

**Neil Armstrong film unpatriotic?**

Neil Armstrong's sons and the director of a new biopic on the space hero are hitting back against criticism that the film is unpatriotic because of the lack of a flag-planting scene.

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**Dubai**  
 A British junior minister held talks in Iran on Saturday as Tehran said European states should take action if they wanted to save Iran's nuclear deal following Washington's withdrawal from the accord, Iranian state media reported.

"It is time for the Europeans to act in addition to voicing their political commitment," the state news agency IRNA quoted Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Zarif as telling reporters.

"These measures may be costly, but if countries want to reap benefits and if they believe the nuclear accord is an international achievement, they should be ready to keep these achievements," he was quoted as saying.

Britain and other European signatories are trying to keep the nuclear deal alive, despite US President Donald Trump's re-imposition of sanctions on Tehran.

**Turkey calls for a new chapter**

**Athens**  
 Turkey's foreign minister called for a new chapter in testy diplomatic ties with Greece on Saturday, even as he berated the neighboring country for providing a safe haven for Turkish "criminals."

Eight Turkish commandos are seeking asylum in Greece after commandeering a helicopter to flee Turkey following a failed coup attempt against President Tayyip Erdogan in July 2016.

Turkey describes the fugitives as criminals involved in the coup plot, and has demanded that Greece hand them back. Greek courts have so far rejected Ankara's requests.



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*Miraculous escape*



More than 160 passengers and crew on a commercial flight escaped with seconds to spare after the aircraft skidded off a runway, crashed into a river and burst into flames. Rescue crews managed to evacuate passengers and the cabin crew from the Boeing 737 plane, where people were forced to jump down onto the wings of the plane and 'throw' their children down to safety. All 170 passengers and crew managed to escape from the wreckage in Russia's Black Sea resort of Sochi. One airport employee helping with the rescue mission died from a heart attack at the scene. See page 13

**US directive to halt UNRWA funding rapped**

**Jerusalem**  
 Palestinian officials denounced the US decision to end its decades of funding for the UN agency that aids Palestinian refugees and their descendants, which Israel has described as a welcome move.

Washington's move to end support for the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) was "an attack on the rights of the Palestinian people," Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' spokesman said in a statement.

"It does not serve peace but rather strengthens terrorism in the region," spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeneh said.



**The move is an attack on the rights of the Palestinian people.**  
 MAHMOUD ABBAS

Israel said it's just right that stopped funding an organization that supports some five million Palestinians of perpetuating the Middle East conflict.

Israel and the US have accused the nearly 70-year-old agency of maintaining the idea that many Palestinians are refugees with a right to return to the homes from which they fled or were expelled during the 1948 war that accompanied Israel's creation, an idea they both oppose.

On Friday, Washington, which until last year was by far the agency's biggest contributor announced it was ending funding to the "irredeemably flawed operation."

**Coalition 'regrets' Yemen bus strike**

Joint Forces Command reaffirms its commitment to international humanitarian laws

● The International Committee for the Red Cross said at least 29 children were killed and dozens more injured when the bus was hit in Dahyan area in Saada province on August 9.

● The conclusions of JIAT's investigation indicated that the raid on Dahyan area did not comply with the coalition's rules of engagement.

**Riyadh**

An airstrike by the Arab Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen last month that killed dozens of people traveling on a bus, lacked military justification and requires a review of the rules of engagement, a coalition body said yesterday.

Mansour Ahmed Al Mansour,



Spokesman of the Arab coalition's Joint Incidents Assessment Team (JIAT) on Yemen, Mansour Ahmed Al Mansour, holds a press conference in Riyadh.

legal adviser to the Joint Incidents Assessment Team (JIAT), said the strike had been based on intelligence indicating that the bus was carrying Houthis leaders, a legitimate military target, but delays in executing the strike and receiving a no-strike order should be investigated.

"There was a clear delay in preparing the fighter jet at the appropriate time and place, thus losing (the opportunity) to target this bus as a military

target in an open area in order to avoid such collateral damage," Al Mansour said.

"The team believes that the coalition forces should immediately review the application of their rules of engagement to ensure compliance..." he said.

The Joint Forces Command of the Arab Coalition on Saturday reviewed JIAT's findings regarding the allegations surrounding the operation carried out by coalition forces in the Saada governorate.

The International Committee for the Red Cross said at least 29 children were killed and dozens more injured when the bus was hit in Dahyan area in Saada province on August 9.

The conclusions of JIAT's investigation indicated that the raid on Dahyan area did not comply with the coalition's rules of engagement.

As a result the coalition's Joint Forces Command expressed regret over the mistakes and extends its deepest sympathies, condolences and solidarity to the families of the victims, saying it accepts the JIAT's results and findings.

Upon receiving the official findings, the Joint Forces Command will undertake legal proceedings to hold those responsible and accountable for committing mistakes, according to the rules and regulations related to such cases.

The coalition said it will "continue to revise and enhance its rules of engagement, based on the operational lessons learned, in a manner that guarantees the non-recurrence of such incidents."

TRAGIC END

**Actress shot dead by cops after she pointed toy gun at them**

● Police officers were at Vanessa Marquez's home for a welfare check.

**New York**

Vanessa Marquez, an actress who had a recurring role in the hit TV series "ER," was fatally shot by police as she waved what turned out to be a BB gun, authorities said.

Officers had gone to her home in the Los Angeles suburb of Pasadena on Thursday to conduct a welfare check when the 49-year-old Vanessa Marquez grabbed what looked like a handgun and pointed it at officers, said Sergeant Joe Mendoza, of the LA Sheriff's Department.

He said after the incident "officers checked the



Vanessa Marquez

weapon and they discovered it was a BB-type gun that resembled a semi-automatic handgun."

Mendoza said Vanessa Marquez's landlord had called

police to check on her and when officers arrived she appeared to be having a seizure.

He said the officers and a mental health clinician spoke with Vanessa Marquez "for over an hour and a half in an attempt to offer her medical care."

"She then armed herself with a handgun and pointed it at the officers, at which time an officer-involved shooting occurred," he said.

Vanessa Marquez played nurse Wendy Goldman on "ER" from 1994 to 1997 and also appeared on several other shows including "Seinfeld" and "Melrose Place."

Last year, she made headlines after accusing "ER" co-star George Clooney of blacklisting her from the hit show for speaking out about sexual harassment and racial discrimination.

George Clooney issued a statement at the time denying he had anything to do with casting decisions.



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# Over 250 potential candidates took part in 'Path' training programme

Training being provided to potential candidates by the Bahrain Institute for Political Development

● **Mr Al Romaihi said 250 potential parliamentary candidates have so far participated in the training programme ahead of the upcoming legislative polls.**

● **He described the establishment of the Bahrain Institute for Political Development (BIPD) as one of the successful fruits of the pioneering reform project, being the first of its kind in the Middle East.**

Manama

A tribute was paid to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for promoting the democratic process in the Kingdom.

Bahrain's national democratic process takes into account the nature of

our society, without seeking to emulate any other types, said Information Affairs Minister, Head of Bahrain Institute for Political Development (BIPD) board of trustees' chairman Ali Al Romaihi yesterday.

In a statement to Bahrain TV News Centre, he paid tribute to HM the King for embarking on a pioneering project which paved the way for the establishment of key institutions over the past two decades.

He cited particularly the bicameral system – Shura Council and Council of Representatives – the National Audit Court, the Public Prosecution

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and the Supreme Council for Women (SCW).

He described the establishment of the Bahrain Institute for Political Development (BIPD) as one of the successful fruits of the pioneering reform project, being the first of its kind in the Middle East.

"The think tank has served, since its inception in 2005, more than 30,000 citizens – 10,000 of whom attended

periodic training programmes," he said, adding that awareness programmes targeted 20,000 people, including school and university students, parliamentary candidates and voters.

The institute has issued over the past years more than 300 publications aimed at cultivating the culture of democracy, enhancing political awareness and supporting the parliamentary life. The minister said that Bahrain is



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MR AL ROMAIHI

now gearing up to a new chapter in its pioneering democratic process, adding that the Bahrain Institute for Political Development (BIPD) would play an active role in this regard.

He cited in this regard the training programme "Path" which was launched in the run-up to the 2018 parliamentary and municipal elections to bolster communication with society.

"More than 250 potential parliamentary candidates have so far participated in the training programme ahead of the upcoming legislative polls, in addition to managers of election campaigns, said the minister.

He valued the support of HM the King, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier to the institute.

The minister extended thanks to members of the BIPD board of trustees and the executive administration for their dedicated work and strenuous efforts to achieve the objectives of the institute.

## Arab League denounces US move to cut UNRWA funds

● **The US step was in contradiction of international law and UN resolutions connected with the Middle East peace process, he added.**

Cairo

The Arab League has denounced the US decision to cut its funds to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

In a statement on the issue, Arab League Secretary General Ahmed Aboul Gheit said that the US decision lacked responsibility and conscience, leading to grave consequences for around five million Palestinian refugees already living in a dire situation, Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported.

By taking this "unjust" decision, the US

had forsaken its political and ethical responsibility towards finding a solution for the 70 years of Palestinian suffering, said Aboul Gheit who indicated that UNRWA was put in a tougher situation in regards to its operations.

He said that the Arab League would be addressing the current status quo during a ministerial meeting dedicated to UNRWA operation in Palestine.

Aboul Gheit said he would contact the agency to look into means to help some 300,000 Palestinian children beginning their school year.

Arab League Undersecretary for Palestine and Occupied Arab Territories Saeed Abu Ali said that the US decision would not annul UNRWA, a United Nations agency established by the General Assembly resolution 302 in 1949.

The US step was in contradiction of international law and UN resolutions connected with the Middle East peace process, he added.

## Kuwait orders probe, detains officers

Kuwait City

Kuwait's First Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Shaikh Nasser Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah yesterday issued instructions to the army chief of staff Lieutenant General Mohammad Al Khader to detain a number of officers, non-commissioned officers and trainers at Ali Al Sabah Military Academy.

The Directorate of Moral Guidance and Public Relations issued a statement saying that Shaikh Nasser's instructions are to refer the detainees to the joint investigation committee to examine circumstances of the student officers' death, who passed away

last Wednesday at the academy, Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported.

The statement referred to the arrestees, namely the commander of Ali Al Sabah Military College and Assistant Director of Educational Affairs. From the Directorate of Educational Affairs: the Arms Wing Commander and from the Students Affairs Commander: the Assistant Commander of the Battalion.

They also include detainees from the Students Affairs Command officers namely commander of the student officers, commander of the student cadets, and from the weapons wing: weapons agent and four weapons' trainers.

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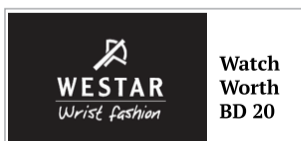
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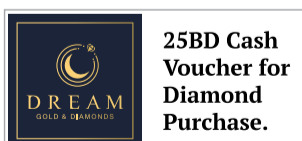
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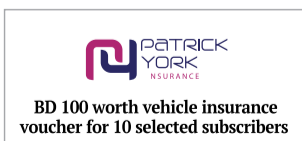
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# Summer work ban a great success

The ban that ended on Friday was enforced to ensure workers' safety during the hot summer months

● According to the ban, firms should grant a rest period for workers from noon to 4pm.

● The directive protects the workers from the heat wave which is common during these hours in the summer months.

TDT|Manama  
Mohammed Zafran

This year's compliance rate with the summer work ban enforced to ensure workers safety was 98.5 percent, senior Labour Ministry officials confirmed.

The summer work ban ended on Friday and 156 violations were noted from companies caught flouting rules.

However, the summer work ban, which is enforced to ensure that labourers are not forced to work bearing the scorching temperatures outside, was a success as the vast number of firms complied with the ban.

The number of violations during the past two months amounted to just 1.5 percent.

Labour Ministry Undersecretary Sabah Al Dosari confirmed to Tribune that the number of violations were much smaller when compared to the compliance rate.

"Maximum number of (98.5pc) firms strictly followed the summer work ban enforced in July," he told Tribune.

The violating firms have been referred for legal action. According to the ban, firms should grant a rest period for workers from noon to 4pm. The law protects the workers from the heat wave which is common during these hours in June and July.

The temperatures crossed 45C



The number of summer ban violations during the past two months amounted to only 1.5pc.

## 10,341

surprise and regular inspection visits to worksites were carried out by separate Labour Ministry teams to enforce the ban.

tions were more than last year when the violations were less than 100.

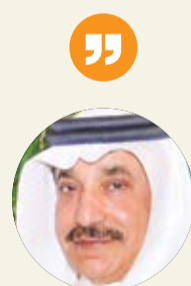
Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel Humaidan praised the high level of compliance. "The high level of compliance reflects the interest of all stakeholders in ensuring a safe working environment for workers in the Kingdom," the minister said.

Mr Humaidan said that the Labour Ministry's specialised team had carried out 10,341 surprise and regular in-

on several days in June, while July temperatures also remained high. However, this year's viola-

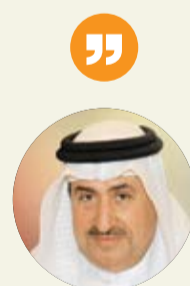


There are demands from various groups to extend the ban to September as well.



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MR HUMAIDAN



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MR AL DOSARI



**A jail term not exceeding three months, and/or a BD500-1000 fine, is the penalty inflicted on violators.**

The temperatures during this month are expected to remain high with forecasts suggesting that the temperature in the next two weeks will continue to cross 40C.

Bahrain Health and Safety Society have been campaigning for the work ban to be put in place from June 15 and end on September 15, from 12pm to 3pm.

The society pointed out that there have been increased instances of heat-waves in recent years while temperatures have become hotter and more humid, necessitating a change in the work-ban plan.

Other countries in the GCC have already implemented a three-month work ban extending from June to September.

pection visits to work sites during the ban.

"They reported the full compliance of 10,185 establishments and some violations in which 323 workers had been affected. Legal action will be taken against violators."

He pointed out that the Labour and Social Development Ministry had launched campaigns and held workshops to raise awareness on the need to avoid outdoor afternoon work during the summer heat, given

its dangerous health effects.

The minister highlighted the importance of enhancing cooperation between the Ministry of Labour and the private sector in order to develop the work environment, avoid occupational accidents as much as possible and increase productivity and profits of companies.

There have been calls for extending the work-ban to September as well because of the expected heatwave during the month.

# Plans on to form new bloc for upcoming elections

Members belonging to new bloc will contest parliament and municipal council polls in all four governorates

● Sources said the list will expand as the new bloc will attract more youthful faces “who can bring in a new energy while engaging in legislative battles at the behest of citizens”.

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A group of former MPs, municipal councils and activists are planning to form a new bloc to contest the upcoming elections, it emerged.

Sources say the group plans to contest elections in all the four governorates while also providing support to candidates who are contesting outside the bloc.

According to our sister paper Al Ayam, consultations and meetings are being held between many former MPs and activists to launch the bloc.

“Once things are finalised, the bloc will come up with a clear roadmap on



Abdul Hadi Marhoun Ebrahim Yousef Jassim Abdelaal Mohammed Alsheikh Najah Sangoor Nader Abdulimam Taqi Alzira Yousef Zainal Yusuf Albori Zakaria Alkadhim

contesting the elections. And this will be followed by the list of candidates who will contest elections,” sources said.

The plan is to form a bloc that will represent all citizens, bring all political and independent forces under one um-

rella, it is learnt. According to sources, the people behind the move are Abdul Hadi Mar-

houn, who served as the member of the parliament in the period 2002-2006, Yusuf Albori, former head of Northern Governorate municipal council (2006-2010) and Yusuf Zainal, who is set to contest from the ninth constituency of the Northern Governorate.

The bloc will also have Mirza Almahari, known as “Abunbeil”, who, according to the sources, will run from the first constituency in the Northern Governorate.

Sources said social activist Taqi Alzira plans to run from the second constituency in the Northern Governorate.

Among others who could be part of the bloc are former chairman of the Association of Contractors Ibrahim Yusuf, social activist Nader Abdulimam, former MP Mohammed Alsheikh, former MP Jassim Abdelaal, researcher Dr Najah Hamid Sangoor and the chairman of the Association of Sickle Cell Anaemia Patients Zakaria Alkadhim.

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## Leading forum to discuss cyber security threats facing region

● The event is being held in collaboration between, Bahrain Technology Companies Society (BTECH), Information and eGovernment Authority (iGA) and Tamkeen.

TDI|Manama Mohammed Zafran

A major forum to help organisations and businesses defeat cyber threats will be held this week.

