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## FOR A BETTER FUTURE

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**Prime Minister** HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa stressed that development challenges faced by many countries pose a direct threat to international security and stability. Prince Khalifa called for the need of long-term solutions to handle such a threat, thereby meeting people's aspirations for a better and more prosperous life.

The premier said this in a message to the world as the international community readies itself to mark the World Habitat Day tomorrow. The day is observed every first Monday in October as part of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

HRH PM urged concerted efforts by the international community to achieve sustainable development goals and fast-track growth all over the world. The Premier stressed the need to exploit resources to assist poor countries, instead of squandering them on funding wars and interferences in the affairs of other countries. "Attaining the development

goals and reaping their dividends can never be achieved without security and stability," the Premier said, pointing out Bahrain's success to bring about many accomplishments under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Prince Khalifa praised this year's theme of the UN-Habitat, "Public Places for All", pointing out the importance of public places in human and urban development. The Prime Minister said Bahrain has been very successful in this regard as documented by specialised reports.

The Premier took pride in celebrating the World Habitat Day, which coincides with granting Bahrain the Information and Communication Technology in Sustainable Development Award by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). HRH PM asserted that the award, which was conferred on him recently by ITU, serves as an incentive to exert more efforts to bring about further development and optimise services.



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### Oregon school shooter committed suicide

#### Roseburg

The 26-year-old gunman behind a mass shooting at a college in Oregon, US that left nine people dead committed suicide after a shootout with police, authorities said yesterday. "The medical examiner has determined the cause of death of the shooter to be suicide," Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin told reporters. He said the shooter was enrolled in the class where the killings took place. Hanlin said investigators were poring through numerous leads and had interviewed hundreds of people, including neighbors and family members of the shooter, to try to determine what set off the rampage. He said 14 weapons belonging to the shooter had been recovered, including six at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg where the massacre took place.

# SHURA COUNCIL SLAMS IRAN THREAT

## Committee condemns Iranian interference

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The Shura Council's Committee of Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security, in a statement, expressed its support to all measures taken by Bahrain to deter the Iranian interferences and threats, "which have gone beyond all international conventions regulating relations between countries."

The committee stressed on the importance of the Kingdom's latest decisions, including recalling the Ambassador to Iran Rashid Saad Al Dossari, and terming the Iranian embassy Charge D'Affaires Mohammed Redha Babai persona non grata.

The committee also hailed the submission of an official complaint by the Foreign Minister to UN Secretary General against Iran and its unacceptable interference in Bahrain's internal affairs.

**'Iran's attempts to impose hegemony on the whole region will be doomed to failure, thanks to the awareness and determination of the GCC and the people's belief in the Arab identity of the region'**

The committee pointed out that such steps would boost the Kingdom's security and safeguard the interests of all the people in Bahrain. The body observed that security was a priority after Iran's incessant threats by its leaders on many occasions, its continued exportation of terrorism and its extremist ideology to neighbouring countries.

The committee lauded the vigilance of the Interior Ministry here and its success in thwarting many terror plots

in which Iran has emerged as the primary source of funds. It also slammed the Iranian policy inciting violence, terrorism and sectarianism, adding that the Iranian objectives are obvious and have nothing to do with the slogans of its leaders.

It also said that the Iranian statements bear threats to the GCC countries, pointing out the speech of Iran's Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Ali Al Khamenei last week during a graduation ceremony of cadets in which he targeted

Saudi Arabia following the Hajj stampede.

The committee voiced its rejection of Khamenei's defamatory statements as they do not show any respect to the major role played by Saudi Arabia in serving the pilgrims and facilitating their rituals. It also added that the Iranian statements represented an explicit threat to sow sedition by disseminating fallacies.

The committee stressed that Saudi Arabia's security is part of Bahrain's security, adding that Iran's attempts will never succeed to shake regional stability.

"Iran's attempts to impose hegemony on the whole region will be doomed to failure, thanks to the great awareness and determination of the GCC people and their belief in the Arab identity of the region and the wisdom its leaders," read the statement.

## HM the King congratulates German president

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to German President Joachim Gauck marking 25 years since its reunification.

HM King Hamad wished the German President abundant good health and happiness and the friendly German people further progress and prosperity.

On October 3, 1990, just under a year after the Berlin Wall was pulled down in a bloodless revolution, the reunification treaty bringing the two halves of the country together came into effect amid jubilant scenes.

Ever since, this date has been a public holiday to mark Germany's national day.

The anniversary festivities will carry on throughout the weekend in Frankfurt, with pop bands, fireworks and an art installation on the Main River illuminating 25 bridges.

## Road revamp plans unveiled

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Roads Projects and Maintenance Director at the Works Ministry, Municipalities and Urban Planning, Sayyed Bader Alawi, revealed that the Ministry has commenced the paving of dirt roads in Block 1038 in Sadad and Block 1026 in Karzakan, in addition to constructing Road 2631 and a parking lot at the Northern Governorate.

According to Alawi, the Dirt Roads Programme is part of the Government's programme aiming to improve infrastructure in the Kingdom, give priority to the paving of dirt roads in urban areas and create an integrated roads network in all areas in the Kingdom, in coordination with the municipal councils and the Capital General Secretariat.

The project has been included within the Government's work plan for 2015-2016 and is hoped to serve 170 residential units in both villages.

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# BAHRAIN READY TO CUT TIES WITH UNHEEDING IRAN: MP

**MP Jamal Dawood said breakage of complete relations with Iran in the offing**

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**I**f Iran doesn't mend its ways and stop smuggling arms to Bahrain, it will result in a breakage of all kinds of relations between both the countries, stated MP and Head of Public Utilities and Environment Committee Jamal Dawood.

He was speaking to *DT News* following Bahrain's decision to recall its ambassador Rashid Saad Al Dossari from Iran and demand Iranian Charge

d'affaires Mohammad Reza Babaei to leave Bahrain within 72 hours.

The decision came after Bahrain intercepted the biggest Iranian cache of arms and explosives in Nawaidrat since 2011.

"If this situation persists it means Iran does not want to review its foreign policy and is fully determined to interfere in the internal affairs of Bahrain and other regional countries. In that case, we are ready to end all kinds of relations with Iran," Dawood said. He said the problem



MP Jamal Dawood

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with Iran started over 35 years ago, but Iranians still hesitate to change their policies. "Iran has only two choices – either stop interfering in our internal affairs or stay away from Bahrain," he said.

He stated Iran's intentions are not going to happen as Bahrainis have already rejected all sorts of external interference in their country's internal affairs. Responding to a question whether some insider is helping Iran in importing arms in the

Kingdom, he rubbished the idea and said, "Since Bahrain is an island surrounded by sea, it gives Iran an easy access to infiltrate. We need to guard all the sea borders extremely carefully."

Responding to whether registering a complaint against Iran will have any positive effect, he said, "Of course, it is the official complaint from Bahrain to the United Nations. So I am hopeful that Ban Ki Moon would look into the matter seriously."

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## Iran crossed all red lines: *Al-Ayam*

Manama

**A***l-Ayam* newspaper confirmed in its editorial yesterday that Iran's "outrageous" policies have led Bahrain to recall its ambassador from Tehran.

The newspaper said Bahrain's foreign policy has always been calm, wise, balanced and not hasty even at dark circumstances, and reaching this stage in the diplomatic relations with Iran means that the latter has crossed all red lines.

It explained the move was taken by the Kingdom as a result of Iran's continuous blatant encroachment on its sovereignty through repeated interference in its domestic affairs and violation of international norms through its attempts to undermine its security and stability.

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# NEW HEALTH MINISTER READY FOR BIGGER RESPONSIBILITIES

**Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh to officially take charge today**

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Following the recent Cabinet reshuffle, several ministers were given additional responsibilities, which also includes that of an extra ministry.

Speaking to DT News, former Social Development Minister and the newly appointed Health Minister Faeqa bint Saeed Al

Saleh said, "Our main duty is to ensure constant improvement of services. In my new post,

my main concern is to improve healthcare services in Bahrain." "All ministries are

committed to Government's work plan, which puts citizens' benefit first," Al Saleh said.

"The Health Ministry is concerned about all the people living in Bahrain (citizens and residents), unlike Social Development Ministry, which provide services mainly to Bahrainis," she said, hailing the decree issued by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa providing her a



Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh

new position in the reshuffled Cabinet. She commended the wise leadership for taking the steps, which reflect firmness and keenness in dealing with the upcoming challenges and requirements of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Al Saleh also pledged full support in upgrading the quality of health services in Bahrain, hailing Kingdom's landmark sustainable development strides.

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## MP calls to rethink subsidies redirection scheme

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Parliamentarian yesterday urged to reconsider the recent decision to remove subsidies for red meat, as there are other sectors still consuming larger amounts from the state budget.

Parliament Public Utilities and Environment Committee Vice Chairman MP Ghazi Al Rahma said in a press

**"Over BD1 billion is taken off the state budget to benefit 35 private sector companies in the gas industry. The govt must stop this wastage"**

statement that millions could be saved if the Government's support to private companies in the natural gas industry is lifted.

"Over BD1 billion is taken off the state budget to benefit 35 companies in the private

sector of gas industry. The government must stop this wastage, which only benefits private investors and not the people of Bahrain. This amount exceeds the money allocated for supporting goods that directly affect citizens' livelihoods, such



MP Ghazi Al Rahma

as prices of red and white meat," Al Rahma stated. He said he is not targeting private

gas companies by demanding to lift their subsidies, but the "difficult" situations that

the region is witnessing, especially by Bahrain, calls for rethinking of the subsidies scheme.

"We can't deny the big role of these companies in boosting the economy and creating job opportunities," Al Rahma commented.

As reported earlier, several MPs, including Al Rahma, called to rethink the government's subsidies redirection scheme, explaining that "it should be removed from other sectors."

In addition to BD1 billion for gas industry, he also revealed that BD350 million was allocated from last year's state budget as support to electricity and water services, while only BD67m is set to support foodstuff products such as meat, poultry and flour.

## Participation open for Shaikha Hessa Award

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The Supreme Council for Women (SCW) announced that it continues to receive participants in the second edition of the Shaikha Hessa bint Salman Al Khalifa Award for Youth Voluntary Work, one of the key initiatives to promote voluntary work and encourage youngsters to stand out in serving the Bahraini society.

SCW called upon more Bahraini youngsters to contest for the award. The award

disseminates and promotes the concept of volunteer work culture and highlights its moral value as a national and humane duty. It also develops

**SCW called upon more Bahraini youngsters to contest for the award**

the role of individuals and groups in achieving creative and sustainable volunteer work projects.

The award also aims to strengthen the spirit of competition and highlight youth initiatives in the implementation of outstanding projects to serve the community.

Participants may fill in a form on the SCW's website ([www.scw.bh](http://www.scw.bh)), or call the Awards and Initiatives Department at the SCW's Secretariat General on 17417171.

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# KEEN MONITORING CAN FOIL IRAN PLOYS: SHURA MEMBER

**Dr. Abdul Aziz Hasan said Iran interference started decades back**

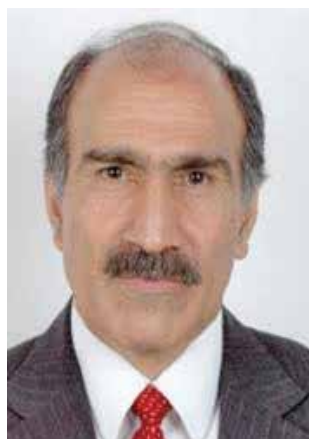
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**Condemning** Iran's interference in Bahrain's affairs, Shura Council member Dr. Abdul Aziz Hasan said keen monitoring could foil the conspiracies of the Khamenei regime.

Speaking to *DT News*, Dr. Hasan accused Iran for intervening in the affairs of the whole Arab region. "Monitor the situation closely and ensure that Iran does not succeed in its plans. Close all the doors of trouble," the Shura Council member said.

Dr. Hasan said Tehran had been trying to interfere in other countries' matters since decades. "Even in 50s and 60s, Iran illegally tried to send its people to Bahrain. But alert Bahrain always foiled the ploys of Iran," he said. He



Dr. Abdul Aziz Hasan

played Iran for claiming that Bahrain belongs to them, and confirmed Manama has the strength to maintain the safety and stability of the Kingdom, he said.

## Unite GCC to fight Iran

To fight Iranian interference

**"Like the modern United States of America, the 'United States of Arabia' could give a befitting answer to Tehran"**

in the region, a united GCC is the need of the hour, said banker and social media activist Mohammed K Al Binatee.

He added, like the modern United States of America, the 'United States of Arabia' could give a befitting answer to Tehran.

"As long as the political leaders of Iran remain in power, they will continue to harm the interests of Bahrain," he said.



Mohammed K Al Binatee

"When the Arab spring took place, they hastily took the opportunity to activate their sleeper cells. When the coup failed, they had to start from scratch and abandoned many of their agents," Al Binatee

## Iran-plotted terror incidents in Bahrain this year - A timeline

**September 30:** Authorities seized huge quantity of explosives in Nuwaidrat.

**August 28:** A policeman killed and seven others injured in a bomb blast in Karanah.

**July 28:** Two policemen killed in a bomb blast in Sitra. The accused's link with Iranian Revolutionary Guards was established.

**July 16:** A group caught attempting to smuggle over 43kg C4 into Bahrain via sea.

**June 6:** Large quantity of explosive materials seized during a raid in a house in Dar Kulaib.

**May 8:** Saudi Customs officials seized explosive materials on King Fahd Causeway.

**March 15:** An attempt to smuggle explosives into the Kingdom from Iraq by bus intercepted.

added. "This left the terrorists and sleeper cells exposed and Bahrain has started to expose them one by one," he said.

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## Bahrain free from cholera

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**In light** of the reemergence of cholera in the region, Health Ministry recently confirmed the disease has not been reported in the Kingdom.

Public Health Director Dr. Mariam Al Hajery said in a press statement that "the ministry is coordinating with the World Health Organisation (WHO) in regards to epidemics and diseases, especially after several cases of cholera were detected in Iraq."

Al Hajery confirmed the disease vanished from Bahrain long back, adding that health personnel are vigilant for any suspicious cases, especially among those travelling from Iraq.

She said, "Bahrain has taken precautionary measures to combat infectious diseases and epidemics. Authorities here provide citizens and residents with clean water and advanced sanitary system."

The director advised travellers to commit to food and water safety while abroad. According to international



Dr. Mariam Al Hajery

news agencies, cholera cases have risen to 800 in Iraq so far.



WHO said lack of clean water in Iraq is the main reason for the recent outbreak of cholera



# IT'S 'OTAKU' TIME IN BAHRAIN

## IGN Anime and Gaming convention sees a huge turnout



Children having fun at the event

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Manama

**T**his weekend at Bahrain international circuit was that of colours, comics, anime and gaming as thousands of gaming and anime/manga

enthusiasts hoarded to the venue of IGN Anime and Gaming convention in the Kingdom.

The convention, proof of the worldwide phenomenon of more and more youngsters getting hooked to Japanese

culture of comics (manga) and animation series (anime), started its third edition with a bang with a Q&A interactive session scheduled with former WWE wrestler Booker 'Booker-T' Huffman.

Other celebrities at the event included American voice actors Dave Fennoy and Adam Harrington, and internationally recognised cosplayer Riddle of 'Riddle's Messy Wardrobe'. Adam gave his sound to Bigby Wolf in the action-adventure 'The Wolf Among Us' and Dave's voice is familiar to 'The Walking Dead' fans.

Among the various attractions such as a gaming and book exhibition, an "otaku" shop for Japanese pop-culture enthusiasts and rows and rows of gamers on their gaming equipment, what really stood out was the vast variety of cosplayers at the event.

Various contestants for the Cosplay competition, in costumes inspired by manga, anime, pop-culture and video-game characters, filled the venue as they immersed into their characters to impress the judges.

One could spot characters from world-famous anime

A cosplayer as Kakashi from 'Naruto'



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such as 'Naruto' or run into a Joker or a Harley Quinn from 'Batman' as they walked through the convention.

For gaming and sports enthusiasts, gaming rigs

venue. There were also karaoke and magic shows at the event. The exhibition was filled with pop-culture content relating to games, movies, comics, and manga titles.

The convention was organised by Tarteel Events and Production Service and IGN Middle East.

IGN Convention organising committee head, Omar Abdulaziz, told DT News of the unexpected turnout at the event, "We are very happy with the

turnout, it was great to see the enthusiasm in the visitors and the smiles on everyone's faces."

"This gives us more motivation to keep moving forward," he added.

"IGN Convention is not only a platform to shed international spotlight on our Kingdom in terms attracting high profile names from the gaming and entertainment industry, but also to ensure Bahrain has the sure capability of organising conventions of excellent standards." Tarteel MD Mohammed Al Muharraqi weighed in.



Two cosplayers as reverse-gender Joker (left) and Harley

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Cosplayers at the event

COSPLAYER PHOTO COURTESY: JASON RAO



Gamers at the event

PHOTO : MOHAMMED THASLEEM



# MYSTERY LOOMS OVER CAFETERIA EXPLOSION

**Baneen Sandwiches and Falafel shop struck by an explosion**

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Manama

**M**ystery looms over the latest mishap in a cafeteria at the Capital Governorate, after an explosion destroyed much of Baneen Sandwiches and Falafel shop on Friday.

