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New Indonesian plane with 189 on board falls out of clear skies

No sign of survivors • Pilot had asked to return to Jakarta • Amir sends condolences

Amir to open new Assembly term; 2 MPs withdraw grilling of premier

By B Izzak

KUWAIT: HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah opens the new term of the National Assembly today amid signs of tensions easing between lawmakers and the government after two opposition MPs withdrew a grilling against the prime minister.



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JAKARTA: All 189 passengers and crew aboard a crashed Indonesian Lion Air jet were likely killed in the accident, rescue officials said yesterday, as they announced they had found human remains and would continue the grim search through the night. The Boeing-737 MAX, which went into service just months ago, vanished from radar 13 minutes after taking off from Jakarta, plunging into the Java Sea moments after it had asked to return to the Indonesian capital.

Websites that display flight data showed the plane speeding up as it suddenly lost altitude in the minutes before it disappeared, with authorities saying witnesses saw the jet plunge into the water. "My prediction is that nobody survived because the victims that we found, their bodies were no longer intact and it's been hours so it is likely 189 people have died," search and rescue agency operational director Bambang Suryo Aji told reporters. Some 40 divers are part of about 150 personnel at the scene, authorities said, with the plane wreckage some 30 to 40 m deep in the water.

HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah expressed his deepest condolences. The Amir extended his sympathies in a cable he sent to Indonesia's President Joko Widodo, saying he was distraught over the lives lost in the tragedy.

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MEDAN, Indonesia: Merdiana Harahap (right) is consoled yesterday over the loss of her husband, a passenger onboard the ill-fated Lion Air flight JT 610. — AFP

10-yr anniversary sees Zain KSA record its best profit of SAR 48m

- Bader Al-Kharafi: "Turnaround program focusing on operating efficiencies, network upgrades and fiber roll-out, innovative B2B and data monetization initiatives, and customer service paying off"
- Q3 revenues up 8 percent year-on-year to SAR 1.952 billion
- Q3 EBITDA up 15 percent year-on-year to SAR 728 million
- Zain KSA's financial results will be consolidated within the Q3 results of Zain Group, bolstering the Group's financial indicators on various levels



Zain Vice-Chairman & Group CEO, Bader Al-Kharafi

RIYADH/KUWAIT: Zain Saudi Arabia (Zain KSA) has recorded its best-ever quarterly results since inception, for the three months ending Sept 30, 2018, with several key financial indicators showing record growth levels, reflecting the implementation of the operator's turnaround strategy. This milestone was achieved as the company celebrated a decade of commercial operation of mobile voice and data services in the kingdom.

Zain KSA's strong performance in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3, 2018) was driven by a focus on operating efficiencies, investment in network upgrades and fiber (FTTH) expansion, customer service and acquisition strategies, new service developments and data monetization initiatives, continued growth in the Enterprise (B2B) segment, as well as the benefit of the pilgrimage season.

Key performance indicators at Zain KSA for Q3, 2018 compared with Q3, 2017:

- Revenues of SAR 1.952 billion, up 8 percent

- EBITDA of SAR 728 million, up 15 percent
 - Net profit of SAR 48 million, up from SAR 3 million
- Zain KSA recorded revenues of SAR 1.952 billion in Q3, 2018, an 8 percent increase when compared to Q3, 2017. This revenue, the highest ever recorded by Zain KSA in a quarter, also reflects a 6 percent rise in revenues over Q2, 2018. Notably, the operator recorded a significant 15 percent increase in EBITDA to reach SAR 728 million during Q3, 2018 (another milestone), up from SAR 631 million in Q3, 2017, reflecting an EBITDA margin of 37 percent, up from 35 percent in Q3, 2017.

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Erdogan opens 'giant' new Istanbul Airport

ISTANBUL: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan yesterday opened Istanbul's new international airport, which his government says will eventually become the world's largest. "The new airport will be the pride of our country and an example to the world," Erdogan said at a lavish opening ceremony featuring several heads of state. At the inauguration - which coincided with the 95th anniversary of modern Turkey's founding by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk - Erdogan also revealed that the airport would be named "Istanbul". "Istanbul is not only our biggest city but also the most valuable trademark of our country," he said.



ISTANBUL: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan attends the opening ceremony of Istanbul's new international airport in the Arnavutkoy district yesterday. — AFP

The airport, one of a number of mega-projects built under Erdogan's rule, will be little used until next year. Erdogan has championed the €10.5-billion (\$12-billion) project in his bid to make Istanbul a global travel hub linking Europe, Asia and Africa and turn

flag carrier Turkish Airlines into an aviation giant. But the airport will only offer flights to five destinations until an expanded opening on Dec 29, from when it is expected to handle up to 90 million passengers a year, rising to up to 200 million when all facilities are completed in 2028. That would be nearly double

the 103.9 million passengers moving through the world's current busiest airport, Hartsfield-Jackson in the US city of Atlanta.

The opening ceremony was attended by several leaders including Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov and Sudanese President

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Sushma Swaraj
Hon. Minister of External Affairs of India
On her historic visit to Kuwait

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Local

Amir congratulates UAE on KhalifaSat successful launch



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent yesterday a cable of congratulations to the President of the UAE Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan on the successful launch of KhalifaSat from the Japanese Tanegashima Yoshinobu 1 site. In his cable — also addressed to Vice President of the Emirates, Prime Minister, and Ruler of Dubai Sheikh Mohammad Al-Maktoum and UAE Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al-Nahyan — His Highness Sheikh Sabah lauded the unprecedented achievement by the Emirates in the field of space exploration.

The satellite, fully manufactured and assembled by Emirati hands, reflected the UAE's vast development in the space exploration field, affirmed His Highness the Amir who indicated that the launch of the satellite should make the people of the UAE proud of their grand achieve-

ment. His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah wished the UAE leadership and people more progress and development within the space exploration field and other domains to fulfill their compatriots' aspirations and dreams. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables.

In other news, His Highness the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the Federal Republic of Brazil's President-elect Jair Bolsonaro on his election victory. In his cable, His Highness the Amir wished the new President's success and good health as well as further development of the two friendly countries' ties. His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister sent similar cables to Brazil's President-elect. — KUNA

KCCI hosts seminar on business opportunities at US military bases



KUWAIT: US Ambassador to Kuwait Lawrence Silverman (left) speaks during a seminar at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry yesterday. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

By Ben Garcia

KUWAIT: A seminar on supply-procurement opportunities at US military bases was held at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Bahra Hall yesterday. The event is part of the ongoing 'Discover America Week', an annual event organized by the US Embassy in collaboration with some American companies operating in Kuwait. US Ambassador to Kuwait Lawrence Silverman welcomed participants from various sectors.

"This is our 6th annual Discover America Week. Over the next two weeks, we will have some 25 different events highlighting American culture, food, restaurants, fashion, music, film, education, tourism, business, automobiles and healthy lifestyles. More than two dozen American restaurants and retailers will have special promotions during the two weeks," he said.

This event shone a spotlight on the strong and mutually beneficial friendship and partnerships between the Kuwaiti and American peoples, as well as governments. Yesterday's event focused on business opportunities with US military facilities in Kuwait. "We have representatives from the US Air Force and the US Army who will speak to you about what you need to do to learn about US military procurement opportunities as they come up; the procurement process that needs to be followed when submitting bids; the process that needs to be followed to get contractors access to the facilities to perform work; the invoicing process to ensure payment is done in a timely manner; best practices on how to succeed working with the US military; and finally purchasing requirements that the US military plans in the near-term," he added.

Silverman thanked Kuwait's support of the US military presence in the country as it has

helped stabilize the region and made both Kuwaitis and Americans more secure. "Our training and equipment make the Kuwait armed forces more capable of defending the country. In short, our military-military partnership with Kuwait is among our most important security relationships anywhere in the world, given current threats to peace and stability in the region," he mentioned.

Silverman noted local Kuwaiti contractors play a very important role in providing equipment and services to the facilities they operate in Kuwait — from soup to nuts, construction materials and equipment to transportation services, Internet and telephonic services and janitorial and security services to name a few. "Without the services and equipment you supply, our military will not be able to function as it does in Kuwait in support of regional stability and peace," he concluded.

Cultural Office in Manama honors outstanding students



MANAMA: Kuwaiti outstanding students and graduates in Bahrain are honored during a ceremony held Sunday in Manama. —KUNA

MANAMA: Kuwait Higher Education Ministry is keen to take care of citizens studying abroad and overcome all their difficulties, Assistant Undersecretary for Administrative and Financial Affairs Adel Al-Masaad said Sunday. This came during a ceremony honoring Kuwaiti outstanding students and graduates in Bahrain for year 2017-18 under the patronage of the Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Hamed Al-Azmi.

Masaad congratulated the Kuwaiti students and graduates and wished them success in their studies and upcoming careers. Meanwhile, the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Ambassador of Kuwait to Bahrain Sheikh Azzam Al-Sabah, expressed his pride in honoring the new constellation of outstanding students and graduates and wishing that this excellence will continue in their careers and service of their country. The head of the Kuwaiti Cultural Office in Bahrain Dr Abdullah Al-Kandari stressed the keenness of the Ministry to serve the students and facilitate all their studies. He expressed



Bahrain's Information Minister Ali Al-Rumaihi meets with a Kuwaiti media delegation.

appreciation to the Bahraini Minister of Education, Dr Majed Al Noaimi, for exerting all efforts to make Kuwaiti students feel like in their home.

In other news, Bahrain's Information Minister Ali Al-Rumaihi received yesterday a Kuwaiti media delegation led by Director of Kuwait Sports TV Adel Al-Enizi. According to

Bahrain News Agency (BNA), ways to enhance media cooperation and exchange information, as well as technical and professional expertise with Kuwait TV, particularly in the sports field, were reviewed. Enizi appreciated the Minister's efforts to enhance joint GCC media action and keenness to consolidate GCC identity. — KUNA

French ambassador discusses bilateral relations with Kuwait

By Ben Garcia

KUWAIT: After nearly a year in the office, the French Ambassador to Kuwait gathered local media on Sunday to discuss her mission to Kuwait and her stint as her country's envoy. Marie Masdupuy said French and Kuwaiti political relations are deeply-rooted, strong and reputable, as meetings between the two peoples continue regularly.

"Dialogue with Kuwaitis is easy since it is based on mutual respect and genuine friendship. We are happy to see eye-to-eye and we respect each other's views on both regional and global issues," she said. "We have institutional political consultations at the level of foreign ministries, and at the level of respective directors. We have parliamentary visits and exchanges of expertise; the last one was a few months ago by the Kuwaiti side. The next scheduled visit will be early next year. The program, headed by the head of the legislative committee, was intense, and visitors were happy about the result of their visit and they want to make more such visits," she said.

In early December this year, according to Masdupuy, a delegation from the French national assembly will reciprocate the visit, while France is preparing for the visit of the Kuwait National Assembly speaker sometime in 2019. She said France has revived cooperation between the French school in Kuwait and the Kuwait Institute for Legal Studies, signing a memorandum of agreement in Paris, under which there will be exchanges of judicial education for lawyers and judges. "It is an educational exchange agreement for training lawyers and judges. The agreement covers sharing expertise, since Kuwaitis are very familiar with French law. It's a very interesting program and I think it's very important for the two countries to really cooperate in this area of expertise," she said.

On healthcare, Masdupuy mentioned her country's cooperation agreement with Dasman Diabetes Institute and the French company Sanofi Pasture, which was signed to help Kuwait in the prevention and



French Ambassador to Kuwait Marie Masdupuy

treatment of childhood diabetes. She said during the marking of diabetes month in November, they are expected to sign a bigger cooperation deal in same field, but this time with the ministry of health in Kuwait. "We are preparing the same memorandum between the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Kuwait and its French counterpart," she said.

In the defense and security field, Masdupuy said a military exercise 'Pearl of the West' with the French Army and its Kuwaiti counterpart will be held in Kuwait in November. "This military exercise takes place every four years. If you see some movements of military vehicles, trucks and personnel, probably some of those are French military men and equipment from France. This military exercise will be joined by thousands of Kuwaiti and French military personnel. They are now arriving here for the exercises," she said. The French defense minister will be in Kuwait in December or a few weeks after the military training, the envoy said.

On commercial and economic cooperation, Masdupuy said Kuwait and France have trade of over \$1 billion between them, and it's thriving. "There are a lot of exchanges of products on both sides. We were the first European country to sign a foreign direct investment deal with Kuwait. There are exchanges not only in oil, but lot of other products. Investments from Kuwait and vice versa are thriving and discussions with companies are ongoing," she said.



KUWAIT: Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Kuwait Martin Dvorak hosted a reception recently to celebrate his country's national day. Senior officials, diplomats and media representatives attended the event. —Photos by Joseph Shagra

Local

Prime Minister says to hold officials responsible in corruption cases

Premier committed to tackling corruption: Minister



KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah addresses the Inaugural Government Forum on Promoting Integrity. —KUNA

(From left) Commerce Minister Khaled Al-Roudhan, Cabinet Affairs Minister Anas Al-Saleh, Housing Minister Jenan Bushehri and Public Anti-Corruption Authority's chief Abdulrahman Al-Nemash.

KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah stressed that he would not allow "corruption to exist" in government departments, and he would hold departments' leaders responsible in case of corruption cases. "I will not allow corruption in our bodies and I will hold you responsible, so I urge you to join me in addressing this matter," His Highness the Prime Minister said during the Inaugural Government Forum on Promoting Integrity, held at Seif Palace Sunday night. "You are our anonymous soldiers who work in our departments, and you are much aware of the places of corruption and how to eliminate them," he said in his address to the ministers and senior officials attending the forum. "I will be at your side in fighting corruption but I will also be against you if I don't see any positive action against corruption," he said. His Highness the Prime Ministers told them whoever thought he was unable to confront corruption should step down. Corruption, he said, has many ways and the corrupt people have been evading prosecution, so the government authorities should double efforts to fight them.

Tackling corruption

Deputy Prime Minister and State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh underlined that His Highness the Prime Minister's efforts to encourage transparency and stamp out corruption in state bodies are continuous and ongoing. The deputy prime minister outlined His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak's administrative reform plans at the forum, which precedes many similar events planned for the future. The

event, described by the minister as a "precedent," was held thanks to the instructions of His Highness the Prime Minister in order to group the government's leading decision-makers under one roof. Subsequent events will host several ministers, each of whom will talk about their own roles and duties.

On the topic of corruption, he pointed out to numerous decisions taken in relation to state bodies on the matter aimed at raising Kuwait's ranking on global corruption indexes. Most notably, these include the creation of the Public Anti-Corruption Authority, commonly referred to as Nazaha, in 2012, and a national anti-corruption strategy, which groups 15 state bodies. Other measures include the Conflict of Interest Law, the Tenders Law, which witnessed the formation of an independent complaints committee, the Municipality Law, which tackles financial misappropriation and the Public Authority of Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Law, which prevents agricultural holdings trade. The Cabinet also recently formed a legal committee to investigate irregularity claims in regards to several Central Agency for Public Tenders board members, which it referred to Nazaha.

Alleged misappropriation regarding the billion-dollar Caracal helicopters deal with France was also referred to both the Public Anti-Corruption Authority

and the State Audit Bureau. Since then, the Cabinet has tasked its ministers with investigating suspicions into some 14 tenders. The cabinet has also started investigations into 94 counterfeit academic certificate claims and 178 claims of financial embezzlement. On state officials, he said in spite of Oil Minister and Minister of Electricity and Water Bakheet Al-Rasheed's grilling coming to a close, the Cabinet has formed an investigation committee into the inquiry's recommendations.

KD 4 million (\$13 million) in 2017 to KD 19 million (\$62 million) in 2018, due to these subsidies being handed out disproportionately. The minister also pointed out to a total KD 54 million (\$177 million) in penalties for delayed contracts, which the Public Housing Authority has imposed on several firms. In his address, Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudhan, who is heading a government e-services development committee, revealed that 33 state bodies are witnessing the improvements - including 1,596 changes.



Govt hosts first forum to promote integrity

steps needed by the public for necessary paperwork. In regards to the Public Housing Authority, she said the state body's sectors have been reduced from 10 to seven sectors, through combining sectors tasked with similar functions. These measures have also been applied to the Ministry of Communications, which witnessed a nine to five sector cut.

On the matter of public funds, she said that an audit into the mechanism surrounding housing subsidies for Kuwaiti nationals revealed a rise in public debt from

Lengthy red tape

State Minister for Housing and Services Minister Jenan Bushehri insisted that one of the main causes of corruption is the complicated and unnecessarily lengthy red tape. Diminishing administrative bodies reduces employee interference, therefore decreasing the likelihood of corrupt practices, she argued.

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Forged certificates

On the matter of the forged certificates, Minister of Education and Higher Education Hamed Al-Azmi said a total 360 claims are currently being investigated by the public prosecutor's office. Also, in regards to the Caracal helicopters deal investigation, Public Anti-Corruption Authority's chief Abdulrahman Al-Nemash said he expects an announcement to be made on the issue in May, next year. An announcement is also forthcoming regarding the investigation into the alleged misappropriation of funds of a number of Central Agency for Public Tenders board members. The body constantly tracks global corruption indexes, particularly the World Bank's Worldwide Governance Index and the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report. Its role splits into three axes, namely receiving complaints, which have so far amounted to 190, assessing state body financial disclosure responsibilities and setting up public campaigns alerting to the dangers of corruption. —KUNA

FM receives new Argentine ambassador, outgoing envoys



KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah receives the credentials of the new Ambassador of Argentina to Kuwait Claudia Alexandra Zampierri. —KUNA



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with the outgoing Afghan Ambassador Haji Mangal Hussain.

KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received yesterday the new Ambassador of the Argentine Republic to Kuwait Claudia Alexandra Zampierri. During a meeting at his office, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled expressed his best wishes to the newly appointed Ambassador and hoped that the diplomat will continue to bolster bilateral relations between the two nations. Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah, Assistant Foreign Minister for Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled's office affairs Ambassador Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah, Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocol Affairs Ambassador Dhari Al-Ajran and a number of the ministry officials attended the meeting.

Meanwhile, Sabah Al-Khaled received the outgoing Afghan Ambassador Mangal Hussain. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled then received the outgoing Iran's Ambassador Ali Reza Enayati. The minister lauded the ambassadors' efforts during their tenure. The receptions were attended by Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad and a number of senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. —KUNA



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with Iran's Ambassador Ali Reza Enayati.

KNG deputy chief affirms significance of joining FIEP

KUWAIT: Deputy Chief of Kuwait National Guard (KNG) Sheikh Mishaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah said yesterday that joining the International Association of Gendarmeries and Police Forces (FIEP) is significant for boosting KNG's capacities in preserving the country's security and stability. Sheikh Mishaal Al-Ahmad's remarks came in a press release after receiving KNG's

Undersecretary Lt Gen Hashem Al-Rifaie, who recently returned home after taking part in FIEP meeting in Antalya, Turkey. During the event, KNG joined FIEP with Military Status to become the 19th member, alongside nations such as France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Turkey. KNG Deputy Chief congratulated His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and KNG Chief His Highness Sheikh Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah on the achievement. Joining FIEP reflects Kuwait's good reputation on regional and international levels, said Sheikh Mishaal, underlining wisdom of the political leadership to promote the country's positive as a nation that sponsors and supports peace on a global scale. —KUNA



Deputy Chief of Kuwait National Guard (KNG) Sheikh Mishaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with KNG's Undersecretary Lt Gen Hashem Al-Rifaie, and other KNG members.

Local

Kuwaiti businessmen invited to invest in Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City

Huge Vietnam refinery to propel private sector: KCCI



The Vietnamese team attending the meeting.



The Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry team attending the meeting.

By Ben Garcia

KUWAIT: A delegation from Vietnam headed by Governor of Ho Chi Minh City Nguyen Thanh Phong visited the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) yesterday. The delegation was welcomed by KCCI board member Osama Mohammed Al-Nisf along with a number of Kuwaiti business personalities. In his welcoming remarks, Nisf noted that KCCI will continue to support business opportunities through public private partnerships and enhancing business partnerships with Vietnam.

Vietnamese Ambassador to Kuwait Trinh Minh thanked KCCI for the warm hospitality accorded to the business delegation from Vietnam. "It's a great honor to see a large group of Kuwaiti businesspeople present here today, and it reflects our good relations. We would like to propose a business partnership with you. This meeting today will showcase Ho Chi Minh City, and we are looking forward for the success of these talks as we promote better economic ties with Kuwait," he said.

More investments

He lauded growing bilateral relations in all aspects including labor, business and tourism. "We expect more and more cooperation to thrive as we start commercial flights from Kuwait to Vietnam next year. We want to see more investments from Kuwait in the coming years, as we promote Ho Chi Minh City as an economic hub and the center of business opportunities. Vietnam has a lot more to offer and we are here to encourage foreign investors."

Minh said. He mentioned agriculture, tourism, finance, banking, energy and infrastructure as best sectors to invest in. "Please include Vietnam as a place to visit and invest in South East Asia. We need more Kuwaitis to visit because we are an equally beautiful country among our counterparts in South East Asia," he said.

Governor Phong hoped that with its partnership with Kuwait, Ho Chi Minh City will be able to attract more investment from Kuwait in areas that need it the most and promised cooperation in terms of resources, information and technologies. "I am thankful to KCCI for welcoming us, the Vietnam Embassy for facilitating our delegation and to business communities from both sides. Thank you for the friendship," he noted.

Vietnam refinery

Meanwhile, Nisf said that a \$9.2-billion Kuwaiti-built oil refinery in Vietnam will provide the Gulf state's private sector with new opportunities to explore diverse development projects. Ties between Kuwait and Vietnam have made tremendous progress in recent years, especially after the construction of the Nghi Son refinery. Nisf said during a Kuwaiti-Vietnamese economic forum. He noted that the event would help familiarize Kuwaiti investors with business opportunities available in Vietnam, particularly in the sprawling city of Ho Chi Minh. The huge refinery, co-owned by Kuwait Petroleum Europe BV and Japanese firms Idemitsu Kosan and Mitsui Chemicals, is designed to help Vietnam cope with a dearth of refined oil products. — KUNA



KUWAIT: KCCI board member Osama Mohammed Al-Nisf (center right) meets with Governor of Ho Chi Minh City Nguyen Thanh Phong (center left). — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

CBK organizes sovereign ratings workshop on coordination with S&P

KUWAIT: The Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) will organize a workshop, in coordination with Standard and Poor's (S&P), on sovereign ratings and banks' credit ratings methodology. The workshop, which kicks off today, is part of the Bank's social responsibility to enhance financial stability in the country and develop the capabilities of national cadres in the financial and economic fields, CBK Governor Dr Mohammad Al-Hashel said in a statement to the press yesterday.

The two-day workshop will tackle number of issues related to the methodology of sovereign assessment and credit rating for banks, including the effectiveness of governance, economic structure, growth prospects, financial flexibility in financial performance and risk assessment of the banking industry of countries, he added. The participants will be briefed on the methodology used to evaluate banks and the rules of valuation of bonds issued by banks, he said.

CBK invited many local bodies to participate in this workshop, including the Ministry of Finance and the Kuwait Investment Authority and local banks. Hashel added. Hashel has expressed appreciation to Standard & Poor's for their cooperation in setting up this workshop, stressing the Bank's continued role in developing national cadres in various financial and economic fields through the establishment of such workshops and activities. — KUNA



The Central Bank of Kuwait

Commercial Bank awarded for training newly graduates

KUWAIT: The Commercial Bank of Kuwait was recently awarded by the Public Authority for Social Security as one of the best training facilities for newly graduated Kuwaiti legal affairs staff members for the third straight year. A



Kuwait exerts great efforts to encourage foreign investment

VIENNA: Kuwait is exerting great efforts in encouraging foreign investment in the country, through the development of laws and regulations, Counselor at Fatwa and Legislation Department Wafaa Al-Yaqout said yesterday. The encouragement of foreign investment plays a great role in developing economic projects, Yaqout said on the sideline of the 36 session of working group III on 'Investor-State Dispute Settlement

Reform.' Kuwait has prepared several laws and regulations and signed a number of international agreements aimed at encouraging and protecting mutual investments through the country's development plan that aims to turn Kuwait into a financial and commercial center, she added.

Yaqout stressed Kuwait's keenness to facilitate the procedures of foreign investors and remove obstacles, in addition to adopting laws to regulate ways to settle disputes between investors and host countries. Kuwait is participating in the session as a working member of the UN committee and not an observer member as it was before.

Yaqout pointed out that an application will be submitted to renew Kuwait's membership in the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) that will end on 2019. UNCITRAL has 60 member states, including three Arab countries, Kuwait, Algeria and

special honoring ceremony was held by the authority.

In this regard, the bank's board chairman advisor and head of the bank's legal affairs department, Mohammed Hashem, said that the bank was always keen on taking part in training courses organized by various state bodies addressing newly graduated Kuwaiti youth.

Hashem added that the legal affairs department is accordingly keen on setting the needed subjects to train legal affairs' staff members and provide them with more practical and technical skills and experiences through theoretical lectures and practical training. Notably, Finance Minister Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf had presented the award to the bank's representative Dhia Al-Mendeel.



VIENNA: Counselor at Fatwa and Legislation Department Wafaa Al-Yaqout attends the 36 session of working group III on 'Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform.' — KUNA

KIB promotes early detection of breast cancer

KUWAIT: As a continuation of its series of health initiatives during breast cancer awareness month, KIB organized an awareness lecture for its employees. Held at the Bank's head office, the breast cancer awareness lecture was given by Dr Anwar Al-Nouri, a diagnostic radiologist, in the presence of a large number of female employees across various departments.

As part of the lecture, Dr Nouri shed light on the most critical medical issues related to breast cancer, including risk factors, symptoms, medical tests, and preventative measures. Dr Nouri also focused on the different types of diagnostic imaging and screening tests in early detection of cancer.

KIB noted that the aim of this initiative was to educate employees, specifically female employees, about the risks of breast cancer, prevention methods and the importance of early detection. Additionally, the Bank pointed out that promoting health awareness and educating the community are some of the most effective ways of combating the disease, which continues to present a serious threat to women's health.

Moreover, KIB has always sought to participate in international events, particularly health-related initiatives. Accordingly, this year, the Bank launched a series of initiatives on the occasion of breast cancer awareness month, aiming at spreading awareness about the disease amongst employees, as well as the entire community. The Bank also distributed a number of educational pamphlets detailing important medical information throughout the month of October.



Local

Interior Ministry appeals to motorists to move vehicles after minor accidents

Many drivers not aware of ban on blocking road in case of accidents: Buslaib

By Nawara Fattahova

KUWAIT: Although over four months have passed since the Ministry of Interior issued a decree banning drivers from blocking the road while waiting for a police patrol in case of minor traffic accidents, many motorists are not aware of this decree. The Head of the Media Security Department at the Ministry of Interior Lt. Col Nasser Buslaib called upon drivers to follow and respect this decree. "Many times, very simple car accidents block the road. This causes great inconvenience, especially during peak hours. To avoid these situations, the ministry issued this decree to simplify the process,"

he told Kuwait Times. According to this decree, drivers should go to the police station if nobody is injured, if the vehicle is not seriously damaged and can move, and if both parties are in agreement. In case of death or injuries during the accident or if any of the vehicles is seriously damaged, then the drivers should wait for the police and ambulance. "The drivers can exchange their driving licenses before heading to the police station. They are free to take photos of their vehicles if they like to do so, but it's not obligatory. In case drivers block the road over a minor accident, they will be ticketed for blocking the road," Buslaib said.

In case of minor accidents, both parties should drive to the police station. "The procedure is very simple and fast, as both sides get a report to fix their cars from the officer at the police station without having to wait for an investigator. In case the parties have a dispute over the responsibility of the accident and whose fault it is, after arriving at the police station, they have to wait for the investigator," he added.

Sometimes the location of the accident is very clear, so drivers will go to the police station of this area. On highways it might be a little confusing, as the roads flank several areas. "If the road is between two or more areas, the police station in charge will be the one on the right side of the accident. If the drivers are

not sure, they can drive to the nearest police station, which will then direct them to the one in charge," explained Buslaib.

In case the accident is serious or the vehicle is immobile, then the drivers need to call the emergency hotline 112, which is connected to other departments in charge including police, ambulance and the fire department. According to Buslaib, officers at the police stations have been informed of this new decree and they were also given training to deal with minor accidents. "In these cases, the officer is given the power of the investigator and issues the report for the drivers," he concluded.

Homicide probe in domestic helper's death

KUWAIT: The body of an Ethiopian domestic helper was sent to the coroner after she died in her sponsor's house, with bruises and blood traces. A citizen called police to report the death of a helper working for him, so police went to his house and noticed several bruises on the victim's body along with drops of blood. The sponsor said he did not know anything about it, adding that his wife discovered the body by accident and informed him, so he called police. The case is registered as suspected murder. A homicide investigation was opened.

Thief caught

A thief nicknamed 'Salmiya Rambo' was arrested by detectives after breaking into three phone stores in a Salmiya mall and stealing 250 smartphones worth KD 70,000. He then jumped with the phones from the second floor. It was found he worked in a nearby restaurant. The phones were found in his house. A source said the thief, Egyptian, denied any connection with the theft at the beginning, then confessed, adding he planned for it for two weeks. He said he hid inside the mall before it closed, then when everyone left, he broke into three stores and took the expensive phones without counting them. He said he could not find an exit, so he went to the second floor, broke a window, jumped out and returned home.

Motorist beaten

An Egyptian man was beaten badly by three men who collided with his vehicle, and then escaped. Passersby took the Egyptian to hospital, then he went to the police station with a medical report and lodged a complaint.

Threatening messages

Detectives arrested a citizen who sent a woman many threatening messages due to earlier differences between them, and used a special phone SIM card he bought for this purpose. The woman told police she was surprised with the messages from a number she did not recognize. Detectives identified the sender and arrested him. He confessed to sending the messages. The woman then recognized him and said she had differences with him. He was detained.

Shop ransacked

An Indian man told police that someone stole groceries from his shop in Jahra and gave them the license plate number of the car the suspect drove. The man said the suspect asked for certain items, then when he gave it to him, he drove off without paying, adding this was not the first time the same suspect had done this. Detectives are working on the case. — Translated by Kuwait Times from Al-Rai



KUWAIT: Firefighters and police handle an accident reported yesterday on Fahaheel Highway.

Man injured in Fahaheel Highway crash

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: A motorist was injured in a two-vehicle accident reported yesterday on Fahaheel Highway. Firemen,

police and paramedics headed to the scene after the accident was reported yesterday afternoon. The injured man, Kuwaiti, was taken to hospital. An investigation was opened to determine the cause of the accident.

School fire

A limited fire broke out in a laboratory of Mulla Saud Al-Saqer Elementary School located in Adan, a Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFS) statement said. Firefighters from the Qurain and Mubarak Al-Kabeer hazardous materials stations tackled the blaze. A teacher lost consciousness due to panic and was treated by paramedics.