International and regional experts will convene in Bahrain this Tuesday to discuss the latest cyber security threats facing the region.

Cyber-security issues facing the re-

gion as well as the threats and opportunities from the development of the blockchain technology will be discussed during the SmartSec Cyber Security and Blockchain Conference 2018.

Held under the patronage of the Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs Dr Abdhussain Mirza, the event will be held at Four Seasons Hotel, Bahrain Bay.

Speaking to Tribune, Ahmed Al Hujairi, who was speaking on behalf of the organising committee, said that the conference aims to explore the latest trends in Cyber-security and Blockchain.

“It is a two-day event and on the first day we will focus on cyber-security and the latest cyber threats affecting the region.

“This is a fast changing sector; there are developments every day so it is important that we stay on top of it. It is accordingly.

“This is why events like these are im-



The conference aims to explore the latest trends in Cyber-security and Blockchain.

MR AL HUJAIRI

portant, it provides an opportunity for the community to come together and discuss these threats. The experts will also give us vital information on how to react to regional and international threats.

“On the second day we will focus on Blockchain which is also a quickly developing area. We want to educate them about the opportunities in the area and how we can progress. There are also threats in this area, which we discuss as well.”

He said that there has been a need for more conferences in this area. “Since the developments are so fast, people need adequate support to keep up with it. Especially with blockchain being a new technology, knowledge sharing is important. This is why we chose to have this event to be dedicated to these two important topics.”

The event is being held in collabo-

ration between, Bahrain Technology Companies Society (BTECH), Information and eGovernment Authority (iGA) and Tamkeen.

Meanwhile, Bahrain Technology Companies Society (BTECH) announced the completion of the preparations for the event in a statement released yesterday.

Representatives from major technology companies from around the world including Avanza, Microsoft and Oracle along with other internationally known companies in the information security and Blockchain realm will be part of the event.

The participants of the event will include government bodies, ministries, institutions, as well as private sector institutions such as banks, companies, educational and health institutions and other entities.

## Support Kerala drive



The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam, with the support of Chithrakala Club, Vanithavedhi and literary wings organised “Jeevan” a programme to showcase support for rebuilding Kerala at the BKS Diamond Jubilee Hall. Samajam acting president Mohanraj P N presided over the function and General Secretary M P Raghu welcomed the gathering. Various cultural events and performances were also held.



# Apartment burgled while tenants away on vacation

BD250 in cash and other things stolen; police begin probe into incident

TDT|Manama  
Harpreet Kaur

An apartment in Zinj was burgled allegedly by a group of thieves while the tenants were out of the country on a vacation.

Sources said thugs would have broken open the apartment late Friday evening.

They said cash around BD250 and other items were stolen. The apartment is located on Building 579, Road 3012, opposite the New Millennium School.

Speaking to Tribune, the burglary victim's brother Shiva Kannan said the door locks were broken by the thugs.

"Police have begun probe into the incident. We still don't know as to how many were there? They made a thorough search, broke open cupboards, clothes were lying scattered on the floor.

"There was some jewellery in the apartment. But luckily, the burglars failed to find them. They made off with BD250 cash.

"It was the neighbours who



The thugs had broken open the front-door lock.



**It was the neighbours who informed me about the burglary. It looks like a well-planned one.**

MR KANNAN

informed me about the burglary. It looks like a well-planned one."

Mr Kannan said the building doesn't have CCTV cameras or other surveillance system,

which would make the job difficult for cops to track down the suspects.

"The building has only one main entrance while there are

two safety exits. My sister-in-law's metal anklet was found near one of the safety exits. The burglars must have thrown it away after realising it doesn't

have much value."

Mr Kannan said some of the neighbours recalled hearing some door-breaking sounds but were afraid of coming out.

## Probe on into sex scandal involving US sailors

● Six defendants including a lieutenant commander are facing court-martial, according to the paper.

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A series of criminal investigations into a sex scandal has netted several Navy chief petty officers, The Navy Times reported.

Six defendants including a lieutenant commander are facing court-martial, according to the paper.

Although their alleged crimes and the tawdry details attached to them seem similar, military officials insist that the six cases spun out of separate Naval Criminal Investigative Service probes and are not connected to each other.

"NCIS has opened separate investigations into allegations involving these sailors. The Navy is unable to comment on the details while the investigation is ongoing," said Cmdr Joshua Frey, spokesman for US Naval Forces Central Command, was quoted by The Navy Times.

Often shortened to "NAV-CENT," the command controls not only the Navy's Fifth Fleet but several maritime task forces operating in the Red and Arabian seas, the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf.

## New regulations on installing public radio-communication stations in place

● This move aims to regulate the PRSS situation in the Kingdom by applying the requirements and conditions on the basis of Decree No 48 of 2002.

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The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) has announced the issuance of the regulation on permitting, installation, upgrading and maintenance of

public radio-communication stations (PRSS).

The regulation was developed in coordination with the Municipalities Affairs, Civil Aviation Affairs, Supreme Council for the Environment, General Directorate of Civil Defence and other concerned government entities, the TRA said in a statement issued.

"Each of the stakeholders established its criteria and conditions that the telecom operators shall consider in order to allow TRA to issue the final permits to deploy the public radio-communications stations."

This move aims to regulate



**The move will give confidence to the public that the PRSS deployment is being regulated and monitored.**

MR ALNOAIMI

the PRSS situation in the Kingdom by applying the requirements and conditions stipulated when designing, deploying, development and main-

tenance of PRSS according to Decree No 48 of 2002 and the Prime Ministerial Decision No. 45 of 2015 as well as the laws.

According to this regulation,

the TRA will be the point of contact between the telecommunications network operators and the concerned entities to ensure that the policies and procedures related to designing, deploying, development and maintenance of PRSS are unified.

It will also ensure the emission of the electromagnetic fields are within the agreed thresholds to protect the public safety and environment while the procedures for choosing the locations to deploy the PRSS are transparent with the public.

Based on this regulation, the

areas in Bahrain are categorised into zoning where each zone is linked to specific types of PRSS allowed to be deployed in each zone, provided that the public and the concerned entities are notified and consulted before deploying PRSS, the statement said.

"The move will give confidence to the public that the PRSS deployment is being regulated and monitored. The issuance of this Regulation will also enable TRA to commence rectification of the unpermitted PRSS situation," TRA's Technical and Operations Director, Mohammed Alnoaimi, said.

## Enhancing skills



A latest batch of graduates has completed their course at NGN Training Centre. Located at the World Trade Centre in Manama, the courses are part of a continuing training programme offered by the NGN in cooperation with VMware International.

## Bahrain guest of honour at Hungary film festival

Manama

The Isa Cultural Centre yesterday announced that Bahrain will be the guest of honour at the Seven Hills International Film Festival (SHIFF), due to be held in Hungary.

A 'Bahrain Day' will be held during the event which will attract more than 4,000 authors, script writers, directors and filmmakers from all over the world.

Through its participation, the Isa Cultural Centre aims to convey the

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attend the festival.

culture of tolerance and co-existence emanating from the reality of the Bahraini society though music as an influential tool and universal language, it said.

Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Executive Director of the Isa Cultural Centre, and

Board of Trustees Chairman of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Co-existence, Dr Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, said the centre is participating at the official invitation of the management of the annual SHIFF.

# Qalali Housing Walkway Project to begin soon

Project cost estimated to be around BD157,000

● The minister pointed out that the walkway will serve the Qalali Housing Project's residents, and those of neighbouring regions, noting that it will be an important family entertainment monument.

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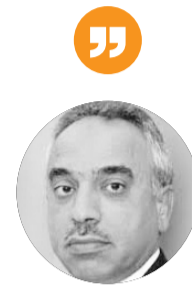
The tender for the Qalali Housing Walkway project has been awarded, and work will begin soon, Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister Essam Khalaf said yesterday.

Based on the directives of the government, led by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, as well as the follow-up and interest of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, the ministry is keen on enhancing the level and quality of services delivered to the citizens and residents across the kingdom, he said.

He announced that work on the BD157,000-project will begin later this month.



The walkway project will directly serve residents of Qalali Housing Project.



**The ministry is keen on setting up recreational projects in various governorates, in line with its efforts to boost sustainable urban development.**

MR KHALAF

He added that the ministry is keen on setting up recreational projects in various governorates, in line with its efforts to boost sustainable urban development and provide sports and leisure spaces.

"The ministry is cooperating with the Muharraq Municipal Council to implement the Qalali Housing Walkway project," he said.

He pointed out that the walkway will serve the Qalali Housing Project's residents, and those of neighbouring regions, noting that it will be an important family entertainment monument.

## 797 Bahraini teachers recruited by MoE

Manama

The Education Ministry is currently finalising the recruitment procedures of a total of 797 Bahraini teachers, who had graduated from the Bahrain Teachers' College, as well as from universities in Bahrain and abroad, and meet the requirements, Undersecretary for Resources and Services, Dr Mohammed Mubarak Juma'a said.

The undersecretary extended sincere thanks and appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for the constant support enjoyed by the Ministry of Education under his leadership through providing the necessary human resources for the new school year, 2018/2019, which, he said, would enable the ministry to implement its development projects.

He also paid tribute to the Civil Service Bureau (CSB) for its cooperation in this regard.

According to sources, the administrative and teaching staff will join their schools on September 2.

## Bahrain, Egypt summit hailed

Manama

Council of Representatives Speaker Ahmed Al Mulla hailed results of the session of official talks between His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi.

He hailed steadily-growing bilateral relations over the past years, describing outstanding joint ties as a model to emulate for pan-Arab relations.

He paid tribute to President Al Sisi, hailing his fraternal stances and support to bolstering bilateral relations with the Kingdom of Bahrain ever since he assume presidency.

He described relations binding Bahrain and Egypt as model of Arab fraternity, deep-rooted and steadily-growing historic partnership, on the basis of mutual respect, led by HM King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa and President Al-Sisi.

He hailed the results of the Bahraini-Egyptian summit for efforts to strengthen Arab solidarity in this critical phase and mounting challenges facing the Arab nation.

He stressed the importance of the joint summit which was held in April 2016 in 2016, yielding a string of economic, financial, trade and investment agreements and memoranda of understanding.

## Telling tales of legendary artists using colours!

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Harpreet Kaur

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Speaking to Tribune, Sana said, "I was born and brought up in Pakistan, and I am currently living in Bahrain with my husband and four children. I'm a fashion designer turned art educator. In 2010 I turned my passion for designing dresses into teaching art and I'm loving every minute of it.

"I started creating my own mixed media paintings in 2015 inspired by many artists, where I relished creating whimsical faces with layers. I deeply believe that you paint what you need the most in your life. I consider myself a storyteller where I use color instead of words.

"The entire idea of playing with colors and follow all the latest trends always fascinated me. I am continually looking



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SANA

for inspiration everywhere and finding ways to incorporate it into my style. As a mixed media artist, I enjoy being creative with paints, inks, pens, markers."

"As an art educator, I designed a course for children from age 7 to 9 years and 10+ and teens where they will be learning about art, history and its techniques. 'Meet the Masters Around The World' is a monthly based lesson where each month I will be introducing one artist to the students.

"The course is designed in a detailed form where it is divided into three parts. A multi-media presentation offers lessons to students about the fascinating lives, background and culture of the artist and the world they lived in.

"The second component of Meet the Masters is practice, which includes practicing the techniques that made the art unique. Lastly, the final step of Meet the Masters is a project, where students create their own masterpiece in the style or subject matter as the master artist.

"Furthermore, we have organised two successful annual art exhibitions where children display their artwork and enjoy a full day of creating art with various Bahraini artists.

"As an art educator, my main focus is on giving endless opportunities to children and adults to learn and enjoy art-making," she added.

# business

## Gulf Air joins hands with RCO for passenger donation

● The initiative is aimed at activating social responsibility allowing passengers to participate and contribute to charitable work

TDI | Manama

Gulf Air, the national carrier of Bahrain, in cooperation with the Royal Charity Organisation (RCO), yesterday launched an initiative to allow passengers to donate coins or notes of any currency onboard Gulf Air flights.

The project was launched by Zayed R. Alzayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism and Chairman of Gulf Air's Board of Directors and Dr Mustafa Al-Sayed, Secretary-General of the Royal Charity Organisation of the airline's flight from Bahrain International Airport to London Heathrow. This initiative is aimed at acti-



Minister of Industry Zayed R. Alzayani and Dr Mustafa Al-Sayed signing the agreement

vating social responsibility and allowing passengers to participate and contribute to charitable work.

Zayed R. Alzayani praised the Royal patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, King of Bahrain and RCO's Honorary President, and the His Majesty's attention and patron-

age of charitable and humanitarian work inside and outside the Kingdom of Bahrain. He also praised the efforts of His Highness Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Charity Organisation, and his role in the charity scene to provide a better life for all.

Zayed R. Alzayani acclaimed the spectrum of charitable and humanitarian activities of the Royal Charity Organisation and confirmed Gulf Air's commitment in giving back to the community and in contributing to such initiatives driven by RCO for Bahraini orphans.

For his part, Dr Mustafa

Al-Sayyid expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the Minister for his contribution in supporting charitable initiatives in the Kingdom and said that this cooperation comes within the community partnership programme to provide support, care and opportunities to orphans. Donations will be allocated to support health and education programs for the underprivileged families and children.

It is worth mentioning that Mohammed Salahuddin, one of the passengers on the said London flight, was the first person to participate and donate. He expressed his admiration to the project and wished success to both parties in this collaboration. The Gulf Air-RCO donation project is being held for the first time in the Kingdom of Bahrain and promotes the principle of community partnership to encourage travellers to donate excess money change by placing it in special envelopes that are located in seat pockets on board Gulf Air flights.

## 8 hurt in blast, blaze at German refinery

AFP | Berlin

A fire erupted yesterday at a refinery in southern Germany following an explosion, injuring at least eight people and forcing authorities to evacuate almost 2,000 local residents, police said.

The explosion took place at around 5:30 am (0330 GMT) in a site owned by the Bayernoil group near the Bavarian city of Ingolstadt, on the banks of the Danube river.

Public broadcaster Bayerischer Rundfunk said the shockwaves from the blast were felt several kilometers away.

Pictures from the scene showed flames and smoke rising above the refinery as dawn broke.

Three of the victims suffered "medium or serious injuries", police said in a statement.

## Japan central bank chief says no rate hike for 'long time'

AFP | Tokyo

The Bank of Japan will not raise interest rates "for quite a long time", its chief said in an interview published yesterday even as its US and European peers tighten monetary policy.

Haruhiko Kuroda dismissed speculation that BoJ was planning to adjust its super-loose policy, aimed at keeping long-term interest rates around zero percent and short-term rates at minus 0.1 percent "We don't intend to raise them for quite a long time," he told the Yomiuri newspaper. The BoJ has struggled years to reach the 2pc inflation to turbocharge economy, and has defended the decision to maintain monetary easing even as other central banks tighten policy.

## Argentina ratings under review

AFP | Washington

The S&P ratings agency placed Argentina's short- and long-term credit ratings under review for possible downgrade Friday, citing pressure on the country's currency. "We are placing our 'B+' long-term and 'B' short-term sovereign credit ratings on Argentina on CreditWatch with negative implications," Standard & Poor's said. It praised efforts by President Mauricio Macri's administration to "stabilize the economy through difficult austerity measures," including a \$50 billion stand-by loan agreement with the International Monetary Fund.

## Corporates urged to support Rayaat

TDI | Manama

A call went out to corporates and individuals yesterday to support AlMabarrah AlKhalifa Foundation's Rayaat programme which gives the opportunity to sponsor students pursuing their Baccalaureate, Masters and Medicine degrees. Sponsorship will be entitled to students enrolled for the upcoming academic year 2018-2019.

The programme offers several benefits to students, including covering all university fees as well as book fees, monthly financial incentives according to academic attainment, access to workshops and training opportunities in different sectors. Rayaat also fosters the culture of "social responsibility" by instilling volunteerism and community outreach programmes throughout the duration of the programme. The Rayaat Programme seeks to organise educational and recreational courses



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throughout the academic year and create job opportunities in the public and private sector in order to develop the necessary skills and provide students with the necessary work ethic. The programme also aims to promote social responsibility concepts and encourage students to participate in volunteer work to serve the community.

Rayaat was launched in 2011 as a comprehensive approach to education and personal development. The programme provides students with scholar-

ships at accredited universities in the Kingdom. In addition, the programme offers financial incentives, enrichment workshops, work experiences, and community service opportunities within a supportive student environment. This year the programme included 40 scholarships for the Baccalaureate degree, along with Her Highness Shaikha Moza bint Hamad AlKhalifa Medical Grant in collaboration with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain.