The falafel shop in Bilad Al Qadeem was closed when the blast took place at around 3:30pm, a source told *DT News*.

No injuries were reported in the incident. However, items worth around BD4000 were destroyed in the explosion. Some of the vehicles parked near the shop were also affected.

The impact of the blast



Inside the shop

cracked and shattered the windows of the neighbouring shops, as the explosion forced soft-drink coolers, food items and other goods to fly out onto the road facing the shop.

Mohammed Noor,

shopkeeper of the adjacent store, ran to the scene first. He told *DT News* he was sleeping inside his shop when the explosion took place. "It was so loud I thought it happened in my shop," he said.

**The shop kept its gas cylinders at the back of the building**

The neighbour then informed the shop's in-charge Ashraf, who arrived shortly at the scene. According to him, all three workers at the cafeteria were sleeping in their room, located in the same residential block, when the incident took place.

"I informed the owner and the authorities," said Ashraf.

"Initial investigations showed



A view from outside after the explosion

that it was caused by a gas leak, but this idea is hard to believe," he weighed in.

"There were no signs of flames or smoke," continued the person in charge of the shop, "...and we keep the gas

cylinders at the back of the building – some 20 meters away – not inside the shop."

"Everything at the entrance was destroyed, while the back of the restaurant was slightly damaged," Ashraf added.

## Cops escape bomb attack at fuel station

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**T**wo teenagers have allegedly set off a bomb in a fuel station targeting police officers,

exploded in their presence. Police officers stationed beside the fuel station regularly use the restroom of the station. Keeping this into account, the

**Police officers stationed beside the fuel station regularly use the restroom of the fuel station**

according to court files.

Two policemen escaped with minor injuries after the bomb planted in station's restroom

## Peddler caught with 79 kilograms of drugs

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Manama

**A**man was arrested in the Kingdom trying to sell drugs weighing 79 kilograms, court reports revealed.

He was apprehended following a tip-off to the anti drugs department in the Ministry of Interior, after an undercover officer lured the accused to do business with him.

The accused agreed to sell four kilograms of hashish at BD9200. As soon as the transaction was done, the

anti-drugs squad who were waiting nearby, pounced on him.

He sensed he was being surveyed, and tried to escape. But, the accused was eventually caught as he tried to scale a fence after his attempt to escape by his car failed. He is expected to be produced at the High Criminal Court for his trial, scheduled to be heard on November 25.

If the judges find him guilty, the accused could face up to 10 years in jail and a BD5000 penalty.

## Ten years jail sentence in bomb making case

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**T**he High Criminal Court sentenced 16 persons accused of setting up a bomb to 10 years behind bars each.

Another 16 suspects implicated in the same case were given only three years in prison each. The defendants reportedly made a bomb with the intention of targeting police officers.

They also initiated a riot in Duraz to lure police officers to the scene to trigger the explosives.

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They were found guilty of participating in an illegal gathering, possessing flammables and putting lives at risk.

## Doctor beaters' trial: hearing on November 11

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**C**losing arguments will be heard on November 11 in the trial of three men involved in attacking a doctor.

Two among the accused were earlier sentenced to five years each behind bars, while their accomplice was given six months in prison.

According to court files, the victim was attacked violently by the trio following a comment he made

**The trio attacked the victim following a comment he made on Instagram. The doctor's colleague, who was on her way to him, saw accused assault the victim. 'They attacked him with their bare hands and kicked him,' she recalled the terror**

on the smartphone app Instagram which they deemed defamatory.

One of the doctor's female colleagues saw the prime accused trying to pull the victim out of his car while she was on her way to meet him. The two men were then joined by the accomplice. "They attacked him with their bare hands and kicked him," she recalled the terror. "One of them then snatched the mug the doctor was holding and banded

his head with it," the eyewitness told prosecutors earlier.

"I tried to block them," she recalled, "Then I asked pedestrians to help rescue my colleague..."

The assault has caused some visual impairment to the victim's left eye, according to court files. The accused have been convicted of causing physical harm to the victim as well as insulting him verbally during the assault.



# MEDICAL CONDITION LANDS BAHRAINI FAMILY IN DEBT

The sole breadwinner is bedridden with numerous diseases

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**Manama**  
**A** Bahraini family is slipping deeper into debt with its sole breadwinner bedridden with severe health problems. The husband and father of a 6-year-old was already suffering from diabetes and heart diseases when he was diagnosed with Gangrene, a condition where tissues die due

to insufficient blood supply. The condition has paralysed one of his legs. He was initially

**His wife has been seeking help from several officials through social media**

admitted to Bahrain Defence Force Hospital for 21 days to undertake a surgery to stop

the infection in his leg from spreading. His wife, who has been

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seeking help from several officials through social media, told DT News, "My husband is currently bedridden and there is no one else but me to nurse him. The physical strain that I take to carry him around has now given me spinal disc problems. This is apart from my own diabetes and hypertension."

She said their financial situation is going from bad to worse. "We are under heavy debts. We have not paid the rent of our house for six

months and have defaulted the three years' electricity bills," she lamented.

Adding to this is the expense of their son, who has just started his first year of school.

The wife confirmed that she recently booked an appointment with a doctor in Salmaniya Medical Complex and is waiting to see what treatment he needs.

"The doctors have said his heart is too fragile to undergo a surgery. I have no idea what lies ahead for me," she said.

## Increase in use of public transport buses recorded

**Manama**  
**A** significant increase in the use of public transport buses was recorded over the Eid Al Adha holiday, according to official statistics released by the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications (MTT) Land Transport Affairs. Most notably, on the first day of Eid Al Adha the number of bus passengers reached 47,000.

Undersecretary for Land Transport and Post Affairs at MTT, Mariam Ahmed Jumaan, said, "We are very pleased to see these numbers coming in, as they are strong indicators of passenger demand and the quality of service that the new



Mariam Ahmed Jumaan

public transport system is now offering."

"Since we launched the new operation with Bahrain Public Transport Company (BPTC) in February, we have had over three million passengers

to date. The operator has been serving around 23,046 people on an average per day, since August this year, and passengers continue to grow," she added.

She said MTT is working along with Bahrain Public Transport Company (BPTC) to provide all necessary support to ensure the service's excellence.

"The newly introduced smart prepaid GO card has proved to be a success, as it offers passengers affordable competitive prices. It allows users to buy and top-up the cards in advance and to reuse them instead of buying paper tickets each time they travel.

## Bahrain's fair judiciary stressed

**Manama**  
**B**ahrain Bar Society (BBS) Chairperson Huda Al Mehzaa defended the Kingdom's judiciary as she attended the Turkish Lawyers' Union conference in Ankara.

She cited particularly the establishment of the Special

Investigation Unit (SIU) to ensure trial procedures comply with international human rights conventions.

Al Mehzaa presented a paper on fair trials, focusing particularly on the SIU, established in compliance with Istanbul Protocol.

"Bahrain took a bold step of establishing the unit, as independent statutory body, to consolidate and guarantee fair trial procedures," she said.

She extended an invitation to heads of associations to visit Bahrain and get a close look at the SIU practices.



As many as 60 motorcyclists recently took part in a parade organised to support children suffering from cancer. The move came as part of Smile Initiative of Al Mustaqbal Youth Society. Bahrain Bikers and Route 88 MC teams of Bakers Network participated in the parade that toured the streets of the Kingdom.



# FILIPINA ARRESTED IN SAUDI ARABIA OVER SUICIDE VESTS

**Suspected of helping a Syrian to make explosive belts for suicide attacks**

Riyadh

A Filipina has been arrested in Saudi Arabia on suspicion of helping a Syrian to make explosive belts for suicide attacks in the kingdom, the interior ministry said yesterday.

The Syrian, identified as Mohamed Al Barazi, is suspected of turning the house they shared in the Saudi capital into a bomb factory,

the ministry spokesman said. Barazi is also accused of having a second house in Riyadh, which he ran as a safe house for militants on the run.

He was detained in a police ambush in the capital on Wednesday, the spokesman said.

Police then raided the suspected bomb factory, which they found had been booby-trapped.

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Lady Gioi Aban Bali Nang (R) and Mohamed Al Barazi (Middle East eye)

The Filipina was named by the official Saudi Press Agency as Lady Gioi Aban Bali Nang

and was said to have gone missing from her employer 15 months ago. She was said to

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be wearing a suicide vest at the time of her arrest.

After the house had been made safe, police recovered two explosives belts, 10 containers of bomb-making materials and two firearms, the ministry said.

Asked on state television whether Barazi was suspected of links to the Islamic State, the spokesman said authorities

“did not yet have sufficient evidence to make any direct connection with this terrorist group.”

A series of attacks claimed by IS in Saudi Arabia this year have killed dozens of people.

In July, authorities announced that they had detained 431 people, most of them Saudis, on suspicion of involvement in an IS cell.

## UAE rejects Iran's interference

New York

The threat of terrorist organisations, most notably of Daesh and Al Qaeda-affiliated groups, transcends geographical boundaries and is a risk not only for this region, but also for all states and communities, UAE Foreign Minister Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan said as he delivered his country's speech at the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The minister also stressed that UAE has played an effective role in international arena to help the affected countries to confront these threats.

“UAE is committed to supporting regional and international efforts aimed at combating extremism and terrorism through cooperation and coordination with regional and international partners,” Al Nahyan said.

He also commended Al Azhar institution for its longstanding tradition



Shaikh Abdullah

in confronting extremist ideologies.

“The recent political and economic achievements of the Government of Egypt are major steps towards its recovery, and positively assist the recovery and stability of the region,” the foreign minister added.

Talking about Yemen, Al Nahyan said, “We seek, with the international community, to restore the political process in Yemen in accordance with the agreed parameters, most importantly the GCC initiative and its implementation mechanism.”

**“The United Arab Emirates stands firm with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia against any Iranian attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of the Arab States,” he said**

**“Iran's record does not qualify it to speak about the safety of the Hajj pilgrims and human rights, nor does its policies give it the right to refer to stability issues in the Arabian Gulf and the Middle East”**

The minister also affirmed UAE's continued support for the Arab Coalition led by Saudi Arabia and its commitment in enhancing the capacity of the Yemeni people to restore stability.

He further said that UAE is committed to supporting humanitarian efforts in Yemen.

Expressing UAE's deep concern over the ongoing tension and instability in Libya, Shaikh Abdullah stressed on the importance of international community in delivering humanitarian aid to the Syrian people.

“The UAE affirms its humanitarian commitment in supporting the Syrian people and alleviating their suffering,” he stressed.

On Iraq, the minister renewed UAE's support for the efforts of the Iraqi government towards achieving peace and stability and ending sectarian practices. Shaikh Abdullah

also reiterated UAE's rejection of Iran's continued occupation of UAE's three islands: Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa.

Moving on to the Palestinian issue, the UAE foreign minister warned about the injustice and frustration resulting from the continued Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories and the flagrant human rights violations committed.

Commenting on the Iranian President's speech at UN General Assembly, the UAE Foreign Minister said, “Iran's record does not qualify it to speak about the safety of the Hajj pilgrims and human rights, nor does its policies give it the right to refer to stability issues in the Arabian Gulf and the Middle East.”

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## Kuwait to host WHO meeting

Kuwait

Kuwait will host the 62nd session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, Health Minister Ali Al Obaidi said.

Speaking to the press, the minister said the meeting from October 5 to 8 would be held under the patronage of Prime Minister Shaikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah.

He added that Kuwait's organisation of the meeting showcased the interest of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in developing medical care in the region and also in highlighting the continuous cooperation between WHO and Kuwait, *Kuwait News Agency (Kuna)* reported.

According to WHO's Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, Health ministers and high-level representatives

of the 22 countries and territories of WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region, partner organisations and civil society, will take part in the session.

The four-day programme will include progress reports on polio eradication; emergency preparedness and response, prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, achieving national core capacities for the deadline for implementation of the IHR, universal health coverage, regional strategy on health and the environment, the initiative on saving the lives of mothers and children, regional strategy for the improvement of civil registration and vital statistics systems 2014-2019.

These reports provide updates on implementation of resolutions approved by the Regional Committee at previous sessions.

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# FANS PACK JAPANESE CAR SHOW



The RS Car Club

PICS BY SANTHOSH RAJENDRAN



Show organisers Hussain Al Ghanim and Mohd Al Shoyrqi



Group posing with Toyota FR-S



Kid enjoying the Car Show

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**B**ahrain International Circuit (BIC), the home of motorsports has always been supporting the automobile fanciers, especially the youngsters, be it in the form of gatherings or in the form of sports activities.

On Friday, for the first time in Bahrain, BIC hosted a car show exclusively with Japanese cars. More than 200 cars participated in this event, from different parts of the country. The car show also had some of the cars which were unequalled and unique such as Toyota FR-S, Datsun 1980. Speaking to DT News, Zachariah, a member of Supra Bahrain Owners Club, said “I brought

this car from Arizona to Bahrain and I have made a lot of changes to this. This is a unique car, as it was serviced and modified from Titan Motorsports, United States. The exhaust is made out of Silver because of the fuel which I use for this car.”

Building their first cars in late 90's the Japanese cars have become one the best automobile manufactures both in motorcycle and cars. In addition to its massive automobile industry, Japan also is the home to manufacturers of other types of vehicles, like powersports vehicle manufacturers Kawasaki and Yamaha, and heavy equipment manufacturers Kubota, Komatsu, and Hitachi. The car show held at BIC showcased a varied range of Japanese cars such as Toyota,

Honda, Nissan, Suzuki, Mitsubishi, Yamaha, Mazda, and Subaru.

Shaikh Jaber bin Ali Al Khalifa told DT News while attending the car show : “I always support and love these kinds of motor events as it encourages and boosts the young generation to think actively and remain energetic. In fact, I would like to propose that these events must be a regular kind of activity on all Fridays, as it will not affect our work timings. I would also like to see more cooperation from the traffic department of Kingdom for these kinds of motor events. As a matter of fact, I would also like to see the support from private sectors to encourage these organizers in sponsoring the events or giving

them support. By doing so, I think, the organizers will be more positive and will be confident to continue conducting the shows in future”

“This is our first attempt. We started at around 12:30. The only intention we had in our mind was to showcase a good number of Japanese cars, and fortunately we were successful in our attempt. Car fanatics from different parts joined in the car show. We had 15 cars from Saudi Arabia, and 3 from Kuwait. We would like to thank and share our gratitude to BIC and all the members of the club for making this event a huge success”, Hussain Al Ghanim and Mohd Al Shoyrqi, the organizers of the event, commented to DT News.

## Modern Exchange presents K.S Chithra live on Oct. 16

**M**odern Exchange Company, the brand new entrant to the Exchange market in Bahrain has revolutionized the remittance market in Bahrain in a very short period of time by providing instant credit to the beneficiary in home country, free SMS feedback and free insurance to all remitters. The company has now come up with an offer that no one can refuse – “Just do a remittance from any Modern Exchange Branch and get a free pass for the gala event featuring world renowned Chithra, often known as the Lata Mangeshkar of the South”. Accompanying her on the stage are other accomplished singers like Vidhu Pratap, Roopa, Revathi and Noufal Rahman.

K.S. Chithra is often considered

**Live in Concert at The Indian School**



as the vocal epitome of South Indian musical industry. Her fan base cuts across diverse cultures in India as she has sung in most of them including Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Tamil, Oriya, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Badaga, Sanskrit, Tulu, Urdu and Punjabi languages. She has recorded more than 25,000 songs for various

films and her own albums. She is a recipient of six National Film Awards (the most by any female singer), six Filmfare Awards in South and 31 different state film awards. She has won all the four south Indian state film awards.

Chithra is often known as Chinna Kuyil (English: Little Nightingale) or

Keralathinte Vanambadi (English: Nightingale of Kerala) owing to her sweet voice.

The remarkable offer made by the company to its customers proves without doubt that it believes in adding value to the services that it offers to its customers and that too at no additional cost to them. The concert will be free to attend for those who remit through Modern Exchange. Modern Exchange strongly believes in giving back to their clients and believes that this is one of the series of events that will be made available free for their clients, going forward. Seats are available on first come, first served basis. For more details call 17479200/33620499 or visit any Modern Exchange Branch. The event is managed by BrandBox.



Chithra





# BRIDGING OUR SUCCESSSES

## The launch of the BBK Alumni Club



A. Karim Bucheery

**B**BK, Bahrain's pioneer in retail and commercial banking is pleased to announce the launch of the BBK Alumni Club, an initiative aimed at strengthening relationships and opening lines of communication between the bank and its former employees.

Commenting on the initiative, BBK Chief Executive A. Karim Bucheery said: "BBK's employees have always been an integral part of the bank's continuous success. They have been the pillars on which BBK has grown to become Bahrain's leading financial institution. We are certain that they will remain a valuable source of inspiration, guidance and advice to BBK and we are pleased to create the Alumni Club to reunite all the BBK family members".