Municipality workers remove vegetables during a crackdown on a street market.

Municipality campaign

Kuwait Municipality's public relations department said Farwaniya cleanliness and road occupancy department carried out a campaign during the weekend against street markets, resulting in issuing 16 citations, while six vehicles selling vegetables were confiscated.

Military exercise

The interior ministry's relations and security information department said the coastguard, in cooperation with the US military, will carry out an exercise from Oct 30 to Nov 10. It asked sea goers to take caution.

Interior Minister vows to lower inmates' numbers

KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah said yesterday that there would be measures to lower number of jailed people. The Ministry of Interior said in a statement that Sheikh Khaled made the declaration during a meeting with members of the panel tasked with tackling prisons' overcrowd — headed by the general attorney judge Mohammad Al-Duajj. The minister lauded the panel efforts in tackling the cells' overcrowding at correction institutions. Meanwhile, judge Duajj said the committee had already taken measures to lower the number of inmates. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah meets with members of the panel tasked with tackling prisons' overcrowd.

Govt agrees to discuss bedoons' issue in parliament

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The government has notified lawmakers of its approval to discuss the bedoons' (stateless residents) issue in a session to be held in November or December, well-informed parliamentary sources said. The sources added that the government stressed its intention to grant citizenship to 4,000 bedoons, starting with 2,000 by the end of this year. The sources explained that the proposed session will include voting on scrapping the central apparatus for illegal residents' affairs and subject it to the interior minister to be run by a secretary general acting as an undersecretary, especially since the current Chairman Saleh Al-Fadhlah's tenure expired a year ago and was not renewed.

Exams' rescheduling

The Ministry of Education (MoE) is considering rescheduling the exceptional second session exams to be held by the beginning of September instead of mid-October, which wastes around two months of school for students, said informed sources. In another educational concern, MoE's acting undersecretary Yousef Al-Najjar issued a ministerial decision on exams in government special education schools for the year 2018-2019.

Renewable energy

Seven companies have so far bought Al-Dibdibah Renewable Energy Plant project's qualification documents including six that had been previously excluded by Kuwait Oil Company (KOC), said informed sources at the Central Agency for Public Tenders (CAPT). The sources added that it was proven that the excluded companies were more serious and qualified for the project, for which 28 companies are competing. Notably, CAPT approved the qualification of 11 out of 18 companies that had filed grievances against being disqualified by KOC.



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Dentist Registrar	Bachelor's Degree (DDS or BDS) Certification and Certificate in advanced Graduate Studies	5 years	50	Facility Maintenance Officer	Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in Electrical engineering	5 years	25
Dentist GP	Bachelor's Degree (DDS or BDS) Certification	5 years	100	Senior Accountant	Bachelor's Degree in accounting or finance	5 years	10
Dental Hygienist	Bachelor's Degree & Dental Hygienist Certification	5 years	30	Cashier	Associate Degree or Diploma in Accounting or Finance	2 years	15
Head of Nursing	Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)	5 years as Head of Nursing	15	IT Support Officer	Bachelor's Degree or diploma in information technology	5 years	25
Registered Nurse	Bachelor's Degree (BSN) or Diploma of Science in nursing	5 years	450	Customer Service Supervisor	Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or related field	7 years	25
Healthcare Assistant	Associate Diploma in Medical Assistance or Midwifery	2 years	150	Customer Service Officer	Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in Business Administration or related field	5 years	40
Sterilization Technician	Diploma Sterilization Certification	5 years	20	Receptionist	Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in Business Administration or related field	3 years	60
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Bolsonaro wins Brazil presidential election

South Korean sisters call for their dad's execution

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BERLIN: German Chancellor and leader of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) Angela Merkel (center) stands with Secretary General of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer (left) and Hesse's State Premier and Deputy Chairman of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) Volker Bouffier ahead of a party leadership meeting at the CDU headquarters yesterday. —AFP

Weakened Merkel to quit as chancellor

Germany's 'eternal' chancellor embarks on last lap

BERLIN: Angela Merkel yesterday announced she will quit as German chancellor when her mandate ends in 2021, as she sought to draw a line under a series of political crises that have rocked her fragile coalition. Often hailed as the world's most powerful woman and Europe's de facto leader, Merkel said she hoped her planned departure would end bitter fighting in her coalition and allow it to focus on governing. "Today, it is time to begin a new chapter," she told reporters at her party headquarters.

Referring to the quibbling strangling her coalition, Merkel noted that "the picture that the government is sending out is unacceptable". Electoral drubbings like the latest on Sunday in the state of Hesse were "a watershed, but in them could lie a chance" for Germany's mainstream political parties including her own to find a way forward, she said. The 64-year-old will stagger her political exit by first giving up the leadership job of her Christian Democratic Union after 18 years, when the role comes up for reelection during a party congress in December.

Merkel, who has led Germany for 13 years, added that she would neither stand in the country's next elections nor seek to renew her mandate as chancellor when her fourth term ends in 2021. At least four candidates declared their interest to seek Merkel's job after she made her stunning announcement. But she said she would not name a successor: "I will accept any democratic decision taken by my party," she said.

Immigration stumbling block

Merkel has long held the support of Germans as a guarantor of stability and prosperity, having steered Germany through financial crises and keeping Europe's biggest economy humming with unemployment striking post-reunification record lows month after month. But her power has been on the wane since

her 2015 decision to keep Germany's borders open at the height of Europe's migrant crisis, ultimately allowing in more than one million asylum seekers. The mass arrivals left Germany deeply polarized and fuelled the rise of the far-right, essentially redrawing the country's political landscape.

Railing against the newcomers, the anti-immigrant AfD is now the biggest opposition party in the Bundestag, and after a strong showing in Hesse now has seats in all German state parliaments.



Merkel seeks to draw a line amid political crises

Anxious at stemming the haemorrhage of voters to the AfD, Merkel's conservative Bavarian allies CSU had championed hardline immigration and openly attacked her, all of which backfired as they ended up alienating moderate voters. The CSU's strategy also sat uncomfortably with the third party in Merkel's uneasy coalition, the Social Democrats, sending the government lurching from crisis to crisis. AfD leader Joerg Meuthen hailed Merkel's planned departure as "good news", as the party took credit for the earthquake in German politics.

was translated into sign language for the deaf. "We will defeat hate with love. We will be a city of compassion welcoming to all people no matter what your religion or where your family came from," promised Mayor Bill Peduto. "We will drive anti-Semitism and the hate of any people back to the basement on their computer and away from the open discussions and dialogue around the city, around this state and around this country."

There was standing room only in the neoclassical surrounds of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum, with people lining the back walls, filling the lobby and others crouched on the floor. Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, several congressmen, and billionaire Ronald Lauder, president of the World Jewish Congress, joined the service.

Mourners stood to sing the US national anthem, Israel's national anthem the Hatikvah and Irving Berlin's secular anthem "God Bless America." An African-American choir took to the stage. The ceremony closed with a quartet from the Pittsburgh Symphony playing two pieces, one written by a Holocaust survivor whose family perished in Kristallnacht. Wasi Mohamed, head of the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh, announced that Muslims had already raised more than \$70,000 to help their Jewish neighbors, news greeted by a spontaneous standing ovation.

'Shattered'

"We just want to know what you need. If it's more money, let us know. If it's people outside your next service protecting you, let us know we'll be there," he said. Israeli cabinet minister Naftali Bennett, who flew through the night to mourn with Americans, called the slaughter the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in the history of the United States. "Nearly 80 years since Kristallnacht when the Jews of Europe perished in the

'True to herself'

Sueddeutsche Zeitung praised Merkel for her decision, saying the leader who has always been "sober, to the point of being cold" with the political careers of others, has "stayed true to herself". Several key players in the CDU are now waiting in the wings to succeed Merkel, including party general secretary Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer and ambitious health minister Jens Spahn, a frequent Merkel critic.

But the woman dubbed the "eternal chancellor" may not get to choose her own timetable for her long goodbye, as her departure could be hastened if the SPD brings down the government before 2021. Following yesterday's hammering at the polls in Hesse state, the second consecutive drubbing after a regional vote in Bavaria two weeks ago, SPD chief Andrea Nahles had warned that her party may pull the plug. But she voiced respect yesterday for Merkel's decision, saying the veteran leader has done "an extraordinary service" to the CDU.

The question now is whether by offering herself up as the lightning rod, Merkel has deflected enough of the unhappiness leveled at the coalition that has sent voters drifting away to other parties. What is clear is that Merkel's first step towards the exit would send ripples across the European Union, where she has served a unwavering and unflappable bulwark against multiple global crises, Brexit and an unpredictable ally in the White House. Despite her global standing, Merkel said she has no plans to seek a post in the European Commission after bowing out of German politics, quashing speculation to that effect in Brussels. —AFP

Indonesia's Lion Air: Record plane deals, safety woes

SINGAPORE: Indonesian budget carrier Lion Air leapt from obscurity to global fame in 2011 when it ordered 230 Boeing planes worth a whopping \$22 billion, the US maker's biggest ever deal, but it has been dogged by safety issues for years. When co-founder Rusdi Kirana was asked months later if bank loans would be needed to finance the purchase, he told reporters at the 2012 Singapore Airshow: "I am the bank."

Founded in 1999 by brothers Rusdi and Kusnan Kirani, the budget carrier began operations in 2000 as Indonesia's first low-cost carrier, using a leased Boeing 737-200 between Jakarta and Denpasar, capital of the resort island of Bali. It quickly rode the crest of Indonesia's soaring domestic air travel sector to become the country's biggest private airline and second largest in Southeast Asia after Malaysian carrier AirAsia. A boom in demand in the archipelago, the world's fourth most populous nation, prompted Lion Air to go on an aircraft-buying spree that made headlines around the world starting in 2011.

With then US President Barack Obama as a witness, Boeing and Lion Air signed the record deal on the sidelines of an Asian summit in Bali for the purchase of 29 737-900s and 201 orders of the new 737 MAX, along with options for 150 more aircraft. The orders were worth \$21.7 billion at list prices, with the US aircraft maker describing it as "the largest commercial plane order ever in Boeing's history by both dollar volume and total number of planes". But Lion Air soon surpassed that record when it ordered 234 medium-haul A320 planes from Airbus worth a whopping \$24 billion at catalogue prices in 2013.

'Challenging situation'

The carrier currently operates domestic flights and a number of international routes in Southeast Asia, Australia and the Middle East. However, it has struggled with issues of safety and poor management and was banned, along with other Indonesian airlines, from flying into European airspace until 2016. Its first deadly accident in 2004 saw 26 people killed and more than 100 injured when a Lion Air plane skidded at an airport in the central Java city of Solo, with the airline blaming bad weather and strong tailwinds.

In 2013, a rookie pilot at the controls of a Lion Air plane undershot the runway and landed in the sea off Bali, splitting the plane in two and forcing passengers to swim to safety. Remarkably no one was killed in the accident. Three years later, two Lion Air passenger planes clipped wings as they were about to take off from Jakarta's main Soekarno-Hatta airport. Yesterday's crash is "symptomatic of the overall concern that the aviation industry has with Indonesia's air safety record", said Shukor Yusof of Malaysia-based aviation consultancy Endau Analytics. —AFP

Pittsburgh unites in love after massacre

PITTSBURGH: Thousands of people from all faiths united behind calls that love defeat hate Sunday as Pittsburgh mourned the worst anti-Semitic attack in recent US history and the city's "darkest hour." From an Islamic leader who announced that Muslims had raised tens of thousands of dollars to help their Jewish brethren, to Israeli President Reuven Rivlin's taped message of solidarity, to promises of support from Christian clerics, Pittsburgh stood shoulder to shoulder against anti-Semitism. "I'm a victim. I'm a survivor. I'm a mourner," said Rabbi Jeffrey Myers from the Tree of Life synagogue who helped pull worshippers to safety when the shooter opened fire minutes into Shabbat services. "Seven of my congregants were shot dead in my sanctuary. My holy place has been defiled," Myers declared.

"Words of hate are unwelcome in Pittsburgh," he said to cheers and a standing ovation. "Ladies and gentlemen it has to start with you as our leaders. My words are not intended as political fodder. I address all equally. Stop the words of hate." He finished with a memorial prayer in Hebrew, his voice aching with emotion, and wiping tears from his eyes with a handkerchief. Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania city that made its fortune in the steel industry, is made of stern stuff-proud of its blue collar roots, sporting prowess and reputation as a sanctuary for all.

'City of compassion'

The names of the 11 dead, many of them elderly, were written on a screen, hanging before inscribed words from Abraham Lincoln, and the entire ceremony



PITTSBURGH: People listen to interfaith speakers at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall before a service to honor and mourn the victims of Saturday's mass shooting at the Tree Of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. —AFP

flames of their houses of worship, one thing is clear," he said. "Anti-Semitism, Jew-hating is not a distant memory... nor a chapter in the history books, it is a very real threat. "We will not stay silent. We will overcome. Unity will defeat division. Love will defeat hatred. Light will defeat darkness."

A speaker informed the room that outside "thousands" of people had braved the cold and rain to listen to the more than 90-minute service on loudspeakers. "I thought that it was beautiful and mournful, and it was hopeful and it was a true reflection of what Pittsburgh has to offer," said Mark Dixon, a 42-year-old filmmaker huddling in the chilly weather outside. "I love this city and it pains me to see it shattered, even for just a moment by hate, and so I just had to come and be present for the ceremony that ultimately rejects hate." —AFP

International

Pasta and petrol: Crackdown in Tunisia's south stirs dissent

Tunisia steps up Libya border security to stop militants

REMADA: Tunisian Zubair Abdel-Moula lost his work selling smuggled fuel on the streets of a poor southern town after the government tightened controls with Libya to stop militants crossing the 460km border. The 32-year-old, who has never had a full-time job, now sits on a mattress blocking traffic in Remada's main street with other unemployed protesters, demanding state jobs and aid.

Tunisia started digging trenches and setting up monitoring systems provided by Western allies on the Libyan border in 2015. Routes that had been used for decades to smuggle cheap fuel, pasta and wheat from Libya to Tunisia, were also being used by Islamic militants and to transport drugs and arms. Officials say shutting the routes has helped prevent a repeat of attacks such as the one in 2015 when a Libyan-trained Tunisian shot dead dozens of tourists on a Tunisian beach.

But the crackdown took the livelihood of thousands, many of whom have joined the protests. The growing dissent is a worry for the government, the ninth since the Arab Spring and the 2011 fall of leader Zine El-Abidine Ben Ali, as it clings to power. "We won't go," said Abdel-Moula. "I don't hope of things getting better." Southern Tunisia sits on the oil and phosphate that drive the overall economy but the good jobs in those sectors rarely go to locals who often lack engineering skills. The area around Remada is poorer than the capital Tunis, 600 km to the

north. "The south provides everything for Tunisia. There are foreign companies making money here but we locals can't get jobs at oilfields," said Abdel-Moula. Fellow protester Abdullah used to spend his nights in remote borderlands buying fuel from Libyan truck drivers to sell in Remada. Due to subsidies, the pump price of petrol in Libya is ten times cheaper than in Tunisia. With the crackdown, the work has become too dangerous. "I used to have a fuel (distribution) station with seven other families to buy (Libyan) fuel but it has become too dangerous," said Abdullah, asking not to use his full name.

Unemployment

Western countries have praised Tunisia as the only democratic success of the Arab Spring. It transitioned to democracy after toppling long-serving leader Ben-Ali without triggering widespread violence or civil war. It has held free elections and in 2014 approved a constitution guaranteeing fundamental rights in contrast to autocratic systems and turmoil elsewhere in region.

But the succession of governments since Ben Ali's overthrow has been unable to resolve deep-rooted economic problems. Prime Minister Youssef Chahed is fighting for survival with his coalition locked in a row about how to reform the economy. Investors have been scared away from North Africa by turmoil in Libya, inflation hit 7.4 per-

cent in September, the highest since 1990, and the jobless rate is 15 percent. In the southern province of Tataouine, which includes Remada and much of the Libyan border, unemployment is 32 percent. "We have a problem with unemployment," said Governor Adel Ouerghi. "Most of our youth want to work (on oilfields) in the desert because salaries are high there."

Many Tunisians used to cross the border to work in Libya but now feel the country is too dangerous. "If the situation was stable 300,000 to 400,000 could find work there," he said. Tunisia tolerated the smuggling for decades as a way to help the south which missed out on industries concentrated mostly in the north and eastern coast. Some 3,000 Tunisians have joined Islamic State and other extremists in Libya, Syria and Iraq, many of which came from the south or equally neglected central hinterland. But the chaos in Libya led to a spike in arrivals of militants, drugs and weapons, diplomats say, forcing the government to act.

Libya's state oil firm, NOC, was also keen for a crackdown. It estimates the smuggling cost the economy at least \$750 million each year. "We think most of the fuel goes to Tunisia and to Europe via Malta," NOC said in a statement. "Some local economies have become oriented around smuggling and this affects the fabric of communities who become dependent on criminal activity." The

smuggling has also caused fuel shortages in some Libyan towns, officials say. "It has been also agreed with other towns and tribes to disassociate all those involved in smuggling," said Mustafa Al-Barouni, mayor of Zintan, a western Libyan town.

Escalation

Tunisian officials say it will be impossible to stop smuggling completely. The border can't be sealed in mountain regions and some Tunisian guards, often related to smugglers, look the other way for a bribe, residents say. Fuel stalls seen by Reuters on the road between Remada and the provincial capital Tataouine were abandoned but some youths were still selling gasoline, even on the same street as the governor's office.

But for the protesters too many people have lost their livelihood. "Thousands of families depend on this," said Salem Bounhas, secretary general of the powerful labor union UGTT in Tataouine. The protesters have threatened to escalate road blocks to cut off access to oil refineries unless the government finds them other work. The government has focused too much on closing borders without dealing with unemployment, said Chloe Teevan, a North Africa researcher at the European Council on Foreign Relations. "Such policies are contributing to the rising disillusionment that has followed the revolution." — Reuters

Poison gas: WWI's weapon of terror

PARIS: On April 22, 1915, a greenish fog drifted over the battlefield north of Ypres in Belgium, choking to death some 5,000 French soldiers and heralding a new type of terror on the Western Front. World War I saw the first widespread combat use of modern chemical weapons, starting with the 168 tons of chlorine released by the Germans over the trenches near Ypres. Officers hoped the vomiting, suffocation and burns caused by poison gases would force troops to abandon positions in what quickly became a standoff between German and allied forces. They also had a deep psychological impact, forcing soldiers to keep masks at the ready for fear of falling victim to a silent killer.

"Gas masks and their grotesque appearance became the ultimate symbol of a man turned into a mechanised, dehumanised phantom by modern warfare," said Doran Cart, a curator at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri. "That had a huge impact on civilians," he added. The Germans' use of chlorine prompted a chemical arms race in which scientists and military leaders worked hand-in-hand to develop more lethal weapons. French researchers soon developed phosgene, with a more subtle "mouldy hay" odor that was harder to detect and the ability to cause suffocation hours after being inhaled. It was quickly copied by the Germans as both sides sought agents which would seep into trenches and bunkers.

'Fighting for breath'

But the most infamous - and deadliest - was mustard gas, in reality an oily vapour first used by the Germans in July 1917, again near Ypres. Known as the "King of Battle Gases", it acted by contact instead of having to be inhaled, getting through clothing to cause severe burns. "It



File photo shows French soldiers wearing basic gas masks during the First World War. — AFP

didn't always kill but the burns impaired people for a long period of time and required a very long nursing," said Edward Spiers, a professor of strategic studies at Leeds University in Britain. "It slowed everything down. People had to try to decontaminate whole areas" before attempting to get through it, said Spiers, author of "A History of Chemical and Biological Weapons". Overall an estimated 90,000 people were killed by gas attacks and a further 1.2 million injured, sometimes when the poisonous clouds released by artillery shells drifted back into an attacker's lines.

But despite the relatively small number of deaths compared with the 9.7 million soldiers killed in total during the war, the fear and suffering caused by chemical arms became symbols of a harrowing new era in modern warfare. "I wish those people who talk about going on with this war whatever it costs could see the soldiers suffering from mustard gas poisoning," the British nurse Vera Brittain wrote in her memoir "Testament of Youth". "Great mustard-colored blisters, blind eyes, all sticky and stuck together, always fighting for breath, with voices a mere

whisper, saying that their throats are closing and they know they will choke", she wrote.

'Psychological scar'

After the war ended officials quickly pushed to outlaw chemical weapons in war, signing the Geneva protocol in 1925, which nonetheless failed to set up a system for monitoring or punishing their use. "The use of such weapons left a psychological scar in ways that conventional weapons did not," Spiers said. "In most societies that used them the use of chemical warfare was vilified, but it was never quite removed from the world's arsenal," Spiers added. As soon as 1926, French and Spanish forces would employ them against Moroccan rebels in the Rif Mountains. "It truly is, and this hasn't changed since World War I, a terror weapon. It creates terror," Cart said. But even though they are still used today - Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad has been accused of repeatedly gassing rebels and civilians in his war-torn country - only in the first World War were poison gases used on a large scale in combat. "What's occurring today is not primarily military but used against civilians," Cart said. — AFP

Iranians find joy in serving pilgrims on road to Karbala

MEHRAN: A 15-minute walk from the Iraqi border in the west Iranian town of Mehran, three young clerics are hard at work polishing the shoes of pilgrims. Farther down the road another cleric stands on a chair holding a Quran over the heads of passing crowds, blessing them as they march in the thousands towards the shrine of Imam Hussein in Karbala, central Iraq. A tailor is also working diligently, sewing up torn clothes for free. And if anyone needs a money pouch, he can rustle one up from scratch in a matter of minutes. These volunteers have been staying in Mehran for nearly two weeks, offering their services to the pilgrims as they walk towards the crossing.

Some 1.8 million Iranians have been given Iraqi visas to make the pilgrimage to Karbala for the holy festival of Arbaeen this year — and many will pass on foot through the border point at Mehran. Arbaeen, which this year falls on October 30, marks 40 days after the martyrdom in 680 of Imam Hussein, grandson of the Prophet Muhammad who refused to accept the leadership of the "usurper" Caliph Yazid and was massacred along with his followers at Karbala. Most of the devout walk all or part of the way to the shrine, one of the holiest sites in Shiite Islam. But some forego the march to the shrine, and instead stop in Mehran for days or weeks to serve the pilgrims.

No higher reward

For the many hundreds of devout volunteers who run "mokebs" - tents that hand out free food and services - their work can feel even more sacred than the pilgrimage itself. "There is no higher savab (divine reward) than to serve on the path of the Imam," says Mohsen Mohebbi, a cleric from the holy city of Qom, busy polishing shoes. "I mend torn clothes and backpacks,



MEHRAN: An Iranian Shiite Muslim pilgrim fixes a head band around a fellow pilgrim's head at the Mehran border point between Iran and Iraq, as they head toward the central Iraqi shrine city of Karbala, ahead of the Arbaeen religious festival. — AFP

shorten chadors so that they don't become muddy on the road, and sew money pouches for the pilgrims," says Ali Nujuki, a 69-year-old retired tailor from Isfahan province who has been working here for two weeks with his wife and daughter.

"The joy of serving the pilgrims of Arbaeen is even greater than for the pilgrimage itself," he adds. As well as huge numbers from Iran, many Shiites are also passing through from neighboring countries including Pakistan, Georgia and Azerbaijan. "I don't care who is wearing the shoe I shine, what language they speak or what race they are," says Mohebbi. "As long as they are marching towards Imam Hussein I will kiss their feet." The march was forbidden for many years under former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, who fought a devastating war with Iran

in the 1980s. Restrictions were only lifted after his ouster in 2003.

With the formation of a new Iraqi state, where the post of prime minister is held by a Shiite, the march quickly became one of the most popular pilgrimages in the world. "This is a march of unity and solidarity among Shiite and Sunni, Persian and Arab, people from all strata and walks of life," says Mohammad Taghi Ganji, a 46-year-old cleric from Semnan province. "The cursed Saddam closed the path (to Imam Hussein's shrine), but now look where he is, and Arbaeen is stronger than ever," adds Ganji, whose tent was staffed by volunteers from a local branch of Iran's Revolutionary Guards forces. "Whenever enemies closed a door on us, Imam Hussein himself opened another path for us." — AFP

South Libya falls prey to foreign armed groups

TRIPOLI: Neglected by rival authorities in Tripoli and the country's east, Libya's southern desert has increasingly become a hideout for foreign rebel groups that stand accused of stoking growing insecurity. "Kidnapping, theft and banditry have multiplied" in the region, said Ali Akri Molia, commander of a unit responsible for protecting oil installations in the Oubari area of southern Libya.

He and others blame rebel groups from neighboring Chad for much of the insecurity. Mired in chaos since the fall of dictator Muammar Gaddafi in 2011, two entities now vie for control over Libya - the Tripoli-based Government of National Accord, and a parallel body in the east. The eastern administration is supported by strongman Khalifa Haftar, who heads the self-styled Libyan National Army (LNA). Various groups, from jihadists to rebel groups originally from neighboring Chad and Sudan have exploited Libya's enduring security vacuum.

The rebel factions have established rear bases in Libya and profit from trafficking and other illicit activities to finance insurgencies back home. The groups benefit from the support of tribal communities, criss-crossing a landscape where dunes are sometimes the only identifying features. Often on horseback, they ignore borders that for long stretches remain nothing more than imaginary lines in the sand. The Tubu people are among those that straddle Libya and Chad. Some of them are involved in smuggling and illegal migration, according to experts.

"Most Chadian and Sudanese opposition armed groups have been seeking to increase their presence in Libya in the

pursuit of profit," said a recent report by a UN group of experts on Libya. Mohammed Emdaouar, a southern Libya lawmaker, said the groups operate in a vast area extending from Koufra near Chad to the Marzuq basin, more than 400 kilometers (250 miles) from the border. The rebels "occupy homes and have their cars. Nobody can touch them", he lamented. Previously accused of operating as mercenaries for rival Libyan camps, Chadian rebel groups now stand accused of driving a resurgence of violence in southern Libya.

No support

Commander Molia cited the kidnapping in mid-October of members of a tribe near the Oum al-Araneb region. The captives were freed from the clutches of Chadian rebels by local armed groups, but 10 Libyan fighters were killed in the rescue operation, said Molia. The commander complained that his forces get no support from the GNA or the eastern administration, leaving them ill-equipped to battle insecurity.

One of the freed hostages, Mohammed Ibrahim Mohammed, told AFP the Chadians claimed ransoms from families. Two Chadian groups operating in Libya denied involvement in kidnapping activities. "We categorically deny (what) they accuse us of," said Kingabe Ogouzeimi de Tapol, leader of the armed wing of a group called the Salvation of the Republic.

In August, his group launched an offensive in Chad's far north, before retreating to shelter in southern Libya. Another Chadian group present in Libya, the Union of Resistance Forces, also denied involvement and accused Libyan commanders of being behind the kidnappings. "There are Chadians... who work for the Libyans, for the tribes," said spokesman Youssouf Hamid. He said any Chadians involved would not have acted on their own initiative. The UN Mission in Libya has condemned rights violations by foreign armed groups and has urged "the Libyan authorities to take swift and effective measures to fight anarchy in the region". — AFP



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International

Far-right army man Bolsonaro wins Brazil's presidential vote

Brazil enters new era with far-right president-elect

RIO DE JANEIRO: Brazil entered a new era yesterday after electing its next president, Jair Bolsonaro, a far-right congressman who vowed a fundamental change in direction for the giant Latin American country. Bolsonaro, who openly admires Brazil's former military dictatorship and shocked many with his derogatory remarks on women, gays and blacks, won 55 percent of the vote in a run-off election Sunday—more than 10 points ahead of leftist opponent Fernando Haddad. Having channeled voters' anger with corruption, crime and economic malaise, he will now get down to work trying to deliver on the promise he made in his victory speech: to "change Brazil's destiny."

Bolsonaro, 63, is due to fly to Brasilia today to start the transition process, which will culminate with his swearing-in on January 1. His schedule includes meetings with deeply unpopular outgoing President Michel Temer, as well as the chief justice of the Supreme Court and the army chief of staff. After a vitriolic campaign that left Brazil deeply polarized, the country is anxiously waiting to see what Bolsonaro's presidency will actually look like. One of his top advisers, economic guru Paulo Guedes, promised Sunday night that the changes would be sweeping indeed, at least as far as managing the world's eighth-largest economy is concerned.

"We are going to change the social-democratic economic model. It's terrible. We are prisoners of low growth, high taxes, high interest rates," said Guedes, a liberal economist trained at the University of Chicago who will head an economy super-ministry under Bolsonaro. "Brazil has spent 30 years letting its public expenditures balloon," he told a post-election

press conference. "That model corrupted our politics, made taxes go up and caused our debt to snowball... We need pension reform... and we are going to accelerate privatizations."

Deep rifts

The polls came on the heels of Brazil's worst-ever recession, a staggering multi-billion-dollar corruption scandal and a year of record-setting violent crime. Although many voters expressed strong dislike for Bolsonaro, even more rejected Haddad and his Workers' Party, which had won the past four presidential elections. Bolsonaro will now face a tall order uniting a divided country—and made few attempts to do so in his victory lap Sunday.

"We cannot continue flirting with socialism, communism, populism and the extremism of the left," he said in a speech transmitted live on Facebook—the platform he has campaigned on since an attacker stabbed him in the stomach at a rally on September 6, putting him in the hospital for three weeks. The former army captain, who has vowed to govern "for the majority, not the minority," has incensed a long list of Brazilians with his demeaning comments.

Haddad, a former Sao Paulo mayor, said Sunday night he would fight to "defend the freedoms of those 45 million people" who voted for him, after Bolsonaro vowed late in the campaign to "cleanse" Brazil of leftist "reds." Aides said Haddad, 55, had not called Bolsonaro to congratulate him.

Short honeymoon?

It is not clear Bolsonaro will be able to make sweeping changes. Working with a divided and dis-



BRASILIA: Supporters of far-right presidential candidate Jair Bolsonaro, celebrate in front of the National Congress in Brasilia, after the former army captain won Brazil's presidential election. —AFP

credited Congress, constrained by institutions, and rejected by a large portion of the electorate, he will likely be hemmed in on many fronts. "Bolsonaro is unlikely to benefit from much of an intense honeymoon," consultancy Eurasia Group said in a note. He "will face a polarized society and will probably start his administration with a smaller level of public support in comparison to previously elected presidents."

