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US Secretary of State John Kerry listens (left) as Qatari Foreign Minister Khalid bin Mohammad Al-Attiyah speaks during a news conference in Doha yesterday

# LONGING FOR A BONNHOMIE

**Doha**  
**I**ran's nuclear deal should bring stability and good neighbourliness rather than interference, Gulf Arab states told US Secretary of State John Kerry yesterday as they began talks on the merits of its historic accord with world powers.

Qatari Foreign Minister Khalid Al Attiyah, welcoming Kerry to Qatar for the talks with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), said the alliance wanted to spare the region "from any dangers

and threats from nuclear weapons".

"This should be done by authorising the use of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes in line with international rules," he said, speaking for the GCC as host of the meeting.

"We look forward with hope to the nuclear agreement ... leading to the preservation of security and stability in the region, and we emphasize the importance of cooperation with Iran based on principles

of good neighbourliness, non-interference in internal affairs and solving disputes peacefully," he commented.

Al Attiyah expressed hope that the nuclear deal concluded between Iran and the world powers in Vienna last month would help maintain security and stability in the region.

In the meantime, he warned against the repercussions of the failure of the Middle East peace process and the continuation of the Israeli occupation

of Palestinian territories, which is the major cause for instability in the region.

Al Attiyah urged the US to exert further efforts to restore the peace process to track and to end occupation in line with the international resolutions and the Arab Initiative.

Speaking in Egypt on Sunday, Kerry said the United States had labeled Iran the world's number-one state sponsor of terror, but this was precisely why it was so important to ensure

Tehran did not obtain a nuclear weapon.

Speaking to reporters in Doha yesterday, Kerry said: "It was crystal clear that the US and GCC regarded their partnership as indispensable for the security of the region".

He added that the US had agreed to speed up the transfer of weapons - including missiles - to its allies in the Gulf, as well as to co-operate more closely with them against Islamic State (IS) militants and Al Qaeda.



### Sir Edward Heath named in child sex abuse probe

London

Police have named Sir Edward Heath as a suspected paedophile in the most extraordinary twist yet in the ongoing investigation into allegations of historic child abuse. Appealing for potential victims of the late former Prime Minister to come forward, Wiltshire Police revealed that he had been named in relation to offences concerning children. But they declined to give any details about the nature of the allegations against Sir Edward, who died in 2005, aged 89. The revelations came as it was announced that the Independent Police Complaints Commission was investigating claims that the police had quietly dropped a criminal trial in the 1990s.

# CABINET: NEED UNIFIED STANCE AGAINST TERROR

## Condemns Sitra terror blast, praises supportive stances

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The Cabinet session, chaired by Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa at the Gudaibiya Palace yesterday, called for adopting unified stances and rallying behind the leadership as the best way to fend off sedition and foil attempts to subvert Kingdom's security and stability.

The Cabinet also condemned the heinous terror blast in Sitra, which led to the martyrdom of two on-duty policemen. The session offered deepest condolences to the families of the bereaved.

In a statement following the session, the Secretary-General of the Cabinet Dr. Yaser bin Essa Al Nasser said the Cabinet considered the perpetrators as



The Cabinet meeting in progress

essential partners in the terror crime.

It urged the competent authorities to quickly finalise necessary security procedures to bring the criminals to justice.

"Such terror acts will not impede the government's

efforts to enhance developments that benefit the nation and the citizens, nor will they affect its tireless work to maintain the Kingdom's status as a secure and stable nation under its leadership" said the Cabinet.

The Premier underlined

the need to continue dealing with terror groups and organisations relentlessly. He issued instructions to take all necessary security measures to protect the nation and the citizens from the acts committed by misguided groups.

### Scrutinising media

Prince Khalifa also issued directives to the Ministry of Information Affairs to follow up the coverage on Kingdom's issues in the local and foreign Press. The Ministry was also requested to coordinate with other Ministries and state departments to ensure that mass media receive information from credible official sources as well as they project the real image of the development boom currently witnessed by the Kingdom in all fields.

The Cabinet referred the consolidated final account of the Future Generations Reserve Fund for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 to the legislative branch after it had been audited by the National Audit Office.

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# MINISTRY TO KEEP TAB ON CONTENTS OF MEDIA

To be done in coordination with various government agencies

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The Ministry of Information Affairs will keep an eye on the contents of local as well as international media to ensure that the media houses project the true development achieved by Bahrain.

Addressing media yesterday after the weekly Cabinet meeting, chaired by Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Information Affairs Minister, Isa bin Abdulrahman Al Hammadi said that the media-monitoring job would be done in coordination with various government agencies.

The Minister said that the government would take all necessary actions to deal with local media, which publish wrong information about the Kingdom. "Even the international media will also be contacted if they give inaccurate information about Bahrain," he said.

The Minister said that the government had established laws in 2002 to regulate media in the Kingdom. "If needed, the Kingdom will enact more laws."

The Information Affairs Minister said that the current Press Law did not apply to social media. The new laws, which will be enacted in future, will bring social media under Press Law. "But currently there

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Al Hammadi speaks at the Press conference.

are enough laws to deal with media users," he said. He said that the Ministry of

Interior would create laws to tackle the violations committed on social media. Later the law will be presented to the Public Prosecution. In this regard, the role of the Information Affairs Authority (IAA) is to coordinate with the Interior Ministry.

"If anyone notices violations on social media, he/she can

bring it to the notice of the person concerned. We have to use the social media in a right way," he remarked.

## Stalled projects

Commenting on the stalled projects, Al Hammadi said that the government was studying all stalled projects in the

Kingdom.

"Many small and large scale investors have contacted the authorities. First, we have to deal with large projects. Later, medium and small-scale investors will be given prominence. The priority of the government is to protect the interest of the investors," the Minister added.

## Hearing starts in breach of traffic law case against Asian man

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The High Criminal Appeals Court has commenced hearing the trial of an Asian man, who contested a conviction in a breach of traffic law case. The defendant was earlier given 20 days' imprisonment for using his car for commercial transportation.

He was captured after transporting a Gulf national from the Bahrain International Airport to Manama. Prosecutors claimed that the defendant offered to give the visitor a lift to Manama at a fair of BD5 when he met him at the airport.

However, the defendant alleged that it was the Gulf National who requested him to transport him to Manama by his car in return of money. "I drove my friend to the airport, and while I was about to leave, I saw the man (the Gulf national). He requested me to take him to Manama by my car for BD5," the defendant pointed out in his statement.

The accused was captured at the airport exit while he was en route to Bahrain's capital. He was convicted before the Lower Criminal Court - which is concerned with hearing cases related to traffic violations

- on grounds of providing public transportation without a license. Judges had also fined him BD500 for his offence as well as ordered for his immediate deportation once he completes his jail term.

The initial ruling also included a three-year-long re-entry ban to Bahrain against him. It's worth to note that it was the first time for a Bahraini court to issue a verdict for such a road violation. The case was referred to the appeals court after the defendant contested his initial sentence. His case was adjourned yesterday until August 5 to summon up a translator for him.

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Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received former Speaker Khalifa Al Dhahrani, senior officials, members of the Parliament and Shura Council at the Gudaibiya Palace yesterday



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa held talks with Russian Ambassador Vagif Garaev on Sunday



Interior Minister Lt-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa received member of the Shura Council, Zia Al Musawi yesterday

# CARS' REMOVAL ORDERED FOR SPRUCING UP ROADS

Municipality issues notices to remove cars that encroached roads

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The Southern Area Municipality of the Kingdom has taken a major step to beautify the roads encroached by cars. The cars parked along side the roads, especially in East Riffa, West Riffa, Askar, Jaw and parts of Sanad and Isa Town will be removed soon in a bid to give a facelift to the area.

The municipality has already issued notices to the owners of the cars, who parked the cars with 'for sale' stickers on them. The municipality has given a specific time limit to remove these illegally parked cars. "If the cars are not shifted within the specific time, the municipality will tow the cars away," the Public Relations



Cars are seen illegally parked along roadside in the Southern Area Municipality

and Media Department of the Southern Area Municipality

said in a statement.

"If the cars are towed away

by the municipality, all the cost incurred for this purpose

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A car parked encroaching the road

abandoned cars have been marring the beauty of the area. "The presence of these cars are also annoying people in the neighbourhood," the municipality said.

"Municipality has already taken action by issuing notices to owners of the abandoned cars. Now it is time for the car owners to act," it added.

should be borne by the owners of the car," it warned.

The initiative came after the municipality received complaints that the

## Chief of staff inspects BDF unit, meets officials

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Chief of Staff of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Lieutenant-General Dheyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi yesterday paid an inspection visit to a BDF unit.

The chief of staff was welcomed by the unit's commander and senior officers, and was briefed on the unit's work progress, plans, training programmes, as well

**BDF Chief was briefed on the unit's work progress, plans and training**

as combat and administrative readiness. He also met other officials there.

He said that the unit was

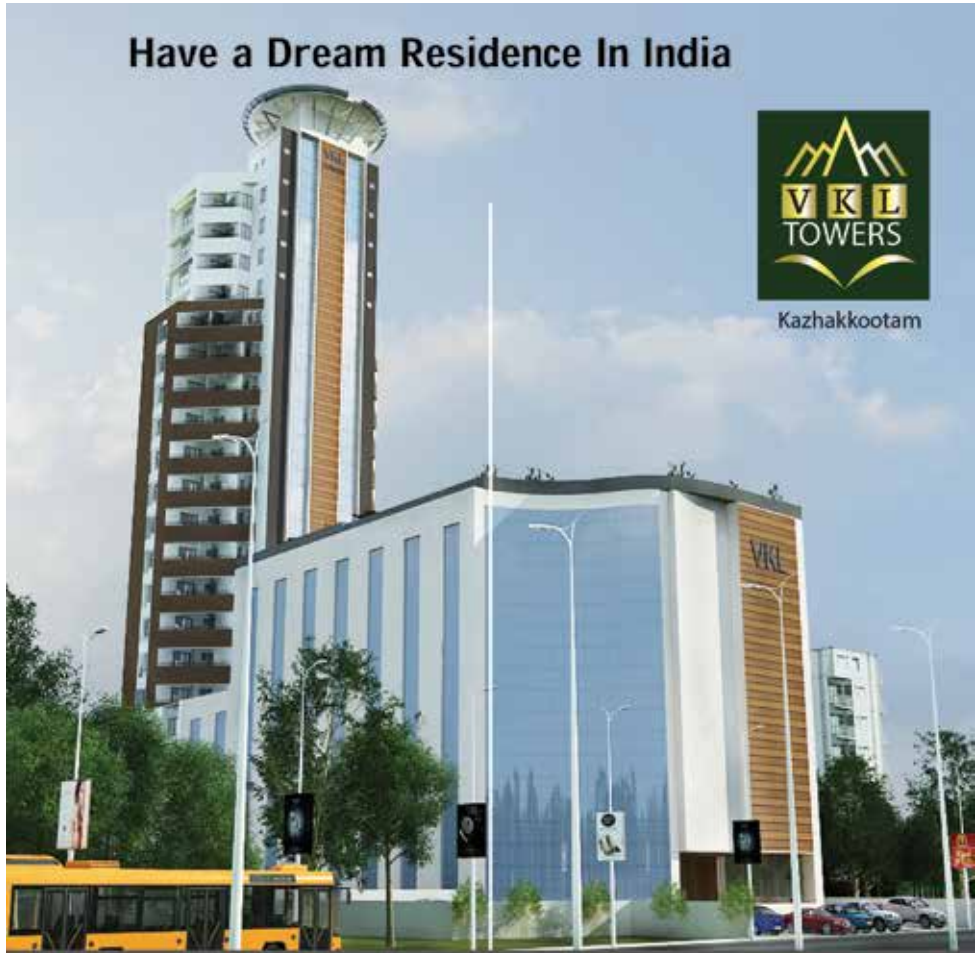
on the right track regarding dedication and constant keenness to achieve the expected combat and administrative readiness, alongside other BDF units. He noted that the unit's development would go hand in hand with the rehabilitation of its military personnel.

He lauded the key role played by the unit's officers, non-commissioned officers and members, and wished them further success.



Chief of staff during his visit

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# MTT LAUNCHES NEW RADAR WIND AND TEMP PROFILER

The RWTP will contribute to improving safety for airports

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The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications Meteorological Directorate has completed the installation of a Radar Wind and Temperature Profiler that measures wind and temperature in the atmosphere.

Ahmed Al Nemah, the Acting Undersecretary of Civil Aviation Affairs at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications (MTT) said that the completion of the project is an important milestone in the Ministry's strategic plan to develop the Kingdom's meteorological services, by investing in cutting-edge technology that enables the Meteorological Directorate to closely observe the weather phenomena affecting the takeoff and landing of aircraft,

**Data from the Profiler will be furnished to any requesting airline using Bahrain International Airport for assistance in takeoff or landing**

especially in the lower layers of the atmosphere.

This in turn will contribute to further improving safety at the Bahrain International Airport and strengthening its standing amongst various Airline Companies working in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Adel Deham, Director of



The MTT Facility

Meteorology at MTT's Civil Aviation Affairs, explained that the main function of the radar is to measure the velocity (speed and direction) of the wind in addition to

the atmospheric temperature at different altitudes above the runway on a continuous basis, and such information can then be furnished to any requesting airline using

Bahrain International Airport for assistance in takeoff or landing.

Deham added that this information would help forecast weather conditions

and enable the Meteorological Directorate to issue necessary weather warnings to pilots of aircraft during takeoff and landing, ensuring avoidance of weather-related accidents that can affect the safety of passengers and aircraft. Helicopters, which are low altitude flying aircraft, will be especially served by this radar.

"The information generated from this device will enable us to expand our database, and can be used in the future in the field of research or to predict the movement of any lingering components in the atmosphere, including harmful gases in the event of any disaster, God forbid, in the Gulf Region," he said.

The radar data will be one of the main inputs for the Numerical Weather Prediction project, which is one of the MTT's upcoming projects.

## Beating the odds, Bahraini adventurer heads to Iceland

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A Bahraini adventurer is on his way to Iceland to inspire others who are in difficult situations.

Ahmed Jaffar, a Parkinson's disease survivor, is on his way for another intense challenge as he is hoping to tackle the extreme temperatures of Iceland in the next 12 days. The Arad resident who is a successful businessman and the owner of a large supermarket chain in Bahrain has already completed five challenging trips including an adventure in Antarctica,

**Ahmed Jaffar, who suffers from Parkinson's disease, drew international acclaim as well as admirers from around the globe who refer to him as the 'beast of Bahrain'**

horseback riding and trekking in Mongolia as well as climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa.

Jaffar drew international acclaim as well as admirers from around the globe who refer to him as the 'beast of Bahrain'. Last

year, researchers from The Austrian Parkinson's Support Group gave him the title 'Ambassador for Parkinson's Affairs and Relationships' in an awarding ceremony in Vienna.

Now, he is on yet another trip to 'challenge Parkinson's' as well as to inspire others "so that they won't give up". Speaking to *DT News*, Jaffar said "I go for these challenging trips to show that Parkinson's has not defeated me as well as to show people who are suffering difficulties in life that they can achieve great things no matter what the obstacles are."

Despite being burdened with the life-altering disease, Jaffar leads a normal life, working hard on his business and taking care of his family in addition to a rigorous



Jaffar in Antarctica

exercise routine. "Exercise is very important, if I fail to exercise rigorously and consistently, the Parkinson's starts to take over. This is one of the reasons I am taking up big challenges such as Kilimanjaro, Antarctica and Iceland. These trips strengthen me physically and mentally."

Jaffar is expected to reach Iceland today morning after leaving Bahrain last night. His plans for Iceland include glacier hiking, Iceberg Boating, trekking, hiking and Horse Riding.

"It will be a busy schedule. It will be physically exhausting. I am a little tensed, as I have not prepared for it as much as I wanted to. Because of various reasons, I did not get enough time to prepare and practice and it might be leaving me a little short fitness-wise for such a huge endeavour. However, I hope it can be managed."

"The extreme climate will be the greatest challenge. Its never easy to tread from a country like Bahrain where temperature rises to over 40 degree Celsius to another country where it is very cold," he said.



Jaffar climbing Kilimanjaro



A photograph taken by Jaffar in Antarctica

# BAHRAINIS' PLEA REJECTED IN BATTERIES THEFT CASE

Two men nabbed for stealing batteries of 10 trucks

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The appeals of two men involved in the theft of batteries of trucks were rejected yesterday. Both the convicted Bahraini defendants were earlier given six-month sentences after being found guilty of theft. The duo went on a robbing spree in the Sitra

**Both the defendants were earlier given six-month sentences after being found guilty of theft**

area, stealing a total of 10 trucks batteries.

According to their statements before prosecutors, they committed their crime, as their pockets were empty of money. "I received a call from my friend (the second defendant) and he requested me to go out with him. We didn't have money and he

**According to the two Bahrainis' statements before prosecutors, they committed their crime, as their pockets were empty of money**

proposed to steal the batteries and sell them later to get some

cash," the first defendant told prosecutors.