## Iraq oil exports hit 2018 peak

AFP | Baghdad

Iraq's oil exports for August hit their highest monthly figure this year, the oil ministry said yesterday, with nearly 112 million barrels of crude bringing \$7.7 billion to the war-torn country's ailing economy.

"In August, exports of crude reached 111.6 million barrels and revenues were \$7.7 billion," on an average price of \$69.59 per barrel, it said in a statement.

In August last year Iraq earned \$4.6 billion from the sale of 99.7 million barrels of

crude oil.

Iraq's sole source of foreign currency, oil revenues have pumped more than \$60 billion into state coffers since January.

Baghdad's economy has been hit hard by the war against the Islamic State jihadist group which had seized a third of Iraq's territory in 2014 before being ousted in a vast government offensive last year.

Iraq suffers from persistent corruption and many Iraqis complain that the country's oil wealth is unfairly distributed.

This summer saw weeks of demonstrations in the oil-rich but marginalised south, demanding an end to power shortages and graft.

Iraq has the second-highest output of any member of the OPEC oil producers cartel, at some 4.5 million barrels per day.

Major oil producers including OPEC members and Russia agreed in June to raise crude output.

**\$7.7bn**  
worth crude oil was  
exported from Iraq in  
August alone



The raffle draw held by LuLu Hypermarket and Zespri Kiwifruit in connection with the kiwi promotion from July 19 to August 18. The first prize winner Khadija Ali received BD 500 worth of LuLu Shopping voucher; the second prize winner, M. Sasidhar Kumar received BD 200 voucher and the third prize winner Amal Ahmed was awarded BD100 voucher. LuLu Shopping voucher worth BD 10 were awarded to 27 other participants

## Fitch says Italian debt outlook now 'negative'

AFP | New York

The Fitch ratings agency on Friday revised its outlook for Italian long-term debt from stable to negative, citing the risks of a "new and untested" coalition government.

A statement from the New York-based agency said it expects "fiscal loosening" from the new populist government, possibly leaving "Italy's very high level of public debt more exposed to potential shocks."

The lowered outlook comes almost exactly three months after the new coalition -- joining the anti-establishment Five Star Movement and the far-right Lega Nord, formerly the Northern League -- came to power in elections that jolted the country's mainstream parties.

The partners campaigned as strongly anti-immigrant and as outspoken critics of the European Union.

Fitch said Italian risk had grown since its last review in March, given "the sizable policy differences between its coalition partners, and inconsistencies" between some electoral promises and the "stated objective to reduce public debt."

## Trump to skip Asian regional summits

AFP | Washington

US President Donald Trump will not attend regional summits with Asian allies in November but will send Vice President Mike Pence instead, the White House announced Friday.

Pence will travel to Singapore to attend the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit and the East Asia Summit, it said.

He will then go on to Papua New Guinea for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings, the White House said.

Trump attended the ASEAN summit in the Philippines and the APEC summit in Vietnam last year.

The White House said Pence, while in Asia, would "highlight the United States' vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific, based on respect for sovereignty, the rule of law, and the principles of free, fair, and reciprocal trade.

"The Vice President looks forward to meeting with our allies and partners from across the region to advance security, prosperity, and freedom for all," the White House said.

The White House also confirmed Friday that Trump will travel to Paris for the November 11 commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I.

Trump will attend the ceremonies to "highlight the sacrifices that Americans have made, not only during World War I but also in the century since, in the name of liberty," it said.

# Lira crisis forces Turkey to hike gas, power prices 14pc

● The lira has fallen 42pc against the dollar, hit by concerns about President Tayyip Erdogan's grip on the monetary policy

Reuters | Ankara

Turkey raised natural gas prices yesterday by as much as 14 percent, two sources said, while the energy regulator announced a similar increase in electricity costs as a deepening currency crisis stokes inflation.

The lira has fallen 42 percent against the dollar this year, hit by concerns about President Tayyip Erdogan's grip on monetary policy and a worsening rift with the United States over a detained American Christian pastor.

The sell-off has increased the cost of food and petrol and raised fears about the impact on the country's wider economy and banks. Economists are particularly worried about the central bank's inability to rein in inflation, which hit a 14-year high of nearly 16 percent in July.

State pipeline operator Botas raised natural gas prices by 14



The lira has fallen 42 percent against the dollar this year - Reuters

percent for industrial use and 9 percent for residential use effective from Saturday, two sources told Reuters. Officials for Botas were not immediately available to comment.

Last month, Botas increased the price of natural gas for electricity production by 50 percent and by 9 percent for residential use. Turkey is dependent on imports for almost all of its energy

needs. The lira crisis has driven up the cost, in local currency terms, of oil and gas.

Likewise, Turkey's energy regulator said it would raise electricity prices by 14 percent for industrial use and 9 percent for households from Saturday. It increased prices by the same amount last month.

Almost a third of Turkey's total 293 billion megawatt power

production came from natural gas power plants in 2017.

Inflation

Retail prices in Istanbul, Turkey's biggest city, surged 2.23 percent month-on-month in August, for a year-on-year increase of 14.99 percent, the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce said on Saturday.

Official August inflation data is due on Monday, and econ-

omists expect another hefty reading.

"This will provide the first hard evidence of the impact of the lira's collapse this month on the wider economy," Jason Tuvey of Capital Economics said in a note to clients on Friday.

The latest hikes in electricity and gas prices will directly increase inflation by 35 basis points, according to Reuters calculations.

Erdogan, self-described "enemy of interest rates", wants to see lower borrowing costs to keep credit flowing, particularly to the construction sector. Investors, who see the economy heading for a hard landing, say decisive interest rate hikes are needed to put the brakes on inflation.

Erdogan, who has appointed his son-in-law Berat Albayrak as finance minister, casts the lira's slide as an economic attack on Turkey by Western governments, financiers and ratings agencies. He says high interest rates cause inflation — a stance at odds with orthodox economics.

"We see little chance that an ugly set of inflation figures will change the government's — and, crucially, President Erdogan's — stance on interest rates," Tuvey of Capital Economics said.

## Interest rates hit roof in Argentina

Bloomberg | Buenos Aires

Argentina's Central Bank hiked its benchmark interest rate from 45 to 60 percent on Thursday in a dramatic but fruitless bid to shore up the peso, which plunged to a record low against the dollar.

Despite the bank's extraordinary measure to impose one of the world's highest benchmark rates, the currency lost a further 13.5 percent by the close -- its biggest daily loss of the year. The Argentine currency has now lost 53 percent of its value since the beginning of the year, to trade at 39.87 to the dollar. It was worth around 18 to the dollar at the start of

the year.

But the Merval index on the Buenos Aires stock market jumped 5.34 percent to 26,754.85 points on the back of a 13.5 percent rise in the share price of Brazilian petroleum giant Petrobras. The weakening peso made stock prices tempting and drove sales.

Earlier Marcos Pena, President Mauricio Macri's cabinet chief, was forced to deny the government was facing an economic disaster.

"We are not facing economic failure," said Mr Pena.

"This is a transformation, not failure. In that transformation there are difficult moments," he said.

## 'No panic' over Trump threat, says WTO chief

Reuters | Ankara

World Trade Organisation head Roberto Azevedo said yesterday US President Donald Trump's comments about potentially leaving the WTO were consistent with what the United States has said previously and did not reflect new concerns. Trump said on Thursday that he could pull out of the WTO, potentially undermining one of the foundations of the modern global economy, which the US was instrumental in creating. "If they don't shape up, I would withdraw from the WTO," Trump said. In a response on Friday, Azevedo,

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WTO CHIEF

the WTO's director general, said there was no reason for "panic". "The U.S. concerns about areas

in the WTO that they would like to improve are not new. And I think what he said yesterday is consistent with what they have expressed before." Trump has previously called the WTO a "disaster" and a "catastrophe".

During his election campaign he told NBC that if the WTO rules blocked his policies, he would renegotiate US membership or pull out. Trump's ambassador has said the US will not shy away from being disruptive to shake up what it sees as a complacent organization, and has precipitated a crisis by blocking appointments of WTO judges, forcing other countries to discuss reforms.



University of Bahrain students who successfully completed the CrediMax Summer Internship Programme posing for a photograph. The programme offered University students the opportunity to learn and develop new skills as well as gain insight to succeed in their career

## Tehran wants Europe to act on nuclear deal

Reuters| Dubai

A junior British minister held talks in Iran yesterday, as Tehran said European states should take action if they wanted to save Iran's nuclear deal after the US withdrawal from it, Iranian state media reported.

"Among issues we have with Britain as a country ... remaining in the agreement is access to banking resources and the sale of oil," state news agency IRNA quoted Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif as telling reporters.

"It is time for the Europeans to act in addition to voicing their political commitment. These measures may be costly, but if countries want to reap benefits and if they believe the nuclear accord is an international achievement, they should be ready to keep these achievements."

Britain and other European signatories are trying to keep the nuclear deal alive, despite US President Donald Trump's reimposition of sanctions on Tehran. UK's Junior Foreign Minister Alistair Burt earlier met Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, Iran's state television reported.

"The talks mainly covered economic cooperation and mechanisms of financial and monetary dealings between the two countries after the US withdrawal from the nuclear accord," the television report said.

The two sides also discussed regional developments, it added.

In a statement before his visit, Burt said: "As long as Iran meets its commitments under the deal, we remain committed to it as we believe it is the best way to ensure a safe, secure future for the region." Burt was also expected to discuss the cases of dual nationals detained in Iran. Britain is seeking the release of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, a project manager with the Thomson Reuters Foundation who was arrested in April 2016 at a Tehran airport as she headed back to Britain with her daughter, now aged four, after a family visit. She was convicted of plotting to overthrow Iran's clerical establishment, a charge denied by her family and the Foundation, a charity organization.

# Trump threatens to exclude Canada from new NAFTA

AFP| Washington

US President Donald Trump yesterday threatened to exclude Canada from a new NAFTA agreement after negotiations to rewrite the pact ended without an agreement.

"There is no political necessity to keep Canada in the new NAFTA deal. If we don't make a fair deal for the U.S. after decades of abuse, Canada will be out," he tweeted.

"Congress should not interfere with these negotiations or I will simply terminate NAFTA entirely & we will be far better off."

US-Canadian trade talks are set to resume on Wednesday, and Ottawa and Washington still have time to reach an agreement that would keep Canada in the 25-year-old trade pact with Mexico.

But Trump's tweet seemed designed to greatly ramp up the pressure on Canadian negotiators.

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DONALD TRUMP



Chrystia Freeland

gotiations" appeared to refer to one potential obstacle: the fact that lawmakers have empowered him to reach a so-called "fast track" agreement only with both NAFTA partners, not just Mexico.

It is unclear how that will be sorted out.

### Canada talks uncertain

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### 'Win-win-win'

"We know that a win-win-win agreement is within reach," Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland told reporters after a week of talks to rewrite the 25-year-old NAFTA.

"With good will and flexibility on all sides, I know we can get there."

However, she repeated that Canada will only sign an agreement that is in its national interest.

"We'll keep talking until we reach a good deal," Freeland said.

US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said the negotiations over the past four days were "constructive, and we made progress."

"Our officials are continuing to work toward agreement. The USTR team will meet with Minister Freeland and her colleagues Wednesday of next week," he said in a statement.

Lighthizer stressed that the new agreement will have "huge benefits for our workers, farmers, ranchers, and businesses."

## Free trade deal with China soon: Singapore

AFP| Singapore

Broad agreement on what would be the world's biggest free trade deal is expected to be reached at a leaders' summit in Singapore in November, the city-state's trade minister said yesterday.

The 16-nation Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), which will cover about half the world's population and a third of its GDP, has taken centre stage as Washington embarks on a unilateral, protectionist agenda.

The RCEP is backed by China and notably excludes the US, which had been leading another regional pact -- the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) -- until President Don-

ald Trump abandoned it on coming to office early last year.

Trump, whose administration has embarked on an America-first policy and is engaged in a tit-for-tat trade brawl with China, will skip two Asian summits in November, including one in Singapore.

RCEP trade ministers and negotiators met in Singapore on Thursday and Friday on the sidelines of an Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) gathering.

The RCEP will group the 10 ASEAN members plus China, India, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. It will become the world's biggest free trade pact if agreement is reached.

## Indian stocks set to climb new highs: Poll

● Indian stocks have scaled several fresh highs and are forecast to continue that uptrend

Reuters| Bengaluru

While the tit-for-tat tariff war between the United States and China has hurt emerging markets and pushed the rupee to an all-time low, the benchmark index has gained nearly 14 percent this year and hit a lifetime high of 38,989 on Aug 29, outperforming other major global indices. That comes at a time when India's

perennial problem of higher inflation is reappearing due to rising oil prices and also as global monetary policy is shifting to a tightening bias.

Despite those concerns and increasing uncertainty ahead of national elections next year, Indian stocks have scaled several fresh highs and are forecast to continue that uptrend.

The Sensex is forecast to rise another 2 percent and hit a new high of 39,500 by end-December from Wednesday's close, according to the poll of around 50 strategists taken August 23-30. It is expected to gain a further 4 percent next year. The latest bullish consensus was an upgrade from predictions

in a May poll as the index has already breached the end-2018 level forecast back then, largely driven by expectations for strong corporate earnings. Indeed, all 15 strategists who answered an extra question said company earnings growth has yet to peak in India. "Strong macro-economic factors overall will push the index further up. Tax growth, good monsoon rains, rising consumption and recovering corporate earnings will support," said SP Tulsian, an investment adviser. Asia's third-largest economy took a hit from a ban of currency notes and a hasty implementation of a goods and services tax in July last year, but recovered smartly.

## India to help landlocked Nepal build rail link to Kathmandu

Reuters| Kathmandu

India will help Nepal construct a rail link between capital Kathmandu and an Indian border town for smoother movement of passengers and cargo to the landlocked Himalayan nation, which neighbouring China is also trying to woo with a similar plan.

An agreement to study the feasibility of a rail line linking the two countries was signed by officials on Friday during a meeting between Nepal's Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli and Indian premier Narendra Modi on the sidelines of a regional

summit of seven South and East Asian countries.

India's Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd will conduct a preliminary engineering and traffic survey for the rail line, India's embassy in Nepal said in a statement.

The planned 130 km (80.78 mile) line from the Indian border town of Raxaul in eastern Bihar state to Nepalese capital Kathmandu, once built, will just be the second rail track in the mountainous nation. Nepal's only railway link is a 35 km stretch in its southern plains.

Construction of the rail line and its funding will be finalised



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, right, poses with his Nepalese counterpart Sher Bahadur Deuba for a photo at the Indian presidential palace in New Delhi, India. - (Source: AP)

after the Konkan Railway submits its findings, officials said.

The bulk of Nepal's overland foreign trade is routed through Raxaul and accounts for nearly two thirds of all trade in the landlocked nation. Imports by roadways are often delayed and expensive as cargo is carried in diesel-guzzling trucks.

"The Raxaul-Kathmandu rail line is expected to expand connectivity by enhancing people-to-people linkages between the two countries and promoting economic growth and development," the Indian embassy statement said.

Nepal, wedged between China

and India, is seeking to lessen its heavy dependence on New Delhi for trade and the supply of essential goods such as fuel, as it tries to improve connectivity with China.

China has already conducted a pre-feasibility study for a 70 km (42 miles) link connecting Gyiron in Tibet with Kathmandu, making it one of the most ambitious infrastructure projects in the rugged Himalayan mountains.

Political analysts say India's plan to build the rail link in Nepal comes as New Delhi jostles with Beijing to wield greater influence over smaller neighbours.

# Another round in Australia's political churn

*The latest coup holds a warning for all Western democracies*



GEORGE MEGALOGENIS

Another Australian leader has been brought down by his own party, bringing the total number of prime ministers since 2010 to six, one short of the record of seven between 1901 and 1909, in the first decade of federation.

This particular coup came with a Machiavellian twist. The fallen Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, thwarted his conservative rival Peter Dutton on Friday by transferring his support to another candidate, Scott Morrison, who was then elected premier by 45 votes to 40. It left the government divided between its hard-right and moderate factions, and the public bewildered by the weeklong conservative tantrum.

There is a warning for all advanced democracies in Australia's political impatience: The churn in leaders doesn't appease voters. It only increases their disillusionment with democracy.

The short story of Australia's descent to international ridicule begins with the refusal of the main parties to adapt to the challenges of the 21st century. They have borrowed the worst

of United States presidential politics, with its obsessive focus on the leader, and grafted it onto a Westminster system of parliamentary government that was designed for collaboration and compromise.