Opponents have warned Bolsonaro would try to veer toward authoritarianism, after he openly

expressed his admiration for Brazil's brutal military dictatorship (1964-1985) and its torture of leftist dissidents. But "we shouldn't lose sight of the fact that Brazil has one of the most solid democracies in Latin America," said Leandro Gabiati, head of Brasilia-based consultancy Dominion. Others were more pessimistic. "This is a dark day for Brazil. Brazilian democracy is now in complete crisis," said Mark Weisbrodt of the Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington. —AFP

News in brief

Alcohol poisoning kills 84

TEHRAN: Iran's health ministry said yesterday a total of 84 people have died and nearly 1,000 been poisoned from consuming bootleg alcohol over the past six weeks, ISNA news agency reported. Despite tough penalties against alcohol consumption since the Islamic revolution of 1979, the use of smuggled or bootleg liquor remains widespread. Multiple cases of poisoning by a deadly batch of moonshine were first reported in late September and have spread across the country. Iraj Harirchi, spokesman for the health ministry, said 959 people had been treated for poisoning, describing the wave of cases as "very unusual", according to the semi-official agency ISNA. As well as 84 deaths, 305 have been treated for kidney damage and 27 suffered eye damage, he added. Harirchi said the main cause was the use of toxic methanol in place of the ethanol found in properly distilled spirits. —Reuters

Mining accident kills 21

BEIJING: The death toll from a mining accident in east China rose to 21 yesterday after rescuers pulled two more bodies from the mine following a nine-day search, state media said. The tunnel where 22 miners were working was blocked at both ends by coal after pressure caused rocks to fracture and break on October 20, the official Xinhua news agency said. Only one miner was rescued alive. The cause of the accident is still under investigation. Rescuers working to clear the tunnel recovered six bodies Sunday, and another two yesterday. The accident took place at a mine owned by Longyun Coal Mining Co Ltd in Yuncheng County in Shandong province. Deadly mining accidents are common in China, where the industry has a poor safety record, despite efforts to improve coal production conditions and crack down on illegal mines. —AFP

Lion slashes girl's face

MOSCOW: A circus lion pounced on a four-year-old girl, ripping its claws into her face, during a show in southern Russia that was intended for young children, officials said yesterday. The girl has been hospitalized for treatment of her injuries, said the Investigative Committee, which is probing Sunday's incident. The incident occurred at a show in Uspenskoye village in Krasnodar region some 1,250 kilometers south of Moscow. Amateur footage broadcast on television showed the animal, held on a lead by a lion tamer, pouncing suddenly on the child. Such attacks are a regular occurrence in Russia, where acts using wild animals remain common and numerous poorly regulated circuses travel the provinces. The Investigative Committee launched a probe into safety breaches at a performance intended for young children, and detained its director, who could face up to six years in prison. —AFP

World's pollution hotspots

JOHANNESBURG: South Africa's eastern Mpumalanga province has the most polluting cluster of coal-fired power stations in the world producing record levels of nitrogen dioxide, a report by environmental campaign group Greenpeace said yesterday. Mpumalanga, which borders Mozambique, is the hub of South Africa's coal industry and boasts 12 coal-fired plants that supply the grid with 32 gigawatts. Satellite data produced by a European Space Agency satellite and analyzed by Greenpeace between June 1 and August 31 showed Mpumalanga's nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) emissions to be the highest in the world. "The most up to date satellite imagery from June to August this year clearly shows that when you look at just one pollutant, which is nitrogen dioxide, Mpumalanga is the worst hotspot in the world," Melita Steele, senior climate and energy campaign manager for Greenpeace Africa, said in a statement. —AFP

Brazilian Congress, crime and conflicts

BRASILIA: Right-wing president-elect Jair Bolsonaro has his work cut out after storming to a widely-expected victory in the Brazil election on Sunday, as he faces a Congress dominated by lobbies and hamstrung by weak parties. After a bitter and polarized electoral campaign, the ex-army captain must also find a way to inject life into a stuttering economy and combat rising violent crime. His approach to that latter question will come under particular scrutiny given his campaign pledge to legalize the carrying of guns.

Fragmented Congress

The first task will be to tackle the soap opera that has become Brazil's Congress, a burden Bolsonaro's predecessors struggled to get a grip of. With almost 30 different parties and legislators who negotiate allegiance based on the distribution of official posts, it's a spider's web of intrigue. However, Bolsonaro's Social Liberal Party (PSL) did well in the legislative elections on October 7, swelling their ranks from eight to 52 deputies out of 513 in total.

That made the PSL the second largest party in Congress, with the possibility of forming the biggest block through alliances with smaller conservative par-

ties. He is also backed by conservative pressure groups including the farming industry, Evangelical Christian lobby and the army, none of whom have any particular voting loyalties. Some experts calculate that he could rally around 300 deputies behind him, close to the three-fifths (308) majority needed to make constitutional changes. "Bolsonaro's lucky that this Congress has a much more conservative profile," consultant Leandro Gabiati said.

Relaunch the economy

The markets have reacted positively to Bolsonaro, expecting him to nominate as finance minister his economic guru Paul Guedes, who has promised to accelerate a massive privatization plan aimed at revitalizing the public accounts. Bolsonaro has insisted that certain industries are untouchable, though, including the state oil and energy providers, Petrobras and Electrobras. "It's not easy," warned Gabiati. "He's taking on a country with a critical fiscal situation." The analyst said Bolsonaro faces the "challenge of reactivating the economy very quickly."

Defending democracy

Though much of his recent rhetoric has been inflammatory — a week ago Bolsonaro threatened to give the left two choices: "Either they'll walk (go into exile) or they'll go to jail" — he then softened his tone, promising in his victory speech to defend "the constitution, democracy and freedom." Prior to his election he brushed off his more belli-



RIO DE JANEIRO: A supporter of the left-wing presidential candidate for the Workers Party (PT), Fernando Haddad, reacts after the far-right candidate Jair Bolsonaro won Brazil's presidential election. —AFP

cosse bombast as typical electoral bravado, telling the digital platform Poder360 it was "for people who've already shown their support for us." But speaking from his home on Sunday he pledged to follow "the Bible and the constitution," while vowing to be tough on "the extremism of the left."

Fight against crime

One of his more controversial campaign promises was to give police and the military "judicial protection" when exercising their duties. "If one of ours, civilian or soldier, is attacked... and fires off 20 rounds into the attacker, he

needs to be decorated and not brought before the courts," Bolsonaro said in August. That left human rights organizations worried about the effects such a policy could have during operations into the notorious favelas aimed at rooting out gangs, in which the police have many times been accused of heavy-handedness. Bolsonaro has also said he'll let "good people carry weapons," but without revealing who they are and how anyone would be deemed fit to qualify. That's been a popular campaign call, though, given the country saw a record 63,800 murders last year. —AFP

Traffic saved man from doomed Lion Air flight

JAKARTA: An Indonesian man has described how Jakarta's notorious traffic inadvertently saved his life yesterday after he arrived too late to catch the doomed Lion Air plane which plunged into the sea minutes after taking off. Sony Setiawan, an official in Indonesia's finance ministry, had meant to be on board the ill-fated flight JT610, a journey he and his colleagues caught on a weekly basis.

But while his friends battled their way through Jakarta's daily congestion to make the flight, Sony found himself stuck on a toll road for hours. "I usually take (flight) JT610 - my friends and I always take this plane," Setiawan said. "I don't know why the traffic at the toll road was so bad. I usually arrive in Jakarta at 3am but this morning I arrived at the airport at 6:20 and I missed the flight." That gridlock likely saved Setiawan's life as officials warned it was unlikely anyone would have survived such a crash.

But Setiawan said any gratitude he felt was tinged with the knowledge so many people, including six of his colleagues, were not so fortunate. "The first time I heard I cried," he said. "I know my friends were on that flight." Setiawan, who is from Bandung in West Java, said he managed to catch a second flight to Pangkal Pinang city and only learned of the crash once he landed safely. The call he made to his briefly stricken family was filled with emotion. "My family was in shock and my mother cried, but I told them I was safe, so I just have to be grateful," he said.



PANGKAL PINANG, Indonesia: Sony Setiawan speaks to journalists at Pangkal Pinang airport in Bangka Belitung province yesterday following his arrival on another airline after missing his pre-planned flight on Lion Air flight JT 610, which crashed off the coast north of Jakarta. —AFP

Some 189 people on board the plane when it vanished from radar just 13 minutes after taking off from the Indonesian capital, plunging into the Java Sea off Indonesia's most populous island. The finance ministry said around 20 of its employees were on the plane. Indonesia's search and rescue agency said it was "likely"

all passengers and crew were killed in the accident, as it found body parts of some victims. A sprawling and haphazardly planned megacity, Jakarta is known for having some of Southeast Asia's worst traffic congestion with lengthy tailbacks and hours-long delays a daily frustrating ritual for commuters. —AFP

International

3 South Korean sisters call for their father's execution

Case highlights country's lax punishment of domestic violence

SEOUL: Nearly 150,000 South Koreans have backed a demand by three sisters to have their father executed for the brutal killing of their mother, in a case highlighting the country's lax punishment of domestic violence. The trio's mother was stabbed to death by her ex-husband in the car park of her apartment complex last week after years of physical abuse. "Our father is a heinous criminal who must forever be isolated from society," the daughters said in a petition filed on the website of the presidential Blue House. "We are petitioning for him to be sentenced to death to prevent further victims."

It had received more than 147,000 signatures yesterday afternoon. South Korea retains the death penalty in law, but last carried out an execution in 1997 and is regarded as abolitionist in practice. The murder has



Nearly 150,000 back demand

shone a spotlight on South Korea's poor handling of domestic abuse cases, where the perpetrators are often

assigned to counseling or given restraining orders. According to a report by the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, nearly half of 16,868 cases of domestic violence reported to police in 2015 did not result in any criminal punishment.

Rights groups say that the current law focuses more on maintaining a family structure rather than punishment of the abuser, perpetuating the problem. "A perpetrator is a subject for punishment, not a subject for counseling," said activist Kim Myung-jin at a rally in downtown Seoul yesterday. "Counseling cannot be punishment." Last week's assailant - identified only by his surname, Kim - was arrested and reports said he had admitted the killing during police questioning,

quoting his lawyer telling reporters that Kim was "regretful" for his actions. His daughters said their mother had endured more than 20 years of physical abuse and death threats from their father.

"Even after their divorce, our father came to our home with a knife," one of the three told the Chosun Ilbo newspaper. "Whenever that happened, we had to move." Their mother was always on the run from their father, hiding at women's shelters and in the countryside for months but every time she would be discovered and beaten, her daughters said. "At one time, my father followed my sister and found out where we were living," they said. "He brought a knife, some tape and ropes and threatened to kill us." "We always lived in fear," they said. "We moved six times in the last four years." — AFP

Pressure mounts for Sri Lanka parliament recall amid warnings

COLOMBO: Ousted Sri Lankan prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday demanded parliament be allowed to choose between the two rivals to run the country's government amid warnings that the constitutional crisis could become a "bloodbath". With tensions already heightened by the killing of one activist, the United States added to international pressure on President Maithripala Sirisena to annul his suspension of parliament to end the power struggle. Wickremesinghe remained defiant at the prime minister's residence which he has not left since being sacked on Friday, when Sirisena called in former strongman Mahinda Rajapakse to take over the government. Rajapakse started his rival duties in a low key ceremony and his aides said he could name some ministers yesterday.

"At the moment there is a vacuum, no one is in full charge of the country," Wickremesinghe told reporters at the residence, which is surrounded by over 1,000 of his supporters and chanting Buddhist monks. He insisted that the legislature had judicial powers to resolve the crisis and said his dismissal was illegal. "That is why we want parliament summoned immediately to decide who enjoys the majority. I am still the prime minister who commands that majority," Sirisena followed up the sacking of his former ally by swearing in Rajapakse and suspending parliament, where Wickremesinghe's party is the biggest party, until November 16.

Parliament speaker Karu Jayasuriya - who refused to endorse Sirisena's shock dismissal of Wickremesinghe on Sunday - also added to the warnings. "We should settle this through parliament, but if we take it out to the streets, there will be a huge bloodbath," said Jayasuriya, who is a member of Wickremesinghe's party but whose post is officially neutral. The speaker said he had urged Sirisena to let Wickremesinghe prove he has a majority on the floor of the House. He did not say if the president had responded. However, he said there were disturbing reports of people loyal to Rajapakse storming



COLOMBO: Sri Lanka's newly appointed Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakse (right) begins work at his office as his new secretary Sirisena Amarasekara (bottom left) loses balance during a ceremony to assume duties at the prime minister's office in Colombo yesterday. — AFP

state media institutions, intimidating editorial staff and also disrupting legitimate work of government ministries.

International image tarnished

"Internationally, our image has suffered hugely as a result of this crisis," Jayasuriya said after meeting with the country's influential Buddhist clergy in the central pilgrim town of Kandy. The power struggle has caused international concern and the United States urged Sirisena to "immediately reconvene parliament" to let lawmakers decide between Wickremesinghe and Rajapakse. India has made a similar call. Rajapakse, who is seen as being closer to China than Wickremesinghe, said he was given the job because his predecessor's party "engaged in a quest to sell off valuable state assets and enterprises to foreign companies". "I was aware that at this moment of national peril, the people expected our leadership and protection," Rajapakse said yesterday in his first statement since his controversial elevation. "Hence, I accepted the invitation."

High tension

Wickremesinghe leaned heavily on China for political support and took loans to build

infrastructure which the new government described as white elephants. His reliance on Beijing angered India, who Rajapakse blamed for his defeat in the last presidential polls. Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang said Beijing was closely following the situation but believed Sri Lanka had "enough wisdom" to resolve it internally. "Of course, I have also reiterated that the basic principle of China's diplomacy is not to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries," Lu told reporters in Beijing.

China's ambassador to Colombo, Cheng Xueyuan, met separately with Rajapakse and Wickremesinghe on Saturday. Tensions remained high across the capital Colombo, with police leave cancelled and several legislators loyal to Wickremesinghe warning of street violence if parliament was not summoned. Police said one man was killed and two were injured Sunday when bodyguards for Petroleum Minister Arjuna Ranatunga, a Wickremesinghe loyalist, fired at a group that attempted to take him hostage. Rajapakse had earlier said his priority is to hold local council elections and also have a general election "as soon as possible." Parliamentary elections are not due until August 2020. — AFP

Bangladesh's oppn leader Zia gets a new jail term

DHAKA: Bangladesh's imprisoned opposition leader Khaleda Zia was handed another seven years in prison yesterday on corruption charges her supporters say are politically motivated to prevent her running in a general election. Zia, arch-rival of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, is already behind bars after being handed a five-year term in February on separate embezzlement charges. That verdict triggered clashes between police and thousands of loyalists from the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), which Zia still leads from prison. There was a small demonstration outside BNP headquarters yesterday in the capital Dhaka, but the opposition vowed nationwide marches today to protest against the verdict.

In Zia's latest trial, Judge Mohammad Akhtaruzzaman found the 73-year-old guilty of abuse of power and embezzling 31.5 million taka (\$375,000) destined for a charitable fund. The verdict was handed down in a temporary courtroom inside Dhaka Central Jail where Zia—who has been hospitalized for poor health—is the only inmate. Her lawyers, who were also absent during the verdict, have consistently described the fast-track trial as "political vengeance" by Hasina, who has been accused of stifling her opponents. "The people will never accept this judgment," BNP secretary general Fakhru Islam Alamgir told reporters.

The latest conviction is expected to further impede Zia's chances of challenging her erstwhile ally Hasina in polls slated for December. Zia boycotted the 2014 general election which saw Hasina returned to power.

The BNP had been hoping a higher court would overturn Zia's earlier sentence, setting her free and paving the way for the veteran opposition leader to run against Hasina. But the latest verdict throws up more hurdles for the opposition, which says 4,000 of its supporters have been arrested since September in a pre-election crackdown. "This judgment is to keep her out of the election," said Alamgir.

Family feud

Prosecutor Khurshid A. Khan said the latest charges against Zia dated back to 2005, during her second term as prime minister of the Muslim-majority democracy of 160 million. "We finally got justice, despite some delay," he told AFP. Zia entered politics in the mid-1980s after her husband, a former military dictator, was assassinated in an abortive coup. She faces dozens of separate charges related to violence and corruption that her lawyers insist are baseless. Zia says the charges are designed to keep her family out of politics. In recent months, her health has deteriorated inside the abandoned 19th-century jail, with a physician saying that arthritis has rendered Zia's left hand useless. Her lawyers have accused the government of putting her health at risk by refusing her specialized care in prison. Zia's sentencing is yet another blow for her political dynasty with her son and heir apparent Tarique Rahman jailed for life in absentia this month.

Rahman, who was charged over a 2004 grenade attack on one of Hasina's political rallies, lives in exile in London. The guilty verdict also comes at a time when the independence of Bangladesh's judiciary is under question. In a recently-published memoir, a former chief justice alleged he was forced into exile last year after disagreeing with Bangladesh's powerful intelligence services over a case. Another judge, who also lives in exile in Malaysia, made similar remarks in a television interview, alleging he was threatened to hand down a guilty verdict against Rahman. — AFP

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Villagers lose homes, land to feed India's booming power sector

Siyaram Saket refuses to give up his one-and-a-half acres of farmland in central India - no matter how much the coal mining company offers him. Whatever the amount, said the 55-year-old, it will not be enough to replace the value of the fertile land feeding his family of six in Pidarwah village, Singrauli district. He knows of people in nearby villages who moved on the promise by the government and power companies of money, jobs or homes in exchange for their land a decade ago. Now homeless, they are still waiting for compensation, he said. "We can see what happened to those villagers. They've become beggars," Saket explained. "We're not going to let that happen with us."

As energy-hungry India seeks to fuel its continued economic growth, millions of people are being robbed of their homes by companies building power plants on their land or mining the coal below it, activists and villagers say. India's energy output has tripled in the last 15 years - according to CARE Ratings, a credit rating agency - making it the world's third-largest electricity market. In Singrauli district alone, more than 1.3 million people have been displaced as the result of government deals with power companies since the 1960s, says Climate Agenda, a local nonprofit.

The government and the power companies often renege on the terms of their land acquisitions, said Priya Pillai, a senior researcher at Asar Social Impact Advisors, a sustainable energy consultancy, who has worked for several years in Singrauli. "The biggest problems in the area are displacement, a lack of livelihood and environmental degradation," Pillai told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. "Mines (have) destroyed entire lives and whatever was promised in return never happened."

The government led the first wave of displacements in the mid-1950s to build the 300-megawatt Rihand Dam, said Ravi Shekhar, a campaigner with Climate Agenda. Lured by the steady electricity supply, private and state-owned companies soon followed, he said. Some families have been moved as many as four times to accommodate energy projects, he added.

Fighting for compensation

More than a decade after the government allocated land to Indian power company Essar Power across four villages in Mahan, a forest area in Singrauli district, locals say they are still waiting for their dues. Sitapati Singh, a resident of Khairahi village, said she was told by government and Essar representatives that she was a minor when the deal went through, making her ineligible for any compensation. She insists she was over 18 at the time.

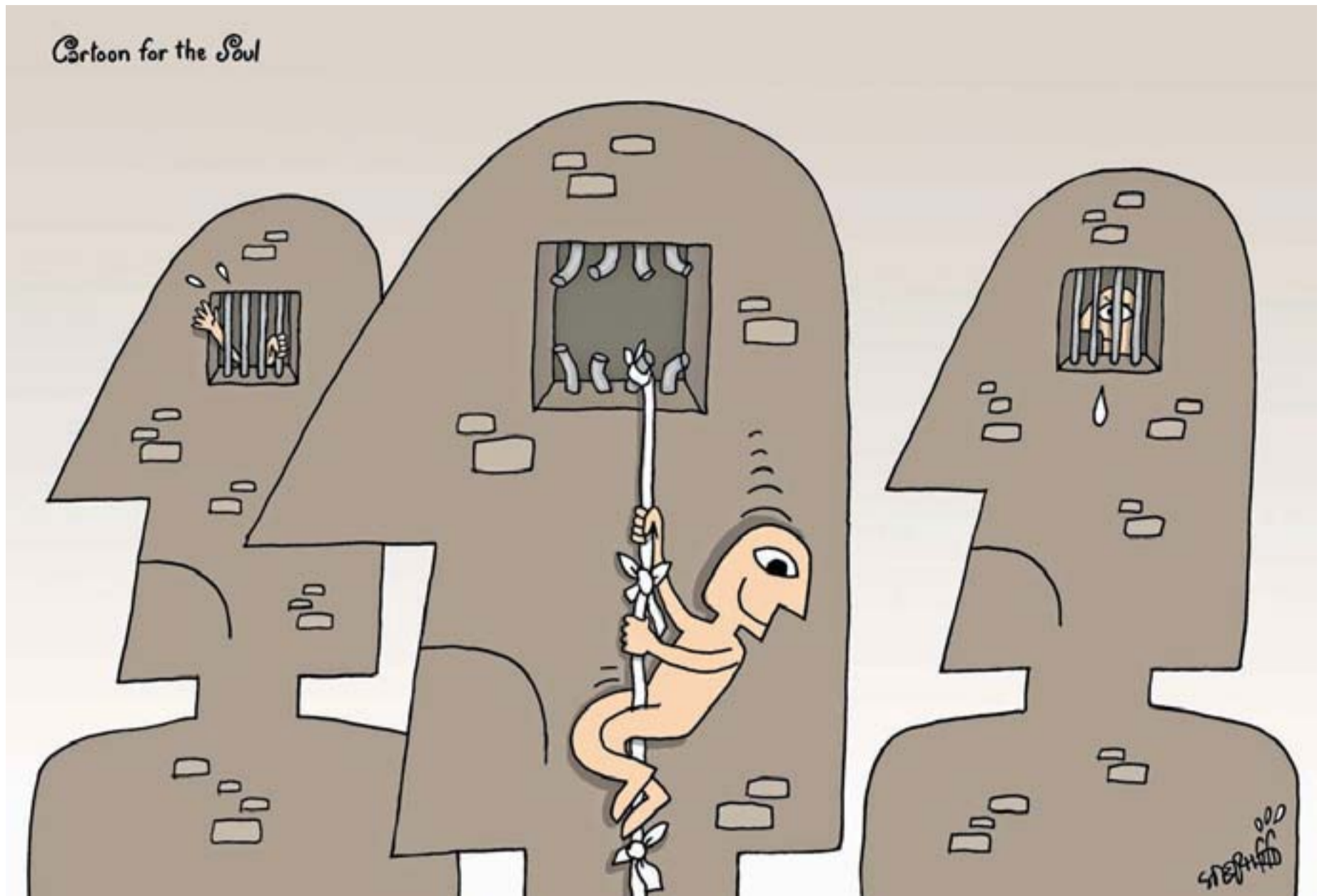
Such disputes are common. According to Land Conflict Watch - a New Delhi-based research initiative - as of October, about 7.2 million people have been affected in more than 600 ongoing land disputes across India, involving investments worth \$179 billion. "One of the biggest (issues) with land and environment is that none of the procedures that are meant to be followed are followed ... That leads to conflict," said Kanchi Kohli, a researcher at the Centre for Policy Research, a think tank. "The transition is inhuman. You dislocate someone from a place and take completely no responsibility for it," she said.

An Essar spokesman said by email that the state government and the district administration had identified and acquired the land for its power plant and the company paid for compensation under the guidance of the administration. "All the eligible villagers have been duly compensated," he said. India's power ministry did not respond to multiple requests for comment on the rehabilitation procedure for residents affected by power projects.

Complaints

Saket, the farmer in Pidarwah, pointed to villagers' complaints about Essar's land deal to explain why he and his neighbors will not sell their land to state-owned power company THDC India Ltd. According to residents, in November last year villagers attended a meeting called by the government to discuss the proposal. As per protocol, everyone present had to sign or put their thumbprint on a register to hear about the proposal. People who were at the meeting said that about 150 villagers attended. But when they later filed a freedom of information request to look at the register, they saw the signatures and thumbprints of 661 people.

Based on that number of signatures, the company has approval from the villagers to move ahead with the purchase, said A.K. Sharma, additional general manager at THDC. Villagers said that in the days after the meeting, a village council official tricked people into adding their thumbprints to the register, telling them that he was doing a survey of how many people lived in the area. Some of the signatures were simply forged, Saket and other Pidarwah residents said. The villagers have written to government officials with their version of events - a copy of which was seen by the Thomson Reuters Foundation - but have not heard back so far. Anurag Chaudhary, the administrative head of Singrauli district, said that he has not received any complaints from Pidarwah residents but was ready to "resolve any procedural issues". "The villagers need to tell me if there is a problem ... I can order an inquiry if anyone complains to me," he said by phone. — Reuters



Iran oil exports hard to track as sanctions loom

According to Saudi Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih, no one has any idea how much oil Iran will be able to export after new US sanctions against the Islamic Republic kick in on Nov 4. But more precisely, Iran's shipment figures - crucial to oil markets - are already a mystery. Iran's oil exports are becoming harder to measure as ships switch off tracking systems, oil industry sources say, adding uncertainty over how far US sanctions are scaring off buyers. The prospect of more oil heading into storage could make number-crunching even tougher.

Amid pressure from US President Donald Trump to cool the price of oil, the lack of export clarity adds to the challenge for other OPEC members, chiefly top crude supplier Saudi Arabia, to make up for falling Iranian shipments. Iran is the third-largest producer in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and estimates of its crude exports in October vary by more than 1 million barrels per day (bpd). That amount is enough to cover the oil demand of Turkey and move prices in the 100-million-bpd world market.

Before Trump's May announcement of the sanctions, Iranian exports were above 2.5 million bpd. Falih acknowledged the challenge in an interview with Russia's TASS news agency published on Oct 22. "Nobody has a clue what Iranian exports will be," he said. Oil prices have extended a rally on expectations the sanctions will test OPEC and other producers. Brent crude on Oct 3 reached \$86.74 a barrel, the highest since 2014, although it has since eased to \$77.

While the Saudi minister may have been referring to what happens after sanctions kick in, the range of estimates of how much Iran is exporting now is already widening. "A large set of numbers estimating Iranian October first-half exports have been thrown to the market these last few days, ranging for 1 million bpd to 2.2 million bpd, which is a massive spread," Kpler, a data intelligence company, said. According to Refinitiv Eikon data, Iran exported 1.55 million bpd in the first three weeks of October, higher than the 1.33 million bpd seen in the first two weeks of the month. Kpler put Iranian exports at 1.85 million bpd in the first 24 days of October.

With congressional election near, Republicans' talk turns Trumpian

US Senator Ted Cruz and Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker last week learned the same lesson many other Republicans have during this congressional election year: One way or the other, it is hard to escape Donald Trump. Cruz and Walker both ran against Trump for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination, and had been campaigning for re-election largely independent of the president. But with polls showing their races tight ahead of the Nov 6 elections, each walked onto a stage with Trump last week at separate rallies in Texas and Wisconsin.

In Wisconsin, Trump told the boisterous crowd that Walker could be "nasty" during the 2016 presidential campaign but now was a "great friend". Earlier in the week Trump told Texans that Cruz, who he once derided as "Lyin' Ted", was now "Beautiful Ted". When election season began, many Republican candidates tried to avoid making the vote a referendum on the president, who remains unpopular with a majority of Americans. Instead, they trumpeted the strong US economy and tax cuts passed by Congress last year, but those issues did not resonate with voters.

Faced with the prospect of losing control of the US House of Representatives and a tough Senate battle, more Republicans have turned for help to the president despite his divisive poll numbers, to insure that his passionate supporters will turn out. The party is also adopting his blistering rhetoric on matters such as immigration and national security. Trump plans to be a campaign trail fixture between now and Election Day,

An industry source who also tracks the exports estimated a similar volume of 1.8 million bpd in the first half of October, including vessels not showing on satellite tracking. A second source initially agreed and later trimmed his figure to 1.65 million bpd through Oct 22. "It's pretty high, I have to admit," this source said of estimated exports in the first two weeks of the month. "It's possible that there is a drop-off since."

Signal switched off

At any time, adjustments to tanker schedules and week-by-week variation complicate the task. While easier than in the past due to satellite information, the tracking of tankers is still both art and science. Another element may be making this harder, industry sources say. Tankers loading Iranian crude sometimes switch off



Iran tankers sometimes switch off tracking

their AIS signal, an automatic tracking system used on ships, only to switch it back on at a later stage of their journey, according to oil industry sources. This could create a problem for ship-tracking services trying to pinpoint the exact date, or even the exact hour, on which a tanker loaded its crude cargo.

"Concretely, we are able to confirm loadings of vessels having shut down AIS transponders by other means such as satellite imagery or by tracking Iranian-flagged tugs, which has proven especially valuable given the lack of AIS coverage throughout much of the Gulf," Kpler said. Iran was believed by oil trading and shipping sources in 2012 to be hiding the destination of its

with a spate of rallies planned. Democrats must win two seats in next week's elections to assume control of the Senate and 23 to take the House, a more likely outcome. Cruz remains in a close race with Democratic challenger Beto O'Rourke. On the heels of Trump's visit, he echoed Trump's rhetoric on 2016 Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, saying at an event last week that O'Rourke should be locked up in a cell with Clinton. Cruz later said he was joking. Walker, who has been courting independent voters during his re-election campaign, released a TV ad ahead of Trump's arrival accusing his Democratic opponent, Tony Evers, of favoring "special treatment for illegals." Evers termed the ad "desperate".

Immigration is at the heart of Trump's push to help Republican candidates in the election's final days. He has frequently warned that a migrant caravan making its way to the southern border from Central America poses a security threat. Democratic candidates say endangered Republicans are embracing Trump now because independent voters view last year's tax bill as a boon for the wealthy and are concerned about issues such as healthcare. "They don't have any kind of consistent economic message they can run on," said Jeb Fain, a spokesman for House Majority PAC, an advocacy group that supports Democratic candidates.

A culture war

Last month Democratic chances of taking both the Senate and the House seemed brightest. Then Republicans, with Trump leading the way, seized on the battle over the confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh to tag the nominee's opponents as a "liberal mob", suggesting that the country would plunge into anarchy if Democrats took control of Congress. The message was quickly amplified by the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) and allies such as the Congressional Leadership Fund. Both groups cut ads accusing Democrats of being closet "radicals" and "socialists." The Congressional Leadership Fund, tied to outgoing

oil sales by strategically switching off vessels' tracking systems.

Attempts by Reuters to seek official Iranian comment on that development, both in 2012 and for this article, received no response. Iran insists it will keep exporting oil and says the US sanctions will ensure the market remains volatile. "Iranian oil exports cannot be stopped," Tasnim news agency quoted Oil Minister Bijan Zanganeh as saying on Oct 23. Iranian Vice President Eshaq Jahangiri said on Sunday: "Despite sanctions, Iran's oil exports will not fall below a million barrels a day."

Oil into Asian storage?

As the number of buyers dwindles, a large volume of Iranian crude is set to arrive at China's northeast Dalian port this month and in early November. China intends to cut purchases in November. But Iran is undeterred, planning to send buyers such as India and China oil for storage rather than consumption, making it harder to measure how much oil is reaching the market, sources say. Analysts, in assessing a producer's supply of oil to the market, generally do not take into account crude moved into storage. "We will give them oil even for our inventory there," a source familiar with Iranian thinking said, referring to India. "The same we will do for China."

