital means. Traditional media has been suffering and we want to help and support them."

She added that ArabNet received a lot of feedback talking about financial loses affecting traditional media in the region. "But there is always a way to get better," she said. "It is all about understanding the audience better. Whether it is Kuwait, Lebanon, United Arab Emirates or Saudi Arabia, all media in those

countries are the same." Makhoul revealed that ArabNet will hold the 'Digitize Kuwait conference under the patronage of Khaled Nasser Al-Roudan, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of State for Youth Affairs, and the attendance of Sheikha Al-Zain Al-Sabah, Undersecretary of the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs. ArabNet conference will be held on October 17-18 for the second year in a row.

on the Kuwaiti and GCC ecosystem. The event will highlight the latest trends and opportunities that have emerged in recent years in Kuwait. The main speakers will be startups and entrepreneurs from the Kuwaiti ecosystem who will have the opportunity to convene and have discussions in an open and inclusive environment.

This year, ArabNet Kuwait will feature top investors highlighting their investment strategies and the market trends, and successful entrepreneurs sharing best practices for fundraising, team-building and scaling. Digital commerce is flourishing in Kuwait, with KNET processing over \$1.6 billion in online transactions in Kuwait in 2016. Banks, retailers, and service businesses are increasingly investing in digital innovation to meet consumer demands. ArabNet Kuwait will highlight the latest trends in e-retail and e-commerce including omnichannel and on-demand strategies - as well as fintech and banking innovation - including mobile banking / payments and the future of the branch.

Furthermore, two competitions will be held at ArabNet Kuwait; the Ideathon competition for entrepreneurs with innovative digital ideas that have not been built, and the Startup Battle competition for entrepreneurs with innovative digital young startups less than two years old.

This round table gathers content producers, journalists and new media professionals to discuss the diverse landscape of online (and mobile) platforms: best practices in content production and adapting to various platforms and skills needed to produce and stay-up-todate with new platforms.



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# KFH ANNOUNCES SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CALL CENTER EMPLOYEES

**KUWAIT:** KFH Group DGM - Banking Services at Kuwait Finance House Khaled Al-Subai'e said that front line desk employees are given significant care and attention. Further care is also given to customer service employees who are dealing with customers either directly through traditional channels (branches - showroom - direct sale) or via modern technology methods e.g. telephone or internet which comes as a reiteration of KFH strategy to provide customer care in various means and at various levels through highly qualified and trained employees.

Subai'e stated, during the inauguration of a training session for the new KFH recruits at call center or online service center, that accelerated technical development has made major change in the concept of online service provided. It has made them as important as other departments even though they are not in direct contact with the customers. They are one of the main pillars of KFH and therefore they had to be prepared and trained professionally to exceed customers' expectations. KFH customers prefer to use technology currently and receive service through various channels. He affirmed that KFH has taken care of both service channels including the development of technical methods



and training of employees to perform the service and provide the best possible service by using modern technology. The training program comprises 18 Kuwaiti employees.

Employees receive a package of highly distinguished

banking products and programs, details on the role of call center at banks and financial institutions and the performance and goal achievement standards and how to deal with customers.



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# **DOMESTIC WORKERS** IN KUWAIT

# **By Attorney Fajer Ahmed**

omestic workers in Kuwait can sometimes have really tough jobs. They work in large houses with big families running errands from cleaning, washing, cooking, and entertaining the children for exceptionally low salaries. We should be grateful for them, yet some people take advantage of them, or even worse, speak about them or refer to them as commodities, selling them back and forth or putting up ads referring to their domestic worker as property.

### Return

Question: I got my domestic worker more than 100 working days ago and now I am not happy with her service. She does not want to take care of my kids anymore. The office does not want to return her. What should I do?

Fajer: Let us make one thing clear: there are laws that organize the relationship between domestic workers and their employers and it is a work relationship. I understand that you have a contract with an office but your domestic helper is not an item that you have purchased. Please be nice to her. Please treat her like a human being., the same way you would want to be treated by your employer. Be considerate. As her employer, if the 100 days pass and you would like to terminate her, then you will have to face consequences. You need to give her notice and you need to make sure she returns to her home country safely or finds another job and then transfer her residency.

### First time

Question: I know that hiring a domestic worker is a responsibility and it is my first time. What advice can you give me?

Fajer: I am glad you understand that it is a responsibility. It is very important that you understand this. Here is some advice that hopeful-

1. Please make sure any domestic worker that you hire get to keep her passport.

2. I know that you might want to lock your house at all times, especially if you have kids, but make sure you do not lock domestic workers in. 3. They should not be working more than 12 hours a day, that means the other 12 hours they can do what they want.

4. They should have a day off once a week. This is the law. Please let them go where they want. 5. If your hiring them because you want them to be nannies, please

make sure they have experience and that they understand that. 6. They deserve bonuses, termination indemnity, and other monetary

I hope the above was helpful, if you have any further questions please email me at ask@fajerthelawyer.com. If you are a domestic worker in Kuwait and you are in danger, please email me.

# LAWMAKER BACKS BEDOON RIGHTS

By A Saleh

**KUWAIT:** MP Majed Al-Mutairi yesterday filed a proposed bill to protect Bedoon (stateless) people's civil and social rights, said informed sources, noting that Mutairi called for officially using the description 'Stateless' as a nationality in official documents, and granting dependents residency visas as long as their sponsors hold valid ones and as long as they were born in Kuwait. The lawmaker also asks that the government grant Bedoons civil IDs with fiveyear renewable validity by which a holder will have access to free medical treatment, free education including higher education, issue birth and death certificates and register marriage, divorce and inheritance, all types of drivers licenses, passports and travelling documents, retirement and social security, the right to choose between working for the public or private sectors and the right of land ownership.

### **Briefs from parliament**

MP Shuaib Al-Muwaizri said that many issues had been suspended during the summer vacation though many financial violations existed in various government bodies. Muwaizri also warned that the coming parliamentary term would be a 'hot' one because the executive power violations continued. He also said that the parliament should call for filing no-confidence motions against any minister with violations under his jurisdiction.

Further, Muwaizri promised to grill the minister of social affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh over issues involving the disabled, widows, coops and manpower. He also noted that he would grill the oil minister because he was 'uncooperative' and does not deserve to remain in office. "Citizen Essam Al-Mehaid recently exposed violations and thefts at the oil ministry and reported to Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's (KPC) CEO who did nothing but dismiss Mehaid himself," the lawmaker explained, adding that another citizen, Fraij Al-Fraij, was also being harassed because he refused a bribery offered by a contractor.

### Literary doctors to be investigated

Health Minister Dr Jamal Al-Harbi recently ordered the formation of a special committee to investigate the topic of doctors who had finished high school in the literary section. Kuwait's high school system is divided into two sections: literary and scientific. Having a high school degree from the scientific is a prerequisite to studying medicine according to Kuwait's academic system. Harbi also stressed that a doctor should hold a degree from an international university or a college accredited in Kuwait.

"The whole image is not yet clear and the information still needs to be verified with the ministry of higher education", he underlined. On another concern, Harbi issued decision number 367/2017 on amending article one of the ministerial decision number 466/19987 pertaining to regulating work at polyclinics as well as adjusting the authorities of clinics' managers who would be deputized for two renewable years.

### Massage parlor 'cabins' to be inspected

Kuwait Municipality's Director Ahmad Al-Manfouhi announced instructing all municipality emergency

teams to impose regulation number 87/2015 pertaining with public stores in terms of removing all doors on cabins and rooms in various spas and massage parlors. In this regard, the capital municipality emergency team leader Zaid Al-Azmi said that inspection campaigns would commence on October 1st to make sure that those doors, if any were used, matched the regulations of not exceeding the height of one meter and that they should leave a space of 50 centimeters above the ground. Al-Azmi added that violators would receive three-day notices to remove violations to avoid further penal measures and closure.

# REGISTER FOR 'GULF BANK 642 MARATHON' ON NOVEMBER 18TH

**KUWAIT:** Gulf Bank is pleased to announce registration for the 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' is now open. Register online at: www.gulfbank642marathon.com. The 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 7:00 am. We hope to see you all again this year.

No other event enables participants to tour Kuwait's beautiful landmarks in an atmosphere that is filled with energy and excitement. The event starts and ends at Soug Sharq, and the race route is on Gulf Road, passing by Souk Al-Mubarakiya, the Gulf Bank head office, the Grand Mosque, Al-Seif Palace, the National Assembly, Kuwait Towers, as well as other landmarks. We will again be coordinating with relevant authorities to close the roads to ensure the safety of the walkers and runners.

This event caters to all levels, from challenging athletes to beginners and even families, this includes four different distances/categories: Family Fun Walk/Run (5km); Soug Run for regular runners (10km); Half Marathon for more advanced runners (21km); and Kuwait's only Full Marathon (42km).

Laila Al-Qatami, Assistant General Manager for Corporate Communications at Gulf Bank said: "We are thrilled to once again be working with our partners and friends at Pro-Vision Sports Management to bring you the 2017 edition of the 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon.' Together with these young Kuwaiti entrepreneurs, we have created an event that puts Kuwait on the sporting map, as its only internationally certified marathon. Each year the

marathon also supports a cause, this year it's the Winter Emergency Campaign by UNHCR - The UN Refugee Agency, aimed at providing warmth to refugees during the winter season."

Ahmed Al-Huzami, CEO of Pro-Vision Sports Management, added: "We had a fantastic event last year, with over 70 nationalities represented at the race. In fact, many dedicated marathoners came to Kuwait from the US, Éurope, and the GCC, specifically to join the race. The 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' remains only road race in Kuwait to have three of its longer distance race categories accredited by the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS) and the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF Athletics), meaning that those races appear in the international calendar of races and serve as qualifying race for the major international marathons."

Ahmed Al-Majed, Managing Partner of Pro Vision Sport Management, stated: "When we started this marathon in 2014, we had hoped it would become an international event in Kuwait. Since establishing our partnership with Gulf Bank in 2015, we have seen the event grown exponentially and we expect this year to continue that trend. We are committed to further growing the race and to raising awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle. In fact, the number 642 represent the number of muscles in the human body, so join us on 18 November, and move those 642 muscles."

# JAHRA HOSPITAL FIGHT, A FAMILY AFFAIR

# By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: A video clip went viral on social media showing a brawl between brothers, an expat and several children in Jahra hospital, prompting response from the Interior Ministry. The Relations and Security Information Directorate General at the ministry said the video clip showing the fight was taken during a family's visit to the hospital to see their sick father. The statement noted that the fight was due to an earlier conflict between the family members. The two victims lodged a complaint at Naeem police station. Detectives are summon-

ing the third brother and his children for further legal action.

# **Inspection campaign**

Farwaniya municipality's Andalus food center carried out an inspection campaign that covered several shops and coops in Andalus and Firdous, resulting in issuing five citations.

In another incident, residency detectives arrested several domestic helpers on Visa Article 20 for suspicion of signature forgery. An Asian and an Arab confessed to handing the transactions for a citizen to issue entry visas for Bangladeshis.

# KUWAITI SURGEONS REMOVE MENINGITIC BRAIN TUMOR

**KUWAIT:** A Kuwaiti medical team has successfully removed a large meningitic tumor from the base of a patient's brain. Dr Humoud Al-Orooj, a chief surgeon at Al-Farwaniah Hospital, said in a statement yesterday that specialist Fahad Al-Asousi led the team that conducted the surgery. The patient, who suffered no complications after the operation, recovered in a short period of time, he added.

Separately, a medical team from Kuwait Cancer Control Centre (KCCC) conducted yesterday quality tests for the newest positron-emission tomography device for inspecting tumors in Advanced Care Medical Center in Dubai, the UAE. Head of Nuclear Medicine Physics Unit at Kuwait Cancer Control Centre (KCCC), Dr Mishari Al-Nuaimi, said that the Kuwaiti physicians' team are inspecting the new technological innovation in integrated tomography and positron imaging domain.

This new technique helps in diagnosing patients' diseases and illnesses and monitoring various kinds of cancers. During latest years, tendency towards using radiation and radioisotopes in curing tumors increased, Dr Nuaimi said.

Kuwaiti medical cadres have a wide experience in utilizing such modern

technologies, he affirmed. KCCC, a pioneer center in operating latest medical imaging equipment, includes a specialized department of radiology medical physics since 1982. The Kuwaiti physicians' team is a distinguished one with high qualifications as it has conducted more than 50 quality tests on the modern nuclear imaging devices in UAE, Oman and Qatar, he said.

KCCC is a comprehensive center dedicated entirely to cancer Care across the State of Kuwait. It was founded in 1968 as a governmental center affiliated to the Kuwaiti Ministry of health. It is primarily made up of the Hussain Makki Juma building for Specialized Surgery, Sheikha Badriya Al-Sabah Medical Oncology Building, Faisal Sultan Ibn Issa Diagnostic Imaging building. With over 600 highly qualified medical oncology staff, KCCC is a 200 bed hospital complex located in Shuwaikh. KCCC treats over 2,000 cancer patients each year from Kuwait and the region. It is equipped with state-of-the-art medical devices. — KUNA

# CENTRAL BANK SAYS MONEY SUPPLY DROPS 1.5% IN JULY

**KUWAIT:** The Central Bank of Kuwait \$114.5 billion). Meanwhile, local banks (CBK) said yesterday that the money supply (M2) in July was KD 35.9 billion (about \$117 billion) down by 1.5 percent as compared to June. The CBK's economic research department said in a statistical report that the private sector deposits in local banks decreased by 0.2 percent in July 2017 to KD 32 billion (\$104.6 billion). Foreign assets were down in July by seven percent standing at KD 2.2 billion (about \$7 billion), thus the private sector total deposits reached KD 34 billion (about

claims on the CBK, according to the statistical data, rose in July by 1.9 percent to KD 3 billion (about \$9.8 billion). Local banks' assets fell by 0.5 percent to KD 62.2 billion (about \$202.5 billion). Foreign assets at local banks dropped by 0.8 percent in July to KD 7.5 billion (about \$24.5 billion). Total assets at the CBK, according to the data, went down by 3.1 percent in July to KD 9.2 billion (\$30 billion), and foreign assets were also down by 2.9 percent to KD 9 billion (about \$29.4 billion). — KUNA



# 56 Kuwait Times Anniversary Gelebrations



Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel and Spa's Marketing Executive Hala Al-Awadhi, Account Manager (Action Group) Laila Al-Tarawneh and Senior Account Executive (Action Group) Ayah Joudeh meet with Kuwait Times Deputy General Manager Adnan Saad.



Marina Hotel's Director of Sales Wissam Injbar and Asdaa's Account Executive Maisaa Thaher present a cake to Kuwait Times.



Flowers from Asdaa Burson — Marsteller.



Flowers from MEC.



Maki Restaurant's Operations Manager Toufic Salloum and Marketing Business Development Coordinator Abdelhak Mehdi present a gift to Kuwait Times Deputy General Manager Adnan Saad.



Sheraton Hotel's Public Relations Manager Mazen Mohanna presents a cake to Kuwait Times.



Inn & Go Hotel's Resident Manager Michael Nielsen and Assistant Event Sales Manager Lailany Juelar present a cake to Kuwait Times.



KUWAIT: Flowers presented by Minister of Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Information Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah.

— Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat and Joseph Shagra



Flowers presented by the Information Ministry's Undersecretary Tariq Al-Mezrem.



Flowers from Al-Anbaa newspaper.

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# AS SWEET **AS HONEY**

By Hassan Al-Essa

orruption is sweet and that is why we like it, but, please do not get used to its sweetness," said Pope Francis in Nairobi in 2015 as quoted by Robert Rotberg on the interface of his book 'The Corruption Cure.' I believe that in Kuwait and in other friendly countries where one can be jailed or fined for expressing an opinion or uttering words of criticism, we suffer from being addicted to the sweetness of corruption. Many of us get used to it and those who reject such sweetness suffer from psychological

If you wish to do a transaction at any government facility, the majority of which are dominated by corruption, you need to think of a relative or a friend who is capable of facilitating the process for you. For instance, if you want to renew your passport and avoid long queues or waiting for hours just to be rejected, those with connections have their transactions quickly tended to without waiting.

A low-ranking officer might also scold you for wearing wrong attire to a public facility. It is better to have connections to avoid such unjustified sufferings because of minor forms of corruption which is

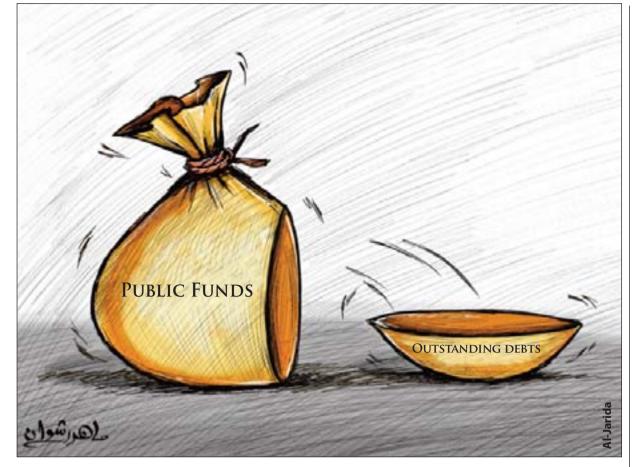
# The key to combating corruption lies in the hands of decision-makers

painful for one's dignity and undermines the law. Such corrupt clerks may unlawfully accept or reject transactions or custom-tailored billions-worth tenders to fit certain groups.

The key to combating corruption lies in the hands of decision-makers, their will and realization of its danger. The continuation of corruption at the current pace will accelerate the end of the state's age, drain out its assets and financial resources, promote a sense of bitterness, lack of justice and create despair within a community that has realized the futility of fighting the powers of corruption. This will all pave the way for terrorism and the states' doom's day; something that reminds me of Somalia.

An independent judiciary is also one of the most important counter-corruption measures. Like many African countries, Kenya has also suffered from a lot of corruption. Yet, the Kenyan supreme court deemed the recent presidential elections void, which was a very bold step by the judges who refused to yield before the dominating powers. Judiciary independence is not achieved by idle legislations. It is a tough task in many developing countries to protect the judiciary from being affected by politics.

— Translated by Kuwait Times



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# VERBAL PUBLICITY

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By Thaar Al-Rasheedi

urveying public opinion is not an easy task, especially when tackling constituents' and voters' satisfaction with the performance of their representatives in parliaments. What makes things even harder for surveyors is the chaos on various social media networks that have become accessible for anybody to market themselves so easily. However, despite such propaganda disturbance, conventional methods can also be used to get accurate

public opinion surveys. For me, I believe the best way is to do surveys through diwaniya gatherings and the opinions of youth and influential figures about certain lawmakers.

I did a survey on how far the fourth constituency voters are satisfied with their MPs' performance regardless of digital media's

fuss and bother. I found out that at least 60 percent of those lawmakers would be replaced in any coming elections, and I believe this applies for other constituencies because many of the MPs have completely and unjustifiably changed over the past few months compared to how they performed when they commenced their first term, namely on discussing budgets. They have now shifted

political orientation on so many issues.

Back to the fourth constituency, this led to a great deal of dissatisfaction towards MPs in general and towards a certain one in particular. During the survey, I heard comments like: "That is not the lawmaker we voted for." "He is not what we thought he would be," and "he changed by 180 degrees compared to what he had called for during electoral seminars" that are usually known as 'verbal publicity.'

> Some MPs have failed to keep the promises they had made to their supporters which happened because of their own practices or those of their secre-

tarial staff members or representatives. Those MPs ought to know that verbal publicity and gossip among people are much stronger than their paid propaganda campaigns. Accordingly, I would like to advice some MPs to adjust

their performance and win more public support and satisfaction in case of the occurrence of near elections before concluding their tenures, which is so likely to happen. — Translated by Kuwait Times

**Crime** 

Report

### DRUGS FOUND **IN FARWANIYA**

KUWAIT: Two Egyptians were sent to the Drugs Control General Department after being caught with various drugs. A police patrol in Farwaniya stopped a car driven by an Egyptian man and upon conducting a search, two bags of shabu, the local term for meth, and eight tablets of Tramadol were found. The same patrol noticed another expat walking in an open area suspiciously. They stopped the man and searched him and found a stick of hashish and a used joint. The man was arrested.

### **Policewoman arrested**

A policewoman was arrested at a check point, as she was discovered to be wanted on financial case. She was sent to concerned authorities.

## **Girl missing**

A citizen's daughter went missing after she went out with a friend for dinner. She asked the friend to leave her walking alone for a while, and she was having a phone conversation, then hung up all of a sudden and disappeared. The friend told the girl's mother who informed police.

— Translated from the Arabic press

### **EXPATS HEALTH INSURANCE COVERS SEVEN BASIC SERVICES**

**KUWAIT:** High ranking legal source said that law number 1/1999 regarding health insurance for foreigners, which stipulates imposing fees for health services, indicates that health services should be presented under the health insurance and assurance systems based on the rules of this law, in a way that does not contradict Islamic sharia.

The sources said that Article 3 of the law mentioned that insurance companies must present the health insurance services according to conditions and rules put forth by the health ministry, which are born by employers according to the law. These basic health services:

- Medical examination and necessary medication in clinics with general practitioner and specialists.
- · Laboratory and x-ray tests.
- Surgical procedures except for cosmetic surgeries. · Treatment and medicine costs.
- Staying in hospitals under normal circumstances and emergencies.
- Ordinary dental treatment.
- · Medicines.

Furthermore, the law said: The foreigner can insure other additional and elective health services for additional charges, while the health minister can, according to Article 11, impose fees on foreigners for health services presented by the health ministry one month after this law becomes effective. — Al-Anbaa

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# SABAH AL-AHMAD HERITAGE VILLAGE PREPARES FOR DECEMBER FESTIVAL

**KUWAIT:** Sabah Al-Ahmad Heritage Village continues to prepare for holding the National Heritage Festival early December, said the village's supervisor Mohammad Daifallah Sharar. The festival will include competitions for camels, birds, horses and sheep, Sharar, also Amiri Diwan Advisor, said yesterday. He added that registration for these competitions will begin mid November until the festival's launch. The village will have new attractions this season, including an old Kuwaiti town with all details, the old walls of Kuwait and extra seating areas for visitors, he said. Meanwhile, the official noted that the village also contains a large theater to host folkloric ceremonies and events, as well as a large children's playground with old and modern entertainment equipment. It also includes restaurants, coffee shops, children's cinema, green spaces, lakes, a hotel and folkloric museums, said Sharar. — KUNA

# INTERIOR DENIES TORTURE REPORTS

**KUWAIT:** The Ministry of Interior issued a statement yesterday denying reports circulated on the social media in Kuwait about the torture of an alleged criminal while handcuffed, describing such news as "baseless and lack credibility". A statement by the Ministry's General Directorate of Relations and Security Media said that what was published in the social media about the accused, charged for forgery and drugs possession and sentenced for 10 years in prison, were "not true". The criminal himself spread the photo on the social media with the help of the second accused, who was an officer in the Ministry of Interior and was sentenced to five years in prison. The defendant is the one who published those distorted images after escaping from the courtroom while the case was being probed. The Ministry denied that the accused was subject to any form of violence during the arrest.

# 'CULTURE CAN BRING ARAB STATES CLOSER'



Candidate for the presidency of the **Arab League Educational, Cultural** and Scientific Organization (ALEC-SO) Saud Al-Harbi.

**KUWAIT:** Culture can bring Arab countries closer to unify their views on vital issues, said Kuwaiti candidate for the presidency of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO). Saud Al-Harbi affirmed yesterday his desire to boost the work of ALECSO in protecting the Arab culture and identity and the Arabic language. He noted that he and Lebanese Minister of Culture Ghattas Khoury discussed cultural challenges in the Arab World. He added that Lebanon had largely enriched Arab culture through dictionaries, magazines, books and research.

Lebanon's representative in ALECSO's executive council Mohammad Farchoukh said that minister Khoury expressed his appreciation for Kuwait's funding of several cultural projects in Lebanon. He added that he had met with Lebanese officials to determine his country's stance on supporting the Kuwaiti candidate. Al-Harbi is currently the assistant undersecretary for curriculums and research at the Ministry of Education. ALECSO was established in 1970 under the Arab League. The organization aims to boost education and culture in the Arab World. — KUNA

# AL-NAJAT SOCIETY ASPIRES FOR INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

**NEW YORK:** Kuwait's Al-Najat Charity Society aspires to be among the humanitarian organizations recognized by the UN to enable it contribute to global humanitarian plans, visions and strategies, a society official said. Dr Jaber Al-Wanda, Al-Najat Deputy Director General, said engagement of Kuwait charitable organizations with their international counterparts helped the formers promote their humanitarian action in a transparent and institutionalized manner.

Al-Najat, one of Kuwait's oldest civil charitable societies, has many partnerships with American humanitarian organizations and is looking forward to expand this partnerships to international organizations, Al-Wanda said. Al-Wanda is in New York to participate in activities related to the UN sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2015-30. He said Kuwaiti laws that organized humanitarian and charitable action were among the oldest in the region, but participation in international meetings "helps us to gain expertise that contribute to the development of laws and regulations in the State of Kuwait."

Al-Wanda said Kuwait's humanitarian and charitable societies were facing growing responsibilities now after the UN honoring of Kuwait as a Humanitarian Center and His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as the Humanitarian Leader. "This makes the (Kuwaiti) societies work constantly on developing their performance and operations to be internationally recognized," he said. Al-Najat, said Al-Wanda, participated in a number of UNGA sideline activities with the objectives of achieving the SDGs, which aimed at addressing poverty, improvement of education and health services, fighting extremism and extremist ideologies.

The society presented some recommendations and plans it believed would improve the global humanitarian action. "Our participation aims at benefiting from international expertise in order to place a roadmap and an action plan contribute to helping the needy at a larger scale," he added. Al-Wanda called on Kuwait's non-governmental charitable societies to participate in international humanitarian events to benefit from them. — KUNA



# International

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MEXICO CITY: Two Argentinian rescue workers take a break with their sniffer dogs while participating in the search for survivors at a flattened building. — AFP

# MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS AID QUAKE VICTIMS

# TOUCHED FROM AFAR AND DESPERATE TO PROVIDE HELP

**LAS VEGAS:** When Luis Ramirez finally reached his mother after the powerful Mexico earthquake, he learned her home was so badly damaged that it had to be demolished. He considered getting on a plane from New York to help her find a new home, but it was too risky now that the program that has been shielding him from deportation is being phased out. He tried to send money, but the usual courier that he uses shut down because of the damage from the 7.1-magnitude quake in his home state of Morelos. "The situation is eating me alive because you can't do anything," he said about sending help to his mother from New York City.

The earthquake that killed nearly 300 people and destroyed dozens of buildings in Mexico set off a frantic response in communities around the U.S. as people desperately try to connect with their loved ones, figure out ways to send emergency help, money and goods as well as raise funds for smaller towns around the capital they say are receiving less help from the government. Those in the country illegally wish they could travel to help their loved ones cope with the aftermath but are afraid they wouldn't be able to return.

"We saw people desperately trying to connect with their families. Lines were down. They couldn't think of other ways to find their relatives," said Ana Flores, who heads an office for the Mexican state of Puebla in Passaic, New Jersey. "We have gone through all of the feelings from anxiety, to anguish and now trying to find all the support we can."

# One blow after the other

Traditionally a month of parties for Mexicans who celebrate the country's independence from Spain, September has dealt one blow after another. It started with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in Houston, which has the third-largest population of Mexicans in the US Then on Sept 5, President Donald Trump announced his decision to phase out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that shielded from deportation nearly 800,000 immigrants - the great majority from Mexico - brought to the US as children. Another earthquake struck in Mexico's southern coast on Sept 7, killing at least 90 people.

Tuesday's earthquake has Mexicans in the US glued to their televisions and their phones trying to get specific news from their local towns to help their families. Monica Dominguez, who lives in Huntington Beach, California, had been calling childhood friends who now work for Mexico's Civil Protection trying to pull strings to move the construction rubble from her grandparents' home in the town of Yautepec south of Mexico City so her family can go out to the street. The old house where she lived when she was 5 collapsed when the wooden beams cracked, leaving it in ruins.

"All they were able to get out of there were some couches where they have been sleeping in the back. They have power but they are running out of food," she said. "There are so many of us with similar stories of suffering." In Las Vegas, Luis Ramon Corona-Rizo is helping collect funds among friends and hosting a car wash to raise money to send back home. Corona-Rizo says his parents and sister survived the quake and offered to use the money he sends to buy medicines and take them to a collection center. "A lot of people don't trust the government in Mexico, so I'm

going to send the money to my family," he said.

A grocery store chain in Las Vegas that caters to the area's Hispanic community is also hosting a fundraiser this weekend at one of its shops where it will have local bands and sell tacos and donate proceeds to the Mexican Red Cross. In Miami, a group is hosting a Day of the Dead arts and crafts event for families and sending money from ticket sales to the Topos, a group of rescue workers who emerged after the 1985 earthquake killed thousands in Mexico. In San Diego, the chambers of commerce in the San Ysidro and Otay Mesa border communities launched a drive to collect donated goods and fly them to Mexico City on a private plane. The Mexican customs agency is waiving duties.

# Struck by horror

"Many of our employees have relatives and friends who were affected by the earthquake," said Ruben Anaya, chief operations officer of Mariana's Supermarkets in Las Vegas. "It is our duty as human beings to help when tragedies like the one that just happened in Mexico occur. Many of the videos we've watched are horrible."

The quake happened around the same time as Hurricane Maria ravaged Puerto Rico, and Mexican immigrants are joining efforts in places such as New York City where Puerto Ricans are also in distress. Both Univision and Telemundo broadcasters are also producing television specials this weekend with actors, singers and news anchors to help raise funds for those affected by the earthquake and hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.