The prime minister is not even mentioned in the Australian Constitution, yet the office has evolved into a paradoxical position of supreme authority and permanent vulnerability. The government becomes synonymous with the leader, and while the leader is riding high in the opinion polls, the job is safe, and the leader's agenda can be turned into legislation.

But the prime minister serves at the whim of the party in control of Parliament, and both sides have acquired an impatience with leaders who fall behind in the polls. And so they keep sacking their leader, repeating the mistake of seeking salvation in the next messiah.

The public's anger can be measured in many ways. Trust in government has been in free fall since the first leadership coup in 2010, when Kevin Rudd of the Labour Party was replaced by Julia Gillard. By the last election in 2016, trust was at an all-time low, according to the Australian Election Study. And in that election, radical parties to the left and right garnered their highest combined vote since the 1930s. There is no proof that chang-



Malcolm Turnbull, left, was replaced as prime minister this week by Scott Morrison

ing an unpopular leader ultimately helps a political party. On the contrary, each party that swapped prime ministers between elections suffered heavy losses in the next election.

Labour lost its majority after Rudd was toppled. And when he reclaimed the prime ministership from Gillard in 2013, he led Labor to a landslide defeat. The conservatives, similarly, had their majority reduced to a single seat after Tony Abbott was replaced by Turnbull before the last election.

The Labour experience shows how discouraged the conservatives from indulging in back-back coups. But even this recent memory did not deter the government's right-wing members from initiating their assault on Turnbull last week.

The turmoil on the conservative side is more ideological than the personality clash between Rudd and Gillard. Labor has, in fact, been relatively stable since its two fallen prime ministers left the Parliament.

But there is no sign that t

# No, the church does not love

*But the Irish people have learned to love one another*



SUSAN MCKAY

On August 26, while the faithful gathered for mass with Pope Francis in Dublin's Phoenix Park, a large group gathered in the city's Garden of Remembrance at an event called Stand for Truth. The railings had been hung with dozens of tiny pairs of baby shoes.

Colm O'Gorman, who runs the Irish office of Amnesty International, organised the event. He told the crowd that he had been 13 years old, and deeply religious, when Pope John Paul II visited in 1979 — the last time a pope visited Ireland. "I was in a liturgical group," he said. "The church was in every part of my life. That moment in Galway when the pope said, 'Young people of Ireland, I love you,' I believed him. My heart nearly burst. A year and a half later I was raped by a Catholic priest."

He was raped repeatedly, and that priest raped many other children. Like hundreds of other abusive clerics, the priest was facilitated and protected by the Catholic hierarchy.

As in so many cases, when parents or other concerned adults complained, the local bishop or

abbot would simply move the offender to another parish where he was not known, then perhaps to another. Some were posted to hospitals, some to schools. No warnings were issued. And offenders continued to rape children.

O'Gorman had come to realise that no, the pope had not loved the young people of Ireland. "But we have learned to love each other," he said. "And we are Ireland, the new Ireland."

The new Ireland allows gay people to marry, women to have abortions and unhappily married people to divorce. None of these things is allowed by Pope Francis' church. And on this visit, the disconnect between the new Ireland and his church was plain.

Pope Francis arrived in Ireland on August 25 and was taken to visit the popular president, Michael Higgins, who said in a statement that he had spoken "to his Holiness of how the achievement of an equality of rights defined a republic, and of how acts of exclusion, including those based on gender and sexual orientation, had caused, and were still causing, great suffering."

The Taoiseach (as Ireland's prime minister is known), Leo Varadkar, gave a speech in the presence of the pope about the "brutal crimes perpetrated by people within the Catholic church and then obscured to protect the institution at the expense



Protesters against clerical sexual child abuse in Ireland, at a rally in Dublin.

of innocent victims."

Now, Varadkar said, words must be followed by actions.

Well, there were plenty of

words.

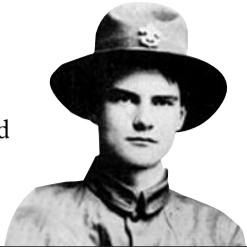
During his public and private engagements Pope Francis repeatedly expressed shame. He

begged for God's forgiveness and said crimes committed by clerics and others in the church had left "an open wound." But he did not

offer any ideas as to why all this depravity had been visited on innocent people; he did not outline any plans to reform his church

1912

Arthur Rose Eldred is awarded the first Eagle Scout award of the Boy Scouts of America.



1945

Vietnam declares its independence, forming the Democratic Republic of Vietnam

1970

NASA announces the cancellation of two Apollo missions to the Moon, Apollo 15 (the designation is re-used by a later mission), and Apollo 19.

1987

In Moscow, the trial begins for 19-year-old pilot Mathias Rust, who flew his Cessna airplane into Red Square in May.



son, right.

eventual departure of Turnbull and Abbott, who represent the moderate and right wings of the conservative Liberal Party, would bring an end to the conservative culture war. What will gall the Australian public is the inability of the system to correct for the leadership instability of the past decade.

To be fair, the Labor party has made it harder to remove a future prime minister on its side with changes to its rules, requiring the party leader be elected by a combined vote of the parlia-

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mentary party and grass-roots members.

But the conservatives reserve the right to eat their own.

The deeper crisis is one of relevance. Parliament remains woefully removed from the people it serves, being less diverse and more masculine than the population at large.

In previous eras of leadership chaos, most notably in the 1970s, the parties were still able to govern effectively, for example by securing historic reforms across the spectrum, from the removal of the White Australia Policy and the introduction of Indigenous land rights to the expansion of the social safety net and the first tentative steps toward economic deregulation. By the turn of the 21st century, Australia had added a world-class universal health

care system and gun restrictions to its social and economic model.

But Parliament has been a broken record of gridlock since 2009, when Labor and the conservatives failed to reach an agreement on climate change policy. The hard right of the Liberal Party and its coalition partner, the Nationals, have run a successful decade-long campaign of obstruction, refusing to even concede the need for action on climate change. It was Turnbull's proposal to honor Australia's commitment to reduce emissions under the Paris agreement that triggered last week's uprising. He surrendered to internal pressure and withdrew his plan, but they came for his job anyway.

The upshot is that the conservatives, once the great pragmatists of Australian politics, no longer value bipartisanship. This winner-take-all approach is shared by Labor and has reinforced the policy paralysis. Both sides have taken office over the past decade with a backward-looking agenda, devoted to repealing the signature legislation of their predecessors.

The real tragedy for Australia is that democracy may seem even less relevant to the people in the coming decade.

(George Megalogenis is an author and commentator. His latest book is "The Football Solution.")

# e Ireland

and he did not instruct criminals within the church, or those who facilitated them, to hand themselves over to the police.

The Irish people were not satisfied. In 1979, more than a million people attended the papal mass. Feminists were a radically dissenting voice, but they were lost in the general euphoria — about 90pc of the population actively practiced Catholicism. Many people were suffering, but not in the public domain.

This time 500,000 tickets were issued but an estimated 130,000 turned up. Almost 10,000 registered for the Stand for Truth event.

There have been too many hollow promises. We know too much. Protests about the denial of human rights are well organized and well supported. Our side wins referendums, including this summer, one that will allow women to get abortions in Ireland. And hollow promises are no longer believed.

At the Stand for Truth event musicians sang a hauntingly beautiful version of "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" and "We Shall Overcome." Sarah Clancy, a poet, read "Cherish," one of her fierce poems, indicting "the ring kissers/who made it all possible."

The novelist Marian Keyes quoted Raymond Carver's "Late Fragment" in which he says that yes, he got what he wanted from life: "to call myself beloved, to feel myself/beloved on the earth." Survivors of abuse had been ig-

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nored and silenced, Keyes said, but now Irish people were going to take care of them. "They deserve to know right to their bones that they are beloved on the earth," she said.

I spoke to Siobhán Casey, who'd come to the event with her husband and two small children. "I've been working with young people in the care system and the criminal justice system for years," she told me. "I have seen so much damage. It runs through generations. ... They don't always have the emotional language to describe what happened in their family but they are suffering."

And I met Claire McKeegan, a human rights lawyer from the North who represents many survivors of institutional abuse, who wore a necklace made of baby shoes. She said her clients would

gain strength from the protests.

The rally ended with a silent walk along a street named after Sean McDermott, one of the leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising against the British. The pope had been conveyed down this same street in his Popemobile the previous day. He had stopped at the local chapel, where he venerated the bones of Matt Talbot, an alcoholic religious zealot who mortified his flesh by wrapping it in chains and died in the 1920s.

The walkers passed the church, stopping just beyond it at another building that the pope was not brought to see. Now empty, it was the last of the Magdalene laundries — institutions where girls and women were sent to atone for the "sin" of becoming pregnant while unmarried — which closed only in 1996.

An artist at the site invited people to write their thoughts on white sheets like those scrubbed by the women confined in them. One man wrote: "My father was told by the Monsignor it was his own fault for leading the priests on. My heart breaks."

I walked to the train station feeling profoundly sad, but also proud to be part of the new Ireland, a republic that hears the voices of the most vulnerable. Where we value love and solidarity and courage.

(Susan McKay is writing a book about the Irish border.)



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We are making progress in our talks to update and modernize #NAFTA, but we are not there yet. Our focus remains squarely on workers, families and business. We know that a win-win-win agreement is within reach. We will resume talks next week.

@cafreeland

02



New Pakistan.French President @EmmanuelMacron called Prime Minister of Pakistan @ImranKhanPTI today but he was busy in a meeting with journalists including me Foreign Secretary Tehmina Janjua wanted PM to attend the call but PM said I am busy here tell them to call in 30 minutes

@HamidMirPAK

03



Deeply pained by the untimely demise of Muni Tarun Sagar Ji Maharaj. We will always remember him for his rich ideals, compassion and contribution to society. His noble teachings will continue inspiring people. My thoughts are with the Jain community and his countless disciples.

@narendramodi

04



A thru-line: Ronald Reagan was a key mentor for John McCain. Today McCain's daughter Meghan used the same passage from John Gillespie McGee about slipping the bonds of earth as Reagan used the night of the Challenger explosion.

@cathleendecker

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stances)

## Talking money to your child - the foundation for a golden future



CAPT. MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

The most enduring image of savings anywhere in the world is a piggy bank or a child's money pot. It triggers instant images of pocket money and the thrill of cracking open a full money pot to deposit the savings in a bank account or buy a coveted bicycle or art supplies with it. Also, if I am to be honest, the disappointment of not having enough for a cherished dream.

Sometimes, the child's savings is converted into an inspiring message of generosity and humanity as we witnessed recently when some children in India gave their pocket money savings, collected over few years to Kerala Disaster relief — the children were between ages four and nine! That's not just money. The amount represents little victories of these children over a long period of time, to resist temptation and focus on saving for a specific goal.

According to a report by Cambridge University, children start to formulate habits as young as age seven. Therefore, the more parents can teach their children early on, the more they can learn from it and use it to create good habits later in life.

That is one thing which parents in the Arab world are not always serious about. Our children are not taught fiscal discipline and by the time we sit to talk money with them, their habits of spending for instant gratification is set in their system. This is, sadly, particularly true of today's parents who often replace parental time with gifts.

The point is, even many adults are unable to follow a fiscal plan. I have heard so many parents proudly say that the first thing their son or daughter did, upon getting a job, is to apply for a car loan. Now that is understandable, given that Bahrain's public transport system is still developing but what I fail to understand is that these youngsters are encouraged by banks and automobile companies to go for expensive luxury cars instead of starting with utilitarian cars that will be easy to purchase and maintain within a budget. (A "budget"? What's that?)

One of the first lessons that we learned as children in the Bahrain of the 20th century (it was just yesterday but seems so far away) was to live within our means, to aspire for better things and a better quality of life, yes, but understand that it would only be ours if we put in the hard work. Anything special that we needed had to be reasoned out with the parents, a way found to raise the money and only then did we get it. There was no regular pocket money — what our parents felt we needed we got and what we felt we needed was listened to and budgeted for. All this meant that the process was longer but the involvement meant that we understood the value of the desired object a hundred times more keenly.

Younger generations in the Arab world are facing a savings deficit. What's more, national pension schemes are being reorganized, which means today's youth will face a tight financial situation when they retire. The state support and welfare system will also be truncated and we should all have a nest-egg to fall back upon.

I would urge parents of today to prepare their children for a financially healthy future by teaching them the value of money, the need to save and spend wisely. Education is ultimately the most powerful tool when it comes to money and the earlier we begin the better it will be for our kids.

(Capt Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune)

WORLD  
world**Myanmar releases  
75 more child  
soldiers**

Yangon, Myanmar

Myanmar's military has released 75 child soldiers, a UN agency said, its first discharge this year as part of a gradual process to end decades of forced recruitment of underage fighters.

There are no concrete figures on how many children are still among the estimated 500,000 troops that serve in Myanmar's military, or the ethnic rebel armies that it battles in the country's border regions.

The state's army -- also referred to as the "Tatmadaw" -- has released 924 children and young people from its ranks since signing a deal with the United Nations in 2012, according to Friday's statement released by UN child protection agency UNICEF.

**Buddhist monk held  
over sexual abuse**

New Delhi, India

Indian police have arrested a senior Buddhist monk accused of sexually abusing 15 boys at a meditation centre he ran in a holy city, officials said Saturday.

Bhante Shanghpriya Sujoy was detained in the UNESCO heritage town of Bodhi Gaya, which attracts tens of thousands of pilgrims every year, after boys complained that they had been beaten, abused and forced to dance naked, police said.

The scandal is the latest to hit the Buddhist establishment after the former head of China's government-run Buddhist association was removed this week as abbot of a Beijing temple following a sexual assault investigation.

A senior police officer at Bodhi Gaya told AFP there are "serious allegations" against Bhante Shanghpriya Sujoy who took boys aged between six and 12 from impoverished families in India's remote northeast.

**Navy finds answers to  
Myanmar 'Ghost ship'**

Indonesian navy finds that the old vessel was bound for a ship-breaking factory in Bangladesh

● **Fishermen came across the rusted and empty vessel**

● **Old and unseaworthy vessels are often towed to Bangladesh's southern Chittagong province**

AFP | Yangon, Myanmar

A stranded vessel empty of crew and goods that was found in Myanmar's waters this week was being towed by a ship with 13 Indonesian nationals before it became unmoored, the Myanmar Navy said.

Fishermen came across the rusted and empty vessel, bearing the name "Sam Rataulangi PB 1600", drifting in the Gulf of



The abandoned Indonesian ship "Sam Rataulangi PB1600" is seen from the shore of Yangon region

Martaban, about 11 kilometres (seven miles) off the coast of Myanmar's commercial capital.

Myanmar Navy personnel boarded the vessel to investigate the situation this week, and shed

some light on their search in a post on the navy's official Facebook page late Friday.

"It was the view that the ship could have been towed by another ship after two cables... were

found at its head", the post said.

The navy's coastal radar records showed the movement of two ships on Sunday and Monday in the Yangon and Sittaung rivers -- which run into the Gulf of Martaban.

Based on these findings, the navy scoured the waters for a second ship and found the "Independence" vessel, carrying 13 Indonesian crew members, about 80 kilometres from Yangon's shores.

After questioning the crew members, the navy discovered that the Independence departed Jakarta on August 13, towing the old vessel bound for a ship-breaking factory in Bangladesh, the Facebook post said.

"They faced bad weather when they arrived south of Yangon River", the navy said.

"The cables attached to the ship broke, and the ship was floating along with the tide and it was

difficult to continue its journey."

Old and unseaworthy vessels are often towed to Bangladesh's southern Chittagong province, which houses a thriving -- and controversial -- ship-breaking industry.

According to the Marine Traffic website, which lists the movements of ships around the globe, the vessel was built in 2001 and had a deadweight of 26,500 tonnes.

The navy said the investigation is ongoing.

An official from the Indonesia Foreign Ministry confirmed Saturday that they had received word of this case and said the embassy in Yangon was handling it.

"It is the boat that was arrested; the Indonesians are just the boat crew," Lalu Muhammad Iqbal, director at the ministry's Indonesian citizens protection department, said.

**Two US citizens hurt  
in Dutch knife attack**

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Two people who were seriously injured in a knife attack at Amsterdam's Central Station are US citizens, the US ambassador said yesterday, as Dutch police probed a possible terror link.

"We are aware that both victims were US citizens and have been in touch with them and their families," Pete Hoekstra said in a statement.

Panic broke out at the Dutch capital's main station shortly after midday Friday when the knife-wielding man stabbed two bystanders before he was shot and wounded by police.

Police later identified the suspect as a 19-year-old Af-

ghan man with a German residency permit.