The data seen to date suggests Iranian crude exports in October are still down from at least 2.5 million bpd in April, before Trump in May withdrew the United States from a nuclear deal with Iran and reimposed sanctions. Exports dropped below 1.2 million bpd under previous sanctions that were lifted following that 2015 nuclear agreement.

While Washington has said it wants to cut Iran's oil exports to zero, Iran and Saudi Arabia say that is unlikely. The Trump administration is considering waivers on sanctions for countries that are reducing their imports. Iran says waivers will be granted allowing shipments to continue at a lower level, as it contends that Saudi Arabia and other producers cannot fully replace Iran's crude exports. "Waivers are expected, as Saudi Arabia and Russia cannot do it," the source familiar with Iranian thinking said. — Reuters

House Speaker Paul Ryan, released a wave of radio ads this month targeting Democratic contenders in tight races in states such as Kentucky, Minnesota and Virginia, as part of the "liberal mob". The Democrats included Amy McGrath, a former Marine Corps pilot, Dan Feehan, who served as an Army officer in the Iraq War, and Abigail Spanberger, a former CIA officer. Republican Senate candidates such as Marsha Blackburn in Tennessee, Mike Braun in Indiana, and Josh Hawley in Missouri last week also warned that the caravan is a threat. Blackburn called it an "illegal alien mob".

Many Republicans say the strategic shift has boosted their chances of holding the Senate, with several races breaking their way in recent weeks. "If Democrats take back power, their far-left mobs would hasten dysfunction and grind our economic progress to a halt," said Matt Gorman, communications director for the NRCC. A Republican source familiar with the party's strategic thinking said the effort was aimed at keeping Republican voters from crossing over to Democratic candidates by appealing to their social values while taking advantage of Trump's affinity for waging battles over culture. Marc Lotter, a former top aide to Vice President Mike Pence, praised Trump's "ability to identify key messages and themes, set the table, and see it play out in the electorate".

But there is a political risk in going too far in Trump's direction. Last year as the election approached for Virginia governor, Republican Ed Gillespie's campaign increasingly turned to warning about immigrant gangs. Suburban voters were not swayed and he lost decisively. That is largely why a bevy of Republican House candidates from suburban-heavy districts have tried to keep their distance from the president during the campaign. Even so, many of those moderate candidates could lose their seats to Democrats next week. In the long term, this means Republican lawmakers, whether in the majority or the minority, will be tied to Trump more closely than ever. — Reuters

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VIVA reports KD 37.4 million net profit; a growth of 29.8%

Revenues during 9-month period ended 30 Sept 2018 reach KD 214.8 million

KUWAIT: VIVA, Kuwait's fastest-growing and most developed telecom operator, announced the financial results for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2018: whereby VIVA's net profit grew to reach KD 37.4 million recording growth of 29.8 percent compared to the same period in 2017. Whereas the revenues during the first nine-month period of 2018 reached KD 214.8 million recording a growth rate of 2.6 percent compared to the same period in 2017. These results reflect VIVA's focus on achieving outstanding customer experience, high quality of services, innovative promotions and solutions to meet its customers' needs and aspirations, inspired by their confidence which motivates us to provide the best services with the highest possible quality.



Dr. Mahmoud Abdulrahman



Eng. Salman Al-Badran

Commenting on the nine-month's financial results, Dr. Mahmoud Ahmed Abdulrahman, VIVA's Chairman said: "Despite the high competition witnessed in Kuwait Telecommunication Market, VIVA was able to achieve growth in profitability and revenues to sustain the operational efficiency to ensure generating positive return to our shareholders. These results were achieved by an integrated management approach from a highly professional team that promotes VIVA's substantial and posi-

tive role as a leading telecommunications company that always provides intelligent communications solutions to meet its customers' needs".

He added: "VIVA has demonstrated its ability to achieve growth in the net profit amid the current fierce conditions in Kuwait Telecommunication sector and the decline in telecom tariffs thus pressurizing the growth of revenues. VIVA managed to achieve net profit of KD 37.4 million (earnings per share of 75 fils) during the

nine month period ended 30 September 2018 compared to net profit of KD 28.8 million (earnings per share of 58 fils) during the same period in 2017."

On his part, Eng. Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Badran, VIVA's CEO said: "Results of the nine-month period ended 30 September 2018 came in line with VIVA's goals and boundless ambitions to achieve an increase in its operational revenues, profitability and strengthen its leadership in the telecommunication market. It is noteworthy to mention that, VIVA has won many awards including "Leading Corporate for Investor Relations in Kuwait" and third in the Middle East by MEIRA, "Best Network Development" in the MENA region presented at the third annual 5G MENA Awards 2018 Ceremony, "Speedtest Award Winner 2017 - Kuwait's Fastest Mobile Network" by Ookla, launched Voice over Long Term Evolution Plus 'VoLTE Plus' technology, and was the first telecom company in Kuwait that has physically demonstrated its "5G" services to its customers."

He added: "VIVA has achieved good levels of revenues and increase in the profitability which improved the company's financial and operational efficiency. As a result, VIVA recorded revenues of KD 214.8 million dur-

ing the nine-month period in 2018 and achieved net profit of KD 37.4 million (earnings per share of 75 fils) recording growth of 29.8 percent compared to the same period in 2017, whereas EBITDA reached KD 57.7 million compared to KD 48.5 million during the same period in 2017. On the other hand, VIVA customer base has reached 2.20 million at the end of September, 2018".

On his part, Mohammed Bin AbdulMohsen Al-Assaf, VIVA's CFO, said: "VIVA's financial results reflect its ability to compete, sustain revenues and maintain its position as the second largest telecom operator in the Kuwaiti market in terms of market share in the telecommunication sector. Al-Assaf said, "we started to observe the impact of the cost optimization program adopted by the company during the current year on profitability, as the company adopted a balanced and effective financial policy in managing CAPEX and operating expenses". He added: "We will continue our hard work in implementing our strategy to maintain our competitive edge and achieve further growth and success in the Kuwaiti telecom market through offering innovative products and services in line with the latest technology to meet our customers' needs".

Total Revenues

214.8
KD Million

The Board of Directors of the Kuwait Telecommunications Company (VIVA) is pleased to announce to its shareholders that the company has achieved a net profit of KD 37.4 million during the first nine months of the financial year 2018.



Business

AUB reports 12.7% surge in net profit to \$528.3m for 9 months

ROAE rose to 18.4% • Total assets at 30 Sept 2018 increased to \$35.5bn

KUWAIT: Ahli United Bank B.S.C. (AUB) reported a 12.7 percent increase in net profit attributable to its equity shareholders of \$528.3 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2018 compared to the net profit of \$468.7 million achieved in YTD Q3/2017.

The Q3/2018 net profit of \$170.8 million represents an 8.5 percent improvement over the Q3/2017 quarter reported profit of \$157.4 million. The Earnings per Share (EPS) in YTD Q3/2018 were at US 6.4 cents, as compared to US 5.7 cents in YTD Q3/2017 (EPS: US 2.1 cents in Q3/2018 versus US 2.0 cents in Q3/2017).

Net interest income improved by 11.5 percent to \$708.4 million during the nine months of 2018 compared to \$635.1 million in YTD Q3/2017 (Q3/2018: \$241.2 million, +10.1 percent

versus Q3/2017 of \$219.1 million) driven by improved margins and prudent growth in loan and investments across the AUB Group funded through an increase in customer deposits. Increases in net interest income, trading and investment income resulted in a rise in operating income by 9.9 percent to \$907.0 million compared to \$825.1 million in YTD Q3/2017 (Q3/2018: \$294.6 million, +6.2 percent versus Q3/2017: \$277.4 million). Net operating income for YTD Q3/2018 increased by 9.9 percent to \$845.2 million compared to \$768.8 million in YTD Q3/2017 (Q3/2018: \$275.1 million, +6.2 percent versus Q3/2017: \$259.0 million). Operating results continued to be supported by the Bank's improved cost efficiencies as reflected in a cost to income ratio of 26.2 percent (YTD Q3/2017: 27.5 percent).

Solid asset quality levels were sustained with a gross non-performing loans ratio of 2.0 percent (31 December 2017: 1.9 percent) while specific provision coverage ratio increased to 86.3 percent (31 December 2017: 85.1 percent). The total provision coverage ratio, inclusive of expected credit loss provisioning under IFRS 9 but excluding very significant non-cash collaterals available, improved to 222.3 percent as at 30 September 2018 (31 December 2017: 154.3 percent).

The Group's total assets at 30 September 2018 increased by 6.7 percent to \$35.5 billion (31 December 2017: \$33.2 billion). The Return on Average Assets improved to 2.2 percent for YTD Q3/2018 (YTD Q3/2017: 2.1 percent). The Group's equity attributable to owners at 30 September 2018 maintained at \$3.8 billion (31

December 2017: \$3.8 billion). The Return on Average Equity (ROAE) for YTD Q3/2018, increased to 18.4 percent, compared to 16.7 percent achieved in YTD Q3/2017.

Hamad Al-Humaidhi, AUB Chairman, commented: "AUB's continued positive core performance is a testament to its well-managed business model based on diversification and cross border flows, supported by a continuous, dynamic and focused approach to ensure the effective deployment of capital resources across the AUB Group's current and targeted markets."

The press release and full set of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the period ended 30 September 2018 are available on the Bahrain Bourse, Boursa Kuwait and AUB websites.



Hamad Al-Humaidhi

Many US firms in China eyeing relocation as trade war bites: Survey

SHENZHEN: More than 70 percent of US firms operating in southern China are considering delaying further investment there and moving some or all of their manufacturing to other countries as the trade war bites into profits, a business survey showed yesterday. US companies operating in China believe they are suffering more from the trade dispute than firms from other countries, according to the poll by the American Chamber of Commerce in South China, which surveyed 219 companies, one-third from the manufacturing sector. Sixty-four percent of the companies said they were considering relocating production lines to outside of China, but only 1 percent said they had any plans to establish manufacturing bases in North America. —Reuters

NBK Economic Report

Higher oil prices to help Kuwait narrow budget deficit this year

KUWAIT: The surge in oil prices in recent months to above \$80/bbl is set to narrow the government's fiscal deficit further this year, and there is even a possibility of a balanced budget for the first time in four years. This would be a dramatic turnaround in the public finances, with the deficit having reached as large as 14 percent of GDP in FY2016/17.

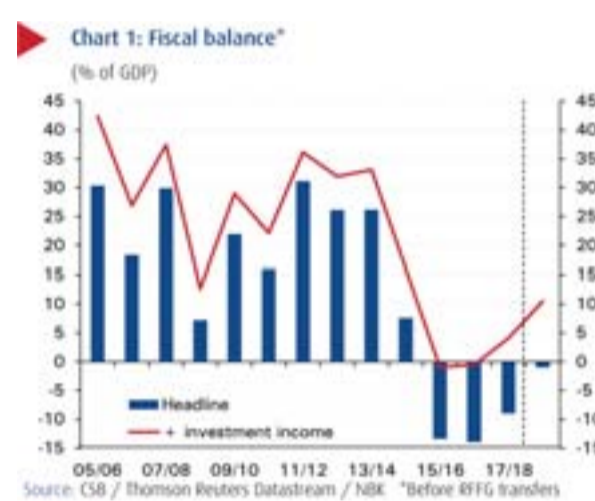
This year should also see another notable rise in government spending, providing support for economic growth and allowing for continued focus on infrastructure projects important for the government's development program. The smaller deficit will also limit drawdowns from the government's General Reserve Fund. The fiscal year (running April-March) started with the public finances still in pretty weak shape. Final data for FY2017/18 revealed a deficit of 9.0 percent of GDP (before mandatory transfers to the Reserve Fund for Future Generations) an improvement on the 13-14 percent of GDP recorded in the previous two years. Revenues in FY17/18 jumped due to a 22 percent rise in oil prices and despite lower crude oil production due to OPEC policy (and possibly partially offset by increasing gas production). Non-oil revenues rose by a robust 22 percent to KD 1.7 billion, or 11 percent of total revenues, thanks to a large rise in miscellaneous revenues.

Meanwhile spending recorded its first rise in three years, up 8.7 percent and following a cumulative cut of 17 percent in FY15/16-FY16/17 in response to the collapse in oil prices in mid-2014. The increase in spending was driven by three key factors. First, there was a 23 percent rise in outlays on goods & services linked to increased fuel costs due to the higher price of oil - largely a transfer between government departments. Second, there was 6 percent rise in wages and salaries, which accounted for around one quarter of the rise in total spending. Finally, there was a 13 percent rise in construction-related capital expenditure, as the government pushed ahead with implementation of infrastructure projects. The ratio of actual-to-budgeted capex rose to 87 percent from 80 percent a year earlier and higher than the historical average of 74 percent. After mandatory transfers of 10 percent of total revenues to the RFFG, the deficit stood at 13.4 percent of GDP or KD 4.8 billion. Around KD 0.7 billion was financed through the issuance of dinar bonds, with the rest financed from the government's General Reserve Fund which according to the finance minister had assets of K D26.4 billion at end-year.

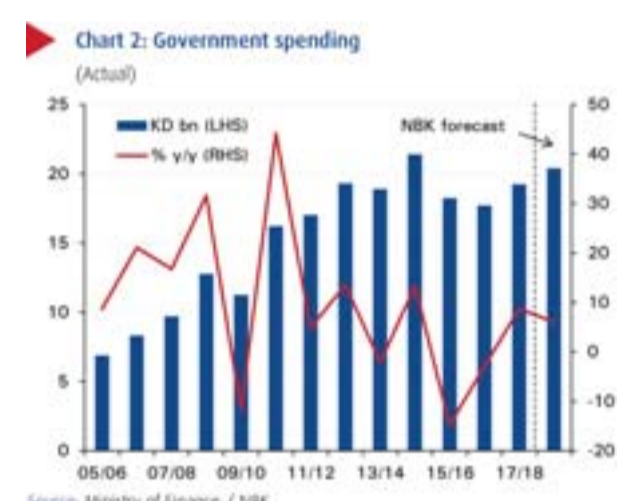
Spending to see further rise

Higher oil prices will improve the fiscal position much further this year. Brent crude prices are forecast to average \$74/bbl in FY18/19 (\$70 for Kuwait Export Crude), up 29 percent on their average for last year helped by a combination of solid global demand, the impact of sanctions on Iran, falling Venezuelan output and a relatively limited supply capacity from other OPEC producers. A further rise in oil revenues provides space for the government to lift spending again, whilst at the same time generating a sharp narrowing of the deficit and perhaps even a balanced budget.

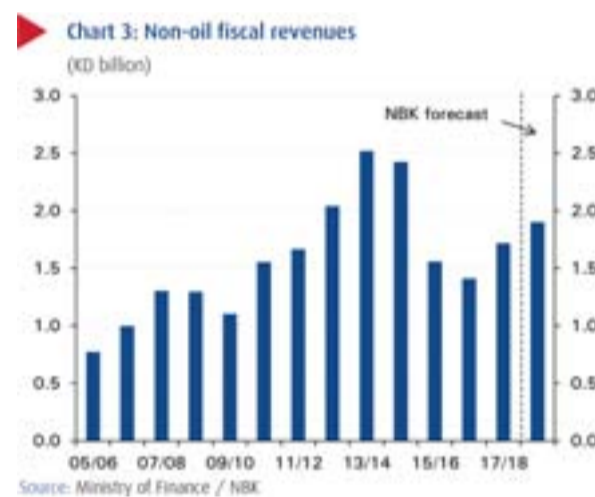
For FY18/19, budget revenues are projected to rise 25 percent to KD 20 billion based upon higher crude oil prices but also a near 4 percent rise in Kuwait's crude oil production to



Source: CSB / Thomson Reuters Databank / NBK. * Before RFFG transfers



Source: Ministry of Finance / NBK



Source: Ministry of Finance / NBK



Source: NBK estimates. * Before RFFG transfers

2.8 million b/d following the relaxation of OPEC production targets since June. Meanwhile, non-oil revenues are projected up 11 percent to a four-year high of KD1.9 billion helped by the resumption of UNCC payments by the Iraqi government from April. These payments - dependent upon the oil price - were suspended in 2014 but should boost non-oil revenues for the next few years, with around \$5 billion in payments remaining at the start of this year.

In terms of outlays, the government's budget emphasized the need to reduce wasteful spending, increase efficiency and continue infrastructure investment. We forecast expenditures rising 6 percent to KD 20.5 billion. This is around KD 1 billion less than in the approved budget, but nevertheless reflects a 95 percent rate of actual-to-budget spending that is higher than the average of the past decade. Within this overall total, we project another strong increase in capital spending of 10 percent (comparable to that projected in the budget), while current spending rises by under 6 percent, below the 8 percent recorded last year as the government looks to limit growth in less productive areas. There will however be further upward pressure on goods and services spending from rising oil prices.

Continued needs for reforms

The net result of these forecasts is that the deficit will shrink to just KD 0.5 billion or 1 percent of GDP this year, assuming a lower oil price in the final few months of the year. If oil prices do not soften, the deficit could be eliminated entirely: at current levels of oil production, each \$1 increase in oil prices generates around 0.8 percent of GDP per year in additional oil revenues, so only a small overshoot in oil prices would be needed. It should also be noted that this figure understates the true strength of the government's broader financial position, since it excludes the

investment income earned - via the Kuwait Investment Authority - on its assets held overseas. We estimate that these are now worth 11-12 percent of GDP, so if added would in principle push the fiscal balance back to large surplus.

Still, despite the now much-improved situation the government is aware of the need to push for reforms to put the fiscal position on a more sustainable longer-term footing. A downturn in oil prices that widened the deficit would imply further drawdowns from the General Reserve Fund, which the Minister of Finance recently warned is being depleted, unless the new debt law is approved by parliament in its next session: that is because following the expiry of the previous law last year, the government is unable to issue any new debt. Even if the new law is passed, the cost of borrowing will be higher due to higher global interest rates.

Another problem is that while there have been several meaningful reforms over the past few years including cuts in fuel (2016) and electricity (2017) subsidies, better overall spending control, more focus on capex as well as improved transparency and reporting standards, further reforms are needed but may be difficult. The government has already had to postpone the introduction of VAT and excise duties due to political opposition which is likely to persist once the new parliamentary term starts in late October. In addition, owing to demographic pressures and the need to lift infrastructure investment, the demands on government spending are increasing. Although, as chart 4 shows, our estimate for the budget breakeven oil price this year is close to the projected outcome at around \$72/bbl and indeed only fractionally higher than last year, it is still the second highest of the modern era - exceeded only by one FY2008/09 when spending was temporarily boosted by payments into the social security fund.

EXCHANGE RATES

BAHRAIN EXCHANGE COMPANY WLL

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
Europe		
British Pound	0.383390	0.397290
Czech Koruna	0.005397	0.014697
Danish Krone	0.042386	0.047386
Euro	0.339097	0.352797
Georgian Lari	0.111737	0.111737
Hungarian O.000977	0.001167	
Norwegian Krone	0.032382	0.037562
Romanian Leu	0.057395	0.074245
Russian ruble	0.004616	0.004616
Slovakia	0.009099	0.019099
Swedish Krona	0.029255	0.034255
Swiss Franc	0.298293	0.309293
Australasia		
Australian Dollar	0.207870	0.219870
New Zealand Dollar	0.192848	0.202348
America		
Canadian Dollar	0.226850	0.235850
US Dollars	0.300300	0.305600
US Dollars Mint	0.300800	0.305600
Asia		
Bangladesh Taka	0.002977	0.003778
Chinese Yuan	0.042324	0.045824
Hong Kong Dollar	0.036723	0.039473
Indian Rupee	0.003584	0.004356
Indonesian Rupiah	0.000016	0.000022
Japanese Yen	0.002632	0.002812
Korean Won	0.000257	0.000272
Malaysian Ringgit	0.069535	0.075535
Nepalese Rupee	0.002579	0.002979
Pakistan Rupee	0.001689	0.002459
Philippine Peso	0.005494	0.005794
Singapore Dollar	0.214929	0.224929
Sri Lankan Rupee	0.001447	0.002027
Taiwan	0.009705	0.009885
Thai Baht	0.008908	0.009458
Vietnamese Dong	0.00013	0.00013
Arab		
Bahraini Dinar	0.792857	0.809357
Egyptian Pound	0.014308	0.020026
Iranian Rial	0.000084	0.000086
Iraqi Dinar	0.000213	0.000273
Jordanian Dinar	0.425039	0.434039
Kuwaiti Dinar	1.000000	1.000000
Lebanese Pound	0.000151	0.000251
Moroccan Dirhams	0.022511	0.048511
Omani Riyal	0.784331	0.790011
Qatar Riyal	0.079321	0.084261
Saudi Riyal	0.080087	0.081387
Syrian Pound	0.001290	0.001510
Tunisian Dinar	0.102314	0.110314
Turkish Lira	0.048521	0.060021
UAE Dirhams	0.081452	0.083152
Yemeni Riyal	0.000989	0.001069

2019 Nissan Patrol makes its way to Nissan Al-Babtain showrooms

KUWAIT: Abdulmohsen Abdulaziz Al-Babtain Company (AABC), the sole authorized dealer of Nissan vehicles in the State of Kuwait, is delighted to announce the latest edition to its family of Nissan models. The reformed SUV that is now available in its showrooms located in Al-Rai and Ahmadi comes with a bold new appearance and an intense color scheme guaranteed to win over all Nissan fans.

The most powerful in its class, Nissan Patrol V8 is backed by a power of 400 hp, and torque of 560 Nm comes with the direct fuel injection system and the variable valve shift control technology, Patrol will give you maximum power with the lowest percentage of emissions while the

new V6 has a 275 horsepower and 394 Nm of torque. The Patrol V6 offers 12% more torque while driving than competing cars. Strength, luxury, and flexibility await any customer to embark on any adventure.

Poised to create a strong presence anywhere it goes, a fresh and modern design approach inspired the creation of the impressive exterior. The bold window graphic of the blackened A-pillar, 20" alloy-wheels, as well as the dynamic chrome grille all contribute to Patrol's undeniable onroad presence.

Conquering the off-roads means roughing through a diverse range of challenging landscapes. Fortunately, Nissan Patrol is well equipped to tackle any terrain thanks to its advanced technologies, thoughtful design, and incredible thought. The heavy-duty frame at Patrol's core is designed for improved structural rigidity without any compromise in ride quality.

Discover the technologies packed inside Nissan Patrol are practical, useful and, often times, indulgent. They are designed to make travel easier, safer and a lot more entertaining. The Nissan Intelligent Key allows one to press a button on the door handle or hatch to unlock



the doors, while keeping the keys within the pocket or purse. And with Remote Start, one can start your Nissan Patrol from nearly 60 meters away, allowing the cabin to heat or cool.

When it comes to blind spot warning, if another vehicle is detected in the blind spot area, Blind Spot Warning flashes the indicator to put the signal on, and the indicator flashes with a warning chime to alert the driver. Intelligent Forward

Collision Warning is on the lookout when one can't see what's going on ahead. It watches two cars ahead, monitoring your speed and distance, and when it detects sudden deceleration, it gives the driver a heads-up to slow down. The Rear Cross Traffic Alert helps one to back out of a space with more confidence as it watches around the rear of the PATROL.

The intelligent braking system can help save the passengers from a potential

frontal collision. It monitors the speed and distance between the driver and the car ahead and can alert the driver to slow down. It can even automatically engage the brakes to help avoid a collision or lessen the severity of an impact.

Nissan Al-Babtain invites customers to visit its showrooms located in Al-Rai and Ahmadi to seize this exclusive opportunity and discover the dynamic features the Nissan models have to offer.

Burgan Bank announces another strong quarter

Net income reaches KD 71.0 million in 9 months of 2018 with 32% growth YoY

KUWAIT: Burgan Bank Group announced yesterday its nine months earnings for the financial year 2018 reporting a net income of KD 71.0 million (\$235 million) with a growth of 32 percent year on year while during the third quarter of 2018 the Bank registered KD 20.5 million (\$68 million) growing 36 percent in comparison to the same period last year. The set of results for the period ending in 30th September 2018 demonstrated solid operating capabilities and efficiencies.

Earnings per share grew for the first nine months by 38.5 percent year-on-year reaching 26.6 Fils, and achieving return on tangible equity (ROTE) of 13.4 percent for the same period.

During the first nine months of 2018 and compared with the same period of 2017, operating income grew by 15 percent to reach KD 206.6 million (\$685 million). As of end of September 2018, total assets reached KD 6.8 billion (\$22.6 billion), loans

and advances to customers at KD 4.2 billion (\$13.7 billion), and deposits from customer at KD 3.8 billion (\$12.7 billion).

Majed Essa Al-Ajeel, Chairman of Burgan Bank Group said: "We continue delivering solid results in 2018 and we are pleased with the Group's performance. We have confidence in our business model and adaptability and we are supported by our prudent approach to risk and returns. Our commitment to executing our strategy allowed us to deliver well ahead of expectations and amid shifting circumstances."

"The balance between domestic and international operations and focus on enhancing operating income streams has proven successful. We have a strong pipeline. We trust our operating capabilities and we remain focused on prudence and selective growth," added Al-Ajeel.

On 10th of October 2018, Burgan Bank successfully completed its Rights Issue,



Majed Essa Al-Ajeel

whereby the bank raised KD 62.55 million of equity by issuing 240.58 million shares. The Rights Issue was oversubscribed with healthy participation from its existing shareholders, underscoring the strength of the franchise. The net proceeds of the Rights Issue will be used to further strengthen the Bank's capital position, and for general corporate purposes.

"On behalf of the board, I take this opportunity to thank our customers and shareholders for the trust they have in our capabilities. We are grateful for their support as the oversubscription in our Rights



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Issuance reflects their confidence in the bank's performance and its future prospects," continued Al-Ajeel.

"I would also like to thank our executive management team for their leadership and the excellent execution of the corporate strategy, and to our staff for their continued support and commitment," concluded Al-Ajeel. The consolidated financials encom-

pass the results of the Group's operations in Kuwait, and its share from its regional subsidiaries, namely Burgan Bank - Turkey, Gulf Bank Algeria, Bank of Baghdad, Tunis International Bank. Burgan Bank Group has one of the largest regional branch networks with 167 branches across Kuwait, Turkey, Algeria, Iraq, Tunis, Lebanon and representative office in Dubai-United Arab Emirates.



Operating income
KD 206.6 million
in nine months



KD 71.0 Million Net Income

Growing by 32% year on year



For nine months ended on 30th September, 2018

Business

Huawei brings king of smartphones HUAWEI Mate 20 Series to ME, Africa

HUAWEI Mate 20 Series packs extraordinary features including world's first Leica triple camera



DUBAI: Huawei Consumer Business Group (CBG) unveils the HUAWEI Mate 20 Series during a launch event that took place at Burj Park, the Burj Khalifa.

DUBAI: Huawei Consumer Business Group (CBG) unveiled the much-anticipated HUAWEI Mate 20 Series to users in the Middle East and Africa region during a launch event that took place at Burj Park where the audience was treated to a Huawei lightshow projected on the city's most prominent landmark, the Burj Khalifa.

"Huawei takes pride in being a pioneer in On-Device Artificial Intelligence, shaping the evolution of smartphones into intelligent tools that understand users in order to assist them. Through innovative features such as a revolutionary Matrix Camera System, a long-lasting battery and the groundbreaking Reverse Charging, the HUAWEI Mate 20 Series aims to empower users by responding to their daily needs and allowing them to fully immerse into today's digital world," said Gene Jiao President of Huawei CBG, Middle East and Africa.

Following a mesmerizing animation and a lightshow projection on the Burj Khalifa, an informative presentation about the brand's performance in the region and how Huawei has grown to become the 2nd largest smartphone brand regionally and globally was given by Gene Jiao. Saeed Hareb, Secretary General of Dubai Sports Council was welcomed on stage to announce the second year of collaboration between Huawei and Dubai Sports Council, as Huawei will be the official presenting partner of the Beach Soccer Intercontinental Cup.

"Huawei is a brand that is a strong supporter of the UAE Government's innovation vision as well as community initiatives and they are as passionate as we are about connecting people through sports and other activities, and moments that unite the region. So it is a great pleasure for us to see Huawei continue with the title-sponsorship of the Intercontinental Beach Soccer Cup Dubai for a second year running, and they are an active partner in a number of other events and activities as well" said H.E. Saeed Hareb, Secretary General of Dubai Sports Council. Gene Jiao and Saeed Hareb jointly unboxed and unveiled the new Huawei Mate 20 Series on stage. Designed with the industry's most powerful and sophisticated process technology, the latest Huawei devices set a new bar by which all 2018 smartphones will be measured.

Revolutionary Matrix Camera system

The HUAWEI Mate 20 Pro is equipped with a 40MP main camera, a 20MP ultra wide-angle camera, and an 8MP telephoto camera. Together, the trio of lenses supports a wide range of focal lengths enabling it to mimic the results from professional cameras. This wider perspective creates a sense of spaciousness and a three dimensional effect to the images. The new camera system also supports macro distance, which produces crisp images of objects that are as close as 2.5 cm from the lens. The HUAWEI Mate 20 Series also features an AI Portrait Color video mode. Using AI, the HUAWEI Mate 20 Series can isolate human subjects and desaturate the colors around them to dramatically highlight the person. AI Spotlight Reel identifies clips with a shared theme and auto-generates a montage, made entirely of highlights.



Long-lasting battery

Besides superb performance, the HUAWEI Mate 20 Series also features groundbreaking improvement on battery life. It houses a large, high-density 4200mAh battery, and supports 40W HUAWEI SuperCharge, which gives the device 70 percent charge in 30 minutes. The safety of the technology is certified by TÜV Rheinland.

Moreover, HUAWEI Mate 20 Pro supports 15W HUAWEI Wireless Quick Charge, the industry's fastest wireless charging solution, and Wireless Reverse Charge, which enables the device to work as a power bank for selected electronic devices supporting wireless charging.

Biometric Identification and In-screen Fingerprint

HUAWEI Mate 20 Pro and PORSCHE DESIGN HUAWEI Mate 20 RS both support 3D Face Unlock. The solution quickly and securely authenticates users within 0.6s at a false acceptance rate of below 1/1,000,000. Using the 3D Depth Sensing Camera System located at the front, the two devices can accurately read the facial features of a subject and recognize even small details. Besides user authentication, this suite of sensors also enables the portrait beautification effects to be realized in a more natural and effective way.

The HUAWEI Mate 20 Series also features an in-screen fingerprint sensor. The company has evolved the design of its in-screen fingerprint sensor to achieve better speed and success rates. It can pinpoint the location of a user's finger on the screen, and remove the on-screen prompt immediately when a user removes his or her finger.