For immigrants like Ramirez, sending money is a race against time. His mother is confined to a room on her property that - unlike her home - the authorities have not condemned. Her poor health makes it impossible for her to wait in line for relief services, so Ramirez is hoping to send her money via wire transfer from his savings so she can get food and supplies at the store and find a new place to live, but so far it hasn't been easy. "She waited five hours at this place with so many other people waiting for money transfers to help them get by, only to hear that the funds could not go through," he said. "She went back home emptyhanded and crying." — AP

# FIGHTER JETS, DRONES ON TABLE AS MATTIS VISITS KEY ALLY INDIA

**NEW DELHI:** Fighter jets, drone deals and shared concerns over Afghanistan's security look set to dominate the agenda when US Defense Secretary James Mattis visits India this week. Mattis is scheduled to arrive later today and is set to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his new defense minister, in the first visit by a top US official since Donald Trump became president in January. "The United States views India as a valued and influential partner, with broad mutual interests extending well beyond South Asia," a Pentagon statement said.

Trump and Modi met in June in Washington and the visit by Mattis is a sign "the political leadership in both countries place defense cooperation as a top priority", Mukesh Aghi, president of the US India Strategic Partnership Forum, told AFP. Delhi and Washington share concerns about Afghanistan, with Trump announcing a new strategy for the war-torn country last month which cleared the way for the deployment of thousands more

The president has urged India to increase assistance to Afghanistan's economy, and has lambasted Delhi's archrival Pakistan for offering safe haven to "agents of chaos". Mattis "will express US appreciation for India's important contributions toward Afghanistan's democracy, stability, prosperity, and security", the Pentagon said.

Experts are not expecting any Indian boots on the ground, though there may be some role for Indian military expertise in supporting the US-led training and advisory mission with Afghan security forces. India has long vied with Pakistan for influence in Afghanistan, building dams, roads and a new parliament in the troubled country. Last year it offered some \$1 billion in aid. Delhi frequently accuses Islamabad of stirring up violence in Afghanistan and harboring militant groups.

# Arms sales

In 2016 the United States designated India a "Major Defence Partner" with the aim of increasing military cooperation and cutting red tape to ease defense deals. Mattis's predecessor Ashton Carter pushed hard for stronger defense ties and the Trump administration has not signaled any intention of changing course on this.

Trump has praised India for contributing to regional peace and stability and for buying US military equipment. Mattis is likely to seek to persuade India to buy Lockheed



US Defense Secretary James Mattis

Martin's F-16 Block 70 aircraft in a deal potentially worth \$15 billion. Lockheed Martin has offered the most upgraded version of the jet fighter to India, the world's largest weapons importer.

The US manufacturer is competing with Swedish defense giant Saab, whose Gripen E made its maiden flight in June. India has said it needs at least 100 single-engine fighters to counter the growing air threat posed by China and Pakistan. Saab and Lockheed have both offered to build the jets locally to comply with Modi's "Make-in-India" initiative, which aims to cut imports and build a domestic defense industry.

US giant Boeing has also offered to set up a plant in India for production of its F/A 18 Super Hornet aircraft if it wins a deal. A drone deal for the Indian Navy will also likely be up for discussion, a source familiar with the negotiations told AFP. "Since Chinese assets have started to dominate the Indian Ocean region, the Trump administration is keen on fast-tracking the acquisition of the drones," the source said. Many commentators have said that US-India cooperation is crucial to countering an increasingly assertive China, which has been developing its military capabilities in the Asia-Pacific. But Afghanistan will be front and centre when Mattis meets Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who will host her highest-level foreign delegation since being appointed earlier this month. The visit comes as the Indian army takes part in a twoweek joint military training exercise in the United States to forge closer ties on counter-insurgency, regional security operations and peacekeeping. — AFP



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GX460	2016	Sleek Ecru ME	Beige	20,698	15,999
GX460	2016	Starlight Black GF	Beige	24,633	16,000
LX570	2015	Sleek Ecru ME	Beige	24,696	18,995
LX570	2015	Sleek Ecru ME	Beige	35,655	18,995
LX570	2015	Sleek Ecru ME	Beige	37,609	18,995
LX570	2015	Platinum Silver ME	Beige	15,201	19,750
LX570	2015	Sleek Ecru ME	Beige	16,814	18,995
LX570	2015	Mercury Gray MC	Beige	38,775	18,995
LX570	2016	Sonic Titanium	Beige	51,135	28,750
LX570	2016	White Pearl CS	Beige	31,500	25,750
RX350	2015	Starlight Black GF	Tan	43,288	11,995
RX350	2015	White Pearl CS	Tan	48,554	11,995
RX350	2015	Fire Agate M.M	Beige	72,855	11,995
RX450	2015	White Pearl CS	Black	32,211	13,750
RX450	2015	Mercury Gray MC	Black	39,816	13,750

# LEXUS SEDAN MODELS

	MINIODELS				
MODEL	YEAR /	EXT. COLOR	/ INT. COLOR	KM /	PRICEKD
ES250	2015	Platinum Silver ME	Biege	42,483	9,995
ES250	2015	White Pearl CS	Biege	45,629	9,995
ES250	2016	Sonic Titanium	Clove (Wood Brown)	31,615	11,750
ES350	2016	Mercury Gray MC	Clove (Wood Brown)	20,027	13,599
ES350	2016	Graphite Black GF	Clove (Wood Brown)	17,544	13,995
ES350	2016	Sonic Quartz	Clove (Wood Brown)	22,861	13,995
IS200t	2016	Madder Red	Clove (Wood Brown)	0	11,495
GS450h	2015	Sonic Titanium	Saddle Tan	28,901	13,999
GS450h	2015	White Nova GF	Saddle Tan	26,357	13,999
GS450h	2015	Starlight Black GF	Saddle Tan	36,143	13,999
LS460	2015	Mercury Gray MC	Biege	38,324	16,995
LS460	2016	Sonic Quartz	Biege	26,618	18,995
LS460	2016	Fire Agate M.M	Biege	28,431	20,995
LS460	2016	Mercury Gray MC	Biege	0	24,995
LS600h	2015	Sonic Titanium	Biege	11,851	25,999



in brief

# FROM SLUMS TO SENATOR: ROMA WOMAN AIMS HIGH

L'ŒLE-SAINT-DENIS: Anina Ciuciu, a Her accountant father, mother and and they resorted to begging. One day "Je Suis Tzigane et Je le Reste" which 27-year-old law student who once begged for centimes, vying to become France's first Roma senator yesterday. Ciuciu says she wants to "pave the way" for other Roma, a minority who have long been marginalized in France where some 20,000 of them live in hundreds of shantytowns around the country. "I was a beggar, I was constantly humiliated," Ciuciu told AFP. "My story shows that anything is possible."

Ciuciu was seven when she and her family left post-Communist Romania at the height of an economic crisis. their three daughters crossed the former Yugoslavia on foot at a time when the fields were still strewn with mines laid during the Balkan wars, eventually making it to Rome. "We risked our lives like today's migrants are doing," Ciuciu said.

The family endured six months in squalid conditions in a huge refugee camp on the outskirts of Rome before heading to France. "My father wanted to give us a future in the land of human rights," said Ciuciu, who has waist-long curly dark hair. But in France, the family was refused asylum,

in Bourg-en-Bresse, a town near the eastern city of Lyon, an encounter with a schoolteacher changed the course of their lives. Jacqueline de la Fontaine took them under her wing, helping them to fulfil their dream of enrolling the girls in school. Ciuciu, described by the teacher as determined and gifted, learned French and graduated from high school with top marks, before entering Paris's prestigious Sorbonne university to study law.

### Not a token

In 2013, she wrote a book called:

loosely translates as "I'm a gypsy for good" in a move that she says helped her obtain French nationality. So far, she is the only member of her family

If elected, she says she does not want to be "the token Roma" in the French Senate but a symbol. "It would be historic for a young French woman of Roma origin to be elected, especially in the Senate, which is mostly made up of men and where the average age is 64!"

A total of 171 of the 348 seats are up grabs in the yesterday's ballot

when elected lawmakers — parliamentarians, mayors, local councilors cast ballots for the upper house. But Ciuciu's chances of winning are thought to be slim as she is a candidate for the small leftist Notre Avenir (Our Future) party, and larger parties hold the advantage.

Pierre Chopinaud, who heads Roma advocacy group Voix des Rroms, said Ciuciu's candidacy was "very late" for France, noting that there are already Roma lawmakers in central European countries and in Sweden. "But it is the beginning of something," he said. —AFP

News

# VATICAN FORCED TO EXPEL CHIEF AUDITOR FOR SPYING

# LATEST SCANDAL TO EMBROIL THE CENTURIES-OLD INSTITUTION

**ROME:** The Vatican said yesterday it had been forced to oust its former auditor general-who resigned without explanation in June — because he had been spying on senior officials. In the latest scandal to embroil the centuries-old institution, Libero Milone had accused the Vatican of getting rid of him because his investigations into possible illegal activity had hit too close to home.

Just hours after the story broke, the Vatican issued a furious response. "Milone's office illegally appointed an external company to carry out investigations into the private lives of members of the Holy See," it said in a statement. It is very rare for the secretive seat of the Roman Catholic Church to comment in public about internal affairs.

Milone had given an interview published earlier Sunday to four media outlets including Italy's Corriere della Sera daily in which he said: "I did not voluntarily resign. I was threatened with arrest". The auditing wizard, who spent much of his career with the audit firm Deloitte & Touche and was hired to much fanfare in 2015, said high-ranking figures in the Vatican wanted to scupper Pope Francis's financial reform efforts.

"I feel very sorry for the pope. I had a splendid, indescribable relationship with him, but over the last 18 months they stopped me seeing him. Obviously they didn't want me telling him about some of the things I'd seen," he said. While he said a non-disclosure agreement prevented him from giving details of the irregularities he uncovered, his troubles began when he hired an outside firm to check whether the computers of his team had been bugged. That was the company the Vatican believes was spying for Milone. "They accused me of having improperly looked for information on Vatican members. I found out they had been investigating me for seven months," he added. "I was only doing my job".

# 'Trust broken'

When he was hired, Vatican officials said Milone would be "completely independent" and would have the power to



VATICAN CITY: Faithful and pilgrims crowd St Peter's Square at the Vatican during the Angelus noon prayer led by Pope Francis. —AP

look through the books of every department in the tiny city state, reporting only to the pope. But the Vatican said Sunday that not only had Milone broken an agreement for both parties to remain quiet about his dismissal, he had been acting like a secret agent in the tiny city state. "The job of the auditor general is to analyse the balance sheets and accounts of the Holy See and connected bodies.

"It turns out unfortunately that the office led by Milone, going outside its jurisdiction, illegally appointed an external company to carry out investigations into the private lives of members of the Holy See. "As well as being a crime, this irreparably damaged the trust placed in Milone who, when confronted with his responsibilities, accepted freely to hand in his resignation," it said.

Pope Francis was elected in 2013 on a mandate to clean up the Vatican, including its financial house. Accelerating moves started under his predecessor Benedict XVI, he streamlined the Vatican bureaucracy and brought 21stcentury auditing to the Holy See's tainted banking system. But it has struggled to shake off the whiff of scandal. The Vatican's bank, known as the Institute of Religious Works (IOR), became notorious after the 1982 death of Italian banker Roberto Calvi, whose corpse was discovered hanging from Blackfriars Bridge in London. Prosecutors believe it was a mafia killing linked to money laundering via the Vatican bank. —AFP



began moving into Puerto Rico on Saturday, welcomed by local officials who praised the Trump administration's response but called for the emergency loosening of rules long blamed for condemning the US territory to second-class status. În northwest Puerto Rico, people began returning to their homes after a spillway eased pressure on a dam that cracked after more than a foot of rain fell in the wake of the hurricane. The opening of the island's main port in the capital allowed 11 ships to bring in 1.6 million gallons of water, 23,000 cots, dozens of generators and food. Dozens more shipments are expected in upcoming days.

The federal aid effort is racing to stem a growing humanitarian crisis in towns left without fresh water, fuel, electricity or phone service. Officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is in charge of the relief effort, said they would take satellite phones to all of Puerto Rico's towns and cities, more than half of which were cut off following Maria's devastating crossing of Puerto Rico on Wednesday.

# Sorry shape

The island's infrastructure was in sorry shape long before Maria struck. A \$73 billion debt crisis has left agencies like the state power company broke. As a result the power company abandoned most basic maintenance in recent years, leaving the island subject to regular blackouts. A federal control board overseeing Puerto Rico's finances authorized up to \$1 billion in local funds to be used for hurricane response,

and other mechanisms so Puerto Rico can respond to this crisis," he said. "Puerto Rico will practically collect no taxes in the next month." US Rep. Nydia Velazquez of New York said she will request a one-year waiver from the Jones Act, a federal law blamed for driving up prices on Puerto Rico by requiring cargo shipments there to move only on US vessels as a means of supporting the US maritime industry.

"We will use all our resources," Velazquez said. "We need to make Puerto Rico whole again. These are American citizens." A group of anxious mayors arrived in the capital to meet with Rossello to present a long list of items they urgently need. The north coastal town of Manati had run out of fuel and fresh water, Mayor Jose Sanchez Gonzalez said. "Hysteria is starting to spread. The hospital is about to collapse. It's at capacity," he said, crying. "We need someone to help us immediately." The death toll from Maria in Puerto Rico was at least 10, including two police officers who drowned in floodwaters in the western town of Aguada. That number was expected to climb as officials from remote towns continued to check in with officials in San Juan.

Authorities in the town of Vega Alta on the north coast said they had been unable to reach an entire neighborhood called Fatima, and were particularly worried about residents of a nursing home. "I need to get there today," Mayor Oscar Santiago told The Associated Press. "Not tomorrow, today." Rossello said Maria would clearly cost more than the last major storm to wallop the island, Hurricane George in September 1998. —AP



CAROLINA: Ricardo Gonzalez sits on a gas container with his uncle Miguel Colon as hundreds of people wait in line since early morning hours to buy gasoline three days after the impact of Hurricane Maria. —AP

mark the founding of the kingdom. The ballistic missile targeted Khamis Mushait, which houses the Saudi-led coalition's main airbase for its operations in Yemen, the official Saudi Press Agency quoted the coalition as saying. It added that the missile was intercepted without casualties or damage. "The Saudi Royal Air Force discovered the launch of a ballistic missile from within Yemeni territory," SPA said. "The coalition forces then targeted the launch site." The attack came as Saudi Arabia celebrated its national day across the kingdom.

Saudi army intercepts Yemen rebel missile RIYADH: A Yemen rebel missile heading towards Saudi Arabia was intercepted late Saturday, the Arab military coalition said, in the midst of nationwide celebrations to

### 6 injured in suspected acid attack in London

LONDON: A suspected acid attack in east London injured six people, police said yesterday adding that they had arrested a 15-year-old male. Police were called late Saturday to the Stratford Centre near London's Olympic Stadium after a noxious substance was sprayed during an argument between two groups of males. They said the incident was not terror related. There were 431 acid attacks in London last year, 398 of which were carried out in Stratford's borough of Newham. Police said "the injuries sustained were not "life-threatening or life-changing". "We are working with the Home Office to explore possible restrictions around the sale of corrosive substances in conjunction with retailers and manufacturers."

### Sudan student condemned to hang for killing of policeman

KHARTOUM: A court in Sudan yesterday sentenced a university student to death after convicting him of killing a policeman during protests in the capital last year, a defense lawyer said. Asim Omer, who was studying at Khartoum University, was arrested in December 2016 and charged with killing the policeman after hundreds of students clashed with security forces at the campus on the banks of the Blue Nile in April of that year. Last month, the court found Omer guilty, and yesterday sentenced him to be hanged. "The judge sentenced Asim Omer to be hanged to death after finding him guilty of killing a policeman," defense lawyer Mohamed Arabi told AFP, adding that he would appeal.

### Egypt jails 14 over stadium stampede

CAIRO: An Egyptian court jailed two people for life yesterday and 12 to between two and 10 years over violence that led to a deadly football stadium stampede in Cairo. At least 19 people died in the disaster after police fired tear gas at fans who tried to push their way into the stadium in February 2015. The defendants faced charges including murder, thuggery and vandalism, and were accused of clashing with police, leading to the stampede. Two received life sentences, three were given 10 years, five got seven years, three were jailed for three years each and one received a two-year sentence. Two people were acquitted.

### Panel falls from aircraft, smashes into car in Japan

**TOKYO:** A panel weighing 4.3 kilograms fell from a plane shortly after take-off from a Japanese airport and smashed the window of a car being driven below, news reports and the airline said yesterday. No one was injured but aviation authorities will send safety inspectors to the western city of Osaka to investigate, said national broadcaster NHK. The piece fell on the vehicle shortly after the KLM Royal Dutch Airlines Boeing 777 with 321 passengers on board took off from Kansai International Airport bound for Amsterdam on Saturday. The panel damaged the car's roof and broke its rear window, NHK said. It is believed to have fallen at an altitude of 2,400 meters or higher.

### Israel culture minister wants probe of Arab filmmaker

JERUSALEM: Israel's culture minister asked the attorney general yesterday to order the investigation of a prominent Arab Israeli filmmaker who spoke out against the Jewish state during a visit to Lebanon. Mohammed Bakri, who is in Lebanon as part of the "Palestine Days" cultural festival, reportedly said over the weekend that "normalization with the Zionist enemy is treason, and the debate surrounding it is disgraceful and totally unacceptable". Bakri called his presence in Lebanon, which is officially in a state of war with Israel, "a victory over (Israel's) racist laws", in remarks carried by the Lebanese newspaper Al Akhbar.

### Kabul suicide attack on NATO convoy wounds

KABUL: A suicide bomber targeting a NATO convoy wounded three Afghan civilians in Kabul yesterday morning without causing casualties among Danish troops on board, officials said. The Taleban claimed responsibility for the bombing in the west of the Afghan capital. "Around 11:02 am, a suicide car bomber detonated himself, targeted a convoy of foreign forces near Afshar neighborhood of Kabul city," Najib Danish, interior ministry spokesman, told AFP. "Unfortunately as a result of the attack, three Afghan civilians were wounded." Bill Salvin, a spokesman for NATO's Resolute Support train and assist mission, confirmed the attack had targeted a military convoy. — Agencies



PARIS: A demonstrator tries to prevent a group of balaclava-clad people from trying to take over a stage platform during a protest by La France Insoumise (LFI) leftist party parliamentary group over the French government's labor reforms. —AFP

# FRENCH SENATE ELECTIONS COULD MACRON'S 1ST ELECTORAL SETBACK

PARIS: Emmanuel Macron could suffer his the Senate, dominated by conservatives first electoral setback in Senate elections yesterday that follow a sharp slide in the young French leader's approval ratings. Macron enjoyed only the shortest of honeymoons after storming to power in May, with a series of communication and policy missteps blamed for a plunge in ratings to around 40 percent. That however improved to 45 percent this month, according to two surveys published yesterday.

While poor results in yesterday's vote would do little to stop the 39-year-old centrist from governing, they could potentially complicate his plans to push through constitutional reforms. Half of the seats in the upper house are up for grabs in the indirect election, in which only elected lawmakers parliamentarians, mayors, local councilors - can vote. And while Macron's Republic on the Move (Le Republique En Marche, or LREM) party enjoyed a remarkable rise — it won a landslide in the lower house in June, just 14 months after he founded it — it has lost some momentum since. "The election which hassles Macron," the

Journal du Dimanche weekly said. "The En Marche hurricane has not been at Category Five for a long time," said Philippe Raynaud, political science professor at Pantheon-Assas university, riffing on the storms that have been buffeting the Caribbean lately. And three mass protests in a matter of weeks in Paris have drawn tens of thousands to the streets to demonstrate against Macron's proposed labour reforms.

Government spokesman Christophe Castaner said last week the party was "not expecting a landslide". But where LREM succeeded in smashing the decades-old dominance of the right and left in the lower house National Assembly, analysts predict since 2014, will continue to lean to the right.

### 'Rubbing lawmakers the wrong way' Macron's party counts 29 sitting senators,

and has set modest goals, when 171 out of 348 seats are up for election. "We're hoping to go further," said Francois Patriat, head of the LREM Senate group, last week. However, the indirect electoral system is unlikely to work in LREM's favour, observers say.

"En Marche is built on an almost direct link between Emmanuel Macron and the French people," said Francois Miquet-Marty of consultancy Viavoice. "In the Senate elections, it doesn't work like that." A string of policy moves have particularly irked the lawmakers who will be voting, including some 300 million euros (\$360 million) in funding cuts for local and regional authorities.

Others are unhappy about the decision to scrap property taxes for some 80 percent of French citizens, which previously went into the budgets of local administrations. "The government has accumulated a series of gaffes and has done everything in its power to rub lawmakers up the wrong way," complained Vincent Capo-Canellas, a centrist senator who is not part of LREM.

# Senate rebrand?

The Senate has the power to delay government bills, but in case of a deadlock the final say goes to the LREM-dominated Assembly — meaning a disappointing score would do little to stop Macron pushing through laws such as his promised economic reforms. But they could complicate his plans to make changes to France's constitution by mid-2018, including cutting the number of seats in parliament by a third.—AFP

# TENS OF THOUSANDS FLEE **RUMBLING BALI VOLCANO**

KARANGASEM: More than 34,000 people have fled from a rumbling volcano on the resort island of Bali as the magnitude of tremors grows, prompting fears it could erupt for the first time in more than 50 years, an official said yesterday. Indonesia's disaster mitigation agency said the number of people fleeing their homes surrounding the volcano had tripled since Friday amid growing alarm that Mount Agung could erupt at any moment. "The evacuation process is ongoing and we expect the number of evacuees to continue to rise," the agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho told AFP.

The volcano, the highest point in Bali and located about 75 kilometers from the tourist hub of Kuta, has been rumbling since August. Officials announced the highest possible alert level on Friday following the increasing volcanic activity, and urged people stay at least nine kilometers away from the crater. "I am actually very worried to leave, I left my cows and pigs at home because we were ordered to vacate our village immediately," villager Nyoman Asih who fled with her entire family told AFP.

The international airport in Bali's capital, Denpasar, was anticipating the prospect of closure but no flight schedules had been affected as of yesterday. The airport has prepared buses and trains to divert passengers to alternative hubs in neighbouring provinces if the mountain erupts. Flight disruptions due to drifting ash clouds are not uncommon in Indonesia, which sits on a belt of seismic activity known as the "Ring of Fire".

Last year more than two dozen domestic and international flights to Bali's neighboring resort island Lombok were cancelled due to a drifting ash cloud from erupting Mount Rinjani. Bali officials said the island was still generally safe but urged tourists to stay away from tourism spots located within the danger zone. Pura Besakih temple, one of Bali's most prominent temples which is located just a few kilometers away from the mountain's slopes, has been closed to visitors since Saturday.

The Indonesian Center for Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation said the tremors had grown more powerful yesterday. "The mountain has not erupted until now. The earthquakes are happening less frequently but the magnitude is getting stronger," Gede Suantika, a senior volcanologist at the agency told AFP. — AFP



KUTUPALONG: Rohingya refugees carry an elderly woman at the Kutupalong refugee camp yesterday. — AFP

# ROHINGYA IN BANGLADESH NEED 'MASSIVE' ASSISTANCE, SAYS UN

'INCREDIBLE OUTPOURING OF LOCAL GENEROSITY'

# NEW ZEALAND LEADERS LINE UP TO WOO PETERS THE KINGMAKER

**WELLINGTON:** Both of New Zealand's major political parties moved to open coalition negotiations with maverick MP Winston Peters yesterday after the country's general election stalemate left him in the position of kingmaker. Prime Minister Bill English was looking for his National Party to stitch up a deal as soon as possible, while Jacinda Ardern's opposition Labour Party was keen to wait until all postal and overseas votes are counted in two weeks before final deal is cut.

English appeared to be in the driving seat to form a government due to tensions among the opposition parties that would

need to unite to unseat him. His National Party performed strongly in Saturday's election to claim 46.0 percent of the vote and 58 seats, three short of the 61 needed to win. Labour, under charismatic newcomer Jacinda Ardern, polled 35.8 percent to take 45 seats, although that rises to 52 if the seven seats of close ally the Greens are included. It means both English and Ardern would need the nine seats held by Peters' New Zealand First party to get over the line and reach the majority required to form a government.

While English and Ardern prepared to pitch their case to Peters, the NZF

leader went fishing yesterday, saying the main party leaders may make decisions "but they won't have the cards that matter." Peters made a number of "bottom line" demands during the campaign and said he would next consult his party members and officials "and then we'll tell you what we're prepared to do." — AFP

COX'S BAZAR: Bangladesh needs "massive international assistance" to feed and shelter the 436,000 Rohingya who have fled Myanmar in recent weeks, the head of the UN refugee agency said yesterday. **UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo** Grandi said there were "immense" challenges after visiting the overflowing camps around Cox's Bazar in southern Bangladesh. "I was struck by the incredible magnitude of their needs. They need everything — they need food, they need clean water, they need shelter, they need proper health care," he told reporters.

Grandi said there had been an "incredible outpouring of local generosity" but that now needed to be "beefed up by massive international assistance, financial and material". "That's partly why I am here, to help... the government organize that response," he said. The UN said yesterday that 436,000 Rohingya, a stateless Muslim minority, had arrived from Myanmar's Rakhine state since an outbreak of violence there a month ago.

Grandi said the influx had slowed in recent days but it was impossible to tell whether more would come. He also said his office was providing "technical assistance" to help Bangladesh register the Rohingya, whom Myanmar considers to be illegal immigrants. Bangladesh only recognizes a tiny fraction of around 700,000 Rohingya living in camps near the border with Myanmar as refugees, referring to the rest as undocumented

It has "no plan for the time being" to grant companies from selling mobile phone connec-

refugee status to the newly-arrived Rohingya, senior Bangladesh minister Amir Hossain Amu said yesterday. "We want Rohingya to return to their own land," said Amu, who chairs a cabinet committee on national security. Bangladesh has begun providing the new arrivals with identity cards and recording their biometric data, a process that began last week and is expected to take several months to complete.

Many hope that will allow them eventually to return to Myanmar. Civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi said last week that those who had been verified as refugees from her country would be allowed back. Grandi said he hoped the UN's role would give the registration "the necessary credibility, which is so urgent not just for repatriation but for assistance". At the moment, UN agencies say it is difficult to ensure aid is distributed evenly because refugees are undocumented and are still moving from one place to another. Grandi said the scale of the influx — which he called the "fastest and most urgent refugee emergency in the world" — had made it difficult to assess needs quickly. But he added: "I think that the response is getting more organized." UNICEF said yesterday that a plane carrying 100 tons of emergency aid from Europe, including water purifying tablets, sanitary items and plastic tarpaulins, had reached Bangladesh.

# **Telecommunications banned**

Bangladesh has banned telecommunication

tions to Rohingya refugees, citing security concerns for the latest restrictions, officials said yesterday. Bangladesh's four mobile phone providers were threatened with fines if they provide any of the nearly 430,000 newly arrived refugees from Myanmar with phone plans while

"For the time being, they (Rohingya) can't buy any SIM cards," Enayet Hossain, a senior officer at the telecoms ministry, told AFP yesterday. The decision Saturday to impose a communication blackout on the stateless Muslim minority was justified for security reasons, said junior telecoms minister Tarana Halim. Bangladesh already prohibits the sale of SIM cards to its own citizens who cannot provide an official identity card, in a bid to frustrate the organisational capacity of homegrown militants.

'We took the step (of welcoming the Rohingya) on humanitarian grounds but at the same time our own security should not be compromised," Halim said, without elaborating on what specific risk the Rohingya posed. Bangladesh's telecoms authority said the ban could be lifted once biometric identity cards are issued to the newly arrived refugees, a process the army says could take six months. It is just the latest restriction imposed on the Rohingya who have fled in huge numbers from violence in neighboring Rakhine State into squalid camps in Bangladesh's southernmost Cox's Bazar district in the past four weeks. — AFP

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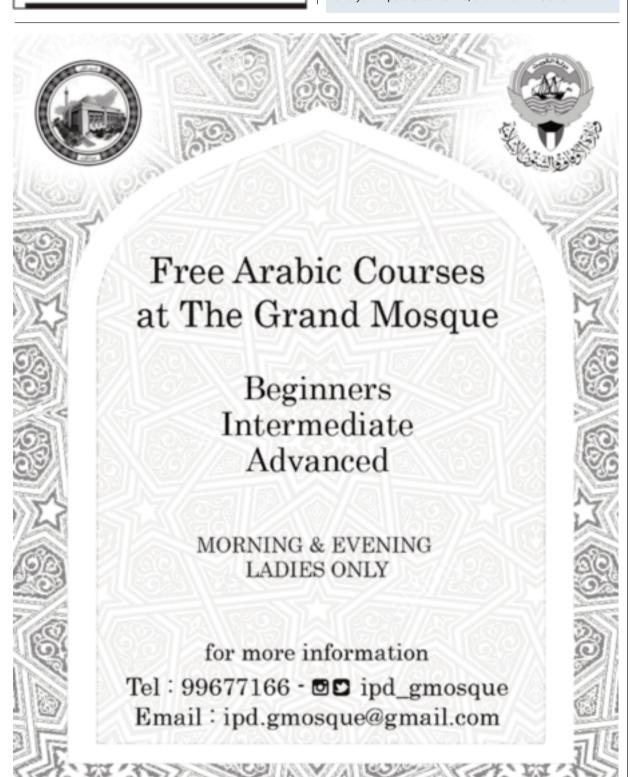
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# IS FIGHTER CHALLENGES PRINCE HARRY IN VIDEO

**SINGAPORE:** A Singaporean member of the Islamic State (IS) group in Syria has appeared in a video challenging Britain's Prince Harry to fight the jihadists, a monitoring group and authorities said yesterday. It is believed to be the first time that a fighter from the affluent city-state has featured prominently in one of IS's videos. In the video, a man identified as "Abu 'Uqayl" took issue with Prince Harry talking about a terror attack in London while on a visit to Singapore in June. "Why don't you come here and fight us if you're man enough, so that we can send you and your Apaches to hellfire, biidhnillah?" he said. — AFP





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# SIX WAYS TO STAY **COOL WITHOUT AIR** CONDITIONING

By Megan Rowling

COMMERCIAL

s heat becomes more extreme on a warming planet, millions more people are switching on air conditioners. But is machine-cooled air the best solution to rising temperatures? In poorer countries, many families cannot afford air conditioning - although that is changing fast in the cities of emerging giants such as China and India. Around the world, the number of air conditioners is expected to rise to 1.5 billion units by 2030 from 660 million in 2015.