In its journey of success, BBK has continuously

invested in its number one asset; the employees, who have been nurtured, trained and developed to become leaders in the Banking and Financial industry. With a 45 years heritage, BBK has employed nearly 3500 employees, whilst achieving a 95% Bahrainisation. The bank has always enjoyed the one Family culture and takes pride of the high percentage of loyal employees who have completed 20, 30 and 40 years of service in the bank.

The Alumni club will bridge the gap between the bank and former employees through various activities organized by the club. The membership to the club is available to former employees in Bahrain, who meet the criteria of membership.

They have been contacted and invited to become members. Also, the possibility for registration has



also been made available on the website [www.bbkonline.com/alumni](http://www.bbkonline.com/alumni).

The formation of the BBK Alumni Club is another pioneering initiative from BBK as it is the first local bank to introduce an alumni club. It also represents an important milestone for BBK since it underscores the bank's appreciation of the invaluable role that former employees continue to play in the development and future successes of BBK and of the financial sector of the Kingdom of Bahrain as a whole.

## 7 main causes of fluctuations in exchange rates

**M**ain causes of fluctuations in exchange rates of international payments are: 1. Trade Movements 2. Capital Movements 3. Stock Exchange Operations 4. Speculative Transactions 5. Banking Operations 6. Monetary Policy 7. Political Conditions!

The various theories of exchange rate determination, as we have seen, seek to explain only the equilibrium or normal long period exchange rates.

Market rates (or day-to-day rates) of exchange are, however, subject to fluctuations in response to the supply of and demand for international money transfers.

In fact, there are various factors which affect or influence the demand for and supply of foreign currency (or mutual demand for each other's currencies) which are ultimately responsible for the short-term fluctuations in the exchange rate.

Important among these are:

### 1. TRADE MOVEMENTS:

Any change in imports or exports will certainly cause a change in the rate of exchange. If imports exceed exports, the

demand for foreign currency rises; hence the rate of exchange moves against the country. Conversely, if exports exceed imports, the demand for domestic currency rises and the rate of exchange moves in favour of the country.

### 2. CAPITAL MOVEMENTS:

International capital movements from one country for short periods to avail of the high rate of interest prevailing abroad or for long periods for the purpose of making long-term investment abroad. Any export or import of capital from one country to another will bring about a change in the rate of exchange.

### 3. STOCK EXCHANGE OPERATIONS:

These include granting of loans, payment of interest on foreign loans, repatriation of foreign capital, purchase and sale of foreign securities etc., which influence demand for foreign funds and through it the exchange rates.

For instance, when a loan is given by the home country to a foreign nation, the demand for foreign money increases and the rate of exchange tends to move unfavourably for the home country. But, when foreigners repay their loan, the demand for home currency exceeds its supply and the rate of exchange becomes favourable.

### 4. SPECULATIVE TRANSACTIONS:

These include transactions ranging from anticipation of seasonal movements in exchange rates to the extreme one, viz., flight of capital. In periods of political uncertainty, there is heavy speculation in foreign money. There is a

scramble for purchasing certain currencies and some currencies are unloaded. Thus, speculative activities bring about wide fluctuations in exchange rates.

### 5. BANKING OPERATIONS:

Banks are the major dealers in foreign exchange. They sell drafts, transfer funds, issue letters of credit, accept foreign bills of exchange, take up arbitrage, etc. These operations influence the demand for and supply of foreign exchange, and hence the exchange rates.

### 6. MONETARY POLICY:

An expansionist monetary policy has generally an inflationary impact, while a constructionist

policy tends to have a deflationary inflation. Inflation and deflation bring about a change in the internal value of money. This reflects in a similar change in the external value of money. Inflation means a rise in the domestic price level, fall in the internal purchasing power of money, and hence a fall in the exchange rate.

### 7. POLITICAL CONDITIONS:

Political stability of a country can help very much to maintain a high exchange rate for its currency; for it attracts foreign capital which causes the foreign exchange rate to move in its favour. Political instability, on the other hand, causes a panic flight of capital from the country hence the home currency depreciates in the eyes of foreigners and consequently, its exchange value falls.

—Smriti Chand

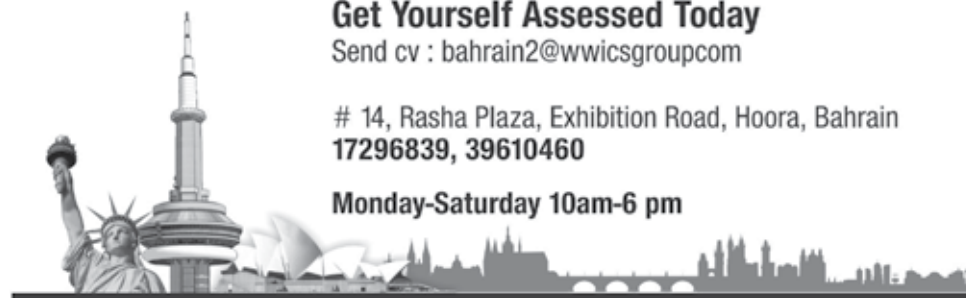


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# AMCHAM IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING SMES

## Manama

**T**he American Chamber of Commerce Bahrain has recently hosted a business networking luncheon at the Ritz Carlton attended by Zayed Al Zayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism. US Ambassador William Roebuck was in attendance as well as a room full of leading businessmen and businesswomen representing some of the over 200 US businesses in Bahrain as well as the many Bahraini companies with US business interests.

"AmCham was honored to host the Minister at our Business Networking Luncheon and our members and guests appreciated His Excellency's candid presentation and to learn about the initiatives that the Ministry is undertaking to support business and make setting up and doing business easier," American Chamber of Commerce Bahrain President, Qays H. Zu'bi commented.

Mr. Zu'bi explained, "Zayed R. Alzayani spoke on the importance of supporting SMEs and entrepreneurs and developing the next generation of business leaders who will shape Bahrain's future. Some of the



initiatives mentioned by the Minister included adapting the bankruptcy law and creating a culture that encourages responsible risk taking without a fear of failure, similar to the business culture in the United States that has been an engine for entrepreneurial growth."

"Many new businesses are web-based or very small and not needing a traditional office. The idea of

virtual CRs mentioned by the Minister will greatly help bring these businesses forward."

The Minister stated that the US-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement, now in its 9th year, has been a success. In 2014, US-Bahrain bilateral trade was over US\$2 billion, a 22% increase over 2013. In 2014, US exports to Bahrain were reported at US\$1.06bn, up from US\$350.8m

in 2005 the year before the FTA went into effect, and exports from Bahrain to the US were up to \$965m from \$431.6m in 2005.

However, the Minister also noted that the FTA could be utilized more and that an Export Assistance Center would be created to help companies in Bahrain increase their export markets to the US as well as to the region and beyond.

The Minister cited the garment & textile industry as an example of FTA's success – growing from small low quality productions before the FTA to now state-of-the-art factories manufacturing top quality garments and textiles for leading brands in the US, representing 24% - the second largest category - of exports from Bahrain to the US, employing 8000 people in good clean well paying jobs – 1000 of these jobs employ Bahrainis, mostly women. He also spoke about his trips to Washington DC and his ongoing efforts to extend the TPL provision in the FTA allowing this industry to be able to continue to export duty free. Without an extension the TPL provision is due to expire in July 2016.

Mr. Zu'bi commented, "AmCham has been working closely with the garment industry and the Ministry on the TPL extension. It is challenging but we are optimistic that a positive arrangement can be found. AmCham is committed to supporting SMEs and helping grow bilateral trade between the US and Bahrain and we look forward to continuing a fruitful collaboration with the MOIC."

## SEI report: Regional CFO's and HR heads expecting strong growth

### DUBAI

**E**ighty percent of companies expect to see an increase in headcount over the next three years despite mounting macroeconomic and operational challenges, according to SEI's (NASDAQ: SEIC) third annual End of Service Benefits (EoS) report, released yesterday. The report revealed that 53% of respondents expect Expo 2020 to impact them positively, as opposed to 45% in last year's poll – while 63% of respondents claim that they have felt no negative impact as a result of the change in oil prices. Only 5% of companies surveyed expect major restructuring as a direct result of changes in oil prices.

As per the survey findings, finance executives, under continuous pressure to maintain profitability, cited operational costs as a key challenge and cost reduction as a top priority for the year. Coupled with the expected increase in headcount and salaries, and in turn liabilities, this helps to explain why Financial Executives and Chief Financial Officers are now taking a more active role in HR decisions. For instance, 63% of finance executives now believe talent management is one of their functions' strategic goals.

The report findings go on to show that employees are now beginning to stay longer and as a result, accumulating a



Samer Abdel Kader

greater share of End of Service Benefits. But despite the pressure to maintain profits and control risk, companies may still not be managing their EoS liabilities efficiently. 73% of respondents either do not separate EoS funds from their working capital or don't know how their EoS liabilities are being managed. In fact, only 13% have set up enhanced EoS plans, even though companies that have these in place seem to enjoy better attrition rates than those that do not. However, given the increasing alignment between finance and HR functions, the potential talent retention benefits of enhanced EoS schemes were

not lost on the respondents: 36% stated that they would be interested in a cost effective EoS or Savings scheme, or both, while 40% would consider outsourcing investment management services of their entire EoS scheme.

**Commenting on the results of the survey, Samer Abdel Kader, Head of SEI Investments (Middle East), said:**

"In an employment environment that has remained competitive despite increasing challenges across the region, End of Service Benefit plans have proven to be a valuable mechanism in not only retaining, but also attracting key talent. While they remain underutilized, we're beginning to notice a change in perception, as employers- under pressure to control costs- begin to recognise their unique ability to reduce their financial risk while providing a potentially lower-cost alternative to traditional methods of retaining staff."

The survey, conducted in May and June 2015, was completed by 110 C-level executives, Finance heads and HR department heads across a variety of sectors within the GCC. Some of the survey participants are clients of SEI. To receive a full copy of the survey results please email [SEIMiddleEast@seic.com](mailto:SEIMiddleEast@seic.com). For more information about SEI's End of Service Benefit Solutions, please visit [www.seic.com](http://www.seic.com)

## DUBAI HOLDING RECORDS 24% INCREASE IN NET PROFIT

### Dubai:

**M**ohammad Abdulla Al Gergawi, Chairman of Dubai Holding announced yesterday the financial results of its business group, Dubai Holding Commercial Operations Group ('DHCOG'), for the first half of this year ending 30th June 2015. DHCOG continued to see good operational progress with all businesses performing well and contributing to the Group's profitability. Net profit increased to around AED 2.6 billion up 24% from AED 2.1 billion in the equivalent period last year, and it is expected to exceed AED 5.5 billion for the financial year 2015.

Ahmad Bin Byat, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Dubai Holding, said: "As Dubai gears up to become the most productive and innovative hub in the world, we have embarked on several initiatives to continue to develop strategic sectors vital to Dubai's economy.

Dubai Holding will continue to reinforce its successful strategy of investing in innovation, knowledge, technology, content and business clusters to support Dubai's efforts in setting up advanced infrastructure, which in turn will attract top global talent."

Commenting on the financial results, Fadel Al Ali, Chief Executive Officer of Dubai Holding, said: "We continue to improve the quality of DHCOG's earnings by driving recurring revenue streams across all our businesses. These solid results demonstrate the company's sound strategic planning and prudent financial management. Strong business performance boosted by a range of new projects are expected to further support the company's long-term growth. At Dubai Holding, we are proud of our achievements and remain fully committed to the vision of Dubai."



# IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN BANKING SECTOR

**K**haleeji Commercial Bank (KHCB), one of Bahrain's leading Islamic retail banks, hosted a delegation of the Supreme Council for Women at their main office at Bahrain Financial Harbour recently to promote the role of women in the financial and banking sector.

The meeting was organized by the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) in line with marking Bahraini Women's Day with the theme this year being "Women in the Financial and Banking Sector". The meeting is in accordance with a series of meetings held between the SCW and leading banks and financial institutions in order to shed light on the current position of women in the banking sector, challenges faced by them and to motivate more women to join the industry.

The delegation from the Supreme Council for Women; which comprised of Ms. Sabah Almoayyed, Consultant in Integrating the Needs of Women in the Private Sector, Dr. Dunya Ahmed, Acting Director General of Policy and Development and Director of National Strategy for the Advancement of Bahraini Women and Ms. Hind Amin, Specialist of Planning and Development at SCW General Secretariat met with Mr. Khalil Al Meer, Chief Executive Officer of KHCB, Mr. Mohamed Saleh, Head of HR



& Corporate Security and Ms. Fatima Al Bin Ali, Executive Senior Manager of Human Resources.

Speaking on this occasion, Mr. Khalil Al Meer, Chief Executive Officer of KHCB said: "On behalf of Khaleeji Commercial Bank I take this opportunity to thank the Supreme Council for Women for highlighting women's role in the financial sector and choosing it as the theme this year as a tribute to them for being major contributors. At Khaleeji Commercial Bank, we are whole heartedly committed towards promoting and celebrating SCW's development programme while also promoting equal opportunities barring gender barriers. We have always encouraged participation of women in all

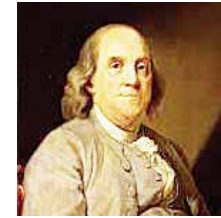
fields and sectors and we have a number of women employees working in all segments at all levels of the organization. We believe in empowering all our employees irrespective of their gender. We have seen our female colleagues excel in the financial sector previously, and with the co-operation of the SCW we would like to reinforce our commitment towards encouraging more young women to enter this field and establish themselves as confident leaders".

The meeting that explored and addressed the means of activation of the National Model for the inclusion of women's needs in banking and the challenges obstructing the aspirations of women falls ahead of a main conference to be held in the near future. Khaleeji Commercial Bank is

the silver sponsor for the main conference themed "Women in the Financial and Banking Sector" to be held on the 30th of November 2015 under the patronage of HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Chairwoman of the Supreme Council for Women aimed to celebrate and promote the role of women in the finance and banking sector.

Headquartered in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Khaleeji Commercial Bank B.S.C. is a fast growing Islamic retail bank that endeavours to achieve its vision to be a leading domestic and regional Islamic Bank, providing a comprehensive range of high quality Shari'a compliant banking and investment products, services and investment opportunities to their customers and corporate clients.

## Money QUOTES



*Money never made a man happy yet, nor will it. The more a man has, the more he wants. Instead of filling a vacuum, it makes one.*

—Benjamin Franklin



*Many people take no care of their money till they come nearly to the end of it, and others do just the same with their time.*

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



*Formal education will make you a living; self-gri-education will make you a fortune.*

—Jim Rohn



*Money is only a tool. It will take you wherever you wish, but it will not replace you as the driver.*

—Ayn Rand



*Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that.*

—Norman Vincent Peale



*It is not the man who has too little, but the man who craves more, that is poor.*

—Seneca



*It's not the employer who pays the wages. Employers only handle the money. It's the customer who pays the wages.*

—Henry Ford



*He who loses money, loses much; He who loses a friend, loses much more; He who loses faith, loses all.*

—Eleanor Roosevelt



*Happiness is not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort.*

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

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# CELEBS

Fortunately, I've never been very conscious and inhibited of what I have to do. The camera's my soulmate

- Vidya Balan



## Marvel, ABC join hands for 'Damage Control'



Washington D.C

**M**arvel and ABC are working on a new half-hour comedy series called 'Damage Control.'

The series follows the cleanup crew assigned to pick up after superhero conflicts and disasters such as the big battle in the first Avengers movie. The crew would return lost weapons, track down missing pets.

Television producer Ben Karlin would be the executive producer alongside David Miner and Marvel's Jeph Loeb.

Sources have revealed that if the show goes to series, it would join 'Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.' and 'Agent Carter' on ABC.

## STARRY BIRTHDAY



Won an Academy Award, a Golden Globe Award, and a Screen Actors Guild Award for his role as SS Colonel Hans Landa in Quentin Tarantino's 2009 film *Inglourious Basterds*. He also won an Academy Award for playing Dr. King Schultz in *Django Unchained*.