Kirin 980 Chipset

The SoC at the core of smartphones has a determining factor in a device's performance and efficiency. Manufactured with the cutting-edge 7nm technology process, the SoC fits 6.9 billion transistors within a die the size of a fingernail. Compared to Kirin 970, the latest chipset is equipped with CPU that is 75 percent more powerful, GPU that is 46 percent more powerful and NPU that is 226 percent more powerful. Furthermore, the efficiency of the components has also been elevated: the CPU is 58 percent more efficient, GPU is 178 percent more efficient, and the NPU is 182 percent more



efficient. The Kirin 980 is the world's first commercial SoC to use the Cortex-A76-based cores. The Kirin 980 is also the industry's first SoC to be equipped with Dual-NPU, granting it higher On-Device AI processing capability to support any and all AI applications.

EMUI 9 Enables a Quality Life

The HUAWEI Mate 20 Series comes with EMUI 9.0, a smart operating system based on Android P. Through AI self-learning algorithms, the operating system delivers an "evergreen" experience—it remains smooth even through extended use. It also features a new gesture navigation support allowing users to effortlessly interact with their devices using just taps and swipes. In addition it enables the HUAWEI Mate 20 Series to perform or enhance a range of tasks from object identification to food calorie counting by simply pointing camera towards objects. It is also able to recognize famous paintings and landmarks. Using 3D Live Object Modeling, consumers can even create a fun digital avatar to dance or interact with.

Porsche design HUAWEI Mate 20 RS

It is the latest mobile luxury device created through the collaboration between Porsche Design and Huawei. As the fourth handset to join the exclusive line-up, PORSCHE DESIGN HUAWEI Mate 20 RS continues the tradition set by its predecessors, blending state-of-the-art technology with uncompromising design. The iconic automotive design element is incorporated into the back of the PORSCHE DESIGN HUAWEI Mate 20 RS—a device with the Rennsport "RS" designation—with a luxury twist. The PORSCHE DESIGN HUAWEI Mate 20 RS racing stripe motifs are put together with all-natural leather and glass. The leather sides add a natural, personal touch to the design, symbolizing the consumer-centric ethos that drives Porsche Design and Huawei, whilst giving a more luxurious look to the device. Together with perfectly rounded edges, the soft natural leather ensures a firm, ergonomic grip and premium touch that evokes the feeling of complete control.

Huawei Watch GT

In addition to the HUAWEI Mate 20 Series, the powerful



HUAWEI WATCH GT was also unveiled during the event. The HUAWEI WATCH GT integrates all the functional specifications in a 10.6mm thick compact body to the maximum extent, being a lot thinner than similar products on the market. It is suitable for both genders and is of popular sports design with a large screen and is cell equipped, also comprising full circle dial and bezel, crown, ear and more. It applies the industry leading innovative GPS technology - the GPS chip - making it capable of supporting the simultaneous positioning of three satellite systems for rapid and accurate positioning, completely recording all outdoor exercises data with utmost accuracy.

The watch also boasts power consumption thanks to its low-speed engine enabling it to use 1/6 of the power similar products would. It also comes with a strong endurance - displayed in its different scenarios such as the 24 hour one where heart rate and scientific sleeping functions are activated, GPS open during 90 minutes exercise session, 6 incoming calls, 3 alarm reminders as well as screen brightening for 200 times. The HUAWEI Watch GT is available in Black Stainless Steel and Stainless Steel body with variety of straps: Graphite Black Silicone Strap, Saddle Brown leather Silicone Strap, Glacier Gray Silicone Strap, Fluorescent Green Silicone Strap.

Huawei Music Service

Also available is the Huawei Music Service, users will get access to millions of songs including exclusive music from top artists. It also comes with a unique Super Quality music experience along with Party Mode enabling up to 8 devices to play the same music at the same time and the innovative Running Mode that matches the rhythm of your music to your steps.

Al-Nahedh: Turkish lira fluctuation contributed to KFH growth of Q3 profits

KUWAIT: Group Chief Executive Officer at Kuwait Finance House (KFH), Mazin Saad Al-Nahedh said the sources of profits until end of Q3-2018 are mainly the revenue items of the core banking business. Net Financing income until end of Q3 2018 reached KD 404.82million i.e. a growth of 25.4 percent or KD81.9M compared to the same period last year. Total operating income reached KD 589.61 million, i.e. a growth of 12.3 percent compared to the same period last year and net operating income reached KD 367.47million, i.e. a growth of 17.9 percent compared to the same period last year.

Al-Nahedh added during TV interviews, that the cost to income ratio (C/I) has decreased to 37.7 percent compared to 40.6 percent for the same period last year, indicating this confirms the success of KFH strategy in cost optimization. KFH is working to drop the (C/I) to below 35 percent. He illustrated that after excluding the effect of the decline in the Turkish currency rate consolidated balances, the total assets of the Group increased by 4.3 percent. The financing portfolio increased by 6.8 percent, and depositors' accounts increased by 4.4 percent compared to year ended 31 December 2017.

He continued: "due to fluctuations in currency prices, there has been an extraordinary trading of the Turkish currency against the dollar and other foreign currencies in selling and buying, especially in the period of high volatility in currency prices, which contributed to the growth of profits of KFH-Turkey. These operations resulted in a profit of which KFH's share is KD 11.4 million.

As for the contribution of KFH subsidiaries in the profits, Al-Nahedh explained that their contribution in the net operating income until end Q3 2018 amounted to about 40.8 percent. KFH-



Mazin Al-Nahedh speaking to Sky News TV

Turkey's contribution in the net operating income was 35 percent compared to 31.6 percent in H1 this year. Despite the decline in TL value, KFH-Turkey's contributions to the Group profits was higher than the pre currency volatility period.

Al-Nahedh pointed out that KFH exited non-core assets of KD46.9M until end of Q3 2018, which resulted in only KD6.2M profits compared KD43.2M profits in the same period last year. He said that KFH is continuing its plan on exiting non-core assets of KD140-150M during the year 2018. Some exiting deals might not be closed during Q4 so will be during 2019.

Al-Nahedh indicated that the total provisions for Group as of end Q3 2018 reached KD 706.1 million. The non-performing facilities for the Group remained constant at 2.84 percent in accordance with the CBK's accounting principles. The total debt coverage is 379 percent and 273 percent for KFH solo and the Group respectively.

Al-Nahedh expected a double-digit profits for the Kuwaiti banking sector in general during the fourth quarter of 2018 at the same rate of growth during the first nine months of this year.

Al-Nahedh said: "with regards to KFH-ACB merger deal, KFH disclosed the latest developments in this regard." KFH reported a KD 169.10million net profit to shareholders until end of Q3 2018 compared to KD 137.87million for the same period last year i.e. an increase of 22.7 percent.

Earnings per share reached 27.04 fils, compared to 22.06 fils for the same period last year i.e. an increase of 22.6 percent.

Gulf Bank announces winners of Al-Danah weekly draw

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank held its Al-Danah weekly draw on the 28th of October 2018 announcing the names of its winners for the week from the 21st till the 25th of October 2018, in which five winners will receive KD 1,000 each, every week.

The winners this week are:

- * Barghash Khalaf Barghash Al-Failakawi
- * Mhammad Hasan Abdullah Asaad
- * Nayef Mohammad Naser Alshammari
- * Mohammed Ahmed Alenezi
- * Faisal Faleh Alsubaiei

Gulf Bank Al-Danah's first quarterly draw for KD 200,000 prize was held on 28 March, and the 2nd Al-Danah quarterly draw, for the prize of KD 250,000 was held on 27th June and the 3rd quarterly draw for the prize of KD 500,000 was held on 26th September. The final Al-Danah draw for KD 1 million will be held on 10th January 2019, where the Al-Danah millionaire will be announced.

Tomorrow is the last date for customers to open an account or deposit more for a chance

to become the next Al-Danah millionaire!

Gulf Bank encourages customers to increase their chances of winning with Al-Danah by depositing more into their Gulf Bank accounts using the new ePay (Self-Pay) service, which is available on Gulf Bank's online and mobile banking services. Al-Danah offers a number of unique services to customers, including the Al-Danah Deposit Only ATM card, which allows account holders to deposit money into their accounts at their convenience. Account holders can also calculate their daily, weekly and yearly chances of winning the draws through the 'Al-Danah Chances' calculator available on the Gulf Bank website and app.

Gulf Bank's Al-Danah account is open to Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti residents of Kuwait. Customers require a minimum of KD 200 to open an account and the same amount should be maintained for customers to be eligible for the upcoming Al-Danah draws. If the customer's account balance falls below KD 200 at any given time, a KD 2 fee will be charged to their account monthly until the minimum balance is met. Customers who open an account and/or deposit more will enter the daily draw within two days. To take part in the Al-Danah 2018 upcoming quarterly and yearly draws, customers must meet the required hold period for each draw.

What's On



The founder of the 'Egyptians in Kuwait' (egkw.com) website journalist Osama Galal and his co-founder Ehab Galal recently celebrated the website's 13th anniversary. The ceremony was held under the auspices of Farwaniya governor, Sheikh Faisal Al-Malek and with the attendance of the Egyptian ambassador to Kuwait Tareq Al-Qouni. It was held at the Millennium Hotel and a large group of Egyptian journalists working in Kuwait attended the ceremony. — Photos by Joseph Shagra

LAPA holds concert for Syrian singer Faia Younan



On concluding its Peace Festival, LOYAC's Academy for Performance Arts (LAPA) recently held a concert at the Shaheed Park for Syrian singer Faia Younan who performed a number of Arabic and patriotic songs. The 90-minute concert attracted a large audience at the Park's amphitheatre who enjoyed both the cool breeze and a brilliant performance accompanied by a six-member musical band. Faia sang a number of songs including one dedicated to the victims of the floods in Jordan. She also expressed her gratitude to LAPA and the Shaheed Park for the opportunity to sing in Kuwait for the first time and expressed a wish that the sound of music would silence the sound of guns through the Peace Festival.



GUST examines the effects of student elections in Mideast

In its first event of the semester, Gulf University of Science and Technology's (GUST) Global Studies Center (GSC) hosted a seminar last Tuesday titled "The Origins of Partisanship in the Middle East: Student Elections at the American University of Beirut", with Visiting Scholar Daniel Tavana from Princeton University. The seminar explored students' perceptions of university elections and presented findings from an original survey experiment conducted at the American University of Beirut, before and after the annual student elections.

The discussion, led by Tavana, delved into existing research which concludes that university life in advanced democracies helps to promote citizenship, encourage political participation, and foster greater tolerance. Tavana's research sheds more light on campuses within the Middle East to examine if university conditions can have the same positive effects in these contexts. The seminar also debated whether student elections encourage the adoption of democratic attitudes, or if they are merely tools that political parties and factions use to manipulate the processes of political socialization.

Daniel L Tavana is a PhD candidate at the Department of Politics at Princeton University, and a visiting scholar at the GSC. Tavana holds degrees from Cambridge University, and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. His research interests focus on elections, political behavior, and public opinion in the Middle East and North Africa. GSC Chair, Dr Fahed Al-Sumait, said: "We are honored to have Daniel with us while he conducts his PhD fieldwork in Kuwait. His expertise on electoral politics was evident in tonight's presentation and is also a big part of his ongoing dissertation project. I think that we can all benefit from the kind of work he does."



TIES announcement

The Arabic Club is a great opportunity for those learning Arabic to interact with native

Arabic speakers. In these free sessions, we will read and discuss books, practice drills, play language games, try food and watch short Arabic movie clips. It will be from Wednesday, November 7 and 21 @ 10am-12pm, and on Thursday, November 29 @ 6-8pm at Villa No 67, Street 413, Block 4, Shuhada Area, Kuwait.

Health & Science

Hadi Clinic sheds the light on corporate wellness in Kuwait

Aims to build a community of health, positivity and wellness enthusiasts

KUWAIT: In a press conference, Hadi Clinic has announced Kuwait's 1st Wellness Movement - which is a series of more than 20 events and activities organized and developed by the leading events' organizers in Kuwait - Vigor Events. This event is aiming to build a bigger community of health, positivity and wellness enthusiasts heading towards a happier Kuwait.

Dr Faten Al Mailam - Deputy General Manager - Hadi Clinic - declared that: "After 2 years of success implementing the concept of happiness at the workplace we decided to take an extra mile and incorporate the Corporate Wellness Movement to be part of our corporate strategy." Dr Faten also announced that "The main objective this year is to create a movement that have a long-term, strategic and sustainable effect and that address the 7 dimensions of Wellness: Physical - Social - Intellectual - Financial - Occupational - Spiritual - Emotional."

Moreover, when asked about the reason behind such movement, she mentioned an interesting fact that "over the past years - as Kuwaitis we have almost everything, yet every day in the hospital we have been in direct contact with patients suffering from stress, anxiety and depression that can manifest in symptoms like back pain or gastrointestinal problem or sometimes even chest pain which is really sad.

This resulted in huge drain in the health care system. Since the patients will be going from one department to the other hoping to find the solution or treatment of his symptoms. When we dug deep into the matter we came into the conclusion that these diseases are mostly resulted from many factors related to our life style, wellbeing and the way we think and not to any real physical illness. And this is how the idea of the Happiness Effect Conference and - this year - the Wellness Movement was born."

Business approach

Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait - who is the Wellness Movement supporter & sponsor - was represented in the Press Conference by M. Fawzy Al Thunayan - General Manager Board Affairs, ABK - Who explained that "ABK embraces



Dr Faten Al Mailam Deputy General Manager - Hadi Clinic and Mr Fawzy Al Thunayan - General Manager Board Affairs - ABK

and believes in CSR as a business approach that contributes to sustainable development by delivering real and tangible benefits to the community." He elaborated that "In this regard, ABK is pleased to be supporting this 1st of its kind initiative in belief that the Wellness Movement is a very well-organized plan that heads towards a happier Kuwait." Sherihan Hassabo - Managing Partner, Vigor Events - mentioned that the Wellness Movement is commenced on September and will continue till the end of this year. The Happiness Effect Conference - which is the first event in the movement - took place on the 18th and 19th of September 2018, for the third consecutive year.

Sherihan also further explained that "We are proud to be the developers and organizers for such unique initiative in Kuwait - for 3 years, the Happiness Effect Conference is the top Happiness and Wellness Conference in Kuwait which has been designed to highlight the importance of Happiness and Wellness at work". She also added that this



(From left) Soliman Arab, Dr Faten Al Mailam, Mr Fawzy Al Thunayan, Sahar Al Therban and Vigor Events Managing Partner Sherihan Hassabo

year and through the 2 days' intensive Keynotes, panel discussions and workshops, "we commenced our Corporate Wellness journey by hosting the world's brightest minds and international experts in the Corporate Wellness field, who provided us with the tips and tricks needed to maintain a sustainable, long-term Corporate Wellness Programs that cover the 7 Wellness Dimensions. The conference Happiness and Wellness experts took

attendees through an enjoyable journey till they land in The State of Happiness and Wellness."

It is worth noting that the conference was attended by the top organizations in Kuwait to learn more about incorporating a proper Corporate Wellness Programs into their strategy. The event is sponsored by the International Advertising Association (IAA), Clickmedia, Waveline Media, IJK, and Dawrat.

China, France launch satellite to study climate change

BEIJING: China sent its first ever satellite built in partnership with another country into space yesterday, a device tasked with helping scientists better predict dangerous cyclones and climate change by monitoring ocean surface winds and waves. A Long March 2C carrier rocket blasted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China's Gobi Desert at 0043 GMT, according to China's State Administration of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defense.

The 650-kilogram China-France Oceanography Satellite (CFOSAT) is the first satellite jointly built by China and France and will allow climate scientists to better understand interactions between oceans and the atmosphere. It's fitted with two radars: the French-made SWIM spectrometer, which will measure the direction and the wavelength of waves, and China's SCAT, a scatterometer that will analyze the force and direction of winds. The data will be collected and analyzed in both countries.

The instruments will allow scientists to collect information about winds and waves of the same location simultaneously for the first time. Wang Lili, chief designer of the satellite with the China Academy of Space Technology, said, according to the official Xinhua news agency. "It will help increase the observation and prediction of catastrophic sea states, such as huge waves and tropical storms, and provide security support for offshore operations and engineering, ship navigation, fisheries, and coastal management," said Zhao Jian, a senior official at the China National Space

Administration. The rocket successfully put the satellite into orbit 520 kilometres (323 miles) above the Earth.

'Historic'

Chinese leader Xi Jinping and French President Emmanuel Macron exchanged congratulations in a phone call, according to Xinhua. "It's historic. It's the first satellite China has made through international cooperation," Jean-Yves Le Gall, president of France's National Centre for Space Studies, told AFP. "This satellite will help make considerable progress in understanding climate change." The project began in 2007. The two countries are also working together on the Space Variable Objects Monitor (SVOM) mission, which will launch a satellite in 2021 to detect and study gamma-ray bursts.

China and France already cooperate in space, with a French cardiovascular device aboard China's Tiangong-2 space lab to monitor a crew's hearts. The lab is expected to de-orbit after July 2019. Le Gall said France is also working with China on cooperating in exploration missions to the moon and Mars.

China plans to have a crewed space station by 2022 and send a manned mission to the moon in the future. "The (CFOSAT) launch shows that the international community is more and more willing to consider China as a full partner," said Jacqueline Myrre, a space expert at GoTaikonauts.com, which specializes in China's space program. "It will also allow (France) to have launch opportunities and privileged access to space cooperation with China. And who knows, maybe to put a French astronaut in the future Chinese space station," Myrre said. Some three hours after the joint Chinese French launch, Japan's space agency sent a rocket carrying a satellite that will monitor greenhouse gases. The satellite is officially named GOSAT-2, short for "greenhouse gases observing satellite-2", and is intended to provide data that will help Japan create and publish "emission inventories" of the CO2 output of various countries, as outlined in the Paris climate accord. — AFP

Air pollution kills 600,000 children each year: WHO

GENEVA: Exposure to toxic air both indoors and out kills some 600,000 children under the age of 15 each year, the World Health Organization warned yesterday. Data from the UN health body shows that every day, 93 percent of children under the age of 15 — a full 1.8 billion youngsters, including 630 million under the age of five — breathe dangerously polluted air. This has tragic consequences: In 2016 alone, some 600,000 children died from acute lower respiratory infections caused by polluted air, the WHO report found.

"Polluted air is poisoning millions of children and ruining their lives," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in a statement. "This is inexcusable. Every child should be able to breathe clean air so they can grow and fulfil their full potential." According to WHO data, more than nine out of 10 people on the planet breathe dangerously toxic air, causing some seven million premature deaths each year. Air pollution is especially dangerous for children, and accounts for nearly one in 10 deaths among children under five around the globe, the report found.

WHO's study, which examined the health toll on children breathing health-hazardous levels of both outdoor and household air pollution, focused on dangerous particulate matter with a diameter of less than 2.5 micrometres (PM2.5). These include toxins like sulfate and black carbon, which pose the greatest health risks since they can penetrate deep into the lungs or cardiovascular system. The report found that children in poorer countries are far more at risk, with a full 98 percent of all children under

five in low- and middle-income countries exposed to PM2.5 levels above WHO air quality guidelines. That compares to 52 percent in high-income countries, WHO said.

Triggers asthma, cancer

Together, household air pollution from cooking and outdoor air pollution cause more than half of all cases of acute lower respiratory infections in young children in low- and middle-income countries, WHO said. The report, launched ahead of the WHO's first ever Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health, revealed that when pregnant women are exposed to polluted air, they are more likely to give birth prematurely and have small, low birthweight children.

It found that children are often more vulnerable to the impact of air pollution since they breathe more rapidly than adults, and thus absorb more pollutants at a time when their brains and bodies are still developing. They also live closer to the ground, where a number of pollutants reach peak concentrations, WHO said, pointing out that newborns and young children are also more susceptible to household air pollution in homes that use polluting fuels for cooking, heating and lighting.

Air pollution can impact a child's development and cognitive ability, and can trigger asthma and childhood cancer, WHO said. Children who have been exposed to high levels of air pollution may also be at greater risk for chronic diseases like cardiovascular disease later in life, it said. "Air pollution is stunting our children's brains, affecting their health in more ways than we suspected," warned Maria Neira, the head of the WHO's department of public health and environment. The UN health body is calling for an acceleration of the switch to clean cooking and heating fuels, and for the promotion of cleaner transportation, lower emissions, and better waste management, among other measures. "The world needs to reduce the over-dependence we have on fossil (fuel), and accelerate to clean, renewable energy," Neira told reporters in a conference call. — AFP

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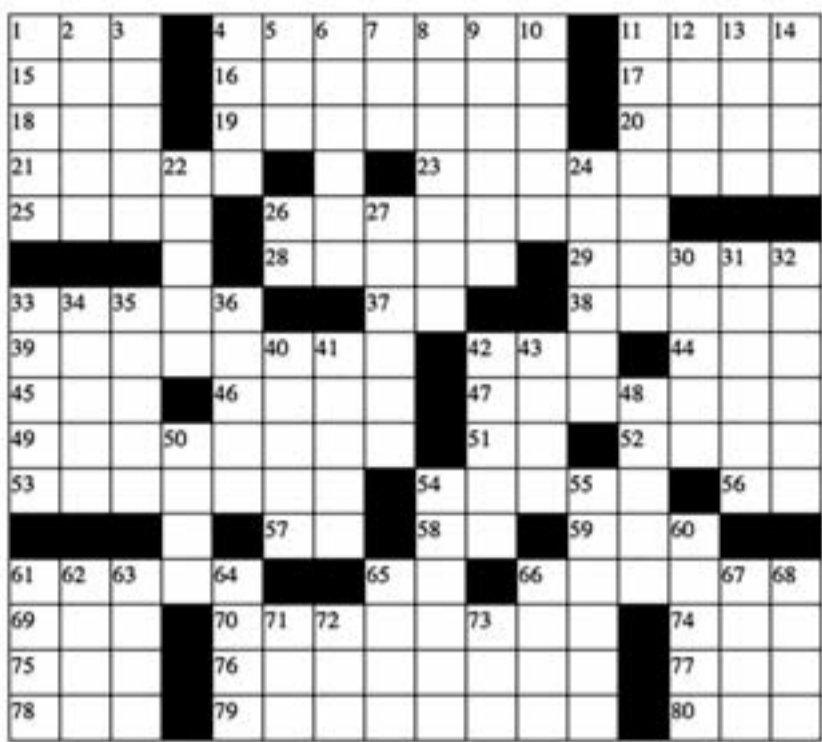
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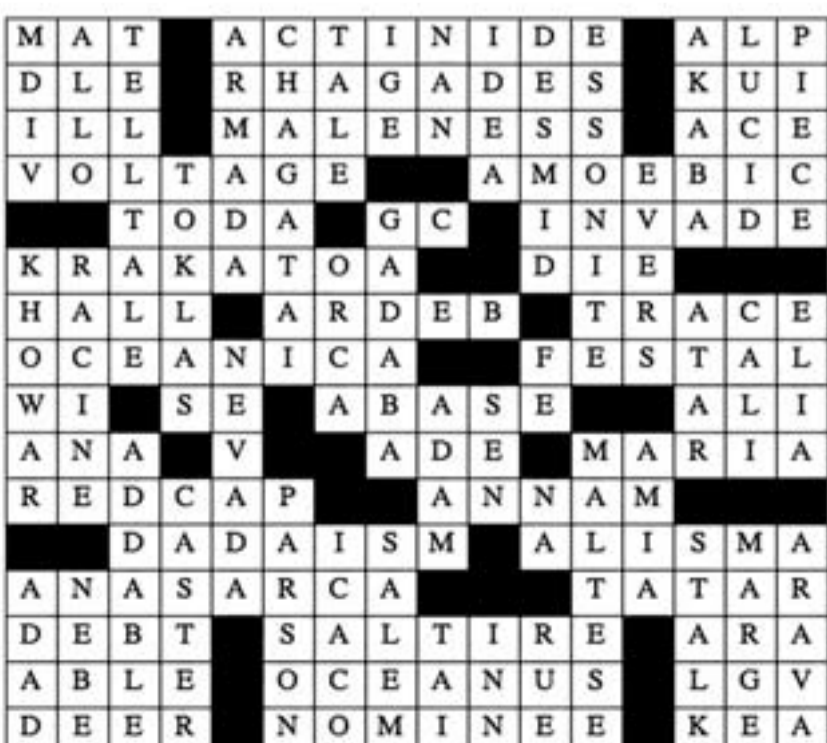
1. The United Nations agency concerned with the international organization of food and agriculture.
4. A small flat triangular bone in front of the knee that protects the knee joint.
11. Uttering in an irritated tone.
15. (used especially of persons) Having lived for a relatively long time or attained a specific age.
16. Internal organs collectively (especially those in the abdominal cavity).
17. English essayist (1775-1834).
18. How long something has existed.
19. A thermionic tube having four electrodes.
20. (prefix) Half or partial.
21. A shot in billiards made by hitting the cue ball with the cue held nearly vertically.
23. The head of the golf club that strikes the ball.
25. Not only so, but.
28. Distance travelled per unit time.
29. Strike with disgust or revulsion.
33. Attractiveness that interests or pleases or stimulates.
37. A highly unstable radioactive element (the heaviest of the halogen series).
38. An upward movement (especially a rhythmical rising and falling).
39. A republic in Central America.
44. Perennial herb of East India to Polynesia and Australia cultivated for its large edible root yielding Otaheite arrowroot starch.
45. The month following July and preceding September.
46. A measured portion of medicine taken at any one time.
47. An ancient city on the Nile in Egypt.
49. The father of your father or mother.
51. (astronomy) The angular distance of a celestial point measured westward along the celestial equator from the zenith crossing.
52. The work of caring for or attending to someone or something.
53. An analyst who assays (performs chemical tests on) metals.
56. A period of time containing 365 (or 366) days.
57. A midwestern state in north central United States in the Great Lakes region.
58. A Russian river.
59. Having undesirable or negative qualities.
61. A pale rose-colored variety of the ruby spinel.
69. Title for a civil or military leader (especially in Turkey).
70. A town in southeastern New Mexico on the Pecos River near the Mexican border.
74. Aircraft landing in bad weather in which the pilot is talked down by ground control using precision approach radar.
75. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet.
76. Tuberos or rhizomatous herbaceous perennials.
77. A barrier constructed to contain the flow or water or to keep out the sea.
78. Any of several small ungulate mammals of Africa and Asia with rodent-like incisors and feet with hooflike toes.

79. Portuguese navigator in the service of Spain.
80. A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.

DOWN

1. Relating to or containing gas bubbles.
2. Primitive chlorophyll-containing mainly aquatic eukaryotic organisms lacking true stems and roots and leaves.
3. A port city of south central Ukraine on an arm of the Black Sea.
4. Plaything consisting of a light frame covered with tissue paper.
5. The compass point that is midway between north and northeast.
6. Take or catch as if in a snare or trap.
7. The sense organ for hearing and equilibrium.
8. Needlework done by interlocking looped stitches with a hooked needle.
9. (of eggs) No longer edible.
10. A person who makes deceitful pretenses.
11. Shape anew or differently.
12. On or toward the lee.
13. Rock city of the continuous lower layer of the earth's crust.
14. Marked by the reception of pay.
22. A broken piece of a brittle artifact.
24. German composer (1833-1897).
26. A soft silver-white ductile metallic element (liquid at normal temperatures).
27. Feeling mild pleasurable excitement.
30. A Pacific island north of Australia.
31. A building where birds are kept.
32. (horseshoes) The throw of a horseshoe so as to lean against (but not encircle) the stake.
34. A period of time assigned for work.
35. A Chadic language spoken in northern Nigeria and closely related to Hausa.
36. (of soil) Soft and watery.
40. An exhibition of cowboy skills.
41. The fourth month of the Hindu calendar.
42. Formerly a term of respect for important white Europeans in colonial India.
43. A male monarch or emperor (especially of Russia prior to 1917).
48. English scholastic philosopher and assumed author of Occam's Razor (1285-1349).
50. A quantity of no importance.
54. Belonging to or on or near the back or upper surface of an animal or organ or part.
55. A port city in southwestern Iran.
60. (Irish) Chief god of the Tuatha De Danann.
62. Title for a civil or military leader (especially in Turkey).
63. A mountainous landlocked communist state in southeastern Asia.
64. A fraudulent business scheme.
65. Other than what is under consideration or implied.
66. Fallow deer.
67. Someone who works (or provides workers) during a strike.
68. God of love and erotic desire.
71. A constellation in the southern hemisphere near Telescopium and Norma.
72. Gear (including necessary machinery) for a particular enterprise.
73. A logarithmic unit of sound intensity equal to 10 decibels.