In some richer, cooler countries like Britain or Finland, air conditioning hasn't traditionally been needed, and most private homes do not have the equipment installed. But with global average temperatures having risen by more than 1 degree Celsius since pre-industrial times, people are increasingly being jogged out of their physical and behavioral comfort zones, experts say.

"With climate change, we are going to be experiencing higher temperatures more generally - but also more frequent, more intense and longer heatwaves too," said Angie Bone, head of the extreme events and health protection team at Public Health England, a UK government agency. "The risks of heat can be under-estimated," she said. Even as their efficiency improves, air conditioners contribute to the problem of global warming, as they need power to run - much of which will be provided by burning fossil fuels in the near term.

So when the next heatwave hits, what are the greener alternatives for staying cool? Here are some ideas: Keep the temperature down at home: Barcelona city council, which activated measures to protect residents from heatwaves twice this summer, gives out practical advice, including closing blinds and shutters facing the sun and opening windows at night when the air cools down. Inside the house, rest in cooler rooms, and take a shower or use a wet towel to refresh yourself. If you don't have fans or any form of cooling equipment, spend at least two hours a day in public places with air conditioning, such as libraries or cinemas.

# Stay out of the heat

Don't go out or drive during the hottest part of the day if you can help it. If you must, wear a hat or carry an umbrella. Dress in light-colored, loose clothing. Avoid physical exercise, walk on the shady side of the street, drink plenty of water, and rest in cool places, says Barcelona city hall. Look out for your neighbors: Health experts agree that those most at risk from extreme heat are the elderly and people with existing health problems, such as heart conditions, high blood pressure and asthma.

That's especially true if they live alone. Young children and homeless people are also vulnerable. "Most of us do know somebody, either in our friends or family or community networks, who may be more at risk and who might just value a bit of extra support when it gets hot," said Bone of Public Health England. During the heatwave that struck Europe in 2003, about 2,000 deaths more than normal were recorded in England and Wales over the hottest 10-day period, mostly among older people in the southeast. England established a heatwave plan the following year, which recommends telephoning or visiting vulnerable people to make sure they are coping.

# Spread the word

The Red Cross is active in getting the message out to the public about how to stay safe in hot weather across Europe - whether by making home visits, handing out leaflets, using social media or putting its experts on TV or radio to give alerts and tips. Last month, it issued a statement warning of "serious health risks" as south and central Europe experienced the highest August temperatures in more than a decade."It can be dangerous and deadly for people," said Tiina Saarikoski, a senior public health officer with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. In France, for example, Red Cross teams handed out water to the homeless in cities and provided information and door-to-door checks on the elderly and isolated.

# **Using traditional methods**

Before air-conditioning was invented in the early 1900s, architects and ordinary folks built homes using materials with natural cooling properties that were designed to keep out heat - from constructing thick stone walls to putting in small windows facing away from the sun. In Malaysian villages, traditional "attap" houses - wooden structures on stilts - are still a common sight. There is space for the wind to circulate under the house, which has a cooling effect, while the interior stays dry during floods. —Reuters

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# SEGREGATION LINGERS IN US SCHOOLS 60 YEARS AFTER LITTLE ROCK

By Errin Haines Whack and Andrew

mong the most lasting and indelible images of the civil rights movement were the nine black teenagers who had to be escorted by federal troops past an angry white mob and through the doors of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, on Sept 25, 1957. It had been three years since the Supreme Court had declared "separate but equal" in America's public schools unconstitutional, but the decision was met with bitter resistance across the South.

It would take more than a decade before the last vestiges of Jim Crow fell away from classrooms. Even the brave sacrifice of the "Little Rock Nine" felt shortlived - rather than allow more black students and further integration, the district's high schools closed the following school year. The watershed moment was "a physical manifestation for all to see of what that massive resistance looked like," said Sherrilyn Ifill, director of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

"The imagery of these perfectly dressed, lovely, serious young people seeking to enter a high school ... to see them met with ugliness and rage and hate and violence was incredibly powerful," Ifill said. Six decades later, the sacrifice of those black students stands as a symbol of the turbulence of the era, but also as a testament to an intractable problem: Though legal segregation has long ended, few white and minority students share a classroom today.

The lack of progress is clear and remains frustrating in the school district that includes Central High. The Little Rock School District, which is about two-thirds black, has been under state control since 2015 over the academic performance of some of its schools. The district has seen a proliferation of charter schools in recent years that opponents say contributes to self-segregation. Ernest Green still remembers the promise of the era that put him and the eight other students on the front line.

# War every day

After reading about the May 17, 1954, Brown v Board of Education decision in the local newspaper, he recalled: "I thought to myself, 'Good, because I think the face of the South ought to change." He and his classmates came face-to-face with Southern opposition after integrating Central. The first day of school was only the beginning of the hardships they would endure. Green described the experience as "like going to war every day." Threatening phone calls came to their homes nightly. Students threw acid on them at school.

"For all of us, we decided that this was a year that we were going to support each other," said Green, now 76, and the only member of the Little Rock Nine to graduate from Central. "The principal of the school told me at one point ... that I didn't have to come to the ceremony, that they would mail me my diploma." Green ignored his suggestion, knowing the magnitude of his accomplishment. Sitting in the audience at graduation with his family was the Rev Martin Luther King Jr, then in the throes of the civil rights movement.

# **The Lost Year**

For the 1958-1959 school year when the district's high schools closed - known as "The Lost Year" - the remaining students either went to nearby public schools in the state or out of state where they had friends or relatives, or found other alternatives such as private schools, correspondence courses or early entrance into college.

Terrence Roberts, also one of the Little Rock Nine, said the challenge his former school district now faces is just part of a



LITTLE ROCK: In this Oct 2, 1957 file photo, the first black students to enroll at Central High School in Little Rock, Ark leave the building and walk toward a waiting Army station wagon following their classes. today marks the 60th anniversary of

larger problem nationwide for public education. "To me it's a testament to the fact that we as a people have been reluctant to have a meaningful conversation about the need for public education," Roberts, now 75, said. "When you look at the history of public education, it's not surprising at all because public education has always been

under the gun." In the 2016-2017 school year, the average black student in Little Rock went to a school that was roughly 14 percent white, 14 percent Hispanic and 68 percent black, according to Arkansas Department of Education data. Twenty years ago, a black student in Little Rock would have gone to a school that was 27 percent white, 1.7 percent Hispanic and 70 percent black, historical data from the National Center for Education Statistics show.

"One of the important lessons we should take away from Little Rock is just how hard and difficult desegregation has been," said Ohio State University historian Hasan Kwame Jeffries. "Little Rock does a lot of foreshadowing. It anticipates the efforts by Southern states to find public money to defray the cost and expense of sending white children to private schools. This becomes part of the agenda for the next half-century."

Nationally, the numbers are similarly stark. The average black student nationwide in 1980 went to a school that was 36 percent white. In the 2014-2015 school year, a black student would have gone to a school that was 27 percent white. Overall enrollment in public schools has been declining, and the racial gap has widened, according to NCES. In 2004, 58 percent of students enrolled were white, compared to 17 percent black and 19 percent Hispanic.

In 2014, public schools were 49.5 percent white - less than half for the first time since such data was first collected - 16 percent black and 25 percent Hispanic. Additionally, while nearly two-thirds of black and Hispanic students attend schools with at least 75 percent minority enrollment, only 5 percent of white students are enrolled in similar schools. While public schools are indeed more diverse, that diversity is including a decreasing share of white students.

# **Reflections of Progress**

Community leaders have vented over the "Reflections of Progress" theme that's been attached to the slate of events marking the 60th anniversary of Central High's desegregation, saying it doesn't acknowledge the backslide they've seen the district undergo. They're using the milestone to call attention to the state takeover of the district, comparing it to Gov Orval Faubus' efforts to block integration in 1957. "They're coming back to visit and to see what? They can visit any number of schools where there isn't any hint of desegregation," state Sen Joyce Elliott, a Democrat from Little Rock, said, referring to the eight surviving members of the group, now in their 70s, who will return to mark the day.

"For the Little Rock Nine to come back to the same place where they started and the schools are under state control now by the state Board of Education, I think that is something that is the ultimate embarrassment for the state. That is not something to be celebrated, and it is not something to be remotely proud of." Some trace much of the current public school debate over school choice to what began in the wake of the Brown v Board decision as segregationist academies, and later Christian academies, opened throughout the South in response to desegregation.

"There has never been a moment where there has not been vociferous resistance to desegregation," Jeffries, the historian, said. "They used to couch it in explicitly racist terms. Now, it's this sort of colorblind language, but the desire remains the same." Civil rights lawyer Catherine Lhamon, who now serves as chairwoman of the US Commission on Civil Rights, noted that while meaningful integration happened across the country during the mid-1960s and 1970s, it was only through aggressive federal enforcement.

As integration became less of a political priority in the 1980s, re-segregation emerged. "Local control has never resounded to the benefit of black students," Lhamon said. "More often than not, it has been a means to mask discrimination and a failure to offer meaningful opportunity to all. It takes federal intervention now, too. That is something Congress promised us and that we have been able to rely on." Efforts by Elliott and others to stem the growth of charter schools in the district so far have had little success in the Republican state.

The Arkansas Board of Education approved three new charter schools in the district earlier this month, despite a request from the district's superintendent to hold off."I would say pause for two years and allow the existing charter seat expansions that have already been approved to take place, allow what's going on in the Little Rock School District to play itself out, because we have really positive things going on with our academic scores," Superintendent Michael Poore said before the three charter schools were approved. Republican Gov Asa Hutchinson said he believes the district is showing it can innovate and compete with the charter schools. —AP



LITTLE ROCK: In this September 1957 file photo, marchers protesting against school integration head south from the State Capitol toward Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. — AP



# BAHRAIN KING WANTS ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL...

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League members Egypt and Jordan each later made separate peace with Israel. At the heart of the Arab nations' dispute with Israel remains the creation of a Palestinian state and its withdrawal from occupied territory.

In recent years though, Arab nations, particularly in the Gulf, have become increasingly worried about Iran's growing regional influence following the nuclear deal with world powers and its military presence in Iraq and Syria. That's put them on the side of Israel, which points to Iranian leaders' constant call for the destruction of the Jewish state. "There's a big bully in the equation. People are afraid (if) that big bully, Iran, acquires nuclear weapons what that will do to the region," Hier said. "I think everyone has that same fear and the king is thinking how to get out of that quandary before it becomes too late and too dangerous."

Just this week, Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi even held a public meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in New York, smiling for the cameras. Bahrain's move likely also would have the tacit approval of Saudi Arabia, as the oil-rich kingdom provides it needed financial support. Bahrain's embrace of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and interfaith dialogue, however, comes as it engages in a fierce crackdown targeting journalists, activists, Shiite religious leaders and political parties. Independent news gathering there has grown more difficult, with the government refusing to accredit two Associated Press reporters and others.

The suppression is at a level unseen since 2011, when its Shiite majority and others demonstrated as part of the wider Arab Spring, asking its Sunni rulers for reforms. Government forces, with help from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, crushed the uprising. An official investigation after the protests found the government demolished 30 Shiite religious structures following the demonstrations, ranging from mosques to meeting halls and shrines. The report noted that while many lacked proper permits, the timing of their destruction "would be perceived as a collective punishment."

Activists at the time put the number of destroyed Shiite structures even higher. Sheikh Maytham Al-Salman, a Shiite cleric from Bahrain who works on trying to foster interfaith understanding himself, expressed skepticism about the government's new push. "I believe the launch of an interfaith center is an attempt to deflect international criticism on the persecution of the Shiite majority in the country," said Sheikh Maytham, who also investigated the destruction of Shiite buildings in 2011.

"How can the government of Bahrain internationally promote dialogue while refusing to open the doors for dialogue and reconciliation locally?" Asked about Bahrain's crackdown, both rabbis said there was "no perfect country" in the world today. However, both largely focused on the freedom they felt as Jews there. "I'm not saying Bahrain is the messianic country," Hier said. "I was not uncomfortable in Bahrain wearing a yarmulke. I walked all over the city there. There's something different there." — AP

# IRAN HALTS FLIGHTS TO KURDISH REGION...

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The PKK launched an insurgency in 1984. More than 40,000 people have been killed in the conflict. It is designated a terrorist group by Turkey, the United States and the European Union. The US Embassy in Iraq cautioned its citizens that there may be unrest during a referendum, especially in territories disputed between the KRG and the central government like the multi-ethnic oil-rich region of Kirkuk.

Three Kurdish Peshmerga fighters were killed and five wounded on Saturday when an explosive device blew up near their vehicle south Kirkuk, security sources said. The explosion happened in Daquq, a region bordering Islamic State-held areas, the sources said. Islamic State's "caliphate" effectively collapsed in July, when a US-backed Iraqi offensive, in which the Peshmerga took part, captured their stronghold Mosul, in northern Iraq. The group continues to control a pocket west of Kirkuk and a stretch alongside the Syrian border and inside Syria. — Reuters

## MERKEL WINS FOURTH TERM; HARD RIGHT...

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Germans elected a splintered parliament reflecting an electorate torn between a high degree of satisfaction with Merkel and a desire for change after more than a decade of her leadership.

Another three parties cleared the five-percent hurdle to be represented in parliament: the liberal Free Democrats at around 10 percent and the anti-capitalist Left and ecologist Greens, both at about nine percent. As Merkel failed to secure a ruling majority on her own and with the dejected SPD ruling out another rightleft "grand coalition" with her, the process of coalition building was shaping up to be a thorny, potentially months-long process.

# Breaking taboos

Merkel, 63, whose campaign events were regularly disrupted by jeering AfD supporters, said in her final stump speech in the southern city of Munich that "the future of Germany will definitely not be built with whistles and hollers". Merkel, often called the most powerful woman on the global stage, ran on her record as a steady pair of hands in a turbulent world, warning voters not to indulge in "experiments".

Pundits said Merkel's reassuring message of stability and prosperity resonated in greying Germany, where more than half of the 61 million voters are aged 52 or older. Her popularity had largely recovered from the influx since 2015 of more than one million mostly Muslim migrants and refugees, half of them from wartorn Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. But the AfD was able to capitalize on a wellspring of anger over the asylum issue during what was criticized as a largely lackluster campaign bereft of real clashes among the main contenders.

The party has made breaking taboos its trademark. Gauland has called for Germans to shed their guilt over two world wars and the Holocaust and to take pride in their veterans. He has also suggested that Germany's integration commissioner Aydan Ozoguz, who has Turkish roots, should be "disposed of in Anatolia". Law student Sabine Maier dismissed the AfD as "too extreme" as she voted in Berlin. But she also criticized the media for lavishly covering the most outrageous comments by the upstart party. "They aren't all fascists," she said.

# Searching for partner

The SPD said its catastrophic result would lead it to seek a stint in opposition to rekindle its fighting spirit. "This is a difficult and bitter day for German social democracy," a grim-faced Schulz, a former European Parliament chief, told reporters, adding that he hoped to remain party leader. This would leave Merkel in need of new coalition partners-possibly the pro-business Free Democrats, who staged a comeback after crashing out of parliament four years ago. In theory they could join forces with the left-leaning Greens, who, however, starkly differ from the FDP on issues from climate change to migration policy.

Schulz, 61, struggled to gain traction with his calls for a more socially just Germany at a time when the economy is humming and employment is at a record low. The SPD also found it hard to shine after four years as the junior partner in Merkel's left-right "grand coalition", marked by broad agreement on major issues, from foreign policy to migration. In the final stretch, the more outspoken Schulz told voters to reject Merkel's "sleeping-pill politics" and vote against "another four years of stagnation and lethargy". — AFP

# US, NORTH KOREAN LEADERS TRADE INSULTS

**SEOUL:** US President Donald Trump dialed up the rhetoric against North Korea again at the weekend, warning the country's foreign minister that he and leader Kim Jong Un "won't be around much longer", as Pyongyang staged a major anti-US rally. North Korea's Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho told the United Nations General Assembly on Saturday that targeting the US mainland with its rockets was inevitable after "Mr Evil President" Trump called Pyongyang's leader a "rocket man" on a suicide mission.

"Just heard Foreign Minister of North Korea speak at UN. If he echoes thoughts of Little Rocket Man, they won't be around much longer!" Trump said on Twitter late on Saturday. Trump and Kim have traded increasingly threatening and personal insults as Pyongyang races towards its goal of developing a nuclear-tipped missile capable of reaching the United States - something Trump has vowed to prevent.

US Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin yesterday tried to dial back Trump's comments. "The president doesn't want to be in a nuclear war and we will do everything we can to make sure that doesn't occur," he said on ABC News. "On the other hand, the president will protect the American people and our allies." Analysts say the heated rhetoric is increasing the risk of a miscalculation by one side or the other that could have massive repercussions.

North Korea's state-run television KRT aired a video yesterday showing tens of thousands of people attending an anti-US rally at Kim II Sung square in Pyongyang. The North's official KCNA news agency said more than

100,000 people gathered for the rally on Saturday and delivered speeches supporting comments made by Kim earlier in the week. "We are waiting for the right time to have a final battle with the US, the evil empire, and to remove the US from the world," KCNA quoted Ri Il-bae, a commanding officer of the Red Guards, as saying. "Once respected Supreme commander Kim Jong Un gives an order, we will annihilate the group of aggressors."

### Unprecedented

In an unprecedented direct statement on Friday, Kim described Trump as a "mentally deranged US dotard" whom he would tame with fire. Kim said the North would consider the "highest level of hard-line countermeasure in history" against the United States and that Trump's comments had confirmed his nuclear program was "the correct path".

Trump threatened in his maiden UN address on Tuesday to "totally destroy" the country of 26 million people if North Korea threatened the United States or its allies. It was not clear from Trump's latest tweet if he was referring to Ri and Kim, or North Korea more broadly. North Korea conducted its sixth and most powerful nuclear bomb test on Sept 3, prompting another round of UN sanctions. Pyongyang said on Friday it might test a hydrogen bomb over the Pacific Ocean. "It is only a forlorn hope to consider any chance that the DPRK (North Korea) would be shaken an inch or change its stance due to the harsher sanctions by the hostile forces," Ri told the UN General Assembly on Saturday. — Reuters

# TRUMP, SPORTS WORLD FACE OFF

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At the rally, Trump suggested any protesting football player was a "son of a bitch" and should lose his job. "Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, to say, 'Get that son of a bxxxx off the field right now ... He is fired," Trump said on Friday at a rally for Alabama Senate Republican candidate Luther Strange.

Trump said in Twitter messages later on Saturday that, if NFL players wanted "the privilege" of high salaries, they "should stand for the National Anthem. If not, YOU'RE FIRED. Find something else to do!" Former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick stirred a polarizing national debate in 2016 after refusing to stand during pre-game renditions of the "Star Spangled Banner". Instead, Kaepernick put one knee to the ground to protest against police violence against African-Americans.

Several players have since made similar gestures of protest before games. As commissioner, Goodell reports to NFL owners, some of whom have supported Trump in the past. New York Jets owner Woody Johnson, a major Trump presidential campaign donor, was confirmed by the Senate last month as Trump's pick to serve as US ambassador to Britain. The union representing professional football players also rejected Trump's comments, saying it would defend their right to freedom of expression. The White House did not respond to a request for comment on the matter.

Invitation withdrawn!

National Basketball Association players also struck

back against comments by the president on Saturday after Trump clashed with one of the biggest stars in the NBA. In an early morning Twitter message on Saturday, the president rescinded a White House invitation to Stephen Curry, who had said he would "vote" against the planned visit by the NBA champion Golden State Warriors. "Going to the White House is considered a great honor for a championship team. Stephen Curry is hesitating, therefore invitation is withdrawn!" Trump tweeted. Curry told a news conference in Oakland, California: "It's beneath the leader of a country to go that route." "It's not what leaders do," he said.

The Oakland-based Golden State Warriors said in a statement the team had intended to meet to discuss the potential visit at the first opportunity on Saturday morning. "We accept that President Trump has made it clear that we are not invited," the team said. LeBron James came to Curry's defense, disputing Trump's assertion that visiting the White House was an honor. "Going to White House was a great honor until you showed up!" James, a prominent supporter of Hillary Clinton during the 2016 presidential elections, said on Twitter.

Singer Stevie Wonder appeared to evoke protests by Kaepernick and other athletes when he put one knee to the stage during a concert at the Global Citizen Festival in New York City on Saturday. "Tonight, I'm taking a knee for America," Wonder told the audience as his son, Kwame Morris, helped him down. Wonder then put his other leg down so that he was kneeling and facing the cheering crowd, with his son doing the same. "I'm taking both knees," Wonder said. "Both knees in prayer for our planet, our future, our leaders of the world and our globe." — Reuters

# MP THREATENS TO GRILL 2 MINISTERS

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But neither he nor the minister took any action and instead they fired the employee. Muwaizri also issued a warning to the Finance Minister over what he claimed are violations at Kuwait Investment Authority, the country's sovereign wealth fund.

In the meantime, 13 MPs yesterday signed a request calling to debate a crucial amendment to the Pensions Law in the first few sessions of the new parliamentary term starting around mid-October. The amendment calls for reducing the retirement age for women and men and lawmakers supporting the amendment believe that it is the best solution for unemployment.

Head of the National Assembly Bedoons Committee MP Nasser Al-Dossari said yesterday the panel will hold an important meeting on Thursday to study a proposal

calling to accept children of a certain category of bedoons or stateless people at public schools. Dossari said that he and a number of MPs have submitted a proposal calling to admit (at public schools) children of bedoons who were included in the 1965 census. The meeting will be attended by Education Minister Mohammad Al-Fares to discuss with him why the Ministry is not admitting bedoon students of other categories near their residences.

In a related development, MP Majed Al-Mutairi submitted a draft law calling to grant bedoons all humanitarian and social rights. The draft law calls to describe bedoons as "stateless people" and not illegal residents as the government defines them. It also calls for granting them civil IDs valid for five years which guarantees that holders will get free medical services, free education, a driver's license and other basic rights.





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# CHIPPA A LONG WAY FROM THE REAL DEAL

**JOHANNESBURG:** New Chippa United coach Tebogo Moloi wants his players to embrace elements from Spanish La Liga giants Real Madrid, Barcelona and Atletico Madrid. But there was no evidence of

them yesterday as the Port Elizabeth-based club fought out a dull 0-0 home draw with Bloemfontein Celtic in the South African Premiership. "I admire the pressing and intensity of Atletico, the patience of Barcelona and the speed of Real," Moloi told reporters before the match. But all he got was some bad luck as the woodwork foiled a Moeketsi Sekola header and a Lerato Manzini shot. Former Orlando Pirates midfielder Moloi succeeded sacked Dan Malesela after

three rounds and has drawn his three matches in charge. Both clubs have six points after six rounds and the stalemate lifted them one place-Celtic to 10th and Chippa to 11th. —AFP

# CLARKE BRACE BRINGS STEEL CITY DERBY JOY FOR UNITED

**LONDON:** Leon Clarke scored twice against his former club as Sheffield United upset local rivals Sheffield Wednesday with a 4-2 victory in an enthralling 'Steel City derby' at Hillsborough yesterday in the English Championship (second tier). United stunned the home crowd by going 2-0 up within a quarter of an hour thanks to John Fleck's sweetly-struck low drive from an indirect freekick in the third minute and then Clarke's cool finish after he was left one-on-one with Wednesday keeper Keiren Westwood. Wednesday pulled back a goal on the stroke of half-time when striker Gary Hooper hooked in the ball at the near post and after the break they piled on the pressure. That paid off when Portuguese substitute Lucas Joao equalised with a well-taken left-foot strike in the 65th minute but United responded superbly. Within two minutes, Winger Mark Duffy made a fool of Wednesday's Dutch defender Joost van Aken and then fired home from a tight angle to make it 3-2.—Reuters

# DEFENDING CHAMPION MARQUEZ WINS ARAGON GP

MADRID: Defending champion Marc Marquez won the Aragon MotoGP yesterday to take a 16-point lead in the world championship standings. It was an all Spanish podium, as Honda team mate Dani Pedrosa was second and Jorge Lorenzo third for Ducati. Italian Valentino Rossi, making a remarkable comeback barely three weeks after suffering a broken leg, finished fifth on his Yamaha after lying second earlier on. Team mate Maverick Vinales of Spain, who started on pole, was fourth and compatriot Aleix Espargaro of Aprilia sixth. Briton Cal Crutchlow was in contention for a top-six place but crashed and had to retire on lap 17. Marquez started the race in fifth position after crashing in qualifying and had a slow start but quickly gained on his rivals, taking the lead from Lorenzo in the 16th lap and charging to his fifth title of the season. "It was a difficult race. —Reuters

# No. 7 Washington overcomes slow start to beat Colorado 37-10

**BOULDER:** The No. 7 Washington Huskies warmed up in the cold rainwithout their shirts, then went out and undressed the Colorado Buffaloes in a 37-10 rout Saturday night in a rematch of last year's Pac-12 title game.

The Huskies collected a trio of interceptions, a blocked punt that led to a touchdown, a pick-6, five sacks, seven tackles for loss and a 202-yard, two-touchdown performance by running back Myles Gaskin.

"Anytime you get that many turnovers in a game, you've got a chance to do something special on offense," said Huskies QB Jake Browning, who was just 11 for 21 for 160 yards. "We usually get all the stats and TDs but we played really well on defense and capitalized on some opportunities."

Yet, the Buffs (3-1, 0-1) were still within a TD of the Huskies (4-0, 1-0) with three minutes left in the third quarter. That's when cornerback Myles Bryant's 35-yard interception return for a touchdown made it a two-score game and ignited a 20-0 finish that sent much of the shivering crowd streaming for exits.

Jordan Miller had two interceptions, one in the end zone, as the Huskies overcame a slow start to finish with a rout reminiscent of last year's 41-10 blowout of the Buffs in the conference championship. Despite pointing to this rematch ever since, the Buffaloes made too many mistakes to close the gap, including several fumbled snaps and a too-early slide on third down by quarterback Steven Montez that led to a punt - which was blocked.

Colorado trailed 10-7 at halftime and was still within a touchdown late in the

third quarter before the Buffs unraveled. Washington would end up outscoring the Buffs 27-3 after the break, sparked by Quinten Pounds coming down with a 43-yard touchdown pass from Browning between two defenders.

"The guy made an unbelievable catch on the post route," Colorado coach Mike MacIntyre said. "I still don't know how he caught it. It was an unbelievable catch." Pounds said Huskies coach Chris Petersen "always says when the ball is in the air compete for it and go get it like it's your last, so that's pretty much what happened."

Pounds never realized he was getting sandwiched by two defenders. "No, all I saw was the ball," he said. "That's what I was focused on." James Stefanou barely cleared the crossbar from 49 yards out to pull Colorado to 17-10.

Montez then tried to hit Bryce Bobo on a slant but Bryant stepped in front and his 35-yard pick-6 gave Washington a 24-10 lead. "You can't have three turnovers and expect to win the game," Montez said. "That's on me, and I got to take that."

The Huskies turned this one into another blowout with a 6-yard TD run from Salvon Ahmed and a 57-yard scoring scamper from Gaskin in the fourth quarter. Miller had two first-half interceptions as the Huskies built a 10-7 lead. His first one led to the go-ahead field goal and his second one came in the end zone with a minute left in the second quarter.

The Huskies fell behind 7-0 when Colorado went 75 yards on its opening drive and capped it with Philip Lindsay's 1-yard TD run. — AP



BERGER: Gold medalist Slovakia's Peter Sagan (C), silver medalist Norway's Alexander Kristoff (L) and bronze medalist Australia's Michael Matthews pose with their medals after the men elite road race of the UCI Cycling Road World Championships in Bergen, yesterday. — AFP

CYCLING

# PETER SAGAN WINS HISTORIC THIRD STRAIGHT WORLD TITLE

**BERGEN:** Slovakia's Peter Sagan pipped Norway's Alexander Kristoff in a photo-finish to win a historic third straight world title in Bergen yesterday. Sagan emerged out of the final corner in the perfect position on Kristoff's shoulder and just had enough to edge past the home favourite as Australia's Michael Matthews took third.

After his win, Sagan dedicated his victory to Italian Michele Scarponi, who died in April following a crash with a van near his home in Italy-he would have turned 38 today. "I want to dedicate this third world title first to Michele Scarponi because he has his birthday tomorrow. I'm very sorry this year, I want to wish luck to his family.

"And secondly I want to dedicate this victory to my wife, she's expecting a baby. It's a very nice finish to this season, I'm very happy." Sagan had revealed on Saturday that his preparation for the race had been disrupted by "sickness" and that he wasn't at his best. He had hardly been seen throughout the 267.5km race but was part of the small group that made it to the final kilometre to contest the sprint finish. And in winning he joined a select group of riders, including Belgian legend Eddy Merckx as three-time world

champions, and the first to do so in successive years. "It's something special, for sure it doesn't change anything, but for me it's something very nice," he added. Despite the length of the race it was only in the final 15km that a significant break was made that threatened to go all the way to the line. Frenchman Julian Alaphilippe attacked on the final ascent of Salmon Hill, the one climb on the 19km street circuit the peloton tackled 12 times. Only Italian Gianni Moscon could follow him but was then dropped with

Alaphilippe couldn't hold on, though, and coming into the final few bends a select group of 26 riders was there to fight for victory. Only now did Sagan make his move and Kristoff didn't have the strength to hold him off.