He is being questioned in hospital under police guard and Dutch authorities said they were in close contact with their German counterparts for more details about his background.

A preliminary investigation revealed that the assailant did not know his victims and that he did not specifically target them, the police spokesman said -- suggesting a random attack.

An Amsterdam police spokesman, Frans Zuiderhoek, told AFP late Friday "we are seriously taking into account that there was a terrorist motive."

**Dead dolphins, diseased  
seals wash up on US shores**

Tampa, United States

Over the past two months, dozens of dead dolphins have washed ashore in Florida and hundreds of diseased seals have died in the northeastern United States, officials said Friday. The unusual wave of deaths has prompted officials to declare two separate, special investigations to find out why, and how to stop it.

From July 1 to August 30, a total of 48 dolphins have been found dead in southwest Florida, as a harmful algae bloom known as red tide killed hundreds of tons of fish from Naples to Tampa, said the National



Representative picture

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Only one dolphin has been stranded alive since early July. It is currently being

treated in rehabilitation. Typical dolphin strandings in the region usually number three to four per month.

**Balloon of mayor Khan in bikini flies over London**

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Critics of London Mayor Sadiq Khan yesterday launched a big balloon caricaturing him in a yellow bikini "in retaliation" for the "Baby Trump" blimp he let fly over Westminster in July.

The stunt was staged by Yanny Bruere, who describes himself as a free speech advocate, and funded through nearly £60,000 (\$78,000, 67,000 euros) in donations on a crowdfunding website.

It follows activists flying a giant balloon depicting US President Donald Trump as an orange

nappy-clad baby during demonstrations on July 13 against his visit to Britain.

To the fury of Trump supporters, Khan authorised the flying of the caricature, arguing Londoners had a right to peaceful protest.

Bruere, 28, from Northampton, a town 65 miles north of London, confirmed yesterday's launch was to hit back at the mayor.

"I think a certain amount of respect should be afforded to the leader of the free world and the greatest ally the UK has -- the president of America," he said.



A large balloon depicting London Mayor Sadiq Khan in a yellow bikini floats above a small crowd of demonstrators in Westminster, in central London

“If people want to spend their Saturday looking at me in a yellow bikini they're welcome to do so -- I don't really think yellow's my colour though”

SADIQ KHAN

Organisers chose the yellow bikini because Khan ruled in 2016 London's transport network would not allow adverts which could create body confidence issues following controversy over a protein shake poster featuring a model in a yellow bikini asking "are you beach body ready?"

A small crowd of supporters and press gathered in Westminster to see the giant inflatable lift off Saturday morning.

It will fly over Parliament Square for two hours.

The mayor said people were welcome to watch the stunt.

# Miraculous escape for 164 passengers

The Boeing 737 flying from Moscow with 166 passengers and six crew members overshot a runway

● All 170 people on board escaped with just seconds to spare

● During the rescue operation an airport employee died, possibly of a heart attack

● Passengers said emergency chutes did not inflate when evacuating

● 18 people sought medical help

● The plane was operated by the Utair airline.



At least 18 people were injured

Daily Mail, AFP | Russia

More than 160 passengers and crew on a commercial flight escaped with seconds to spare after the aircraft skidded off a runway, crashed into a river and burst into flames.

Rescue crews managed to evacuate passengers and the cabin crew from the Boeing 737 plane, where people were forced to jump down onto the wings of the plane and 'throw' their children down to safety.

All 170 passengers and crew managed to escape from the wreckage in Russia's Black Sea resort of Sochi. One airport employee helping with the rescue mission died from a heart attack at the scene.

It took the aircraft two attempts to land, with strong wind and rain likely to be behind the first failed attempt.

The crew managed to land the plane but it overshot the runway, crashed through a fence,



Initial reports say one of the wings clipped the ground during landing in the bad weather

plummeted into the riverbed and caused the left engine to catch alight, an Utair spokesman told RIA Novosti.

Russian authorities confirmed 18 people were injured during the evacuation of 164 passengers and six crew from the burning Utair plane. At least four people on board the plane were hospitalised with burns, and another suffered a broken spine.

Passengers said the emer-

gency inflatable chutes which extend from the plane to the ground did not inflate immediately during their evacuation, forcing some to jump from the burning wreckage.

Distressing videos shows the plane erupt in flames - but there was time for some of the passengers and crew to escape using the emergency chutes.

Both wings broke and there was damage to the undercar-

riage. Reports on state news agency TASS suggested one wing clipped the ground as the plane landed in bad weather.

The plane aborted several failed landing attempts before the pilot told them he they would touchdown, said rescued passengers.

'The plane attempted to land several times, unsuccessfully, and finally the pilot said we were landing,' said a couple on board the stricken Boeing.

'This wasn't a success either. We landed, everyone started clapping - and immediately the left side of the plane caught fire,' said one.

'We were sitting right next to emergency exit. Everything happened in a blink of an eye, so, so fast.'

A male passenger said: 'Everything happened very quick.'

'The emergency exits were open, but there were no chutes people were jumping onto both wings to escape. A woman said:

'It was rain and thunderstorm outside, and people were just jumping down from 5 or 6 metres (16-20ft).'

She said: 'People were throwing children down from the wings, and catching them on the ground.'

An emergency source told TASS that at 2.59am local time (12.59am UK time) the plane 'hit the ground with one of its wings, skidded off the runway and caught fire'.

The fire was reported to have been extinguished by 3.20am.

In one video a middle-aged passenger in the plane calls anxiously to his wife saying:

'Lyusya, Lyusuaaaa!...We crashed.'

'But everything is okay.'

A health ministry statement in Sochi said: 'At the moment, there are 18 injured, including three children. There are no fatalities.'

The plane on a two hour flight from Moscow spun off the runway while landing in 'atrocious' conditions, according to reports.

'The Boeing 737 from Moscow rolled off the runway during landing at Sochi airport and caught fire. According to the preliminary data, six people were injured,' an emergency official said.

'There were 164 passengers and six crew on board. Sochi airport firefighters extinguished the flames and evacuated the people. There are no fatalities,' said Utair, Russia's fourth largest airline, based in Siberia.

Utair said it was investigating the incident together with aviation authorities. A spokesperson for the Sochi airport said there were no delays, planes were taking off and landing as usual.

'A criminal investigation has been opened into the emergency landing... on suspicion of inadequate services with a risk to clients' health,' said the southern transport department of Russia's Investigative Committee.

## Ugandan pop star MP flies to US for treatment: lawyer

Kampala, Uganda

Ugandan singer-turned-politician Robert Kyagulanyi has left Uganda for medical treatment in the United States following accusations he was tortured by security forces, his lawyer told AFP on Saturday.

The 36-year-old reggae star -- better known as Bobi Wine -- had spent Friday holed up in a government hospital after being re-arrested while trying to leave the country.

Kyagulanyi became an MP in 2017, firing up a youthful population and proving a thorn in the side of ageing President Yoweri Museveni.

He was charged with treason last week after protesters stoned Museveni's car during a by-election campaign.

The lawmaker's arrest sparked violent protests and international condemnation over his alleged torture.

'He left last night at around 11.00 pm aboard KLM flight for Schipol (Amsterdam) onward to United States,' lawyer Nicholas Opiyo said.

## 30 Nigerian soldiers killed in Boko Haram raid

Kano, Nigeria

At least 30 Nigerian soldiers died in combat with Boko Haram jihadists who overran a military base in the northeast near the border with Niger, two military sources told AFP on Saturday.

Scores of jihadists in trucks stormed the base at Zari village in northern Borno state late Thursday and briefly seized it after a fierce battle, they said.

## Two presidents -- not Trump -- pay tribute to McCain

Washington, United States

Two ex-presidents from opposing parties united yesterday in homage to late senator and American patriot John McCain, in a momentous farewell ceremony.

As millions tuned in to the nationally televised memorial attended by almost all of Washington's past and present powerbrokers, Trump himself was notably absent -- fleeing the capital to head to one of his golf courses in Virginia just as eulogies to McCain were being delivered.

Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Barack Obama praised McCain for making them "better" leaders.

Hailing his friend as "an extraordinary man," warrior and patriot who embodied what is best in America, Obama said McCain "made us better presidents -- just as he made the Senate better, just as he made the country better."

## Shanghai exhibit draws egg-lovers and selfie-takers

AFP | Shanghai, China

'Last one in is a rotten egg.' A neon sign in brilliant pink goads, as half a dozen people frolic and snap photos in a giant caviar bowl.

In an adjacent room, two schoolgirls in matching pink and white dresses jump excitedly on a trampoline the shape of a frying pan, taking pictures with a Hello Kitty camera.

'The Egg House' in Shanghai is where an apparently unhealthy interest in eggs and selfies meets Alice in Wonderland.

The pop-up installation is described by organisers as "created to share the universal love of eggs and provide a momentary escape from the city".

Situated on the third floor of a Shanghai shopping mall, "The



a visitor poses for a photograph at the Egg House in Shanghai

Egg House" is the work of Chinese creator Xu Biubiu and is her second installation -- the first was in New York and another is planned for Los Angeles in November.

It costs up to 198 yuan (\$29) to enter -- for two adults at weekends -- and once inside visitors

can lose themselves in several egg-themed rooms.

It is unashamedly all about one thing -- photos and selfies.

In one room, there is an armchair that looks like a cheese sandwich, while another has the bewildering sign, "STOP BEING SO BLOODY EGGY WHEN YOU TAKE IN".

Aima Li sheepishly clambers out of the so-called caviar bowl, really a large ball pit more usually associated with nurseries.

"I feel a bit too old for this," the 29-year-old said, pointing out that many of the people around her were closer to high-school age.

But Li, who works in television and splits her time between Shanghai and Tokyo, said she would be posting on social media the pictures she took with her friend.

# WORLD

## features

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Members of Venezuelan migrant family Mendoza Landinez wait for the buses provided by Ecuadoran authorities to take them to the border with Peru

“To put up with hunger, begging for money, lacking everything, it’s the first time that’s ever happened me

NACARI

# A Venezuelan family’s desperate journey

AFP | Huaquillas, Ecuador

On foot, by bus, on the backs of juddering trucks, like tens of thousands of others they slogged for days along the Pan-American highway through Colombia and Ecuador.

Grubby and sleepless, their goal was to reach Peru, a sanctuary of sorts for a desperate Venezuelan family.

Exhausted and swept by the endless wash of traffic noise on the highway’s shoulder, the Mendoza Landinez family had the additional pressure of a deadline: to enter Peru before new rules required them to produce a passport.

It pushed Joel Mendoza, his companion Edicth Landinez and her two children Nacari and Sebastian, into a desperate race against the clock. Also in tow are Edicth’s niece Eliana with her baby, Tiago.

### Thursday August 23

In Pasto, southern Colombia, near the Ecuadoran border, they hitch a ride on a truck. On board are 11 Venezuelans, including seven on the open flatbed behind, three of them children.

The cold is numbing.

Huddled against the wind, Joel throws an arm around Edicth. They left Guanare in western Venezuela together on August 15. A tough decision but their combined wages as a truck driver and domestic worker could buy “nothing” -- just a kilo of soap.

Crossing mountainous Colombia, already home to more than a million Venezuelan migrants, they found cold but some comfort from strangers who gave them food.

“Leaving one’s country takes its toll,” said Joel, 51.

“Abandoning what took so much effort is hard,” says Edicth. At 34, her tired eyes and weathered skin make her look older. They have only the clothes they are wearing, with some blankets in a suitcase.

The trucker who drove them for over 40 hours from the Venezuelan border buys them breakfast. And a Venezuelan woman, who made the same trip herself in July and works in a restaurant, offers them lunch.

The day began at 6:00 am. Eight hours later, they board another truck, which leaves them a few kilometers outside Ipiales, near the Ecuadoran border. They have crossed Colombia.

Nervous, they hike for 90 minutes to the border. Edicth is the only one with a passport, which Ecuador now requires

instead of ID cards in a bid to control a seemingly endless wave of migrants.

Other Venezuelans coming in the opposite direction tell them they should turn around.

“I have faith that they will let us in,” insists Edicth. Joel nervously pulls on a cigarette. The sun goes down. The temperature drops.

Sixteen year old Nacari and Sebastian, six, rest on their bags. They make no complaint. Eliana 19, cradles five-month-old Tiago. Fraught, she barely utters a word.

At 6:40 pm rumors are circulating that Ecuador is letting migrants cross without passports and will also lay on a bus to take them to Peru.

Joel can scarcely believe it. “God be praised!” he says. The family prays

together, hug each other. Edicth beams a wide smile.

It will not last.

### Friday August 24. Separation

Relieved, the family rests in Ecuadoran Red Cross tents set up on the streets at Tulcan, where hundreds of Venezuelan migrants have congregated.

Shortly after midnight, they are awake and on the move again, but already there has been a delay of four hours. The cold is brutal. More delays follow as Edicth is forced to return to the Colombian side to have a document stamped for Sebastian.

She hurries. Those who travel with children are a priority to get on the buses to Huaquillas, on Ecuador’s border with Peru.

One problem resolved, they are confronted by another: Eliana and her baby are stopped, her ID card so damaged that border police suspect tampering.

“I’m not going without her,” said Edicth. Joel replies: “I have to go. If I don’t get across today I’m not getting in to Peru.” They get good news. Ecuador will give a temporary ID to Edicth’s niece and her baby.

At 2:10 am they begin to board the bus. The journey to Huaquillas takes between 16 and 18 hours. They should arrive just before the midnight Friday deadline. Eliana decides to head for Quito with two other traveling companions. She’s crying. Her baby has a bad case of nappy rash. She doesn’t have any nappies left to change him. Edicth tries to comfort her.

“All this journey for that,” she weeps over the separation, her voice broken. They embrace and part ways. At 2:47 am the rest of the family climbs aboard. The mother can’t get to sleep, think-

ing of Eliana “alone with her baby” in the Quito-bound bus. She borrows a phone to call her niece.

On the bus, the other Venezuelans sing and joke. The family tries to catch up on lost sleep. But the delays have taken their toll. They won’t make the border on time.

### Saturday August 25. Hope

At 3:35 am they arrive at the Huaquillas bus terminal. Peru’s passport requirement has been in force for four hours already, the border is effectively closed to them.

“We would have all crossed alright if we hadn’t had so many delays,” lamented Edicth. She is worried for her niece, who has meanwhile arrived in Quito.

Her sister Evelyn, 38, has been in Lima for the past three months, looking after Leonardo, her nephew and Edicth’s 17-year-old son. In the beginning, her son had a job on a construction site. But now he is in hospital with depression. His aunt has been looking after him but, as a result, lost her job in a restaurant.

“I understand how bad he feels,” says Edicth. She breaks off to mount a bus to Tumbes, on the Peruvian border. Their hope now is to claim refugee status.

“To put up with hunger, begging for money, lacking everything, it’s the first time that’s ever happened me,” says Nacari.

The family haven’t been able to wash for three days.

In Tumbes, they wait in line at the border post for their case to be examined. They are hoping for a temporary residence permit.

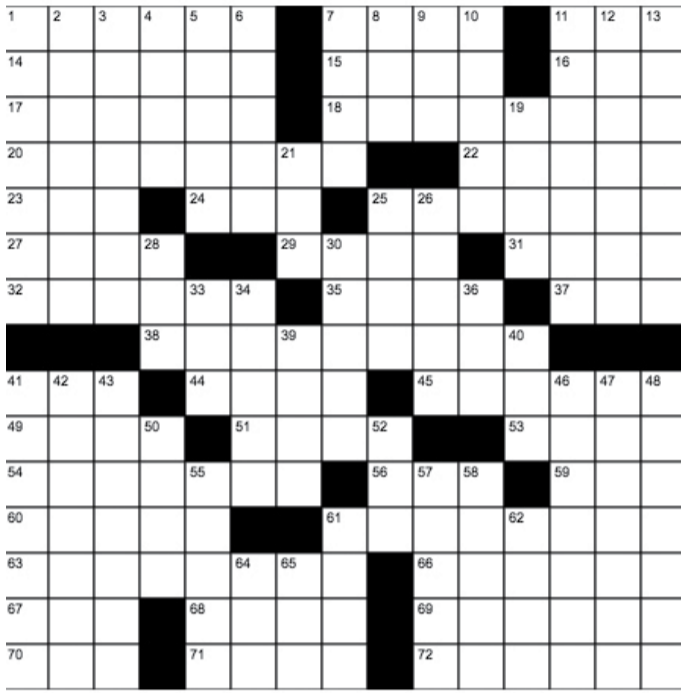
“We set out from Venezuela as backpackers. Getting this far, we are already winners.”