Yesterday's Solution



STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

You have the ability to find beauty in everything and everyone surrounding you. In a way you may find this as a weakness because this can cause you to over indulge. This may include material things or involve your investing too much of yourself into others. Resist that urge at this time. You may find a child or someone younger who is close to you as a disappointment and find yourself at odds with them. This is temporary, and you should resist the urge to make permanent decisions that affect your living situation or theirs at this time. You may feel as if your level of authority is being challenged today and find it difficult to react.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You may be experiencing a time of drastic change in your world. Renovations to your home, buying or selling real estate, or new furnishings may be something you are dealing with now. You will have to work hard to keep a balance between change and continuity. Change like this can be shocking and hard to adjust to. You may find yourself in the middle of a bit of drama. You may find yourself working hard to resolve conflict. You could be faced with having to handle someone who has opposing views, and different opinions from yourself. This is a time of decision. Changes have to be made. Get the facts, Taurus. Make sure you have all of the facts before you make any decisions. Actions have consequences and the right decision needs to be made.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

If you could choose a super power today it would be the ability to make yourself invisible. Enough is enough. When you are strong and independent with a kind heart, it seems like the weak and needy seem to be drawn to you. There are times when you need to learn to say no. Today is one of those days. You may find hiding in a dark movie theater would be a great escape for you today. Go to the movies, or curl up with a book. Just take some time to relax and rejuvenate.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

To love and be loved. Is this too much to ask for? You care deeply for others and you love hard. You have needs and are able to easily sense the needs of others. You may find that you say what others want to hear. This is not always the best approach for attracting the right people in your life. This approach tends to attract any and everyone. Be more selective and keep your circle tight. Not everyone has your best interest at heart. We live in a world full of selfish people. Do not let others take advantage of your kindness.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

You may feel as if someone is cutting you off today. They may be making it difficult for you to express yourself. This may put you in a mood to shut down and keep to yourself. Know any obstacle you face today will be short-lived and temporary. Frustration may come over you. Time will eliminate these obstacles. You will be back to your old self shortly. Keep a positive attitude today.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

You may be facing a very emotional issue in your life today. It may seem your desire to be respected by others is very strong. You may find yourself even demanding this from others today. You may find yourself becoming very organized and structured. A strong will takes hold. You may discover you may not only have a knack for organizing things, but you have one for organizing people as well. This makes you a great leader and this quality could be acknowledged in the workplace today. Virgo, your ability to work with haste and little emotion makes you a natural in a position of leadership or management.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

One thing you will long for today is peace and harmony. You will be quite focused on your personal relationships and will be able to enjoy your time with your loved ones or significant other. You will exude a level of charm today that others will be drawn in by. Today will be a great day for new beginnings. Apply for that new position. You should feel as if you are on top of the world and today is just "your day". Today is not the day to stay at home. Get out and about and make your presence known in the world.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

You are a natural at managing and directing others. When people try to get things accomplished, you are the one that may have to take the first steps. You should enjoy a great deal of support from those around you. You may be pleased to find co-workers volunteering to help you with a project. It should not be hard for you to enjoy and value your own position in life or to feel especially kind toward a friend or loved one. You and your friends pull together to make something special happen for a mutual friend.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

You find yourself becoming the "go to" person as others seek your advice for very personal issues. Many complicated issues you may face will cause deep feelings within to stir. Your level of sensitivity should reach new heights. Great harmony will be experienced. Now is a great time to surround yourself with friends and loved ones and may be surprised how easily you are able to work together. Sagittarius, you may find yourself very talkative and eager to share your thoughts and ideas with others. Your mind may seem to be in over-drive and your words can't keep up with your ideas.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Today may find you being drawn toward romance. You may find that a child or loved one seems to draw deep emotions forth. You feel yourself loving with a depth that is beyond something you have felt in the past. A deep connection develops between you and this person. This is a wonderful experience for you and you are filled with joy and happiness. It may seem as though your creative juices are freely flowing, and you are able to express yourself in many ways other than words. You may find your creations bring admiration from others your way and you are filled with a great sense of pride.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

You are truly beginning to value and enjoy your life. Love flows freely from your heart. Others feel drawn to you as it seems you want to share your success and happiness with everyone that crosses your path. Spread the joy! Romance and social interaction take on a greater meaning to you now. You long to be surrounded with the people you love and care deeply for. You wish for the perfect intimate relationship. Your goal is to have the love in your life that all other's see as perfection. You can have the fairytale.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

You may come to find you have a fan. Someone may let you know how much they appreciate your ability to get things done. Someone shows great sympathy to you today concerning a problem you are facing. It will feel good to know you are loved and supported. A feeling of frustration may come your way today. You may feel as if you are unable to get your point across to someone. Your ability to communicate well with others may seem to experience a hic-cup and you may feel isolated. This feeling will be short lived. Going from the center of attention in a group to feeling as if you don't fit in, is not an easy pill for you to swallow. You have to take a step back at some point. Everyone deserves their chance to shine.

Wordsearch Puzzle

Geometry

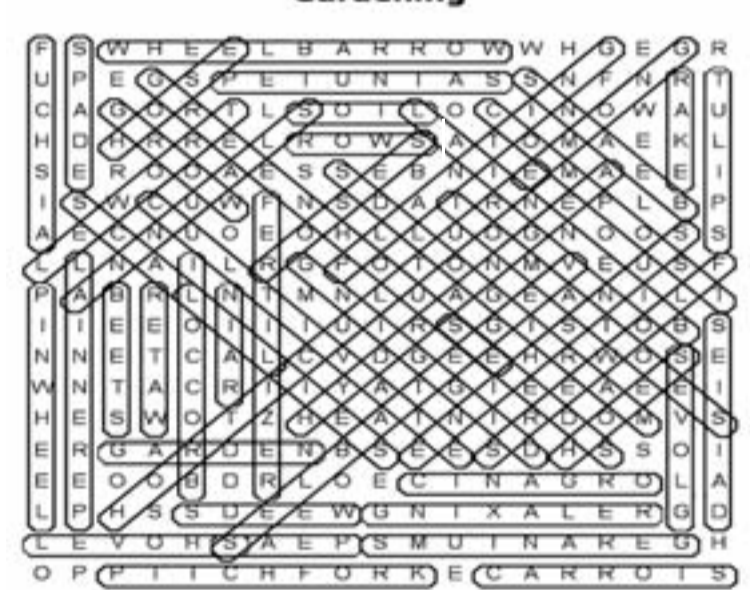
Find and circle all of the Geometry words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a secret message.



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Yesterday's Solution

Gardening



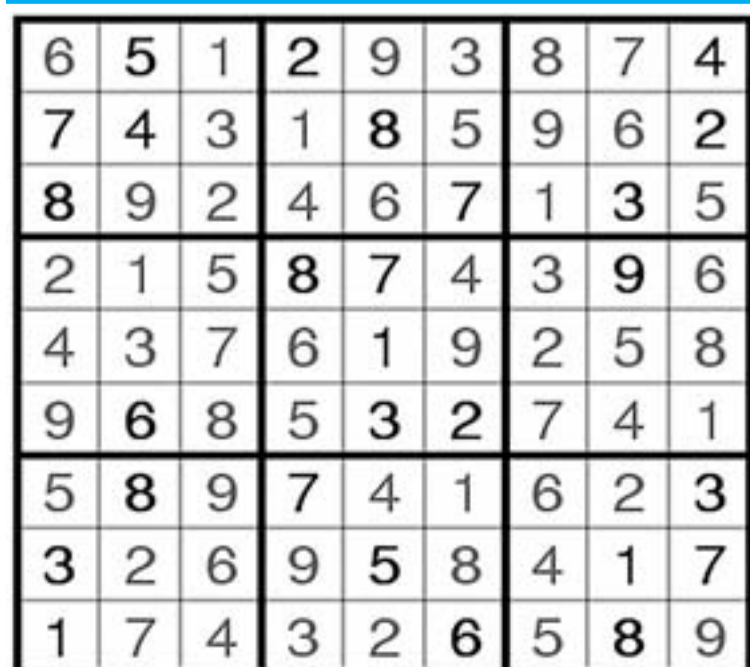
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The hidden message is: WHERE FLOWERS BLOOM SO DOES HOPE

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Lifestyle

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An Indian woman walks past a mural painting at Naini central jail as part of an ongoing project 'Paint my City' for the upcoming Kumbh Mela festival in Allahabad yesterday. — AFP

MUST TRY HARDER: FRANCE VOWS TO END SCHOOL NEGLECT OF ARABIC

In the ethnically mixed Paris suburb of Kremlin-Bicetre, a group of children sit quietly at their desks while outside their classmates frolic in the autumn sunshine. "Ayna yaskunu Adel? (where does Adel live)" teacher Hanan asks the children, pointing to a textbook drawing of a boy and girl in a village with a school and a mosque. Hands shoot up, and a little girl replies that he lives behind the "madrassa", or school. Welcome to Lissane, one of a growing number of private language schools where the children and grandchildren of North African immigrants go to learn classical Arabic on Wednesday afternoons, when schools are closed, and on the weekend.

While Hanan's students, aged 7 to 10, study interrogative pronouns in one of seven class-

rooms housed in a former office building, a group of four-year-olds next door is singing a nursery rhyme about the parts of the body. So far, so normal, with the notable difference that female teachers wear the Muslim headscarf, a garment banned along with other religious symbols in state schools. But it is not so much the headscarves as the "Islamic sciences", or religion lessons, conducted at Lissane and many other private Arabic language schools, that have drawn scrutiny in a country that has an uneasy relationship with its Muslim minority, the largest in Europe at an estimated five million.

Lissane's co-founder Abdelghani Sebata, a 37-year-old Algerian law graduate, says that the religious component of the course—which includes learning verses of the Quran—is "very light". "We leave the religious side to the families," he told AFP. But at the many mosques that also teach children to read and write the Arabic used in official communications, literature and media across the Arab world, as well as in the Quran, Islam is the main focus.

'Submission' fears

A report on radicalization last month by the Institut Montaigne, a respected liberal French think-tank, warned that Arabic classes had become "the best way for Islamists to attract young people into their mosques and (private) schools". In response, Education Minister Jean-Michel Blanquer—one of centrist President Emmanuel Macron's most combative ministers—announced plans to take back control. Arguing that classical Arabic should be treated like all other "great languages" such as Russian and Chinese, he vowed to develop its teaching in state schools in order to combat "the drift towards self-ghettoisation" in private institutions.

His proposal drew a furious reaction from rightwingers who view the use of Arabic by North African immigrants with hostility, seeing it as evidence of a failure to integrate. Luc Ferry, who was education minister under former centre-right president Jacques Chirac, questioned whether the government was bent on "fighting Islamism or bringing it into public education"—suggesting that by giving Arabic more prominence it was doing the latter. "We're in a logic

of submission," fumed Louis Aliot, a lawmaker from the far-right National Rally (formerly National Front) party, echoing the title of a novel by controversial author Michel Houellebecq, "Submission", which imagines a France ruled by Islamists.

Few options

Hakim El Karoui, author of the Institut Montaigne report which revived a long-running debate about France's insistence that immigrants ditch their ethnic identities on arrival and embrace Frenchness, said he was "not at all" surprised by the reaction on the right. "Everything to do with Arabs drives them a bit mad," El Karoui, a Tunisian-born geography scholar and former government advisor, told AFP.

He points to the increasing scarcity of schools offering Arabic—France's second-most spoken language, and one used by over 430 million people worldwide—as evidence of their reluctance to teach a subject associated with "problematic" immigrants. Only 567 primary schoolchildren studied Arabic last year, a third of the number who took Chinese as their mandatory second language. Most chose English. In secondary school, just 11,200 pupils studied Arabic, which is offered in a handful of schools in each city, mostly elite city-center colleges.

'Singers, hip-hoppers, scientists'

With demand far outstripping supply, parents have turned to mosques, religious associations and private schools like Lissane, which together attract some 80,000 students, according to a government estimate cited by the Institut Montaigne. Ines Kridaine, a 35-year-old Tunisian living in France for the past 13 years, enrolled her daughter Ikram in classes at Lissane at the age of four. Five years later Ikram can understand her Tunisian relatives, follow Arabic news channels and read the Quran. But Ines, who wears a headscarf and a loose abaya robe, still wishes Arabic was taught during class time. "It should be treated like any other language," she said.

Writing in Le Monde newspaper last month, the head of the prestigious Arab World Institute in Paris, former Socialist minister Jack Lang, defended Arabic as the language of "Arab Christians, Jews, Muslims and atheists, bloggers, social media, young people, writers, poets, artists, singers, hip-hoppers, scientists, researchers, journalists, companies and innovators". It's a view shared by Jerome Gerceet, principal of an international secondary school in the southeastern city of Grenoble that has to turn away applicants for its Arabic section each year. After graduation, most of his students go on to study political science, medicine, business, engineering, arts or administration. That's proof, he said, that Arabic is "a subject of excellence." — AFP



A teacher writing on a board during a class of Arabic language for young children at the Institut Lissane private school in Le Kremlin-Bicetre on the outskirts of the French capital Paris. — AFP photos



A teacher gesturing during a class of Arabic language for young children.



A teacher gesturing during a class of Arabic language for young children.



A child during a class of Arabic language for young children.

Protests greet world's biggest statue in remote corner of India

Angry local communities have warned India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi to stay away from the inauguration on Wednesday of the world's biggest statue, a 182 meter (600 feet) high tribute to an independence hero. The Statue of Unity, which is twice the size of the Statue of Liberty, has been built in a remote corner of Gujarat state as a flagship project of conservative leader Modi who is to open it on Wednesday. But people living around the 29.9 billion rupee (\$400 million) statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who played a key role in unifying India after its independence in 1947, want more compensation for damage to the environment.

Posters of Modi with Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani in a town near the statue were torn down or had the faces blackened at the weekend. The chiefs of 22 surrounding villages have warned Modi to stay away from the inauguration of the mammoth figure, which will push the 128 meter high Spring Temple Buddha in China into second place. "We villagers are determined and would like to inform you that on October 31 you (Modi) are not welcome here. If you come here as an unwanted guest we won't welcome you," they said in an open letter sent to the district administration. "You and your companies have not only destroyed the natural resources, but are openly and brazenly exploiting them for business."



In this file photo Indian workers pose at the base of the world's tallest statue dedicated to Indian independence leader Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, overlooking the Sardar Sarovar Dam near Vadodara in India's western Gujarat state. — AFP

Icon or extravagance?

The letter said that building the Statue of Unity and the nearby Sardar Sarovar Dam had "destroyed" the Narmada river, India's fifth longest, while the local population did not have enough schools, hospitals and drinking water. Local leader and former member of parliament, Amarsinh Chaudhary, said: "If Sardar Patel was alive today he would never have agreed to build such a statue at such a huge cost. "This is being done for political gains as tribal groups in Gujarat are still suffering and devoid of basic human necessities."

Chaudhary said protests were being planned for Wednesday's inauguration. Authorities have already laid on tight security because of Modi's presence. Chotu Vasava, a legislator in the state assembly, said the statue should have been built in New Delhi, and that Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party government picked Gujarat to buy the votes of Sardar's community.

More than 80 percent of the local population are from tribal groups with special protected status. But the Gujarat government said the 185 families moved to make way for the statue had been compensated and given 1,200 acres (475 hectares) of new land. The statue has been under construction for nearly four years. About 3,000 workers, including hundreds from China, have put 5,000 squares of bronze cladding over a concrete and steel frame. — AFP

Lifestyle | Music & Movies



This file photo taken on January 22, 2002 shows French designer Yves Saint Laurent (center) with French model Laetitia Casta (left) and French actress Catherine Deneuve (right) at the Centre Georges Pompidou art gallery in Paris, where the last Haute-Couture show ever of the designer took place. — AFP photos



This file photo taken on October 17, 1984 shows French fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent (right) and French actress Catherine Deneuve during a reception at Elysee Palace in Paris.



This file photo taken on February 3, 1992 shows French designer Yves Saint Laurent (left) and French actress Catherine Deneuve attending the show celebrating the 30 years creation anniversary of the Yves Saint Laurent House at the Bastille Opera in Paris.

French actress Deneuve to auction off personal YSL collection

French screen legend Catherine Deneuve announced yesterday she was set to auction off her personal clothing collection designed by her friend Yves Saint Laurent, the late fashion icon. Deneuve, who has just turned 75, said she was selling her country home in northern France where she kept a wardrobe full of Saint Laurent items and had decided to offload some of the clothes too "not without some sadness". "These are the designs of such a talented man who designed only to make women more beautiful," Deneuve said in a message shared by the auction house Christie's, which will handle the sale.

Around 150 items, including coats, dresses and accessories—some of them unique pieces designed for Deneuve—will be auctioned at the end of January during Haute Couture fashion week in Paris. A second sale of the remaining items is set to take place online afterwards. Deneuve was often described as a muse for Saint Laurent and was a

leading figure in the designer's circle of glamorous female friends which included Princess Grace of Monaco, Wallis Simpson and Paloma Picasso.

After meeting when she was only 22, Deneuve enjoyed an intense 40-year friendship with Saint Laurent until his death in 2008, telling him at a major exhibition of his work in 2002 that "my biggest ever love affair is you". Oscar-nominated Deneuve hit the headlines in January when she signed an open letter objecting to the #MeToo movement that has seen women worldwide go public with allegations of sexual assault and rape over the last 12 months. The star of the classic 1967 film "Belle du Jour", in which she plays a bored housewife who spends her afternoons as a prostitute, wrote in favor of men's freedom to "hit on" women. — AFP



This file photo taken on January 28, 1987 shows French actress Catherine Deneuve with French designer Yves Saint Laurent, after his haute-couture spring-summer fashion show.



Olly Murs' new album 'could be his last'

Olly Murs' new album "could be his last" if his fans lose interest in him. The 34-year-old singer has revealed he will "give it a break" and step away from the music business if his new album "You Know I Know" isn't a chart hit. In an interview with the Metro newspaper, he said: "I will continue until people get bored of me if it ends it ends. I am under no illusion that this album could be my last. I say that every album, you never know... If this album only goes to ten then I know it's time to give it a break." Olly - who shot to fame on "The X Factor" in 2009 - believes that fans can tell whether an artist is excited about creating a new album and if they are "not really bothered" as it comes across in the music.

He said: "If you are doing an album and you are not really bothered I think people can feel that. If you are bothered and excited like, 'Yeah I am pumped!' Then your fans feel that buzz." The "Trouble" hitmaker has been open about his desire to settle down and have children, and when he eventually becomes a father, wants to spend as much time at home as possible. He said: "When I have a family and kids, the last thing I want to be doing is working ridiculous stupid hours. "So there might be a point of slowing down and having a regular job that's Monday to Friday or whatever job I can get...if I can get a job where I can be at home a lot more to be with my kids and do school runs." — Bang Showbiz

Superheroes mix with villains as London Comic Con kicks off

From Catwoman to the Joker, comics and games fans dressed up as their favorite characters in London on Friday as the British capital's Comic Con entertainment event kicked off. Visitors will celebrate their favorite characters from the worlds of comics, films and games over three days, with exhibits, talks, workshops and plenty of entertainment also on offer. Actor Paul Bettany - who starred in the superhero blockbuster "Avengers" films as well as sci-fi saga "Solo: A Star Wars Story" - is scheduled to make an appearance, as are comic book writers Brian Azzarello and Frank Miller. — Reuters

'Halloween' frightens off box office competition

"Halloween" ruled the North American box office for a second week running, frightening off the competition as it raked in another \$32 million, according to estimates reported Sunday by industry tracker Exhibitor Relations. Starring Jamie Lee Curtis, the low-budget Universal Pictures production recounts her character Laurie Strode's final confrontation with a masked homicidal maniac four decades after surviving his killing spree. The movie's return to the top spot over the three day weekend followed its \$76.2 million debut last week, the second best October opening ever after "Venom."

"A Star is Born," the third remake of the 1937 film, placed second for a third

straight week, earning \$14.1 million. Bradley Cooper, in his directorial debut, plays a hard-drinking musician in this classic tale of a star-crossed love affair with a young singer (Lady Gaga). Sony's Superhero flick "Venom," which stars Tom Hardy as a journalist-turned-host for an alien creature, held its ground at third place with an estimated \$10.8 million take.

It has pulled in \$187.3 million dollars since its smash opening four weeks ago. "Goosebumps2: Haunted Halloween," another seasonal offering, kept its fourth place ranking with \$7.5 million in box office returns. Based on R.L. Stine children's books, it follows two young friends who bring to life a dummy, played

by Jack Black, unleashing monsters on their town on Halloween night. The only new release in the top five was "Hunter Killer," an action thriller from Lionsgate about Navy SEALs who rescue a Russian president from a coup. Starring Gerard Butler, Gary Oldman and Michael Nyquist, it is estimated to have made \$6.7 million over the three day weekend.

Rounding out the weekend's top five were:

- "The Hate U Give" (\$5.1 million)
- "First Man" (\$4.9 million)
- "Smallfoot" (\$4.8 million)
- "Night School" (\$3.3 million)
- "Mid90s" (\$3 million)—AFP



Childish Gambino's injury causes cancelled concerts

Childish Gambino has rescheduled a series of upcoming shows due to a foot injury. The 35-year-old rapper-and-singer - whose real name is Donald Glover - was forced to cancel the final few dates of his 'This Is America' tour in the US following an injury he incurred while on stage in Dallas last month, and, unfortunately for fans, he has announced he is cancelling a string of planned live performances in Europe and Australia as he recovers. The 'Redbone' rapper apologized to fans and insisted he needed more time to recover as he is unable to put on "100 per cent shows". In a statement, he said: "I'm not ready to put on 100 per cent shows, apologies to the fans. I will be back soon."

The producer of the tour continued: "[Donald is] not confident of being able to perform at his full capacity and deliver the shows he had been planning." The '3005' hitmaker has rescheduled his show at London's O2 Arena on November 4 for March 24, 2019 and tickets will remain valid for this date while those who can't attend the new date will be given a full refund. An official at the Dallas venue had told TMZ that the singer had broken his foot, and a concert-goer claimed he was attempting a dance move when he hurt himself further.

Audience members were said to be confused about whether he was returning



for an encore, because he didn't play fan favorites 'Redbone' and '3005' before exiting the stage. It has also been claimed he may have aggravated a pre-existing injury after Donald is said to have arrived for a performance in Vegas at the iHeartRadio Music Festival last Friday in a wheelchair and leg brace. Earlier this month, Donald told fans at his Atlanta concert this would be his last ever tour. — BangShowbiz

Camila Cabello excited for 'next chapter'

Camila Cabello is looking forward to the "next chapter" of her career. The "Consequences" hitmaker has revealed she is spending some time with her family at home now, but teased her fans with a promise of a follow-up to her 2018 album 'Camila'. She wrote on Instagram: "I don't have words to express how excited I am about things coming up next year, and imagining this next chapter and writing this next album." The 21-year-old singer explained how grateful she is for the life she's living, and admitted she still can't quite believe where her journey has taken her. She added: "Touring around these last 6 years has been the most magical chapter of my life. The 10 year old in me is still running around with her arms in the air screaming at everything that's happened."

"Singing for thousands of you beautiful people, getting to know you and talk to you, seeing the world... I'm more in love with life and with all of you than I've ever been." However, Camila also revealed she was going to make the most of the time with her family, and a chance to embrace everything she's been missing out on. She said: "I'm also sooo excited for the holidays and for what my heart's been aching for these last years being away from home. "Movies with my family. My dad's tacos. Waking up in the middle of the



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A bull wrestler crashing into a barrier while throwing a bull to the ground during a show at an arena in Jiaxing, China's Zhejiang province. — AFP photos



A bull wrestler throwing a bull to the ground.



A bull wrestler throwing a bull to the ground.



A bull wrestler leading a bull into a truck after a show.



A bull wrestler throwing a bull to the ground during a show.



A bull wrestler Huang Feilong wrestling a bull during a show.



A bull wrestler Huang Feilong facing a bull after a show.

Chinese martial artists take the bull by the horns

When 21-year-old Chinese martial artist Li Zhen first stepped into the ring to wrestle an adult bull he was naturally intimidated. "I was pretty scared. It's a bull, after all," he said. He risked having a leg snapped under the animal's weight, being gored, or trampled. But Li's training got him over those fears and he is now one of a group of Wushu, or kung fu, athletes who train in bull wrestling at the Haihua Martial Arts Centre, about 100 kilometers (62 miles) southwest of Shanghai. A traditional sport of China's Muslim Hui ethnic minority, the practice has come under fire from critics in China who say it constitutes animal cruelty.

The center's master Han Haihua disagrees. "Our bull wrestling is not bloody or cruel," the burly 65-year-old said, comparing it favorably to Spanish bullfighting's ritu-

alized killing of the animals. The docile creatures are led to the center of a faux Roman amphitheater where performances are put on for Chinese tourists. A muscular martial artist riles up the animal by pushing its head from side to side before handing it over to the challenger. "We use our deep knowledge of Wushu and its techniques to throw the bull down without hurting it," said Han. In matches, points are scored by forcing the bulls off-balance and pushing them to the ground. "The difficult thing about it is that people and bulls are not the same weight," said Li Bo, a hefty 23-year-old from China's eastern province of Anhui. "Once you get to know them they are actually quite gentle and well-behaved," he added.

The years of hard martial arts training become clear as the young men grapple with the bulls by their horns, muscles popping as they strain against the powerful bovines'

necks while deftly avoiding being stomped in a kind of drunken dance. The bulls appear at times disinterested, perplexed, or annoyed as they tumble over clumsily, shrug off their attackers or dash for the nearest exit. Han wants to spread bull wrestling further through annual competitions that he says already attract more than a hundred athletes from diverse combat disciplines like mixed martial arts, judo and taekwondo. His ultimate hope is for the sport to break into the Olympics. "Bull wrestling reflects a person's wisdom and technique, and of course promotes strength and tests courage. It would be great if it could be an Olympic sport," he said. — AFP



Young Moroccans take part in the Boujloud festival, a popular festival also known as the 'Moroccan Halloween' in the Sidi Moussa district of Sale near Rabat. — AFP photos



Morocco youth transform traditional festival to gain voice

Dressed in sheepskins and spooky masks, young Moroccans dance through the neglected city streets of Sale north of the kingdom's capital to mark the annual Boujloud festival. Often referred to as Morocco's Halloween, Boujloud is deeply rooted in local traditions and customarily celebrated after the Eid Al-Adha holiday. But in Sale's Sidi Moussa district, organizers this year were seeking to transform the traditional festivities by using street art and performances to give a voice to those who are usually not heard.

"The festival aims to send our voice to the elected officials and make them aware of our needs," says Mohamed Ouahib, head of the Space of Solidarity and Development, which organized Sale's festival-now in its twelfth year. Created by Sidi Moussa residents, the association hopes hype around the event will bring much needed "media coverage to the district". Children line the streets and watch from windows as figures clad in sheep and goatskins parade by wearing ghoulish masks and dancing to rhythmic Gnawa music.

Further down the road, the masquerade expands. Young men march by carrying a model dragon reminiscent of the ones used to celebrate Chinese New Year. Another group shuffles past carrying a wooden statue of a man dressed in traditional Moroccan garb. Across the neighborhood, young people fill the streets joyfully celebrating their cultural heritage through creative expression.

Marked in different manners across the country, some Boujloud festivals attract Moroccans from across

the country who come to proudly show off their local traditions. "We are here to participate with our Boujloud," says Mbarek Seksiwi, who came with friends from the southern city of Agadir. "Each region in Morocco has its own way of wearing the costume. In our region, we use a dozen skins" to make our outfit, he adds. — AFP





Visitors walk in front of the Lion of al-Lat, an ancient statue from the temple of the same name in Palmyra, during their visit to the national antiquities museum in the Syrian capital Damascus. — AFP



Visitors tour the national antiquities museum in the Syrian capital Damascus.

Damascus museum reopens with millennia-old lion in the garden



The antiquities museum in the capital of war-torn Syria reopened its doors after six years on Sunday, with a two-millennia-old lion standing proud in the garden. Its jaws ajar, the three-meter stone Lion of Al-Lat towered over a fountain after surviving the country's seven-year conflict and damage inflicted by Islamic State group jihadists. The lion was just one of the artefacts on show after the museum reopened one of its wings, revealing once again some of its thousands of treasures for the first time since 2012. Other parts of the museum are to reopen soon.



The Damascus museum, founded in 1920, was closed one year into the civil war as the then national head of antiquities Maamoun Abdulkarim took action to protect its pieces from rebel rockets or looting. He was petrified that the country's museums would be looted like in neighboring Iraq after the US-led invasion of 2003. "We closed all doors in all museums in Syria... and we emptied all the halls," said Abdulkarim. From 2012 onwards, the museums authority stored some 300,000 items and thousands of manuscripts in secret locations protected from fires, shelling and floods. The pieces come from 34 museums, including 80,000 items from Damascus alone. Antiquities official Ahmad Deeb explained how they protected the artefacts. "We put some in metal boxes. But we surrounded the larger pieces that are tough to transport with cement blocks to protect them," he said.

Mosaics and tombs

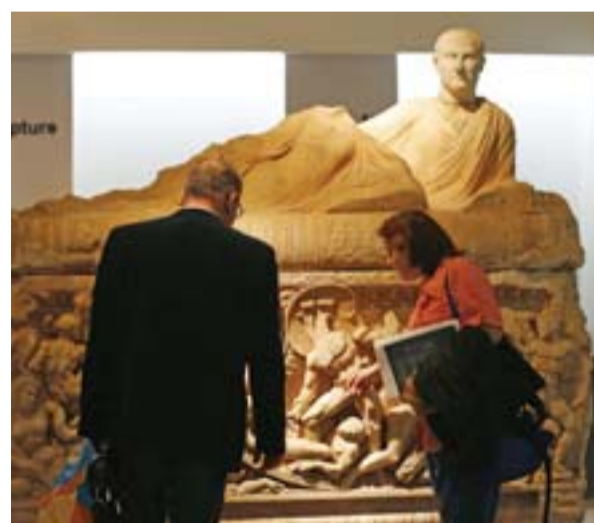
The capital's museum's gardens, however, remained open to the public, even as rockets intermittently hit the city from the nearby rebel bastion of Eastern Ghouta. Hundreds of Syria's archaeological sites have been destroyed, damaged or looted since the start of the war, with all sides blamed for the plundering. Now part of the Damascus collection is again available for the public to see, after President Bashar al-Assad's forces earlier this year took back Eastern Ghouta and secured the capital.

Inside, visitors could admire a centuries-old mosaic depicting a panther and a cockerel. They could once again walk into the elaborate funerary chambers of the Yarhai family from the second century, from the ancient city of Palmyra in the center of the country. The main sarcophagus is topped with a limestone sculpture of a man reclining



on his side, clutching a goblet. All around him in what was once an underground burial chamber, limestone figures appear to take part in a banquet. The whole tomb was transferred from the UNESCO-listed heritage site of Palmyra to the capital in the 1930s.

Safely inside the capital's closed museum, the tomb escaped destruction by IS when the jihadists overran Palmyra in 2015. But the Lion of Al-Lat was not so lucky. The stone lion was first discovered at the temple of Al-Lat, a pre-Islamic Arabian goddess of war and peace, in Palmyra in 1977. Bartosz Markowski, a Polish archeologist, helped restore the statue in 2005 as a relief, only to see it ravaged by IS just a decade later.



New addition

"When Daesh came to Palmyra it was the first thing they destroyed," he said, using the Arabic acronym for IS. The extremist group considers statues of humans or animals as blasphemous. Known to Syrians as the "Pearl of the Desert", Palmyra was home to some of the best preserved classical monuments in the Middle East. But following their capture of the city, IS beheaded Palmyra's 82-year-old former antiquities chief and launched a campaign

of destruction against its treasured monuments. After Russia-backed regime forces retook Palmyra in 2016, Markowski took part in a second restoration that finished one year ago, bringing the lion to a new home in the Damascus garden.



Between the lion's legs, an antelope rests, a hoof extended over one of the lion's muscular paws. "It was the first sculpture that was restored after the crisis, and it was an important thing for the people," said Markowski. "They could have seen the lion as a symbol... that the crisis is going away—slowly but the situation is getting better," he said. Today, the Syrian regime is in control of around two-thirds of the country. This week, the Polish expert and his team gave the lion its final touches, adding the antelope's nose which had gone missing. The head of the Palmyra museum, Khalil Hariri, said he hoped the lion would eventually return to its home city. "A piece is more beautiful where it belongs," he said. — AFP



Visitors leave the national antiquities museum in the Syrian capital Damascus after visiting it.



Tea and sympathy as royals talk mental health in New Zealand

Prince Harry and wife Meghan expressed their admiration for mental health workers at a beachside morning tea in New Zealand yesterday, returning to an issue that has been a recurring theme on their jam-packed Pacific tour. Sitting alongside pregnant wife Meghan at the Maranui Cafe in Wellington's Lyall Bay, Harry was unstinting in his praise for the gathered mental health advocates. "I take my hat off to you guys," he told members of Voices of Hope, which aims to prevent youth suicide. "Everyone needs someone to turn to, right?"