# 'UNBELIEVABLE'

Sagan admitted that he thought Alaphilippe, who looked hugely impressive when he attacked, leaving the likes of Olympic champion Greg Van Avermaet and former world champion Philippe Gilbert in his wake, might stay away. "It's not easy guys, in the last 5km I said already it's done, he (Alaphilippe) has gone," said Sagan.

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"After, guys were changing in front, after I

tried to go in a breakaway, after (Fernando) Gaviria tried to close (the gap) and after it came for a sprint-it's unbelievable!"

Despite his disappointment in missing out on becoming the second ever Norwegian world champion, Kristoff flashed Sagan a wry smile as he shook his hand.

"He (Kristoff) is racing at home, I'm sorry but I'm very happy to win again!" said Sagan.

Earlier in the day a 10-man breakaway had set off from the flag but despite quickly building a 10-minute advantage, they had been gobbled up with 80km left. Another eight-man group with big-hitters including Dutchman Lars Boom and Tim Wellens of Belgium got clear but could never stretch their lead much beyond 30-seconds and they were brought back with 25km to go. Alaphilippe at one point to have the strength to go the whole way but just as the drama intensified with 3km to go, a technical glitch meant the television cameras lost track of the racers.

By the time they came into the view of stationary cameras in the final kilometre, Alaphilippe had been caught and a sprint finish was a certainty. At that point, few could have doubted that Sagan would prevail. — AFP



BOULDER: Phillip Lindsay #23 of the Colorado Buffaloes carries the ball against the Washington Huskies at Folsom Field on Saturday in Boulder, Colorado. — AFP





# TOYOTA SECURES PODIUM FINISH IN CHALLENGING MEXICO ROUND

**KUWAIT:** Toyota GAZOO Racing completed a tight race in the fifth round of the 2017 FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) and claimed a podium finish in the 6 Hours of Mexico. The #8 TS050 Hybrid, led by crew Sebastien Buemi, Anthony Davidson and Kazuki Nakajima, secured the third spot in the round, thereby earning the team's fifth podi-

um of the season.

The #7 TS050 Hybrid of Mike Conway,
Kamui Kobayashi and Jose Maria Lopez finished not long behind in the fourth spot and
completed what was a fierce challenge posted

by competing cars on the race course.

Takayuki Yoshitsugu, Chief Representative,

Middle East and North Africa Representative Office, Toyota Motor Corporation, said, "I congratulate the Toyota teams for displaying resilience and demonstrating a competitive spirit during this tough race. One of our aspirations for participating in motorsport activities is to test our cars in challenging conditions, refine the machines using insights and experiences gained from the tracky, and reflect those changes in the mass production vehicles to bring satisfaction and smiles on the faces of our customers. Moreover, the support of fans has been one of the driving factors behind our success in motorsports, and I would like to thank each one of them for

inspiring us to keep delivering better performance." On this occasion, Toshio Sato, Team President, said, "This was indeed a tough battle for the Toyota cars, but they fought well and completed a clean race. The #8 TS050 Hybrid held their nerves and gathered some good momentum especially towards the end to clinch the third spot, and the #7 did well to reach the fourth position too. That said, I am confident that the teams are significantly better than the results of the Mexican round. We detected a relative lack of downforce at the race, despite deploying the TS050 Hybrids with high-downforce on the race course. These learnings are part of a competitive race,

and these are areas of opportunities where we scrutinize the performance and work on refinements. We are eyeing the next round at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas."

The #7 and #8 drivers started the race strongly with a third and fourth spot, but both subsequently conceded their leads to competing cars. Both cars endured setbacks, but right after the 90-minute mark, driver Sebastien Buemi of the #8 TS050 Hybrid gathered speed to move up to the third place and survived a brief scare when the #28 car hit him in a slow corner. The caution flags went off yet again when a baseball from the nearby sports complex landed on the race track, but the #8

TS050 Hybrid built on the momentum while entering the final stint within the closing 35 minutes of the race. The #7 and #8 cars were once again neck-to-neck as the final lap closed in, but to maximize the points total for the World Championship-chasing #8 crew, driver Kamui Kobayashi of the #7 TS050 Hybrid eased off so that Sebastien Buemi of the #8 TS050 Hybrid could secure the third position as he drove past the chequered flag.

Toyota GAZOO Racing and the Toyota crew are now gearing up for the sixth round of the season which is slated to take place across the United States border at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin. Texas.



TORONTO: Chase Headley #12 of the New York Yankees steals second base in the fifth inning during MLB game action as Ryan Goins #17 of the Toronto Blue Jays cannot handle the throw cleanly at Rogers Centre in Toronto, Canada. — AFP

**BASEBALL** 

# YANKEES CLINCH POSTSEASON BERTH BY BEATING BLUE JAYS

**TORONTO:** The New York Yankees returned to the playoffs after a one-year absence, clinching no worse than a wild card as Greg Bird's three-run homer led them over the Toronto Blue Jays 5-1 on Saturday. Sonny Gray (10-11) allowed one run and four hits in six innings as the Yankees won for the 11th time in 14 games. Led by young sluggers Aaron Judge and Gary Sanchez, New York celebrated its 53rd postseason berth in a low-key manner on the field after former-Yankee Rob Refsnyder grounded out against Aroldis Chapman, then sprayed bubbly in the visitors' clubhouse. Unless New York overcomes Boston's four-game lead the AL East, the Yankees would play in the AL wild-card game on Oct. 3, most likely at home against Minnesota. New York hasn't won a postseason game since 2012. Toronto was eliminated with the defeat after consecutive losses in the AL Championship Series. Bird, who spent much of the year sidelined and hampered by a right ankle injury, connected in the fifth off Joe Biagini (3-12) for his sixth home run of the season and third in seven games.

# RED SOX 5, REDS 0

Mitch Moreland ended his long slump with a three-run homer, Eduardo Rodriguez pitched three-hit ball into the eighth inning and Boston took another step toward a second straight AL East title. The Red Sox have won 13 of 16 and are trying to take back-to-back East titles for the first time since divisional realignment in 1969. They remain four games ahead of the Yankees. Rodriguez (6-6) has given up two or fewer earned runs in each of his last four starts. Moreland was in an 0-for-19 slump when he connected off Robert Stephenson (5-6) in the sixth. Cincinnati reliever Luke Farrell, the son of Red Sox manager John Farrell, pitched the ninth and tipped his cap toward the Boston dugout as he left the mound following a scoreless inning.

# **BREWERS 4, CUBS 3, 10 INNINGS**

Travis Shaw hit a two-run homer with one out in the 10th inning off All-Star closer Wade Davis, lifting Milwaukee over Chicago. After losing straight days in the 10th to the Cubs, the Brewers moved back within 4 1/2 games of NL Central-leading Chicago. Milwaukee began the day two games behind Colorado for the second wild-card spot. Davis (4-2) had been successful in all 32 save chances this season until Orlando Arcia led off the ninth with a tying home run. The Cubs went ahead 3-2 in the 10th on Jon Jay's single off Jeremy Jeffress (4-0).

# **ASTROS 6, ANGELS 2**

Evan Gattis hit a three-run homer to back a solid start by Charlie Morton and Houston further dampened the AL wild-card hopes of the Los Angeles Angels. Justin Upton hit two home runs for the Angels, who matched a season worst with their sixth straight loss. Los Angeles began the day 3 1/2 games behind Minnesota for the second wild-card spot. Carlos Correa had three hits and three RBIs a day after his 23rd birthday as the AL West champion Astros won for the seventh time in eight games. Morton (13-7) yielded four hits and one run in seven innings for his second straight win. Bud Norris (2-6) allowed three hits and one run over 3 1/3 innings.

## **INDIANS 11, MARINERS 4**

Francisco Lindor led off the game with his 33rd home run, the most by a Cleveland middle infielder, and the Indians routed Seattle for their 28th victory in 30 games. Carlos Carrasco (17-6) matched teammate Cory Kluber and Boston's Chris Sale for the most wins in the AL, allowing one run and six hits in 5 2/3 innings. Yan Gomes homered twice and had four RBIs, and Jose Ramirez homered and drove in four runs. Cleveland, which set the AL record with a 22-game winning streak this month, matched the 1884 Providence Grays for the best big league record over a 30-game span at 28-2. The Indians (97-58) lead Houston (95-59) for AL home-field advantage in the playoffs. Seattle lost for the seventh time in eight games. The Mariners began the day five games behind Minnesota for the second AL wild card.

# ATHLETICS 1, RANGERS 0

Bruce Maxwell became the first major league baseball player to kneel during the national anthem, and Khris Davis hit his 40th home run to lift the Oakland Athletics over the Texas Rangers 1-0. Maxwell dropped to a knee and pressed his cap against his chest just outside Oakland's dugout during the anthem, adopting a protest started by former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick in response to police treatment of blacks. Davis homered against Miguel Gonzalez (8-12) leading off the second as the A's won their season-high sixth straight. Raul Alcantara (1-1) allowed two hits in five innings, Blake Treinen finished for his 11th save.

# **PADRES 5, ROCKIES 0**

Jhoulys Chacin (13-10) kept the Rockies hitless until DJ LeMahieu hit a sinking liner that diving center fielder Manuel Margot trapped with two outs in the sixth. Chacin and four relievers combined on a five-hitter. Colorado was shut out for the third time in four games and has lost five of six. Rockies starter Chad Bettis (1-4) was chased after allowing Yangervis Solarte's RBI single with two outs in the fifth.

# **PIRATES 11, CARDINALS 6**

Lance Lynn (11-8) allowed eight runs and six hits while getting two outs for St. Louis (81-73), which remained 11/2 games behind

Colorado. The Cardinals stayed five games behind the Cubs in the NL Central. Tommy Pham gave the Cardinals a 2-0 lead against Gerrit Cole (12-11) two batters in with a tworun homer. Pham was 2 for 4 with three RBIs.

### **MARLINS 12, DIAMONDBACKS 6**

Giancarlo Stanton extended his club record with his 57th home run and set a team mark with his 125th RBI, preventing Arizona from clinching an NL wild card. Miami scored five runs in the third, taking advantage of a pair of errors by Taijuan Walker (9-9), who allowed seven runs, six hits, three walks and a hit batter in 3 2/3 innings. Brian Ellington (1-1) won

# **TWINS 10, TIGERS 4**

Zack Granite hit his first major league home run, a three-run drive that capped an eightrun eighth. Minnesota, which overcame a 3-1 seventh-inning deficit, won its third straight and leads Kansas City, the Los Angeles Angels and Texas by 41/2 games for the second AL wild card. Ervin Santana (16-8) allowed three runs and seven hits in seven innings. Detroit pitcher Alex Wilson broke a leg in the eighth inning when hit by Joe Mauer's line drive. Daniel Stumpf (0-1) followed and allowed three runs and three hits without retiring a batter in his first big league decision. Detroit, which announced Friday that manager Brad Ausmus will not return next season, has lost six straight and at 62-93 will finish with its worst record since going 43-119 in 2003.

# **ROYALS 8, WHITE SOX 2**

Alex Gordon homered, Whit Merrifield drove in three runs and Danny Duffy (9-9) allowed two runs and eight hits in six-plus innings for his first win since Aug 22. Jose Abreu went 1 for 4 and drove in two runs to reach the 100-RBI mark for the fourth straight season. The Chicago slugger is just the third major leaguer to begin his career with four straight seasons of at least 25 homers and 100 RBIs after Joe DiMaggio and Albert Pujols. Dylan Covey (0-7) allowed three runs and five hits in six innings.

# **RAYS 9, ORIOLES 6**

Lucas Duda hit a go-ahead, three-run homer, helping eliminate the Orioles from postseason contention. Baltimore (74-82), which closed with five runs in the ninth inning, is assured of finishing with a losing record for the first time since 2011. Duda's third-inning homer, his 30th overall and 13th since the Rays acquired him from the New York Mets, helped Tampa Bay take a 9-1 lead into the bottom of the ninth. Tampa Bay (76-79) remained five games behind Minnesota with seven games remaining. Jake Odorizzi (10-8) allowed an unearned run and three hits in six innings. Alex Colome retired Trey Mancini on a groundout for his major league-leading 46th save. Jeremy Hellickson (2-6 with the Orioles) gave up three runs and four hits over six innings.

# NATIONALS 4, METS 3

Daniel Murphy homered in the 10th off Jacob Rhame (0-1) and is hitting .393 with 35 RBIs in 37 games versus his former team. Noah Syndergaard threw a five-pitch scoreless inning in his first major league appearance since partially tearing his right lat muscle on April 30. Matt Harvey took over for New York and allowed three runs in four innings. Stephen Strasburg gave up three runs and seven hits in five innings. Sammy Solis (1-0) got the win, and Sean Doolittle completed his 20th save in 20 chances since being acquired from Oakland.

# **GIANTS 2, DODGERS 1**

Madison Bumgarner (4-9) allowed five hits in 7 2/3 innings, including Austin Barnes' homer, ending a four-start losing streak. Gorkys Hernandez had three hits and scored both runs. Dodgers left-hander Hyun-Jin Ryu (5-8) in the third inning when Joe Panik hit a comebacker off his left forearm. The Dodgers said X-rays were negative and Ryu had a bruised forearm. Sam Dyson pitched a scoreless ninth for his 14th save.

### **BRAVES 4, PHILLIES 2**

Pinch-hitter Johan Camargo hit a go-ahead,

two-run double off Luis Garcia (2-5) in a threerun eighth inning and Rio Ruiz homered. Rex Brothers (4-3) pitched a one-hit eighth, and Arodys Vizcaino struck out three in the ninth for his 13th save. Yankees clinch postseason berth by beating Blue Jays 5-1. — AP

# OAKLAND'S MAXWELL FIRST MLB PLAYER TO KNEEL DURING ANTHEM

OAKLAND: Bruce Maxwell of the Oakland Athletics became the first Major League Baseball player to kneel during the US anthem on Saturday, pulling the league into a polarizing protest movement that has been criticized harshly by President Donald Trump.

Before a home game against the Texas Rangers, Maxwell dropped to a knee just outside Oakland's dugout, adopting a protest started by former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick in response to police treatment of blacks. The rookie catcher pressed his right hand against his heart, and teammates stood in a line next to him. Teammate Mark Canha, who is white, put his right hand on one of Maxwell's shoulders, and the two hugged after the anthem finished.

"Everybody watches sports and so everybody loves sports, so I felt this was the right thing for me to do personally," Maxwell said.

Maxwell's protest comes after Trump blasted American football players and rescinded a White House invitation for NBA champion Stephen Curry in a twoday rant that targeted top professional athletes.

"That's a total disrespect of everything that we stand for," Trump said of kneeling through the anthem. He added, "Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, you'd say, 'Get that son of a bitch off the field right now. Out! He's

Maxwell informed A's manager Bob Melvin and general manager David Forst of his intention to kneel before Saturday's game. He also held a team meeting in which he addressed questions from teammates. Maxwell did not play in Oakland's 1-0 win. Canha approached Maxwell after the meeting to offer his support.

"I could tell he was getting kind of choked up and emotional about his beliefs and how he feels about the racial discrimination that's going on in this country right now," Canha said. "I felt like every fiber in my being was telling me that he needed a brother today."

The Athletics released a statement on Twitter shortly after the anthem, saying they "respect and support all of our players' constitutional rights and freedom of expression" and "pride ourselves on being inclusive."

The league also issued a statement: "Major League Baseball has a longstanding tradition of honoring our nation prior to the start of our games. We also respect that each of our players is an individual with his own background, perspectives and opinions. We believe that our game will continue to bring our fans, their communities and our players

Maxwell was born in Wiesbaden, Germany, while his father was stationed there in the Army, but he grew up in Huntsville, Alabama, which is where Trump made his statements at a rally on Friday. "The racism in the South is disgusting," Maxwell said. "It bothers me, and it hits home for me because that's where I'm from. The racism in the South is pretty aggressive, and I dealt with it all the way through my childhood, and my sister went through it. I feel that that's something that needs to be addressed and that needs to be changed."

League executives and star players alike condemned Trump's words on Saturday, and Maxwell predicted on Twitter that athletes would begin kneeling in other sports following "comments like that coming from our president."

A few hours later, he followed

"This now has gone from just a Black Lives Matter topic to just complete inequality of any man or woman that wants to stand for Their rights!" Maxwell wrote.

Maxwell is decidedly patriotic and comes from a military family. His agent, Matt Sosnick, told The Associated Press that "the Maxwells' love and appreciation for our country is indisputable." — AP



**OAKLAND: Oakland Athletics catcher** Bruce Maxwell, left, kneels as teammate Mark Canha, right, looks on during the National Anthem before the start of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers Saturday, in Oakland, Calif. **Bruce Maxwell of the Oakland Athletics** has become the first major league baseball player to kneel during the national anthem. — AP

# **MLB Results/Standings**

Oakland 1, Texas 0: San Diego 5, Colorado 0: Miami 12, Arizona 6: Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 2: Washington 4, NY Mets 3 (10 innings); Kansas City 8, Chicago White Sox 2; Pittsburgh 11, St. Louis 6; Tampa Bay 9, Baltimore 6; Minnesota 10, Detroit 4; Boston 5, Cincinnati 0; Cleveland 11, Seattle 4; NY Yankees 5, Toronto 1; Houston 6, LA Angels 2; Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 3 (10 innings).

American League					Ivational	League				
Eastern Division					Eastern D	ivision				
	W	L	PCT	GB	Washington	93	61	.604	-	
Boston	90	64	.584	-	Miami	73	81	.474	20	
NY Yankees	86	68	.558	4	Atlanta	70	83	.458	22.5	
Tampa Bay	76	79	.490	14.5	NY Mets	66	88	.429	27	
Baltimore	74	82	.474	17	Philadelphia	61	94	.394	32.5	
Toronto	72	83	.465	18.5		Central D	ivision			
C	entral 🏻	Division			Chicago Cubs	86	68	.558	_	
Cleveland	97	58	.626	-	Milwaukee	82	73	.529	4.5	
Minnesota	81	74	.523	16						
Kansas City	76	78	.494	20.5	St. Louis	81	73	.526	5	
Chicago White Sox	62	92	.403	34.5	Pittsburgh	70	85	.452	16.5	
Detroit	62	93	.400	35	Cincinnati	66	89	.426	20.5	
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Houston	95	59	.617	-	LA Dodgers	98	57	.632	-	
Texas	76	78	.494	19	Arizona	89	66	.574	9	
LA Angels	76	78	.494	19	Colorado	83	72	.535	15	
Seattle	75	80	.484	20.5	San Diego	70	85	.452	28	
Oakland	71	83	.461	24	San Francisco	61	94	.394	37	

# DYBALA SCORES TWICE AGAINST SELF-DESTRUCTING TORINO

**MILAN:** Paulo Dybala scored two goals, taking his tally to 10 in six league games, to lead Juventus to a 4-0 win over self-destructing neighbours Torino and maintain their perfect start in Serie A on Saturday. Napoli also notched up their sixth straight win, beating SPAL 3-2 after Faouzi Ghoulam's late goal saw off a brave challenge from their promoted opponents.

Napoli, last season's top scorers, have hit 22 goals already and lead champions Juve on goal difference with both sides on a maximum 18 points.

Juventus had little trouble in dispatching Torino in the Derby della Mole as their opponents gifted them the opening goal and had a player sent off before the half hour.

Torino defender Lyanco set the tone in the fourth minute when he sent a misplaced back pass towards his own goal and was saved only by goalkeeper Salvatore Sirigu's desperate sliding clearance. The visitors were in more trouble in the 16th minute when midfielder Tomas Rincon was dispossessed by Miralem Pjanic who slipped the ball to Dybala for the Argentine to fire Juve into the lead.

It got even worse for Torino when Daniele Baselli, having already been booked, flew wildly at Pjanic with his knees raised and was dismissed with only 25 minutes gone. The game effectively ended as a contest when Pjanic swept in Juan Cuadrado's pass five minutes before halftime.

Alex Sandro headed the third from Pjanic's corner in the 57th minute and Torino kept the score down only thanks to a string of outstanding saves from Sirigu. He was eventually beaten for a fourth time when Dybala got clear of the Torino defence in stoppage time to dink the ball over the 30-year-old.

Napoli had to come from behind on their way to a club-record eleventh consecutive league win. Pasquale Schiattarella gave SPAL a shock lead in the 13th minute but Lorenzo Insigne equalised one minute later.

Jose Callejon headed Napoli in front in the 71st minute only for SPAL to hit back seven minutes later when Federico Viviani curled in a free kick.

Napoli refused to give up and Ghoulam settled matters with a fine solo effort, the Algerian running at the SPAL defence and cutting inside to finish with his right foot.

Two goals from Stephan El Shaarawy helped fourth-placed AS Roma to a comfortable 3-1 win at home to Udinese after Edin Dzeko had opened the scoring for last season's runners-up. Diego Perotti missed a penalty for Roma before Jens Stryger Larsen scored a last-minute consolation for Udinese. —Reuters

# PANDYA FIFTY HELPS India clinch series

**INDORE:** Hardik Pandya hit an aggressive half-century to lead India to a series-clinching five-wicket win over Australia in the third one-day international in Indore yesterday. Pandya's 72-ball 78 and his crucial fifth-wicket stand with Manish Pandey, who remained unbeaten on 36, helped the hosts chase down their 294-run target with 13 balls to spare.



**INDORE: Indian cricketer Hardik Pandya** celebrates after scoring an half century (50 runs) during the third one-day international cricket match against Australia at the Holkar Stadium in Indore yesterday. — AFP

**Australia Innings** 

T. Head b Bumrah

M. Stoinis not out

A. Agar not out

Extras (lb-2 w-14)

275 P. Handscomb

Richardson

D. Warner b H. Pandya

A. Finch c Jadhav b K. Yadav

S. Smith c Bumrah b K. Yadav

G. Maxwell st Dhoni b Chahal

Total (for 6 wickets, 50 overs)

1(w-2); K. Yadav 10-0-75-2(w-3).

P. Handscomb c M. Pandey b Bumrah

Fall of wickets: 1-70 D. Warner, 2-224 A. Finch, 3-

243 S. Smith, 4-243 G. Maxwell, 5-260 T. Head, 6-

Did not bat: P. Cummins, N. Coulter-Nile, K.

Bowling: B. Kumar 10-0-52-0(w-4); J. Bumrah 10-0-

52-2(w-5); Y. Chahal 10-0-54-1; H. Pandya 10-0-58-

Openers Rohit Sharma and Ajinkya Rahane put together a 139-run stand to lay a solid foundation for the team to take an unassailable 3-0 lead in the five-match series. But it was the Indian bowlers who set up the comfortable victory after opener Aaron Finch's blazing century, restricting the visitors to 293-6 at the batting-friendly Holkar Stadium. In reply, Sharma, who hit 71, and Rahane, who made 70, combined the right dose of caution and aggression to give the Australian bowlers a hard time. Sharma hit a huge six off Kane Richardson early in the innings that sailed out of the ground to signal his intent. He registered his 33rd ODI fifty with another six off Ashton Agar. His 62-ballknock was laced with 6 fours and 4 sixes before he top-edged a delivery from Nathan Coulter-Nile and substitute fielder Hilton Cartwright made no mistake at deep midwicket. Rahane soon followed his partner back to the pavilion after Pat Cummins, who was brought back for his second spell, trapped the batsman lbw as Australia tried to check a rampaging India.

Kohli tried to take charge during his 56run stand with Pandya but lost his wicket to left-arm spinner Ashton Agar. Richardson got Kedar Jadhav caught behind for two as India suddenly found themselves in trouble at 206-4.

The 23-year-old Pandya, who survived a dropped chance by skipper Steve Smith off Agar on 41, then showed maturity as he and Pandey took control of the situation. Earlier Finch's 125-ball 124 helped Australia post 292-6 in fifty overs after electing to bat. Fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah and left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav claimed two wickets each to help India fightback a strong start from the Aussies, who eyed 300-plus at one stage. The fourth ODI is scheduled for Thursday in Bangalore. — AFP

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MILAN: Genoa's defender Aleandro Rosi (L) fights for the ball with Inter Milan's midfielder from Croatia Ivan Perisic during the Italian Serie A football match Inter Milan vs Genoa at San Siro stadium in Milan yesterday. — AFP

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# D'AMBROSIO SAVES INTER, AC MILAN CRASH IN SERIE A

**MILAN:** Danilo D'Ambrosio scored the only goal as Inter Milan left it late to squeeze past Genoa 1-0 in Serie A action Sunday and keep in touch with the leaders, as AC Milan fell 2-0 at Sampdoria. D'Ambrosio headed in off a corner with two minutes to go at the San Siro to earn three points for Luciano Spalletti's side, who saw their winning run ended on Tuesday with a last-

gasp 1-1 draw at Bologna.

Inter stay third, two points behind leaders Juventus and Napoli, who both claimed their sixth wins out of six on Saturday against Torino, 4-0, and SPAL, 3-2, respectively. "It was a tough match, but we stayed solid," said Spalletti. "We must create this winning mentality that makes us believe that we can beat anyone.

"There is a gap with Napoli and Juventus, but that's to be expected, considering where we're coming from. It's tough to recreate a winning mentality after a poor campaign. There is always that fear of reality setting in.

"Napoli and Juventus have that mentality, so do Roma and Lazio. We also mustn't underestimate Sampdoria and Torino, who are two strong sides." Ciro Immobile scored a double including one from the spot to bring his tally to eight for the Serie A season, as injury-hit Lazio stayed fourth with a comfortable 3-0 win at Verona.

Immobile converted a penalty after 24 minutes, scored from the edge of the box before the break and then teed up Adam Marusic for his first Serie A goal on 60 minutes. Lazio coach Simone Inzaghi was delighted that his side knew how to respond positively to their 4-1 defeat

"On Wednesday we had a setback that we didn't foresee, even though we were playing Napoli," said Inzaghi. "One goal would have allowed Verona back into it at home, but we never risked it. "There are no more adjectives for him (Immobile). He gives a lot and (Italy coach Giampiero) Ventura will definitely be counting on him." City rivals Roma-who have a game in hand-are fifth, after easing past Udinese 3-1 on Saturday.

# **MILAN WORRIED**

Duvan Zapata and Ricky Alvarez scored as Sampdoria condemned big-spending AC Milan to their second defeat of the campaign. Zapata broke through after a terrible clearance by his cousin and fellow Colombia international Cristian Zapata on 72 minutes with substitute Alvarez getting the second just before the final whistle. Chinese-owned Milan again showed their difficulty against teams in the top half of the table as they remained sixth after six games with Sampdoria, who have a game in hand, moving seventh just a point behind. "We deserved this victory, we fought to the end and



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must build on this performance," said Zapata.

Milan had problems defensively with Cristian Zapata having a forgettable afternoon and Leonardo Bonucci and Alessio Romagnoli per-

forming little better. Sampdoria dominated from the outset with the visitors having a scare after two minutes when Ivan Strinic's cross hit Franck Kessie on the arm and the referee awarded a penalty. However, the decision was overturned by the video assistant referee.

Chievo won at 10-man Cagliari thanks to Roberto Inglese and Mariusz Stepinski's second half goals as Crotone earned their first win 2-0 over tailenders Benevento. — AFP

# ALI SMASHES CENTURY AS **ENGLAND BEAT WEST INDIES**

**SCOREBOARD** 

India Innings

A. Rahane Ibw b Cummins

V. Kohli c Finch b Agai

M. Pandey not out

M. Dhoni not out

Extras (lb-3 w-3)

Ro. Sharma c sub b Coulter-Nile

Total (for 5 wickets, 47.5 overs)

Result: India won by 5 wickets

H. Pandya c Richardson b Cummins

K. Jadhav c Handscomb b Richardson

Fall of wickets: 1-139 Ro. Sharma, 2-147 A. Rahane,

Did not bat: B. Kumar, K. Yadav, J. Bumrah, Y.

Bowling: P. Cummins 10-0-54-2(w-1); N. Coulter-

Nile 10-0-58-1(w-1); K. Richardson 8.5-0-45-1; M.

Stoinis 8-0-61-0; A. Agar 10-0-71-1; G. Maxwell 1-0-

3-203 V. Kohli, 4-206 K. Jadhav, 5-284 H. Pandya

Scoreboard at close of play in the third One Day International between India and Australia vesterday in

124

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**BRISTOL:** Moeen Ali hit the second fastest one-day international century in England's history to set up a win over West Indies by 124 runs yesterday. Victory gave them an unassailable 2-0 lead in the third of the five-match series after the second game was washed out last week.

Joe Root with 84 and Ben Stokes (73) were the other main contributors to an imposing total of 369-9 off 50 overs. They shared a fourth-wicket stand of 132 as Root became the highest scorer in all formats in an English international season.

Then Ali took over, reaching his century off 53 balls, the last of them being his eighth six. Only Jos Buttler, from 46 balls against Pakistan in 2015, has ever got there faster for England. Ali eventually holed out

to long-off for 102 as West Indies' labouring bowlers went for 123 in the final 10 overs.

"The ground isn't that big so it's nice to play on it," he told Sky Sports. "I just tried to slog it as much as I could." Opener Chris Gayle led the response, at one stage hitting Ali for three consecutive sixes, but he never quite had sufficient support and was run out for 94 going for a quick single. Ali even took the final catch as the innings ended for 245 in the 40th over, Liam Plunkett finishing with 5-52.

England 369-9, 50 overs (M Ali 102, J Root 84, B Stokes 73; M Cummins 3-82). West Indies 245, 39.1 overs (C Gayle

94; L Plunkett 5-52, A Rashid 3-34).

**Result:** England won by 124 runs Series: England lead five-match series 2-0. — Agencies



BRISTOL: England's Jos Buttler, right, successfully appeals for Ibw against West Indies' Ashley Nurse during the third one day international at Bristol County Ground, England, yesterday. — AP

# OLYMPIC CHAMPION KIPCHOGE WINS BERLIN MARATHON

**BERLIN:** Olympic champion Eliud Kipchoge held off the challenge of debutant Guye Adola to win the Berlin Marathon yesterday. The Kenyan finished in 2 hours, 3 minutes, 32 seconds, missing out on the world record by 35 seconds in wet conditions.