Venezuelan migrants on their way to Peru receive food as they rest along the Pan-American Highway between Tulcan and Ibarra in Ecuador

# entertainment

## CROSSWORD



### Across

1- Nile waders; 7- FDR's fireside \_\_\_\_; 11- Flight; 14- Spunk; 15- Ivy League school; 16- Acapulco gold; 17- Comfortable; 18- Adult male horse; 20- Strict disciplinarian; 22- Water lily; 23- Altar constellation; 24- Fair-hiring abbr.; 25- Least lavish; 27- Ciao!; 29- Wicked; 31- Dies \_\_\_\_; 32- Grommet; 35- Small batteries; 37- Camera type, briefly; 38- Blacksmith; 41- Fond du \_\_\_\_ Wis.; 44- To \_\_\_\_ (just so); 45- Pertaining to the number 2; 49- \_\_\_\_ the crack of dawn; 51- Gal Fri.; 53- Eliel Saarinen's son; 54- Spreads; 56- 1972 treaty subj.; 59- Cave dweller; 60- Instruct;

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



61- Forbearing; 63- Dissentious; 66- Actress Silverstone; 67- Country bordered by Canada and Mexico; 68- Asta's mistress; 69- "Hogan's Heroes" setting; 70- \_\_\_\_ Miserables; 71- Steven Chu's cabinet dept.; 72- Ancient ascetic;

### Down

1- Office of a Muslim cleric; 2- Stream of particles; 3- Repeat; 4- Sports figure?; 5- Borden's spokesperson; 6- \_\_\_\_ evil...; 7- Fluid-filled sac; 8- Covering for the head; 9- Carte start; 10- I cannot \_\_\_\_ lie; 11- Tarries; 12- Awakening; 13- Malformed animal; 19- Actress Petty; 21- Shoebox letters; 25- "The King and I" setting; 26- Tartan; 28- Clay today; 30- Urns; 33- Slice of history; 34- Sum; 36- Sloppy place; 39- Capone foe; 40- Possess, to Burns; 41- Lascivious; 42- Pacify; 43- Capital of Venezuela; 46- Fiasco; 47- Shah, e.g.; 48- Small house; 50- Diplomacy; 52- Chinese "way"; 55- Feeble peevish complaint; 57- World-weary; 58- Thaws; 61- Romanov ruler; 62- Narrow inlets; 64- Suffix with ball; 65- Suffix with fail;

## BEETLE BAILEY



## WORD OF THE DAY

### Symposium

#### Definition:

1 a : a convivial party (as after a banquet in ancient Greece) with music and conversation (b) : a social gathering at which there is free interchange of ideas (2) a : a formal meeting at which several specialists deliver short addresses on a topic or on related topics — compare colloquium (b) : a collection of opinions on a subject; especially : one

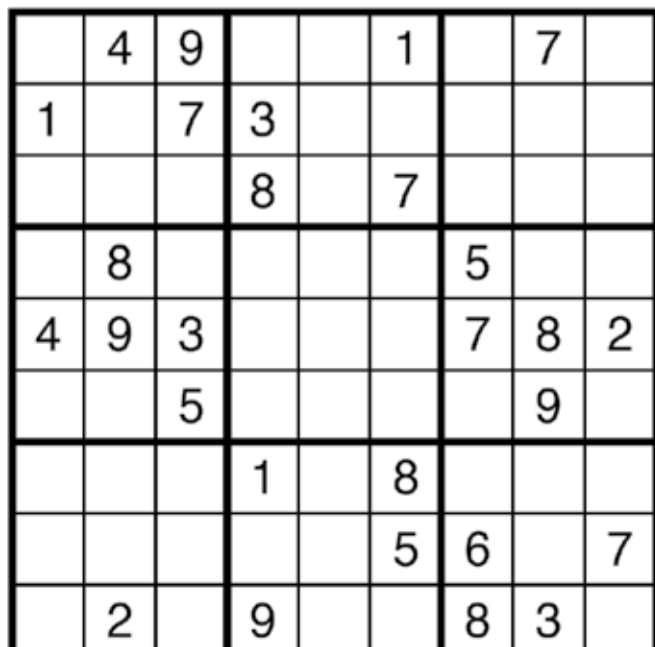
published by a periodical (c) : discussion

#### Did You Know?

It was drinking more than thinking that drew people to the original symposia and that gave us the word symposium. The ancient Greeks would often follow a banquet with a drinking party they called a symposium. That name came from sympinein, a verb that combines pinein, meaning "to drink," with the prefix syn-, meaning "to-

gether." Originally, English speakers only used symposium to refer to such an ancient Greek party, but in the 18th century British gentlemen's clubs started using the word for gatherings in which intellectual conversation was fueled by drinking. By the end of the 18th century, symposium had gained the more sober sense we know today, describing meetings in which the focus is more on the exchange of ideas and less on imbibing.

## SUDOKU



### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



### How to play

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## YOUR STAR TODAY



### Aries

Your general mood is quite good, but there's a strong force asking you to be more realistic in your approach. The last thing you want is for someone else to throw a bucket of water on your raging fire of fun, but this is likely to happen unless you address the reality of the situation.



### Taurus

Your mind may be a little cloudy most of the day, Taurus. It may be that you're trying to navigate by the stars, but unfortunately, the clouds have moved in and there are no reference points to be seen. The good news is that the skies should clear later, and you'll find there's nothing but smooth sailing for the rest of the night.



### Gemini

Praise you may receive this morning could make you feel on top of the world, Gemini, but try not to let this feeling go to your head. Stay modest despite the lavish praise that may be showered on you. By evening, you won't be able to get by on just talk alone.



### Cancer

Things should improve for you as the day progresses, Cancer. The key is to stay loose and not be concerned with the situation's outcome. There could be some conflict between you and someone with a strong ego in the morning, but this should resolve itself by evening.



### Leo

Your emotions could feel restricted today, Leo, a feeling that may be difficult to shake. Take this opportunity to calm down and relax. You'll enjoy the good times more when you give your body the rest it needs. Always pushing for bigger and better adventures may be fun, but it can leave you too tired to fully appreciate them.



### Virgo

It could be hard to find your footing early in the day, Virgo. You may be better off sleeping in. Have a good breakfast and relax in the morning. By evening, you'll be refreshed, recharged, and ready to take on the town. Your emotions may feel restricted, which could make it difficult to fully express yourself.



### Libra

Use the morning to take care of yourself, Libra. You could be so concerned with the world and the shared environment that you forget to take care of you. Use the early afternoon to reflect and meditate. Be flexible in your approach.



### Scorpio

Like lapping waves against the shore, you may be gently changing the landscape around you with each word or action. Don't underestimate your inner strength. It could be that you seem overpowered by the things going on around you, but don't let them keep you from being the person you truly are.



### Sagittarius

This is a good time to take charge of projects that require definite leadership. Don't think that you're inferior to the people around you. Act like you belong in a leadership role and you'll find that others will automatically support you in that position. You have what it takes to lead.



### Capricorn

You may get frustrated today, Capricorn, especially in the morning when other people's egos seem to be strong. It could be difficult to relate to people who simply refuse to accept any opinion but their own. Remain confident in your position despite the vacillation of others.



### Aquarius

This is a good time to express your emotions and get things out of your system. Be sure to release whatever pent-up emotion you have inside. By afternoon, it might be a good idea to settle down and lay low. Turn your energy inward, come to your center, and plan what needs to get done.



### Pisces

It could seem as if everyone is having fun but you. Having a good time is more a state of mind than anything else. Try not to get trapped in a lousy mindset. Late afternoon is a good time to ground your emotions. Operate from a point of stability instead of jealousy.

## show

**KIN**

(PG-15) (THRILLER/ACTION/DRAMA/SCI-FICTION) NEW  
 Ⓞ CARRIE COON, JAMES FRANCO, ZOE KRAVITZ

**CINECO (20)** 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM + (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

**SEEF (II)** 11.15 AM + 1.30 + 3.45 + 6.00 + 8.15 + 10.30 PM + (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

**SAAR** 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM

**WADI AL SAIL** 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

**REPRISAL**

(PG-15) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER) NEW  
 Ⓞ BRUCE WILLIS, FRANK GRILLO, JOHNATHON SCHAECH

**CINECO (20)** 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 PM + 12.00 MN + (12.30 MN THUR/FRI) (VIP I): 11.45 AM + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00 PM

**SEEF (II)** 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM + (1.00 AM THUR/FRI)

**SAAR** 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

**WADI AL SAIL** 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM

**SLENDER MAN**

(15+) (THRILLER/HORROR) NEW  
 Ⓞ JOEY KING, JULIA GOLDANI TELLES, JAZ SINCLAIR

**CINECO (20)** 11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM

**SEEF (II)** 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 PM + 12.00 MN

**SAAR** 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM

**WADI AL SAIL** 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM

**THE LITTLE MERMAID**

(PG-13) (ADVENTURE/FAMILY) NEW  
 Ⓞ WILLIAM MOSELEY, POPPY DRAYTON, SHIRLEY MACLAINE

**CINECO (20)** 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM

**SEEF (II)** 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 PM

**SAAR** 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 PM

**WADI AL SAIL** 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 PM

**THE MEG**

(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)  
 Ⓞ JASON STATHAM, RUBY ROSE, BINGBING LI

**CINECO (20)** (IMAX 3D): 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM (1.00 AM THURS/FRI) (ATMOS): 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 PM + 12.00 MN (VIP II): 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

**SEEF (II)** (12.30 MN THUR/FRI)

**SEEF (I)** 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM

**WADI AL SAIL** 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

**EL BADLASH**

(PG-13) (ARABIC/COMEDY)  
 Ⓞ TAMER HOSNY, AKRAM HOSNI, MAJED EL MASRY, AMINA KHALIL

**CINECO (20)** 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 PM + 12.00 MN

**SEEF (I)** 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)

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**SAAR** 11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM

**WADI AL SAIL** 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM

**MILE 22**

(15+) (ACTION/THRILLER)  
 Ⓞ MARK WAHLBERG, LAUREN COHAN, IKO UWAIS

**CINECO (20)** 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 PM

**SEEF (II)** 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM

**WADI AL SAIL** 8.00 + 10.00 PM + 12.00 MN

**THE EQUALIZER-2**

(15+) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER)  
 Ⓞ DENZEL WASHINGTON, PEDRO PASCAL, ASHTON SANDERS

**CINECO (20)** 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM

**SEEF (II)** 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM

**MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE FALLOUT**

(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME)  
 Ⓞ TOM CRUISE, HENRY CAVILL, VING RHAMES

**CINECO (20)** 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

**SEEF (II)** 11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM

**HOTELTRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER**

(PG) (ANIMATION/COMEDY/DRAMA)  
 Ⓞ ADAM SANDLER, ANDY SAMBERG, FRAN DRESCHER

**CINECO (20)** 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 PM

**SEEF (II)** 11.00 AM + 3.00 + 7.00 + 11.00 PM

**SKYSCRAPER**

(PG-13) (ACTION/THRILLER/DRAMA)  
 Ⓞ DWAYNE JOHNSON, NEVE CAMPBELL, PABLO SCHREIBER

**CINECO (20)** 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM

**SEEF (II)** 1.00 + 5.15 + 9.30 PM

**CHRISTOPHER ROBIN**

(PG) (FAMILY/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)  
 Ⓞ EWAN MCGREGOR, HAYLEY ATWELL, BRONTE CARMICHAEL

**CINECO (20)** 11.45 AM + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00 PM

**SEEF (II)** 11.15 AM + 1.30 + 3.45 PM

**THE DARKEST MINDS**

(PG-13) (THRILLER/SCI-FICTION)  
 Ⓞ AMANDLA STENBERG, MANDY MOORE, BRADLEY WHITFORD

**CINECO (20)** 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

**CHARMING**

(PG-13) (ANIMATION/COMEDY)  
 Ⓞ DEMI LOVATO, WILMER VALDERRAMA, SIA

**CINECO (20)** 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 PM

**SEEF (II)** 1.00 + 5.00 + 9.00 PM

**THE INCREDIBLES 2**

(PG) (ANIMATION/ACTION/ADVENTURE)

Ⓞ CRAIG T. NELSON, SAMUEL L. JACKSON, CATHERINE KEENER

**CINECO (20)** 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

**OCEAN'S EIGHT**

(PG-15) (COMEDY/CRIME)  
 Ⓞ SANDRA BULLOCK, CATE BLANCHETT, ANNE HATHAWAY

**CINECO (20)** 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM

**THE SPY WHO DUMPED ME**

(15+) (ACTION/COMEDY)  
 Ⓞ MILA KUNIS, SAM HEUGHAN, KATE MCKINNON

**CINECO (20)** 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM

**SOUQ AL GOMAA**

( ) (ARABIC/COMEDY) NEW  
 Ⓞ AMR ABDEL-GELEEL, MAHMOUD EL GENDY, DALAL ABDELAZIZ

**SEEF (II)** 10.45 AM + 3.00 + 7.15 + 11.30 PM

**SATYAMEVA JAYATE**

(PG-15) (HINDI/ACTION/THRILLER)  
 Ⓞ JOHN ABRAHAM, MANOJ BAJPAYEE, AISHA SHARMA

**SEEF (II)** 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM

**YAMLA PAGLA DEEWANA PHIR SE**

(PG-15) (HINDI/COMEDY/DRAMA) NEW  
 Ⓞ DHARMENDRA, SUNNY DEOL, BOBBY DEOL

**SEEF (I)** 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

**STREE**

(15+) (HINDI/COMEDY/HORROR) NEW  
 Ⓞ RAJKUMMAR RAO, SHRADDHA KAPOOR, PANKAJ TRIPATHI

**SEEF (I)** 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM

**MISS GRANNY**

( ) (FILIPINO/COMEDY/MUSICAL) NEW  
 Ⓞ SARAH GERONIMO, NOVA VILLA, JAMES REID

**SEEF (I)** 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 PM + 12.00 MN

**JAWANI PHIR NAHI ANI 2**

(PG-13) (URDU/COMEDY/ROMANTIC)  
 Ⓞ MAWRA HOCANE, KANWALJIT SINGH, HUMAYUN SAEED

**SEEF (I)** 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + 12.00 MN

**AL HAMRA** ON THURSDAY 30TH: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 12.00 MN FROM FRIDAY 31ST: 6.00 + (12.00 MN FRI)

**NARTANASALA**

(TELU) NEW  
 Ⓞ NAGA SHAURYA, KASHMIRA, YAMINI, JAYAPRAKASH REDDY, AJAY

**AL HAMRA** FROM FRIDAY 31ST: 12.00 NOON + 11.30 PM

**IMAIKKAA NODIGAL**

(TAMIL) NEW  
 Ⓞ NAYANTARA, ATHARVSS, RASHI KHANNA, ANURAG KASHYAP

**AL HAMRA** FROM FRIDAY 31ST: 3.00 PM

**ANNANUKKU JEY!**

(TAMIL) NEW  
 Ⓞ ATTAKATHI DINESH, MAHIMA NAMBIAR, RJ BALAJI

**AL HAMRA** 9.00 PM

# Thunderstorm halts Gaga's movie debut

Venice, Italy

Lady Gaga has been called a force of nature but a spectacular thunderstorm pulled the plug on the gala premiere of her big acting debut at the Venice film festival.

An hour into the screening of "A Star Is Born" late Friday a violent electrical storm rolling across the Venetian lagoon left the cinema in the dark for 20 minutes.

Earlier the superstar made mimed prayers on the red carpet so that she could reach her seat in her fluffy pink Valentino gown without being soaked.

While the gala was something of a washout, the film itself and the singer's performance earned rapturous reviews.

Variety called the second remake of the 1937 classic "a transcendent Hollywood movie", heaping praise on Lady Gaga and her co-star Bradley Cooper, who also directed the film. Critic Owen Gleiberman hailed as "luminous" its story of a waitress who climbs to fame after falling in love with an alcoholic country singer on the slide.

He said Gaga's "ebullient and winningly direct performance never lets her own star quality get in the way of the character."

The talented "ugly" girl who thinks her nose is too big and



Singer and actress Lady Gaga arrives for the premiere of the film "A Star Is Born"



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hides behind layers of outrageous makeup when she goes on stage, had obvious autobiographical echoes for the US star. Lady Gaga told reporters she "always dreamed of being an actor", and channelled her own difficult early experiences in the music business into her performance.

And it clearly worked.

The Hollywood Reporter declared it a "captivating debut in a big-screen leading role".

"There's a lot to love in Bradley Cooper's" film, it added, even if "at times it becomes pedestrian as it follows her conquest of superstardom".