"We sold them for a total amount of BD100," he added. The defendants were nabbed after a Pakistani man, who purchased four of the batteries, informed police about them. "I asked them to give me their identity cards, but they refused. So I suspected they were thieves," the Pakistani said in his statement.

## Man fined for selling liquor sans licence

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Selling alcohol without a licence has proved costly for an Asian man, who was fined BD2000 by the High Criminal Court.

He will be deported from Bahrain if his appeal rejected before the High Criminal Appeals Court. The defendant was illegally promoting alcohol

**He was apprehended when an undercover agent, on a police tip-off, went to his store and bought from him alcohol posing as a customer**

in his Sitra cold store.

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an undercover agent, on a police tip-off, went to his store

and bought from him alcohol posing as a customer. Several types of alcoholic drinks were seized from his store.

He justified his illicit act by stating to prosecutors that he wanted to increase his profits.

The defendant was charged with selling alcohol without permission, possessing liquors without a licence.

## Alumni Club flays Iranian interference

Manama

The Alumni Club yesterday strongly condemned blatant Iranian interference which preys on Bahrain's stability and security and the unity of its people. In a statement, the Alumni Club affirmed Bahrain's long-standing Arab identity, saying that the Kingdom will thwart any plots and subver-

sive designs.

They reiterated unwavering allegiance to His Majesty King Hamad, Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier. The club took pride in the outstanding national gains.

## Woman drags dealer to court for car's defect

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A Bahraini woman is suing a local auto dealership in the Court of Urgent Matters as her vehicle has a manufacturing defect. The proceedings of the case have commenced yesterday, and the plaintiff's lawyer Mohsin Al Shuwaikh said before the court that his client enjoyed driving the car for only one month before an engine error erupted.

He claimed that his client decided to file a complaint against the dealership after the latter failed to rectify the damage or take a proper action to fix it.

"My client paid full amount

**The woman's lawyer claimed that his client decided to file a complaint against the dealership after the latter failed to rectify the damage or take a proper action**

for the car, but after a month felt a shake in the car, and

a message on the screen appeared suggesting that there was a defect in the engine," Al Shuwaikh said.

"She took the car to the dealership, and they told her that there was a problem in the engine. She kept the car for two days and they received a call informing her that the car was ready. When she asked them about what was the problem, they failed to respond to her questions," he added.

The lawyer requested the court to summon up a mechanical technician to conduct a thorough check on the car to ascertain its condition and the type of defect in the engine as well as its causes.

## BP community initiatives highlighted

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The Head of Bahrain Polytechnic (BP)'s Social and Business Initiatives Section, Leena Al Mannai, affirmed the BP's keenness on its social partnership with public and private institutions and all the various components

of the society.

The Polytechnic organised about 40 community cooperation events and initiatives in the last two years in line with its Strategic Plan 2015-2019 and emanating from the belief on the principles of social partnership.

She cited the increasingly

growing number of beneficiaries and lauded students-employees interaction with these initiatives which contribute to achieving the Polytechnic's vision, mission and strategic goals in line with the Government Action Plan and the Kingdom of Bahrain's Vision 2030.



### Announcement

**Labour Market Regulatory Authority announces the opening of the new "Expatriate Services Units" starting from Sunday, August 2nd 2015. These Expatriate Service Units will be dedicated to serve the expatriate community for Worker and Family Biometric Data Collection (finger print) and general inquires.**

Units are in the following areas:

1. North Sitra industrial area for Expat Services Unit. (Sheikh Salman Al-Fatah Road –In front of AlWaha Petroal Station)
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# MUHARRAQ CLUB EXTENDS SIGNING NATIONAL DOCUMENT

The club plans to make the signing online through its website

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The Muharraq club has extended the signing of the national document for few more days and to launch it on its website to be signed by Bahrainis abroad. Participants in signing the national document have expressed support for the Cabinet's statement issued yesterday on Sitra terror bombing.

Current and former parliamentarians and municipality members, representatives of sport clubs and scores of citizens have uttered denunciation of the flagrant Iranian interference in Bahrain's internal affairs which is

in violation of principles of good neighbourliness, international laws and norms and Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.

The participants condemned Sitra terror attack, which targeted on duty policemen by the use of Iranian weapons smuggled by sea by terrorists who had trained in the Iranian Revolutionary Guard camps.

They welcomed Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa's call for promptly bringing perpetrators of the terror bombing to justice. They reiterated pledges of allegiance to

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HRH the Premier and Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

They hailed the efforts of the Interior Ministry's personnel

led by the Minister of Interior Lt. Gen. Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa in maintaining the homeland's security and stability and foiling weapons and explosives smuggling attempts from Iran which refuge fugitives and trains terrorists.



Supporters signing the document

## 150 students benefited from national training programme

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As many as 150 students benefited under the national training programme implemented by the General Secretariat of the Council for Higher Education, from 14 public and private Bahraini institutions. Seven of these students elaborate on their training experience with the national programme for field training.

In the period between July 26 to September 4, a variety of training opportunities were available for students including in graphic designing, media, statistics, chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, etc.

Faisal Al Mahmood, a law student from Kingdom University claims he benefited from labour market requirements. "Such training programmes and courses are great opportunities for university students to theories into practice in the labour market." He pointed out that his experience in working at the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry earned him the practical skills as well as academic ones.

### Teamwork skills

Zahra Khalid, an English Literature student from University of Bahrain said that she benefited from teamwork skills under the programme. "University students are hungry for such training opportunities given its practicality," she said. Zahra noted that she learned a lot from interning



Amir Jaffar

as a translator and learning teamwork skills in the General Secretariat of the Council for Higher Education.

### Professional abilities

Amir Jaffar, a Mechanical Engineering student from Bahrain Polytechnic confirmed that Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO) has enhanced his professional abilities. He noted that regardless of a degree of academic excellence in theoretical subjects, it is an urgent need to strengthen the practical side to be able to achieve a successful career after graduation.

Zahra Makki, a student from AMA University noted that the training programme has given her the precious opportunity to link theoretical application, which she is currently being trained in BAPCO. Zahra added that she benefited greatly from human resources management.



Faisal Al Mahmood



Zahra Khalid

Noor Abdunnasser, an accounting student from University of Bahrain confirmed that the programme contributed to the development of her capabilities and strengths, stressing on the importance of hands-on training for senior university students to help them prepare efficiently for the labour market.



Noor Abdunnasser



Turkey Abdullah

### Thirsty for training opportunities

Rabab Ebrahim, a banking student at the University of Bahrain explained that her experience in working for the Ernst and young firm stimulated her personal capabilities and diligence, which is allowing her to run her life in a successful process.

Turkey Abdullah, accounting



Rabab Ebrahim



Zahra Makki

student at the University of Bahrain expressed his delight in getting trained at PricewaterhouseCoopers (trading as PwC), pointing out that the company specializes in the field of audit which is part of his academic specialization, and this is what earned him the ability to recruit his information in theory to a practical field which only boosted his personal potential.



# GOVT SCHOOLS TO GET BRAND NEW FACILITIES

Works are done in prior for the new school year

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**T**he Building Maintenance Director at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Huda Mirza announced that the Ministry has commenced the maintenance of 40 government schools in the Kingdom's Governorates as part of an agreement with the Ministry of Education and in preparation for the upcoming school year 2015-2016.

The cost of the maintenance works is BD2,556,800. Mirza stated that the maintenance works aim to maintain the safety of the school buildings



**The complete maintenance works comprise of civil, mechanical and electrical works, in addition to internal and external painting works etc**

- Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Eng. Huda Mirza

structure, improve their internal environment, prolong their life span, ensure sustainability and increase their value and competency on

the operational and economic levels.

The maintenance of government buildings, especially schools, falls in

line with the Government's interest in maintaining school buildings in order to ensure the provision of high quality services; in line with a yearly plan aiming to maintain schools in the Kingdom.

Mirza also added that the complete maintenance works comprise of civil, mechanical and electrical works, in addition to internal and external painting works, revamping toilets, fixing doors and windows, replacing electricity and water extensions and damaged health tools. Also, the old lighting system at some schools will be replaced with power-saving lighting and

aluminium insulating windows are to be installed to save power and preserve natural resources in the Kingdom.

A number of nine old schools with deteriorated concrete structures have been chosen to undergo constructional maintenance; based on lab reports prepared by the Ministry's Materials Engineering Directorate in coordination with the Services Directorate of the Ministry of Education.

The Ministry is keen to complete all maintenance works coinciding with the start of the school year.

## Tunisian President gets HM King's invite to Bahrain

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**H**is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has extended an official invitation to Tunisian President Beji Caid Essebsi to visit the Kingdom of Bahrain. Royal Court Special Envoy Samira Rajab yesterday submitted a letter in this regard from HM the King to President Essebsi.

The Tunisian leader received Rajab and discussed with her bilateral relations and ways of bolstering joint ties, in addition to the current Arab situation, regional and international developments. The meeting also focused on the situation of Arab women, stressing similarities between Bahraini and Tunisian women who enjoy a pioneering status in the Arab region.

## Edu Ministry inaugurates fourteen summer clubs



Dr. Al Nuaimi with the participants of a summer club

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**M**inister of Education Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi inaugurated as many as 14 summer clubs across Bahrain benefiting more than 5000 students during the summer holidays.

The minister stressed that the summer clubs are part of the Education Ministry's efforts to provide students with educational services during the academic year or on holidays in order to hone

their talents and skills. He added that the programme is also aimed at students with special needs.

During the inauguration, the Education Minister inspected workshops and programmes provided by the clubs for

students, lauding the variety of educational programmes benefiting students this year, including games, sports, artistic activities, computer activities, English lessons as well as recreational and educational trips.

**The Minister opened as many as 14 summer clubs across Bahrain benefiting more than 5000 students during the summer holidays**



Cucumber prices shot up from BD3.5 per box a few days ago to BD5.5, according to wholesale dealers at the Centre Market Manama. The vendors attribute the price rise to the lack of supplies, mainly from Jordan



An Asian technician was injured after a fire broke out in a workshop located in a farm in Bilad Al Qadeem yesterday. He suffered burn wounds from the fire erupted while he was fixing a vehicle. A fuel leakage was found out to be the cause of fire

# FACILITATE LIVELIHOOD OF CITIZENS: HRH PREMIER

Prime Minister receives officials, Shura Councillors and MPs

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The government will continue to cooperate with the legislature to provide citizens with dignified livelihood, quality services and regulations to help facilitate their livelihood, said Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa said.

The Premier was speaking in a meeting with former Speaker Khalifa Al Dhahrani, senior officials, members of the Council of Representatives (MPs) and Shura Councillors at the Gudaibiya Palace here yesterday.

The Premier urged for holding more similar meetings to reach common solutions and understandings to fulfil the ambitions of all citizens.

The meeting also explored current local, regional and international developments. Discussions were also held on the cooperation between the legislative and executive bodies on the revision of laws, legislations and regulations to hold those who commit terrorist acts.

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MPs and Shura Councillors expressed their gratitude and appreciation to Prince Khalifa for his continuous support to legislative work. They lauded his keenness on burgeoning cooperation between the legislative and executive bodies. "It contributed lots of accomplishments for the nation and citizens since the beginning of parliamentary work in the Kingdom of Bahrain which continues to-date on the same path and tone," they noted.

They also hailed the constant keenness of the Premier on Gulf unity that arouses from his insightful vision vis-à-vis current and future circumstances.

## 3700 Bahrainis to perform Hajj this year

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A total of three thousand seven hundred Muslims from Bahrain have registered to perform Hajj this year, confirmed Head of Bahrain Hajj Mission Shaikh Adnan bin Abdullah Al Qattan while speaking to the DT News yesterday.

He said that the process of registration has been completed and the pilgrims are expected to start their journeys to Mecca from September 9. "All the pilgrims must go for vaccination before going for Hajj," he said, "they should not take it as something imposed on them - it is only for their protection."

Exact date of Hajj cannot be fixed in advance as it depends on the Islamic lunar calendar based on the sighting of the moon. Anyhow it is expected to fall between 21 to 26 September.

He added that he himself would perform Hajj this year. Shaikh Adnan advised the pilgrims to perform the obligation of Hajj with full devotion spending their time in



Shaikh Adnan bin Abdullah Al Qattan

the remembrance of Allah Almighty. He asked them to do good deeds and stay away from all sorts of political conversations during Hajj. "Follow the rules of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia," he said.

It is worth noting that Saudi Arabia had reduced Hajj quotas because of the construction work at the Grand Mosque in Mecca, the

holiest site in Islam. The number of visas for foreign Muslims has been halved and the local quota cut by 20 per cent during construction work in order to avoid any inconvenience.

According to a report published in Saudi Gazette, 95pc of the expansion work is complete and the

construction work is over it will be able to accommodate 2.2 million pilgrims at a time while doubling the capacity at the Mataf from 48,000 to 105,000 per hour.

Hajj is one of the five pillars of Islam and a mandatory religious duty once in a lifetime for every

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rest is expected to be completed by the end of the year. So by next year, more Bahrainis are expected to be able to perform Hajj.

Saudi Arabia is spending almost \$20 billion on the expansion of the Grand Mosque. Once the

adult and sane Muslim who is physically and financially capable of undertaking the journey to Mecca and can afford the sustenance of his family in his absence. Hajj gathering is considered the largest annual gathering of people worldwide.

## Shura Council announces allegiance to leadership

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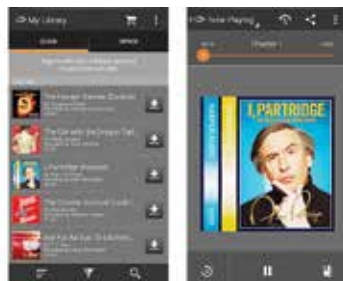
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The Shura Council yesterday rallied behind the wise leadership in confronting blatant Iranian interference and subversive designs to destabilise Bahrain, undermine its security and fuel sectarian strife between its people.

Shura Council Chairman Ali Saleh Al Saleh, members as well as the General Secretary and staff submitted a National Document to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. The council reiterated unwavering allegiance to the wise leadership and firm belonging to the Kingdom of Bahrain, slamming Iranian interference and subversive designs.

The document rejects any attempt to encroach on the fundamentals and pillars of the reform project, the democratic march and national unity. The council stressed its national responsibility to support all that serves the interest of the homeland, maintains its security and stability and protects the unity of its people.

## App of the week



### APP ON THE GO!

It's that time of the year again when taking a vacation means going through long and even tiring journeys. And some have to venture on the long road ahead to reach their dream destination. For the literature enthused, this can actually serve as a treat- thank goodness for Audio books! A bit like radio shows that you actually want to listen to, a bit like podcasts before all the funny people stopped doing them and a bit like books being read to you.

Amazon's Audible app is a gateway to its own audio book service, drawing you in with free tasters of some of its best sellers. Worth downloading even if it's only for those free nibbles.

## Gizmo of the week

### TRIBY GETS PERSONAL

It's high time we moved on from the traditional and cute-styled magnets to something



that acts as an added benefit to our usual and mundane tasks- it's the technological era after all. Welcome Tribi- a fridge magnet of the 21st century. It comes with Bluetooth and WiFi and a noise-cancelling loudspeaker for phone chats. Invoxia is using the display to allow iOS and Android users to send doodles to the device, make calls to it, and even stream music to the speaker over Bluetooth. Invoxia is even promising a month's worth of battery life, with charging via a mini USB connector. Comes at a price of around BD75.

# NEW SMART TICKETING LAUNCHED

**B**ahrain Public Transport Company (BPTC) have introduced the GO Card, a pre-paid, re-usable smart card that facilitates flexible, convenient and faster travel for public transport users.

The GO Card is the first smart ticketing system to be introduced in Bahrain and one in a series of new products and services to be gradually added to the new bus network, in line with the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications' (MTT) efforts to upgrade and enhance Bahrain's public transport system.

According to BPTC Director, Mark Kipling, "Smart ticketing is a vital component of this project and crucial in elevating Bahrain's public transport system, and enhancing the passenger journey. GO Cards are a cheaper, user-friendly alternative to the paper tickets and we have made sure they are easily accessible to all passengers across all sectors".



### ADIEU TO PAPER TICKETS

GO Cards provide passengers with a re-usable top-up alternative to paper tickets and can be used on any route across the bus network. GO Cards are charged for the zones crossed in any complete one-way journey including connections between buses and offer a cheaper travel option to purchasing tickets for individual routes.

They are available as one-day passes or can store cash credit and can be used as per passenger needs and convenience. There is an initial fee of 500Fils when first purchasing a GO Card and it can then be reloaded with any amount of credit up to a maximum of BD50.

GO Cards are widely obtainable and can be purchased from the bus drivers or the Ticket Vending Machines at the main bus terminals in Manama, Isa Town and Muharraq.



# CANON BRINGS OUT THE BIG 3



**C**anon Middle East has launched three new large format printers – the Canon imagePROGRAF iPF830, iPF840 and iPF850 - to bring reliable, precise and productive printing to architecture, engineering and construction (AEC), reprography and Computer Aided Design (CAD) environments.