'That was my hardest marathon ever," said Kipchoge, who said he still believed he was capable of beating the 2:02:57 run by compatriot Dennis Kimetto on the same course in 2014.

"The conditions weren't ideal. It rained. Luckily there wasn't too much wind. In the end I'm just happy to have won against Adola," Kipchoge said. Adola finished 14 seconds behind, and the Ethiopian surprised by pushing Kipchoge hardest. Defending champion Kenenisa Bekele fell behind and then former world-record holder Wilson Kipsang dropped out. "That's sport," said Kipchoge, who won the Berlin Marathon in 2015 despite flapping insoles in his shoes. In May, Kipchoge ran 2:00:25 in an event that didn't confirm to international rules on Monza's race-track in Italy.

Gladys Cherono won the women's race in 2:20:23, ahead of Ethiopia's Ruti Aga and fellow Kenyan Valary Ayabei. "Last year I was injured and thought I would never run at this level again," said Cherono, who also won in 2015.

Former winners Kipchoge, Bekele and Kipsang - the world's three strongest marathon runners with personal bests all under 2:03:30 were targeting Kimetto's record before the race but were hampered by misty drizzle. The favorites all passed the halfway mark in 1:01:29, accompanied by Adola and Vincent Kiproto, but Bekele looked to be in trouble and fell out of contention shortly afterward. Kipsang suddenly stopped at the 30-kilometer mark, leaving

Kipchoge and Adola to duel it out.

The debutant made his move with around five kilometers remaining, but Kipchoge stayed on his tail and drew level by the 40-kilometer mark before pulling away for the victory. "You cannot control the weather," Kipchoge said. "It was not what I came here for but I'm happy with

Adola's time of 2:03:46 was the fastest debut on a record-eligible course. While the drizzle dampened the top three's hopes of breaking the record, it provided relief for the majority of the 43,000 runners with more modest ambitions.

Several had their own records to beat, including Bernardo Castro Dominguez of Ireland, who wanted to run the men's fastest marathon dressed as a lucha libre wrestler; Jennifer McBain of Britain who dressed as a hot dog to beat the women's record for a marathon dressed as a fast food item; and Patrick Kennedy of Britain, who dressed as a snowboarder for charity.

The 52-year-old Kennedy ran the London Marathon while playing a mandolin. "I thought this would be easier because I don't have to play the mandolin," Kennedy said of his 11th marathon. "Ich bin ein snowboarder." — AP



BERLIN: From left, Ethiopia's silver medalist Guye Adola, Kenya's gold medalist Eliud Kipchoge and Ethiopia's bronze medalist Mosinet Geremew hold giant glasses of beer during the medal ceremony for the 44th Berlin Marathon in Berlin, Germany, yesterday. — AP

Peter Sagan wins historic third straight world title



**Olympic champion Kipchoge wins Berlin Marathon** 



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TOKYO: Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark poses with the winner's plate after beating Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia at the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, yesterday. — AP

# Wozniacki powers to Pan Pacific title in Tokyo

**TOKYO:** Caroline Wozniacki ended her string of final failures by beating Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-0 7-5 in Tokyo yesterday to win her second straight Pan Pacific Open title. The former world number one, who has now won the event three times, was contesting her seventh final of the season after losing the pre-

out of the gate behind a strong service game with two aces in a 21-minute first-set rout, looking fresh after her straight-sets triumph over world number one Garbine Muguruza the previous day. By contrast, Pavlyuchenkova's gruelling three-set semi-final win over Angelique Kerber appeared to have taken its toll and she struggled with accuracy, register-The 27-year-old Dane, seeded third, burst ing three double faults in the set. After being

swept aside in the opener, Pavlyuchenkova was far more competitive in the second and held her serve throughout until Wozniacki converted her third match point to break once more and seal victory in the 12th game of the set.

"It was my seventh final of the year and obviously after a while it gets harder and harder to get that last one," Wozniacki said in a courtside interview at the Ariake Coliseum, which will host the tennis events at the 2020 Olympics.

"But I went out there and I just stayed focused and stayed aggressive, especially in the beginning and then it was going my way," added Wozniacki, now ranked sixth in the world. Overall, Wozniacki sent down six aces and failed to register a double fault or offer up a single break point, while her unseeded opponent coughed up five double faults without managing an ace. Wozniacki's 26th career title also ensured that the Dane maintained her streak of winning at least one WTA tournament every year since 2008 as she became the fourth player to have captured the Pan Pacific Open title three or more times. The 26-year-old Pavlyuchenkova had been seeking her third title of the year and the 11th of her career. —Reuters

# HEMED GIVES BRIGHTON REVENGE OVER NEWCASTLE



**BRIGHTON:** Brighton and Hove Albion's Tomer Hemed grabbed the only goal as they ended Newcastle United's three-match winning streak with a 1-0 victory yesterday in a battle between two of this season's promoted sides.

Israel international Hemed scored in the 51st minute, to move Brighton up four places to 13th, while ending the feel-good factor at Newcastle, who had been fourth ahead of the weekend's games.

Rafa Benitez's side, who drop down to joint eighth, had pipped Brighton to the Championship (second tier) title by one point on the final day of last season, having beaten them at home and away. They had more of the game after bringing on mid-

fielder Jonjo Shelvey, who hit a post direct from a corner, but good chances were hard to come by. Both sides had lost their two opening games in the Premier League before an improvement gave them

greater confidence at the higher level. Brighton were the brighter side until the later stages once goalkeeper Mathew Ryan had saved from

Mikel Merino early on. They nevertheless had to survive the best chance of the first half, when a fortunate deflection off a home

defender fell to Newcastle's Joselu. Yet the Spanish striker, who was signed from Stoke City after a loan at Deportivo La Coruna, pulled his shot

past the far post. In an impressive spell at the start of the second half the home side went ahead and thought they had scored a second. Dale Stephens was left unmarked at the far post to head a free kick square, from where

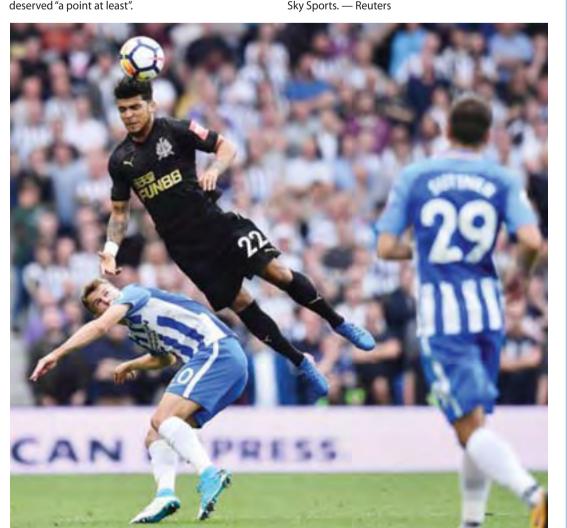
Hemed hooked it in.

In almost the next attack Brighton captain Bruno crossed from the right for Solly March to squeeze in a shot that goalkeeper Rob Elliott blocked right on the line. Once Shelvey replaced Isaac Hayden, Newcastle looked more threatening. He swerved a corner onto the post, then dipped a free kick just over the bar. The

visitors finished with more shots and more on target than the home side but still lacked the cutting edge

necessary to push them back into the top four. Newcastle manager Benitez felt there was a foul by Bruno in the build-up to the goal and that his team

Brighton's Chris Hughton, celebrating a second successive home win, played down an incident in which Newcastle players suggested Hemed had stamped on DeAndre Yedlin. "My first impression is no intent and knowing the individual I would say no intent," he told



BRIGHTON: Newcastle United's US defender DeAndre Yedlin wins a header above Brighton's English midfielder Solly March during the English Premier League football match between Brighton and Hove Albion and Newcastle United at the American Express Community Stadium in Brighton, southern England yesterday. —AFP

# NADAL AND FEDERER TEAM UP TO WIDEN EUROPE'S LEAD IN LAVER CUP

PRAGUE: Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal took care of business in their singles matches before teaming up in an eagerly anticipated doubles pairing to extend Europe's lead over players from the rest of the world in the inaugural

Laver Cup on Saturday. The new team tennis event, kicking off in Prague and moving to the United States next year, was a first chance for the world's top two players to play competitively side by side. Putting aside a rivalry rekindled this season after Spaniard Nadal and Swiss Federer swept all four grand slams, the pair outlasted and outclassed Americans Sam Querrey and Jack Sock to win 6-4 1-6 1-0(10-5) in the weekend's headline match.

The doubles victory put Team Europe up 9-3 going into the final day when the four matches are each worth three points. "We will always forever be rivals as long as we are active. And after this we will be rivals again," said Federer, ranked number two in the world and holder of 19 career grand slam titles to top-ranked Nadal's 16.

"But this was something very special. Knowing you can trust him in the big moments, seeing his decision-making, seeing his thought process, it was very interesting." "It was definitely a different day to other days in my life," he added. The Laver Cup, named after Australian tennis hero Rod Laver, is attempting to add new excitement to the sport in an already crowded calendar and was the brainchild of Federer and his sports management company Team8.

The Europeans are the clear favourites with five of the world's top seven players and have won five of the six singles matches in the first two days. In Saturday's first match, Federer cruised through 6-4 6-2 against world number 16 Querrey. Nadal then glided through his first set before the hard-hitting Sock fought back to force a third set, which under the event's rules is a rapidfire, 10-point tiebreak.

Sock, who had teamed up with Australian Nick Kyrgios on Friday to take down Nadal and Czech Tomas Berdych to get Team World's only point on the opening day, again had to claw his way out of a hole.

But Nadal kept his nerve and ended the match with a winner at the net on the sleek, black hardcourt at O2 Arena to win 6-3 3-6 1-0(11-9). In the evening session, Kyrgios defeated Berdych, taking late control to win 4-6 7-6(4) 1-0(10-6). Nadal and Federer capped the evening with a thrilling win over Querrey and Sock, even after an early miscue almost caused Nadal to hit his partner as they both went for an overhead smash. "We played with too much energy, so went for everything," Nadal said of the near-miss. After Federer served to take the first set, the American pair flew through the second 6-1 with some big serves.

Two crushing winners at the net by Nadal gave him and Federer the momentum to take them easily through the tiebreak. Despite questions over competitiveness most matches have been tight and players have shown their approval. The Team World bench has stood out with players joking around, choreographing their celebrations after points and leading the crowd in the Mexican Wave. — Reuters

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# EMERGING MARKET INVESTORS BUY INTO EDUCATION

SHENYANG: In this picture taken on July 4, 2017 people visit a shopping mall complex in Shenyang. While foreign firms complain about being locked out of large swathes of China's vast market, the door has cracked open a bit wider in Liaoning province as the authorities seek to revive the recession-hit industrial region. — AFP

# DEBATE SWIRLS AS POWER OF US TECH GIANTS GROWS

# TECH FIRMS EXERCISE CONTROL OVER WHAT PEOPLE SEE AND HOW THEY LIVE

**SAN FRANCISCO:** With a handful of US technology giants growing more powerful and dominant, debate is intensifying on whether big tech's growth is healthy or not. Over the past few years, Apple, Google parent Alphabet, Facebook and Amazon have become among the world's most valuable companies.

Along with stalwarts like Microsoft and rising stars like Netflix, the tech firms exercise enormous control over what people see and how they live. Increasingly, policymakers and others have begun to consider breaking up or regulating the biggest technology companies, although imminent action appears unlikely.

While many consumers welcome innovation from the tech sector, critics have complained about the power of "gatekeepers" of information and other content. Google holds around 90 percent of the internet search market in the United States and Europe. Facebook and Google scoop up some 60 percent of digital ad revenues and are eating up 90 percent of new ad growth in the United States.

Google's Android and Apple's iOS power the overwhelming majority of mobile devices. Amazon accounts for nearly half of US online sales and is expanding into new sectors.

# Concentration of power

Barry Lynn, executive director of the Open Markets Institute, said three firms-Google, Facebook and Amazon-"have more power than any previous monopolies we've dealt with in the past century." "We have to be incredibly concerned about the power of Facebook, Google and Amazon," said Lynn, who launched his research center last month after his team was ousted from the Google-funded New

America Foundation.

"They have their hands on the flow of news, the flow of books and they are manipulating that flow in a conscious way to promote their interests." Even though the idea of taking on the tech giants appears extreme, the upheaval in US politics over the past year has brought together allies from across the spectrum worried about their concentration of economic power.

The recently formed "New Center" political alliance that includes leaders from the traditional right and left has placed "challenging big tech" on its agenda. Bill Galston, a former White House advisor under Bill Clinton and co-founder of New Center, argued that tech monopolies are hurting wages, entrepreneurship and could be distorting the political landscape.

"The big tech firms have almost unlimited funds they can throw into lobbying, and they have been ramping this up steeply," Galston said. "Is that a good thing for democracy?" Lou Kerner, partner at the investment firm Flight Ventures, said this monopoly power is more concentrated than any in recent history, and

expressed concern it will "strangle innovation"

and increase income inequality.

But Kerner said he opposes heavy-handed regulation or breakup of the tech giants. "By their nature regulators move slowly and by the time they address the problems they are no longer problems," Kerner said. "Historically the market has been much better at addressing monopoly powers in technology."

# Rewriting the book

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Ed Black, president of the Computer & Communications Industry Association, which represents firms including Google, Facebook and Microsoft, said breaking up the tech giants could have a "chilling effect on innovation." "If our goal is really to maintain innovation, spur the entire economy, and grow higher paying jobs, asking the government to penalize a successful foundational economic sector, absent bad behavior or consumer

harm, seems illogical," Black said.

European regulators have taken a more aggressive approach, imposing a hefty fine on Google after concluding the search giant illegally favored its own shopping services, one of three antitrust investigations into the company. In Washington, the rise of Donald Trump suggests a possible shift in US policy after years in which Silicon Valley was seen as close to the White House.

Former White House strategist Steve



Bannon said recently he was leading an effort within the administration to turn Facebook and Google into "public utilities."

But Federal Trade Commission chief Maureen Ohlhausen, who would lead any US antitrust action, signaled any effort to break up tech firms is remote. "Given the clear consumer benefits of technology-driven innovation, I am concerned about the push to adopt an approach that will disregard consumer benefits in the pursuit of other perhaps even conflicting goals," Ohlhausen said in a speech at Georgetown University. She said some tech critics want "to rewrite the modern rules" of antitrust enforcement to "pursue a wide variety of goals other than consumer welfare." — AFP

# CHINA RUST BELT OPENS DOOR WIDER TO FOREIGN INVESTORS

**SHENYANG:** Trucks carrying hi-tech car components rumble in and out the gates of an American industrial zone in the heart of China's rust beltusing roads that the city especially renovated for the complex. While foreign firms complain about being locked out of large swathes of China's vast market, the door has cracked open a bit wider in northeastern Liaoning province as the authorities seek to revive the recession-hit industrial region.

The bustling activity at the Shenyang American Industrial Park, which hosts international suppliers for global car brands, stands in contrast with the darkened windows and empty parking lots of the moribund Chinese factories nearby. Foreign firms feel more welcome in the provincial capital, Shenyang, and in parts of the southwest, than anywhere else in the country, according to a survey by the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China.

"The local government offers many benefits, such as easing company registration, providing discounts for factory and office space and giving family members three-year visas," said Harald Kumpfert, chairman of the EU chamber's Shenyang chapter. Elsewhere, companies are increasingly voicing frustration about investment barriers in sectors from automotive to finance, while China subsidizes its own domestic businesses. The EU business chamber issued an annual report on Tuesday saying companies were "suffering from accumulated 'promise fatigue'" as the government has yet to follow through on pledges to open the market.

And while Liaoning is more welcoming, Kumpfert said that after setting up shop, businesses in Shenyang face similar obstacles, including lengthy waits for permits and "unclear" regulations. Settling in China can also come at a price: at least one-fifth of EU companies said they have had to share their technology in exchange for market access in the aerospace, machinery, environment, auto, utilities and primary energy industries.

# 'Work as a team'

Still, the chamber has observed an uptick in foreign entrepreneurs arriving in Shenyang in

recent years. Businesses that specialize in renewable energy, tourism, agriculture or advanced technology are well positioned to succeed in Shenyang as the city addresses pollution and undergoes a "painful restructuring process", Kumpfert said. The Liaoning Pilot Free Trade Zone was launched earlier this year, and construction continues in the 48-square-kilometre Sino-German Intelligent Equipment Manufacturing Park in Shenyang, which hosts BMW, Siemens and BASF.

The city's Bureau of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation said data on foreign investment was not immediately available. China's northeast has long relied on stateowned enterprises plagued with severe overcapacity in heavy industries that have crippled the economy, costing thousands of jobs.

Liaoning was the only province in the country that was officially in recession in 2016, with its economy contracting by 2.5 percent. The province also admitted to faking economic growth figures from 2011 to 2014. — AFP

# UK NEGOTIATOR DISMISSES NEWS OF £40BN BREXIT BILL

**LONDON:** Brexit negotiator David Davis yesterday dismissed a report that Britain was prepared to pay a £40 billion (\$54 billion, 45 billion euros) divorce bill on

leaving the European Union.

The Times quoted a "Brussels source" in their story on Saturday, but Davis told BBC television that "they sort of made that up." "I'm not going to do an actual number on air, it would be ridiculous to do that, but we have a fairly clear idea where we're going on this," he said. He called EU claims for Britain to contribute to the bloc's future pension pot as "debatable to say the least." "The last time we went through line by line and challenged quite a lot of the legal basis of these things and we'll continue to do that."

British Prime Minister Theresa May on Friday revealed plans for a transition period of around two years after it officially leaves in 2019, during which time Britain would still largely be under current EU rules. Davis stressed that Britain "would not under any circumstances" accept the supremacy of the European Court of Justice after the transition period, a key issue for Brexit hardliners.

He added that it was "quite likely" that a joint system of EU-UK courts will be agreed in order to resolve disputes. May's cabinet is divided over certain key issues of Brexit, particularly on what terms Britain wishes to access the EU's single market after it has left. The pro-EU faction of her government, led by finance minister Philip Hammond, want close ties with the bloc, while Brexit campaigner and foreign minister Boris Johnson is pushing for a cleaner break. Johnson heightened tensions last week with a newspaper article spelling out his vision, and the latest edition of the Sunday Telegraph reported he had set down further demands.

He said Britain should not adopt any new EU rules made during the transition period and wants London to be able to sign trade deals with countries outside the EU during the two-year period, according to the paper. — AFP



# **EMERGING MARKET INVESTORS BUY INTO EDUCATION**

International financing needs to rise to \$89bn by 2030

LONDON: Two decades after Yusuf Karodia launched Mancosa, a distance learning school to teach South Africans business skills, he sold up to UK private equity firm Actis. From nurseries to exam tutoring and adult education, teaching businesses are booming as populations rise and cash-strapped governments fail to keep up with demand.

With 263 million children out of school worldwide, according to 2014 data from the United Nations, investors are keen to access a growing sector with few publicly-listed companies.

Karodia said Actis was one of a stream of interested private investors. "We had about an overture a week to partner with someone," he told Reuters. Mancosa is now part of Actis's expanding higher education portfolio in Africa. It has spent \$275 million since 2014, investing in education institutes across the continent which it groups under the brand name Honoris Universities and plans to list on a stock market in the next two to three years.

Karodia, who will also get a stake in Honoris, says there is huge demand for education in Africa. "Quality education especially coming from the private sector - is going to play an ever increasingly important role," he said. The International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity estimates that international financing for education in low- and middle-income countries will need to increase from today's estimated

The Gulf region also offers opportunities. Kuwait-based HumanSoft, which establishes and manages private universities and colleges listed in 2005. United Arab Emirates-based GEMS Education, which operates more than 250 schools across 14 countries and counts Blackstone among its stakeholders, has indicated plans to list.

\$16 billion per year to \$89 billion by 2030. Jetilde Carlos is a 22-year old final year finance student at the Varsity College in Cape Town, owned by Johannesburg-listed ADvTECH Group. Carlos missed out on a place at a state university. "Its not that my parents had the money but they really wanted a better life for me. They didn't want me to sit at home looking for job when I might not even find one," she said.

### "The degree is worth it in the end"

Investors are keen for a slice of the market because the fee-paying structure guarantees a regular income stream. The sector is also relatively resilient to economic ups and downs as parents increasingly prioritize their children's education.

"It goes with the whole consumer spending (trend) in emerging markets, and as income levels rise and there is more disposable income available what you're seeing is the population is looking

to spend in areas such as education," said Patricia Ribeiro, an equity portfolio manager at American Century Investments. Carlos paid a deposit of 25,000 rand (\$1,876.38). If you pay up front the total is 70,500 rand but the monthly payments that she has chosen bring the total to about 90,000 rand for one year's tuition.

### **Explosive growth**

The sector is dominated by private equity players. MSCI's emerging equity index contains only three education stocks - New York-listed Chinese firms TAL and New Oriental Education and Brazil's Kroton. Morgan Stanley describes shares in Chinese education operators as "attractive". China's education market catering for children from nursery to end of secondary school will grow 8 percent annually to become a 3 trillion yuan (\$460 bil-

lion) market in 2020, the bank told clients. Recent regulatory changes are set to benefit private tutoring firms, many of which prepare high-school pupils for university. TAL said in July that student enrolment was up more than 60 percent yearon-year, with a matching rise in revenue. Its stock has soared 180 percent since January.

New Oriental Education projects revenue growth of as much as 24 percent in the three months to end-August. Its shares are up 114 percent since the start of 2017. "China is very exam-driven from kindergarten on and they are competing more and more with U.S. schools," said Sandra Ackermann-Schaufler, senior portfolio manager for emerging markets at SEI.

"If anyone thinks it's tough to get into US universities they should look at the top Chinese universities....the growth you could see is explosive growth." Valuations are soaring, possibly because fund managers are chasing too few companies. TAL's priceto-earnings (P/E) ratio is nearly 130, while New Oriental Education hovers around 50. In contrast, MSCI's emerging equity index trades at a P/E of around 12. "If you look at PE historically or if you look at PE this year, they look very expensive," Julian Mayo, portfolio manager at Charlemagne Capital.

### **Quality control**

Brazil became another destination for those seeking exposure to education stocks after 2009 when the government boosted loan programs for students attending for-profit colleges. One of the main beneficiaries was Brazil's largest forprofit college operator Kroton Educacional. While the recent recession in Latin America's biggest economy led to a fall in student loans, the biggest companies are already well-established, fund managers said. Results published last month showed revenue growing near double-digits on the quarter, with gross margins well above 70 percent. Kroton's stock has risen more than 50 percent since the start of the year.

The Gulf region also offers opportunities. Kuwait-based HumanSoft, which establishes and manages private universities and colleges listed in 2005. United Arab Emirates-based GEMS Education, which operates more than 250 schools across 14 countries and counts Blackstone among its stakeholders, has indicated plans to list. In Africa, many governments want more private investors in education but they are approaching it cautiously. They want regulations in place to ensure the quality is high. Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi, Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation in Botswana said some young people had left private universities with certificates that "opened no doors".

She said it was difficult to make sure "the people who are investing in education are not fraudsters, what we are finding is that some people are not there to deliver quality education." "We learned this very badly ourselves... but now people come in and invest, and this is taking a huge load off the government," she said. —Reuters

# Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.1820	1.1860	1.1956	1.2035	1.2130
GBP	1.3380	1.3440	1.3495	1.3565	1.3620
JPY	110.50	111.00	112.00	112.40	112.80
CHF	0.9550	0.9640	0.9695	0.9725	0.9780

# FED MAINTAINS FUNDS RATE STEADY

# NBK Treasury Group Newsletter

**KUWAIT:** After its two-day policy meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee unanimously voted to maintain the federal funds rate between 1.00-1.25 percent and initiate the process of unwinding its balance sheet by October as anticipated by markets. The Fed has left its median projection for the Fed funds rate unchanged for 2017 and 2018. This indicates there is still room for one more hike this year and three more to come in 2018 despite the frequency of downside inflation figures the past six months. Markets currently expect a 60 percent chance of an increase in the FED's overnight rate for December and around 70 percent of FED officials support a rate hike in December, Overall, the Fed has been a lot more hawkish than the market for a long time. This theme therefore remains unchanged.

In Japan, the BoJ's monetary policy statement persisted in the same old theme as they choose to hold the overnight rate at negative 0.1 percent, 10-year Japanese government bonds around 0 percent and continue to purchase assets at around •80tn a year. The monetary committee also maintained its upbeat outlook for a solid recovery in the economy that will gradually accelerate inflation towards its 2 percent goal without additional stimulus. On the other hand, New board member Goushi Kataoka, who is a supporter of aggressive easing, diverged in an 8 to 1 vote and debated against the central bank's view that current policy was sufficient to boost inflation to its target.

On the currency front, the mixed momentum from the greenback disappeared on Wednesday after the Fed made formal announcement that it would begin tapering was more optimistic than markets predicted. basket of currencies, soaring 1.25 percent. and closed on Friday at 92.221.

fell back to the levels at the start of the The DXY gained strong ground against a week. The DXY began the week at 91.868

# **Economic Events**

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
24-Sep-17	EUR	German Federal Elections			
25-Sep-17	JPY	MP Meeting Minutes	-	-	
25-Sep-17	EUR	ECB President Draghi Speaks	-	-	
25-Sep-17	JPY	BOJ Gov Kuroda Speaks	-	-	
26-Sep-17	USD	Fed Chair Yellen Speaks	-		
27-Sep-17	USD	Core Durable Goods m/m	-	0.2%	0.6%
28-Sep-17	JPY	BOJ Gov Kuroda Speaks	-	-	
28-Sep-17	USD	Final GDP q/q		3.1%	3.0%
29-Aug-17	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m		0.2%	0.1%
30-Sep-17	CNY	Manufacturing PMI		51.8	51.7

All information has been sourced from Reuters

# Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1952	13.69	EUR/GBP	0.8851	3.91
GBP/USD	1.3491	9.36	GBP/JPY	151.17	4.96
USD/JPY	111.97	(4.19)	EUR/JPY	133.78	8.64
USD/CHF	0.9690	(4.79)	EUR/CHF	1.1577	8.02

Major Crosses

Euro



# SOME TOYS 'R' US TOYMAKERS CUT TIES

**NEW YORK:** This summer, toy supplier competition on price and convenience cially ordered DC Comics fidget spinners to Toys 'R' Us, unaware that the biggest US toy store chain was in financial trouble. Now Product Launchers, which supplies other novelty items like squishies from five toymakers to Toy 'R' Us, expects it will not be paid for the \$500,000 fidget spinner order and other items following the chain's Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing on Sept. 19, Product Launchers Chief Executive Linda Parry Murphy told Reuters. "These toymakers were very reliant on Toys 'R' Us. It's their primary account, or the account that they were leaning on to make inroads in the toy industry, looking at the long term down the road," Parry Murphy said.

"But we've made a decision not to sell to Toys moving forward." Meanwhile Barbie maker Mattel Inc, toy and board game company Hasbro Inc and other large vendors like Lego could get full payment after Toys 'R' Us asked a bankruptcy judge to approve \$325 million of special financing to pay top suppliers owed before the Chapter 11 filing.

The unequal vendor treatment is not unusual in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy, but it shows the tough decisions vendors face when retailers file for bankruptcy, as dozens have in recent years, succumbing to

Product Launchers delivered 100,000 spe- from Amazon.com Inc. The beneficiaries of the financing package are still unknown, but smaller vendors like Product Launchers do not expect to make the list. Its claim tops \$1 million but the amount is well below the \$2.5 million to \$135 million listed as Toys 'R' Us' 50 largest claims.

Toy 'R' Us declined to comment on specifics about its relationship with Product Launchers or its other vendors. Toys 'R' Us spokeswoman Nicole Hayes said in an email: "So far, we have seen great support from our vendors and look forward to continuing working with them for many years to come." She said the company will rely on \$2 bil-

lion in new financing to fund operations.