October 4, 1956

Christoph Waltz



## Lena Dunham auctions clothes for NGO

Los Angeles

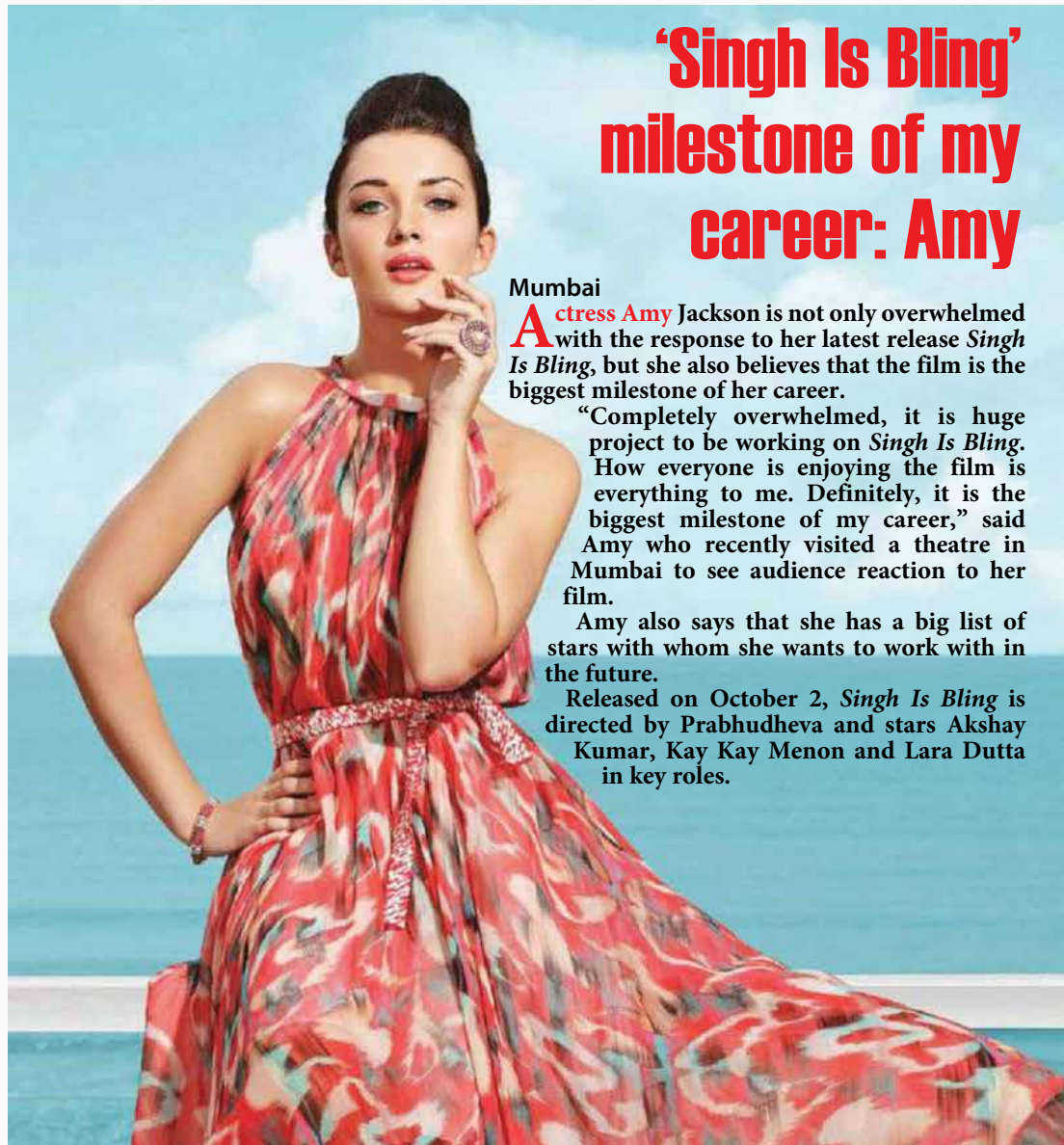
**A**ctress Lena Dunham says she had to "spontaneously" auction all her clothes to raise funds for an NGO Planned Parenthood.

Planned parenthood is an American NGO for reproductive health as well as maternal and child health services here.

The 29-year-old actress shared a photograph of herself on *Instagram* afterwards, with the caption: "The @plannedparenthood event in LA tonight was so crazy inspiring. I also spontaneously auctioned my sweater for a nice 4k to benefit PP... Had to walk home in a men's coat #worthit #onbrand #standwithPP"

While Dunham is very active on the photo-sharing application, she said she no longer manages her own *Twitter* account after being targeted by bullies.

## 'Singh Is Bling' milestone of my career: Amy



Mumbai

**A**ctress Amy Jackson is not only overwhelmed with the response to her latest release *Singh Is Bling*, but she also believes that the film is the biggest milestone of her career.

"Completely overwhelmed, it is huge project to be working on *Singh Is Bling*. How everyone is enjoying the film is everything to me. Definitely, it is the biggest milestone of my career," said Amy who recently visited a theatre in Mumbai to see audience reaction to her film.

Amy also says that she has a big list of stars with whom she wants to work with in the future.

Released on October 2, *Singh Is Bling* is directed by Prabhudheva and stars Akshay Kumar, Kay Kay Menon and Lara Dutta in key roles.





**Photo Bomed**

Jennifer Lopez was photobombed by Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux at 2015 Oscars.

## Megan Fox reunites with ex-husband

Washington

**I**t's a former couple reunion, as Megan Fox recently met her estranged husband Brian Austin Green in California.

According to eye witnesses, the former duo was seen spending time on the Toluca Lake with their son Noah and the 42-year-old actor's parents.

The 29-year-old actress filed for divorce in August, ending her five-year relationship with the *Don't Blink* star.



## Craig is my ultimate Bond: Naomie Harris

Los Angeles

**A**ctress Naomie Harris, who plays Miss Moneypenny in the forthcoming James Bond movie *Spectre*, says Daniel Craig is her perfect 007 spy.

She's worked alongside Craig in *Skyfall* as well. And when asked who she would pick if she could star opposite any actor, the 39-year-old actress said, "Without a doubt I would chose Daniel Craig."

She added, "He is the ultimate Bond and I've loved working with him. For me, Bond wouldn't be Bond without him, he's revolutionised the whole thing. Honestly, I don't think there's been a better Bond".

Directed by Sam Mendes, *Spectre* marks Craig's fourth appearance as the famous British spy. Apart from him, the film also stars Ralph Fiennes, Ben Whishaw, Rory Kinnear, Christoph Waltz and Monica Bellucci.

## Ash turns playback singer for 'Jazbaa'

Karachi

**A**ishwarya Rai Bachchan is leaving no stone unturned to make her grand comeback in *Jazbaa* a hit, as after showing off her fitness skills in the song 'Kahanniyaan,' she is now using her vocal skills for another song.

According to sources, the 41-year-old actress is lending her vocals for the dark and deep number 'Bandeeya' in her upcoming flick.

The Sanjay Gupta directorial that also stars Irrfan Khan, is slated to release on October 9.







Ahlia University Graduation Ceremony was held in Gulf Hotel yesterday. Above, highlights of the event.



Bapco's EHS Week 2015 - Family Fun Walk was held yesterday at Princess Sabeeka Park in Awali.



LuLu International Exchange B.S.C (C) celebrated the second anniversary of its operations in Bahrain on Friday.



Ansar Gallery conducted its sixth car Raffle Draw with 15 Valuable Gifts on Thursday under the auspices of the Ministry of Commerce. Mohamed Arif Afzal, Coupon No. 1510803, won the luxury car, Mitsubishi Outlander. For more information visit [www.ansargallery.com.bh](http://www.ansargallery.com.bh) or [www.Facebook.com/AnsarGalleryBahrain](http://www.Facebook.com/AnsarGalleryBahrain)



Gulf Hotels Group donated BD1000 to Bahrain Parents Care Society. A cheque to this end was presented to Ahmed Muhammed Al Banna, Chairman, Bahrain Parents Care Society by Aqeel Raees, Chief Executive Officer & Board Member Gulf Hotels Group.



Middle East Medical Centre (MEM) in association with Santhigiri conducted a free medical camp at KMCC. Many people attended the event. Dr Rashmi Dhanuka (General Practitioner) and Dr Anu Vipin (Ayurvedic Physician) were present. The importance of diet and exercise in daily life to control, prevent and treat high blood pressure and high cholesterol was discussed. Santhigiri medical kits were given to beneficiaries. President of KMCC S.V. Jaleel, Dr Rashmi Dhanuka (General Practitioner), Dr Anu Vipin (Ayurvedic Physician), BDM MEM Sudheeran and Marketing Executive Deepak were present on the day.





Pinoy Fiesta (Philippines Festival), held at Dana Mall by Lulu Hypermarket, showcased a rich variety of Filipino products. Philippines Ambassador Alfonso A Ver inaugurated the event featuring traditional Filipino dishes.



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Mahatma Gandhi Cultural Forum in association with Interads International Co WLL celebrated Gandhi Jayanti, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on Friday, at KCA premises in Segaya. Former Indian MP Advt P.T Thomas and KPA Rahim, a scholar in Gandhian philosophy, were the keynote speakers in the seminar on the topic 'Relevance of Gandhian Thoughts on Contemporary Era'.



## 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

1. Name the movie.
2. Name the late actor above and the character he played?
3. Which character is standing behind him in the above snap?

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!



1. Film: The Shawshank Redemption
2. Year: 1994
3. Ledger, evidence of corruption, murders

Niketh SJ (e-mail)

## 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!

Send entries to: [facebook@dt.bh](mailto:facebook@dt.bh) with subject as 'Caption Contest'



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



'So you ate my cupcakes, didn't you?'

Malik Jehangir Riaz (Facebook)

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

1. Why did the duck get a red card?

A: For fowl play.

2. How was the Roman Empire cut in half?

A: With a pair of Caesars.

3. Why are frogs always so happy?

A: Because they eat whatever bugs them.

## YOUR STAR TODAY



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

If you don't understand something, ask about it. If it looks different to you, inquire why that is so. Your curiosity is high, especially when it comes to things that are unconventional. You may be tempted to throw a stick in the spokes of an old carriage that continues to head down the same old boring path.



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

You may be shaken to the core today by someone of great personal magnetism. Maybe you feel as if you are being overshadowed because of the grandiose ideas and information coming from this person's mouth. Perhaps you feel as if you are too slow. Don't be so quick to automatically think that you are the one who needs to change gears.



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

Your internal computer just got upgraded today and your head is buzzing with all kinds of new information. The good news is that you should be able to process all these bytes at lightening speed, thanks to the new chip that seems to have been planted in your brain.



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

Even though there may be people all around you, you may be feeling a bit lonely today. It may seem as if everyone else is on a different plane. Maybe you feel as if you have absolutely nothing in common with those around you - even those people whom you generally feel most close to.



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

This is a climactic time of year for you, and you will find that all of your yearly cycles have reached a critical point. You may feel as if you are at a point of tremendous victory, or terrible failure. Either way, it is important that you look upon this time as a celebration that you have made it this far.



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

Aggressive people are apt to interfere with your plans today, so don't get too upset if things don't work out exactly the way you might like them to. Let this be an exercise on learning how to think and act on your feet. Remember that you can play at this game as much as others can.



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

It is hard to keep your balance when a large rock suddenly falls on one side of your scales. Resolving the matter is not as hard as you think, however, because this rock has actually been dropped there as a gift. Though it might be shocking at first, there is actually an important message in this surprise.



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

Like a team of pickpockets in a crowd, a group of people may have their eyes on you and are secretly scheming to take advantage of your look of innocence. One may work to distract you with something playful and harmless while the others work behind your back to secretly open your handbag or grab the wallet out of your back pocket.



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

Opportunity is the name of the game for you, so don't turn the light off on this day before you make sure you have explored all of your options. Inspiration may come to you in a flash of unexpected thought, so make sure that you have your pad and pencil handy.



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

Something is apt to come up today in which you may be asked to choose sides between the old and the new. It is as if a number of people are on strike or protesting in some manner, and you are being asked to help by joining in the ranks of those who wish to see a change.



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

The inner strength and courage that you are apt to have today is tremendous, and you will find that people naturally gravitate to you. Accept this flood of energy and put it to good use however you best see fit. A spark of genius may hit you sometime during the day that will have you up all night working on a new invention like an eccentric professor.

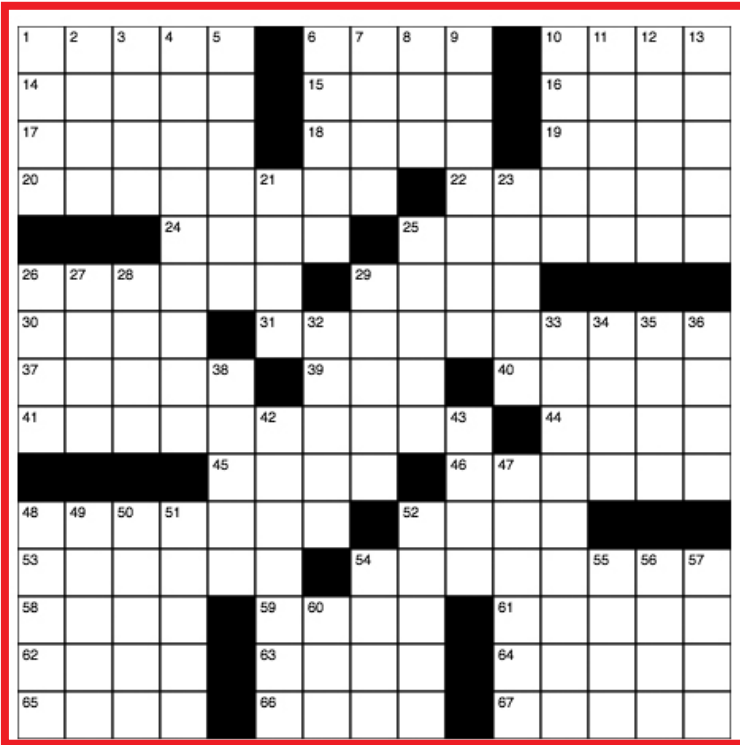


**PISCES**  
20th Feb - 20th Mar

Pull out the striped shirt, the polka dot pants, the plaid scarf, and wear them all today. The more you clash with the outside world, the better. At first you may feel wildly out of place, but then you will begin to see the beauty, the importance, and the respect that you hold by standing out from the crowd.

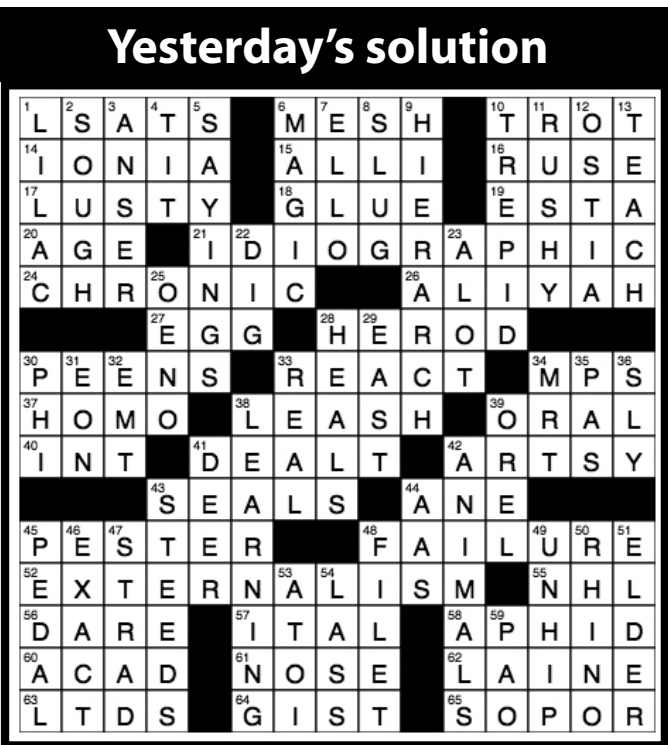


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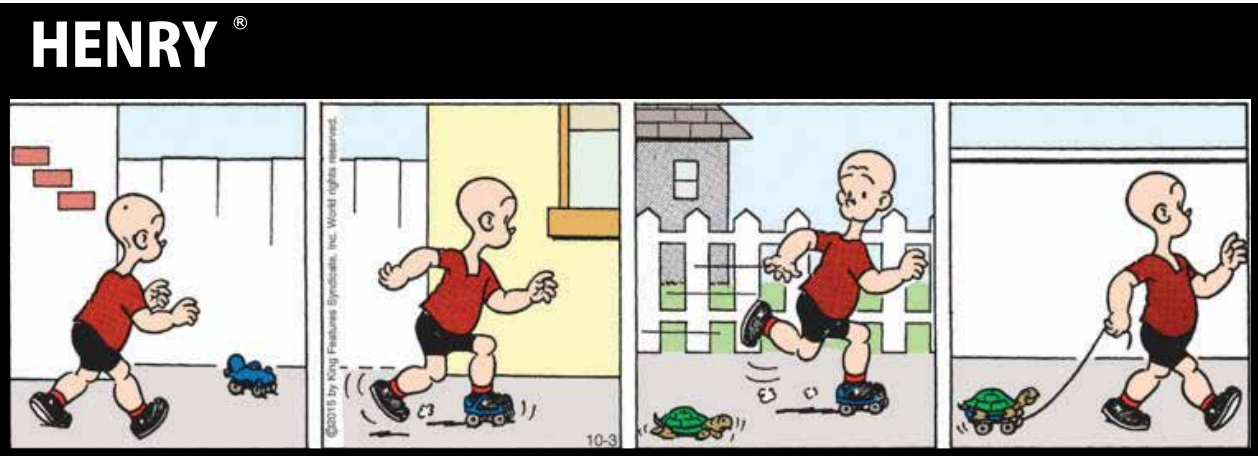
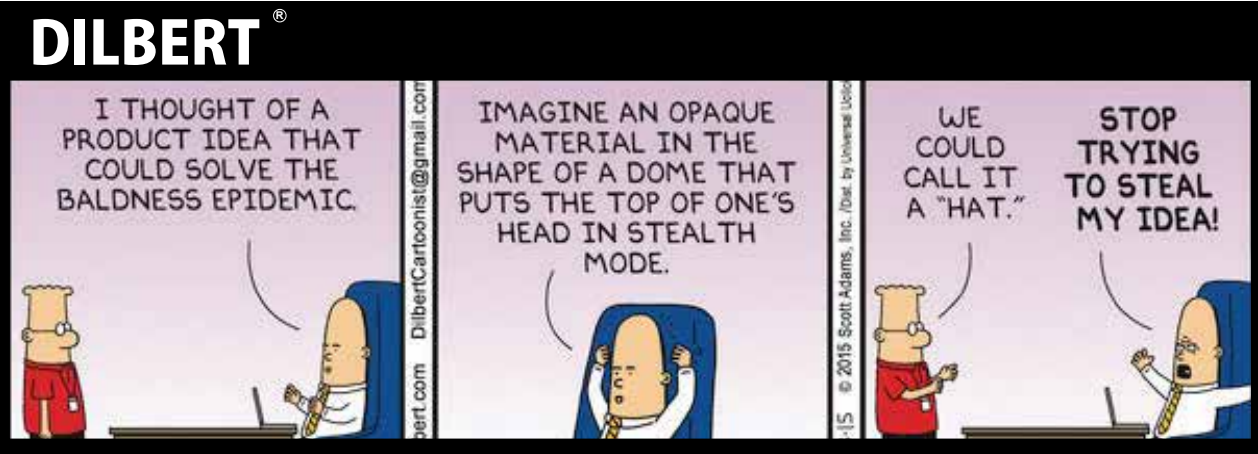