The new devices deliver best-in-class functionality and performance to the high-volume print market. The upgraded system architecture delivers fast and continuous printing with the

ability to replace ink tanks during print jobs and deliver speeds of up to 42 seconds for A0 plain paper in economy mode.

At the same time, the imagePROGRAF iPF850 improves efficiency and usability thanks to a high-capacity stacker that can hold up to 100 sheets of different sized paper (up to A0), making it quick and easy to collect documents by ensuring that they are not curled. The iPF840 and iPF850 support dual roll to easily handle different types and varying widths

of paper up to 44", at the same time. It enables automatic paper switching between rolls to suit print requirements, resulting in high production printing without any intervention by the operator for paper changing.

Businesses that require eye-catching prints, such as indoor poster and point of sale printing environments, will also appreciate the addition of the latest High Chroma magenta ink for enhanced colour reproduction and more vibrant results.



## HEARD OF THE AIRDROID?

**T**here's a big chance that you haven't. When there is a sea of useless apps out there, a person tends to miss out on the really good ones.

Well, AirDroid has been out for a while and even though it's being mostly used by technical users, it can actually can do wonders for the average joe too. AirDroid makes the multi-screen life easier and more focused, by helping you access and manage your phone from any computer, anywhere and anytime, without the need of a cable or connector. You just have to send an SMS, view app notifications, transfer files and fully control your phone on computer via the AirDroid.

It's a really handy tool for users who do want to carry a cable with at all times. Aside from all the useful phone management tools, AirDroid can also play your music on the pc without having to transfer the songs. Once you launch the app, it will run a tutorial for you on how to use it. AirDroid is available for free on the Google Play Store.



Didn't get Windows 10 on July 29? scan the code to find out if you have missed a step.

# WHEN TV BECOMES *the ultimate entertainment hub*

The world is on its toes. Especially when it comes to staying advanced and technologically groomed. And the need to have our life and things set out for the fast lane has moved to the entertainment sector too.

Most 4K TV sets come future-ready, up scaling regular HD content for an unbeatable viewing experience. Hollywood biggies have taken industry cues and are producing the latest blockbusters and re-mastering classics to adapt to this technology, and cinema screen owners are upgrading their equipment to keep up.

This high-resolution technology is also reinterpreting the TV experience for consumers. Featuring stunning contrast and striking brightness, the Samsung SUHD TV is powered by a re-mastering engine that automatically analyses the brightness of images to minimize additional power consumption, and still produce never-before-seen contrast levels. Blacks are blacker and brightness is improved by two-and half times more than conventional TVs. The pure color and efficient light emission is the work of the SUHD TV's nano-crystal semi-conductors, which transmits different colors of light depending on their size. The result is more realistic and striking images.

The unparalleled viewing experience offered by 4K technology has put it on the fast-track to wider adoption, and consumers in the market for a new set can get their first taste of the latest technology with the Samsung SUHD TV. It is available at major retailers across Bahrain starting from BD649.90



## THE QUEST FOR EVER 'HIGHER DEFINITION'- SCREENS ADOPTING 4K TECHNOLOGY

High-definition screens have truly come of age. Walk into any electronics store and you will be greeted by LED, LCD and Plasma screens with labels claiming high-definition capabilities. The race for the biggest, crispest, brightest, thinnest screens has also boiled

down to contrast ratios and number of colors per pixel.

YouTube, for example, has started broadcasting in 4K, with some 8K content also included in the library. These are mostly amateur documentaries of extreme sports and other activity. Technology companies and others

are also developing branded content to show off the capabilities of their screens. Production companies, the gaming industry, security organizations in which detail is everything, is getting in on 4K. And the most premium smartphones and digital cameras are equipped to shoot in 4K.

## AVATAR SEQUELS IN 4K

James Cameron has given an update on his three upcoming Avatar sequels. The Hollywood director revealed that the films will be shot in 4K and potentially utilize the divisive 48 fps high frame rate format seen in The Hobbit. The director who likes to push the envelope of setting his filmic parameters will shoot in 4K resolution through the use of Douglas Trumbull's patented gizmo, MAGI — an experimental process that renders the image in 4K 3D at 120 frames per second.

Keeping fans excited, the director has shed light on what's happening on



the eagerly-anticipated franchise: "We're still in the early stages. Right now we're developing the software. I'm writing the scripts. We're designing all the creatures and characters and the settings, and so on.

While the first film took almost four years to make, the famed director hopes to accelerate the process quite a bit, because of the advancement of software and computer graphics tools. "You know, we'll be shooting at a native resolution of probably 4K and so then there should be a lot of true 4K theatres by then as well," James Cameron has said.

The first 3D Avatar sequel is expected to be released in cinemas by Christmas 2016, with the following set for 2017 and late 2018 respectively.



# THE BIGGEST OF THE BIGGEST COME TOGETHER -Gamescon 2015



**H**ad fun with this year's E3? Well, 'Gamescom' - a haven for gamers, is kicking off this week. It's the world's largest gaming event where video game developers will show off their upcoming games and game-related hardware, in other words, you can't miss it.

With over 31 publishers on the floor, there will be many new game announcements, new demos shown, and release dates revealed. It's the time when game developers from around the world, you had been cooking up some mind-blowing new titles in their secret labs-kind enough to give just a glimpse of it to the public in the start of the year with a release of a game poster- will lay out all the dirt on what's the new game all about and how to maneuver it.

### TOP TEN GAMES TO LOOK OUT FOR IN GAMESCOM:

- 1- Dark Souls 3
- 2- Metal Gear Solid 5: The Phantom Pain
- 3- Quantum Break
- 4- Fallout 4
- 5- Final Fantasy 15
- 6- Crackdown
- 7- Rise of the Tomb Raider
- 8- Tom Clancy's The Division
- 9- Just Cause 3
- 10- Halo 5: Guardians

**Check YouTube and game channels like IGN for the live coverage of many videos and demos.**

**● The timing of the conferences is as follows (Bahrain timings):**

- **Microsoft:** August 4 - 5:00 PM
- **EA:** August 5 - 11:00 AM
- **Call of Duty:** August 5 - 8:00 PM
- **Blizzard:** August 6 - 7:00 PM



Metal Gear Solid 5: The Phantom Pain



Quantum Break



Fallout 4



Final Fantasy 15

## HASH+AG GAMING

By Abdulwahab Basil



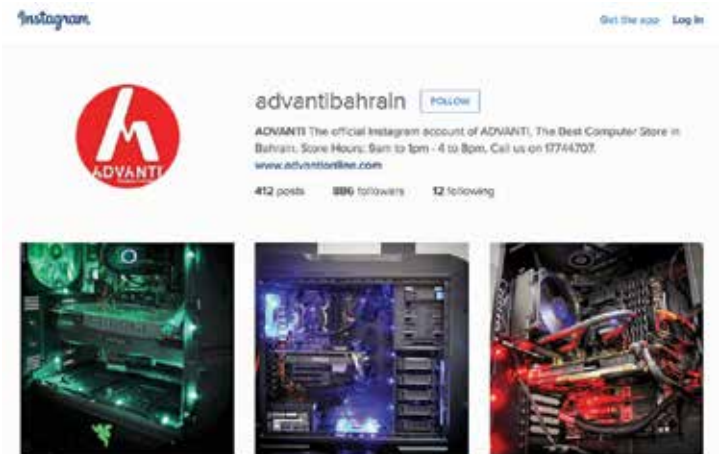
There's a reason we are the masterrace

## THE PERSONAL COMPUTER

**L**ast week's column I was discussing the PC as the dominant model of video gaming. As part of a three part discussion on the topic, this week's column will deal with the ownership and maintenance of a PC.

Like I said the only good thing going for consoles in my opinion is that you spend money once and won't need to upgrade for another 5~7 years until the next generation consoles are released. But even then it is not like you are paying an arm and a leg to upgrade a PC; this is a common misconception that to own and maintain a PC is expensive.

It is only expensive when you are a nut that upgrades annually, anyone who is familiar with computer components knows that this is a money burning and useless strategy that will at best give you an unnoticeable 1~3% performance increase. For a more mainstream example think of upgrading your car by buying a new one every year, or a new smartphone every year! It is absolutely ludicrous. I have read online through several PC tech forums that the best strategy of going about maintaining a PC and not burning a hole in your wallet is via upgrading every 3 years. You see my latest build was in 2011, I know that's 5 years but that is because I have been in university abroad and had my other build I called "Uni Rig" which I maintained every 2 years.



Advanti, Bahrain's #1 PC hardware enthusiast shop.

Now I am typing this column on the rig I built back in 2011, why? Because it still holds up, though I will be upgrading come quarter 1 or 2 of 2016. This is the best way to go on about it, some people max out the options on their computers then new tech comes out and they do it again and this is very costly and thus they create a misreading that PC gaming is expensive.

Thankfully in our day and age there are a plethora of helpful guides on how to build your first rig and how to maintain it in future upgrades and longevity. It is very much like a car, clean it, oil it and service it and I swear to All Mighty God that it will last.



Just look at that beauty!

## Preparing the youth for tomorrow

**Z**ain Bahrain has kicked off its 2015 Summer Training Program under its Future University Network (F.U.N) initiative. The unique training program provides university undergraduates the opportunity to gain valuable and real-life workplace experience through different specialized human development programs.

Based on their area of studies, the summer trainees were joined by 18 FUN members and introduced to this year's development sessions which focused on Lateral Thinking, Customer Retention, Time Management, Emotional

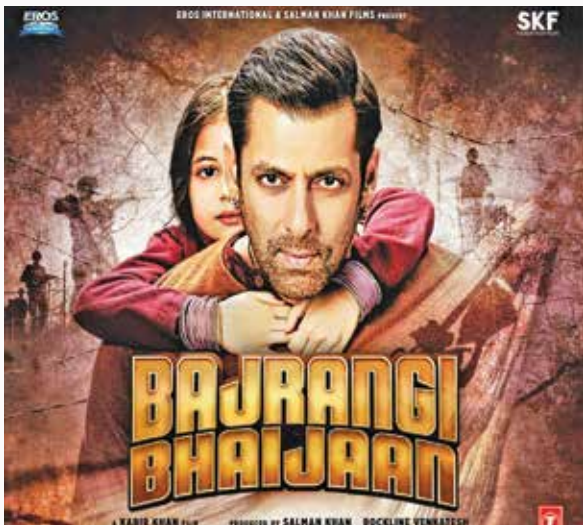
Intelligence and Social Media for Youth.

The program gives university students the opportunity to nurture their corporate skills under the guidance of Zain experts, who prepare them for the job market and its challenges. The youth development program is focused on feeding the minds of students and sculpting their professional skills through teamwork, collaboration, training and practical field work. It also provides them the opportunity to develop projects and develop innovative business ideas and test them against the real world.



# CELEBS

*If you don't get out of the box you've been raised in, you won't understand how much bigger the world is*  
 - Angelina Jolie



## 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan Game' takes over Google Store

Mumbai **I**t's been two weeks since the release of Salman Khan's super hit film 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan' and the hype does not seem to slow down.

Bajrangi Bhaijaan - The Official Game which was launched on July 13, is Number One on the list of Top New Free Games on Google Play Store.

The game has surpassed others like Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation and San Andreas: Real Gangsters 3D - Google Play.

Bajrangi Bhaijaan - The Official Game by Salman Khan Films, entails saving a little girl and taking her home just like the story of the film.

## Avril Lavigne wants to make films

Los Angeles **S**inger Avril Lavigne says she wants to become a filmmaker.

The 30-year-old says her "next goal in life" is "moviemaking" and she wants to act in "Christmas, horror, comedy" films.

"My next goal in life is moviemaking! I want to act in a Christmas movie, horror film, comedy, and more. After music, art, acting, and fashion design are my passions," Lavigne said.

The "Complicated" hitmaker, who is married to musician Chad Kroeger, has another dream to move to Italy.

She said: "I want to move to Italy. I feel dreamy and happy there. I want to eat, drink wine, and make incredible memories there in my future."



## 'Jazbaa' doesn't feel like comeback

New Delhi **B**ollywood actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, who is going to make a comeback on the silver screen with Sanjay Gupta's 'Jazbaa,' said that it doesn't feel like she was away from the screen for a long time.

The actress, who walked the ramp at the finale of FDCI's Amazon India Couture Week, said that the film is an exemplary experience and she is glad to share the screen with talented and inspiring actors

like Irrfan Khan, Shabana Azmi, Jackie Shroff, Chandan Roy Sanyal and so on.

Remake of a South Korean movie called 'Seven Days', 'Jazbaa' is an action-drama flick starring Mrs. Junior Bachchan in the lead along with Irrfan and Shabana in pivotal roles.

The movie's first theatrical look is scheduled to release on 15th August and the film is expected to hit theatres on 9th October this year.



## Red Carpet



Jenny Slate wears a dress by British designer Mary Katrantzou and Jimmy Choo shoes on the 2015 Spirit Awards Red Carpet

# STARRY BIRTHDAY



Known for her self-titled debut album she has appeared on *The District* and *Law & Order: SVU*

August 4, 1992

**Tiffany Evans**



## 'BRAVE AND CALM'

London, **L**ooks like Jennifer Garner is showing her brave side after Ben Affleck's rumoured affair with their nanny, and was recently spotted in a smiley mood on the set of her movie *'Miracles From Heaven.'*

The 43-year-old actress, who is putting up in Atlanta with her three kids was even seen going all smiles while she enjoyed breakfast with her daughter Seraphina on August 3, reported the *Mirror*.

Further, the sources revealed that *'Alias'* star was also spotted wearing her wedding ring following the rumours of her estranged husband's affair.



## Caitlyn may undergo surgery for 'feminine voice'

Los Angeles **R**eality TV star Caitlyn Jenner has shared that she would consider getting vocal surgery to achieve a more "feminine voice".

The reality star previously admitted she didn't feel her voice matched her appearance, and in

the latest episode of "I Am Cait", she confides in one of her biggest supporters -- her daughter Kim Kardashian, reports *mirror.co.uk*.

The former Olympian tells Kim she's considering vocal surgery, but the latter isn't keen on the idea.

"What if they made a mistake

and you came out with no voice," said Kim.

Caitlyn also asks her transgender friends what they've done to change their voices.

She even wrote on her blog that she didn't feel her voice matched her "feminine appearance".



## Kate Beckinsale: I'm not VB's twin!

Washington **K**ate Beckinsale thinks all she and Victoria Beckham have in common is brown hair.

The stunning Hollywood star is good friends with the designer and they are often compared to one another. While many are convinced they could be twins, Kate doesn't think they're all that similar.

"We're completely different types!" she laughed to German channel Tele 5.

Fans had no complaints about Kate's figure when she starred in the *Underworld* franchise as the sexy Selene. She had to slip into a super-tight catsuit, but it was no problem for the 42-year-old.

"It made a noise every time I moved, but that's fine by me!" she

grinned.

Kate has shown off her impressive fitness in action films including *Total Recall* and *Van Helsing*.

"I wasn't particularly athletic. No one ever thought, 'I must have Kate on my team,'" she previously revealed to *Women's Health*, adding that she very rarely worked out. "To me, you only went to the gym if you were really weird and obsessive. No one I knew in London at the time ever did it."

Despite working hard before she was cast in *Underworld*, things still didn't quite go to plan when she started filming.

"I mean, I could run if a bear were chasing me, but I ran like a girl with my arms like this," she said, demonstrating her flailing.



eGovernment Authority (eGA) Chief Executive Officer Mohammad Ali Al Qaed received Capital General Secretariat Board Chairman Mohammed Ali Al Khuzai at the eGA premises in Muharraq to discuss ways of boosting cooperation to ensure full range of services in a streamlined manner for the residents of Capital Governorate. The meeting was attended by Deputy Chairman Mazin Ahmed Ali Al Omran along with board members Saleh Taher Taradah, Dr. Maha Saleh Al Shehab, Board Secretary Jassim Hussein, and Directorate Service Chairman Redha Radhi. eGovernment Authority representatives including eService Delivery and Channel Enhancement Director Ahmed Mohammed Buhazza and his Assistant Mohammad Abdulaziz Abdullah were also present.



Royal Charity Organisation held a training workshop for children as part of summer activities. Above, highl



The SME Development and Support Centre in coordination with the Food and Agriculture Committee headed by executive committee member Khalid Al Amin, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) held its Business Roundup event at the Chamber's premises in Sanabis. Business owners, companies, officials, and related government and non-government bodies participated.



Awali Bowling Club held its annual prize presentation and dinner



As part of summer activities organised by the Capital Governorate



Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam Quiz Club conducted a Family Fun Quiz contest on July 31, 2015 at the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam Diamond Jubilee Hall. Prizes and trophies were presented by Samajam President Varghese Karakkal, General Secretary V K Pavithran and other officials to the winners and final round participants at the venue.





ights of the event.



for season 2104/2015 at Bapco club. The Club Honorary Chairman Majeed Shafea congratulated teams and individuals winners.



te, children toured Bab Al Bahrain and Manama souq to get a glimpse of Bahrain's cultural heritage.