## Man-free music festival opens!

Gothenburg, Sweden

Matilda Hagerman laughs with her friends as she queues at a man-free music festival, which kicked off in Sweden on Friday in protest against a wave of sexual assaults at festivals in recent years.

"This festival was necessary because of everything that happened during festivals last year," says the 27-year-old student with long pink hair and purple lipstick as her friends nod in agreement.

Gosling, who portrays Armstrong in the film, and director Damien Chazelle also hit back at criticism the movie was un-American for not depicting the iconic flag-planting.

"In 'First Man' I show the American flag, but the flag being physically planted into the surface is one of several moments of the Apollo 11 lunar EVA that I chose not to focus upon," he said.

The first feature film to touch on the Paris jihadist attacks premiered Friday at the Venice film festival just months after another was pulled over protests by survivors.

"Amanda" tells the story of a young man who is left to look after his seven-year-old niece after her mother is killed in an attack on a Paris park. Although the attack itself is fictional, the film by French director Mikhael Hers draws on the shock and trauma in the French capital after the November 13, 2015, massacres in which 130 people died.

French public television was

Held in Sweden's second-largest city of Gothenburg, the two-day Statement Festival, forbids men but not transgender people. It was announced last year after police received four rape and 23 sexual assault reports at Sweden's largest Bravalla Festival, which was cancelled this year as a result.

"What do you think about us creating an awesome festival where only non-men are welcome until ALL men learn how to behave?" Swedish comedian Emma Knyckare, who founded

the Statement Festival, tweeted at the time. Located inside an industrial building in Gothenburg's harbour, only female bands are performing and neither male security guards nor journalists are allowed to enter.

Rebecka Ljung, spokeswoman for the festival, told AFP "thousands" of women were expected to attend the festival.

Under cloudy skies, the festival got started with women holding beers and smiling and walking harmoniously in groups.

## First Paris attacks film shown at Venice

Venice, Italy

Although "Ce soir-la" (That Night) had by then finished shooting, executives promised it would not be shown until all of the survivors and families of victims were consulted following protests.

Claire Peltier, the partner of one the people murdered at the Eagles of Death Metal concert, had set up a petition calling for the "scandalous" film to be shelved.

She said it was far too soon for "such a painful" story to be revisited. But the makers of the new film said that "Amanda" was not directly about the 2015 attacks but rather about the trauma they created in those left behind.



Vincent Lacoste and Isaure Multrier in Amanda

forced in December to put on ice a controversial love story starring Sandrine Bonnaire set on the night of the killings at the Bataclan concert venue.

## Neil Armstrong film unpatricotic?

Los Angeles, United States

Neil Armstrong's sons and the director of a new biopic on the space hero are hitting back against criticism that the film is unpatriotic because of the lack of a flag-planting scene.

In a statement issued on Friday, Rick and Mark Armstrong said "First Man," starring Ryan Gosling, was intended to depict their father's journey to the moon and delve into "the man behind the myth."

"This story is human, and it is universal," the brothers said in their statement issued jointly with "First Man" author James



A scene from the movie

Hansen. "Of course, it celebrates an American achievement. It also celebrates an achievement 'for all mankind,' as it says on the plaque Neil and Buzz (Aldrin) left on the moon." The trio added they did not

feel the movie was "anti-American in the slightest."

"Quite the opposite," they said. "But don't take our word for it. We'd encourage everyone to go see this remarkable film and see for themselves."

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## Former ER actor shot dead by police

Guardian

Vanessa Marquez, a former actor on the television show ER, was shot and killed by police during a welfare check at her home in South Pasadena, California. Marquez,

49, played nurse Wendy Goldman on the hit series from 1994 to 1997. Lt Joe Mendoza of the Los Angeles county sheriff said Mendoza brandished a gun at the officers and the officers shot her in the torso. She later died at the hospital.

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# Raikkonen roars to poll

## Smashes all-time fastest lap record as Ferrari lock out front row

**Monza, Italy**

**K**imi Raikkonen smashed Formula One's all-time fastest lap record as he outpaced team-mate Sebastian Vettel to grab pole position yesterday for the Italian Grand Prix.

Raikkonen's record lap was clocked in 1min 19.119sec at an average speed of 263.587 kilometres per hour (163.785 miles per hour), convincingly beating the outright record of 1:19.525 set by Juan-Pablo Montoya on the same track in 2004.

In the final seconds of a dramatic session three leading drivers, Lewis Hamilton, Vettel and then Raikkonen, all broke Montoya's record in turn.

In the end, Ferrari locked out the front row of the grid with defending champion and current leader Hamilton of Mercedes third even though the Briton had twice beaten Montoya's record.

Raikkonen was one-tenth of a second faster than both Vettel and Hamilton.

Valtteri Bottas was fourth for Mercedes ahead of Max Verstappen of Red Bull and Romain Grosjean of Haas.

Carlos Sainz was seventh on his birthday for Renault ahead of Esteban Ocon of Force India, Pierre Gasly of Toro Rosso and Lance Stroll of Williams.

It was Ferrari's first pole on home soil at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza since 2010 and Raikkonen's first pole in 12 years. At 38, he also became the oldest pole sitter since Nigel Mansell, aged, 41, took pole for the 1994 Australian Grand Prix.

The Finn, whose future at Ferrari is uncertain, was as phlegmatic as ever amid the wild celebrations.

"Thank you," he said. "It's great for tomorrow... Hopefully, everything goes smoothly and we end up in the same position."

Vettel was unhappy not to take pole.

"Let's talk after," he said to the team, perhaps referring to Raikkonen gaining a 'tow' from him. "I'm not entirely happy with my second run."

Hamilton, who was seeking a fifth consecutive Monza pole, said: "We gave it everything. It's incredibly close."

After his huge high-speed crash on Friday, Marcus Ericsson had been passed fit and took part in a new car, built overnight, and knowing he faced a 10-place



Ferrari's Finnish driver Kimi Raikkonen competes



Ferrari's Finnish driver Kimi Raikkonen (C) celebrates winning the pole position next to second placed Ferrari's German driver Sebastian Vettel (L) and third placed Mercedes' British driver Lewis Hamilton (R) after the qualifying session at the Autodromo Nazionale circuit in Monza



**"Where is everyone?"**  
Hamilton asked, sensing he was free of traffic.

**"ALL IN A BUNCH BEHIND,"** CAME THE MERCEDES REPLY

grid penalty for Sunday's race, having taken a new power unit.

As the cars began to filter out of the pit lane, a black cloud threatened overhead. Rain was forecast, with 80 per cent likelihood, but the track had dried

rapidly following overnight rain.

To the delight of the tifosi, waving huge Ferrari prancing horse flags, Vettel and Raikkonen went straight to the top of the times, the Finn setting the pace before Vettel responded.

Hamilton, fighting his car for speed, took third, half a second adrift ahead of Bottas.

"Where is everyone?" he asked, sensing he was free of traffic. "All in a bunch behind," came the Mercedes reply.

As a tightly-contested Q1 ended, out went Sergio Perez of Force India, who was caught in the garage by a cluster of late improvements, Charles Leclerc of Sauber, Brendon Hartley of Toro Rosso, Ericsson and Stoffel Vandoorne of McLaren.

## Sri Lanka recalls Malinga for Asia Cup

**Colombo, Sri Lanka**

**S**ri Lanka's cricket selectors Saturday recalled fast bowler Lasith Malinga after an year in limbo and included him in a 16-member squad for the upcoming Asia Cup tournament.

The injury-prone 35-year-old had been largely ignored since his last ODI appearance in September last year against India in Colombo when he took just one wicket for 35 runs. Sri Lanka lost the match by six wickets.

However, official sources said he had impressed selectors during an ongoing domestic T20 series and has now been included in the one-day squad for the Asia Cup tournament opening in the United Arab Emirates in two weeks.

## Depay devastated after burglary

**Lyon, France**

**L**yon's Dutch forward Memphis Depay had his house burgled during Friday's Ligue 1 home loss to Nice with the thieves reportedly getting away with a massive \$1.75 million haul.

Lyon president Jean-Michel Aulas said the player was distraught, but thought the police had good leads to go on. "He's beside himself, he had a great deal of valuables in his home," said Aulas although Lyon police said it was too early to say exactly what he had lost.

## Sabbir faces six-month ban

**Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Bangladesh cricket authorities on Saturday proposed banning batsman Sabbir Rahman from international cricket for six months for multiple disciplinary breaches, an official said.

The announcement comes as the batsman, who was recently axed from the Bangladesh squad for the Asia Cup this month, completed a six-month ban from domestic cricket in June for assaulting a fan during a match.

## Brave 16 tickets available at Virgin Megastore across UAE

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**B**rave Combat Federation has announced that ticket sales have been initiated for the upcoming event in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Brave 16 will be hosted on 21st September at the Mubadala Arena in Abu Dhabi. The gates will open at 5 PM. The tickets are available at Virgin Megastores across UAE. The fight card features

two major championship title defence and multiple high profile fights featuring Jarrah Al Silawi, Elias Boudegzame, Mounir Lazzez, Abdul Kareem Al Selwady, Mohammed Fakhreddine alongside the return of the living legend, 10 times IBJJF champion Bruno Malfacine. Apart from online ticketing, points have been established at major outlets and malls across UAE.

## Ireland's top announcer signs for Brave 16 team

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**I**reland's top ring announcer, Noel O' Keffe signed contract with Brave Combat Federation to be a part of the commentary team. He will take up commentary from Brave 16 hosted on 21st September at the Mubadala Arena in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Noel was assigned commentary responsibilities during Brave 13 hosted in Belfast which marked the



Noel O' Keffe

entry of Brave Combat Federation to Europe. Noel is the first non-athlete to have signed with Brave Combat Federation from Ireland.

"I am extremely excited to be a part of Brave Combat Federation commentary team. I will join the team for Brave 16 hosted in Abu Dhabi," said Noel O' Keffe.

Noel will be joining Kirik Jenness and Yousef Nassar at the commentary at Brave 16.

## Eng 260-8 against India in 4th Test, lead by 233

**Norton, United States**

**J**os Buttler's well-judged 69 helped to leave India facing a record run-chase if they were to win the fourth Test against England at Southampton and so level the series.

England were 260 for eight in their second innings, a lead of 233 runs, at stumps on Saturday's third day.

The most India have made to win in the fourth innings of a Test in England is 174 at The Oval in 1971. That match also saw them achieve their first Test win on English soil.

Sam Curran, fresh from his Test-best 78 in the first innings, was 37 not out after adding 55 for the seventh wicket with Buttler.

Adil Rashid (11) was caught behind off a Mohammed Shami leg-cutter off what became the last ball of the day.

The paceman led India's attack with three wickets for 53 runs from 13.5 overs.

Last week saw Buttler display a well-judged mixture of aggression and defence during his maiden Test century, albeit one made with India

well on the way to a 203-run victory that left them 2-1 down in this five-match series.

Those same qualities were on display in Southampton, where Buttler made 85 on his Test debut, also against India, four years ago.

They were needed after England slumped to 92 for four -- the 33rd time in 64 Test innings they had been four wickets down for 100 or fewer runs.

Shami took two wickets in two balls separated by the lunch break before running out England captain Joe Root for 48 with a direct hit.



# Perfect starts for Liverpool, Chelsea



Chelsea's Spanish midfielder Pedro (R) vies with Bournemouth's English defender Adam Smith during the English Premier League football match between Chelsea and Bournemouth at Stamford Bridge in London

## London, United Kingdom

Liverpool and Chelsea saw off stiff resistance from Leicester and Bournemouth yesterday to continue setting a fast pace at the top of the Premier League with four wins from four games.

A huge error from £65 million (\$84 million) goalkeeper Alisson Becker threatened to halt Liverpool's early season charge, but Jurgen Klopp's men held out for a 2-1 win at the King Power in another demonstration of their new-found defensive solidity to go with the firepower of Sadio Mane, Roberto Firmino and Mohamed Salah.

Chelsea had to wait until 19 minutes from time to break down Bournemouth at Stamford Bridge before the in-form Pedro Rodriguez opened the scoring and Eden Hazard sealed the points in a 2-0 win.

At the other end of the table it

was another afternoon to forget for West Ham, who remain the only Premier League side without a point, as Adama Traore snatched a 1-0 win for Wolves in stoppage time at the London stadium.

### Alisson learns lesson

For once Salah had an off day as the Egyptian fired a glorious early chance wide and was substituted by Klopp 20 minutes from time.

Mane stepped into the breach to open the scoring with his fourth goal in as many games this season after good work by Andy Robertson before Firmino's first of the campaign just before the break doubled the visitors' advantage.

A two-goal lead was more than Liverpool deserved, though, as for the third straight game the Reds failed to produce their free-flowing best.

Alisson more than played his

part in registering clean sheets against West Ham, Crystal Palace and Brighton, but the Brazilian number one was caught trying to dribble past Kelechi Iheanacho and the Nigerian squared for Rachid Ghezzal to set up a grandstand finish.

"It's only positive that he is that good a footballer. But we all have to learn to use it in the right way still," said Klopp of Alisson's propensity to take risks.

"That was a mistake – no goalkeeper in the world should dribble in that situation."

### Classy Hazard

While Liverpool were expected to challenge champions Manchester City for the title having spent more than any other team in the league over the summer, Maurizio Sarri's perfect start at Chelsea has surprised even the Italian himself.

Sarri's imprint was again clear to see as the blues dominated possession, but were made to work to inflict Bournemouth's first defeat of the campaign.

"They were very organised and they defended very well but usually in this match you have to be patient because you can win in the last 20 minutes," said Sarri.

French World Cup winner Olivier Giroud came off the bench to help make the breakthrough as he exchanged passes with Pedro before the Spaniard curled home.

Hazard then showed why Chelsea refused to contemplate letting him go to Real Madrid with a classy finish for his second goal of the season.

West Ham were another club to invest heavily in the transfer market, but are so far seeing no return on their near £100 million (111m euros/130m US dollars) spending spree.

"I don't think it is a bad start, it is a very bad start," admitted manager Manuel Pellegrini, whose side also lost on the road to Liverpool and Arsenal, and at home to Bournemouth.

"We can't lose six points here at home like we have. Playing away against Liverpool and Arsenal and you don't play so well is understandable. Here at home to lose we must be very worried."

Everton's fine start to life under Marco Silva was tempered by a 1-1 draw at home to Huddersfield.

Brighton fought back from 2-0 down at home to Fulham to grab a 2-2 draw thanks to Glenn Murray's double.

And Southampton claimed their first victory of the season by resisting intense Crystal Palace pressure to win 2-0 at Selhurst Park thanks to second-half goals from Danny Ings and Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg.

## English Premier League results

|                 |   |   |                  |
|-----------------|---|---|------------------|
| Leicester       | 1 | 2 | Liverpool        |
| Brighton        | 2 | 2 | Fulham           |
| Chelsea         | 2 | 0 | Bournemouth      |
| Crystal Palace  | 0 | 2 | Southampton      |
| Everton         | 1 | 1 | Huddersfield     |
| Manchester City | 2 | 1 | Newcastle United |

### Playing Sunday

|         |   |                        |
|---------|---|------------------------|
| Burnley | v | Man United (1500 GMT), |
| Cardiff | v | Arsenal (1230 GMT),    |
| Watford | v | Tottenham (1500 GMT)   |

## English Championship results

|               |   |   |                     |
|---------------|---|---|---------------------|
| Birmingham    | 0 | 0 | QPR                 |
| Brentford     | 2 | 1 | Nottingham Forest   |
| Hull          | 1 | 2 | Derby               |
| Preston       | 2 | 2 | Bolton              |
| Reading       | 1 | 2 | Sheffield Wednesday |
| Sheffield Utd | 4 | 1 | Aston Villa         |
| West Brom     | 2 | 1 | Stoke               |
| Wigan         | 1 | 0 | Rotherham           |

### Playing Sunday

|              |   |            |
|--------------|---|------------|
| Bristol City | v | Blackburn, |
| Ipswich      | v | Norwich    |

## German Bundesliga results

|                     |   |   |               |
|---------------------|---|---|---------------|
| Hoffenheim          | 3 | 1 | Freiburg      |
| Bayer Leverkusen    | 1 | 3 | Wolfsburg     |
| Eintracht Frankfurt | 1 | 2 | Werder Bremen |
| Augsburg            | 1 | 1 | Borussia      |
| Moenchengladbach    |   |   |               |
| Nuremberg           | 1 | 1 | Mainz         |

### Playing Sunday

|            |   |                      |
|------------|---|----------------------|
| RB Leipzig | v | Fortuna Duesseldorf, |
| Schalke    | v | Hertha Berlin (1600) |

## French Ligue 1 results

|       |   |   |                     |
|-------|---|---|---------------------|
| Nimes | 2 | 4 | Paris Saint-Germain |
|-------|---|---|---------------------|

### Playing Sunday

|               |   |                      |
|---------------|---|----------------------|
| Saint-Etienne | v | Amiens (1300 GMT)    |
| Rennes        | v | Bordeaux (1500 GMT)  |
| Monaco        | v | Marseille (1900 GMT) |

# Gayle boosts West Brom, Villa routed

## London, United Kingdom

Dwight Gayle fired West Bromwich Albion to a 2-1 win over Championship rivals Stoke, while promotion chasers Aston Villa were thrashed 4-1 at Sheffield United yesterday.