Hundreds of vendors have faced similar concerns in their dealings with bankrupt retailers such as Sports Authority and hhgregg, which ended up going out of business. Toys 'R' Us is an extraordinary case, retail consultants said, because of the large number of toy vendors it relies on to fill its big-box stores. Typically in bankruptcy proceedings, even small vendors like Product Launchers can expect to receive payment for orders made after a bankruptcy filing, but not for past-due bills. As a result, Product Launchers is ending ties with the toy chain. — Reuters

# **EXCHANGE RATES**

### AL-MUZAINI EXCHANGE CO. **ASIAN COUNTRIES** Japanese Yen 2.749 4.719 **Indian Rupees** Pakistani Rupees 2.867 Srilankan Rupees 1.974 Nepali Rupees 2.956 Singapore Dollar 225.490 Hongkong Dollar 38.683 Bangladesh Taka 3.702 Philippine Peso 5.935 Thai Baht 9.150 **GCC COUNTRIES** Saudi Riyal Qatari Riyal 83.042 Omani Rival 785.213 Bahraini Dinar 802.840 **UAE Dirham** 82.318 ARAB COUNTRIES Egyptian Pound - Cash Egyptian Pound - Transfer 17.044 Yemen Riyal/for 1000 1.214 126.420 **Tunisian Dinar** 426.650 Jordanian Dinar Lebanese Lira/for 1000 2.014 Syrian Lira Morocco Dirham 32.986 **EUROPEAN & AMERICAN COUNTRIES** US Dollar Transfer 302.150 363.790

Sterling Pound

Canadian dollar	249.710
Turkish lira	88.660
Swiss Franc	316.720
Australian Dollar	244.140
US Dollar Buying	300.950
	GOLD
20 Gram	<b>GOLD</b> 249.070
20 Gram 10 Gram	
20 0.0	249.070
10 Gram	249.070 127.450

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Rate for Transfer	Selling Rate
US Dollar	301.950
Canadian Dollar	245.525
Sterling Pound	408.985
Euro	362.385
Swiss Frank	294.295
Bahrain Dinar	801.400
UAE Dirhams	82.600
Qatari Riyals	83.425
Saudi Riyals	81.380
Jordanian Dinar	427.160
Egyptian Pound	17.124
Sri Lankan Rupees	1.977
Indian Rupees	4.662
Pakistani Rupees	2.865
Bangladesh Taka	3.719
Philippines Pesso	5.936
Cyprus pound	17.970
Japanese Yen	3.695
Syrian Pound	1.585
Nepalese Rupees	2.919

Malaysian Ringgit	73.145
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	46.260
Thai Bhat	10.120
Turkish Lira	86.660

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Georgian Lari	0.134643	0.134643
Norwegian Krone	0.0.34847	0.040047
Romanian Leu	0.081514	0.081514
Russian ruble	0.005254	0.005254
Slovakia	0.009002	0.019002
Swedish Krona	0.033985	0.038985
Swiss Franc	0.305892	0.316892
	Australasia	
Australian Dollar	0.232828	0.244828
New Zealand Dollar	0.216128	0.225628
	America	
Canadian Dollar	0.239905	0.248905
US Dollars	0.298200	0.302620
US Dollars Mint	0.298700	0.302620
	Asia	
Bangladesh Taka	0.003240	0.003824

Chinese Yuan	0.044406	0.047906
Hong Kong Dollar	0.036766	0.039516
Indian Rupee	0.004244	0.004932
Indonesian Rupiah	0.000018	0.000024
Japanese Yen	0.002620	0.002802
Korean Won	0.000256	0.000271
Malaysian Ringgit	0.068240	0.074240
Nepalese Rupee	0.003016	0.003186
Pakistan Rupee	0.002756	0.003046
Philippine Peso	0.005847	0.006147
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Sri Lankan Rupee	0.001624	0.002204
Taiwan	0.009987	0.010167
Thai Baht	0.008799	0.009349
	Arab	
Bahraini Dinar	0.794970	0.803470
Egyptian Pound	0.014481	0.020389
Iranian Rival	0.000084	0.000005

Singapore Dollar	0.219572	0.229572
Sri Lankan Rupee	0.001624	0.002204
Taiwan	0.009987	0.010167
Thai Baht	0.008799	0.009349
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Bahraini Dinar	0.794970	0.803470
Egyptian Pound	0.014481	0.020389
Iranian Riyal	0.000084	0.000085
Iraqi Dinar	0.000193	0.000253
Jordanian Dinar	0.421764	0.430764
Kuwaiti Dinar	1.000000	1.000000
Lebanese Pound	0.000155	0.000255
Moroccan Dirhams	0.021143	0.045143
Omani Riyal	0.778775	0.784455
Qatar Riyal	0.078744	0.083684
Saudi Riyal	0.079527	0.080827
Syrian Pound	0.001281	0.001501
Tunisian Dinar	0.120667	0.128667
Turkish Lira	0.081242	0.091542
UAE Dirhams	0.080880	0.082580
Yemeni Riyal	0.000982	0.001062

# THE FED REAFFIRMS ITS MONETARY STRATEGY

**KUWAIT:** Monetary policy trajectory and global politics were the main theme and market movers last week. On the monetary front, the Federal Reserve backed its previous testimony that one more rate hike was on the table for the current fiscal year with the Bank's surprisingly optimistic tone regarding the US economy. Furthermore, the Fed concluded that the balance sheet reduction will commence in October as markets expected. After the Federal Reserve's announcement, the two year US Treasury yield soared to the highest level since the global financial crisis at 1.4151 percent, while interest rate prospects for December moved in the same direction to around 60 percent. The FED's tone symbolizes that the US economy is on its way back to a normal state of economic activity without the support of monetary assistance.

Looking at the Treasury yield curve, short term interest rates are rising faster than longer term rates, which flattened the curve, while world stock markets fell on Thursday as investors adjusted towards indications from the Federal Reserve that it may raise interest rates for a third time this year.

North Korea's threats at the end of the week have managed to temporarily divert markets attention from last week's monetary policy decisions that have dominated the markets focus and changed the path of financial assets. North Korean officials mentioned it may initiate trials on a hydrogen bomb over the Pacific Ocean after President Donald Trump swore to destroy the isolated country. Tensions have been increasing for the past weeks between the two nations, causing higher volatility in markets.

On the currency front, the US dollar was trading mixed at the start of the week against its G-10 peers in anticipation of FOMC's monetary trajectory. The mixed momentum from the greenback disappeared on Wednesday after the Fed made formal announcement that it would begin tapering its balance sheet in October and the Fed was more optimistic than markets predicted. The DXY gained strong ground against a basket of currencies, soaring 1.25 percent. The gains in the index were short lived as it fell back to the levels at the start of the week. The DXY began the week at 91.868 and closed on Friday at 92.259.

The common currency had a strong footing at the start of the week, supported by positive euro area economic figures. However, that all changed after the Fed's monetary statement, the single currency depreciated from the 1.20 level to 1.1860. The Fed's optimism was not enough to keep the euro subdued as the US dollar weakened with additional encouraging data from euro-zone. The EURUSD opened on Monday at 1.1942 and ended its weekly session at 1.1952.

The pound sterling was in consolidation mode the entire week, trying to find its direction. The GBPUSD opened on Monday at 1.3581, rose to a high of 1.3656 and fell to a low of 1.3448 after Moody's downgraded the UK's sovereign rating. The reasons for the demotion were pressures on the country's economic strength and the higher debt levels since the vote to leave the EU. The pair was down by 0.66 percent at the end of the week.

The Japanese yen was under pressure on Monday as investor's risk appetite resumed and the safe haven currency continued to weaken ahead of the FOMC's meeting. On Thursday, the yen was floored to the lowest level since July 17 at 112.71 after the FED's meeting was concluded. The USDJPY is the most US interest rate sensitive currency pair right now, with US yields creeping up, the pair is likely to

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follow the US yields north.

In the commodities space, the yellow metal was at three weeks low on Monday as investor's risk appetites resumed. On Wednesday, the price of gold declined to the lowest level since August 25, pressured by higher US yields, which cause the opportunity cost of carrying gold to increase. The precious metal lost 1.55 percent of its value last week.

### The Fed proceeds

After its two-day policy meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee unanimously voted to maintain the federal funds rate between 1.00-1.25 percent and initiate the process of unwinding its balance sheet by October as anticipated by markets. The biggest surprise was the amendments to the economic forecasts, which now expect stronger growth this year, unemployment rate to descend further in the next two years and a longer timeline to attain the inflation objective.

In comparison to the Fed's previous projections, US GDP is expected to come at 2.4 percent for 2017 versus an earlier estimate of 2.2 percent and 2018 growth prospects remained unchanged at 2.1 percent. The latest inflation readings have continued to run below the Fed's 2 percent target. The Fed's preferred measure of price growth, the core PCE index, fell to 1.4 percent year to year in July, marking the smallest increase since December 2015. Moreover, the bank cut its inflation forecast from 1.7 percent to 1.5 percent for this year, while no changes were made for the unemployment rate for 2017. The Unemployment rate is expected to drop further to 4.1 percent in 2018 and 2019.

The Fed has left its median projection for the Fed funds rate unchanged for 2017 and 2018. This indicates there is still support for one more hike this year and three more to come in 2018 despite the frequency of downside inflation figures the past six months. Markets currently expect a 60 percent chance of an increase in the Fed's overnight rate for December and around 70 percent of Fed officials support a rate hike in December. Although, there is plenty of figures on the way before the Fed meets in December, which could cause members in the committee to revise their opinions, and the decision to retain a December hike may be a close call for some members. Second, the dot plots for 2019 and beyond were lowered, reflective of a dovish shift in sentiment in the long run. In conclusion, the committees tone was optimistic, blamed low inflation on transitory factors and should pick up as the labor market strengthens. The pace of monetary tightening foreseen by the Fed continues to be more rapid than priced into the market. However, the Fed has been a lot more hawkish than the market for a long time. This theme therefore remains unchanged.

### Positive fundamental data

The monthly survey produced by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia on manufacturing conditions improved to a three months high in September. The index was elevated by 5 points to 23.8, while economists forecasted a level of 17.2. The unexpected rise in the index is largely reflected by accelerations in the pace of growth in new orders and shipments. The new orders index jumped 9.1 points and the shipments index surged up 8.4 points. The survey reinforces that continuous growth persists in the region's manufacturing sector and firms expect an accelera-

tion of production growth for the next six months.

On the inflation spectrum, America's import prices registered the largest increase in seven months, a rise of 0.6 percent for August, largely reflecting a spike in fuel prices, which soared 4.2 percent last month. This brings the annual rate from 1.2 percent seen in July to 2.1 percent in August. The annual increase in import prices has slowed sharply since posting 4.7 percent in February, which was the biggest advance in five years. Import prices excluding petroleum are also on the rise due to the dollar's weakness against the currencies of the United States main trading partners since the beginning of the year.

### Europe & UK

### The inflation momentum persists

Eurozone inflation figures came in as markets expected with annual headline inflation rising to a 4 months high at 1.5 percent in August from 1.3 percent recorded in July. The rise was mostly attributed to services, food and energy base effects, with the energy component rising from 2.2 percent to 4.0 percent year on year. In August last year, the rate was 0.2 percent, the Eurostat said. The core annual rate remained steady at 1.2 percent. The lowest inflation rates were seen in Ireland, Cyprus, Greece and Romania for the month, while the highest were in Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia.

Future inflation expectations have fallen in recent months due to a stronger currency causing imported goods to cheapen, which is counter to what the ECB has been trying to achieve. In September, the ECB elevated its growth forecasts for the Eurozone economy over the coming years but cut back its inflation forecasts, stating the strength of the common currency as a factor in the decision. Overall, inflationary pressures have been gaining strong momentum in comparison to last year and demand in the 19 countries sharing the single currency remains firm as the PMI figures suggest.

### **Confidence in the German economy**

The German economic sentiment was fortified for the first time in four months in September reinforced by growth figures in Q2 2017, a sharp rise in bank lending and growing investment activities by both the government and private firms. The ZEW research institute showed its economic confidence index rose to 17.0 for September from 10.0 in August. However, the index remains below the long term average of 23.8. In the second quarter of 2017 the German economy expanded at an annual rate of 2.1 percent from 1.9 percent in Q1. Looking at the current situation, the index was lifted to 87.9 from 86.7, this was the highest level in 88 months. On the elections front, Chancellor Angela Merkel is expected to win her fourth term this Sunday, defeating Social Democratic Party leader Martin Schulz.

### A hike on the way

Mark Carney Governor of the Bank of England claimed on Monday that Brexit is likely to depress the UK's supply capacity, making it tougher to grow without generating inflationary pressures. Hence, some departure of stimulus may be needed but any rate hikes will be limited and gradual in the coming months if the economy evolves as expected. Looking at trade agreements, the diminishing

trade ties with EU partners would not necessarily be counterbalanced by new agreements with other countries as carney stated. Moreover, with less access to foreign markets and less laborers coming to the British economy could put upward pressure on inflation and reduce productivity, raising the prospect of higher interest rates. Prices have soared nearly 3 percent, exceeding the BoE's 2 percent target, which is constricting the spending power of households and decelerating growth in the overall economy. The case for the BoE to tighten its monetary stance is also reinforced by other major central banks as they are likely to move in the same direction. The BoE's next announcement on monetary policy is scheduled for November 2, 2017.

UK's retail sector continues to defy Brexit uncertainties and high inflation as the annual pace of quantities sold standing at 2.4 percent in August from the previous reading of 1.4 percent. On a month to month basis, growth was 1 percent compared to an expected 0.2 percent. On a three months basis, the volume bought increased 1.2 percent. The continuous rise in the retail sector for the past three months has not been seen since the spring of 2015. The sector accounts for around 30 percent of UK household consumption, which in turn accounts for around 60 percent GDP.

The retail sector's price growth showed inflation rose to an annual rate of 3.2 percent in August, up from 2.7 percent. Looking just at goods sold in non-food stores, inflation was its highest since March 1992. Retail figures suggest that consumers are showing an impressive resilience in the face of the ongoing real pay squeeze. Earlier, the BoE stated that interest rates are likely to rise in the coming months if the economy grows as expected. Hence, the latest figures on retail sales further support the likely hood of an increase in the cost of borrowing.

### The RBA remains neutral

The Reserve Bank of Australia's meeting minutes were released last week, and the RBA's tone indicated that the bank was in no rush to join global policy makers in reining in stimulus even as the nation's economy does seem to be improving. The central bank's discussion hovered around the employment situation, Aussie's strength, household debt and low inflation.

On the employment front, policy makers acknowledged the enhancement in the labor market and noted that fulltime employment had risen strongly over the preceding year, although the slow increase in wages persists and inflation will remain in a sluggish mode for a while. The RBA seemed less worried about the currency's strength, attributing the appreciation of the Australian dollar to USD's weakness, giving the impression it is less likely that the bank would take actions to curb the currency's strength. Governor Philip Lowe mentioned that the RBA does not have to follow a general move globally to raise interest rates as policymakers keep a vigilant eye on the dangerously high levels of household debt. If interest rates increase it could hurt consumers spending due to the fact that households are highly indebted. So for the time being it seems the RBA prefers to remain neutral on its monetary policy in a period where major central banks are signaling a tighter monetary stance. Overall, the minutes suggested policymakers are more optimistic about the economy but preferred to remain in a passive state.

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Kuwaiti dinar at 0.30145 The USDKWD opened at 0.30145 yesterday morning.





# SHORTING VOLATILITY: RISING RISKS MEAN ITCHIER TRIGGER FINGERS

**NEW YORK:** A long stretch of low volatility for US stocks has made betting on continued calm a popular and lucrative trade, but traders and strategists warn that risks to the trade have mounted, while the potential for profits has shrunk. US equity market volatility - the daily fluctuations in stock prices - has hovered near record lows for much of this year.

The CBOE Volatility Index, a gauge of the degree to which investors expect share prices to fluctuate, has averaged 11.4 this year. That is lower than for any comparable period over its nearly three-decade history. Robust corporate earnings, encouraging economic growth and a view that world central banks are available to rescue markets if trouble strikes, have helped

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mute stock market gyrations and spell success for those betting on calm.

The VelocityShares Daily Inverse VIX Short-Term ETN, which makes money as long as the volatility drops or holds in place, is up about 100 percent this year. Some traders, however, have grown more wary of increased risks to the trade. "I think a lot of folks have gotten lulled into a false sense of security because the short trade has gone so well for so long," said Matt Thompson co-head of Volatility Group at Typhon Capital LLC, in Chicago. "We are still shorting volatility but we have an itchier trigger finger."

### Volatility-linked ETPs

While there are many ways to short volatility -

bet on lower stock gyrations - investors' hunger for this trade is particularly apparent in the growth in volatility-linked exchange traded products (ETPs). Assets under management for the top two short volatility products is at \$2.8 billion and their exposure to volatility is at an all-time high, according to Barclays Capital.

But the very popularity of the trade has cranked up the risk. These products hold first and second month volatility futures, buying and selling these contracts daily to keep their volatility exposure in line with the level of stock swings in the market.

Managers of these leveraged and inverse products are required to buy volatility futures as they go up and sell when they decline. Strategists fear that this rebalancing - which needs be even more pronounced if a shock follows a period of unusually muted volatility, such as now - may be akin to adding fuel to fire.

"There could be a feedback effect and maybe selling begets more selling," said

Salil Aggarwal, equity derivatives strategist at Deutsche Bank in New York. "Risk/reward considerations would imply cutting positions to more manageable levels," he said.

### Risks vs reward

Meanwhile, investors are not reaping as much for taking on risk as they did in the past, said Anand Omprakash, director of equity and derivative strategy at BNP Paribas, in New York. What traders are being paid to take on the short volatility risk currently, is slightly below their average historical take since January 2013, and roughly 6 percent lower than what they were paid monthly in mid-2016, Omprakash estimates.

"You were being paid much better for much of 2016 than for much of 2017," he said. "I don't know if I would necessarily say the trade has run out of steam, but I don't think it offers the kind of risk adjusted return that it offered last year." And the stakes are high. Strategists warn that one or two big shocks could wipe away months of profits. The inverse volatility product XIV, while having doubled in price this year, logged an 11.4 percent decline in August as stock gyrations picked up briefly amid escalating worries about the ability of the administration of President Donald Trump to push through its economic agenda.

"The risk/reward of the trade as a buy and hold proposition is not the same as it was before the US election or in the middle of the oil crisis in 2015 and early 2016," said Stephen Aniston, president of investment adviser Black Peak Capital, in Connecticut. Positioning in these products, primarily driven by retail players, may be more skewed to the short side than the broader market where institutional investors hold sway.

"I don't think the risk is necessarily as big on the institutional side as it is on the retail side," said Omprakash. To be sure, not everyone is rushing to bet on a spike in volatility, but experts do warn that investors should tread carefully when shorting volatility from here. —Reuters



TEHRAN: A general view shows equipment during the Iran-Plast international exhibition in Tehran yesterday.—AFP

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# MEDIA LEADER FATTAH JOINS ASDA'A BURSON-MARSTELLER AS MD

**DUBAI:** ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller, the leading Middle East PR agency, has announced that Hassan Fattah, the former editor-in-chief of The National newspaper and a senior executive with Brunswick Group, has joined the Firm as Managing Director. He will provide senior counsel to regional corporate and government clients, as well as drive the firm's new business and organic growth in the GCC and wider Middle East.

Sunil John, Founder & CEO of ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller, said: "Hassan brings to ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller a wealth of experience in media and communications, and an impressive network of leaders and decision makers across the region. I have known Hassan personally and professionally for more than a decade, and have no doubt that he



ed to be joining ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller at a very exciting time for the Firm, and for communications in the region. ASDA'A brings deep insight and under-

will make a hugely valuable

contribution to our clients

Fattah said: "I'm delight-

and to the firm."

standing of the Middle **Hassan Fattah** East's political, business and cultural dynamics. That depth of knowledge, together with the Firm's scale, regional network, and seasoned team make for an unbeatable combi-

nation in the growing market for communications."

Fattah was a partner with Brunswick Group from 2014 to 2017. Before that, Fattah served as director of communications at GEMS Education, where he helped reorganize the company's communications, launching new branding and narrative for the world's largest private education company.

As a journalist, Fattah covered the changing dynamics of the Middle East for some of the world's most prominent newspapers, including a long stint as the Middle East correspondent for The New York Times. In 2007, Fattah helped launch The National, the regional English-language newspaper published in Abu Dhabi, and served as editor-in-chief of the paper between 2009 and 2013.

Fluent in Arabic and English, he holds a BS in

Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley and a Masters in Science from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Established in 2000, ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller is the region's leading public relations consultancy, with 11 fully-owned offices and seven affiliates across the Middle East and North Africa. The agency provides services to governments, multinational businesses and regional corporate clients and institutions, operating five specialist communication practices - Brand Communication, Corporate, Financial, Enterprise & Technology and Public Affairs. A digital, design and marketing subsidiary - Proof ME, and a full-service research insights agency - PSB Research Middle East - complete the offering.





# EXPLORE AMAZING EXPERIENCES WITH THE RENAULT TALISMAN

# RIGHT FIT FOR CUSTOMERS SEEKING OPTIMAL PRACTICALITY

**KUWAIT:** Abdulmohsen Abdulaziz Al-Babtain Co, the authorized agent of Renault in the State of Kuwait is pleased to announce its latest offer on the Renault Talisman, known for its sporty edge and flare for luxurious rides. Designed to fulfill customers' drive for the perfect blend between comfort and high performance on the road, the dynamic saloon car now starts at only KD 6,100.

Offering well-balanced, generous volumes, the Talisman serves as the right fit for customers seeking optimal practicality, enjoyment and premium led experiences through its electronic damper control for outstanding on-road dynamics, a class-leading energy TCe 190 turbocharged direct-injection petrol engine, with 190hp on tap, fuel consumption and CO2 emissions of as low as 17 km/liter and 139 g/km respectively.

Reflecting the Renault Talisman's modern style is its elegant 18 inch wheel rims and refined chrome side fins with a lighting signature that weaves together the impermeable reach of the LED pure Vision headlights and the distinctive style of the C-shaped daytime lights. The narrow taillights slice their way onto the trunk lid and not only embellish the derriere, but also give prominence to the Renault insignia. With a special focus on personal well-being, the TALISMAN offers a spacious cabin with perforat-

ed, quilted leather seats that contain the class's most comprehensive list of functions (air conditioning, massage function, heating, ventilation) in the front and a boot of a capacity of 608dm3 (VDA) combined with a sleek exterior profile. Moreover, the vehicle contains an 8.7-inch touchscreen display, exclusive BOSE surround sound with 13 speakers, color head-up display, a 7-inch digital instrument display, easy handsfree trunk access, smart hands-free entry system and a comprehensive range of driver aids including hands-free parking and blind spot warning.

Ensuring a customizable and intense driving experience, the Talisman guarantees a conveniently accessible multi-sense technology and an intuitive R-link 2 tablet that offers a big-screen multimedia feel and full control of the on-board technology. Drivers can engage the car in accordance to their mood by simply choosing one of five different modes, from sport to comfort mode.

The Renault Talisman comes with a 10 year warranty or 500,000 km, free registration and third party insurance. Al-Babtain strives to offer excellence through its exceptional breed of diversified vehicles and superior quality standards in Kuwait along with the best after-sale services to its customers. Renault Kuwait encourages its customers to visit the showroom situated in Al-Rai and avail of the opportunity to explore a world of exciting features that come with the Renault Talisman.

Al-Babtain Group was founded in 1948 to present a model of honesty, integrity and total dedication and to gain bright reputation in Kuwait and the Middle East area. Today Al-Babtain Group has licensing rights for some of the world's leading brands stretching the globe from the USA to the Far East. For more than 60 years Al-Babtain Group has experienced continued success, and large measure of this success came from the Group's advanced flexible management style and long term vision. These astounding results were achieved due to a versatile strategic formula focusing on growth amongst its sphere of activities; including automotive, technology, investment, information, industrial and Finance. The automotive sector is the main structure of the Al-Babtain Group's business, which owns some of the best-selling and demanded brands in Kuwait, in addition to heavy equipment. The Abdulmohsen Abdulaziz Al-Babtain Co and Trading and Contracting Company is proud to be the authorized agent and distributor of many Japanese, Chinese, and European (French) vehicles in Kuwait such as Nissan, Infiniti, Renault, Citroen.

# GULF BANK TO HOLD AL-DANAH DRAW FOR KD 500,000 PRIZE

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank is counting down to Al-Danah's third quarterly draw for this year, live on 88.8 FM 'Rabaa Al-Diwaniya show, on Thursday, 28 September 2017, at 2pm. During the show, Gulf Bank representatives will be announcing the lucky winner of the KD 500,000 cash prize. The draw is to be held under the supervision of a representative from the Ministry of Commerce.

During the show, Gulf Bank will also be announcing the three winners of Gulf Bank's Summer Credit Cards Campaign who will be receiving cash prizes of KD 5,000, KD 10,000, and a Grand Prize of KD 25,000, respectively. The remaining campaigns' winners will be receiving KD 1,000 each; their names will be announced on Gulf Bank's website and through its social media channels. Finally, the 3 winners of the ninth monthly red account draw will be announced and they will be receiving Apple products (1 apple product each).

The Al-Danah account is Gulf Bank's flagship account, it offers three quarterly cash prizes for KD 200,000; KD 250,000; KD 500,000; and a yearly draw for KD 1 million, in addition to daily draws with two winners per working day, each receiving KD 1,000. The Al-Danah account's annual prize for KD 1 million is not only the largest bank prize in Kuwait; it has additionally been recognized by Guinness World Records achievement for the largest prize linked to a bank account in the world!

The final Al-Danah draw for KD 1 million will be held on 11 January 2018, where Kuwait's new Al-Danah millionaire will be announced. Account holders can increase their chances of winning by depositing more into their Al-Danah account, through the Bank's Interactive Teller Machines, ATMs, the new "ePay" service or by visiting any of the banks' branches across Kuwait. The last date for customers to deposit and enter the final draw is 31 October 2017. The Gulf Bank's summer campaign was for Credit-Card holders who use their cards locally and internationally and for debit cardholders who use their cards internationally, by doing so, they were automatically enrolled into a raffle draw for a chance to win cash prizes.

# Raffle draw

During the campaign period, customers got one chance to enter the raffle draw for every KD 10 spent locally using their credit cards; while they got three chances to enter the raffle draw for every KD 10 spent



internationally when they used their Gulf Bank credit or debit cards.

Also, Gulf Bank's credit cards holders can benefit from Gulf Rewards, the fastest and most rewarding program in Kuwait. Through this program, Gulf Bank is able to reward its credit card holders in different ways, that customers can instantly redeem points online for free tickets, for any airline, any time and hotel stays at over 300,000 hotels worldwide. Also Gulf Banks' Credit cardholders can get instant discounts of up to 20 percent at over 300 renowned restaurants outlets and coffee shops in Kuwait, and discounts of up to 25 percent at over 150 retail outlets in Kuwait when using their Credit cards on all transactions.

Red is a dedicated account for high school, college and university students aged between 15 and 25, and does not require a minimum deposit. Eligible customers will get the chance to enter the monthly draw automatically, upon transferring their student allowances. Each month, an iPhone 7 Plus, an iPad Pro and an Apple Watch will be gifted to three lucky winners. The draws will run until January 2018 and the next draw will be held on 23 October 2017.

Other benefits of the red account include the opportunity to win a Fiat 500c-Model 2017 at the annual car draw, upon transferring their allowance. Also, movie tickets at all Cinescape theatres will be available for only KD 2 seven days a week. red customers can also shop from the USA or the UK with a dedicated company (edfa3ly), which provide a mail box for internet shopping services from their website https://kw.edfa3ly.co/GulfBank

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

# **CBK ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF** AL-NAJMA ACCOUNT DAILY DRAW

**KUWAIT:** Commercial Bank of Kuwait held the daily draw on "Al-Najma Account" yesterday at the Bank's Head Office to select 4 winners to win a cash prize of KD 7000 for each. The draw was held in the presence of Abdulaziz Ashkanani, representative of the Ministry of Commerce &

The following names were announced as winners of

- **1.** Marzouq Fahad Al-Adwani
- 2. Shukri Al-Sayed Mohammad Al-Desougi Al-Fegi 3. Mohammad Ajan Haji Hamid
- **4.** Fatin Uddin Hussain Kasim

Al-Najma Account allows its customers to win a daily prize of KD 7000 which is the highest daily prize in Kuwait. In addition, the Account offers quarterly draws that provide customers with opportunity to get their dreams turned to reality by winning great prizes starting from KD 100,000 for the first quarter escalating thereafter by KD 50 thousand for each quarter to reach KD 250,000 in the last quarter. Customers can enjoy additional bene-



fits including obtaining ATM card and a credit card against the customer's account along with enjoying all other banking services.

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

# THIRD ROUND OF NAFTA TALKS OPENS IN CANADA

OTTAWA, Ontario: A third round of NAFTA renegotiations has begun with chief negotiators from Canada, the US and Mexico meeting in the Canadian capital. Canada's chief negotiator, Steve Verhuel, said Saturday that he doesn't expect this round to see any new US proposal to increase American content requirements for autos. US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer has said he wants to see an increase. NAF-TA now says vehicles must have at least 62.5 percent North American content to qualify for duty-free movement between Canada, the US and Mexico. US Trade Representative spokeswoman Emily Davis declined to say what was on the agenda for Saturday.

Negotiators were trying to meet a deadline set for the end of the calendar year. Canadian retailers see potential NAFTA change as threat.

A Canadian looking for a high-end men's shoe can buy it from a major online retailer in the US or get it for 25 percent less at the bustling Eaton Centre mall in downtown Toronto. But that price advantage could end, potentially devastating Canadian retailers, if the US gets one of the major changes it seeks while it renegotiates the North American Free Trade Agreement with its two neighbors.

To protect its domestic companies, Canada currently imposes duties on any goods worth more than \$16 in US currency. Officials want to raise that duty-free limit to \$800, vastly expanding the number of untaxed consumer goods flowing north.

It's a relatively little-noticed aspect of negotiations to recast the trade treaty, which enter a third round this week in Ottawa, but it's hugely important to store owners who fear it will drive more customers to larger USbased online competitors. "Canadian retail will become a showroom," said Larry Rosen, chief executive of men's clothing chain Harry Rosen. "People will go in and try on and find the things they like and then go home and order online without sales taxes or the duties." Karl Littler, a spokesman for the Retail Council of Canada, said



MEXICO CITY: In this April 21, 2008 file photo, national flags representing, Canada, and Mexico fly in the breeze in New Orleans where leaders of the North American Free Trade Agreement met. Mexico, the United States and Canada have begun a second round of talks on re-negotiating the NAFTA, in Mexico City. —AP

that raising the duty-free limit would be "an incentive to shop virtually anywhere but from Canada."

Rosen said it would be like competing with a giant duty-free store. He doesn't think anyone would be crazy enough to pay more for a Zegna suit in his stores in Canada if they could get them cheaper from US companies that dominate the online marketplace. Many Canadian consumers, however, are eager for lower prices and 15,000 have signed a petition in support of the higher threshold.

"I would do a lot more online shopping if the duties and taxes were removed," said Ken Chuba, a heavy equipment operator from Manitoba. "There are so many people I know that are in the same boat as me." It's not just high end shoes that are far more expensive if you order online from the US. A Los Angeles Dodger baseball cap is 35 percent more if shipped from the U.S. compared to an in-store purchase at the Eaton Centre and a Toronto Blue Jays pullover hooded sweater is 20 percent more.

The duties range from to as much

as 6 percent for books and up to 21 percent for apparel and footwear.