## Reel Veil



Some films stand out for directorial prowess. Some remain afresh in our memory for their punch dialogues. There're also films which are a visual treat. Movies come in two genres; commercial and artistic. Let alone the genre, a movie should be evocative or entertaining. We're certain you have a long list of such movies which you would want to see again and again. *DT News* reproduces a scene a day from a popular movie with a few questions. Relapse into flashback mode and answer!

### Today's questions

- Name the film
- Name the actors
- What is the lead character's profession?

Send your entries to [facebook@dt.bh](mailto:facebook@dt.bh) with your profile picture. If you are the first to come up with the right answers, your picture will appear in these columns.

### You got it right!



Movie: Vertigo  
Director: Alfred Hitchcock,  
The detective suffers from: acrophobia.

Rajendran Krishnan

## CAP THE SNAP

Head this challenge. Can you think of an apt caption for this? Something funny, intelligent and out-of-the-box! If you make a winning entry, your photo along with the caption will be featured in *DT News*. So grab a pen, think hard, write to us and see yourself in this space soon! Don't forget to attach your picture. Send entries to: [facebook@dt.bh](mailto:facebook@dt.bh) with subject as 'Caption Contest'



### BEST FROM THE LOT. YOU COULD BE NEXT



Don't make me run ... I won't leave you today my Shavarma

Abhiruchi Pankaj Jain

### HA HA...HEE HEE...HO HO...!

One day a duck walks in a store and ask the manager if they sell grapes. The manager says, "No, we don't sell grapes." The duck goes home and comes back the next day and asks the same question. The manager says the same thing again, "No, we do not sell grapes." The duck goes home, comes back the next day, and asks the manager if they sell grapes. This time the manager says, "No, we don't sell grapes! If you ask one more time, I will nail your beak to the floor!" The duck goes home. It comes back the next day and asks the manager if he has any nails. The manager says, "No, I don't have any nails." The duck says, "Okay, good. Do you sell grapes?"



## YOUR STAR TODAY



**ARIES**  
20th March - 20th April

There is apt to be tension between your heart and your general mood. More than likely, your romantic nature will incline you to adopt a selfish attitude, while the prevailing tone of the day calls for peace and balance. Don't feel like you need to be possessive of others in order to maintain their loyalty.



**TAURUS**  
20th April - 20th May

Adjustments may need to be made in order for you to flow easily with the energy of the day. You will discover that it is easy to start up new projects today, especially those that involves creativity. The tricky part will be to follow through. This is one of your specialties. Don't worry. You've got that part covered.



**GEMINI**  
20th May - 20th June

The prevailing tone of the day might put some stress on your heart. But you can handle this. Tap into your aggressive nature and act boldly toward the object of your desire. At the same time, however, make sure that make sure everyone's needs are taken care of so that peace may exist among all.



**CANCER**  
20th June - 20th July

The name of the game for you is action. One of these forces may be coming from a romantic interest, waiting for you to make the next move. You may have many projects on the table, and are not sure where to focus. Don't feel like you need to concentrate on any one thing. They key is to maintain balance among all.



**LEO**  
20th July - 20th Aug

Ignite the fire within your heart, and make it burn brighter than before. Keep in mind, however, that compromises may need to be made in order for you to be on the same page with your lover in the way you relate emotionally. Make sure everyone gets a chance to be at centre. Let others have their turn in the spotlight.



**VIRGO**  
20th Aug - 20th Sept

There are a couple of important issues that you may need to make some resolutions about. Take an active role in the department of love and romance, and feel free to be aggressive about having your needs met. For you, the day is all about taking action. Strive to create peace through honest assertiveness.



**LIBRA**  
20th Sep - 20th Oct

You should enjoy a good mood today, and you will find things going well for you. A sticky situation might arise is one that stems from an aggressive approach in the department of love. This impatient urge or argument by one or both parties, may result in an all-out war. Maintain a level head in all situations.



**SCORPIO**  
20th Oct - 20th Nov

Circumstances of the day may result in some tricky situations for you. You may be caught between a rock and a hard place. On one hand, you may want to smooth things out in a reasonable manner, but on the other, there is a part of you that is eager to declare all-out nuclear warfare.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
20th Nov - 20th Dec

Things should generally go quite well for you today. You will find an approach toward your loved one to jump-start the relationship. If you are looking for love, get out and boldly ask someone to dance. Neaten up your appearance, buy some perfume, and wear of your best outfit regardless of the situation.



**CAPRICORN**  
20th Dec - 20th Jan

Today is a day to stand up and take action. You have the opportunity to accomplish a great deal by directing your energies outward instead of inward. Other people may be snappy and punchy. Counteract this by being patient and well mannered. Your contribution to the group will be greatly appreciated.



**AQUARIUS**  
20th Jan - 20th Feb

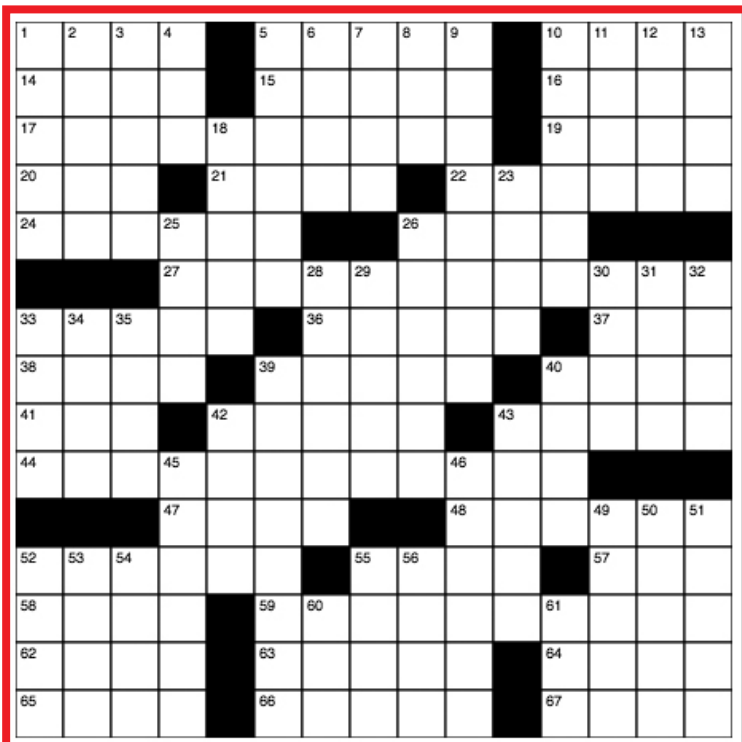
You will find that you can relate to others today, and your communication with them will be valuable. You may find yourself to be arbitrator simply because you have the detached mind to resolve their disputes. Take an active role in the lives of those around you, and see how your life is benefited by your generosity.



**PISCES**  
20th Feb - 20th Mar

You may be tempted to shift your motor into high gear today, but unsure as to where to focus. Your heart wants you to be revved up and anxious to get moving, but emotionally you may feel lazy. Whatever you do, don't retreat into a hole. Dress yourself up and show off your exterior as well as interior beauty.

# CROSSWORD



## Across

1- Nick and Nora's pooch; 5- Lost in Paris?; 10- Like \_\_\_ out of hell; 14- Queens stadium; 15- Actor Delon; 16- Choir attire; 17- Sweetheart; 19- Latin love; 20- Some MIT grads; 21- Met highlight; 22- Typewriter tape; 24- Tight swimsuit; 26- Actress Petty; 27- Capital of Utah; 33- Tiny amounts; 36- Conceals; 37- Corp. honcho; 38- In \_\_\_ of (replacing); 39- Arrested; 40- Floe; 41- Land in la mer; 42- Greased; 43- Gymnast Comaneci; 44- Murders; 47- Rick's love in "Casablanca"; 48- Greek goddess of the hearth; 52- Bad luck; 55- Desertlike; 57- PrinceValiant's son; 58- Longfellow's bell town; 59- Wound; 62- Comparison word; 63- Merits; 64- Part of A.D.; 65- Album unit; 66- Article of bedding; 67- \_\_\_-bitsy;

## Down

1- Remains of a fire; 2- Ovis aries; 3- Mock, annoy; 4- Swiss river; 5- Security round; 6- K-12; 7- \_\_\_ avis; 8- God, in Italy; 9- Intact; 10- Semitic language; 11- Explosive weapon; 12- Peek follower; 13- Small gull; 18- Triumphant cries; 23- Angers; 25- Biblical birthright seller; 26- Pretentious; 28- Muse of comedy; 29- Fabric woven from flax yarns; 30- Chilled; 31- Actress Hatcher; 32- Hindu discipline; 33- Bones found in the hip; 34- Lubricates; 35- Golf pegs, northern English river; 39- Meat-balls; 40- Low in pitch; 42- Scandinavian capital; 43- \_\_\_ lift?; 45- Assisting; 46- Need for liquid; 49- Spoil; 50- Removes wrinkles; 51- Harass; 52- Panama and bowler; 53- Roman emperor after Galba; 54- Algerian seaport; 55- Land measure; 56- Actor Auberjonois; 60- Exclamation of relief; 61- Skater Babilonia;

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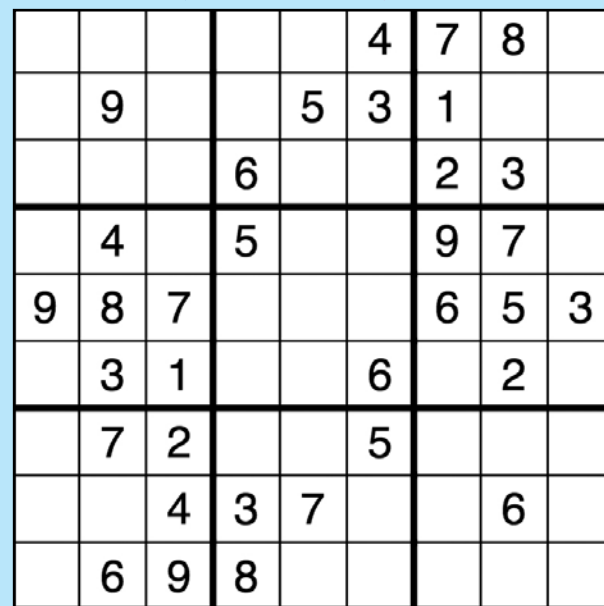
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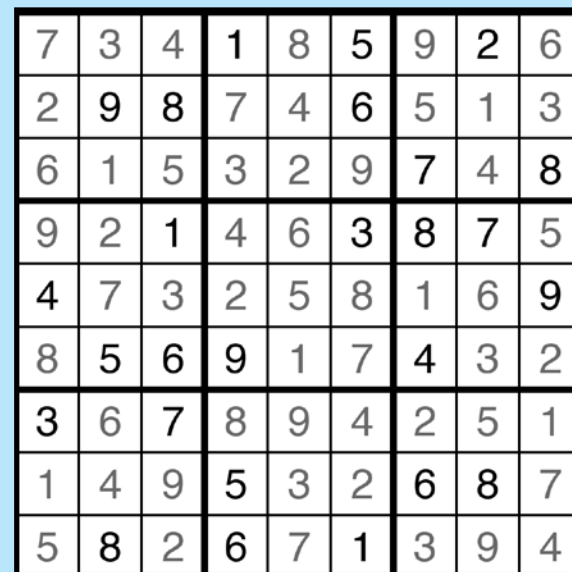
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## Yesterday's solution



# OUT & ABOUT

## How to reach us

'Out & About' page gives up-to-date information on a daily basis (except on Wednesday and Thursday) on the events and programmes taking place in clubs, associations, churches, temples, mosques, universities, colleges, schools, and Bahrain Exhibition Centre. To be included, you may share your events' details well in advance on our whatsapp group 'Bahrain Events' (39817819) or email: outandabout@dtbh or call 38444680.

### ARABIC NIGHTS

**Date:** August 4 to 25 August 2015  
**Venue:** The Ritz Carlton, Bahrain Hotel and Spa

You will discover Arabian food fair at the fullest as you rejoice in La Med's themed night buffet every Friday. Specialties from Lebanon, Morocco, Bahrain and the Middle East are accompanied by the melody of an Oud player. Price: BD 18++ per person. Timings: Every Tuesday, from 7 p.m.

### WEEKLY LECTURE SERIES FOR SELF EMPOWERMENT IN ENGLISH

**Date:** 4th August 2015 from 7pm to 8.30pm

**Venue:** Bahrain Meditation centre  
**Topic:** The Liberating power of acceptance

**Guest Speaker :** Prakash Chugani, Executive coach, Corporate Trainer  
**Drop-in Meditation**

Every evening from 7.00pm - 7:30pm

### GCC WEEK

**Date:** Ongoing till August 6  
**Venue:** Nakhool Garden  
**Time :** 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

#### CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

A series of workshops to teach kids how to make various traditional things using palm trees, including:

- Baskets
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- Pollenated water
- Boats

In addition, there will also be a number of palm tree-related products and traditional games.

#### Other attractions :

- Creativity studio
- Up-cycling workshop
- Doll Making workshop
- Weaving workshop
- Arabic letter workshop

### MASTERPIECES BY BALLET PHILIPPINES

**Date:** August 10 (8:00pm - 10:00pm)  
**Venue:** Bahrain National Theatre

For those who appreciate the grace of ballet, Ballet Philippines presents Master Pieces, a celebration of one of the Philippines most respected cultural institutions. Led by its artistic director Paul Alexander Morales, the show features a dazzling selection of the company's most acclaimed works throughout its 45-year history, from timeless classical and neo-classical works, to modern and contemporary dance pieces, and excerpts from full-length modern ballets; a true testament to the company's endless versatility.

### "BARNEY LIVE ! WORLD TOUR"

**Date :** 10 to 15 August 2015

**Venue:** The Cultural Hall  
Join Barney and friends on their

## ONGOING EVENT

### CARTOONING WORKSHOP

**Date:** Ongoing until August 22  
**Venue :** Cartoon Planet, Tubli

Led by Bahrain Cartoonist Mohammed Al Mahdi, the Cartoon Planet has launched a "Cartoons & Illustrations" workshop at the Cartoon Planet Centre in Tubli on Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays.

Kids will have their classes from 5pm to 6.30pm and adults workshop will be held from 7pm to 8.30pm.



brand new amazing adventure! Cousin Riff has sent Barney a special package in the mail - a beautiful globe of the world! Barney, B.J. and Baby Bop must use the globe and follow the clues to find cousin Riff and a list of very special items! As they travel to France, Japan, India, China and Mexico, Barney and his friends have a terrific time learning about the language and culture of each new country.

### SESAME STREET: LIVE ELMO MAKES MUSIC

**Date :** 20th August 2015 to 24th August 2015  
**Venue:** Cultural Hall

Get ready for a musical event like no other - monsters making music! Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Big Bird and all their Sesame Street friends share their love of music in this family-friendly show. Join the fun as they embark on starting a band and discover 'instruments' they never knew existed; pots and spoons, trash can lids, and even cookie jars! Everyone's favourite fun, furry and feathered friends teach children that we can create and enjoy beautiful music together.

### SUMMER FUN

**Date :** August 23 to 25  
**Venue:** Tribal Fitness, Budaiya Highway

If your kids enjoy fitness then this is the camp for them, as the Tribal Fitness team will teach them to stay fit, learn moves and work hard to complete tasks in a safe environment. It's suitable for children aged six to 12 and costs BD90 per three-day camp. Sessions run from 10am to 2pm.

### TAZIRI: TITI ROBIN ENSEMBLE

**Date:** 25 August 2015  
**Venue:** Cultural Hall

Widely credited as a forerunner to the rise of the popular genre that became known as "world music", French musician, composer, and improviser extraordinaire Thierry "Titi" Robin made his mark in the music world with his signature and highly personal style - known as "Mediterranean music" - from the confluence of Gypsy, Oriental and European cultures. Joined on stage by Moroccan musician Mehdi Nassouli, this self-taught musical pioneer will showcase how artfully weaves these seemingly incompatible musical genres

into brilliant and unique masterpieces.

### BEAT BUMPER: WRECKING CREW ORCHESTRA

**Date:** 28 August 2015  
**Venue:** Cultural Hall

Come and bear witness to "Beat Bumper", the latest mesmerizing show by innovative Japanese street dance troupe Wrecking Crew Orchestra. Blending dance and music, the Osaka-based 8-member crew shot to global international stardom with their perfectly choreographed sets that are performed in the dark while wearing special futuristic illuminated costumes, creating a mind-bending showcase that must be seen to be believed.