Meghan, sipping from a cup of tea and wearing a grey Club Monaco trench coat to ward off the Wellington chill, added: "You're all doing really excellent work." The couple are in New Zealand on

the final leg of a marathon 16-day tour which has also taken in Australia, Fiji and Tonga. The trip coincided with the 2018 Invictus Games in Sydney, an Olympic style sporting event for wounded soldiers that Harry helped found. At the Games' closing ceremony on Saturday Harry spoke of the need to talk openly about anxiety, stress and depression, revealing his own struggles. "I've been there, you've been there, and we now need to reach out to those who can never even imagine themselves in that place," he said.

Meghan has also used her first royal tour since marrying Harry five months ago to promote her own favored causes, mainly female empowerment. After arriving in Wellington Sunday to a traditional Maori welcome, including pressing noses with elders in a

hongi greeting, she spoke at a reception honoring 125 years since New Zealand became the first country to give women the vote.

"Bravo New Zealand for championing this right 125 years ago—for the women who well deserve to have an active voice and acknowledged vote, and for all of the people that this effort has paved the way for globally," she said.

After visiting the cafe, the royals were whisked away by helicopter for a hike and barbecue in the Abel Tasman National Park, before returning to Wellington to check out the capital's thriving film industry. — AFP



Britain's Prince Harry (center) and his wife Meghan (right), the Duchess of Sussex, meet with New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern (left) during a visit to Government House in Wellington. — AFP

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WEATHER WARNING			No Current Warnings	
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4 DAYS FORECAST							
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			MAX.	MIN.			
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Wednesday	10/31	Partly cloudy	29 °C	17 °C	NW	10 - 30 km/h	
Thursday	11/01	Partly cloudy	28 °C	19 °C	NW-VRB	08 - 30 km/h	
Friday	11/02	Partly cloudy	29 °C	18 °C	NW-VRB	08 - 28 km/h	

PRAYER TIMES	
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Zuhr	11:32
Asr	14:41
Sunset	17:05
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Mr. Rahul Roy son of Mr. Roy Padavan Johny, resident of Padavan House, Coico Road, Kurischira post, Thrissur, Pin: 680006, Kerala and Ms. Reni Thomas Puthenveetil daughter of Mr. Thomas Puthenveetil Thambi, resident of Puthenveetil House, Peruvankulangara, PO Ollur, Thrissur, Pin: 680306, Kerala, both Indian nationals presently residing in Kuwait, have given notice of intended marriage between them under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1969. If anyone has any objection to the proposed marriage, he/she may file the same with the undersigned according to the procedure laid down under the Act/Rule within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice. Communications in this regard can be made by Email (attachecor@indembktw.org, welfaresection@indembktw.org) | letters | telephonic calls (00965 - 22550171, 00965 - 22533125).

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MSR	610	Cairo	13:10	KLM	445	Amsterdam	22:50
AXB	393	Kozhikode	13:15	KAC	783	Jeddah	22:55
QTR	1078	Doha	13:35	UAE	860	Dubai	23:00
QTR	8511	Doha	13:55	JAI	573	Mumbai	23:00
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KAC	774	Riyadh	14:00	ETD	310	Abu Dhabi	23:05
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				KAC	795	Madinah	23:15
				QTR	1083	Doha	23:20
				THY	6476	PNH	23:40

Woman bomber wounds 9 in first Tunisia suicide attack since 2015

TUNIS: A woman suicide bomber blew herself up near police vehicles on a busy street in the centre of the Tunisian capital yesterday after a three-year break in such attacks, injuring at least nine people, the interior ministry said. Ministry spokesman Sofiene Zaag told AFP that all but one of the casualties were police, after a strong explosion rocked the upmarket Avenue Habib Bourguiba in Tunis. Ambulances arrived swiftly at the scene, which was cordoned off by security forces. Shops lowered their shutters and cafes emptied as panic gripped passersby.

An AFP photographer saw the bomber's body, apparently mostly intact, lying on the ground under one of the neatly-trimmed box trees that line the avenue. The interior ministry, in a statement, identified the assailant as a 30-year-old woman with no known extremist affiliations, and there was no immediate claim of responsibility. Shortly before the blast, a small group of demonstrators had held a protest in the avenue against the killing near Tunis last week of a teenager by a customs agent.

The attack was the first in the Tunisian capital since November 24, 2015 when a suicide bombing killed 12 security agents on a bus for presidential guards. That attack was claimed by the so-called Islamic State group. The Islamist party Ennahda, the second largest party in parliament, condemned yesterday's "cowardly attack" and urged all Tunisians "to unite in confronting terrorism", while reiterating its full support for "military institutions and the police".

Since the 2011 uprising that toppled dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, jihadist attacks in Tunisia have killed

dozens of members of the security forces and foreign tourists. In June 2015, 38 people were killed in a shooting rampage at the coastal resort of Sousse which targeted tourists, while an attack in March that year on the National Bardo Museum in Tunis left 22 people dead, most of them tourists. The terror attacks claimed by the Islamic State group decimated Tunisia's crucial tourism sector, which made up seven percent of gross domestic product.

The country has been under a state of emergency since the Nov 2015 attack on the bus. The state of emergency was extended earlier this month until Nov 6, amid a tense political climate ahead of legislative and presidential elections planned for next year. In March 2016, dozens of militants who infiltrated from neighboring Libya assaulted security posts in the southern region of Ben Guerdane in what Tunisian authorities said was an aborted attempt to declare an "emirate". The attack, which went unclaimed, left 20 dead among security forces and civilians.

Calm over the past two years has led to a rebound in the tourism industry, with more than six million foreign travellers visiting Tunisia in the first nine months of 2018, according to government data. Arrivals rose 16.9 percent to 6.3 million in the nine months to the end of September, surpassing the number for the whole of 2014. Tourism revenues in the first nine months of 2018 totaled just over A1 billion (\$1.2 billion), a rise of 27.6 percent year-on-year. Tourism Minister Selma Elloumi Rekik told AFP in May that she expected total arrivals to exceed eight million in 2018, higher than the seven million recorded in 2010, a benchmark year for Tunisian tourism. — AFP



TUNIS: Tunisian forensics personnel inspect the site of a suicide attack in the Tunisian capital yesterday. — AFP

In Syria's rebel north, Turkey deepens roots, spreads influence

AZAZ, Syria: "Brotherhood has no limits." The phrase is painted in Arabic and Turkish on a wall in Azaz, the town at the heart of Turkey's de facto protectorate in northern Syria. From Turkish-language classes for Syrian children to the state-owned Turk Telekom company erecting its first cell towers on Syrian soil, Ankara's role in the rebel-held region around Azaz has been expanding. "All the support we receive is Turkish - education, services, and so on," said Mohammad Hamdan Keno, 64, head of the Azaz Local Council (ALC), which governs the town. "Everything here is from our Turkish brothers."

Like the rest of his hometown, his desk in the ALC's headquarters is adorned with both the three-star flag of the Syrian uprising and Ankara's red-and-white crescent emblem. Turkey began providing humanitarian, political and military backing to Syria's opposition soon after anti-regime protests began in 2011, and it has remained a steady ally ever since. But its influence became more explicit in 2016, when Turkish troops and allied Syrian rebels

launched a military operation against both the Islamic State group and Kurdish fighters.

They cleared the extremists from the towns of Jarabulus, Al-Rai and other areas, and this year overran the adjacent Kurdish-controlled enclave of Afrin. Ankara keeps Turkish troops and intelligence forces in the area, and still backs the local police forces. But Turkish state institutions and private companies have also put down roots in this relatively stable pocket, becoming an integral part of everyday life. Walls of the main hospital in Jarabulus are now adorned with portraits of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and the town is lit by an electricity grid set up by Ankara.

A similar deal is in its first stages in Azaz. Keno told AFP: "A private Turkish company will implement an electricity project in Azaz, and Turkey is the guarantor," he said. The town's main market and several neighbourhoods have already been linked to the grid over the past week under an initial \$3-million deal with AK Energy, he added. The firm opened an Azaz satellite office in a former Syrian regime building. Keno said Turkey has also helped the council pave roads, renovate mosques and repair classrooms damaged by fighting. "They fixed up the schools, gave us desks, books, schoolbags, computers and printers," he listed off.

As class started up again this year, the council decided to introduce something new for the area's estimated 18,000 students:

Turkish courses. "We used to have two foreign languages in our curriculum: English and French. Because of the rapprochement between us and Turkey, all the teachers and administrators decided to switch" from French to Turkish, said Keno. "Since Turkey is this area's state sponsor, of course learning the Turkish language guarantees a Syrian child's future."

Most of the signs around Azaz itself are already bilingual, and to phone each other and surf the web, residents have replaced their Syrian SIM cards with Turkish ones. "The demand is remarkable," said Ahmad Hadeb, Turk Telekom's 24-year-old representative in Syria. "We put up towers in Al-Bab, Azaz and Jarabulus. The signal became stronger than before, and made up for a lot of the Syrian network coverage."

The Turk Telekom store is set up in the center of Azaz's market, teeming with people shopping for sweets, rice, clothes and even cleaning supplies imported from Turkey. Salim Horani, a 37-year-old trader in Azaz, ships everything from fabric and shoes to industrial equipment from Turkey. "Turkey's markets are huge - we can import from Istanbul, Meric, Gaziantep and Mersin," he told AFP. It's cheaper for shoppers in rebel territory to buy Turkish-imported goods than products from government-held zones in Syria, he said. "Prices in Turkey are more affordable by a really huge margin compared to regime areas." — AFP

Israeli minister visits UAE mosque

ABU DHABI: Israeli minister Miri Regev yesterday shared a video on Facebook of her touring a famed mosque in the United Arab Emirates, in an unprecedented visit by a cabinet member. The culture and sport minister, known for controversial comments about Arabs, was dressed in a red abaya with a white scarf covering her hair at Abu Dhabi's Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque. "I toured the site," Regev told the camera, in Hebrew, surrounded by a group of people in traditional Emirati dress. "This is the first time that an Israeli minister is here on a visit."

Regev, a member of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party, visited the mosque on Sunday, according to her spokesman. Her country does not have diplomatic relations with the United Arab Emirates. Israeli officials publicly toured landmark sites in the UAE at the weekend, the first such visit, days after Netanyahu travelled to the neighboring Gulf state of Oman. The delegation, which includes the country's communications minister Ayoub Kara, was in Dubai for the

International Telecommunication Union Plenipotentiary Conference this week.

"We arrived the day (Sunday) before the conference. We went around the town, and we visited the mall," a member of the delegation told AFP. "We were impressed, and we didn't expect the town to be like this, this beautiful," she said on condition of anonymity. The visit came a day after Israel's national anthem was played at a judo tournament in Abu Dhabi after one of its athletes won gold - believed to be the first time the anthem has been played publicly in an Arab Gulf state.

Netanyahu visited Oman on Thursday for talks with the country's ruler, Sultan Qaboos, on regional security issues, according to official statements by both countries. And at a cabinet meeting on Sunday, Netanyahu said of his Oman visit: "There will be more." Israeli Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz is scheduled to visit Oman next week for a transportation conference, according to his office. Netanyahu has long sought a rapprochement with other Arab states, citing in part concerns over their common enemy Iran. But Israel currently has full diplomatic relations with only two Arab states, Egypt and Jordan, as Israel's occupation of Palestinian territory remains a major obstacle to official recognition by Arab countries. — Agencies

Amir to open new Assembly term...

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Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem added the Assembly will vote on the membership of two opposition MPs sentenced to jail terms by the supreme court.

Following the official opening ceremony in which HH the Amir will deliver a major speech along with another one by the speaker and a third by Prime Minister HH Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, the Assembly is expected to start debating a grilling against Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs Adel Al-Khorafi. This will be followed by two votes on the membership of MPs Jamaan Al-Harbash and Waleed Al-Tabtabaei, who were handed final jail terms for storming the Assembly building during a protest in Nov 2011, Ghanem told reporters.

He said the two votes will be carried out separately for each MP, adding that revoking the membership of the two lawmakers will require 33 votes of the Assembly's 65 members, who include 16 Cabinet members. Based on signals from the Assembly and the gov-

ernment, the two lawmakers are in a strong position to survive the vote and retain their seats. They only need the government's 16 members to abstain from voting. Ghanem refused to provide details on what will happen if Harbash and Tabtabaei survive, adding everything will be explained after the voting.

The idea that the two MPs are highly expected to survive was strongly supported when opposition MPs Shuaib Al-Muwaizir and Mohammad Al-Mutair withdrew a grilling they had submitted several months ago against the prime minister over alleged violations. The two lawmakers said in a statement that their step came after the government made important moves to resolve a number of critical issues. They did not elaborate, but they were clearly indicating to the return of several revoked citizenships to opposition activists and to the expectation that the government will support maintaining the membership of Harbash and Tabtabaei. The Assembly's legal and legislative affairs committee has already voted in favor of the two MPs remaining in their seats.

The Assembly could still delay the debate of Khorafi's grilling if the minister asks for a two-week delay. Following the opening ceremony, the grilling and the membership votes, the Assembly will elect members of its permanent and temporary committees if there is sufficient time, otherwise it will be delayed until the next session.

initiatives, and dedicated customer service."

He added, "During the third quarter of 2018, Zain KSA made an early voluntary payment of SAR 600 million for its Murabaha financing agreement, which portrays the company's solid cashflow generation." Furthermore, Kharafi said, "The evolving economic and regulatory environment as well as the intense competition in the telecommunications sector in the Kingdom requires us to give our best in every aspect of our operations to remain competitive and play our contributory role to achieving the Kingdom's ambitions of both the 2020 National Transformation Program and the 2030 Economic Vision."

Kharafi concluded: "Effective from Q3 2018 onwards, Zain KSA will be treated as a subsidiary of Zain Group. Consequently, Zain KSA's financial results will be consolidated within the Q3 results of Zain Group, bolstering the Group's financial indicators on various levels and maximizing shareholder value."

Zain KSA's Q3, 2018 results coincide with the celebrations of the operator's tenth anniversary of commercial operation in the Kingdom, highlighting its importance as a key contributor to the local economy. In the framework of its vision of sustainability and transformation, Zain KSA is committed to digital innovation in all aspects of its operation and unlocking opportunities for the youth and aspiring entrepreneurs in line with Zain Group's digital lifestyle strategy.

Erdogan opens 'giant' new Istanbul ...

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Omar Al-Bashir, who is wanted by the International Criminal Court on charges of genocide and war crimes. The first flight from the new facility will be to the capital Ankara tomorrow.

It had been thought the new facility would replace the city's ageing Ataturk Airport, but Erdogan said it would remain in service, including for events such as air shows, adding that its unused parts would be transformed into a "national park as promised". Planes and equipment are expected to be moved from Ataturk to the new facility for the expanded launch in late December. "Ataturk Airport will continue to serve with

the same name," he added.

Erdogan called the new airport a "giant", with officials saying that its 1.4 million-sq m terminal building was eight times larger than Ankara's terminal. "Moreover, 80 Eiffel Towers could be constructed with the steel of 640,000 tonnes used in the construction." When finished in 2028, it will have six runways and two terminals spread over 76 sq km. That would make it three times the size of Ataturk. Authorities say a metro line will be built to link the airport, which is near the Black Sea coast on the European side of Istanbul, to the city center 35 km away.

The airport will be one of the crowning jewels in Erdogan's bid to transform Turkey's infrastructure in time for the country's centenary in 2023. Other massive projects include a third bridge over the Bosphorus Strait connecting Istanbul's Europe and Asia sides, opened in 2016, and a man-made canal to relieve pressure on the strait. In his speech, Erdogan thanked the workers who built the airport. — AFP

New Indonesian plane with 189...

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HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar messages to the Indonesian leader.

Earlier, video footage apparently filmed at the scene of the crash showed a slick of fuel on the surface of the water and pictures showed what appeared to be an emergency slide and bits of wreckage bearing Lion Air's logo. The carrier acknowledged that the jet had previously been grounded for unspecified repairs. "It's a really mystery what could have happened," said Greg Waldron, Asia managing editor of industry publication Flightglobal. "Hopefully they will be able to locate the (cockpit) voice data recorders."

The plane had been en route to Pangkal Pinang city, a jumping off point for beach-and-sun seeking tourists on nearby Belitung island, when it dropped out of contact around 6:30 am (2330 GMT). One Italian national was aboard the plane which was flown by an Indian pilot, the transportation ministry said.

Images filmed at Pangkal Pinang's main airport showed families of passengers crying and hugging each other, with some calling out to God. "This morning he called asking about our youngest son," said a sobbing Ermayati, referring to her 45-year-old husband Muhammad Syafii, who was on board. At Jakarta's main airport, Zainal Abidin waited desperately for news about his daughter. "If my daughter is dead, I just wish

she'll be buried properly," the 63-year-old said.

Indonesia's National Transportation Safety Committee (NTSC) said there were 178 adult passengers, one child, two infants, two pilots and six cabin crew on board flight JT 610. About 20 finance ministry employees were on the plane, including half a dozen colleagues of Sony Setiawan who missed check in for a flight he took weekly due to bad traffic. "I know my friends were on that flight," he told AFP. Setiawan said he was only informed about his lucky escape after he arrived in Pangkal Pinang on another flight. "My family was in shock and my mother cried, but I told them I was safe, so I just have to be grateful."

Lion Air said the plane had only gone into service in August. The pilot and co-pilot had more than 11,000 hours of flying time between them and had recent medical checkups and drug testing, it added. Lion Air chief Edward Siraat said the plane had an unspecified technical issue fixed in Bali before it was flown back to Jakarta. "Engineers in Jakarta received notes and did another repair before it took off" yesterday, Edward Siraat told AFP, calling it "normal procedure".

The captain of the flight was Bhavye Suneja, a 31-year-old Indian citizen originally from New Delhi. According to his LinkedIn account, Suneja had worked for Lion Air since 2011, clocking up some 6,000 flight hours. On Facebook there are photos of him in his Lion Air uniform, smiling. Minutes after take-off at 6:20 am, Suneja reported technical difficulties and obtained permission from ground officials to turn back.

US-based Boeing said it was "deeply saddened" by news of the crash. Boeing, just days out from its first commercial delivery of the 737 MAX in May last year, reportedly suspended its release due to an engine issue, according to airline safety and product review site airlineratings.com. — Agencies

10-yr anniversary sees Zain KSA...

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A milestone in the company's history, Zain KSA reported net profit in Q3, 2018 of SAR 48 million, the highest quarterly net profit it has ever recorded, a marked improvement on the SAR 3 million recorded in Q3, 2017. Moreover, it should be noted that the impact of the decrease in the mobile termination rates, negatively affected Zain KSA's revenues by SAR 35 million for Q3, 2018. If not for such impact, third quarter revenues would have increased by 10 percent (instead of 8 percent) when compared to Q3, 2017. Also impacting revenues negatively is the ongoing adverse effect of the lifting of the ban on VoIP applications on international calls.

Commenting on the impressive Q3, 2018 results, Zain Group Vice-Chairman and CEO, and Vice-Chairman of Zain Saudi Arabia, Bader Al-Kharafi commented: "These inspiring third quarter results reflect the disciplined execution and dedication of all Zain KSA employees together with the committed support offered by Zain Group resources. The Board of Directors of both Zain Group and Zain KSA are fully behind the transformation plan that focuses on operating efficiencies, network upgrades and fiber roll-out, innovative B2B and data monetization

Sports

All Blacks planning for WCup enters pivotal phase in Europe

New Zealand's first clash with England for four years

WELLINGTON: While much of the rugby world next month will be focused on New Zealand's first clash with England for four years, the eyes of All Blacks coach Steve Hansen will be resolutely fixed on next year's defence of the World Cup.

Hansen has made no secret of his expectations and plans for the November test matches in Europe, with his desire to replicate as much as possible what the team will face in under 12 months' time.

The world champions will have already spent two weeks in Japan, playing at two of the Rugby World Cup venues, before their test with England at Twickenham on Nov. 10.

Hansen has been keen for his players to get accustomed to the food, accommodation, transportation and cultural experiences they will come across in Japan next year, while each of the matches is aimed at replicating preparations for games at the global showpiece.

Last Saturday's 37-20 victory over Australia was a dry-run for their Pool B opener against South Africa—the first time the two heavyweights have met at that stage of the World Cup.

This week's clash against Japan in Tokyo will be used as preparation for their final pool clash against Italy before they face the knockout phases. Those high-pressure conditions will then kick into greater focus when they face Eddie Jones's England and Joe Schmidt's Six Nations champions Ireland—the main northern-hemisphere challengers for the Webb Ellis trophy in successive weeks.

England have suffered a downturn in form since the end of their 18-game winning streak in 2017 but on their day they remain a side that can beat anyone. Of

greater interest for the rugby purist might be the clash with Ireland at Lansdowne Road, particularly since the runners-up of Pool B next year could face Schmidt's side if they win Pool A in the quarter-finals.

Ireland arguably control possession better than any other team in world rugby and, under New Zealander Schmidt, have developed into the most consistent performers in the test arena bar the All Blacks.

It is something the All Blacks are more than aware of and perhaps why in their game against Australia in Yokohama on Saturday they were far more composed, controlled, and to an extent conservative, than they had been for much of 2018.

They built phases, did not force too many passes and squared up their attacking lines to challenge Australia's defence. Despite being stretched at times by the Wallabies, especially by runners receiving an inside ball, they never looked like they were going to lose the game—doing just enough of what was needed to win.

They also did not give too much away as to how they might approach 2019 tactically, even if Beauden Barrett's try from a scrum underlined how they can use their proficient set piece as an attacking weapon.

Crucially for Hansen ahead of the European leg of the tour, a number of senior players like Brodie Retallick, Dane Coles, Sonny Bill Williams and captain Kieran Read will be relatively fresh after lengthy injury breaks this year.

The decision to call in 19 additional players for the Japan game allowed him to send a large chunk of his squad to England early should also alleviate any travel fatigue, something they will not face next year at the seven-week tournament. —Reuters



YOKOHAMA: File photo shows Australia's Samu Kerevi (L) is tackled by New Zealand's Anton Lienert-Brown during the Bledisloe Cup rugby union Test match between the New Zealand All Blacks and Australia at Yokohama International Stadium in Yokohama on October 27, 2018. — AFP

Ooredoo successfully concludes Flying Start Triathlon



Mijbil Al-Ayoub (right) honoring winners at the end of the Triathlon.



Part of the Triathlon.



Running race.



Cycling race.

KUWAIT: Ooredoo Kuwait concluded the Flying Start Triathlon sport activities last Saturday with great success, and is a reflection of Ooredoo's strategy enabling youth and supporting them in reaching their potential. The triathlon is considered to be the biggest races in the Middle East, and the goal today is to create a new sports culture built on ethics, discipline, and sportsmanship. During the final ceremony, the winning participants were inaugurated and were awarded valuable prizes based on their ranks in the Triathlon. Ooredoo Corporate Communication Senior Director Mijbil Al-Ayoub was also awarded during the ceremony, for Ooredoo strategic partnership with the Flying Start Triathlon and also for the commitment and full support given for the youth in sports and many other activities that go in line with the company's CSR values.

Commenting on this, Al-Ayoub noted that Ooredoo and the Flying Start Triathlon both believe in enabling youth and supporting them in reaching their potential,

which is one of the biggest pillars of the company's CSR strategy. He added: "This strategic partnership goes in tandem with our belief in supporting youth initiatives and athletes in Kuwait. We are proud to be sponsors of the Flying Start Triathlon, and we wish all the participating athletes the best. We are especially proud of our young athletes that we sponsor, such as Kuwaiti champion Abdulaziz Al-Rashed, and Kuwaiti athlete Najlaa Al-Jerawi who represented Kuwait in the Asian Games this year."

The Flying Start Triathlon activities were kick started with the Pasta Party in the Green Island, in which many famous restaurants participated in offering their delicious meals to help the athletes with their carb loading in order to help them fuel up and build more energy before the big race. The first sports activity that was held is the kids Duathlon that targeted children ages 4 to 12 years old that competed in a fun run and safe cycling race. The race was a first of its kind in Kuwait,

where the Flying Start Duathlon created a friendly and safe sports environment for the children to compete in a running and cycling race. The second and main sporting event was the Flying Start Triathlon targeting participants' ages 18 years and above, that that gave hundreds of professional athletes and amateurs the chance to join a professional running, cycling and swimming race located in the Green Island.

It is considerable to mention that Ooredoo had also sponsored and supported their brand ambassador, young Kuwaiti athlete Abdulaziz Al-Rashed that recently won the Xterra Offroad Triathlon in Tahiti. Al-Rashed was the only Arab contestant to win this title. Ooredoo also proudly sponsored the Kuwait National Flag Ball Team during the Asia Cup, which was held in the Philippines. The team played against Vietnam, Korea, Japan, Thailand, and the Philippines. Kuwait National Flag Ball Team was the first Arab team to participate in such an international competition in this sport.

Lewis Hamilton: Humble beginnings to F1 hero status

MEXICO CITY: Lewis Hamilton joined one of sport's most exclusive clubs on Sunday when he became just the third driver to win a fifth Formula One world title. His fourth-place finish at the Mexico Grand Prix lifted him into the company of the sport's true greats, joining seven-time champion Michael Schumacher and fellow five-time winner Juan-Manuel Fangio—who he describes as "The Godfather"—in the F1 pantheon.

To have won more than men like Australia's Jack Brabham, fellow-Briton Jackie Stewart, Austrian Niki Lauda and Brazilians Nelson Piquet and Ayrton Senna as well as modern day rival Sebastian Vettel is a spectacular statement of achievement.

The son of a black father and a white mother, who

survived a broken home in his youth, Hamilton, 33, grew up on a municipal housing estate in Stevenage where his father Anthony at one time held down three jobs to fund his son's embryonic racing career in karts.

His journey was unprivileged and without luxury, but it was clear from an early age that he had an outstanding gift for speed and all the gutsy natural instincts of a born racer. In 1995, aged 10, and wearing a jacket and shoes borrowed from his predecessor as British Formula Cadet karting champion, he went to a glittering awards ceremony in London where he met McLaren's then-boss Ron Dennis.

He asked for an autograph and told him "one day I want to race for you". Dennis replied: "Phone me in nine years and I'll sort you a deal." The McLaren chief did not wait that long. After less than three years, he agreed to support Hamilton's passage through the junior formulae en route to his F1 debut with his team in 2007.

'MERCURIAL, TEMPESTUOUS'

Bold, determined and individual, he almost won the title in his first record-breaking season as he reeled off

nine successive podiums from his debut in Melbourne, rocking the establishment along the way with his speed and his style.

On and off the track, he was fast, somewhat mercurial and occasionally tempestuous and this combination led to a fierce rivalry with team-mate and two-time champion Fernando Alonso, who left McLaren at the end of the year.

That was a signal of how tough it was to be for all his future team-mates as Hamilton, who narrowly missed out on the 2007 title, returned to triumph in 2008 with a dramatic last-gasp fifth-place finish in Brazil.

He also showed frustration as McLaren failed to deliver the speed to beat Vettel and Red Bull, who reeled off four straight title triumphs from 2010 to 2013, by when Hamilton had departed for Mercedes.

Escaping the management regime of Dennis and his father, Hamilton found freedom at Mercedes alongside team-mate German Nico Rosberg, his teenage karting friend and rival. This enabled Hamilton to express himself with a headline-grabbing trans-Atlantic lifestyle, mixing with musicians and 'fashionistas'. —AFP

Ashley-Cooper gets Wallabies shot after two-year absence

TOKYO: Wallabies veteran Adam Ashley-Cooper has been drafted into Australia's training squad in Japan this week, raising the possibility of a return two years after winning his last cap. The 34-year-old utility back made the last of his 116 appearances for the Wallabies in a 29-9 defeat by the All Blacks in August 2016 when he was subbed off early with a suspected concussion.

Injuries to Reece Hodge (ankle) and Tevita Kuridrani (pectoral) have led Australia coach Michael Cheika to turn to Ashley-Cooper, who plays his club rugby in Japan alongside All Blacks legend Dan Carter at the Kobe Steelers.

"Adam will train with us, we'll see where he's at," Cheika said yesterday after the weekend's bruising 37-20 Bledisloe Cup loss to New Zealand in Yokohama. "He's come on the tour with us to be available for selection, he's not coming for a holiday."

"His experience is important and also just his versatility, his ability to cover a few positions," added the under-fire Wallabies coach, who also called up 18-year-old rookie sensation Jordan Petaia. "With (Ashley-Cooper) and then a guy like Jordan, it's probably a good balance. We need a couple of extra backs here on the trip."

Ashley-Cooper would join George Gregan as the only Australian to play in four Rugby World Cups if he is selected for next year's tournament in Japan. The struggling Wallabies play November Tests away to Wales, Italy and England after the All Blacks condemned them to a ninth defeat in their last 12 Tests.

Despite their form, Cheika put a positive spin on the shape of his squad as they prepare to face Wales in Cardiff on November 11, insisting full-back Petaia can bring some energy to the two-time World Cup winners.

"Jordan has just got a lot of good touches," he said. "He's a good lad, he wants to succeed, he wants to do the work, he's eager. "Having him here with us these next few weeks will give him an idea of what's required at the level and give him a chance to make a play for the World Cup squad."

Petaia, who would be the third youngest player to make his debut for the Wallabies, if he appears during the tour, is joined by hulking, young back-rower Rob Valetini, 20, who joins the squad as a development player.

Matt Toomua will also join the squad in Odawara for a week-long training camp at the base the Wallabies will use ahead of the 2019 World Cup, officials said.

Forwards: Jermaine Ainsley, Allan Alaalatoa, Rory Arnold, Adam Coleman, Jack Dempsey, Folau Fainga'a, Ned Hanigan, Jed Holloway, Michael Hooper, Sekope Kepu, Tolu Latu, Brandon Paenga-Amosa, David Pocock, Izack Rodda, Rob Simmons, Pete Samu, Scott Sio, Taniela Tupou.

Backs: Adam Ashley-Cooper, Tom Banks, Kurtley Beale, Israel Folau, Bernard Foley, Will Genia, Jake Gordon, Dane Haylett-Petty, Samu Kerevi, Marika Korobete, Jack Maddocks, Sefa Naivalu, Jordan Petaia, Nick Phipps, Matt Toomua. —AFP

Sports

Rohit Sharma ton helps India demolish Windies by 224 runs

India's third-biggest victory margin after their 257-run triumph over Bermuda

MUMBAI: Opening batsman Rohit Sharma slammed a dominant 162 to set up India's crushing 224-run victory over West Indies in the fourth one-day international yesterday. Sharma's 211-run third wicket stand with Ambati Rayudu, who made 100, powered India to 377-5 after electing to bat first at Mumbai's Brabourne Stadium.