Albion and Stoke were both relegated from the Premier League last season, but it was the hosts who look more equipped for a quick return on the evidence of their success at the Hawthorns.

Gayle scored in the 16th and 59th minutes, while Benik Afobe missed a penalty for Stoke. Erik Pieters' reply for Stoke came way too late and Gary Rowett's side have only one win from six games.

Villa, beaten in last season's play-off final, are aiming to go one better this season.

But at Bramall Lane, Jack O'Connell put the Blades ahead after six minutes and Mark Duffy added a deflected second. Oliver Norwood made it three before the break and it was four thanks to Billy Sharp's 49th minute strike.

Anwar El-Ghazi netted a consolation for Villa. Derby left it late but continued their fine start under Frank Lampard as they won 2-1 at Hull.

Recent signing Martyn Waghorn opened his account from the spot 23 minutes in, but Todd Kane levelled eight

Gayle scored in the 16th and 59th minutes, while Benik Afobe missed a penalty for Stoke

minutes after half-time.

Derby dug deep and won it through Florian Jozefzoon with two minutes left.

Jozefzoon's former club Brentford also impressed as they beat Nottingham Forest 2-1. Lewis Macleod got them going and although in-form Matty Cash replied, Ollie Watkins won it deep into second half stoppage-time.

Adam Reach and Lucas Joao scored as Sheffield Wednesday won 2-1 at Reading, Liam Moore replying for the winless hosts. Bolton hit back to draw 2-2 at Lancashire rivals Preston.

Callum Robinson and Alan Browne put Preston two up inside 16 minutes, but Sammy Amoebi and Pawel Olkowski levelled before the break.

Preston's Ben Pearson was sent off late on.

James Vaughan's goal 17 minutes from time earned Wigan a 1-0 win over Rotherham, while Birmingham and QPR drew 0-0.



Liverpool's Senegalese striker Sadio Mane (L) vies with Leicester City's Algerian midfielder Rachid Ghezzal during the English Premier League football match between Leicester City and Liverpool at King Power Stadium in Leicester, central England

## N Korea boxing coaches kicked out for ring protest

Jakarta, Indonesia

Two North Korean coaches were kicked out of the Asian Games Saturday after mounting a protest in the ring after one of their boxers lost the women's flyweight final.

Coach Pak Chol Jun refused to leave the ring and incited boxer Pang Chol Mi to remain behind in protest against the judging after China's Chang Yuan won gold on a 3-2 split decision.

Both were eventually forced to leave by police and security staff after the nasty standoff marred the finale to the Asiad boxing competition.

Another coach, Pak Il Nam, got into an angry frenzy outside the ring as he tried to whip up the crowd to jeer the decision.

Both coaches had their Asian Games credentials immediately revoked and will now face disciplinary action by the International Boxing Association (AIBA).

## China break all-Korean hearts

Jakarta, Indonesia

China dashed the Unified Korea's hopes of an emotional women's basketball gold medal when they won a tense final 71-65 at the Asian Games on Saturday.

Lim Yung-hui top-scored with 24 points in a losing cause as China pulled away from 38-38 at half-time before holding off the Koreans in the final quarter.

Park Ji-su was tearful after the game as the Korean team, featuring players from both sides of the heavily fortified Korean border, came up short.

"As a player... I am disappointed," Park said, breaking into tears.

"All our team-mates played very well. It was a close game," she added, while sobbing.

Her team-mate Lim Yung-hui and coach Lee Moon-kyu said the squad, which only came together days before the Games, hadn't had enough time to practise together.

"We could have got a gold medal... we tried our best," Lim said.

The Koreans were supported throughout the tournament by vocal fans brandishing blue and white Korean unification flags and wearing "One Korea" T-shirts.

Despite the loss, the Korean fans were still celebrating after the match, waving their flags and applauding the players.

The two Koreas marched together at the opening ceremony and also formed joint teams in canoeing, in which they won a gold and two bronze medals.

It follows similar gestures at the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, which set the stage for an unprecedented thaw in relations between the two countries still technically at war.

# Asiad bids adieu

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Bahrain's delegation to the 18th Asian Games, being held in Jakarta and Palembang will attend today the closing ceremony of the games at Gelora Bung Karno Sports Complex Main Stadium.

The Kingdom's athletes concluded their participation at the 18th edition of the games yesterday when Ali Murtada was forced out of the sambo competition's 90km weight category against Aitbek Aibol in the first fight.

Murtada was trailing 0-4 early in the fight, but came back and levelled the scores at 4-4, only to suffer a wrist injury resulting in his withdrawal from this encounter and declaring the Kazakhstan fighter winner.

The Bahraini was rushed to the hospital along with his physician Dr Francisco Chapman and other members of the Bah-



Closing ceremony of the games at Gelora Bung Karno Sports Complex

rain delegation.

Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant secretary general and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) secretary general Abdulrahman Askar Murtada, along with BOC board members Shaikha Hayat bint Abdulaziz Al Khalifa and Khalid Al Khayyat, followed up on

the condition of Murtada, the bronze medalist at the Asian Championship in Mongolia earlier this year, who had an x-ray at the hospital.

The incident meant that Bahrain stayed on 26 medals in total, including 12 gold, 7 silver and 7 bronze, and are in 11th place in the medal table.



Kingdom's concluded participation when Ali Murtada was forced out of sambo

Meanwhile, Salwa Eid was rewarded with the Diamond League trophy in the women's 40m after winning the final event in Brussels. Salwa completed the last race of the season in 49.33 seconds, with US runner Jessica Beard coming second in 50.51 and compatriot Phyllis Francis third in

50.77. Meanwhile, the 18th Asian Games will come to a close tonight at Gelora Bung Karno (GBK), in Senayan, where high-ranking sports officials from Indonesia, the Olympic Council of Asia and other countries from around the continent, will be present.

## 'I'll only get better': Lee warns rivals

Jakarta, Indonesia

Hong Kong's track cyclist champion Sarah Lee Wai-size has warned her Tokyo 2020 rivals she will "only get better" after winning two gold medals at the Asian Games in Jakarta.

The 31-year-old Lee won the women's keirin and sprint events to finish off a tremendous week at the velodrome in Indonesia's capital, where she was also part of the silver-winning sprint team.

Speaking to AFP, Lee -- who now has five golds overall at the regional Olympics -- said she is feeling stronger than ever.

"I am doing good and will only get better in the next two to three years. I am very satisfied with my result at the Asian Games," Lee said.

"This is the start to my preparations of getting to a medal in the Tokyo Olympics.

"This win is very dear to me but I also hope that I can get an Olympic gold in 2020."

## China's divers sweep gold and silver

Jakarta, Indonesia

China's divers secured their 12th successive one-two in the women's three metre springboard and the men's 10 metre platform yesterday, giving them a clean sweep of gold and silver in both events since they joined the Asian Games in 1974.

A tidy forward two-and-a-half somersaults and one twist sealed victory in the three metre event for Shi Tingmao, 27, who had already claimed gold in Jakarta in the synchronised three metre springboard.

Her winning score of 389.40 trumped that of rival and

team-mate Wang Han, 27, who bagged the silver on 383.40 to add to her gold in the one metre springboard.

"The gold medal is a really good birthday present," Shi said after turning 27 on Friday. "This gives me more motivation to do a better job."

It was Shi's fifth Asian Games gold medal, equalling the record held by diving great Wu Minxia.

Malaysia's Nur Dhabitah Sabri took bronze with 330.75.

But it was in the men's 10 metre platform that China showed off the utter brilliance of the nation's diving, with Yang Jian scooping gold and Qiu Bo tak-

ing the silver.

Despite a stupendous back three somersaults from a handstand position in the fourth round and a mesmerising forward four-and-a-half somersaults in the sixth -- both with a 9.8 average score -- defending Asiad champion Qiu had to settle for second.

Yang, 24, runner-up four years ago in Incheon, tumbled into the top spot with a score of 579.10. Qiu, 25, a silver medalist at the London Olympics, rolled in with 566.60.

The crowd, well aware they were seeing a class act, gave a momentous roar after each of the men's six dives.

## Special footwear for India's 12-toed Swapna Barman

New Delhi, India

An Indian athlete with six toes on each foot who won gold at the Asian Games is to receive special custom-made shoes after a company boss was touched to hear of the pain she suffered while running in the heptathlon.

The 21-year-old Swapna Barman spoke after winning the regional Olympics title on Thursday of how her rare deformity caused agony with each step in her final event, the 800m.

A government-run enterprise in the southern city of Chennai has come forward to help Barman get customised shoes.

"After she won the gold I saw



India's Swapna Barman celebrates winning the women's 800m heptathlon athletics event

on TV that she had a deformity in her feet," said Sudhanshu Mani, general manager of Integral Coach Factory, a railway

coach manufacturer that also funds training for athletes.

Mani told AFP that Barman needs four different pairs of

shoes for the heptathlon's seven events.

"We are in touch with Nike. We are waiting for her to come back so that we can get her size and get the customised shoes made for her," he said, explaining that his company would bear the cost.

Barman comes from an impoverished family in the West Bengal city of Jalpaiguri and her plight has touched the nation.

Her rickshaw-puller father has been bedridden for several years since suffering a stroke. Her mother Basana Devi left her job as a tea garden worker to look after her husband.

They have relied on the earnings of their son, a stone mason.

A video of the family watching Barman's gold-winning feat on TV has become a social media sensation in India.

The weeping mother can be seen rushing to a temple outside to thank a deity for Barman's fairytale finish.

Basana Devi told local media that surgery to fix her daughter's feet had been impossible because of the cost.

"How could I get that done? I myself was born with six toes on one foot. It is because of me that Swapna is this way.

The West Bengal government has promised a reward of one million rupees (\$14,110) and a government job for Barman.

# Son is saved

Tottenham Hotspur forward scoops precious Asian gold to earn military service exemption

● South Korea down Japan 2-1 in extra time

● Indonesia unveiled surprise plans to bid for the 2032 Olympics

● Tokyo is holding the 2020 Summer Games

● Beijing will host the winter edition in 2022

Palembang, Indonesia

Tottenham Hotspur forward Son Heung-min avoided a spell in the military and hosts Indonesia unveiled ambitious plans to host the Olympics as the Asian Games reached a climax on Saturday.

Son's bid to avoid military service by winning football gold was the talk of the Games, but South Korea left it perilously late before downing Japan 2-1 in extra time at Pakansari Stadium.

It uncorked unbridled jubilation from Son, who had set up both South Korean goals and leapt around beaming as he celebrated with his team-mates -- including his fellow World Cup star, goalkeeper Jo Hyeon-woo.

Son's career-saving gold was the highlight of a busy final full day of competition, with 44 gold medals in play as Sunday's closing ceremony

looms.

But President Joko Widodo raised the prospect of greater things to come as he said Indonesia, buoyed by its mostly smooth hosting of the Games, would bid for the 2032 Olympics.

"Indonesia has planned to immediately register itself as a candidate for the 2032 Olympics host," Widodo said, after hour-long talks with Olympics chief Thomas Bach.

Indonesia's announcement reflects the growing clout and resources of countries in Asia, which is hosting three Olympics within the space of

four years.

After this year's Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, Tokyo is holding the 2020 Summer Games and Beijing will host the winter edition in 2022 -- becoming the first city to organise both the summer and winter Games.

## Lords of the ring

Elsewhere, the boxing competition witnessed unsavoury scenes as police had to break up protests by two North Korean coaches who were subsequently kicked out of the Games.

Pak Chol Jun refused to leave the ring and Pak Il Nam angrily tried to whip up the crowd as they claimed that fighter Pang Chol Mi was the victim of biased judging in her final defeat to China's Chang Yuan.

"The coaches' credentials have been revoked

and they will be sent forward to the disciplinary commission for them to review and take action," AIBA executive director Tom Virgets told AFP.

It marred a day when Uzbekistan

were crowned lords of the ring, winning five of the seven men's boxing finals.

India's Amit Panghal pulled off a massive upset to outbox the 2016 Rio Olympic champion and win gold.

Amit, 22, kicked off finals day in pulsating fashion with the performance of the Games, edging a 3-2 split decision to take revenge on Uzbekistan's Hasanboy Dusantov for defeat in last year's World Championship

## Medal list

| Rank | Country     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|------|-------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1    | China       | 132  | 92     | 65     | 289   |
| 2    | Japan       | 74   | 56     | 74     | 204   |
| 3    | South Korea | 49   | 57     | 70     | 176   |
| 4    | Indonesia   | 31   | 24     | 43     | 98    |
| 5    | Uzbekistan  | 21   | 24     | 25     | 70    |
| 6    | Iran        | 20   | 20     | 22     | 62    |
| 7    | Taiwan      | 17   | 19     | 31     | 67    |
| 8    | India       | 15   | 24     | 30     | 69    |
| 9    | Kazakhstan  | 15   | 17     | 44     | 76    |
| 10   | North Korea | 12   | 12     | 13     | 37    |
| 11   | Bahrain     | 12   | 7      | 7      | 26    |

“I'm so proud of my team-mates, they fought for 120 minutes. But without the Korean people behind us we couldn't win this tournament. Of course when I see the people support me, I want to give something back and this is the best present for my life

SON HEUNG-MIN

light flyweight quarter-final.

Ladon of the Philippines was stopped because of a cut in the second round. The unlucky Ladon, who had nursed his wound above the left eye through the quarter- and semi-finals, was examined by the ringside doctor who determined he could not continue and Latipov took it 3-1, with one card level.

Elsewhere, the Unified Korea wept tears of sadness as they were denied an emotional women's basketball gold medal in a 71-65 defeat to China.

China also won the men's basketball when NBA-linked Abudushalamu Abudurexiti inspired an 84-72 comeback victory against Iran.

In card game bridge, one of the quirkiest sports on the programme, India's 60-year-old Pranab Bardhan became the 18th Games' oldest gold medallist in the men's pairs.

Earlier in Palembang, the Games' co-hosting city, Japan's Jumpei Furuya won the men's triathlon, a day after team-mate Yuko Takahashi won the women's race.

Sunday's mixed race in the swimming, biking and running event will be the 465th and final gold medal, rounding off two weeks of competition in 40 sports.



Son celebrates after defeating Japan during the men's football gold medal match in Bogor

## Brazilian Ronaldo close to buying Spanish club Valladolid

Madrid, Spain

World Cup winner Ronaldo has reached a deal to buy 51 per cent of La Liga club Valladolid a regional daily reported on Saturday, citing "sources close to the operation."

El Norte de Castilla, which is based in Valladolid said Ronaldo was paying 30 million euros (\$34.8 million) and would complete the deal next week.

"The Brazilian star reached an agreement with Carlos Suarez, owner of more than 60 per cent of the shares of the company, on Thursday evening," the newspaper wrote.

Ronaldo's press secretary, David Espinar, told AFP by email that he was not prepared to comment on the story.

The Spanish media have been reporting the former Real Ma-



Former Brazilian international player Ronaldo gestures during a promotional event in Moscow

Ronaldo, who is 41, was the tournament's top scorer as Brazil won the World Cup in 2002 and was also part of the winning squad in 1994

drid and Barcelona striker's interest in Valladolid round the time the club won promotion back to the Spanish first division in May.

The newspaper said Ronaldo was attracted by the way the club is being run and that the takeover would not "lead to great changes in the club struc-

ture" and that Suarez, who has run the club for 17 years, would continue as president and Sergio Gonzalez would remain head coach.

"Ronaldo does not want to be the visible head and prefers to stay in the background," the newspaper wrote.

The report said the two sides had tried to negotiate as discretely as possible to avoid having an impact on the club's dealings in the summer transfer window, which closed on Friday.

Ronaldo, who is 41, was the tournament's top scorer as Brazil won the World Cup in 2002 and was also part of the winning squad in 1994. His long list of individual honours include winning the FIFA player of the year three times and the Ballon D'Or twice. "El Fenomeno" retired in 2011.