### AL ANSAR SUMMER CLASSES

**Date:** Every Saturday, Monday & Wednesday  
**Venue:** Al Ansar Centre

Al Ansar Center Bahrain is organising summer classes for children aged eight and above. There will be three classes weekly, on Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays from 09:30 am to 12:30pm. The activities are Qur'aan and Islamic Studies, Good manners, Quiz, Creative Fun, Workshops and Study tours. Transport

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## ONGOING EVENTS

### SUMMERIFIC SUMMER CLUB

**Date:** Ongoing till August 20 (8:30AM-1PM)  
**Venue:** Bright Beginnings Day Care and Child Development Centre, Adliya

Have your kids learn and play at the Bright Beginnings Day Care and Child Development Centre in Adliya, which is open to children of all ages. There are different clubs for different age groups - Munchkins (playgroups for 3-12 months old, and one to three years old); Playtime Pals (3-5 years; and Incredibles (5-7 years, and 7-11 years). Activities available include yoga, storytelling and drama, splash play, cooking, music and movement, and taekwondo. Morning and afternoon care is also available from 7:30AM-5PM, with daily rates for play groups and weekly rates for clubs.

### THE SUMMER FUN CLUB OF ADLIYA

**Date:** Ongoing till August 27  
**Venue:** Ria Centre

Entertain your kids by sending them to the Summer Fun Club of Adliya where they will be able to enjoy some cooking classes, Jewellery making, public speaking, yoga, sports and more! Prices start from BD30 per week.

### SUMMER KIDS CAMP 2015

**Date:** Ongoing till August 31  
**Venue:** Sitra Mall

If you're looking for some fun activities to busy your kids with, then you should definitely check out the Summer Kids Camp. It's organized by Blue Birds Events, and it shall include some inspiring and creative activities such as arts and crafts, ball games, painting, camp art projects and there are even some optional trips if your kids are interested! The Summer camp is going to be from Sunday through Thursday, from 8AM - 2PM, and boys and girls aged 5-16 years old can join. It costs BD70 for a month, and BD120 for 2 months.

### NAKHOOL GARDEN

**Date:** Ongoing till August 31  
4pm to 10pm everyday  
**Venue :** Near Sitra Mall

Beloved Bahrain Summer Festival mascot Nakhool returns once again to accompany kids on a month-long fun-filled journey of discovery designed to educate and groom the artistic young talents of tomorrow. Create lasting memories together and experience the splendor of cultural heritage of countries from around the world in a family-friendly atmosphere through a wide range of interactive activities, workshops and competitions held over the duration of the festival.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### ADVENTUROUS SUMMER

**Date:** Ongoing until 27 August  
**Venue:** Business bay, Juffair

Children aged two to five years old can put their reading hats on and join Talk, Play, Grow (TPG) for a wonderful adventure this summer with the TPG Summer Camp from Sunday to Thursday until August 27 from 9am to midday.



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THE BAHRAIN PETROLEUM COMPANY B.S.C. (CLOSED)

**LOCAL CONTRACTOR PRE-QUALIFICATION INVITATION.**

The Bahrain Petroleum Company BSC (Closed) seeks to pre-qualify appropriately qualified and experienced Contractors for inclusion in the Company's Tender Lists for the following services:

TENDER TITLE	PREQ FEES (BD)	PREQ SUBMISSION	
		DAY	TIME
PRE-QUALIFICATION OF MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS FOR AB PIPELINE PROJECT – CONSTRUCTIONS OF BAHRAIN ONSHORE SECTION	25/-	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2015 01:30 pm	

Local Bahraini Contractors who are eligible to provide the abovementioned services and meet key pre-qualification criteria, are invited to contact Bapco Procurement Department at the Refinery on Telephone 17752995, 17757044, 17757054 or 17755438 or 36027245 to obtain the appropriate pre-qualification Applications after depositing the non-refundable pre-qualification fees as specified above in Bapco's bank account. Pre-qualification Applications can be collected from Porta Cabin No. 118 (Procurement Department – Tendering Unit) located outside the Refinery, on the corner of the road, close to the Contractor's Gate from **04<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 till 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2015** between 09:00 am and 11:00 am (Sunday to Wednesday only).

**For additional information or clarification please send your request to this fax number +973 17 752966, attention Procurement Manager.**

The completed Forms together with all the relevant supporting documentation are to be returned, in a sealed envelope, to the **Tender Submission Office, Tender Board Office, 7th Floor, Al Moayyed Tower, Seef Area, no later than 1:30 pm** on the date specified above.

This Prequalification Invitation is according to the provision of the Law Regulating Government Tenders & Purchases No (36) of 2002 and its Implementing Regulations issued by Decree No (37) of 2002.

Any pre-qualification Applications submitted after the above closing date and time will not be considered.

The opening process will take place on **27<sup>th</sup> August, 2015** at Tender Board's offices. The opened envelopes will then be handed over to the Company for evaluation and assessment.

Contractor pre-qualification Applications shall include, among other things, a copy of the Contractor's valid Commercial Registration outlining all the activities that can legally be undertaken, together with a copy of a Certificate of Compliance issued by the Ministry of Labour confirming that Contractor complies with the minimum percentage Bahrainisation figure as required by the Ministry of Labour.

The Company will assess and evaluate Contractors based on the Company's pre-qualification criteria and requirements. An audit of the Contractor's facilities, if deemed necessary, will be conducted by the Company's Pre-qualification Team.

## Water, water everywhere

# MONSOON BRINGS RAIN AND MISERY



A flood-affected resident swims through floodwaters in Kalay, upper Myanmar's Sagaing region

### Yangon

**M**onsoon rains have claimed hundreds of lives across Asia, authorities reported yesterday, as rescuers scrambled to reach remote areas of India, Pakistan and Myanmar after flash floods and landslides.

Authorities in India say more than 120 people have died across the country in recent days, while more than a million have been displaced by rains worsened by a cyclone that barrelled through the Bay of Bengal last week.

Yesterday, rescuers resumed their search for villagers after downpours caused a landslide in India's remote northeastern state of Manipur, where an official said four bodies have so far been recovered from a hamlet buried by a collapsed hill.

In neighbouring Myanmar heavy seasonal rains - augmented by Cyclone Komen -- have killed 46 people so far and affected more than 200,000, with swathes of the country hit by rooftop-high floods.

The government has designated four "national disaster-affected regions" in central and western Myanmar, where villagers have been forced to use canoes and makeshift rafts to escape the rising waters. Thousands of others are already in camps for the displaced including in the Kalay district of Sagaing region, where residents told of unusually powerful floodwaters swamping homes in hours.

"We've lost all that we have. Our house is still under water," Htay Shein, 62, said from a temporary shelter in Kalay.

"We have seen floods, but never anything like this before."

The United Nations said swollen rivers threaten more areas of the country, adding it could be days before the true extent of the disaster emerges.

"Logistics are extremely difficult. Assessment teams are having a hard time reaching affected areas," said Pierre Peron, Myanmar spokesman for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

President Thein Sein promised authorities would do their "utmost" to provide relief, according to the state-run *Global New Light of Myanmar*. Landslides in Chin state - south of Sagaing - have destroyed 700 homes in the state capital Hakha, which is completely cut off from surrounding areas, the report added.

Rains have also battered the western state of Rakhine, which already hosts about 140,000 displaced people, mainly Rohingya Muslims, who live in exposed coastal camps following deadly 2012 unrest between the minority group and Buddhists.

### Monsoon misery

The annual monsoon is a lifeline for farmers across the region, but heavy rains and powerful cyclones can also prove deadly. Poor infrastructure and limited search and rescue capabilities routinely hamper relief efforts across the region, with roads, phone lines and electricity often knocked out by rising waters.

India, which receives nearly 80 per cent of its annual rainfall from June to September, sees tragedy strike every monsoon season. This year West Bengal has been hit hard with 48 people killed, according to state management minister Javed Ahmad Khan.

"More than 1.8 million people in 5,600 villages have been affected by the flooding... nearly 1.1 million have been moved to camps," Khan said.

Pakistan has seen 116 people die so far. Ahmed Kamal, spokesman for Pakistan's National Disaster Management Agency, said more than 850,000 people had been affected by this year's floods.

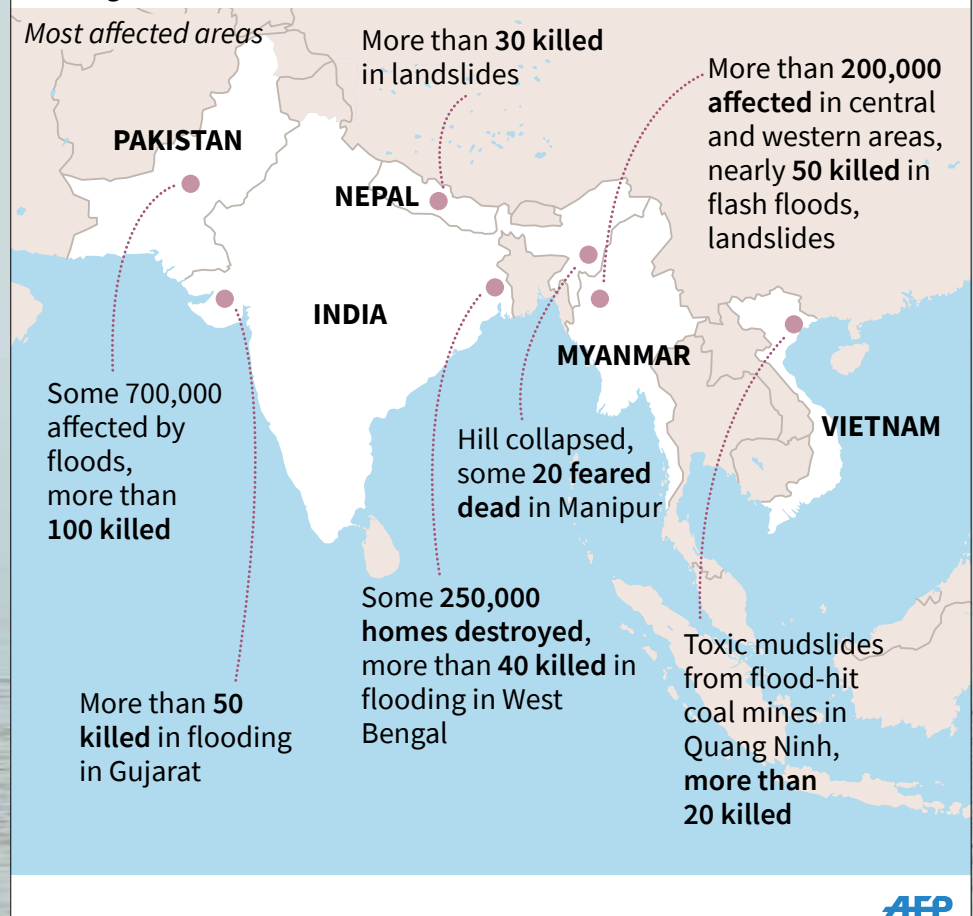
Dozens have also perished in Nepal and Vietnam following floods and landslides. In Vietnam toxic mudslides from flood-hit coal mines in the northern province of Quang Ninh, home to the UNESCO-listed Halong Bay tourist site, claimed the lives of two families and spewed coal into town centres.



Dogs are seen on the roof of a nearly-submerged house in Kalay, upper Myanmar's Sagaing region

## Asian monsoon rains

Seasonal monsoon rains have brought death and destruction to the region



Indian children of boatmen sit on the top of submerged restroom facilities to jump into the flooded Ganges river in Allahabad

» Because a thing seems difficult for you, do not think it impossible for anyone to accomplish



Gifts from a wife to a husband or a husband to a wife can hardly have anything to do with anti-corruption activity

-Dmitry Peskov  
Putin's spokesman



We would be foolish to change our plans. I think China is a fantastic geography with an incredible, unprecedented level of opportunity

-Apple CEO  
Tim Cook

## Right strategy

# BAHRAIN NEEDS BETTER SUPPLY CHAIN ECOSYS

Tahir Haneef/DTNN  
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### Manama

In the 'The Competitive Advantage of Nations', Michael Porter, in 1990-the world renowned authority on competitive strategy and the competitiveness and economic development of nations, states, and regions-said, "A nation's competitiveness depends on the capacity of its industry to innovate and upgrade. Companies gain advantage against the world's best competitors because of pressure and challenge. They benefit from having strong domestic rivals, aggressive home-based suppliers, and demanding local customers."

In Bahrain, are we following the right strategy to create competitive advantage? At the least, we are not having

aggressive home-based suppliers; this sentiment is echoed by Yasser Najeeb, factory manager, Awal Food Factories.

He questions the red-carpet welcome given to MNCs to invest in Bahrain.

"MNCs import 99 per cent of their raw materials and export 99pc of their products. And, they don't have to pay taxes. How is Bahrain benefitting from this?"

He invited the small and medium sector companies in Bahrain for tie-ups with Awal, as suppliers." We need the help of other companies to procure raw materials. At present, we are doing all the sourcing on our own and it involves a lot of running around."

Najeeb added, "We are a 100pc Bahraini company and sell our products in this market. We will be able to focus on



Yasser Najeeb

our strategic business areas by outsourcing our supplies to other Bahrain companies. For small and medium companies, who specialize in delivering different raw materials, according to their expertise, there is a great opportunity with us"

"If anyone in Bahrain is ready to deliver the raw

materials to our factory, we will be very happy to take their service"

"Our initiative will add more jobs to the economy. Instead of job seekers, more job creators will be available. Also, the government will get more revenue streams in the form of taxes and fees"

The factory manager at Awal Food also lamented the fact that the cost of running business has gone up steeply in recent times. "The companies are forced to cut costs due to the increased cost of land and other charges. We can't run away, right? So, we are forced to cut costs. But where?"

If Bahrain is able to provide efficient, cost-effective suppliers of raw materials, then industries will be able to survive here. But, to achieve this objective, it is imperative to have an atmosphere, similar

**If Bahrain is able to provide efficient, cost-effective suppliers of raw materials, then industries will be able to survive here**

to Dubai, wherein starting of a business doesn't involve a lot of hassles, as now," Najeeb said.

The Kingdom should learn from successful countries regarding developing an efficient supply chain which fosters excellence, he added. Also, industry bodies like BCCI should take the lead in cutting down the difficulties faced by business people in kick-starting new initiatives.

## Batelco offers value broadband packages

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Batelco, a Bahrain-based Broadband solutions provider has enhanced its Broadband packages, with customers benefitting from automatic upgrades offering higher speeds, bigger thresholds and lower prices.

Batelco announced a further enhancement to deliver bigger thresholds for each package, but in keeping with all Batelco Broadband packages, customers may continue to use the internet at no additional cost even after the threshold has been reached.

The enhanced line up of Batelco's Broadband packages are available for existing and new customers. According to Batelco, the packages are designed to suit everyone from casual users all the way up to those with heavy demand such as professional users and especially gamers. New customers are invited to sign up to benefit from Batelco's outstanding Broadband experience.

## British trader jailed for 14 years for rigging Libor rates

London  
A British trader was jailed Monday for 14 years for rigging the Libor lending rate while working for UBS and Citibank, in a landmark conviction the judge said would send a message to the banking world. Tom Hayes, 35, is the first person to be found guilty by a jury of rigging the benchmark inter-bank lending rate.

# GIB Capital wins top EMEA Finance awards

DT News Network  
Manama

GIB Capital LLC, the Saudi-based investment banking arm of Gulf International Bank (GIB), was granted three key awards by EMEA Finance magazine for their role in key transactions in 2014.

GIB won the 'Best IPO Deal in the Middle East' award for acting as Co-Financial Advisor and

Joint Lead Manager for National Commercial Bank's US\$6 billion initial public offering (IPO), the second-largest IPO globally in 2014 and the largest IPO ever in the Middle East.

The company also won the 'Best Sovereign Bond' award in the Middle East as well as the 'Best Merger and Acquisition Deal'. These awards follow the 'Best Local Investment Bank in



Abdullah Al Zamil  
Bahrain' award that GIB Capital won for the year 2014.



Khalid Al Ghamdi  
Speaking on the occasion, Abdullah Al Zamil, Chairman

of GIB Capital said: "The GIB Capital team strives to help clients through the public offering process in line with best international practices."

Khalid Al Ghamdi, Acting CEO of GIB Capital, added: "The NCB IPO, along with the overall activity levels GIB Capital have placed us at the top tier of the comparative league tables."

## Smart thinking

# Solar palm trees boost Dubai's smart plans



A solar powered palm-tree

### Dubai

Solar panel powered palm-tree inspired Wi-Fi stations have become the latest addition to the smart city technology of Dubai.

Umm Suqeim Beach and Za'abeel Park are the first two locations for the Smart Palms which provide free wireless internet access. They also give information on the weather,

local attractions and have facilities for charging up mobile devices.

Around six metres tall the plan is for 103 to be in place across the city at popular outdoor locations.

The initiative - part of the UAE Cabinet Year of Innovation project - has been jointly put together by Dubai Municipality, Smart Palm creators D Idea Media, Du, Sun Tab

Solar Energy and Promo Tech Gulf Industry.

Hussain Lootah, the director general of Dubai Municipality, said: "Through Smart Palm, the public will be able to benefit from free direct access to the internet while providing valuable public information covering a range of topics including weather forecasts

and orientation guides.

"Most importantly, these structures are entirely self-sufficient thanks to their mono crystal solar panels, which provide up to 21 per cent efficiency."

The Smart Palm's fronds are topped with photovoltaic panels which take in and store energy from the sun during the day.