The hosts then bowled out the West Indies for 153 in 36.2 overs to lead the five-match series 2-1. Paceman Khaleel Ahmed and left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav took three wickets each. Skipper Jason Holder hit an unbeaten 54 for West Indies after they were reduced to 101-8 and staring at the prospect of suffering their biggest ever ODI loss. They lost to South Africa by 257 runs in 2015.

It was India's third-biggest victory margin after their 257-run triumph over Bermuda in 2007 followed by the

256-run mauling of Hong Kong the next year.

The day belonged to Sharma who took apart the West Indies bowling, hitting 20 fours and 4 sixes during his 137-ball stay at the crease. Sharma - the only ODI batsman to hit three double centuries - took control after the hosts lost their in-form captain Virat Kohli for 16.

Sharma put on 71 runs with opening partner Shikhar Dhawan, who was the first to go off pace bowler Keemo Paul for 38. Kohli, who came into the game at the back of three successive centuries, was caught behind off paceman Kemar Roach. He has accumulated 420 runs in his four innings of the series so far.

Sharma, who made an unbeaten 152 in India's opening win, got to his 21st century in just 98 deliveries and went on to register his seventh 150 plus score in 192 ODIs. Off-spinner Ashley Nurse finally got Sharma's



MUMBAI: India cricketer Rohit Sharma celebrates after scoring a century (100 runs) during the fourth one day international (ODI) cricket match between India and West Indies at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai yesterday. —AFP

SCOREBOARD

Mumbai, India: Final scoreboard of the fourth one-day international between India and West Indies in Mumbai yesterday:

India		S. Hope run out (Yadav)	0
R. Sharma c Hemraj b Nurse	162	M. Samuels c Rohit b Ahmed	18
S. Dhawan c K. Powell b Paul	38	S. Hetmyer lbw b Ahmed	13
V. Kohli c Hope b Roach	16	R. Powell b Ahmed	1
A. Rayudu run out (Allen)	100	J. Holder not out	54
M.S. Dhoni c Hemraj b Roach	23	F. Allen c Sharma b Yadav	10
K. Jadhav not out	16	A. Nurse c Sharma b Yadav	8
R. Jadeja not out	7	K. Paul st Dhoni b Jadeja	19
Extras: (b6, lb1, w7, nbl)	15	K. Roach b Yadav	6
Total: (5 wickets, 50 overs)	377	Extras: (lb4, w2)	6
Did not bat: B. Kumar, K. Yadav, K. Ahmed, J. Bumrah		Total: (all out, 36.2 overs)	153
Fall of wickets: 1-71 (Dhawan), 2-101 (Kohli), 3-312 (Sharma), 4-344 (Rayudu), 5-355 (Dhoni)		Fall of wickets: 1-20 (Hemraj), 2-20 (Hope), 3-20 (K. Powell), 4-45 (Hetmyer), 5-47 (R. Powell), 6-56 (Samuels), 7-77 (Allen), 8-101 (Nurse), 9-132 (Paul), 10-153 (Roach)	
Bowling: Roach 10-0-74-2, Holder 9-0-62-0 (w3), Nurse 8-0-57-1 (w2), Paul 10-0-88-1 (w2), R. Powell 4-0-23-0, Allen 8-0-52-0, Samuels 1-0-14-0.		Bowling: Kumar 5-1-30-1 (w2), Bumrah 8-1-25-0, Ahmed 5-0-13-3, Jadeja 10-1-39-1, Yadav 8.2-0-42-3.	
West Indies (target 378)		Result: India won by 224 runs	
C. Hemraj c Rayudu b Kumar	14	Series: India lead the five-match series 2-1	
K. Powell run out (Kohli)	4		

wicket as the batsman sliced the ball to short third-man and Chandrapaul Hemraj took an excellent catch.

Rayudu kept up the pace at one end to get to his third ODI century but was run out soon after reaching the three-figure mark. In reply, West Indies lost three of their top batsmen for just 20 runs including two run outs that spelt disaster for the tourists' chase.

The 20-year-old Ahmed then rattled the opposition middle-order with his left-arm pace bowling as he returned figures of 3-13 from his five overs in just his 5th ODI. Yadav then spun into action to wipe off the West Indies tail with three lower-order strikes.

The fifth and final ODI is on Thursday in Thiruvananthapuram. —AFP

Ball-tampering report slams 'arrogant' Cricket Australia culture

MELBOURNE: A scathing review has blamed Australian cricket's ball-tampering scandal on an "arrogant" and "controlling" culture overseen by the game's national governing body that led to players cheating in pursuit of victory. The independent review by the Sydney-based Ethics Centre accused Cricket Australia (CA) of only paying lip service to the spirit of the game, leaving players without moral guidance. The review, which CA commissioned and was partially redacted to prevent individuals being identified, also included complaints from those involved in the sport that there was a bullying culture in elite men's cricket.

"Responsibility for that larger picture lies with CA and not just the players held directly responsible for the appalling incident at Newlands," said the review, which was released yesterday. The scandal involved Australian players using sandpaper to alter the flight of the ball in a Test match against South Africa last March at Cape Town's Newlands Stadium.

Coach Darren Lehmann quit in the wake of the controversy and then-captain Steve Smith, deputy David Warner and batsman Cameron Bancroft received lengthy bans. The scandal also claimed the scalps of CA chief executive James Sutherland and team performance boss Pat Howard.

"The broad consensus amongst stakeholders is that CA does not consistently 'live' its values and principles," the review said. "CA is perceived to say one thing and do another. The most common description of CA is as 'arrogant' and 'controlling'." It said under such circumstances, the ball-tampering scandal was foreseeable but CA failed to act.

The Australian Cricketers' Association said the 145-page report, written by Ethics Centre chief Simon Longstaff, clearly showed CA placed too much pressure on players to win.

"Given this, there must be a reconsideration of the harshness of the penalties handed down to Steve Smith, David Warner and Cameron Bancroft," it



MELBOURNE: Chair of the review sub-committee Jacquie Hey speaks beside Cricket Australia chairman David Peever during a press conference in Melbourne yesterday. A review into a ball-tampering scandal has condemned an "arrogant" and "controlling" culture at Cricket Australia that led to players cheating in pursuit of victory. —AFP

added, calling for the bans to be reduced.

But the players did not escape criticism in Longstaff's report. He said they existed in a "gilded bubble" of privilege and wealth that left them isolated from everyday life and unable to keep their feet on the ground.

Longstaff said some felt pressure to "play the mongrel" against opponents but could lose perspective and "risk becoming that person". He likened cricket's relentless pursuit of victory to the Australian banking sector's drive for excessive profits, which has led to revelations that dead people were charged for services that were never provided.

"That a financial institution 'robbed the dead' is as unthinkable as an Australian cricket player taking sandpaper onto the field of play," he said. "And (it) has prompted a similar response from the Australian public." —AFP

Australia cricket union urges cut to Smith, Warner bans

YDNEY: Steve Smith, David Warner and Cameron Bancroft should have their cheating bans slashed because they were put under too much pressure by administrators, the Australian Cricketers' Association said yesterday.

In the wake of a scathing report about the actions of Cricket Australia in the run-up to the March "sandpaper" incident that rocked the sport, the players' union painted the three Test stars as victims of circumstance and said they should be free to take the field again at the top level.

An independent review by a leading ethicist said the governing body put too much pressure on the players to win at all costs. "The events in South Africa were in part a by-product of a culture and system which, amongst other things, placed too much pressure on players to win," said ACA President Greg Dyer, a former Test wicketkeeper.

"Basic fairness demands these independently verified contributing factors must now be taken into consideration and the penalties reduced. "There must be a reconsideration of the harshness of the penalties handed down to Steve Smith, David Warner and Cameron Bancroft." The scandal involved the three players conspiring to use sandpaper to illegally alter the flight of the ball in the third Test against South Africa in Cape Town. Then-captain Smith and his deputy Warner received a one-year ban from international and state cricket while opening batsman Bancroft was suspended for nine months. —AFP

Warriors defeat Nets 120-114

LOS ANGELES: Stephen Curry set an NBA record after draining seven three pointers en route to a 35-point performance as the Golden State Warriors defeated the Brooklyn Nets 120-114 on Sunday.

Curry scored 16 points in the first quarter and drained his final three pointer of the contest with 67 seconds remaining to make it 115-108. Curry has made at least five threes in all seven games this season to surpass George McClellan's NBA record of six straight in 1995.

Kevin Durant tallied 34 points for the Warriors, who appeared to be cruising to victory before the Nets stormed back with some superb three-point shooting of their own in front of a crowd of 17,700 at Barclays Center arena.

"They got hot in the fourth to try to make it interesting, but we made enough plays down the stretch to obviously get the win," said Curry.

The Warriors have won four straight since their only loss and their previous three wins were by 20 points or more. They failed to equal the franchise record of four straight 20 point wins set by the San Francisco Warriors in the 1966-67 season.

Draymond Green had a season-high 13 assists while Klay Thompson struggled from beyond the arc, going one for five. He finished with 18 points on Sunday and is five of 36 overall from three-point range this season.

D'Angelo Russell scored 25 points and Caris LeVert had 23 for the Nets, who made 20 three-pointers in 42 attempts and cut a 19-point deficit



BROOKLYN: D'Angelo Russell #1 of the Brooklyn Nets shoots the ball against the Golden State Warriors on Sunday at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. —AFP

down to two. "The way the first half went we easily could have kind of folded and that's not what kind of guys we have in that locker room," Nets coach Kenny Atkinson said.

"They're a resilient bunch and I thought they competed their tails off and it was good for the fans to see that we didn't just succumb to their talent or their aura so to speak."

Elsewhere, Rudy Gobert delivered another double double, finishing with 23 points and 16 rebounds as the Utah Jazz defeated the Dallas Mavericks 113-104.

De Andre Jordan flirted with a triple double by tallying 12 points, 19 rebounds and a career-high nine assists for the Jazz, who took a five-point lead into the fourth quarter and then won going away.

Donovan Mitchell scored 20 points for Utah, who overcame 18 turnovers. Jae Crowder added 15 points and Joe Ingles had 12. Dennis Smith scored 16 of his game high 27 points in the third quarter for Dallas. He shot nine-of-12 in the second half.

Wesley Matthews scored 22, Luka Doncic added 14 and Maxi Kleber had 11 in the loss. —AFP

Pakistan keep winning combination for NZ Twenty20s

LAHORE: Pakistan's selectors yesterday kept the same winning combination against New Zealand for the three-match Twenty20 series which whitewashed Australia in United Arab Emirates. Pakistan beat Australia by 33 runs in the third Twenty20 international on Sunday to clinch the series 3-0 — their first whitewash against Australia in a limited over series—prompting selectors not to make any changes.

Pakistan face New Zealand in the three-match series with the first in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday, followed by the last two in Dubai on Friday and Sunday. No change means experienced pace spearheads Mohammad Amir and Wahab Riaz continued to be left out, while fast bowler Ruman Raees is still not fit after suffering a knee injury.

Meanwhile, New Zealand have added second specialist spinner to their Twenty20 squad, with left-armed Ajaz Patel drafted in from New Zealand A side. New Zealand's new coach Gary Stead said Patel was on form and would offer the necessary balance to the side considering the conditions in the UAE.

"It's no secret that spin is crucial in this part of the world and with the wickets on the slower side, we've taken the option of a second spinner to bring our squad up to 14-players," said Stead.

Pakistan: Sarfraz Ahmed (captain), Fakhar Zaman, Mohammad Hafeez, Sahibzada Farhan, Babar Azam, Shoaib Malik, Asif Ali, Khussain Talat, Shadab Khan, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Usman Khan, Shanwari, Hasan Ali, Imad Wasim, Waqas Maqsood, Faheem Ashraf

New Zealand: Kane Williamson (captain), Corey Anderson, Mark Chapman, Lockie Ferguson, Colin de Grandhomme, Adam Milne, Colin Munro, Ajaz Patel, Glenn Phillips, Seth Rance, Tim Seifert, Ish Sodhi, Tim Southee, Ross Taylor. —AFP

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Mertens grabs Napoli draw with Roma to cut Juventus' lead

AC Milan back on track in Serie A with 3-2 win over Sampdoria

ROME: Dries Mertens grabbed a late equaliser to snatch Napoli a 1-1 draw with Roma on Sunday which saw Carlo Ancelotti's men cut Juventus' lead at the top of Serie A to six points. After seeing Paris Saint-Germain steal a last-gasp 2-2 in their midweek Champions League clash at the Parc des Princes, this time it was Napoli's turn to salvage a point at the death.

Stephan El Shaarawy's early opener for Roma looked to have won the game for the visitors, but Belgian international Mertens pounced in the 90th minute to limit the damage for Napoli. Reigning champions Juventus remain well clear after Cristiano Ronaldo scored a double, including a thunderous 25-yard winner, in a 2-1 win at Empoli on Saturday.

But last year's runners-up Napoli are now unbeaten in their last five games in all competitions since a 3-1 loss at Juve in September. Just seconds after Edin Dzeko had seen a long-range shot fly narrowly wide, El Shaarawy gave Roma a 14th-minute lead with his third goal of the season.

Dzeko failed to get a touch on Turkish winger Cengiz Under's low cross, but the 26-year-old El Shaarawy was on hand to slot the ball in off the post, despite the best efforts of Kalidou Koulibaly on the line.

The hosts quickly went in search of an equaliser, but Roma goalkeeper Robin Olsen did well to deny both Arkadiusz Milik and Marek Hamsik in quick succession. Napoli dominated possession in the second half, but struggled to create many clear-cut chances, with Mertens seeing two late efforts ruled out for offside.

But the 31-year-old winger latched onto a miskick from Jose Callejon to smash into the roof of the net and score his fifth goal of the campaign.

Earlier on Sunday, Gonzalo Higuain hit a crucial equaliser and Suso fired a second-half winner as AC Milan got back on track in Serie A with a 3-2 win over Sampdoria. Coach Gennaro Gattuso was under intense pressure after a last-gasp derby loss to Inter last week was compounded by a 2-1 defeat by Real Betis in the Europa League on Thursday.

But the former Rangers and Milan midfielder has won respite, for the moment at least, after a fourth league win in nine outings left Milan fifth, albeit 13 points adrift of leaders and champions Juventus.

"Tension is normal when you lose to Inter and then in the Europa League," Gattuso told Sky Sport Italia. "I asked to see 23 rabid dogs today and we added quality to that too. You can't beat Sampdoria only with grit and we put three goals past them. It was a wonderful game."

Milan looked to be under the cosh when Sampdoria took a 2-1 lead through Fabio Quagliarella on 31 minutes after Riccardo Saponara had levelled Patrick Cutrone's 17th-minute opener for the San Siro giants.

But Higuain responded on 36 minutes and, amid a second half that saw few real chances, Spanish forward Suso provided an impressive winner. "I have to thank my players for a performance of character and quality," added Gattuso. "We've got to keep working, getting better and enjoying each others' company." — AFP



ROME: Napoli's Spain striker Jose Maria Callejon (L) controls the ball during the Italian Serie A football match SSC Napoli vs AS Roma on Sunday at the San Paolo Stadium. —AFP

Dropped Mbappe comes on to grab crucial goal as PSG equal European win record

PARIS: Kylian Mbappe responded to being dropped by coming off the bench and scoring the opener as Paris Saint-Germain won 2-0 at Marseille on Sunday to make it 11 wins out of 11 in Ligue 1 this season and match a long-standing European record.

Mbappe was a shock omission from the PSG starting line-up by coach Thomas Tuchel, with broadcaster Canal Plus reporting the move was a punishment after the teenage World Cup winner showed up late for the pre-match team talk. But he was sent on in the 62nd minute of 'Le Classique' for Eric-Maxim Choupo-Moting and scored the breakthrough goal just three minutes later, being released by Angel di Maria and racing clear to finish past Steve Mandanda.

It was Mbappe's 10th Ligue 1 goal this season, and Julian Draxler then wrapped up the victory in stoppage

time. An 11th win on the bounce from the start of the campaign for PSG means they have equalled Tottenham Hotspur's record from the 1960-61 season, the best in any of Europe's big five leagues.

"It was what the team needed," Mbappe told Canal Plus of his cameo off the bench. "A great team relies on its leaders and they need to be able to make the difference in key moments. I can take on that role and I did it today."

The win record is a superb achievement for Tuchel, even if it is marred somewhat by PSG's patchy performances in the Champions League, including a fortunate 2-2 draw at home to Napoli in midweek.

But the German admitted that the result had been overshadowed by the decision to drop Mbappe, which he intimated was a necessary measure. "I don't like to play without Kylian. I hate playing without him in a match like this," he said. In Ligue 1, PSG are eight points clear of second-placed Lille, who beat Caen 1-0 on Saturday and visit the Parc des Princes next Friday. Marseille, meanwhile, are fifth, already 14 points behind the league leaders.

OM have now failed to beat their greatest rivals in 18 meetings in all competitions going back seven years, although they matched the reigning champions for long spells of this game.

Tensions always run high in this fixture, and there were a couple of brief hold-ups when Neymar tried to take corners, with objects raining down from the stands of the

Velodrome aimed at the world's most expensive player.

At one point in the second half, Neymar stepped away from the corner mark holding a miniature bottle of spirits that had been thrown in his direction. While Neymar started, Tuchel left both Mbappe and Adrien Rabiot on the bench at kick-off.

Edinson Cavani missed the game due to injury, so Cameroon striker Choupo-Moting made his first start since his surprise arrival late in the summer transfer window. Dimitri Payet played the furthest forward in a Marseille side lacking a proper striker, and the best chance in the first half came in stoppage time as Kevin Strootman cleared off the line from Di Maria.

The Argentine, who scored PSG's stoppage-time equaliser against Napoli, then forced an excellent save from Mandanda seconds after the restart. As tempers started to fray, Tuchel's assistant Arno Michels was sent to the stands, but PSG were beginning to look more dangerous and Neymar fired just wide after some superb footwork. Payet forced Alphonse Areola into a good stop from his free-kick just before the hour mark, but Mbappe then made his entrance and needed little time to put the visitors in front. Jordan Amavi hit the post with a long-range pile-driver but Marseille could not find an equaliser and Paris wrapped up the victory with the last kick of the game. Mbappe found Neymar, and his shot was going wide of the far post before Draxler turned it in. — AFP

Lopetegui set for sack as Real target Conte

MADRID: Julen Lopetegui's brief and inglorious reign as Real Madrid coach could come to an end yesterday with the defending European champions believed to have lined up Antonio Conte as his replacement.

Lopetegui took training as usual yesterday morning but is not expected to be in post for the Copa del Rey game against minnows Melilla tomorrow. According to Spanish media, Real directors are set to meet later yesterday, when Lopetegui's sacking could be confirmed.

Conte is the favourite to succeed him but Santiago Solari, the coach of the club's B team, Castilla, is in line to take temporary charge. In his two seasons with Castilla, Solari has overseen them finishing 11th and eighth in the Spanish third tier.

Madrid were thrashed 5-1 by rivals Barcelona on Sunday as Luis Suarez scored a hat-trick, surely sealing Lopetegui's fate. He was named coach only 139 days ago, with his decision to accept the post costing him the chance to lead Spain at the World Cup.

But Madrid's dreadful recent run showed no sign of abating at the Camp Nou. They have now managed one win in their last seven matches, sit ninth in La Liga and earlier this month went more than eight hours without a goal. Sports daily AS called the defeat a "lethal rout" on its front page on Monday, and it is a far cry from Sergio Ramos hoisting a third consecutive Champions League trophy in May.

After Sunday's game, Ramos pointedly stated that managing the dressing room at Real is more important than technical knowledge. Some now believe, perhaps club president Florentino Perez included, that the team needs a firmer hand.

Zinedine Zidane and Lopetegui have both been keen to afford freedom to the players while Conte is seen as a demanding coach, meticulous in his tactical preparation and unrelenting when it comes to defensive organisation.

"I've always had a good relationship with all the coaches," Ramos said. "Respect is earned, it isn't imposed. Those are the coaches with whom we've won titles. Managing the dressing room is more important than the knowledge of a coach."

The finger of blame is not only being pointed at Lopetegui, with Perez also being criticised for his failure to sign a replacement for Cristiano Ronaldo after the Portuguese superstar departed for Juventus.

"It is not just Julen's fault", read the headline on the front page of Marca, Spain's biggest selling daily.

Conte is available after being sacked by Chelsea in July. He had led them to the Premier League title in 2017 in his first season, when a switch to a three-man defence was hailed as a brilliant, and decisive, strategic move. But they finished fifth in his second year, when the Italian grew increasingly agitated and fractious. He criticised the club's transfer policy and fell out with Diego Costa, who was eventually sold to Atletico Madrid.

Conte would be taking over a Madrid team that is now seven points behind Barcelona, who returned to the top of the table after their emphatic win. Ramos insisted, though, the title is not lost yet.

"There are people that would believe, others that wouldn't," Ramos said. "I have won La Liga from 10 points behind. The key to success is to work. Madrid never gives up when it can turn the situation around."

All the failures that have underlined their problems under Lopetegui were on show in the Clasico: poor finishing, frantic defending and key players performing well below par, let alone at their best.

Lopetegui pointed to misfortune too, as Luka Modric hit the post at 2-1, while Suarez's second came from a penalty, awarded only after consultation with the Video Assistant Referee.

"We feel we could have turned the game around, we had chances to equalise, and go on and win," Lopetegui said. "The punishment was excessive, 5-1 does not reflect the game." — AFP

Pochettino gloomy despite Spurs' best EPL start

LONDON: Mauricio Pochettino says he feels the "worst" he has done as Tottenham manager despite guiding the club to their best-ever Premier League start as he prepares his team to take on Manchester City.

The 46-year-old Argentine believes Spurs are "not showing that level to be a real contender" even though they would leapfrog the defending champions if they beat them at Wembley. Pochettino, who has been praised for nurturing a group of talented young players delivering an eye-catching style of football, has had to contend with a number of frustrations despite the bright start to the Premier League season, which has brought seven wins from nine games.

Tottenham's new stadium is facing ongoing delays, with the club announcing that the rest of their 2018 home games will be at the national stadium. And Spurs became the first club in Premier League history not to sign anyone during the summer transfer window, even though many of their players were involved in the latter stages of the World Cup.

"The season so far, it's strange because my feeling is the worst feeling I've had in the five years that I've been here," said Pochettino. "It's the worst. My feeling, but it's the best start ever for the club in the Premier League. It's strange, no?"

Pochettino, who has in the past been linked with the Real Madrid job even though he is yet to win silverware, said his depressed mood dated back to events in the summer. "I am disappointed we are still waiting for the new stadium when the expectation was to be there at the beginning of the season," he said.

"I don't know, many things happened in the summer, many things that make myself not in my best mood or best humour." Pochettino's main frustration on the pitch has been the lack of a killer touch. The club have reached the FA Cup semi-finals in the past two years only to be defeated by Chelsea and Manchester United.

"I think, like a team, we still didn't win nothing," he said. "We fail but we achieve. And of course always when we arrive at like a final game, we always fail. It's about learning to compete. It's about learning to be better. It's about changing something we need to do different." — AFP



LEICESTER: Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha and Aimon Srivaddhanaprabha, the son and wife of Leicester City's Thai chairman Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha who died in a helicopter crash at the club's stadium, arrive to lay wreathes at the tributes laid to the victims of the crash at Leicester City Football Club's King Power Stadium in Leicester, yesterday. — AFP

Jamie Vardy leads Leicester tributes to 'legend' Vichai

LONDON: Jamie Vardy, a hero of Leicester's remarkable Premier League title triumph two years ago, led tributes to the club's owner Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, who died when his helicopter crashed shortly after take-off just outside the team's stadium.

Thai billionaire Vichai, 60, was one of five people killed in Saturday's crash, and is credited with leading Leicester's meteoric rise from English football's second tier when he took over in 2010 to champions for the first time.

"Struggling to find the right words," Vardy posted on Instagram alongside a picture of him and Vichai smiling. "But to me you are legend, an incredible man who had the biggest heart, the soul of Leicester City Football Club."

"Thank you for everything you did for me, my family and our club. I will truly miss you... may you rest in peace... #theboss." Vardy, plucked from the obscurity of non-league side Fleetwood Town in 2012, represented the shrewd investment that characterised Vichai's ownership.

Another impressive signing Harry Maguire, bought from second-division Hull less than a year before starring for England at this summer's World Cup, thanked Vichai

for his support during his time in Russia with the Three Lions. "Words can't describe how I feel. A truly great, kind, loving man who will be missed so much by everyone," Maguire wrote on Twitter. "I will never forget the Chairman's support, not only during my time @LCFC but also during the World Cup."

Vichai had attended Leicester's 1-1 draw with West Ham on Saturday and departed as was common in his helicopter from the centre-circle of the club's King Power stadium pitch. However, the aircraft soon encountered difficulties and crashed into a car park outside the ground, with a huge fireball seen to engulf the wreckage.

"We would like to send our sincere condolences to the family of Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha at this sad and tragic time," said West Ham in a statement. "His immense contribution to Leicester City FC, the city of Leicester and English football will never be forgotten. Our condolences also go to the other families affected by the tragedy."

"We would also like to express our admiration for the emergency services who responded so swiftly and with such bravery, and offer our support to anyone, including any West Ham United supporters, who may have witnessed the tragedy."

Manchester United, a club touched by an air-accident tragedy when eight players and three club staff were killed among 23 victims in a plane crash in Munich 60 years ago, expressed their sorrow at Vichai's passing.

"Everyone at #MUF is deeply saddened to learn that the Leicester City chairman and four fellow passengers have lost their lives following last night's tragic incident," the 20-time English champions said via Twitter. — AFP

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Red Sox beat Dodgers to win World Series

Pearce named World Series MVP



LOS ANGELES: The Boston Red Sox celebrate their 5-1 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game Five to win the 2018 World Series at Dodger Stadium on Sunday in Los Angeles, California. —AFP

LOS ANGELES: Steve Pearce slammed a pair of home runs and David Price tossed a seven-inning gem to power the Boston Red Sox to a 5-1 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers and their fourth World Series title in 15 years on Sunday.

The Red Sox, after winning a franchise record and Major League Baseball best 108 games during the regular season, carried their domination all the way to the World Series and overwhelmed the Dodgers 4-1 in the best-of-seven series.

The Red Sox clinched their ninth World Series title with a lethal combination of power and pitching.

Game Five starter Price surrendered one run on three hits in seven plus innings to collect his third straight postseason win, while all the Red Sox runs were scored via home runs.

Pearce, who was named the World Series most valuable player, gave Boston a 2-0 lead they would never relinquish with a two-run blast in the first and added a

solo shot in the eighth. Mookie Betts and J.D. Martinez hit solo home runs. Price said winning the World Series was the whole reason he came to Boston. "Seeing all these grown men over there just acting like little kids, that's what it's all about," he added. "To come out on top the way we did is unreal. "This is why I came to Boston. I know it is a tough place to play." His two stellar World Series starts, where he dominated the Dodgers lineup, also put to rest any questions about his ability to perform in the postseason.

"It was tough, absolutely, to answer that question in Spring Training day after day, over and over and over and over, anytime it got to September, playoffs," the veteran left-hander told reporters. "I hold all the cards now. And that feels so good."

The Dodgers and their fans arrived at Chavez Ravine on Sunday knowing only 13 teams had clawed their way back from 3-1 deficits to win a best-of-seven postseason series. The last to do it was the Chicago Cubs

against the Cleveland Indians in 2016 as they claimed their first World Series crown in 108 years. Backed into a corner and with their bullpen worn out, the Dodgers turned to three-time Cy Young winner Clayton Kershaw, while the Red Sox countered with their Cy Young winner Price. The chances of a Fall Classic pitchers duel seemed unlikely when both starters were clobbered for first-inning home runs. After Andrew Bittendi singled, Pearce took the first pitch he saw from Kershaw and launched into the center field bleachers for a 2-0 lead.

"Baseball is a funny game, great things can happen and I am very blessed to be here right now," said Pearce, who has played for every team in the American League East.

"This is the best feeling in my life. This is what you grow up wishing that you could be a part of, something like this. With that special group of guys out there, to celebrate with them, that was awesome."

The Dodgers, who were beaten by the Houston Astros in last season's World Series, hit back right away when David Freese crushed a leadoff homer to get Los Angeles on the scoreboard.

The first-inning fireworks gave way to the pitching battle many had predicted with Price and Kershaw settling down and tossing four shutout innings. Boston seized control in the sixth when Betts, in an 0-13 slump at the plate, smashed a solo shot while Martinez connected for a leadoff homer in the seventh.

Kershaw, who has never lived up to his Cy Young credentials in the postseason, endured another rough outing and gave up four runs on seven hits in seven innings of work. "There's only one team that can win and we know that but it just hurts worse when you make it all the way and get second place," said Kershaw, whose future with the Dodgers is in doubt. "So having done that two years in a row now, it doesn't make it any easier." — Reuters

'I was no longer indispensable' at Real: Ronaldo

PARIS: Cristiano Ronaldo has said he decided to leave Real Madrid for Juventus after sensing that the Spanish club's president, Florentino Perez, no longer saw him as being "indispensable".

"I felt within the club, especially from the president, that I was no longer considered in the same way as I was at the beginning," Ronaldo said in an interview with France Football magazine. "For the first four or five years, I felt like Cristiano Ronaldo. Less so after."

"The president looked at me in a way that suggested I was no longer indispensable, if you know what I mean. That is what made me think about leaving." The 33-year-old Portuguese superstar joined Juventus in a 100 million-euro (\$115 million) deal in July, ending a glorious nine-year association with Real.

His last act with the Spanish club was to participate in them winning the Champions League for a third consecutive season by beating Liverpool in the final in May. But

Zinedine Zidane departed as coach in the wake of that game, something which Ronaldo admits confirmed to him that it might be time to move on.

"My decision to leave was not based on him going. That said, it was one of the little details that confirmed to me what I had been thinking about the situation at the club," Ronaldo said. He added that he would "deserve" to win the Ballon d'Or this year, and in doing so would pass Lionel Messi by taking the award for a sixth time.

The winner of the prize, awarded by France Football, will be announced in early December. But while Ronaldo continues to enjoy great success on the field, scoring twice for Juventus at the weekend, he remains embroiled in off-pitch problems after being accused of rape in the United States. A former American model Kathryn Mayorga, 34, of Las Vegas, accused Ronaldo in a 32-page complaint filed last month with a district court in Nevada, of raping her in June 2009, just before he joined Madrid from Manchester United. "Of course this matter interferes with my life. I have a partner, four children, an ageing mother, sisters, a brother, a family with whom I am very close," he told the magazine. "That is without talking about my reputation, that of an exemplary person. "Imagine what that is like to have someone say you are a rapist, or that you have this or that."

"I know who I am and what I did. The truth will come out. And the people who criticise me and who expose my life today, who make a song and dance about it, these people will see." — AFP



Cristiano Ronaldo