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**Down**  
1- Franklin D's mother; 2- Member of a largely Middle Eastern people; 3- Sawbucks; 4- Ineffaceable; 5- Breadwinner; 6- Measured with a watch; 7- Canal of song; 8- \_\_\_\_ Clemente; 9- Lockjaw; 10- Christmas song; 11- Mimicry; 12- Silt deposit; 13- Atoll unit; 21- Highland hats; 23- Bring forth from the egg; 25- Slender part of the leg; 26- Just \_\_\_\_; 27- Renown; 28- Go belly up; 29- Having wings; 32- Bridge declaration; 33- Repeat; 34- Women's magazine; 35- Robert \_\_\_\_; 36- "Cheers" regular; 38- Movie critic Roger; 42- Capable of being evaluated; 43- Like an abyss; 47- Winter vehicle; 48- V-shaped fortification; 49- Delete; 50- Country singer Travis; 51- Fertile area in a desert; 52- Destitute; 54- Baseball stats; 55- Horse's gait; 56- Seagoing eagle; 57- Changes color; 60- Battery size;



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

Yesterday's solution

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# 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.

### SILKSCREEN POP ART WORKSHOP

**Date:** 5, 7 October 2015, 5pm to 8pm

**Venue:** Cultural Hall

A three -day printmaking workshop led by artist Ahmed Emam. Students will learn a guided introduction to screen-printing and get hands-on practice in everything that goes into the process from start to finish including preparing artwork for the medium, coating and exposing the screen, setting up the work space and equipment and working with inks.

### 3-DAY PMP TRAINING

**Date:** 6 October to 8 October 2015

**Venue:** Ramada Hotel, Manama

The PMP training that includes 3 days of classroom training and 100 days of online training will help you to gain knowledge on Project Management and clear your PMP examination at the first attempt helping you for a successful career growth in Project Management field.

### GLOBAL EMPLOYERS SUMMIT

**Date:** 6 & 7 October 2015

**Venue:** BCCI

The Global Employers Summit, organized by the International Organisation of Employers will take place from 6th October to the 7th October 2015 at the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Manama, Bahrain. The conference will cover areas of interest to employers and companies operating in a global context.

### SPORTING LINES

**Date:** 7 October 2015 till end of November

**Venue:** InTouch Gallery

The InTouch Gallery within the InTouch Integrated Chiropractic Spine Center will be showcasing a selection of illustrated artworks by artist Tejbir Singh that depicts lively sports action scenes. These drawings show specific action snapshots from sports like football, basketball, volleyball, handball, tennis, cricket, hockey, ice hockey, Thai boxing, horse riding etc.



## MARK YOUR Calendar



### PINK PARTY ZUMBA CLASSES

**Date:** October 4 at 5pm

**Venue:** The Ritz Carlton, Bahrain Hotel & Spa

Every Sunday & Wednesday, from the 4th of October to the 28th of October, The Ritz Carlton Ladies Gym opens its doors to the public to join the all ladies "Pink Party Zumba Classes", a minimum donation of 1 BD per person is required. All proceeds will be donated to Think Pink Bahrain, in support of breast cancer awareness.

### LIVE MUSIC AND DJ

**Date:** 8 October 2015

**Venue:** Meisei Restaurant

Aneta Moran is a German Saxophone player able to improvise on a variety of tracks, Aneta has made a huge impact on the Irish house music scene in recent years and her high energy and soulful style will pair greatly with our resident DJ, DJ Salime who will be playing the very best in soulful, jazzy, deep, dirty and upfront house.

### AUTUMN LATIN BOOT CAMP 2015

**Date:** 8 to 11 October

**Venue:** Le Meridien

Three days filled with energetic classes, outstanding shows and sensational

parties. Have fun, make new friends and happy memories. Don't miss a chance to learn hot new moves from superb skilled artists coming for the very first time to the Gulf region. Are you as excited as us?!m Have fun! Leave with unforgettable memories!!

### LIVE PERFORMANCES, GOURMET CUISINE

**Date:** Open all seven days from 9:00AM - 2:00PM

**Venue:** Ramee Rose Hotel, Juffair

Takasim promises to be the most popular Arabic Specialty restaurant in Bahrain offering a Beautiful blend of live Performances, gourmet cuisine and fine beverages. This is an ideal venue to enjoy the late evenings of unbridled fun and unlimited entertainment with friends and families.

### THINK PINK BAHRAIN CHARITY GOLF DAY

**Date:** 8 October 2015

**Venue:** Building 1513, Road 4325, Block 943

Ladies 18 hole & 9 hole tournaments plus gents 9 hole Night Golf tournament. Open to all. To sign up, email golf events@theroyalgolfclub.com

### ANNA KARENINA

**Date:** 8 & 9 October 2015

**Venue:** Bahrain National Theatre

Bahrain International Music Festival this year opens with the internationally acclaimed masterful Ballet from St. Petersburg, Russia: Anna Karenina on 8

and 9 October. The Eifman Ballet led by the Artistic Director and choreographer Boris Eifman, is a story of passion, rejection and self-destruction! A new masterpiece based on the famous novel by the acclaimed Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy that should not be missed! Tickets are sold at Virgin Megastore.

### TRIB FEST : BAHRAIN

**Date:** 9 October 2015

**Venue:** Bahrain Rugby Club

Trib Fest is an open air family friendly music festival. There will be two festivals a year, one in spring and one in autumn. The festival is made up of 21 tribute acts from the United Kingdom. These acts are flying in to wow you with their musical talents. The Bahrain Rugby Club shall serve as the perfect venue for this outdoor celebration of music. The event starts at 10:00am and runs until 10:00pm ...that's right...12 hours of music! This event is sure to be a massive hit and a firm favourite on the Bahrain social calendar.

### THE 24TH BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Date:** 19 October 2015

**Venue:** Bahrain National Theatre & Cultural Hall

The 24th edition of the Bahrain International Music Festival, an annual landmark event occurs every fall season and brings together acclaimed musical innovators from around the world. Over the course of the festival, Bahrain will be treated to an outstanding and diverse musical showcase, including classic orchestral compositions, ballet and opera productions, Arabic tarab music, family-oriented theatrical shows, and so much more.

### LIVE IMPROV MUSIC AND DJ SET

**Date:** 29th October 2015 9.30pm to 1am

**Venue:** Meisei Restaurant

Rosie Langley is a classically trained Violinist with a reputation for invigorating performances around the world; with a great passion for improvisation, her musical styles span from folk and country all the way to contemporary and rock. Rosie will be improvising alongside our resident DJ on the 29th October, offering a unique and rich sound for your Halloween evening.

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### INTUITION, PERCEPTION AND PSYCHIC INSIGHT WORKSHOP

**Date:** Friday, October 30 at 2pm - 5.15pm

**Venue:** Elite Grande Hotel, Manama

Julie Lomas holds workshop to discuss intuition/perception/psychic abilities, difference between Clairaudience, Clairvoyance, learn practical ways to develop your /perceptive psychic ability, how to use certain Crystals to enhance your ability, meditation to still the mind and listen 'in'.

### CLUB XS NON-STOP MUSIC

**Date:** Open all seven days from 7:00PM - 2:00AM

**Venue:** Ramee Rose Hotel, Juffair

For those who live by the philosophy of work hard and party harder, Club XS provides a posh and electric atmosphere to shake the rigours of the week off. Aptly located in Juffair - club-goers can look forward to a long night of non-stop music mixed by our in-house DJ Rodney, a London based producer and DJ who has brought much energy and excitement to venues around the world including the Ministry of Sound in London.

### AROMATHERAPY-INSPIRED BEAUTY TREATMENTS

**Date:** Open all seven days from 10.30AM - 10:00 PM.

**Venue:** Ramee Rose Hotel, Juffair

Reborn Spa & Slimming Wellness Centre now open at Ramee Rose, Juffair provides aromatherapy-inspired body and beauty treatments. Enjoy the ambience of tranquil surroundings as you escape to another world. Take an ancient cultural journey with Spa rituals, designed to elevate your sense of well-being.

## UPCOMING EVENT

### MEXICO SINGS TO THE WORLD

**Date:** 11 October 2015 at 8pm

**Venue:** Cultural Hall



Get immersed in the splendour of Mexico's culture and art, expressed through opera arias and authentically Mexican songs beautifully performed

by a trio of internationally-acclaimed artists; mezzosoprano Encarnación Vázquez, tenor Jose Luis Ordóñez, and pianist Rodolfo Ritter.



**Date:** October 6

**Venue:** Jawad Supermarket

Brand ambassador of Jawad Supermarket, chef Alexandra Mariot holds cooking classes to give the cooking enthusiasts a chance to try out various products every week. The first session on October 6 at 10am will cover Haloumopita and stuffed mushrooms with Feta cheese while the session at 6pm will have Lamb Kleftiko and Kalo Prama.





Flaming enthusiasm, backed up by horse sense and persistence, is the quality that most frequently makes for success.  
—Dale Carnegie

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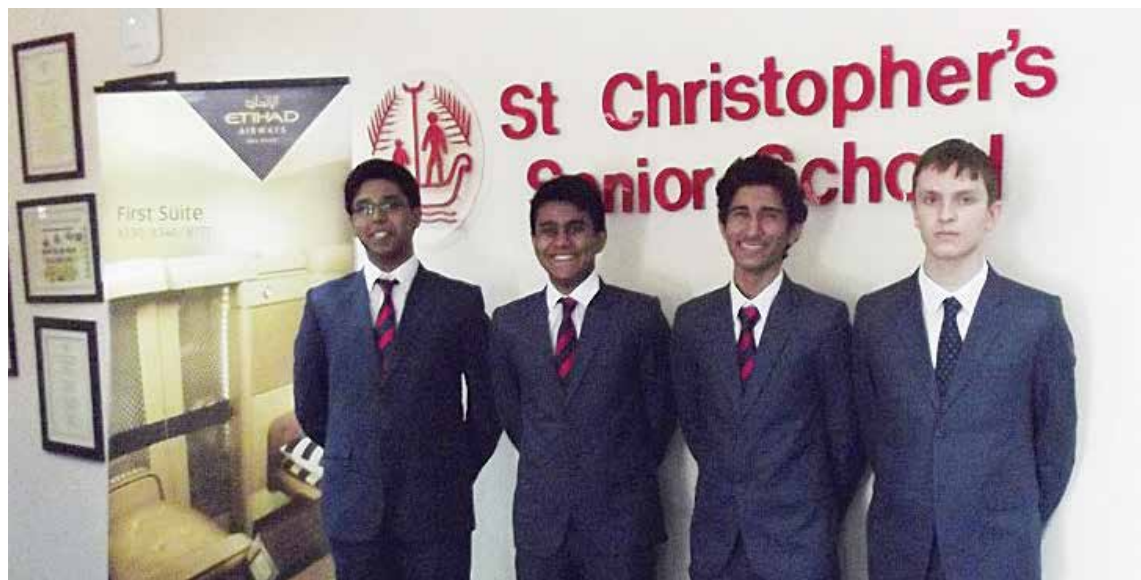
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## KEEN TO TAKE DEBATING FORWARD

**D**ebate is a growing educational dynamic worldwide, and particularly in the Middle East. A pioneering team of 5 students from St Christopher's Senior School proved that Bahrain debaters can compete on an international level this summer.

The World Schools Debating Championships (WSDC) is the most prestigious debating event on the pre-university calendar. It has been running for 27 years and takes place all over the world – a truly international event bringing many nations together. Fifty-five nations attended the finals in Singapore this year.

St Chris Students Adam Wilson, Harsh Ainapure, Anish Vishwakoti, Abdulla Janahai and Hesham Albaharna were the first ever team to represent Bahrain at the WSDC finals. They defeated the national teams of Turkey and Japan, and were awarded split decisions against the national teams of China, Croatia and Bermuda. They were also awarded the Best New Nation prize.



"This was the most competitive experience of my life so far, and at the same time the most fun. I hope other students from Bahrain get the chance to do this," said Anish Vishwakoti.

Abdulla Janahi commented:

"My thoughts on the tournament? Unforgettable. Truly unforgettable. We competed with the best, watched the best, defeated some of the best, and ultimately learned from the best. It was an honour to represent my country. We will be back for

more. This is not the end, it is the beginning".

The students are now keen to take debating forward to the Bahrain schools community at large, and establish a Bahrain Debating Foundation where opportunities

would exist to trial for WSDC 2016.

Team Coordinator, David Milnes stated, "Any secondary school in Bahrain would be welcome to join the Federation, at no cost, and participate in trials for a Bahrain National Team to go to Stuttgart, Germany next summer for the 28th World Schools Debating Championships." Although taking this initiative further will be heavily dependent on sponsorship from local firms. "No student should be debarred on account of costs," said David Milnes, who took the St Christopher's team to Singapore. "It would be unethical to build up the hopes of debaters from families who could not afford to send their son or daughter, only to dash their hopes because no sponsor could be found. At the WSDC all the teams have sponsorship of some kind". A team of 5 debaters and two adults going to the WSDC 2016 would need total sponsorship of around BD 5000. For more information on the World School's Debating Championships this summer, please visit their website: <http://www.wsd2015.org/>



## St Chris Senior School celebrates 'World Heart Day 2015'

**S**tudents at the St Christopher's Senior School in Isa Town took part in World Heart Day activities.

Enrichment lessons focused on knowledge of the heart and how to keep the heart healthy. The students took part in skipping exercises, rowing challenges, and an exercise-ball aerobics class!

Al Kindi Hospital once again very kindly supported the day by testing Blood Sugar and blood pressure levels of the

students, and members of their team also advised on healthy heart practices.



## NHS pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi

Manama

**I**ndia's great leader, Mahatma Gandhi, was remembered fondly on the occasion of his birthday on October 2, at the New Horizon School.

The School celebrated the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi known as the Father of India and a beacon of light in the last decades of British colonial rule, promoting non-violence, justice and harmony between people of all faiths. Mr. Suresh Sahadevan, the keynote speaker of the day emphasized on the need for children to grow in an environment of love, peace and harmony to safeguard their future. There were dances highlighting the theme 'Union is Strength'. Songs dedicated to Gandhi, a skit on Oneness of Humanity and a quiz programme with spot prizes were conducted to immortalize Gandhi's name among the nations across the globe.

The Student Council, the Special Wing and the Senior Leaders paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.





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- Tenderers who are eligible to supply / provide the goods / services / works specified above, are kindly requested to purchase the tender document online through the e-Tendering portal at <http://www.tenderboard.gov.bh>. Documents can be purchased starting **SUNDAY 4/10/2015**
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— Greek PM  
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Twenty-five years on, we are facing great challenges with the issue of refugees. Now too, we Germans will not be able to solve the problem on our own

— German Chancellor  
Angela Merkel

■ Move follows subsidy cut

# KUWAIT TO INTRODUCE TAXES IN 2016: MINISTRY

DT News Network  
Manama

**A**mid plunging oil prices and growing deficit fears, Kuwait yesterday announced plans to gradually roll out a tax collection system, starting next year.

The move follows Kuwait's decision to stop diesel, kerosene and aviation fuel subsidies earlier this year. Oil Minister Ali al Omar told parliament three weeks ago that ending subsidies on diesel would save around \$1 billion a year.

The new tax system, currently in its planning phase, is being developed in collaboration with International Monetary Fund (IMF).

"The IMF will prepare a preliminary report on how to impose taxes on companies in Kuwait," Commerce and Industry Minister Abdulmohsen Al Mudej said after a meeting with IMF representatives, the official



Picture for representation

KUNA news agency reported.