# Apple pushed down to 3rd in China smartphones in Q2

**Shanghai**  
Two Chinese smartphone makers pushed US technology giant Apple into third place in the world's biggest market in the second quarter, an independent analyst firm said yesterday.

Upstart Xiaomi, known for delivering high-performance products at cheap prices, was the largest smartphone vendor in China based on shipments with a 15.9 per cent market share in the April-June period, Canalis

said in a press release.

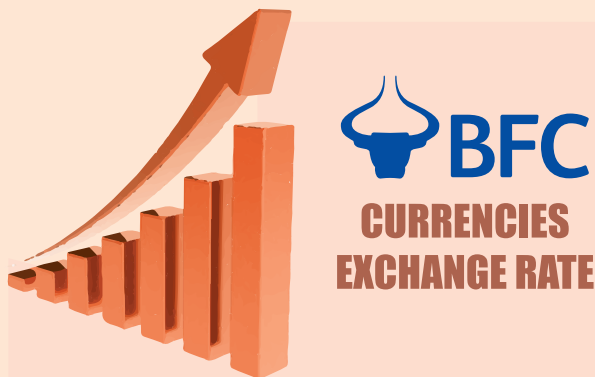
Telecom equipment maker Huawei was close behind at 15.7pc, it said, followed by Apple, South Korea's Samsung and Chinese firm Vivo, without giving the percentages for those three.

US technology giant Apple had taken top spot in the Canalis rankings for the first three months of 2015, and its third place showing came despite the launch of its large-screen iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus last autumn.

Apple's iPhone sales surged 85pc in Greater China -- which includes Hong Kong and Taiwan -- with revenue from the region more than doubling to \$13 billion for the latest quarter ended June 27, according to

the company.

"We remain extremely bullish on China and we are continuing to invest," Apple chief executive officer Tim Cook said last month when the company announced earnings.



COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND	35.9712	31.6456
US DOLLARS	2.6667	2.6455
CANADIAN DOLLAR	3.5562	3.391
PERUVIAN NUEVO SOL	7.6923	7.6923
INDIAN RUPEE	168.0672	160.7717
BANGLADESH TAKA	206.1006	194.8558
CHINESE YUAN	16.8067	15.9236
HONG KONG DOLLAR	21.5332	20.0642
INDONESIAN RUPIAH	37864.4453	32351.9896
JAPANESE YEN	337.8378	313.4796
KOREAN WON	3525.4715	2676.3014
SRI LANKAN RUPEE	364.8876	315.4007
MALAYSIAN RINGGIT	10.4712	9.7561
NEPALESE RUPEE	306.3012	252.2221
PHILIPPINE PESO	123.4568	116.2791
PAKISTAN RUPEE	277.0582	259.111
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	3.6873	3.5625
THAI BAHT	91.4913	89.7666
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	3.7161	3.5373
NEW ZEALAND DOLLAR	4.1	3.937
EURO	2.4679	2.3719
SWISS FRANC	2.635	2.5038
CZECH KORUNE	92.5926	45.8716
BRITISH POUND	1.7277	1.6678
TURKISH LIRA	7.3981	6.8804
SAUDI RIYAL	10	9.9404
UAE DIRHAMS	9.7561	9.7276
QATAR RIYAL	9.6899	9.6348
KUWAITI DINAR	0.8097	0.8
OMANI RIYAL	1.0272	1.0204
EGYPTIAN POUND	20.1207	18.9753
JORDANIAN DINAR	1.8868	1.8636
LEBANESE POUND	4227.7935	3816.3569
MOROCCAN DIRHAMS	26.8817	24.2718
SYRIAN POUND	952.381	574.7126
YEMENI RIYAL	913.3254	542.0348

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## Bahrain slipped 0.1pc

# GULF STOCKS EDGE UP AFTER SELL-OFF

### Dubai

Major Gulf stock markets edged up yesterday after Sunday's sell-off but Saudi Arabia lagged because telecommunications operator Mobily tumbled following yet another negative earnings restatement.

The main Saudi index edged up 0.2 per cent, having dropped 3.2pc in the previous session. Petrochemicals giant Saudi Basic Industries was the main support, rising 1.3pc after falling 3.9pc on Sunday in response to a fresh drop in oil prices.

Another heavyweight, Saudi Arabian Mining (Ma'aden), jumped 3.5pc and almost fully recovered from Sunday's sharp decline.

But Etihad Etisalat (Mobily), the kingdom's most traded



Picture for representative purpose

stock, tumbled 7.4pc to 31.30 riyals, its lowest close since mid-2009.

### UAE, EGYPT

Other Gulf markets did slightly better although none of them fully recovered Sunday's

losses as oil prices continued to fall on Monday.

Dubai's index edged up 0.4pc and Emaar Properties, the emirate's biggest listed developer, was the most traded stock, rising 1.3 pc.

The company posted a 16pc

increase in second-quarter profit to 1.18 dirhams (\$321m) on Sunday. SICO Bahrain had forecast Emaar's quarterly profit would be 817m dirhams and Naaem brokerage had expected 1.09bn dirhams.

Abu Dhabi's index edged up 0.6pc. Qatar added 0.9pc as Qatar Insurance surged 5.1pc to a new all-time high of 106.10 riyals, rising above its July peak of 102.50 riyals. The stock gained strong momentum in May when MSCI added it to its emerging markets benchmark.

Egypt's bourse fell 0.9pc and, according to bourse data, most selling pressure came from Arab retail investors. Kuwait index slipped 0.4 pc to 6,213 points, Oman index fell 0.9 pc to 6,499 points, as Bahrain bourse slipped 0.1 pc to 1,329 points.

## BDB, Al Mannai sign MoU



Bahrain Development Bank and Al Mannai officials at the event

### DT News Network Manama

Bahrain Development Bank (BDB) and Al Mannai for Technological Facilitations yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding aiming to improve the performance of small and medium enterprises

through providing appropriate and modern solutions.

The MoU stipulates Al Mannai company to provide free consultations in the field of information technology for institutions and entrepreneurs clients of Bahrain Development Bank.

Al Mannai, according

to the MoU, will provide special consultations for the development and promotion of information technology strategy. In addition to giving to the benefiting clients of the same services a discount of 25 per cent of the total cost of the technical solutions needed by the institution.

## Pharma conference

### DT New Network Manama

Bahrain Pharmacists Society is set to organise the First Gulf Pharma-Medical Conference in Bahrain in cooperation with Salmaniya Medical Complex Internal Medicine Department and with the support of the Saudi Pharmaceutical Society. The event will be held at Rotana Hotel on Amwaj Islands under the patronage of Chairman of the Supreme Health Council Lieutenant General Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa on September 2 and 3, 2015. It aims to hone the skills of specialised medical cadres and boost their role in optimising health care in Bahrain. The conference will attract more than 400 participants including doctors and pharmacists from Bahrain and the GCC countries.

## GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5904	0.3913	0.3049
KUWAIT	0.2855	35.2964	0.2963	0.2309
OMAN	0.3849	0.3709	0.3995	0.3113
QATAR	3.6420	3.5091	3.7800	2.9459
UAE	3.6730	3.5389	3.8121	2.9710
SAUDI	3.7500	3.6131	3.8921	3.0332



# ALL NEW CHERY TIGGO 3 IS HERE

DT News Network  
Manama

After the successful launch of Chery Tiggo 5 in Bahrain, Motorcity has launched the all-new Chery Tiggo 3 SUV yesterday at the Chery showroom in Sanad.

## Dynamic design

The new Tiggo 3, a modern SUV designed with Chery's new concept of "sensory quality" is durable, dynamic and stylish. Its powerful and elegantly integrated body design offers a trendy appearance to this stylish SUV.

## Technology and strength

Tiggo 3 is powered by 2.0L DVVT engine delivering an output of 137 HP. Mated with the latest CVT (Continuous Variable Transmission), the new Tiggo 3 provides excellent fuel economy and manoeuvrability.

The suspension system of the Tiggo 3 which is vigorously tested by LOTUS to ensure comfortable rides comprises of MacPherson



Motorcity officials at the launch of all-new Chery Tiggo 3 SUV

struts in the front and the rear employs a double link independent system. Combined with the ground clearance of 190mm, Tiggo3 makes traversing different terrain, effortless.

## Loaded with features

The new Chery Tiggo 3 is loaded with features which include a multifunctional steering wheel, electrically-regulated exterior side view

mirrors, four power windows, automatic air-conditioning and cruise control as standard.

## Safety standards

The latest model from

Chery is equipped with active and passive safety systems which include dual front airbags, rear parking sensors, and ABS with EBD to create a comfortable and safe driving environment.

**Tiggo 3, designed with Chery's new concept of "sensory quality" is durable, dynamic and stylish**

## Value for money

Motorcity has launched the all-new Chery Tiggo 3 with an exceptional value offer starting from only BD4,900. The Tiggo 3 will also have warranty coverage of 5 years/ 150,000km in line with its bigger sibling. This is a limited offer available during the launch period.

Since its launch in 2005, the Chery Tiggo series has been sold in over 80 countries and regions around the world, with nearly 1 million satisfied consumers globally. As a step ahead, the new Tiggo 3 has been upgraded in terms of design, technology and configuration.

For offers, contact Chery showroom in Sanad on 17 621162 or visit [www.motorcity.com.bh](http://www.motorcity.com.bh).

## More Trouble

# Dubai heading for another realty bubble?

Dubai **The International Monetary Fund** called yesterday on Dubai to take "stronger measures" to avert another property bubble,

after prices rocketed at a rate reminiscent of the 2009 crisis.

Authorities in the Gulf emirate have already doubled sales duties to four per cent, and the central bank of the United Arab Emirates has tightened lending facilities.

"These measures are good," said IMF regional director Masood Ahmed, adding however that there was a need for even tougher steps.

"It is time to consider stronger measures particularly in ways to discourage a quick turnaround," Ahmed told a forum in Dubai, warning of renewed market activity aimed at fast profits.

He suggested increasing sales duties substantially to prevent such activity, citing

Singapore's 30pc tax on sales made within a year of purchase as an example.

"I think it is time to consider



An image taken from Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest skyscraper, shows construction in Dubai

## It is time to consider stronger measures particularly in ways to discourage a quick turnaround

some stronger measures to try dampen what could possibly be speculative transactions in real estate," he said.

The market remains "mostly

a cash market" for the moment, he said, warning that if lending to the sector sees a big increase, tightening measures would be needed.

Dubai's property sector expanded at breakneck-speed for years, driven by foreign investments, before the global financial crisis pushed it into free fall, shedding half of its 2008 records.

But the market has recently made a strong comeback as investors flocked back into the emirate that is seen as a safe haven at a time of regional turmoil.

Contrary to most Gulf monarchies, the sheikhdom has sizable property zones that have been opened to foreign buyers.

The real estate sector has been recovering as Dubai's trade, tourism and transport have continued to grow, banking on large investments in the past few years. (AFP)



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# 'DENIED' IN FRONT OF A RAINBOW FLAG

Manila

The Philippine government promptly rejected the first same-sex marriage licenses applied by two couples in the conservative Catholic nation.

Maria Arlyn Ibanez and her partner Joanne Reena Gregorio joined Pastor Crescencio Agbayani and his partner Marlon Pelipe in trooping to a civil registry office in Manila, hoping to raise awareness about gay rights.

"We expected it would be denied but we tried it anyway.... We thought maybe

there would be a miracle and it would be approved," Ibanez, a 33-year-old call centre worker, said.

After the government agency turned them down, Ibanez and Agbayani, who runs an informal church for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, brandished a sign saying, "We were denied" in front of a rainbow flag.

Officials at the agency told reporters it was the first time a same sex couple had applied for a marriage licence.

Government officials have

previously said no same-sex unions will be recognised unless a law is passed for the purpose, adding that it would likely be blocked by legislators allied with the Catholic church.

The Philippines - where 80 per cent of a population of 100 million is Catholic - is the only country where divorce is not legal, largely due to church influence.

Abortion is also illegal. Gay rights lawyer Clara Rita Padilla said the marriage license applications reflected

the need to legalise same-sex unions in the Philippines. "The right to marry is guaranteed by our constitutional rights to equality, equal protection of the law, privacy, and religion," she said in a statement.

Ibanez said yesterday's rejection will not stop her and her partner from taking part in a "wedding" ceremony slated later this month at Agbayani's church.

The union would not be legally recognized, but would show her commitment to her partner, she said.



Maria Arlyn Ibanez (L) and pastor Crescencio Agbayani

## Uproar and disruptions

# INDIA'S PARLIAMENT SUSPENDS 25 MPs

New Delhi

India's parliament yesterday suspended 25 opposition lawmakers following days of uproar and disruptions that have so far thwarted the government's hopes of passing major economic reforms in the current session.

The lawmakers, from the main opposition Congress party, have been banned from the lower house for five days amid mounting government fears that the current session will be a washout.

"You have come to the well of the house... and are persistently, wilfully obstructing the house," parliamentary Speaker Sumitra Mahajan said to jeers and heckling from the opposition benches.

The opposition has been demanding the resignation of Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj and a number of other

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scandal-hit ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's right-wing government, which swept to power last year on a pledge to revive the economy, wants to push through a series of reforms including a new national sales tax.

But, Modi's appeal for opposition support at the start



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of the session in July has been ignored.

Congress vowed yesterday to push on with the disruptions for the session's remaining eight days, with party president Sonia Gandhi calling the suspensions a "black day for democracy".

The government needs the support of the opposition in the upper house where it lacks a majority to pass its bills.

Modi is keen to pass a long-pending national goods and services tax, which aims to replace a myriad of overlapping state duties that

often deter investment, as well as a controversial bill that makes it easier for businesses to buy land.

The opposition is demanding Swaraj quit over her role in helping corruption-hit former cricket boss Lalit Modi to obtain a passport.

The government has branded the disruptions irresponsible but the BJP was also accused of continuously disrupting parliament during its decade in opposition until 2014.

An exasperated Mahajan said she had no choice but to suspend the MPs who had been storming the well of the chamber, chanting and waving posters.

"I repeatedly called meetings, even warned about these placards, disruptions etc over the last few days," the Speaker said.

## India orders hundreds of porn sites blocked

New Delhi

India has ordered more than 800 porn sites blocked for "objectionable" content, a government official said yesterday, igniting a row about freedom of speech in the world's biggest democracy.

The telecommunications department has directed Internet service providers (ISPs) to block 857 websites, in the right-wing government's first major crackdown on online pornography.

"We have written to the ISPs asking them to control free and open access to objectionable websites," N.N. Kaul, a department spokesman, said.

Since the weekend, users across India have been hit with blank pages when they try to access adult sites, many of them based outside the country - sparking anger on social media about moral policing.

According to the adult site Pornhub, India was its fourth largest source of traffic behind the United States, Britain and Canada in 2014.

## Deepening rift

# Mullah Omar's family refuses to back new leader



Members of the Pakistani Jamiat Nazriati party shout slogans in a rally to pay tribute to Afghanistan's deceased Taliban chief Mullah Omar, in the southwestern city of Quetta

Kabul

The family of deceased Taliban leader Mullah Omar has refused to pledge allegiance to his successor, calling on religious scholars to settle a deepening rift within insurgent ranks over the power transition.

Mullah Akhtar Mansour was announced as the new Taliban chief on Friday after the insurgents confirmed the death of Mullah Omar, who led the militant movement for some 20 years.

But, splits immediately

emerged between Mansour and those who challenged his appointment, including the late leader's son Yakoub and his brother, Mullah Abdul Manan.

"Our family... has not declared allegiance to anyone amid these differences," Manan said in an audio message released on Sunday, without naming Mansour.

"We want the ulema (religious scholars) to resolve the differences rather than declaring allegiance to any side," said the audio message,

which Taliban sources confirmed was from Manan.

"Our family will serve the new leader... if he is elected with consensus."

The comments highlight the Taliban's biggest leadership crisis in recent years at a time when the rival Islamic State group is making gradual inroads into Afghanistan.

Mansour on Saturday called for unity in the Taliban in his first audio message since becoming head of the group, in comments apparently aimed at averting a factional split.

A Taliban source said Yakoub and several other members of the Taliban's ruling council walked out of the meeting at which Mansour was declared leader, refusing to pledge loyalty to him.

"Part of the insurgency is troubled and needs answers from Mansour and his allies: why did they hide Mullah Omar's death all these years? Did they deceive us by putting out fake statements in his name just to serve their own interests?" he said.

Industries vow to fight

# OBAMA TAKES A BIG STEP TO CUT CARBON EMISSIONS

Washington

US President Barack Obama challenged America and the world to step up efforts to fight global warming yesterday at the formal unveiling of his administration's controversial, ramped-up plan to cut carbon emissions from US power plants.

Declaring climate change the greatest threat facing the world, Obama said the power plant owners must cut carbon dioxide emissions by 32 per cent from 2005 levels by 2030.

Electric power plants account for some 40pc of US emissions of carbon dioxide, the most common greenhouse gas that

contributes to climate change. Obama described the move as "the single most important step America has ever taken in the fight against global climate change."

The announcement fires the starting gun on a months-long environmental drive that will shape his legacy.