# A sad commentary

Peter Simons, the fifth generation chief executive of Simons, a 175-yearold family-run clothing retail chain based in Quebec, said the fact that waiving taxes and duties for US online giants is even being considered is "a very sad commentary on how little understanding there is of how deep and profound a technological revolution we're going through."

Retailers of all kinds in North America are struggling as people shop less in stores and more online. Simons argued that US online giants like Amazon don't need the advantage of tax-free sales in Canada. "Why are you going to give that advantage to the new economy? Because they're fledging little technology startups? Come on. These are behemoths," he said. Amazon and e-commerce giant eBay have lobbied for raising the tax and duty free threshold in Canada, which is one of most stringent among industrialized nations. —AP

# AHLI UNITED BANK MAKES A CUSTOMER'S DREAM COME TRUE WITH KD 250,000 GRAND PRIZE

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

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

The weekly grand prize winner of KD 25,000 Nazer Mansoor El-Karout.

25 other winners won prizes of KD 1,000 and are as follows: Fajer Jamal Alabdulhadi, Naser Majeed Altabtabaei, Mohammad Ebrahim Hussian, Mohd A/Reda Ali Abdalsalaam, Bader Mansour Alsaffar, Latifah Sayed Ebrahim, Baqer Akbar Abaas, Nahle Rashad, Shahenaz Abdul Hussain Farhani, Adel N A Alnouri, Mona Daqlan Alazmi, Bader Alaibani, Meshari Abdullah Aldabbous, Abdullah Ahmad Alsaqoubi, Rama Mohammed Abdulhameed, Faleh Alshammar, Abdulla Mahmoud, Yagoub Yousef Alkhudher, Azzam Abdulsalam Ahmad,



Nasrallah Abulrahman Nasrallah, Salman Husain Ghuloom, Farooq Ameen Mohamed, Mohammed Ridha Isa, Hisham A Hussain Hasan and Zahraa Makki Mohammed.

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

Individual customers can open their accounts with a minimum deposit of KD100, qualifying them to enter the draw. For every KD50 deposited in the account, customers are given one chance to enter the quarterly draw. They must have held the minimum deposit requirement for at least two weeks prior to the draw date. The more deposits made, the higher the chances of winning on a weekly basis.



Sport

CHIBA: The eSports logo is displayed at the Tokyo Game Show.

CHIBA: This general view shows the Tokyo Game Show.

# ESPORTS BATTLE FOR A KNOCKOUT AT TOKYO GAME SHOW

CHIBA, Japan: Top eSports players traded digital blows at a show in Tokyo Thursday as laggard Japan moves to up its game in the booming spectator draw now worth billions of dollars annually. Scantily clad women hawking games and virtual reality operators will also compete for the attention of some 250,000 mostly male visitors expected to turn up at the four-day Tokyo Game Show, which kicked off Thursday.

But eSports-multiplayer computer games played in front of spectators-took centre stage for the first time at the annual event, as the best of the best faced off in games like Street Fighter V and on virtual battlegrounds. They may not have household names like Ronaldo or Beckham quite yet, but eSport champions are winning superstar status these days

with hundreds of millions of people around the world jumping into the action.

Top players can make millions in prize money alone from tournaments played at packed stadiums in front of up to 50,000 spectators. They'll be a full medal sport at the 2022 Asian Games in China, while the newly minted Asian eSports Federation president Kenneth Fok is shooting for a spot at the Olympics. Despite their soaring popularity in North America and parts of Asia, eSports are only now taking off in Japan, home to videogame heavyweights Sony and Nintendo.

Operating restrictions on public gaming and prize money limits have held back growth in the videogame-crazy nation, but top billing at the Tokyo show could punt eSports to the next level, industry insiders said. "I hope Japanese



CHIBA: A visitor wearing a virtual reality (VR) headset tries out one of the exhibitions at the Tokyo Game Show in Chiba City, in suburban Tokyo.—AFP photos

people will eventually see that winning prize money and making a living out of this as a pro is just as great as being a tennis player like (Kei) Nishikori or other professionals," said Taichi Shibuki, chairman of game company JPPVR.

"Not many people here even know the word eSports. But this (show) could drastically change things." Unlike traditional separations for gender and physical disabilities, eSports can be played under "equal conditions", he added. "It doesn't matter if you are a man, a woman, young or old, or if you're physically disabled," Shibuki said. "It's a field where everyone can compete with an equal shot." The Tokyo show will host more than 600 exhibitors with everything from virtual romance and digital puzzles to shoot-em-up games and roleplaying adventures on offer.—AFP

# 600,000 SIGN PETITION TO OVERTURN LONDON UBER BAN

yesterday signed a petition asking London transport authorities to reverse their decision not to renew Uber's license when it expires.

**LONDON:** More than 600,000 people had by Friday's decision to ban the ride-sharing service was "affecting the real lives of a huge number of honest and hard-working drivers" and would "show the world that London is far from being

open and is closed to innovative companies," the petition said.

Transport for London said the conduct of Uber, which has around 40,000 drivers and 3.5 million customers in the British capital, had raised safety concerns. "TfL has concluded that Uber London Limited is not fit and proper to hold a private hire operator license," it said in a statement. It said Uber's "approach and conduct demonstrate a lack of corporate responsibility in relation to a number of issues which have potential public safety and security implications", citing concerns over background checks

The petition, on change.org, said that Uber provided a "safe, reliable and affordable ride", and that its users would be "astounded" by the ban. "By wanting to ban our app from the capital, Transport for London and their chairman the Mayor have given in to a small number of people who want to restrict consumer choice," it added. The license expires on September 30 but Uber has 21 days to appeal the decision, and has said it plans a challenge.

Labor Party leader Jeremy Corbyn on Saturday backed his London mayor Sadiq Khan, telling Sky News that authorities had done the "right thing". "Obviously people need to be able to travel, obviously they want to be able to access cabs," he said. "Those cabs must be safe, must be regulated and must be avail-



DUBAI: Customers stand in line to purchase the new Apple iPhone 8 at Dubai Mall Apple Store in Dubai.—AFP

# Nest looks to shake UP HOME SECURITY

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Nest on Wednesday set out to shake up the home security market, unveiling an internet-age alarm system. A unit of Google-parent Alphabet, Nest was founded about seven years ago by a pair of former Apple engineers and its first product was a smart thermostat that adapted to lifestyles and even suggested ways to conserve energy. The Silicon Valley-based company has maintained a focus on homes while expanding its product line to include security cameras as well as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

"Security is an industry desperate for innovation," Nest chief executive Marwan Fawaz said at a media event in San Francisco. Nest on Wednesday unveiled a 'Hello' video-camera doorbell, stylish outdoor security cameras, and a home-monitoring system that keeps people tuned in by means of smartphones. "We build technology that is designed to fit into your life, not the other way around," Nest co-founder Matt Rogers said during the event. "It felt right to re-imagine security; we start with products that are unloved and we make them very loved."

# Adding intelligence

Through collaboration with Google, Nest continues to "add layers of intelligence" to its services and cameras, according to Fawaz. Google has made a priority of investing in artificial intelligence and infusing such machine smarts into its array of offerings. A base unit for the new Nest Secure alarm looked a bit similar to a Google Home personal assistant device, but had yet to be infused with its capabilities.

released early next year, could detect when people were in sight and recognize faces. Nest designed its own components for the home security system, down to lipstickcase shaped motion detectors and a key fob for turning it on or off. "Can you think of a better industry for us to disrupt?" said Nest director of product marketing Maxime Veron. "What if home security was so simple you actually use it?"

# **Premium price**

A Nest Secure starter pack with a suggested price of \$499 will begin shipping in November. The home security systems sound piercing alarms when triggered, and send alerts to residents' smartphones. Nest is working with a home security monitoring service to add that to the mix. A new Nest Cam IQ for use outside homes will also begin shipping in November, at a price of \$349. Nest will be facing strongly established competitors in the home security market, which is rich in lower-cost options,

according to Gartner analyst Brian Blau. "Nest is focusing on smart features, and leveraging its relationship with Google," Blau said. "That may make them stand out." Nest security offerings had an Apple-style spin-devices pleasing to the eye, fun to use, and tied into an ecosystem of gadgets capable of working together, Blau said. A door appeared open to weaving Google services or smarts into that Nest ecosystem via internet connections. "Maybe the biggest value they have is the integrated nature of it and the Google smarts," Blau said. "It is hard to put a value on having that smart system that evolves over time with-



SAN FRANCISCO: Pi co-founders Lixin Shi, left, and John MacDonald pose for a picture at a TechCrunch Disrupt technology conference in San Francisco with the world's first wireless charger that does away with the need to lay devices on charging mats.—AFP

### pair figured out how to shape the magnetic field so energy could be beamed to smartphones placed or in use within a foot of a Pi. Shi and MacDonald were graduate students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology when they met and began to collaborate on the project about 3.5 years ago. Both have since graduated from university.

an AFP journalist at the TechCrunch Disrupt

startup scrum in San Francisco. "The hard part

was figuring out how to make magnetic charg-

ing more flexible, multi-device and extend its

ematical proof that makes it all possible." The

"It took us over a year to complete the math-

useful range," Shi said.

Pi's magnetic fields are relatively weak, far less than the levels used for medical imaging, but allow devices to be charged at "full speed," according to MacDonald. A combination of smartphones and tablets could wirelessly charge on a desk if a Pi were placed near people working together. Pi set up shop in the Silicon Valley city of San Bruno, and the cofounders said they raised \$3.5 million in a seed funding round lead by SoftTech VC managing partner Jean-Francois Clavier.

MacDonald promised that Pi devices would begin shipping next year and be priced "well below \$200." Apple this month unveiled three new iPhone models, including a 10th-anniversary edition iPhone X, all of which featured wireless charging. The company said it will come to market with AirPower charging mats sized to accommodate an iPhone, Apple Watch and an AirPods earpiece case.—AFP

# LONDON PARROT DOES ONLINE SHOPPING BY MIMICKING OWNER

online shopping order by mimicking its owner on a voice-controlled smart speaker, a British newspaper reported Wednesday. Buddy the parrot ordered a £10 set of gift boxes via Amazon's Alexa voice-controlled system, The Sun reported. The mystery order triggered an inquest in Corienne Pretorius's house in southeast London, but after ruling out her husband and son, she figured out Buddy was to blame after hearing him interact with the speaker.

"I couldn't believe it when I realised that Buddy had made an Amazon order," the South African said. Users can shout commands to the Amazon Echo speaker to access a host of services. It responds to the name Alexa. Footage

**LONDON:** A pet parrot managed to place an on the Sun's website shows the parrot squawking "Alexa!" and the device next to his cage lighting up blue, indicating that it is listening

"Buddy said 'Alexa' and some gibberish, and the machine replied, 'What is it you want to order?" Pretorius said. She thought nothing more of it until she got a notification that an order had been placed for some golden gift boxes. "I laughed out loud because I knew then that it was Buddy."

Amazon said customers were asked to confirm a purchase by saying "yes", and the settings can be adjusted to turn off voice purchasing. "Buddy is hilarious. We have a cat and he mimics that, too. —AFP



SAN FRANCISCO: Nest co-founder Matt Rogers discusses an array of new home-security devices at a media event in San Francisco.—AFP

# HEALTH & SCIENCE

# HUGE SEA TURTLES SLOWLY COMING BACK FROM BRINK OF EXTINCTION



FLORIDA: In this file photo a loggerhead sea turtle, is released back into the gulf after being treated for pneumonia at Gulf World Marine Institute, in Inlet Beach, Florida. —AP

**WASHINGTON:** Sea turtles are lumbering back from the brink of extinction, a new study says. Scientists found more populations of the large turtles improving than declining when they looked at nearly 60 regions across the globe. That's a big change from a decade or two ago, experts said. Long-living sea turtles have been pushed to endangered levels by hunting, accidentally being caught in fishing nets, habitat loss, plastics pollution and climate change, experts say.

But massive efforts to save the egg-laying turtles by changing fishing nets and creating protected and darkened beaches are working, said study lead author Antonios Mazaris, an ecology professor at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Greece. "There's a positive sign at the end of the story," Mazaris said. "We should be more optimistic about our efforts in society." The research was published Wednesday in the journal Science Advances.

There are seven different species of sea turtles, all but one endangered. The slow creatures live for several decades with some species weighing about 100 pounds and others well over 1,000 pounds. Mazaris pointed to Hawaiian green sea turtles, once in trouble 40 years ago, as story of success. Maybe too much success. "They have more turtles than they know what to do with," said Roderic Mast, a sea turtle advisory group co-chairman at the International Union for Conservation of Nature, which determines the global list of endangered species.

Tourists seeking sea turtles create traffic problems and fishermen complain the creatures get in the way, said Mast, who wasn't part of the study and is president of the Oceanic Society advocacy group. He added: "It's a good problem to have." Mazaris and colleagues looked at 299 sets of turtle populations over different lengths of time around the globe, finding 95 of them increased, while 35 went down. The rest didn't change or there wasn't enough data.

There were increases in North and South America on the Atlantic coast but setbacks in the Asia Pacific region. "The evidence is widespread and convincing," said Selina Heppell, head of Oregon State University's department of fisheries and wildlife, who wasn't part of the study. Mast pointed to Kemp's ridley sea turtles as a good example of what's happening, especially in the United States. In the 1940s, there about 40,000 of them, mostly in the southern US and Mexico. By the 70s, there were only 1,200 left.

The US and Mexican governments changed laws, fishing practices and set aside dark, quiet areas for turtles to nest. That population is increasing by about 10 to 15 percent annually, Mast said. That's good, but he said they remain critically endangered. "Sea turtles are bellwethers. They're flagships that we use to tell the story of what's going on in the oceans," Mast said. "And that's why people should care about turtles." —AP

# FRIDA, FOUR-LEGGED HEROINE OF MEXICO'S QUAKE RESCUES

# CANINE DETECTS PEOPLE ALIVE UNDER RUBBLE

**MEXICO CITY:** With protective goggles fitted under her furry ears and boots on all four paws, Frida wags her tail as she scales the mountains of rubble left by this week's devastating earthquake in Mexico. The golden labrador is using her sense of smell to try to detect any survivors left in the wreckage of buildings brought down on Tuesday by the 7.1-magnitude earthquake. The courageous canine has become iconic in Mexico, a four-legged symbol of the solidarity behind the rescue operations whose fame has been spread on television and social media.

One man in Mexico's northeast has even had her image tattooed on his arm. And a t-shirt maker is selling a line with her face above the slogan "We can be heroes." The dog is part of the Canine Unit of Mexico's Navy, which has been active at the sites of 39 buildings brought down in the quake. Frida was notably deployed at a collapsed school in the capital's south where 19 children and six adults died. Officials say there is still the possibility that an adult is trapped alive in the debris. "Frida is a specialist in detecting people alive under rubble," her handler, Petty Officer Israel Arauz said.

In her career, which included being sent to Ecuador for a major earthquake last year, she has saved 12 lives, he said. When she turns up, many Marines drop their stern military demeanor to rush to pet her and have a photo taken alongside her. "She brings joy, tenderness and hope. Civilians salute her and applaud her in the street," said one soldier as he rubbed her belly. The dog's personality is "very gentle, but also very strong temperamentally," Arauz said, adding that she would likely be retired next year when she turns eight. "For me, it's an honor to handle her on these missions," he said.

### Dogs lost and found

The spontaneous display of solidarity in Mexico against natural disasters has been a source of surprise and inspiration internationally. Media around the world covering this week's quake have highlighted the generosity of Mexicans who have donated food, medicine and basic supplies, as well as the volunteers who have leaped forward to help professional emergency crews to remove rubble. That same rush to help can be seen with dog-owners.

"We have come to support the UNAM brigade to detect people and rescue them," said Jean Louis Zuniga, an amateur dog trainer who turned up at a collapsed building with several of his charges, including a labrador, a border collie, a boxer and a pitbull. But dogs weren't only part of the rescue teams-they were also among the quake's victims. Several died, others became trapped in the rubble after losing their owners or becoming injured.

Many have been rescued, with some being hauled out of windows on ropes. There are also free veterinarian clinics dotted around the city to look after injured animals, and centers dispensing dog food and medicine. "I'm so desperate, I am looking for my Candy," said Cecilia Vega, a university student ceaselessly going to each center, with a photograph in hand of her chihuahua missing since the earthquake. Like Candy, many dogs have been found without owners. Images of them have started to circulate on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, on forums created especially.

"She's called Precious and she got lost during the earthquake. She has problems breathing and is skittish," read one posting on the Twitter feed of @MascotasSismo (translated as QuakePets), under the image of a white dog with the tongue hanging out. "Back with his owners!" read another, showing Brook, a grey pitbull. —AFP



IVORY COAST: Germain Djenemaya Koidja, a care taker paid for by the association Les Amis de Ponso (Friends of Ponso), interacts with Ponso, the only surviving chimpanzee of a colony of 20 apes, on Chimpanzee Island near the town of Grand Lahou, Ivory Coast. — AFP

# HELPING PONSO, SOLE SURVIVOR OF CHIMPANZEE ISLAND IN IVORY COAST

GRAND-LAHOU, Ivory Coast: "Oooah! Oooah!" Screeching to see visitors on the forested "Chimpanzee Island" in Ivory Coast, Ponso is the last, Ionely survivor of a colony of 20 apes who mysteriously died or vanished. An effort is under way to keep Ponso alive and well in a west African country where the ape population has plummeted by 90 percent in just two decades.

Chimpanzee Island adjoins the village of Grand-Lahou in the Bandaman estuary, an outlying reach of tropical forest about 100 kilometers from the commercial capital, Abidjan. Only Ponso remains of the group of chimpanzees relocated to the tiny island from Liberia in 1983 by a research laboratory for medical tests. Since August 2015, the association Les Amis de Ponso (Friends of Ponso) has paid for the animal's food and for a dedicated carer, Germain Djenemaya Koidja, according to a wooden signpost near the landing stage and the website sosponso.org. Two years ago, Ponso suffered a traumatic loss when his female companion and two children all died of unknown causes, says Koidja, a retired farmer in his 60s. Since then. the animal has been "the world's loneliest chimp", as SOS Ponso puts it.

# Part of the family

Every morning, barefoot, Koidja pushes through the water lilies on a makeshift boat to carry food and medication to the island, which lies just a few meters offshore. He is

welcomed with cries and acrobatics by Ponso, an ape about a meter tall leaping from one branch to the next. "Ponso is like my child. I don't want to see him go... I'm making a call to have someone send me another female," says Koidja, whose family specializes in primates, from his father down to Junior, his 21-year-old son.

The small village community shares his determination to save Ponso, whom residents now consider to be part of the family. The chimpanzee's isolation has also moved Francoise Stephenson, the Franco-American owner of a hotel in Lahou who has become the leader of a rescue committee.

# An Ivorian citizen

"I have accepted the role of intermediary between well-wishers and Germain," says Stephenson, who is in her 60s and has come to know Ponso well. "During my last visit, we exchanged kisses and praise, he put his nails in my ears and then my nose," Stephenson says. "I left the island with the impression that I was coming down from another planet."

Ponso's fate has been taken up by the new African Primatological Society (APS), which held its first congress this year to respond to a catastrophe that may see more than half of Africa's primate species doomed to disappear. In the large island nation of Madagascar alone, off the southeast African mainland coast, about 85 percent of the famous wide-eyed lemur population is threatened. —AFP



MEXICO CITY: Frida, a rescue dog belonging to the Mexican Navy, with her handler Israel Arauz Salinas, takes a break while participating in the effort to look for people trapped at the Rebsamen school in Mexico City, three days after the devastating earthquake that hit central Mexico. — AFP



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# LULU HYPERMARKET LAUNCHES FOOD FEST

uLu Hypermarket, the leading regional retailer, once again launched its highly popular annual 'Food Fest' on September 20, 2017 at all its outlets. The ten-day event was inaugurated at the Jahra branch of LuLu Hypermarket by the manager of Jahra Municipality, Thareef Shakir Al-Muthairy, in the presence of top LuLu management and a large gathering of customers, well-wishers and media personnel.

The annual Food Fest' provides an opportunity for shoppers to see and taste a wide variety of food items and diverse flavors from countries around the world. The highlight of the Food Fest 2017 is a diverse range of food products that caters to various tastes of consumers, which are displayed uniquely and are on offer at very special prices. Taste sampling and different competitions offering attractive prizes make shopping at any LuLu Outlet during the Food Fest, an excitingly wonderful shopping experience.

During the 10 days promotion period, all outlets of LuLu Hypermarket will feature large cut-outs of traditional cultural and social scenes of many countries from where the foods originate, further attracting shoppers to the diversity and distinction of the lands. Food Fest 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.





# GUST ATHLETIC TEAMS TO COMPETE AS GUST FALCONS

ulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) announced yesterday that all of its athletics teams will be competing as the GUST Falcons starting this year. Having been given that nickname for some time, GUST decided to make it official, solidifying their nickname into a mascot representing the university spirit. The moniker was chosen for a number of reasons.

Primarily, the falcon was used as a hunting partner in the Gulf region for many generations, and so it has deep roots to local heritage and folklore. Falcons are also known for their speed - known to have reached speeds of 242 mph - making it the fastest animal on record ever. They are also famous for being indefatigable - capable of flapping their wings four times a second. These attributes of strength, partnership, and speed make it the perfect symbol for the GUST sports team which have seen much success in recent years.

GUST President, Professor Donald Bates, said "Choosing the mascot was not an easy task, but the symbolism behind this majestic creature, and what it represents in the region, seemed like a perfect fit to represent our view of GUST, what it values, and how our athletes view themselves." The Athletics Department at GUST coaches six different teams for both male and female athletes, including: basketball, volleyball, football, squash, tennis, and table tennis. All teams are designated experienced coaches to ensure that



Dr. Raghad Al-Kazemi

the athletes' talents are honed and developed.

Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Raghad AlKazemi, said "The university made this decision to solidify our teams' stance in competitions, shining a light on their spirit, hard work,
perseverance, and strengthens our sense of
identity and fraternity on and off the field. We
are very proud of them all." The teams have
had quite a year competing, and winning,
local and international competitions. GUST's
women's football team triumphed and won
first place at the annual University Athletics
Association of Kuwait (UAAK) championship in
the last spring semester.

This comes as the second UAAK football title



Professor Donald Bates

win for GUST's women in three years. While the GUST men's football team attended and won 1st place at the 2017 Belgrade International University Sports Tournament (BeST) in Belgrade, Serbia. The tournament brought together 17 different universities from across Europe, Russia, Asia, and the Middle East to compete at an international level, extend from a compete at an international level, extend from the compete at the compete at the compete at the compete compete at the compete compete at the compete compete at the compete compet

ent cultures, and forge international friendships. GUST is known locally and regionally for its superlative sports facilities, which include a fully equipped gym with modern equipment, a swimming pool, squash courts, a basketball court, and a FIFA-accredited outdoor soccer field.

# KNOWLEDGE CLUB TO HOLD 2ND WORKSHOP AT HILTON HOTEL

nowledge Club's 2017 second workshop of season two is a two-day session titled Making Strategy Happen on October 10 and 11, 2017, in Hilton Hotel Mangaf in Burgan Meeting Room. It will be conducted by experienced practitioner and trainer in the field of

Management- Roberto Wyszkowski.
The two-day innovative program will provide leaders with an intensive immersion into the world of strategy. Attendees will gain a good understanding of the foundations of strategy execution and enhance their achievements in developing a Strategy Management Framework.

Composed of five different modules across two days, the program will take participants through the principles of strategy definition and formulation; they will learn how to identify current challenges and how to translate them into an actionable strategy. Leaders learn how to translate their strategy using strategy maps methodology as a key tool submerging them

into the world of performance management looking beyond the Balanced Scorecard as a tool, and helping to use it as a comprehensive management framework.

Roberto Wyszkowski served as a consultant and a trainer at many large organizations including public administration, engineering, telecommunications, utilities, financial services, manufacturing and conglomerates throughout a wide range of management cultures. He has trained and coached hundreds of managers in both profit and nonprofit organizations.

The Knowledge Club 2017 series is organized by Vigor Events and Co-Organized by ALGAS Events Company. Members of the Knowledge Club this year include Hadi Clinic as Gold Member, Warba Bank and Kout Food Group as Silver Member, Kuwait Oil company, Aramex and Platinum Gym as corporate members and media support from the International Advertising Association Kuwait.





# SHANGHAI ELEGANT CHINESE MUSIC ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM AT CHINESE FOLK MUSIC NIGHT

hanghai Elegant Chinese Music Orchestra is going to perform in Kuwait at the Yarmouk Cultural Center on October 1, 2017 at 7 pm. The orchestra was established in Shanghai by Ms. Wang Long, at the Shanghai Oriental Art Center (SHOAC) in 2008. The orchestra was chosen to perform Chinese traditional music at Luxor Temple in Egypt for the president.

The objective of the orchestra is to provide a high-end art product that panoramically and innovatively represents the beauty and charm of a combination of the traditional Chinese Music, costume and culture for the appreciation of modern society. Since founded in 2008, the orchestra has held some 200 concerts, and has been highly recognized by music lovers, professionals and greatly commended by the media.

# Wang Long

Wang Long is a guqin and yangqin (dulcimer) soloist, founder and music director of Shanghai Elegant Chinese Music Orchestra. Wang Long graduated from China Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing in 1997, and served as a soloist in Shanghai Chinese Orchestra from 1997 to 2006. In 1998, she visited US and held a successful concert in New York Lincoln Center with her music partner Erhu Mater Min Huifen.

In 2000 she participated in Korean International Musical Festival. In the same year, she visited America and won the "Outstanding Performing Art Award" given by Dalas Chinese National Music Organization and SMU East Asia Department, as well as the "Award of Music Art Communication to Foreign Culture" given by American Zhang Gonglve Culture and Education Welfare Organization.

In 2005, she paid performance tour organized by the Chinese Ministry of Culture to India and Bhutan with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao. In 2014, she held a Guqin Concert in Athens and Santorini, Greece. In 2015, she won the award of "Classic Art Pioneer of Asian Influence Awards Oriental Ceremony".

# Wu Shuang

Wu Shuang is a bamboo flute soloist who entered the Shanghai Music Conservatory in 2013. As excellent music student, Wu has visited and performed in many regions and countries including Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan and Germany. She has also participated in many international art festivals including ASEAN Music Festival, Shanghai Spring International Music Festival. She won the second prize at the Taipei National Music Competition in 2017.







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18:10 Beverly Hills Chihuahua 19:45 Inspector Gadget 21:05 Atlantis: Milo's Return

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18:40 Ride Along 2 20:25 5 To 7 22:05 Your Friends & Neighbors

23:50 Neighbors MOVIES FESTIVAL

00:50 In America 02:45 Oleanna 04:25 All The Wilderness 05:55 Words And Pictures 09:50 Oleanna 11:30 Words And Pictures

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22:55 Boys Don't Cry OM MOVIES LIE

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17:40 Changeling

22:10 Casanova

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20:00 The Count Of Monte Cristo

00:30 NASA's Unexplained Files 01:20 NASA's Unexplained Files 02:10 You Have Been Warned 03:00 Mythbusters 03:48 Mythbusters 05:24 Mythbusters

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22:00 Island Secrets

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00:05 Live At The Apollo

02:10 Another Period

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04:40 Ridiculousness

05:05 Disaster Date

05:30 Urban Tarzan

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06:20 Coaching Bad

08:05 Disaster Date

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09:20 Impractical Jokers UK 09:45 Lip Sync Battle

13:05 Disorderly Conduct: Video

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14:20 Lip Sync Battle

14:45 Lip Sync Battle

15:35 Ridiculousness Arabia

16:00 Impractical Jokers

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15:10 Workaholics

16:30 Disaster Date

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01:10 PGA Web.Com Tour 05:00 The PGA Championship 06:00 European Challenge Tour Highlights 07:00 Golfing World 08:00 The President Cup Official Film

17:00 PGA Tour Highlights Golfing World 19:00 The President Cup Official Film 20:00 PGA Tour Highlights 21:00 PGA European Tour

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03:30 FIA World Rallycross Highlights 04:30 WWE Wal3ooha 05:00 Pro Bull Riders 06:00 Monster Jam 07:00 FIA World Rallycross Highlights

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13:00 WWE Bottom Line

14:00 Monster Jam

15:00 WWE 205 Live 16:00 WWE Main Event

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### **ACROSS**

- 1. A secret agent hired by a state to obtain (military) information about its enemies or by a business to obtain industrial secrets from competitors.
- 4. A city in southern Japan on Kyushu. 12. Of or relating to a member of the Buddhist people inhabiting the Mekong riv-
- er in Laos and Thailand. 15. A plant hormone promoting elongation of stems and roots.
- 16. Trees or shrubs of the families Ebenaceae or Sapotaceae or Styracaceae or Symplocaceae.
- 17. A white linen liturgical vestment with sleeves.
- 18. A harsh noise made by scraping.
- 20. A device (trade name Aqua-Lung) that lets divers breathe under water.
- 21. An enzyme that catalyzes the oxidation of many body compounds (e.g., epinephrine and norepinephrine and serotonin).
- 22. (Spanish) Sweetened red wine and orange or lemon juice with soda water. 24. Lower in esteem.
- 26. Indigo bush.
- 28. A ductile gray metallic element of the lanthanide series.
- 29. A Loloish language.
- 32. God of death. 34. An informal term for a father.
- 38. The cry made by sheep. 40. Irish abbess.
- 42. One or some or every or all without specification.
- 43. An associate degree in nursing. 45. A winged often one-seed indehiscent
- fruit as of the ash or elm or maple. 46. Of or relating to Czechoslovakia or its people or their language.
- 50. A periodic paperback publication. 51. A famous waterfall in Venezuela.
- 53. A short introductory essay preceding the text of a book.
- 55. Being two more than ninety. 57. A logarithmic unit of sound intensity
- equal to 10 decibels. 58. Someone who works (or provides work-
- ers) during a strike. 61. Tall perennial herb of tropical Asia with
- dark green leaves.
- 63. A town and port in northwestern Israel
- in the eastern Mediterranean. 67. Water buffalo of the Philippines.
- 70. The vessel that contains the seeds of a plant (not the seeds themselves).
- 71. (biology) Shed at an early stage of development.
- 72. A flat wing-shaped process or winglike part of an organism.
- 73. Presently existing in fact and not merely potential or possible.
- 76. A room equipped with toilet facilities.
- 77. The basic unit of money in Uganda.
- 79. An adult male person (as opposed to a woman).
- 80. A nucleic acid consisting of large molecules shaped like a double helix.
- 81. Testacean rhizopods.
- 82. A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.