The two sides discussed ways of introducing corporate taxes for Kuwaiti and foreign companies operating in the oil-rich Gulf state after the recent introduction of a new corporate law, the minister said.

Kuwait currently imposes no taxes on local companies, Kuwaiti citizens and

expatriates, but it requires foreign firms to pay 15 per cent tax on their profits.

Kuwait's finance ministry said in a statement that it is planning to introduce a modern taxation system for Kuwait, which includes the development of an organisational structure and training for staff members.

An awareness campaign will

also be rolled out as part of the move to educate people about the new system, the report said.

The IMF has in the past advised Kuwait to subject local companies to corporate tax as part of a series of measures aimed at boosting non-oil revenues and cutting spending.

Kuwait has posted a budget surplus in each of the past 15 fiscal years due to high oil prices but has also increased public spending from under \$13 billion (12.4bn euros) to more than \$77bn this fiscal year, mostly on wages and subsidies. Earlier this year, the emirate stopped diesel, kerosene and aviation fuel subsidies and the finance ministry is considering similar measures for petrol, electricity and water.

Oil income contributes around 94 per cent of Kuwait's public revenues but the sharp drop in prices is expected to substantially reduce its income. Kuwait's revenues in the first

10 months of the current fiscal year dropped 16pc to \$74.5bn compared to \$88.8bn last year, according to finance ministry figures. In the same period, oil income dived 17.3pc to \$68.3bn from \$82.5bn.

The state is however forecast to end this fiscal year with a surplus-albeit smaller than usual-for the 16th year in a row. The government has announced the 2015/2016 budget with a \$24bn deficit despite slashing spending by 17.8pc to \$65.1bn.

The oil-rich state currently spends about \$18bn annually on subsidies, with the cost of subsidies between 2005 and 2013 increasing more than fourfold, or about 23pc a year, the Finance Ministry said. There are about 1.25 million Kuwaitis in the country, in addition to 2.9m foreigners. It pumps about 2.8m barrels of oil per day. (AFP, arabianbusiness.com)

## Argentina to pay back \$6 billion in debt

Buenos Aires

**A**rgentina will repay \$5.9 billion of its debt on Monday in keeping with its repayment schedule, the country's economy minister said Friday.

"We will follow this deadline as we have done for years. It is the largest payment in one instalment in a decade," Economy Minister Axel Kicillof said.

The payment will be made by drawing on the country's foreign exchange reserves, which showed a balance of \$32.5 billion Friday.

"We will pay, all in good time, and Argentina will continue on the path of debt reduction."

A longstanding dispute over the debt with US hedge funds remains, however.

Since its economic collapse in 2001, Argentina, the third-largest Latin American economy, has renegotiated its debt with 93 per cent of its creditors, but a handful of US-based hedge funds have held out for full repayment and refused debt restructuring.

## Amazon pulling Chromecast, Apple TV from shelves

San Francisco

**A**mazon on Friday said it will stop selling Apple TV and Google Chromecast devices that compete with the online retail titan's own media-streaming hardware.

The reason given for the move was an intent to focus on devices that play well with Amazon Prime video service, which the Seattle-based company has been ramping up with original shows and content partnerships.



Representative picture

"Over the last three years, Prime Video has become an important part of (Amazon

subscription service) Prime," an Amazon spokesperson said in an email response to an inquiry.

Amazon will continue to sell Roku and the company's own Fire TV devices, along with Xbox and PlayStation consoles made by Microsoft and Sony respectively, according to the spokesperson, who referred to the selection as "excellent choices."

Chromecast and Apple TV are to be pulled from Amazon's virtual shelves as well as those of third-party shops at the end of this month, according to exchanges by resellers in online forums. The news came shortly after Google and Apple unveiled improved versions of their devices for channelling digital movies, television shows, and more from the Internet to television screens.

## BoJ to cut forecast for growth

Tokyo

**T**he Bank of Japan (BoJ) will this month cut its forecast for both economic growth and inflation amid a slowdown in the global economy and cheaper commodities, a leading newspaper said yesterday.

The central bank will unveil the downward revisions in its biannual outlook for economic activity and prices report due out October 30, the Nikkei business daily said.

BoJ policymakers will downgrade the forecast for economic growth to around One per cent from 1.7pc for the current fiscal year to March 2016, the daily said. It added that the following fiscal year's growth estimate would also be lowered from 1.5pc, but did not give details.

The Nihon Keizai Shimbun -- or Nikkei daily, which recently bought the Financial



Downgrade will be to 1pc from 1.7pc

Times for \$1.3 billion -- has a track record of financial scoops and is considered a must-read for executives.

With China and other emerging markets slowing, the global economy is seen expanding by only about three pc this year, with little hope of a quick improvement in 2016, it said. Japanese business investment, consumer

spending and other economic activity is holding up well in the Bank's view, but it forecasts that domestic growth may fall somewhat short of expectations, it added.

The central bank is also expected to trim its consumer price growth forecast, from its earlier estimate of 0.7pc to less than 0.5pc for the current fiscal year in the wake of a

slump in crude oil prices, the daily said. The Nikkei did not publish what the specific new forecast.

BoJ policymakers will consider pushing back the bank's expected timeframe for achieving its 2.0 inflation target, now described as around the first half of fiscal 2016 starting in April next year, according to Nikkei.

Central bank chief Haruhiko Kuroda remains upbeat on reaching the promised 2.0pc inflation -- a cornerstone of Japan's attempt to conquer years of deflation and revive the long-sluggish economy.

But Japanese consumer prices fell 0.1pc in August year-on-year, the first decline in over two years, official data showed late September, fuelling speculation that the central bank may unleash a fresh round of stimulus measures.

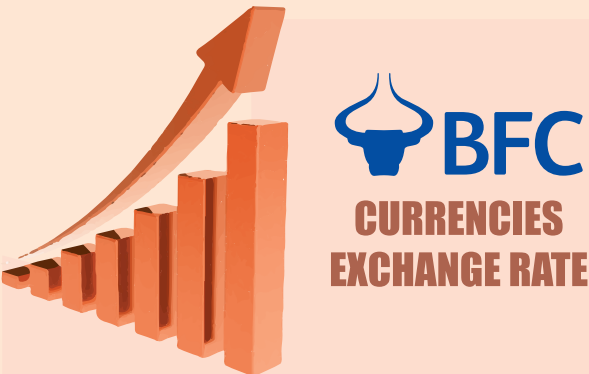


Volkswagen suspends sale of some vehicles in Australia

Sydney **E**mbattled auto giant Volkswagen yesterday suspended the sale of some diesel-powered cars in Australia as the fallout from its emissions-cheating software expanded. Volkswagen Group Australia (VGA) said it met with government authorities on Friday “to advise them of its strategy in Australia” to address concerns raised around the world about the technology. “In its first step, effective immediately VGA has temporarily suspended the sale of affected vehicles fitted

**The company suspended sale of vehicles fitted with 1.6 or 2.0 litre EA189 diesel engines** with 1.6 or 2.0-litre EA189 diesel engines,” it said in a statement. “The suspension will remain until the emission issues are addressed in those vehicles,” it added, without naming the models

of the vehicles affected. The Australian development comes a week after Canberra said it would ensure that any vehicles with the so-called defeat devices could not be supplied in the country as it sought urgent clarification on how many vehicles here were involved in the growing scandal. Estimates by Fairfax Media newspapers have suggested that more than 40,000 vehicles made by Volkswagen and Volkswagen’s top-of-the-range Audi subsidiary could be fitted with the diesel engines that contain the devices.



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US online brokerage

HACK MAY HAVE HIT 4.6M CLIENTS

Washington **U**S online brokerage firm Scottrade said Friday it was notifying some 4.6 million customers about a hack into its database which could have leaked private information. Scottrade said in a statement it was notified of the incident by US federal officials who “recently informed us that they’ve been investigating cybersecurity crimes involving the theft of information from Scottrade and other financial services companies.” The company said it believes that “the illegal activity involving our network occurred between late 2013 and early 2014, and targeted client names and street addresses.” “Although Social Security numbers, email addresses and other sensitive data were contained in the system accessed, it appears that contact information was the focus of the incident,” the statement said.



According to the company, contact information was the focus of the incident

“We have no reason to believe that Scottrade’s trading platforms or any client funds were compromised. Client passwords remained fully encrypted at all times and we have not seen any indication of fraudulent activity as a result of this incident.” Scottrade said it was working with “a leading computer security firm” to assess the impact of the breach and strengthen its network. It said it was notifying customers of the hack “as a precaution.” The news comes one day after T-Mobile said 15 million customer records may be been leaked in an attack on credit monitoring bureau Experian, and follows a series of other high-profile incidents involving corporate and government databases.

Drone market to hit \$10 billion

London **T**he market for military drones is expected to almost double by 2024 to beyond \$10 billion (8.9bn euros), according to a report published Friday by specialist defence publication IHS Jane’s Intelligence Review. “The global defence and security market for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) will expand at 5.5 per cent per year over this decade, from the current figure of \$6.4bn,” according to the analysis. “Unmanned systems are here to stay,” said Derrick Maple, principal analyst on unmanned systems for the London-based group.



A Geopost drone flying in Pourrieres, southeastern France “These systems are well established, combat proven and are an essential and expanding element of

future operations across the globe.” Israel was the top exporter of UAVs last year, but is set to be overtaken by the United States through sales of General Atomics Predator series and Northrop Grumman Global Hawk, said the report. Western Europe is forecast to reach \$1.3bn in sales by 2024 as it seeks to reduce its reliance on US and Israeli imports, it added. However, it also faces competition from China, Russia, India, South Korea and Japan -- whose combined sales are predicted to reach \$3.4bn by 2024.



## 16 killed in suspected US air strike

# BOMB HITS KUNDUZ HOSPITAL

### Kabul

A suspected US air strike on a hospital killed 16 people yesterday in the Afghan city of Kunduz, medical charity MSF said, a bombardment that the UN condemned as "inexcusable, and possibly even criminal".

Dozens more were seriously wounded at the facility, a key lifeline that has been running "beyond capacity" during fighting that saw the Taliban seize control of the northern provincial capital for several days.

The strike left the building engulfed in flames, with photos posted by Doctors Without Borders showing their staff shocked and dazed.

"At 2:10am (2040 GMT) local time... the MSF trauma centre in Kunduz was hit several times during sustained bombing and was very badly damaged," the organisation, known by its French initials, said.

MSF spokeswoman Kate Stegeman said 16 people were killed in the bombardment, among them three children,

and 37 were wounded. The charity said the bombing continued for more than 30 minutes after American and Afghan military officials were

forces may have been behind the strike but has not so far commented on the specific claims of MSF, which has long treated the war-wounded from

deeply contentious issue in the 14-year campaign against Taliban insurgents.

UN rights chief Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein called for a full and

Secretary Ashton Carter promised a "full investigation" into the bombing.

It came after Taliban insurgents overran the

hospital building as a position to target Afghan forces and civilians".

MSF said some 105 patients and their caregivers, as well as more than 80 international and local MSF staff, were in the hospital at the time of the bombing.

The MSF trauma centre in Kunduz is the only medical facility in the whole northeastern region of Afghanistan that can deal with major injuries.

"We are deeply shocked by the attack, the killing of our staff... and the heavy toll it has inflicted on healthcare in Kunduz," MSF director of operations Bart Janssens said. "We urge all parties to respect the safety of health facilities and staff."

The International Committee of the Red Cross said the strike was "an appalling tragedy". "Such attacks against health workers and facilities undermine the capacity of humanitarian organisations to assist the Afghan people at a time when they most urgently need it."



Fires burn in part of the MSF hospital in the Afghan city of Kunduz after it was hit by an air strike



Afghan MSF staff react in the MSF hospital in Kunduz after it was hit by an air strike

first alerted they were being hit.

"All parties to the conflict, including in Kabul and Washington, were clearly informed of the precise location (GPS coordinates) of the MSF facilities," the statement added. NATO conceded US

all sides of the conflict. "The strike may have resulted in collateral damage to a nearby medical facility. This incident is under investigation."

The incident has renewed concerns about the use of US air strikes in Afghanistan, a

transparent probe, noting that, "if established as deliberate in a court of law, an air strike on a hospital may amount to a war crime."

"This event is utterly tragic, inexcusable and possibly even criminal," he said. US Defence

northern Afghan city on Monday. It was the first major city to be captured by militants since 2001. The Afghan defence ministry expressed sadness but in a statement said "a group of terrorists armed with light and heavy weapon... were using the

## First Iran Hajj dead flown home 9 days after stampede

### Tehran

The first bodies of Iranians killed in a stampede at the Hajj arrived home from Saudi Arabia yesterday.

President Hassan Rouhani and other top officials laid white flowers on coffins at a somber ceremony in Tehran for the 104 pilgrims - among 464 Iranians declared dead in the September 24 crush.

The president was accompanied by the heads of Iran's judiciary and parliament as well as the chief of staff of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's office.

# Syria air strikes sow panic: Moscow

### Moscow

Russian air strikes yesterday targeting the Islamic State group in Syria have sown "panic", forcing some 600 "militants" to abandon their positions and head to Europe, Moscow claimed.

Summing up the results of Russia's first three days of strikes, a senior official with the General Staff said Russian jets had made more than 60 sorties over 50 IS targets and added that Russia would ramp up its aerial campaign.

"Our intelligence shows that militants are leaving areas under their control. Panic and desertion have started in



Syrians look at the damage following air strikes on the rebel-held area of Douma, east of the capital Damascus

their ranks," Colonel General Andrei Kartapolov, a senior Russian General Staff official,

said in a statement. "Some 600 mercenaries have abandoned their positions and are trying

to find their way into Europe," Kartapolov said.

"Over the past three days we have managed to undermine material and technical resources of the terrorists and significantly reduce their combat potential," he added. "We will not only continue the strikes by our air force but also will increase their intensity."

He said Russia had managed to destroy IS command posts, warehouses storing ammunition and explosives, communication hubs, training camps as well as "mini-factories that made weapons for suicide bombers".

## Saudi national with suspected MERS dies in PH

### Manila

A Saudi national suspected of carrying the MERS virus has died while visiting the Philippines, the health department announced yesterday.

The patient, who had a cough, fever and occasional chills, died in an undisclosed hospital last Tuesday after a two-day confinement, Health Secretary Janette Garin said in a statement.

The patient's X-ray results also "suggested" MERS infection, Garin said, without providing additional details.

## First-class lunch

### New York

An original menu from the last first-class lunch served aboard the ill-fated Titanic has sold for \$88,000 to a private collector at an online auction.

The luncheon menu had been saved by a first-class passenger, Abraham Lincoln Salomon, one of only a handful of people who climbed aboard a lifeboat called the "Money Boat" or "Millionaires' Boat" when the main ship started sinking into the icy waters

of the Atlantic. The lifeboat gained its moniker because the wealthy passengers it saved purportedly bribed the crew to row away from the disaster rather than rescue more people.

Signed on the back in pencil by another first-class passenger, Isaac Gerald Frauenthal, the menu provides a fascinating insight into both the opulence on board the ship and food fashions of the day.

Diners had the option of



The luncheon menu had been saved by a first-class passenger

starting with fillets of brill, a type of fish, or cockie leekie (also known as cock-a-leekie), a Scottish soup of leeks and chicken stock. They could also indulge in options from the buffet, including potted shrimps, soused herrings, brawn - a type of jellied meat - and corned ox tongue.

An elaborate platter of eight different types of cheese was served to finish the midday meal.

New York-based autograph dealer, LionHeartAutographs,

## An elaborate platter of eight different types of cheese was served to finish the midday meal

offered the menu for sale from an unidentified person who it said was a descendent of one of the survivors of the boat.

It is one of only three or four menus from the last first-class lunch still in existence and fetched a healthy premium over its estimated \$50,000 - \$70,000 price tag.

The Titanic sank on its maiden voyage in the Atlantic Ocean on April 15, 1912 after hitting an iceberg the previous evening.

It was carrying just over 2,200 passengers and crew, of whom 1,517 died. None of the survivors of the tragedy are alive today.



# 'IS' KILLS JAPANESE MAN IN B'DESH

Dhaka

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for shooting dead a Japanese citizen in northern Bangladesh yesterday, days after they said they were behind the murder of an Italian aid worker in Dhaka.

Police said the latest victim, whom they named as Hoshi Kunio, aged 66, was riding in a rickshaw when he was shot dead in Kaunia town in Rangpur district at about 10:30 am local time (0430 GMT).

"He was travelling to the town from Rangpur city, where



Bangladeshi police officials stand guard at the site where a Japanese citizen was shot death

he had been living for a while, on a cycle rickshaw when his vehicle was stopped by three men riding on a motorcycle," deputy police chief of Rangpur, Saifur Rahman, said.

The IS jihadist group later claimed the killing on *Twitter*, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, a US monitoring organisation.

The shooting came less than a week after a 50-year-old Italian citizen, Cesare Tavella, was shot dead near the capital's diplomatic zone, an attack that was also claimed by IS.

The Bangladesh government had sought to calm security fears in the country after the first murder on Monday, describing it as an "isolated incident".