Later this August, Obama will become the first president to visit the Alaskan Arctic.

"Our fellow Americans have already seen their communities devastated by melting ice and rising oceans," Obama said.

In September, when Obama hosts Pope Francis at the White House, they are expected to

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make an impassioned collective call for action. And in December, representatives from around the world will

gather in Paris to hash out rules designed to limit global temperature increases to two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit).

Meanwhile, the EU hailed Obama's clean power plan as "a positive step" to cut carbon emissions ahead of a global climate summit in Paris.

"The clean power plan is a positive step forward in the genuine efforts of the United States to cut its emissions," Miguel Arias Canete, the EU commissioner for climate action and energy, wrote on *Twitter*.

However, opponents in the energy industry have vowed to fight the plan.



Obama delivers remarks on the Clean Power Plan at the White House

## Jewish extremist head arrested

Jerusalem

A Jewish extremist group's leader was arrested yesterday after a Palestinian baby died in a West Bank firebombing, as police investigated online threats against Israel's president for condemning "Jewish terrorism".

The domestic intelligence service named him as Meir Ettinger, a grandson of Meir Kahane, a rabbi who founded the racist anti-Arab movement Kach and was assassinated in 1990 in New York.

He was arrested in Safed in northern Israel "because of his activities in a Jewish extremist organisation", a Shin Bet

spokesman said. Police said Ettinger, who is aged around 20, was suspected of "nationalist crimes" but did not accuse him of direct involvement in Friday's firebombing.

According to Israeli media, he was the brains behind a June 18 arson attack on a shrine in northern Israel where Christians believe Jesus performed the miracle of loaves and fishes.

Ettinger was due to appear in court tomorrow for a custody hearing, police said.

Media reports said Ettinger could face a year of "administrative detention" under the government's harder line against "Jewish terrorists".



Relatives carry the body of 18-month-old Palestinian toddler

## UK announces new steps against illegal immigrants

London

Britain's government promised new measures yesterday to crack down on illegal immigrants by making landlords evict them, as the Calais migrants crisis continued to dominate the headlines.

Landlords in England who do not remove people with no right to remain in Britain, or do not check their immigration status before renting them a property, could be jailed for up to five years.

The move, announced by Communities Secretary Greg Clark, is set to be included in a new Immigration Bill that parliament will debate in the

coming months. Immigration is one of the most sensitive issues in British politics and Prime Minister David Cameron's centre-right government has been battling to bring the numbers down for years.

Images of migrants trying illegally to cross the Channel Tunnel from France to Britain have fuelled calls from political opponents for ministers to do more and Cameron has warned that the situation could last all summer.

Migrants in Calais made around 1,700 attempts overnight Sunday to cross, according to French police sources.

Record Rate

## Glaciers melt to lowest level on record: study

Paris

Glaciers worldwide have shrunk to levels not seen in 120 years of record keeping, with melt-off accelerating in the first decade of the 21st century, according to a study released yesterday.

On average, glaciers currently lose between 50 to 150 centimetres (20 to 60 inches) of thickness every year, reported the study, published in the *Journal of Glaciology*.

"This is two to three times more than the corresponding average of the 20th century,"

said Michael Zemp, director of the World Glacier Monitoring Service and the study's lead author.

More than a billion people, especially in Asia and South America, get more than half of their drinking water from the seasonal melting of snow melt and glacier ice, previous research has shown.

The current rate of global glacier melt is without precedent for the 120 years covered by scientific observation, and probably for much longer, Zemp added.

Moreover, accelerated ice

loss has created a dynamic whereby glaciers in many regions will continue to diminish even if global warming did not continue to boost global temperatures.

Preliminary data from the last five years, not covered in the study, suggest that rapid decline of ice mass is continuing apace.

The 20th-century record ice loss observed in 1998 "has been exceeded in 2003, 2006, 2011, 2013, and probably again in 2014," Kemp said.

The long-term trend of glacier retreat takes into account shorter periods

where, in some locations, glaciers have regained some of their lost ice mass.

Many so-called "ice tongues" formed by glacier runoff in Norway, for example, regained a couple hundred metres in length during the 1990s.

Overall, though, they have retreated by several kilometres compared to the areas covered in the late 19th century.

The World Glacier Monitoring Service compiles the results of worldwide glacier observations submitted annually from a global network of scientists & observers.



Glaciers melt to lowest level on record

For the study, these data gathered on the observations were ground, in the air and via compared to all available satellite.

■ Troops near western entrance of Al Anad

# BATTLE FOR AIRBASE

**Aden**  
Loyalist forces began a major offensive yesterday aimed at retaking Yemen's largest airbase, which is held by rebels, as troops from the Saudi-led coalition entered recaptured second city Aden.

The pro-government troops deployed heavy armour supplied by their backers in the assault on Al Anad base, some 60 kilometres (35 miles) north of Aden, military sources said.

"The battle to retake Al Anad base has begun," a military source said.

Hundreds of troops and militia equipped with tanks and armoured vehicles supplied by the coalition deployed around the base before yesterday's attack, their commander Fadhl Hassan said.

Another source said Saudi-led warplanes were providing air cover for the loyalist forces, who launched the offensive from a mountainous region west of the base.

Al Anad, in southern Lahj province, housed US troops overseeing a drone war against Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula until shortly before Iran-backed Shia Huthi rebels

overran it in March. An officer taking part in the offensive said the troops had reached the western entrance of Al Anad by mid-afternoon yesterday.

**The pro-government troops deployed heavy armour supplied by their backers in the assault on Al Anad base**

But, an attempt to break into the base from the south failed and loyalist forces met "stiff resistance" from the rebels, added the officer who asked not to be named.

Fierce fighting was under way outside the base and "several" people were killed on both sides, he said.

Another officer said that coalition warplanes helped loyalists on the ground by launching new raids, destroying two rebel tanks and



A member of a coalition of fighters made up of local tribes, Popular Resistance Committees and supporters of the southern Yemeni separatist movement pictured the Al Anad airbase

four vehicles and killing those inside, he said.

Retaking Al Anad would help bolster security in Aden, whose liberation the government of

exiled President Abedrabbo Mansour Hadi announced in mid-July.

It would also open the way to loyalist forces to push further

north against the Huthis, who have enjoyed strong support on the ground from fighters close to former president Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Meanwhile, the Saudi-owned *Al Hayat* newspaper said 1,500 troops, most of them from the United Arab Emirates, had reached Aden.

The UAE is a member of the coalition, which has carried out more than four months of air strikes targeting the rebels and their allies.

Military sources spoke of further progress by loyalist forces who they said had recaptured Houta, the provincial capital of Lahj, and seized Al Ribat highway north of Aden.

Aden has been devastated by four months of coalition air strikes and fighting on the ground.



Armed militiamen loyal to Yemen's fugitive President Abderabbo Mansour Hadi stand at the entrance to Aden's airport

## Yemeni refugees flee to Djibouti

**Djibouti**

Djibouti appealed yesterday for aid after hundreds of Yemeni refugees fleeing civil war arrived in the Horn of African nation, adding to thousands already being supported. "The refugees arriving have lost everything," said presidential spokesman Naguib Ali Taher, adding they needed shelter as well as medical care, including psychological support.

Djibouti, a tiny nation of over 800,000 people, is a haven for Yemeni refugees fleeing the air strikes that have devastated their country.

Two boatloads bearing more than 200 refugees arrived last week, Taher said, warning that the "flood does not stop", with more boats arriving over the weekend.

Almost 10,000 Yemenis have arrived in the small state since late March, according to the UN refugee agency, the UNHCR.

**Saudi beheads murderer in 110th execution since Jan**

**Riyadh**

Saudi Arabia yesterday beheaded one of its citizens convicted of murder, adding to a sharp increase in executions this year.

Mugrib al Thanyan was executed in Eastern Province after being found guilty of shooting dead another Saudi after a dispute, the ministry of interior said in a statement. His case brings the number of beheadings this year in the kingdom to 110.

**5.3-magnitude quake rocks Pakistan's southwest: USGS**

**Islamabad**

A 5.3-magnitude earthquake struck Pakistan's southwestern Baluchistan province yesterday, the US Geological Survey said, but local officials said there were no reports of damage or casualties.

The quake struck at a depth of 27 kilometres, with its epicentre located 82 kilometres south west of Khuzdar district in Baluchistan province, where people felt the shockwave.

"The magnitude of the earthquake was recorded 5.5 and its depth was 10 kilometres," Muhammad Shafique, a meteorologist at Pakistan's met office, said.

**11 soldiers killed in attack on Mali camp: government**

**Bamako**

Eleven soldiers were killed yesterday in a "terrorist" attack on their camp in northern Mali's Timbuktu region, said a government statement. "The toll is 11 guards killed, one wounded," the statement said, condemning it as a "cowardly and barbaric terrorist act perpetrated by lawless individuals".

According to Mauritanian news agency *Al Akhbar*, jihadist group Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) has claimed responsibility for the attack in Gourma-Rharous.

**Global anger**

## Pak 'teen' convict faces gallows despite protests

**Karachi**

Pakistan is preparing today to hang a convicted killer whose case has attracted international protests.

Shafqat Hussain was sentenced to death for killing a seven-year-old boy in Karachi in 2004, but has had several stays of execution, most recently in June.

The case has prompted grave concern among human rights campaigners as Hussain's lawyers and family claim he was only 15 at the time of the killing, though a government-ordered probe ruled he was

an adult. Hussain's supporters also say he was tortured into confessing.

Yesterday the local government in the Kashmir region, where Hussain is from, requested a stay of execution while they look into the controversy surrounding his age. "On the basis of the recommendations of the Sindh Human Rights Commission, I have decided to conduct an enquiry at the level of the Government of Kashmir into the matter of the juvenility of Mr. Hussain," the state's leader, Sardar Muhammad

Yaqoob Khan, said in a letter to Pakistan's President.

"It is in the interest of justice that the execution of Mr. Hussain ... be postponed on humanitarian grounds," he wrote.

Khan added that he had also asked the local government in Sindh province, where Hussain is jailed, to look into allegations that torture was used to extract a confession.

A government official in Sindh confirmed that the provincial authorities had also recommended a stay in the execution. Late

yesterday, however, the federal government was yet to announce any postponement.

United Nations rights experts have said his trial "fell short of international standards" and called on Islamabad to reinstate a moratorium on the death penalty.

Maya Foa of the British anti-death penalty campaign group Reprieve condemned the plan to hang Hussain as an "absolute disgrace".

An official at Karachi Central Prison said Hussain's execution was scheduled for today following a death warrant issued by a court.



The parents of Shafqat Hussain hold a photograph of their son

## Sultanate of Oman lead after Kiel Cup

## GC32: OMAN SAIL SUPREME

## Muscat

Oman Sail's GC32 Sultanate of Oman finished the Kiel Cup in Germany on a high to maintain their overall lead in the 2015 Bullitt GC32 Racing Tour season ranking.

By the end of the final day's racing, which once more was curtailed by a lack of wind in the morning, Leigh McMillan's crew had notched up a string of podium positions including an impressive win in the last race which kept them in third place, 20 points behind runaway winners Alinghi.

But their strength in the first two events of the series, with a win in Austria and finishing as runners up in Cowes, means that the Sultanate of Oman's overall lead was preserved but reduced to a single point ahead of their Swiss rivals.

"It was a good day", said McMillan who on Wednesday had to manage a last minute change of crew when Pete Greenhalgh became ill and Paul Campbell James, who stood in for Leigh at the end of the Cowes Cup and for the Round the Island Race, stepped in.

"We kept it pretty positive as



The Sultanate of Oman team on the yacht

We always try to do, looking to the next day or the one after. We were determined to finish on a high note though knew there was a lot to do to move up on the leaderboard, especially with the lack of racing. So we wanted to finish off with some decent results and I feel we did that. It's a shame it was the last day!"

"It was really good on the boat today. We were starting to figure it out as a new team and working better on our communication, discussing things through, getting our heads out of the boat so it was a step forward. We had some good starts and managed to convert them into good results."

The GC32 fleet has competed all week in front of massive crowds, as the Extreme 40s did last week in Hamburg, which demonstrates a substantial appetite for sailing in Germany, with many of them were cheering for Oman, said Sultanate of Oman's bowman Nasser Al Mashari.



The Sultanate of Oman team after the race

"It was great to see so many people coming down to watch and really nice to hear them cheering – for us I am sure! There were also a lot of crowds in Hamburg at the Extreme 40s and many of them were cheering for Oman. German tourists are the second highest visitors to Oman, and I think this relationship with the country is why so many of them came down to the boat to see us and support us."

After the challenges posed by crew changes and the disruptions for weather, a third place in Kiel was entirely satisfactory, Al Mashari added.

"We are happy with third place, bearing in mind the conditions, and if there had been more races, we could have finished in second, but we lost one full day and quite a few races today and yesterday. Some you win, some you lose, but overall, we are happy."

It has been an intensive two weeks for McMillan and his crew with the Hamburg and Kiel events but now there is a short break before they travel to St Petersburg in Russia for the next round of Extreme Sailing Series before the fourth Bullitt GC32 Racing Tour kicks off in Rome, Italy, on 27 August.

## Oxlade-Chamberlain blasts Man Utd's Keane

## London

Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain has slammed claims by Roy Keane that Arsenal's players are more interested in selfies and six-packs than winning trophies.

Keane was highly critical of what he perceives as a culture of self-obsession among Arsene Wenger's squad.

The former Manchester United captain, who now works as Republic of Ireland assistant boss, claims a lack of focus on playing matters will once again stop Arsenal winning a first English title since 2004.

But the Gunners made a statement of intent on Sunday when they defeated champions Chelsea 1-0 in the Community Shield thanks to a fine goal from England midfielder Oxlade-Chamberlain.

And, while the 21-year-old accepts many of Arsenal's players are all fully immersed in the modern social media culture, Oxlade-Chamberlain insists that does not make them any less determined to deliver on the pitch this season.

When asked about Keane's comments, Oxlade-Chamberlain said: "It is a new era, isn't it? Some people do it, some don't. We are serious about winning trophies."

"Personally, and I can speak for the rest of the squad, we have been serious every single year I have been at the club about winning trophies. You can see that on the pitch when we are playing, through the season."

"A lot of people don't see when we lose and go through tough times how upset and disappointed we are," he added.

## Lyon reach deal to sign Man United's Rafael

## Lyon, France

Manchester United's Rafael is joining Lyon after the two clubs reached a deal over the Brazilian right-back, the French side announced yesterday.

The 25-year-old, has passed a medical and will sign a four-year contract with the former multiple French champions.

Rafael joined United with his twin brother Fabio from Fluminense in 2008 and leaves Manchester with three Premier League titles, and a League Cup win.

Last season he only turned out ten times with new coach Louis van Gaal more often than not preferring Antonio Valencia.

Rafael, who was told he could leave after being omitted from their pre-season tour of the United States, said his goodbyes to United on Twitter.

"I want to thank Manchester United fans for all the love during



Rafael

those 8 years," he wrote. "Since I signed with the club I lived incredible moments, after all were 8 years wearing the shirt of one of the biggest clubs of the world."

Confirming the capture Lyon's official website announced: "OL announces a deal with Manchester United for the transfer of the Brazil international Rafael da Silva who will sign in the coming days a four year contract up to June 30, 2019."

"The player passed his

medical today (yesterday) in Lyon and will be presented to the media by the end of the week."

Rafael, who has played for his country twice, is the third new face at Lyon this close season after the arrival of Claudio Beauvais from Guingamp and Jeremy Morel from Marseille.

Lyon came second eight points behind Paris Saint-Germain in Ligue 1 last season with the champions set to confirm the arrival of Rafael's teammate Angel di Maria this week.

## Danielson suspended after positive test results

## Paris

US rider Tom Danielson has been suspended by Cannondale-Garmin after a positive test for synthetic testosterone, the American team confirmed yesterday.

Danielson, 37, revealed himself on his Twitter account that he had been informed of the positive test carried out on July 9 by the US anti-doping agency (USADA).

"I have not taken this or any other banned substance," insisted Danielson, who has requested that the "B" sample be tested and

blamed possible contamination by food supplements. "I would never ever take anything like this especially after everything I have gone through the last (few) years," he wrote. "This makes absolutely no sense."

Danielson could face a lifetime ban from cycling having previously admitted doping while riding with the Discovery Channel team. He served a six-month suspension between September 2012 and March 2013, and his results from 2005 to 2006 were wiped out.



Team Russia competes in the Team Free Combination final event during the synchronised swimming competition at the 2015 FINA World Championships in Kazan, Russia

# NIGERIA BOOKS OLYMPIC BERTH



Nigeria manager Stephen Keshi and player Kenneth Omeruo celebrate after the win

## Brazzaville

Nigeria demonstrated what a good away team they are by forcing a 0-0 draw in Congo Brazzaville at the weekend to win a 2016 Olympic Games football qualifier.

Known as the 'Dream Team', the west Africans advanced 2-1 on aggregate after winning the first leg in Port Harcourt two weeks ago by that score.