# DOWN

- 1. Express or utter with a hiss. 2. Large burrowing rodent of South and
- Central America. 3. An account describing incidents or
- 4. Type genus of the Nepidae.

- 5. A town in western Washington.
- 6. A brittle gray crystalline element that is a semiconducting metalloid (resembling silicon) used in transistors.
- 7. Italian Benedictine monk who was archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109. 8. An enclosed space.
- 9. (zoology) Pertaining to alulae. 10. God of the earth.
- 11. (Old Testament) The second patriarch. 12. A Tibetan or Mongolian priest of
- Lamaism. 13. By bad luck.
- 14. A slender double-reed instrument.
- 19. Title for a civil or military leader (especially in Turkey).
- 23. (Akkadian) God of wisdom.
- 25. Make difficult to perceive by sight. 27. (used of count nouns) Every one consid-
- ered individually. 30. (Swahili) A long garment (usually white)
- with long sleeves. 31. English economist (born in Austria) noted for work on the optimum allocation of
- resources (1899-1992). 33. Wholly absorbed as in thought.
- 35. Small terrestrial lizard of warm regions of the Old World.
- 36. English theoretical physicist who applied relativity theory to quantum mechanics and predicted the existence of antimatter and the positron (1902-1984).
- 37. A condensed but memorable saying embodying some important fact of experience that is taken as true by many people. 39. German chemist who was co-discoverer with Lise Meitner of nuclear fission (1879-
- 1968). 41. East Indian cereal grass whose seed yield a somewhat bitter flour, a staple in the Orient.
- 44. (folklore) A corpse that rises at night to
- drink the blood of the living 47. Tropical American trees with palmately compound leaves and showy bell-shaped
- flowers.
- 48. A genus of Peramelidae. 49. A person forced to flee from home or country.
- 52. An edge tool with a heavy bladed head
- mounted across a handle.
- 54. Bottle that has a narrow neck. 56. African antelope with ridged curved
- 59. A drug (trade names Calan and Isoptin) used as an oral or parenteral calcium blocker in cases of hypertension or congestive heart failure or angina or migraine.
- 60. An anti-TNF compound (trade name Arava) that is given orally.
- 62. The dialect of Ancient Greek spoken in Thessaly and Boeotia and Aeolis.
- 64. Botswanan statesman who was the first president of Botswana (1921-1980).
- 65. Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a skewer usually with vegetables.
- 66. A city in southern Turkey on the Seyhan
- 68. Strong woody fibers obtained especially from the phloem of from various plants. 69. A dull persistent (usually moderately
- intense) pain. 74. In or of the month preceding the pres-
- ent one 75. Title for a civil or military leader (espe-
- cially in Turkey).
- 78. A colorless odorless gaseous element that give a red glow in a vacuum tube.

# Yesterday's Solution



# **STAR TRACK**

## Aries (March 21-April 19)

You have a great desire and drive to be thorough and responsible down to the smallest detail. You always know what is essential and what is not—you love the routine. A majority of your planets at this time suggest that right here and now is where you like to be and operate. You tend neither to spend much time in procrastinating about the future nor reminiscing about the past. You like to be in the moment, of the day. Obtaining and exchanging information is fun and you may find yourself talking about world affairs and sipping mocha at your local bookstore. This evening there is more interaction with neighbors as well as loved ones. Being aware of the activities and feelings of the people you love and the people around you keeps you in touch.



### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You may feel like being different, trying something unusual today. There are new ideas forming. There is a yearning to broaden your options for professional advancement and you spend a little time to think over the ways in which you could do just that. Law, politics, education, travel or religion, among other things, may take part in this search for advancement. Lectures, self-help literature and tapes or books seem to attract you at this time. Books on tape or attending a lecture today are possibilities. You enjoy working with your mind and your sharp perceptions make finding new solutions easy. You like to keep in the know and sharp witted. You enjoy helping others with selfhelp techniques as well. After all, it is a good way for you to review.



### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A drive to question situations may find you working through some strong internal changes. Push too hard and you may find your goals do not come to a positive end. Be patient, these energies will swing in a more positive direction soon. When it comes to business and career, you have a mind that just cannot help but take care of business. This is where most of your energies and concerns will be for today. You will see good results from your efforts. Your thoughts and ideas are practical and your clear-sightedness makes some form of management or supervision almost unavoidable. Many people prefer not to work on Sunday but you enjoy the quiet non-stressful attitude of your clients and the time to work through and achieve positive results.



# Cancer (June 21-July 22)

This day is a natural for self-expression and lends itself to your particular thinking. Your very own opinions are beneficial to the best outcome today. You have been holding back on your best moves but your participation in some home project is very important today. An elderly person in your family needs your attention this afternoon. Encourage the elderly to write down genealogy facts for the next generation, to write stories for the children to enjoy and to place them away for safekeeping. This activity might be a fun project for more than just the eldest member of your family. Recording the stories might also be fun—the young will enjoy hearing their childhood voices when they are older. Communicate more often with those you love.



# Leo (July 23-August 22)

Right now, the key to relaxation involves attending to nagging details whatever you have neglected or put aside for later. A planning notebook may be an essential item to help you with your daily, weekly and monthly goals that help you increase your productiveness. If you are in sales, this is an imperative tool. You will prosper through new insights, inventions and an independent point of view whether you are at home or work. All people need a day away from the intense, professional planning; this afternoon you are invited to grab your golf equipment, tennis racket or skates and meet a friend or family member to enjoy a little competitive sports. The remainder of this day is filled with rest, recreation and refurbishment.



## Virgo (August 23-September 22)

You will prosper by pursuing your ideals and most deep-seated dreams of how life could be. Don't be afraid to project your image and make your dreams real. Ideas of group cooperation in some spiritual effort could bring you new friends. Give attention to how you can be most helpful and stretch your imagination. If you are not working this Sunday, your organizational skills will be used in your ability to round up a group and play sports or create some social gathering later this afternoon. You may not be a coach but you can get the group together and allocate responsibilities, like one person brings refreshments and one person brings something else, etc. You can expect a little boost for your efforts; friends want to make this day a repeat!

# **Wordsearch Puzzle**

# Summer

Find and circle all of the summer words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an additional summer item.

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SUNGLASSES SUNSCREEN SUNSHINE SUNTAN SWEAT SWIMMING U V RAYS WASPS WATER FIGHTS WATERMELON

SUNBURN

# Libra (September 23-October 22)

You are able to reflect on the present and plan some future event. Perhaps a wedding is at hand. There are opportunities to converse and commiserate with friends. There is a greater appreciation for things of value and the idea of value itself is in order. You are cautious, thinking ahead and planning for some future event. There are many blessings to enjoy at this time—not always from other people. Sometimes the best rewards are realizing that you have done a good job with your choices in life. Take a step back to appreciate your life at this time and spend more time contemplating over the positives. This evening is a good time to enjoy the company of a loved one, read a romantic book or take in a movie.



# **Scorpio (October 23-November 21)**

Talking with a neighbor about plans for the next social function is a fun thing over the morning coffee or tea. Walking around the house and taking notes about what might need changing or updating before the winter sets in is a good thing to do. A charity social may earn enough money for the neighborhood to help out the elderly in your area with a meal a day or volunteer to read to a sickly individual. In order to know which people have needs and which people can help, a survey could be taken through the mail with a checkmark for needs and a checkmark for volunteer with a self-addressed return envelope enclosed. Good for you; now you and your neighbor have a mission and a mighty good one. Communication is good today.



# Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

In the past you have been flexible, only when necessary. Now you are learning flexibility without the push. There is time for you to try out new things or break away from an old routine. Looking for a part-time job, you might check out tutoring young people, especially along the area of writing or speech. You enjoy working with people and would make a good counselor, teacher or mentor for those young people that have a bit of difficulty with their school work. You seem compelled to deal with the challenges of others and you enjoy solving difficult problems. Yours is a passionate life. Intense feelings and strong attachments make for hot times and you are fiercely loyal, if not sometimes possessive. You have a sense for power, wealth and passion.



### **Capricorn (December 22-January 19)**

The power of organization on a social scale seems to take on a larger-thanlife aura as you enter into a new cycle. It's as if ambition and authority are answers in themselves, rather than only a means to an ideal objective. Careful—this can lead to duplicity, confusion and ambitious schemes that tend to become lost along the way. It is easy to overdo, strain or explode with temper under these aspects, so take it easy. Bide your time and count to ten when needed. Secrets, conspiracies and the hidden links that unite all things take on greater importance in your life now. Your patience is rewarded. Digging into the past for hints about the present and future uncovers a lot of answers to the questions that will not go away. You lead a full and most positive life.



### Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

You are a born leader; others find it easy to take instructions from you and tend to follow your example. You enjoy helping others solve their personal or technical problems today. Your patience is rewarded. There are opportunities to make plans or decisions and find your way through just about any problem. You feel successful and able to handle difficult situations at this time. Good advice from a guide or older person may be helpful. This could just be the time to really examine and analyze your goals. It can be easy now to separate the unimportant from the important and revise a few goals and dreams. The results are solid goals that support you. You may find yourself enjoying your friends this afternoon, sharing some good experiences together.



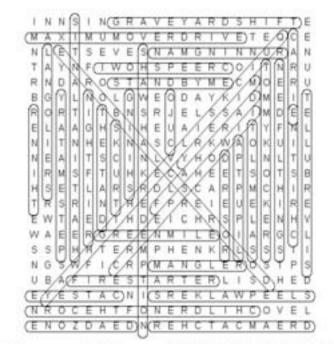
# Pisces (February 19-March 20)

You could be seen by others as just the person to be placed in charge of some project requiring a traditional mind—a day for thinking and ideas. A bout of philosophy or even a little religion could have an enormous effect on your career

during this time. Lasting values and whatever you find to be true can guide you now opening up avenues that have remained blocked. Generally, this is a fruitful period for real-estate investments, particularly if you are realistic; know your limitations. You may feel like talking a bit more than usual, exploring new ideas or getting happily lost in a conversation. A short trip or a special phone call is in order this afternoon. Family, home and the other roots in your life give you a sense of mission.

# Yesterday's Solution

# Stephen King Movies



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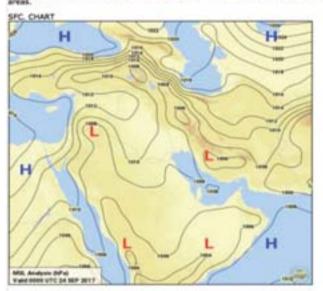
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Kuwait Times

By Day a Hot with light to moderate north westerly wind changing to south easterly wind later on, with speed of 08 - 28 km/h.

By Night a Relatively humid specially over coastal areas with light to moderate south easterly wind to north easterly wind, with speed of 06 - 26 km/h with a chance for fog forming over some



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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Expected Weather	Hot and Relatively humid specially over coastal areas	Hot	Hot	Hot
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Max Temp °C	43	44	44	43
Wind Direction	variable to south easterly	variable to northerly westerly	variable to northerly westerly	northerly westerly to northerly
Wind Speed km/h	08 - 26	06 - 30	08 - 30	08 - 28

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# REQUIRED WORKERS Indian & Egyptian nationality

# WAITER OFFICE BOYS

To work at morning time in a Government Society

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   Must have transferable residency.
- Available transfer from Government contract visa or Civil contract visa.
- Well known to make tea, coffee and cold beverage
- Experience not less than 3 years.

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# ACCOMMODATION

Sharing accommodation available immediately for a Christian family or 2 working ladies in Salmiya, block 10, near Blue Diamond restaurant. Contact: 66195097. (C 5345) 24-9-2017

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# Flight Schedule

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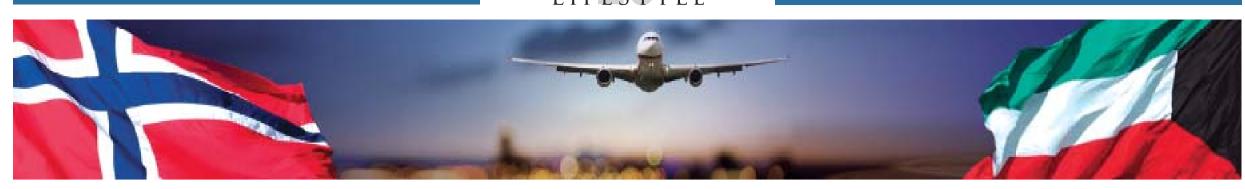
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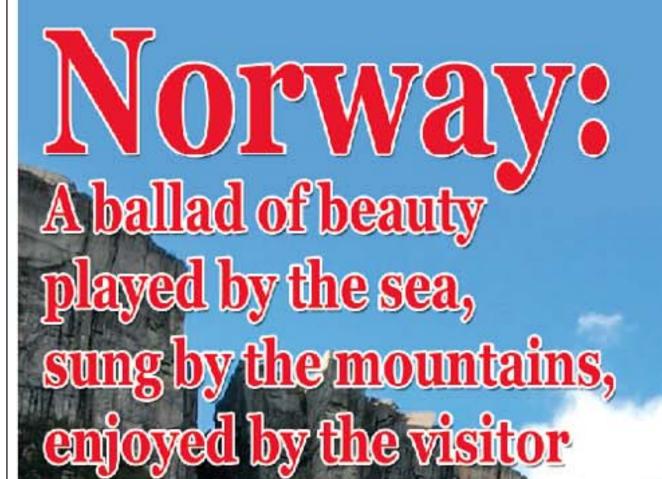
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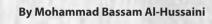
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'Where to go and how to spend time in the world's most beautiful country?'



he trip to Norway is as exceptional as the unique and special nature of this country. In a matter of few days you can live a dream-like experience combining entertainment, culture and adventure. By using your time well and knowing what places to see you would leave the country with indelible memories.

God has blessed Norway with enchanting nature and made the sea extend as natural arms inland in what are known as "fjords" which are available for transport and enjoyment all the year round. Some of these "fjords" are 200 km long and over1000 meters deep running through very high rocky mountains providing a perfect object of meditative exercise.

Added to this scene, which can be experi-

enced from boats and trains or on foot towards the peaks offering a view from above, is a sun shining differently, casting its rays on the features and transforming them into a natural museum where every photograph you take is like a painting by the creative hand of an artist.

According to world indicators, the Norwegian people top the list of the happiest and the most developed people in the world. They wonderfully preserve their environment as can be attested by the number of electric or hybrid cars in the streets as a result of motivational policies which persuaded thousands of drivers to adopt them. That's why you can breathe clean air even at the heart of the capital Oslo. In order to shed light on the beauty of Norway, a trip was organized for a choice of tourist companies and agencies in Kuwait to the land of the Vikings which included the capital Oslo, Stavanger, Bergen, Gudvangen and Flam.



The famous Karl Johans Gate street in Oslo which leads to the royal palace.



The exquisite Norwegian nature.



Mohammad Bassam Al-Hussaini on one of Bergen's mountains.



The city of Bergen harbor.

# Oslo .. an elegant capital

Oslo is a beautiful capital, quiet with low population density. Touring its landmarks is a must and it should include important places such as the Opera and Ballet House, an elegant structure designed as an iceberg which visitors like to walk around or ascend to take pictures. There also the Fortress which dates back to 1290 in the heart of the city along with the markets, Karl Johans Gate street, the Royal Palace, the Royal Gardens, a number of important and historical buildings such as the Parliament, the National Theater and Grand Hotel. On the sea front lies the Nobel Peace Center where in December of every year the winner of the prestigious award is honored, as well as the Aker Brygge district famous for its sea-front buildings and luxurious restaurants.

One of the most important landmarks of the capital is Frogner Park with its exquisite sculptors of the cycle of life by the artist Gustav Vigeland.

Going up north one can visit the winter sports facilities where the visitors are able to enjoy real jumping experiences and taking pictures of the wonderful city scenes from above especially "Holmenkollen" which is nicknamed "Beverly

Those interested in culture and literature can visit the street and museum of the famous playwright Henrik Ibsen.

# The astonishing Stavanger

The second stop on the tour was the city of Stavanger which the visiting team reached by air from Gardermoen Airport in Oslo, a flight lasting about 45 minutes

Stavanger is famous for a "fjord" which is a marvel of natural beauty with its steep mountains, islands, caves and naturally carved cliffs and rocks, particularly the "pulpit" rock which people seek to take stunning pictures of, the "Kjerag" rock stuck between two mountains and the "troll tongue" rock. The fjord can be enjoyed through a sea trip in a yacht, a luxurious ferry or a rubber speed boat used by those who love adventures. This includes getting close to the caves, standing under the mountain falls the most famous of which is the "whisky falls". The captain of the boat told us that it was named after a fugitive wine merchant hunted by the police and living in a remote and hard to access cave. When the sheriff got to him he poured all his wine in the falls which later acquired its current name.

Many enjoy hours long walking trips to the top of the cliffs to see the fjord from above where they compete to take the most stunning pictures and sit down to contemplate and take in the fresh and clean air.



The Nobel Peace Center in Oslo.

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Stavanger is also famous for its old quarter adjoining the harbor where large ships bring tourists to wander through it and visit its houses and the "canning museum".

On the margins of our Stavanger visit we went to two special hotels, the first was the "Sola Strand Hotel" located on a sandy beach on the north sea where the most beautiful surfing competitions in Europe are held, and the "Hummeren" located at a yachts berth and is famous for its sea food. The location of the two hotels with their surrounding countryside made them famous as two main stops for the visitors of Stavanger.

The Hummeren hotel and restaurant

Yachts marina near

Stavanger.

overlooking the beautiful

Bergen ... the Seven **Mountains City** 

A cruise trip lasting about 5 hours in sunny weather took us from Stavanger to Bergen, the second largest city in Norway which is called the "Seven Mountains City", during which we enjoyed along the length of the fjord the rich nature surround-

ing the towns along its banks. The beauty of the arrival by sea to the old Bergen is hard to describe. The city, which is over a thousand years old looks like a painted picture especially its harbor and the "Bryggen Bergen" buildings built with hard wood and included on the UNESCO world heritage list. It was built in 1702 and its



wood foundations undergo mainte-nance work every 50-60 years to pre-

serve them. The nicest activity in Bergen is ascending to the top of the city by train to see it from above, walk and take stunning pictures, before coming back to wander through the old city and its markets before taking some rest in one of the cafes overlooking the harbor.

Bergen has a buzzing night life and Arab restaurants. A tourist guide can be helpful in visiting and enjoying its landmarks.

# To 'Flam' in the most popular

tourist tour in Norway "Norway in Nutshell" is the most famous tourist tour in Norway, moving by train from Bergen to Voss and from there by bus through deep valleys to Gudvangen with its berth and the boats of the Vikings who inhabited the country in the past, and from there, with the wonderful scene of the embrace of the sky and the fjord, a ferry trip in the "Naer fjord", which is also included in the UNESCO world

heritage list, to the town of Flam. Flam is a small town with a marina for ships and large yachts, two hotels one of them is the Flamsbrygga with its traditional design which offers the guest the original Norwegian experience.

Flam is an ideal place for recreation and calm. A railway station at the bank of the marina would take the visitor back in a 5-hour trip to

# **Team of the trip**



The trip team hosted by the Turkish Airlines staff members: Cem Ongen, Sinan Dilek and Melike Gundogdu in the Lofoten restaurant in Oslo.

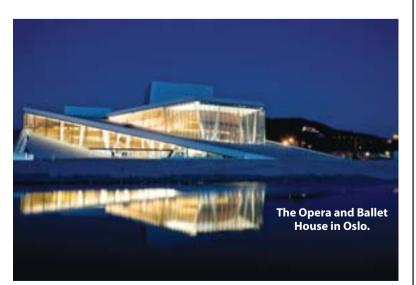
the "Kjosfossen" sweet water falls.

In brief, Norway is a hymn for beauty played by the sea, sung by the mountains and enjoyed by the visitor as one of the most beautiful countries in the world.

# The Canning Museum

One of the useful stops in the city of Stavanger is the visit to the "Canning Museum" whose displays

go back to the period between 1880 and 1930. As indicated by its name, the museum shows the history of the canning, fish balls, salted and smoked sardines industry which fed the populations of the country and Europe and which Norway was famous for. The museum also features a lounge that screens historical films about this industry and a shop selling souvenirs.





The museum director Piers Crocker.



The canning industry is a traditional profession in Norway.









Models present creations for fashion house Jil Sander during the Men and Women's Spring/Summer 2018 fashion shows in Milan. — AP/AFP photos







# Fly away with Trussardi in Milan

russardi, one of Italy's oldest fashion houses, wants to fly you away with a collection unveiled yesterday that had plenty of abstract aeroplane motifs, clothes that billowed like parachutes and even a few reimagined pilot jumpsuits. In her notes on the Spring/Summer 2018 designs shown in Milan, creative lead Gaia Trussardi, said the suits "are inspired by the free and enterprising spirit of great female travellers like Amelia Earhart". Never mind that things didn't work out so well for the American aviator. She and her co-pilot vanished eight decades ago over the Pacific while trying to fly around the world.

Trussardi's clothes had lots of silk, straps and belts. Abstract aeroplane silhouettes showed up on suits for men, who are increasingly common on what was once a fashion week reserved for women. Some half-a-dozen houses will show co-ed collections over the six-day marathon on Milan. There were also flat platform sandals with straps and gold buckles as well as plenty of high heels with straps that wrap around the ankles. The journey was a big inspiration for Trussardi, but so



Models present creations for fashion house Missoni during the Men and Women's Spring/Summer 2018 fashion shows in Milan.

was the destination. Flower prints, like the flora of a tropical locale, made their way on to the clothes as did the perhaps less welcome fauna of what appeared to be snakeskin.

True to its roots-the house started in 1911 as a glove manufacturer- Trussardi showed off new accessories. The Gita bag has leather trim, a compact shape and details that bring to mind the labels and tags that accumulate on a well-travelled bag.

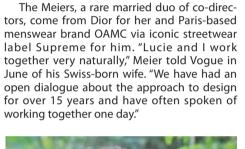
# Jil Sander offers 'purity' antidote to Milan runway flash

The models sent down a spare outdoor runway on Saturday by the new creative leads at minimalist label Jil Sander were wearing white and flowing garb like that of a mystic, offering an antidote to the Milan fashion week flash. Husband and wife duo Luke and Lucie Meier's first show at the creative helm of the German-founded house also featured oversized suits and coats with none of the season's obsession with sequins and exotic prints. The designs were an embrace of "purity... we're not interested in excess at all," Canadian Luke Meier told reporters backstage after the show.

"I don't think we do it from the perspective of what is going on (in fashion). We do it from the perspective of what we like and what we feel is right at the moment." There was also a suggestion of innocence in the designs, with a handbag made to look like a school boy's books wrapped in a leather strap, and suits big enough to look like adult clothes on children playing dress up.

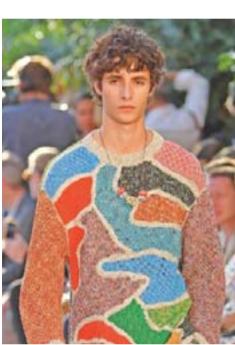






















for fashion house Fendi during the Women's Spring/Summer 2018 fashion shows in Milan.









### Bottega Veneta 'in da club' at Milan fashion week

Italian fashion house Bottega Veneta had Hollywood star Lauren Hutton bobbing her head to hip-hop on Saturday as it showed off a playful, nightclub-ready collection heavy on jewels, mirrors and fringe. The venerable Venetian outfit transformed a warren of rooms and halls at the 19th century Palazzo Archinto-now a school-into a sprawling runway at Milan fashion week. The co-ed Spring/Summer 2018 collection featured airy shirt-dresses, fringe strung with tiny glass beads and several slinky floor-length dresses covered in rhinestones. Kardashian mum Kris Jenner was front and centre, watching her daughter Kendall pass in a geometric-pattern swimsuit and shiny trench coat. Superstar Bella Hadid was on the runway too, after shows for Fendi and Moschino.



-run brand founded by her parents. Donatella Versace made an emotional tribute to her brother, fashion house creator Gianni Versace, to honor his contributions to the fashion world and his vision of female empowerment 20 years after he was slain. And Vogue Italia feted its new editor, Emanuele Farneti, with the party of the week inside a former customs station.





The Missoni superwoman

Angela Missoni's collection marking her 20th anniversary as creative director at her family's fashion house featured feather-light, often sheer, knits for a sleek silhouette. Nothing projected power more than the matching knit bodysuits and superhero-style capes. While Missoni may be most popularly associated with the zig-zag knit, the runway collection made amply clear the variety of patterns: vertical stripes, pretty

eyelets, color-blocking, brand historic jacquards and even a Marilyn Monroe knit based on the Andy Warhol painting.

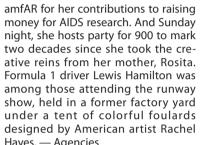
Colors started off in pale shades and got gradually stronger until they darkened to black. The spring-summer womenswear collection also featured hot pants, leggings and gauchos along with pretty summer dresses with 1950style skirts or halter tops. Big sun hats with arching brims added drama to the





looks, especially when paired with long, clinging sheer knits. "These are the lightest knits I have ever made," the designer said backstage.

For the first time, Missoni also included menswear alongside the women's looks, pairing sleeveless sunrise pattern knitwear with trousers, or a sunset pattern jacket with shorts. Scarves finished many of the men's looks. This has been a big week for Missoni. She was honored earlier by







Models present creations for fashion house Trussardi during the Women's Spring/Summer 2018 fashion shows in Milan.













A woman takes a photo of the Forbidden City model made of Lego bricks on display at the Royal Modern Household Exhibition after it was opened by Danish Crown Prince Frederik at the Danish Cultural Center in 798 art district in Beijing, Saturday. — AP

# Chinese vase sells for 10,000 times estimated price in Geneva



A vendor organizes rice paper for sale at a market in Can Tho, in the Mekong Delta. — AFP photos



Ha Thi Sau (top)
pours a rice and
sesame mixture
onto a hot fire
stove as her
16-year-old
daughter Dang
Thi Bich Thien
(bottom) rolls
rice paper onto
a mat for drying
at their home in
Thuan Hung
Village in the
Mekong Delta.

# Vietnam rice paper artisans roll with tradition



A dish holds rice paper rolls filled with sugar at a home in Thuan Hung Village in the Mekong Delta. tuffed, rolled, baked or fried: rice paper rules in food-obsessed Vietnam, where diners have spurned factory-made versions for homespun ones, propping up a thriving cottage industry in the Mekong Delta. They're a staple on dinner tables from north to south, eaten fresh with fish, fried with meat, or baked on an open flame and eaten like crackers-a popular bar snack. But regardless of how they're prepared, one thing most people in Vietnam agree on: homemade is always better.

"It's better than the factory version, try it, it's tastier," Nguyen Thi Hue told AFP, offering a baked coconut version at her roadside snack stop in southern Can Tho province. She sources her 'banh trang' in nearby Thuan Hung village, known for producing some of

the finest in the Mekong Delta, long renowned as the "rice bowl of Vietnam". Some families earn a living making rice paper, even as factories have popped up producing creative flavors like salted shrimp, coconut or versions made with the notoriously potent

durian fruit.

"Customers prefer those produced handmade in the village. We don't use chemicals, they're just natural," said 26-year-old Bui Minh Phi, a third-generation rice paper maker in Thuan Hung. He can earn \$65 per day spinning the trade, or double that during the busy lunar new year period. It's a common sentiment in Vietnam, where many diners eschew fast food joints for home-style restaurants serving pho noodle soup or banh mi sandwiches like their grandmothers might

have made it. Rice paper making is a matter of family heritage for many like Ha Thi Sau. On a recent morning in Thuan Hung, she tutored her daughter on the age-old technique she learned from her aunt: pour the sweetened batter-a secret family recipe-onto a pan, before transferring to a bamboo mat.

The operation remains a family affair: Sau's son-in-law feeds the fire with rice husks, while her 83-year-old mother washes dishes on the river bank. Though other jobs are available in her village-once a rural backwater now dotted with modern cafes and mobile phone shops-she doesn't dream of abandoning her trade. "I've been making rice paper for so long, I don't want to leave it for another job," she said, as the scent of coconut wafted in the air. — AFP



Ha Thi Sau pours a rice and sesame mixture onto a hot fire stove as she makes rice paper at their home in Thuan Hung Village in the Mekong Delta.



Ha Thi Sau collects damaged rice paper from a palm tray at their home in Thuan Hung Village in the Mekong Delta.

Chinese vase valued between 500 and 800 Swiss francs has sold for a record five million Swiss francs, a Geneva auction house said. According to the catalogue, the vase, which is 60 centimeters (23 inches) tall and depicts three blue dragons on a yellow background, is from the 20th century but it bears an unverified mark from the 18th century Qianlong era. There was a bidding battle at the auction on Thursday by two people who believed the vase was in fact from the 18th century. The auctioneer at the Geneve-Encheres auction house said the age of the vase was difficult to evaluate accurately and that they tended to be conserva-

tive in their estimates.

"This is the hammer price so with the commission added it is a total of 6.08 million Swiss francs (\$6.1 million, 5.1 million euros)," auctioneer Olivier Fichot told AFP. The final price was 10,000 times more than the catalogue estimate. The buyer, an amateur from Asia, was in the room for the auction, while his competitor bid by telephone. Fichot said that it was the highest bid ever made in Geneva outside of jewellery and watches. The auction house's previous record was a bronze Buddha statue that sold for 550,000 Swiss francs. — AFP



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