Yesterday, in the wake of the second killing, the government tried to allay mounting concerns over the safety of foreign nationals in the country, saying it was taking both murders "very seriously".

"The aim of the murder of innocent people in this way is to make an attempt to create instability in the country,"

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Kamal said.

Kunio was a frequent visitor to Bangladesh and worked on a farming project in Rangpur, about 300 kilometres (180 miles) north of Dhaka, police said.

"Two of the assailants shot him twice in the chest with pistols while the other waited with the motorbike ready to flee," local police chief Rezaul Karim said, adding four people had been interrogated over the murder but none had been arrested.

## FNC elections

# UAE GOES TO POLLS

Dubai

Emiratis went to polls yesterday to fill the elected seats on a government advisory body, but despite a broadening of the franchise some citizens were still denied the vote.

The electoral roll is drawn up by the rulers of the seven states that make up the United Arab Emirates who also appoint the remaining members of the Federal National Council.

FNC elections saw a total of 79,175 votes with a turnout of 35.29 per cent of the electoral roll across the UAE, said Dr

**A total of 330 candidates were contesting the 20 seats up for grabs. They included 87 women**

Anwar Gargash, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Federal National Council Affairs.

This year, 224,000 people had the right to vote out of a citizen population of just under one million. That compared with 129,000 in 2011 and just 6,000 in the UAE's first

election in 2006. The council has a purely advisory role and its 40 seats are shared 20-20 between elected and appointed members.

But, the authorities have been deeply cautious about their experiment with elections and last year introduced sweeping new

counterterrorism legislation. The 83 organisations blacklisted include not only the jihadists of Al Qaeda and the Islamic State group, but also the Muslim Brotherhood of ousted Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi.

A total of 330 candidates were contesting the 20 seats up for grabs. They included 87 women. Meanwhile, in Ras Al Khaimah, candidate Abdul Aziz Al Shehhi died of a suspected heart attack. The votes given to the deceased will later be cancelled.



Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, visits the Dubai World Trade Centre FNC voting station



Sultan Al Mansouri, Minister of Economy, casts the first vote of the morning at the Dubai World Trade Centre polling station

## Germany marks 25 years of unity

Berlin

Germany celebrated 25 years since its joyful reunification, with its leaders urging the nation to muster the same strength and solidarity to face a record refugee influx.

The silver anniversary of the day communist East Germany and the capitalist West reunited as one country comes with Europe's top economy standing at a crossroads.

Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Joachim Gauck, both of whom grew up under communism,

attended ceremonies in the business capital Frankfurt with the resonant slogan "Overcoming Borders".

In the keynote speech, Gauck focused on the refugee crisis and called on Germans to recapture the same can-do spirit that gripped the country in the heady months between the fall of the Berlin Wall and the remarriage of east and west.

"Today we celebrate the courage and self-confidence of that time. Let us use this memory as a bridge," said Gauck, who was a dissident pastor in East Germany.



German Chancellor Angela Merkel (R) and German President Joachim Gauck wave in Frankfurt/Main as Germany celebrates 25 years since its reunification

# Vatican acts after Polish priest reveals homosexuality

Vatican City

The Vatican reacted furiously yesterday after a priest employed as a senior official publicly declared his homosexuality on the eve of a synod of bishops that is due to touch on the divisive issue of the Church's relationship to gay believers.

In a statement, a spokesman for Pope Francis said Polish priest Krzysztof Charamsa's action had been "very serious

and irresponsible", and that he would be automatically kicked out of his post as a theologian in the Vatican.

Flanked by his Catalan boyfriend and sporting his priest's collar, Charamsa told a news conference in Rome he had been compelled to speak out against the hypocrisy and paranoia that he says shapes the Church's attitude to sexual minorities.

While appearing resigned to

the fact that his life as a priest is over, he said: "I'm out of the closet and I'm very happy about that."

Visibly moved at times, but always smiling, the 43-year-old added in Italian: "I want to be an advocate for all sexual minorities and their families who have suffered in silence."

In an indication that Charamsa had planned the move for some time, he presented a 10-point

"liberation manifesto" against "institutionalised homophobia in the Church", which he said particularly oppressed the gay men who, according to him, make up the majority of priests.

He also revealed plans for a book about his 12 years at the heart of a Vatican bureaucracy only just recovering from a scandal under previous pope Benedict XVI over the influence of a "gay lobby" among senior clergy. "I

dedicate my coming out to all gay priests," Charamsa said. "I wish them happiness even if I know that most of them will not have the courage to make the gesture I have made today."

"To my Church, I want to say that I reject and I denounce the current atmosphere of exasperating homophobia. Open your eyes to the suffering of gay people, to their desire for love."



Father Krzysztof Olaf Charamsa



## #PollToday



Do you think Russian air strikes are strengthening IS?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Can't Say

## Rest in sight

## 18 killed in blasts near Nigerian capital

Two explosions that ripped through the outskirts of Nigeria's capital Abuja left 18 people dead and 41 wounded, rescue officials said.

## Former UK finance minister Healey dies

Former British finance minister and "Labour party giant" Denis Healey died yesterday, aged 98.



## Tunisia joining US-led coalition against IS: PM

Tunisia's PM said his country is joining the US-led military coalition fighting the IS mainly to "exchange information".

## Joaquin upgraded to Category 4 hurricane

Hurricane Joaquin strengthened to a Category Four storm yesterday as it moved away from the Bahamas.

## Bahah tells rebels no room for more 'adventures'

Yemeni Prime Minister Khaled Bahah warned Shia Huthi rebels that there was no place in the country for more "adventures".

## Palestinian kills 2, wounds child in Jerusalem attack

A Palestinian said to be an Islamist militant killed 2 people and wounded 2 others, including a child, in a knife and gun attack in Jerusalem.

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## At least 32 dead

# HUNDREDS MISSING IN GUATEMALA LANDSLIDE

## Santa Catarina Pinula

At least 32 people were dead and several hundred missing after a landslide smashed through a village on the outskirts of the Guatemalan capital, officials said.

More than 500 rescue workers, police and soldiers, as well as desperate residents, clawed away at the debris with picks and shovels, searching for survivors all day and into the late evening, before suspending the painstaking hunt for the night.

Families reported receiving text messages from people they believed to still be trapped, more than 24 hours after the landslide struck the village of El Cambray II, in the municipality of Santa Catarina Pinula. Authorities said that



Rescuers search for victims after a landslide at Cambray village, in Santa Catarina Pinula municipality, Guatemala

about 600 people are missing and they expect the death toll to rise.

Their estimate is based on the 125 homes that Thursday's landslide destroyed or damaged after heavy rain.

The affected area is about 15 kilometers (10 miles) east of the capital Guatemala City.

Thirty-four people were pulled out alive from the mud and rubble, while 25 others were injured, CONRAD officials said.

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Among the 32 dead are at least three children.

The impact of the heavy rain was exacerbated by a nearby river, officials said.

## Army veteran hailed as hero

## Roseburg

An army veteran was hailed a hero for charging the gunman during a mass shooting at a college in Oregon, before being shot despite pleading that it was his son's birthday.

Chris Mintz, 30, who was studying to become a fitness trainer at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, sprung into action Thursday when the shooting began, urging people to flee and running toward the building where the killings were taking place, his family and witnesses said.

Mintz tried to prevent the gunman - widely identified



Mintz tried to prevent the gunman from entering a classroom

as Chris Harper Mercer, 26 - from entering a classroom by throwing his weight against

the door. But the gunman managed to blast his way in and shot Mintz seven times,

ignoring pleas that it was his son Tirek's sixth birthday.

"He told him, 'please don't do this, it's my son's birthday today,'" Mintz's cousin Ariana Earnhardt told CNN.

The family said that Mintz was shot in the back, abdomen and left hand and suffered two broken legs.

"He's going to have to learn to walk again," Earnhardt said. "But he walked away with his life, and that's more than so many other people did."

A GoFundMe campaign set up by the family to help with Mintz's rehabilitation had raised more than \$450,000 by late Friday.

## 24 killed in Baghdad suicide attack claimed by IS

## Baghdad

Blasts killed at least 24 people in one of Baghdad's main Shia neighbourhoods yesterday when suicide bombers tried to breach a checkpoint in an attack claimed by the Islamic State group. "Three suicide bombers tried to cross the checkpoint at Adan Square" in the Kadhimiyah neighbourhood, said Baghdad Operations Command spokesman Saad Maan. Saad Maan said security forces at the checkpoint engaged the attackers and shot dead one of them, while the other two blew themselves up.

## Cairo Univ bans teachers from wearing face veil



The ban is already receiving mixed reviews from students

## Cairo

The recent decision to ban all female staff from wearing the full face veil aims to put an end to student complaints of "poor communication" in class, the head of Egypt's Cairo University said.

Although the head-to-toe covering known locally as the niqab is "not a phenomenon" among his teachers, Gaber Nassar told *The Associated Press* that he wants to "cure the disease" before it becomes one.

Islamic clerics and students have denounced the move as discriminatory, but Nassar said he has the backing of

the Grand Mufti, Egypt's top religious authority.

The niqab, Nassar said, is especially problematic in language courses, where the cloth barrier of the veil hinders student-teacher communications — producing low grades and graduates incapable of enunciation.

The vast majority of Egyptian Muslim women wear a form of veil that covers the hair, but leaves the face uncovered. However the number of women wearing the full niqab veil has increased dramatically in the past 10-20 years.

In 2009, Cairo University

had banned both students and staff from wearing the niqab on campus or in the university's dorms. The ban was later overturned by a Cairo court following a lawsuit filed by a professor.

"That was unconstitutional because it said all of the university, we are saying now only the lecture halls," Nassar said, daring anyone to challenge his decree in court.

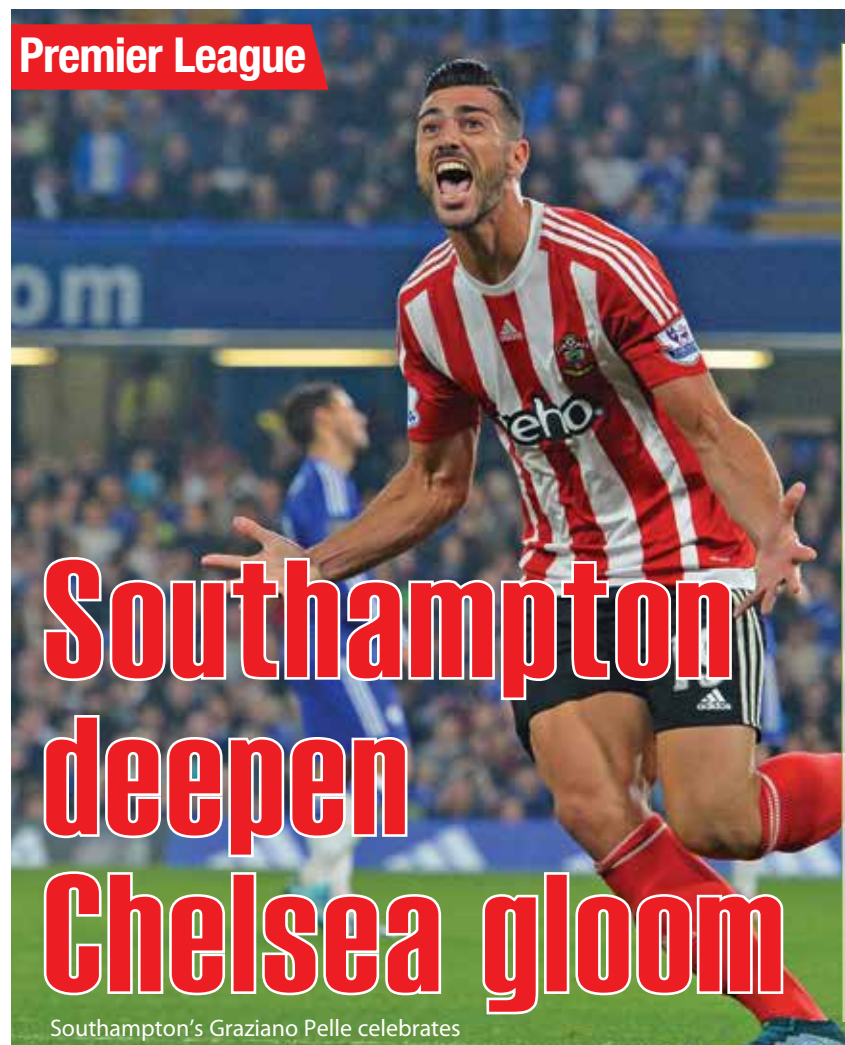
"We are not banning the niqab, we are just regulating it."

The ban is already receiving mixed reviews from students.

"This is part of the greater war on Islamists," said a student.



## Premier League



# Southampton deepen Chelsea gloom

Southampton's Graziano Pelle celebrates

## London

Chelsea's disastrous season continued with a 3-1 home defeat by Southampton yesterday that left Jose Mourinho's Premier League champions 10 points off the pace in 16th place.

Having taken an early lead through Willian, Mourinho's side collapsed alarmingly, with Steven Davis levelling for Ronald Koeman's team before second-half goals from Sadio Mane and Graziano Pelle wrapped up the win.

Mourinho had suffered just one home league defeat in over four seasons at Chelsea coming into the season, but has now already seen his side beaten twice at Stamford Bridge during the current campaign, following an earlier defeat by Crystal Palace in August.

There were few signs Chelsea are ready to return to the form that saw them cruise to last season's title and the growing discontent around the club was apparent when home supporters greeted the final whistle with a chorus of boos.

By his own admission, this is the worst spell of Mourinho's career and the manager this week found himself in the unfamiliar position of being forced to defend his methods following reports of discontent within his squad.

The failure to beat struggling

Newcastle United seven days previously had summed up Chelsea's problems, with Mourinho describing the first-half display at St James' Park as being "on a scale of one to 10, minus one".

That was followed by defeat at Porto in the Champions League and the Portuguese reacted by making four changes.

Skipper John Terry returned to make only his second start in six games, while Radamel Falcao was handed his first league start of the season in place of the suspended Diego Costa.

After the recent turmoil, Chelsea needed an early break to settle any nerves and it came after just 10 minutes when Willian punished the visitors after Oriol Romeu had fouled Eden Hazard.

## Cahill, Terry at fault

Curling the free-kick in from the left-hand side of the box, the Brazilian directed the set-piece beyond goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg and into the top-right corner.

Had Oscar managed to beat Stekelenburg with a curling shot midway through the half, the home side might have gone on to dominate.

## Sports in Shorts

## Berge couple win Mixed Open

## Manama

Husband and wife Nils and Dagfrid Berge (68.4 nett) were crowned Royal Golf Club Mixed Open 5 winners followed by Robert Timmers and wife Anne (71.2) in the runners up position.

Yousif Majid won the nearest the pin side contest on the seventh hole with over 30 competitors turning out for the annual tournament.

## United 7 win over Castle Boys

## Manama

United 7 defeated Castle Boys by one wicket in a thrilling final Group D match qualifier of The Indian Club Expats Seven-a-Side Softball Cricket Tournament at its premises in Gudaibiya. Batting first, Castle Boys were dismissed for 50 in its six overs thanks to a splendid bowling display by man of the match Steven (three for eight). United 7 in reply then reached the target scoring 51 for five in five overs.

## Zenit win over Rostov

## Moscow

Reigning champions Zenit St Petersburg beat Rostov 3-0 yesterday to narrow the gap to Russian Premier League leaders CSKA Moscow.

The goals from right-back Igor Smolnikov, forward Artem Dzyuba and skipper Miguel Danny set Zenit on their way to a confident win, which ended their four-match winless run. The result put Zenit into second on goal difference, five points behind CSKA, who face city rivals Dynamo on Sunday.

## Zimbabwe stun Pak to level ODI series

## Harare

Shoaib Malik's brilliant fightback was foiled by bad light as Zimbabwe beat Pakistan by five runs on the Duckworth-Lewis method in a drama-filled second one-day international at Harare Sports Club yesterday.

Malik was left stranded on 96 not out having hauled Pakistan from 76 for six to 256 for eight chasing 277 for victory when the umpires took the players off the field with two overs remaining.

The game had earlier been delayed by a brief rain shower, but the decision left the 33-year-old batsman furious as he was denied the opportunity to carry

his team across the line. The result left the three-match series level ahead of Monday's tour finale, and although Zimbabwe were breathing a sigh of relief after nearly letting the game slip, their victory represented a remarkable turnaround.

Under pressure after being rolled for 128 in an embarrassing defeat on Thursday, the home batsmen showed their capabilities in posting 276 for six, with Chamu Chibhabha anchoring the innings with a composed 90 and Elton Chigumbura adding the flourish with his brisk 67.

After winning the toss and electing to bowl, Pakistan were



Chibhabha plays a shot

left to wonder whether they had underestimated their opponents in leaving out star performer Imad Wasim in order to give a debut to 30-year-old spinner Bilal Asif, who went wicketless as Zimbabwe took control of the game.

Chibhabha's fifth half-century of the year led Zimbabwe's much-improved effort, and included a 91-run stand with rookie Brian Chari and a 59-run partnership for the fourth wicket with Chigumbura.