Nigeria also impressed on the road this year in qualifiers for the 2015 All-Africa Games, an under-23 competition like the Olympics.

After hammering Gabon 4-1 in Libreville, they overcame

Zambia 2-1 in Lusaka to reach the Africa tournament during September in Brazzaville.

In November, Nigeria will join hosts Senegal, Algeria, Egypt, Mali, South Africa, Tunisia and Zambia at an Olympic tournament, with three 2016 Rio Games places up for grabs.

After wasting many first-leg chances, Nigeria coach Samson Siasia vowed that his team would attack a Congolese side guided by veteran French coach Claude Le Roy at Stade Municipal in Atlantic oil hub Pointe-Noire.

Keeping the promise, the 'Dream Team' spent much of the opening half on the

offensive with Usman Mohammed, Daniel Etor and Oghenekaro Etebo threatening to score.

Even during a more balanced second half, Nigeria created the better chances and substitute Aminu Umar squandered a late chance to win the second leg.

Nigeria have been the most successful African football nation at the Olympics, winning the 1996 Atlanta tournament and finishing runners-up to Argentina in Beijing seven years ago.

Mali followed up a solitary-goal away victory over Gabon by winning the return match 2-0 at Stade Modibo Keita

in Bamako. The Gabonese had to score first to have a realistic chance of salvaging the tie, and they did after 68 minutes.

Unfortunately for the visitors, the goal came at the wrong end of the pitch with Mboudou Karl putting the ball into his net.

Adama Traore added a second Mali goal a minute from time to earn his team an easier-than-expected passage to Senegal for the November 28-December 12 tournament.

Mali qualified once for the Olympics football tournament, topping a 2004 Athens group before losing to Italy in the quarter-finals.

## New 1.5km record

# I'M SHOCKED: KATIE

## Kazan

Katie Ledecky of the US admitted she was shocked after breaking her own 1,500m freestyle record in the heats of the world swimming championships in Kazan yesterday.

The 18-year-old, who also holds the 400m and 800m records, clocked 15min 27.71sec to better the 15:28.36 secs she swam at the Pan-Pacific Games in August last year.

"My coach told me to swim the first 900m easy, build over the next 300, then the final 300 was my choice and to be honest, it felt pretty easy," said Ledecky, who came within a second of her 400m record on Sunday.

"I wasn't kicking much and I think breaking the world record is testament to the hard work I have put in and the shape I am in right now.

"I am pretty shocked that I was able to do that."

Ledecky only recently finished high school in Maryland, but this is the eighth

time the teenager has set a world record in her fledgling career.

It is the fourth time the defending champion has broken the 1,500m record alone having first achieved the feat in Barcelona two years ago on her way to winning the world title.

This is the second world record to fall in Kazan after Sweden's Sarah Sjöström feat in the women's 100m butterfly heats on Sunday.

## Sun eyes second gold

Also in yesterday's heats, Chinese medal-machine Sun Yang stayed on course to claim the second of the four golds he wants in Kazan after cruising into Monday night's 200m freestyle semi-finals as the fastest qualifier.

Sun defended his 400m freestyle title on Sunday, but faces some stiff competition over the shorter distance.

Britain's James Guy, who took silver behind Sun in the 400m final, was just 0.10sec behind Sun's time of 1min 46sec dead.



Germany's world record-holder Paul Biedermann and Australia's Cameron McEvoy are also medal contenders for Tuesday's final at 0.39sec behind Sun's time.

Missy Franklin of the United States opened her individual campaign as the world and Olympic 100m backstroke champion was fifth fastest into yesterday's semifinals.

Hungary's 'Iron Lady', Katinka Hosszu, was the fastest through in a national record of 58.78sec but will sit out the evening's backstroke semis to defend her

200m individual medley world title. She finished second to Australia's Emily Seebohm in her heat having won gold to Seebohm's silver at the 2012 Olympics and Barcelona's worlds in 2013.

After Australian medal hopes Mack Horton and Christian Sprenger bombed in their respective heats and the men's team failed to qualify for Sunday's 4x100m freestyle final, Mitchell Larkin was fastest through to the evening's 100m backstroke semi-finals.

# Ronaldo 'gifts his agent an island'

## Porto

Cristiano Ronaldo and James Rodriguez were among the guests to attend the glitzy wedding of super-agent Jorge Mendes on Sunday.

The Real Madrid duo made their way to Porto to celebrate alongside almost 400 other guests at the swanky bash.

Ronaldo was given the honour of being best man and reports in Spain suggest he lived up to the billing by buying Mendes his own Greek island as a wedding present.

Mendes, who has brokered more than £1billion of transfer deals and has a client list that includes Jose Mourinho and David de Gea, married Sandra Barbosa in the affluent Foz do Douro.

Other star names at the bash included Real Madrid president Florentino Perez, players such as Fabio Coentrao, Pepe, Deco and Jose Bosingwa and former Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson.

During his time at Old Trafford Ferguson claimed Mendes was one of the best agents he ever had the pleasure to deal with.

He said: 'Jorge Mendes is the



C. Ronaldo

best agent I dealt with, without a doubt. He was responsible, looked after his players... and was very fair with clubs.'

In recent seasons Mendes, who is dubbed one of the most powerful men in football, has helped United bring such players as Ronaldo, Nani, Anderson, Angel di Maria and Radamel Falcao to Old Trafford.

# Ultimate Frisbee is now an Olympic sport

## London

Flying disc sports, including Ultimate Frisbee, have been officially recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Disc-based games are played in 58 countries around the world by thousands of athletes.

The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) said it was "honoured and humbled" by the IOC's decision to grant it full

recognition. "This is an incredible milestone in the 30-year history of WFDF," it added.

"Today's decision will give a further boost to our efforts to increasing the presence of Flying Disc sports in all countries and on all continents." The announcement was made at an IOC session in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday.

The WFDF governs several disc-based activities, including

Ultimate Frisbee, Disc Golf and Freestyle.

Ultimate, as it is more commonly known, is the most popular and originated in the US in the 1960s. It is a self-refereed non-contact team sport played with a Frisbee. Two teams of seven play against each other on a playing field around the same length as a football (soccer) pitch. Games last 100 minutes and are split into two halves, and the

aim is to catch the disc in your opposition's end zone.

"To compete at the highest level, Ultimate players require speed, agility and endurance," the UK's governing body UK Ultimate said. "Yet beginners find the game easy to learn and fun to play." Unlike the majority of other team sports, it is does not have a referee and instead relies on "sportsmanship and fair play", according to the WFDF.



An Ultimate Frisbee player

For Rio's Olympic sailors, it's not safe to go in the water as the city is still submerged in floating garbage. DT News takes a look at the next host of the Olympic Games...



**Rio de Janeiro**

Here's a piece of advice for sailors at next year's Rio Olympics: think twice before leaping into the water to celebrate the end of a race.

It is utterly filthy.

"You won't be throwing the winner in," Andrew Lechte, a member of Team Australia's advance party, said.

Pollution and floating garbage have turned Rio de Janeiro's Guanabara Bay, where the sailing and windsurfing contests will take place, into perhaps the world's prettiest garbage dump.

Brown clouds of human excrement, speckled with chunks of faeces, gush from two large drains directly into Marina da Gloria, the Olympic sailing headquarters. And that's just a drop in the overall flood of untreated sewage – and general junk – pouring



The Rio Olympic stadiums under construction from a metropolitan area of some 12 million people, into Guanabara Bay as a whole.

A boat ride with Lechte onto

of biology at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, said.

"Basically, large areas of the 21st century metropolitan area of Rio de Janeiro continue to live with basic sanitation from the 18th century. In other words, all the sewage produced in large areas is reaching the bay without any treatment."

Even officials have generally

"We will get to 2016 with 80pc of sewage treated," he said.

The water and sanitation authority CEDAE also said that regatta areas "are already free and ready for competition."

But the true picture remains murky, with allegations that the situation remains out of control.

"Only 60pc of the region has formal collection of sewage," said



Scavengers and cleaners try to clear the Rio waterbodies off garbage



Test results found high counts of human adenoviruses that cause respiratory and digestive illnesses. Brazilian government does not test for viruses

**Guanabara Bay:** Vast amounts of raw sewage leak into waters of bay. Only one of eight facilities promised to filter sewage has been built



**Rodrigo de Freitas Lake**  
Most polluted Olympic site with tests showing levels of disease-causing viruses to be as much as 1.7 million times level considered hazardous on beach of California

**Copacabana Beach**  
Concentrations of viruses in least-polluted area equivalent to that seen in raw sewage

**Ipanema:** Tested three times above Brazil's legal limit for faecal coliform bacteria – single-celled organisms that live in intestines of humans and animals. No Olympic events being held here, but is Rio's most popular tourist beach

**Rowing Canoe / Kayak**

**Marathon, triathlon swimming**

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the bay revealed water fouled with household waste such as bottles and plastic bags – and, apparently, pretty much anything else.

"I've seen a fridge door, mannequins, whole beds, doors and windows," said Airton, who leads one of the so-called "eco-boats," or floating garbage trucks, that officials have deployed in a last-ditch effort to clean the bay in time for the Summer Games. Airton would only give his first name.

"I've seen dead dogs, cats – all animals," he continued. "Even a horse."

**Rio's promise**

When Rio de Janeiro – a chaotic, violent, but vibrant city – beat Madrid, Chicago and Tokyo in 2009 to host the 2016 Olympics, one of the headline promises in the winning bid was to cut pollution in Guanabara Bay by 80 per cent.

Surrounded by forest-clad mountains and overlooked by Rio's Sugar Loaf peak and the Christ the Redeemer statue, Guanabara is picture perfect. But long-term neglect of municipal garbage collection, antiquated sewage systems and a generally cavalier attitude towards the environment have left the bay filthy.

"The main problem is the sewage which drains from practically all the rivers reaching the bay," Mario Moscatelli, a prominent environmental activist and professor

shown little confidence in their 80 pc goal, with Rio state Governor Luiz Fernando Pezao saying in February: "I don't know what percent we'll achieve."

**Raising a stink**

The controversy has turned the relatively minor sport of sailing into the most talked about aspect of Brazil's Olympics preparation, embarrassing a country that wants the Games to demonstrate its rise as a global economic power and regional giant.

Top flight international sailors have condemned the pollution, citing not just potential health hazards but the more immediate risk of floating debris impeding boats and spoiling races that are decided by tiny margins.

Local authorities and the Rio2016 organizing committee reject suggestions that the competition should move out of the bay into the cleaner open sea.

And in an interview with a French media agency, the deputy CEO of Rio2016, Leonardo Gryner, struck a highly optimistic note, saying that already half of the city's sewage is being treated and that the project would indeed be completed.

Paulo Canedo, an expert on water management at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Of that, he said, about one third is treated.

In other words, around three quarters of human waste in the Rio area is untreated, much of it ending up in the Guanabara, he calculates.

**Last chance**

Rio2016 organizers say a special fleet of eco-boats will deploy in a circle around the race course during Olympic events.

In the meantime, eco-boats are doing what they can to collect what's already there, even if it only takes a rainfall for new garbage to arrive.

"The tendency is towards improvement," said Airton, the eco-boat leader, who was resting with his crew at the dock and wondering what to do with a half-dead cormorant they'd just found in the bay. "But there's a lot of rubbish and not much time."

Asked if he'd seen an improvement over the last year, Lechte, the Australian technical adviser, deadpanned: "It's 100pc better."

In what way?  
"I haven't seen any dead, floating bloated pigs."

**Wins 100m gold**

# PEATY ENDS BRIT DROUGHT

**Kazan**  
**A**dam Peaty won the men's 100m breaststroke gold at the world swimming championships yesterday to become Britain's first world champion in the event for 40 years.

The 20-year-old, who is making his worlds debut, swam 58.52 seconds with Olympic champion Cameron van der Burgh of South Africa taking silver at 0.07secs as he lost out to the Commonwealth champion on the wall.

Britain's Ross Murdoch took bronze at 0.57s back.

Peaty's gold was his country's first at a world championships since Liam Tancock won the 50m backstroke in Shanghai in 2011.

He added the world crown to his Commonwealth Games victory in Glasgow last year, when he also beat Van der Burgh.

"I'm really happy with that and Cameron put up a good fight," said Peaty, who says he is already relishing the pair's clash at the Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games next year.

"I'm sure it's going to be another tough race in Rio.

"It wasn't the time I expected to do and it wasn't the time I wanted, but world championship finals and Olympic finals are only about the win and I brought it home tonight."

Peaty fought for the title, chasing Van der Burgh down hard in the dying stages to nick gold in the

final three strokes. It left the South African to again settle for worlds silver having lost out to Australia's Christian Sprenger two years ago.

The new world champion admitted seeing Van der Burgh comfortably ahead at the turn had given him extra motivation.

"I turned and saw his (Van der Burgh's) feet and I was like 'right, I've got some catching up to do now,'" said Peaty.

"Twenty-five metres out he was still in front, so I was a bit sceptical, but I remembered what I had trained for was moments like this and I came out on top – thankfully.

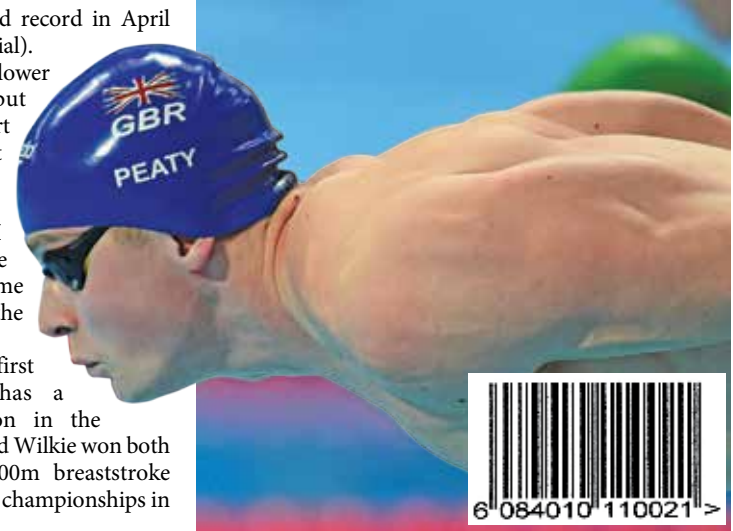
"I was surprisingly relaxed going out there and it has been a help

setting the world record in April (in the British trial).

"I was a bit slower going out, but that's what sport is all about, it could have gone either way.

"I'm glad I have people like Cam to push me on and push the sport forward."

This is the first time Britain has a world champion in the event since David Wilkie won both the 100 and 200m breaststroke titles at the 1975 championships in Cali, Colombia.



# The Ultimate Powerup

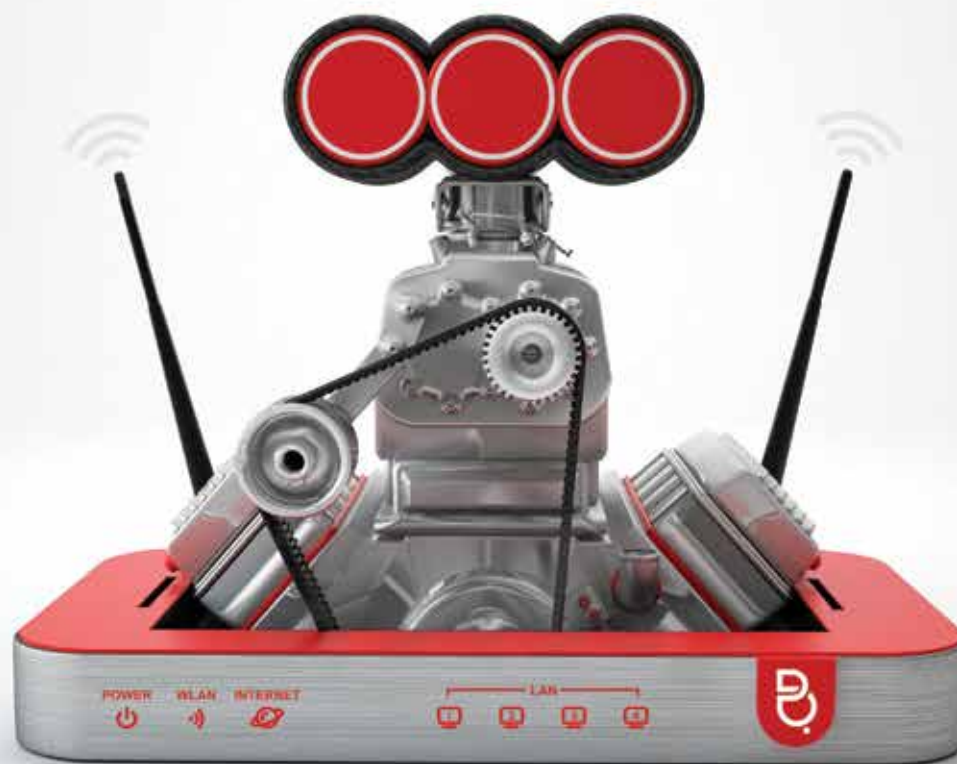
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