"The partnership between Chamu and Chari set things up for us," reflected Chigumbura. "There was lots of pressure for the team and the way we went

### Zimbabwe defeated Pakistan by five runs on the Duckworth-Lewis method

out there today showed good character." Once Chibhabha had been caught behind off the bowling of Wahab Riaz, Chigumbura put on 62 runs in six overs with Sikandar Raza Butt before hitting his stumps to give Riaz a fourth wicket.

## Makhachev to represent Kingdom in UFC

## DT News Network

## Manama

Islam Makhachev of the Khalid bin Hamad Mixed Martial Arts (KHK MMA) team will represent the Kingdom of Bahrain in the 70kg category of the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) 192 at the Toyota Centre in Houston, Texas, US.

Makhachev from the Dagestan Republic in the Russian Federation has a 12 wins and no loss record and is fourth on the bill of 13 bouts when he faces off with Brazilian Adriano Martins who has a 27 win and seven defeat record.

This is Bahrain's

first participation in the championship and considered one of the most popular events of the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) season. Makhachev has completed his training and preparations for the bout and thanked Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa for his continuous support and care.

It was also announced that the fight will be covered by 30 international sports agencies, including Bahrain Sports Channel. The top bout of the 13 is between Daniel Cormier of the US who has a 16 wins and one loss record and faces Sweden's Alexander Gustafsson with 16 wins and three losses.



Team KHK MMA

## Sevilla beat Barca sans Messi

## Madrid

## Barcelona's struggles

Without Lionel Messi continued as second-half goals from Michael Krohn-Dehli and Vicente Iborra consigned the European champions to a second league defeat in three games 2-1 at Sevilla.

Neymar pulled a goal back from the penalty spot 16 minutes from time, but the injury-struck visitors were left to rue a host of missed opportunities and some fine goalkeeping by Sergio Rico as Sevilla registered their first league win over the Catalans since 2007.

Defeat leaves Barca still a

point off leaders Villarreal, but they can now be passed by either Real Madrid or Atletico Madrid when they face off on Sunday.

Without Messi and Andres Iniesta, the pressure was on Neymar and Luis Suarez to take even more responsibility and the former forced Rico into his first save of the afternoon with a low effort after just five minutes.

Neymar's runs from deep were causing Sevilla huge problems and Suarez should have done better when his shot was deflected wide by Timothee Kolodziejczak after being played in by his strike partner.



# VENUS BAGS 47TH TITLE

## Wuhan

**V**enus Williams won her biggest title in five years at the Wuhan Open yesterday after Garbine Muguruza retired, making her the fifth player to pull out mid-match in the late-season tournament.

Williams took the first set and was three games up in the second when the Spaniard stopped play at 53 minutes, handing the American veteran the 47th title win of her career, and her first victory at a WTA Premier Five event since she beat Victoria Azarenka in 2010 in Dubai.

Wimbledon finalist Muguruza -- ranked world number eight, 16 places ahead of American veteran Williams -- had a tough semi-final against Germany's Angelique Kerber, winning in straight sets but falling during the closing tie break and injuring her ankle. But the 21-year-old said it was exhaustion not injury that made her pull out.

"It's a sad day I had to retire. Sometimes your body's not recovered," the 21-year-old said on court after the match.

Muguruza called her coach



Venus Williams (right) poses with the championship trophy next to runner-up Garbine Muguruza. Sam Sumyk -- who was wearing a t-shirt bearing the phrase "It's not my fault" -- on court during the first set but no words of advice could change the slow pace of the match.

"I had my chances. But I knew with Venus, it's hard with her serve, with her shots, if

you're not 100 per cent," the Spaniard said.

Williams, who turned pro the year that Muguruza was born, was also struggling during the final with leg pain and had both of her thighs wrapped. But she said that experience gained during her

more than two-decade long career allowed her to put the injury out of her mind.

"By the time I'm on the court, I've blocked it (pain) out if I've decided I'm going to play. At that point I'm in the match and not anywhere else," Williams said.

## Walking wounded

Williams had a gruelling semi-final the day before against her sister Serena's nemesis Roberta Vinci -- who beat Serena in the US Open semi-final, denying her a chance at the first calendar Grand Slam since 1988.

The title winner conceded that she would have had a tough match against Muguruza if her young opponent had been on form.

"I probably wouldn't have had many chances if you (Muguruza) had been feeling well," Williams said in an on court interview.

The 2006 women's final at the Australian Open was also won on a retirement, with German Justine Henin-Hardenne handing France's Amelie Mauresmo her first Grand Slam victory when she pulled out in the second set.

Novak Djokovic took his third consecutive title at last year's ATP World Tour Finals when Roger Federer withdrew hours before the match blaming his decision on pain and his age. (AFP)

## Bale, Ramos fit to return

### Madrid

**G**areth Bale and Sergio Ramos look set to make their first appearance for Real Madrid since September 13 in today's derby away to Atletico Madrid after coach Rafael Benitez confirmed they will both be in his squad.

However, there isn't such good news for Benitez on James Rodriguez as the top scorer from the 2014 World Cup has suffered a knock that has delayed his comeback.

"The two have trained and will be in the squad," Benitez said yesterday.

"If they start or not we will decide tomorrow. I have spoken to Gareth and Sergio and they are both fine and excited to play.

"They have been cleared to play, but match-fitness is another thing. Even at less than 100 percent they are two very useful players for us."

Rodriguez hasn't featured since being injured whilst on international duty with Colombia last month, but had been called up for their World Cup qualifiers against Peru and Uruguay.

## Coke go flat on Blatter



Sepp Blatter (File)

### Lausanne

**S**epp Blatter's arrival at football's world governing body FIFA coincided with the partnership with Coca-Cola but now the Atlanta-based soft drinks' giants are playing a significant role in the Swiss magnate's downfall.

Other top FIFA sponsors such as McDonald's, Visa and

Budweiser have also called for the controversial 79-year-old to step down immediately from his post as president of the scandal-tainted body and Coca-Cola's initiative now heaps the pressure on Blatter.

The global brand became one of the first major sponsors of the World Cup in 1974 when former president Joao

Havelange was in charge of a modest federation that comprised some ten employees and organised the World Cup, that has gone on to become the mega-event it is today, grossing billions of dollars.

FIFA and Coca-Cola extended their contract in 2005 and it will now run until at least 2022 for a fee that has not been disclosed.

Sports equipment manufacturers Adidas were also one of the early partners with FIFA but their support back in the 70's was limited to providing equipment with no financial aid.

Brazilian Havelange, who is now 99, and was in charge of FIFA, found just the man he was looking for, in the form of Longines employee Blatter who took up a role in public relations and was responsible for timing when he was just 38.

## Nick Kyrgios out, Ferrer and Lopez in final showdown



David Ferrer returns a shot

### Kuala Lumpur

**T**op seeds David Ferrer and Feliciano Lopez set up an all-Spanish affair in the final while volatile Australian Nick Kyrgios fell short of reaching his second professional final at the Malaysian Open yesterday.

Ferrer recovered from a set down to overcome Benjamin Becker from Germany 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 in a 125-minute battle.

"I needed to be more aggressive on the forehand and that worked for me in the second and third game," the world number eight told reporters.

"I have only played once before this tournament, but my fitness was good today and I hope to keep this consistency

on Sunday." Second seed Feliciano Lopez booked a berth in the final by defeating Kyrgios 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (7/5).

"The match was close and could have gone either way, but I'm proud of the way I played. I needed to be aggressive and was happy that my volleys and serves worked out well," said the 34-year-old Lopez.

Lopez also dismissed any talks of retirement.

"People have been asking me, when will you quit? I tell them I am not done yet, I take it one year at a time. As long as I stay healthy and can challenge the best in the world, I don't have a specific plan," he said.

Despite his defeat, Kyrgios is nonetheless eyeing a higher

ranking as he seeks to put this season's controversies behind.

The Australian, whose temper and crude on-court comments have earned him a "bad boy" image, kept his emotions in check in Malaysia.

The seventh seed hammered 13 aces but struggled with Lopez's deft dropshots and volleys.

"I was looking good today, but he came up with some ridiculous volleys today and you have to appreciate something like that," said Kyrgios, who applauded some of the Spaniard's return winners on court.

"It was a great game of tennis and he did enough to come away with the win."

Kyrgios made the quarterfinals at Wimbledon and the Australian Open this year, but his play has been overshadowed by his behaviour.



Nick Kyrgios

## Olesen storms into Dunhill lead

### St Andrews

**T**alented Danish 25-year-old Thorbjorn Olesen edged closer towards a third European Tour victory after a third round of seven-under 65 yesterday left him three shots clear at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship.

The diminutive right-hander,

who hails from Fureso, some 20km outside Copenhagen, shook off a bogey at the par-four opening hole at St Andrews before reeling off eight birdies in a third straight round in the 60s.

Olesen finished in a tie for sixth at the 2013 Masters and tied for 12th at the 2012 British Open, his best results at a

major tournament. Germany's Florian Fritsch, looking for his maiden EPGA victory, is Olesen's closest pursuer and alone in second spot on 14-under following a bogey-free round at Kingsbarns that included an eagle, at the par-five third, and six birdies in a round of 64.



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# SPRINGBOKS BEAT THE SCOTS

Newcastle

**H**andre Pollard kept South Africa's World Cup revival on track landing 19 points with the boot in a 34-16 victory over Scotland yesterday.

The win took South Africa a point ahead of the Scots in Pool B as they took a new step back from the brink after their devastating loss to Japan in their first match.

Schalk Burger, JP Pietersen and Bryan Habana scored tries to bring the match alive in front of more than 50,000 people at Newcastle. But Pollard's deadly accuracy secured the key points.

Scotland staged an heroic comeback in the second half after trailing 20-3 at the break and twice hauled themselves to within seven points against the Springboks.

But each time Pollard denied them the chance for what could have been a crucial losing bonus point, landing a drop goal the first time and a



South Africa's fly half Handre Pollard (centre) runs while he is being tackled by the Scots

50-metre penalty the second time.

It was the first defeat in the tournament for the Scots and for South Africa it made

their pathway from Pool B to the play-offs more clear even though they did not get a bonus point.

They just need a win over the

United States to go through. "Hats off to South Africa," said Scotland's sporting coach Vern Cotter after the defeat. "They played very well."

Scotland must beat Samoa next week to go into the quarter finals and Cotter was happy to get seven days to prepare.

"There are a few things to sort out," he said.

But South Africa's opening loss to Japan has been put behind them as they improved to two wins from three games, the same as Scotland. Japan beat Samoa 26-5 earlier to stay in the Pool B qualifying race.

Scrum-half Fourie du Preez, stepping up to captain South Africa after the inspirational Jean de Villiers suffered a career ending broken jaw against Samoa, directed play with surety.

## Scots muscled out

He used South Africa's pack led by man-of-the-match Lodewyk de Jager to out-muscle the Scots, dominating scrums and mauls, while raking kicks from fly-half Pollard were used to turn Scotland wings Tommy Seymour and Tim Visser.

Wearing their white away strip, the Springboks announced their forward dominance from the start as they set up camp deep in Scotland territory.

Even after being driven back to their own 22 by a couple of quick penalties, a tighthead allowed them to ram their way back up field with a try awarded to Schalk Burger after a mass drive over the line.

The signs were ominous for Scotland that they were well out muscled up front.

A forward drive that marched the Scots back nearly 15 metres eventually produced a penalty which Pollard duly slotted from in front of the posts.

Facing an early 10-0 deficit, Scotland tried to up the pace of the game to upset the Springboks rhythm but for every metre they gained by running the ball they lost many more as South targeted the Scots wings with deep kicks.

## Goromaru's boots fire Japan over Samoa



Japan's full-back Ayumu Goromaru (left) is tackled

Milton Keynes

**A**yumu Goromaru scored 16 points to keep Japan in the race for a historic appearance in the Rugby World Cup quarter-finals as they beat Samoa 26-5 yesterday.

The 29-year-old, who starred in the epic win over South Africa two weeks ago, became the leading tournament points scorer with 45.

The Japanese also scored two tries, a penalty try and one from wing Akihito Yamada. Samoa paid for their lack of discipline losing three players

to the sin bin in the game.

The win at Milton Keynes takes the Japanese -- who before this World Cup had won just one match and that back in 1991 -- onto eight points ahead of their final game with United States next weekend.

Table-toppers Scotland -- who have 10 points from two matches -- face the Springboks, who have seven points, later on Saturday.

Goromaru looked to have given Japan a dream start as he went over in the left hand corner but linesman Wayne

Barnes signalled for a forward pass leaving coach Eddie Jones fuming.

South Africa referee Craig Joubert, who had been playing an advantage anyway, awarded the Japanese a penalty instead and Goromaru shrugged off the disappointment to slot over the penalty.

Samoa were reduced to 14 men for 10 minutes when No8 Failfili Levave was sin-binned for making no attempt to tackle hooker Shota Horie simply bending his shoulder into the Japanese player and sending him flying.

Joubert read the riot act to Samoan captain Ofisa Treviranus about conceding penalties and the South African wielded another yellow card when prop Sakaria Taulafo took out a Japanese player in the air -- leaving the Samoans with just 13 men on the pitch.

The Pacific islanders defended stoically as the Japanese pounded away at them. The Asian champions eventually came away with a penalty try which Goromaru converted for 10-0 after 24 minutes.

## Battered All Blacks in QFinals



New Zealand's wing Julian Savea (left) runs with the ball

Cardiff

**J**ulian Savea scored a hat-trick of tries but New Zealand's rugby superstars took a battering before they overcame Georgia to become the first nation into the World Cup quarter-finals.

The 43-10 result did not reflect the struggle by the All Blacks in the Millennium Stadium where the biggest cheer went to Georgia's tough tackling hero Mamuka Gorgodze as he was named man-of-the-match.

Captain Richie McCaw

and coach Steve Hansen both admitted that it was not a great night for the team seeking to become the first to win back-to-back World Cups. But both said there was no reason to panic.

"I was a little disappointed with some of the errors we made, but that's an easy thing to fix," McCaw said.

"We're under no illusions it wasn't perfect out there but I thought the intensity around some of those contact areas was a definite step up."

"There's a lot of things we

could have done better for sure. Our execution at times was not great," said Hansen. Georgia physically matched the world champions, forcing them into elementary errors.

## Not all black

Lost lineouts and scrums, passes fired into empty spaces and penalties not finding touch -- Dan Carter missed three conversions out of seven -- showed the All Blacks were well out of tune with only one game against Tonga left before the knockout stages.

Starting their top available side against a Georgia team resting many of their best players, the All Blacks were expected to win comfortably. But they were only 22-10 up at half-time before adding three tries in the second half.

They were rattled by a Georgia team that used bone-jarring tackles and their powerful forward pack to shake the All Blacks.

With his first touch of the ball in his comeback game after a leg fracture in his maiden Test three months ago, Waisake Naholo sped 55 metres through the Georgian defence to touch down after just 80 seconds.



Man City rout Newcastle

# AGUERO BAGS A FIVER



## Manchester

**S**ergio Aguero turned in a remarkable goal-scoring performance by netting five times in 20 minutes as Manchester City came from behind to rout Newcastle United 6-1 yesterday.

Only four other players in post-1992 Premier League history -- Andrew Cole, Alan Shearer, Jermain Defoe and Dimitar Berbatov -- had scored five times in one game and Aguero's display was all the more stunning as he had failed to find the net since a home win over Chelsea in August.

After cancelling out an effort from Aleksandar Mitrovic just before half-time, Aguero led a second-half assault on the Newcastle goal that was devastating in its attacking aggression and effectiveness.

When the dust subsided, City were back on top of the division, with Newcastle 15 points below them at the foot of the table.

Aguero opened his account in the 42nd minute as David Silva chipped to the far post, Fernandinho headed the ball back across goal and the City forward headed home powerfully from just inside the six-yard area.

Four minutes into the second half, Aguero put City in front for the first time on the afternoon, gathering a pass from David Silva and beating Tim Krul via a slight deflection off Yoan Gouffran.

Barely a minute later Aguero completed his hat-trick, in a time of under nine minutes that made it the fifth-fastest treble since the Premier League was founded.

De Bruyne's excellent through-ball exposed one of the increasingly glaring holes in the visiting back line and Aguero was not going to be denied with a finish that he lifted over the oncoming goalkeeper. De Bruyne claimed the next goal in the 53rd minute, making it 4-1, to gain an individual reward for his endeavours.

A right-wing cross from substitute Jesus Navas found the Belgian on the corner of the six-yard box and a slightly mis-hit volley gave Krul no chance in the Newcastle goal.

## Hart's key save

The game was becoming an embarrassment, all Newcastle's hard work of the first half being spectacularly undone, and it was about to get worse.

On the hour, Aguero scored his fourth goal, and City's fifth, from another Silva assist, which gave him the time and space to steady himself and curl a perfectly-judged attempt into the bottom-right corner.

Mercifully for Steve McClaren's Newcastle, the scoring frenzy was about to end, but not before City had claimed their sixth goal and Aguero, inevitably, a fifth.



Manchester City's Sergio Aguero (left) celebrates with teammates

Sergio Aguero (right) reacts after scoring their first goal