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#### Toddler's death: 4 Syrians remanded

Turkey remanded in custody four Syrian suspected traffickers on charges of causing the deaths of 12 migrants.



#### Syrian Druze cleric killed in car bomb

A prominent Druze cleric was assassinated in a car bomb attack outside the southern city of Sweida yesterday.

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# SALUTE TO MARTYRS



If slain one goes to heaven; if victorious one gains glory. Both are held in high esteem in this world; fighting is never fruitless, they say. DT News joins the nation in mourning and offers heartfelt condolences to the kith and kin of the heroes who laid down their lives fighting for a cause.



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The Kingdom of Bahrain has lost five of its soldiers in an attack that took place in southern Saudi Arabia, where they had been posted to help defend the border with neighbouring war-wracked Yemen.

The announcement was made by General Command of the Bahrain Defence Force yesterday. The deceased soldiers were identified as First Sergeant Mohammed Nabeel Hamad, Sergeant Mohammed Hafedh Younis, Sergeant Abdulqader Al Alas, Sergeant Hasan Iqbal Mohammed and Corporal Abdul Monem Ali Hussain.

### Five Bahraini soldiers were killed in an attack that took place at the southern border of Saudi Arabia, where they had been posted to help defend the border with neighbouring war-wracked Yemen

The General Command also offered sincere condolences to the families and friends of the martyrs.

Bahrain is a member of a Saudi-led Arab coalition that, since March, has battled Shia Huthi rebels in Yemen to restore the rule of President Abed Rabbou Mansour Hadi, exiled in Riyadh.

The General Command said in a

statement that the soldiers were killed "while defending the southern border of the Saudi Kingdom" but gave no details on the circumstances.

Yesterday, the UAE said 45 of its soldiers engaged in a Saudi-led campaign against Shia rebels in Yemen were killed in an accidental explosion that the insurgents claimed was caused by rocket fire.

The Yemeni government said an "accidental explosion" at an arms depot at a military base in the eastern province of Marib killed the Emiratis, but the rebels said their fighters fired a rocket that caused the blast.

Though the precise location of the attack against Bahrain soldiers is yet to be revealed, Yemen's exiled presidency said they died in the same blast that killed the Emiratis, in what was the deadliest day for the coalition since it was formed in March.

Around 60 people, mainly military personnel, have been killed in cross-border rebel attacks in the south of Saudi Arabia since the launch of air strikes on the Huthis and their allies.



### Pakistani found dead near blocked train in Hungary

#### Budapest

A 51-year-old Pakistani has died after he was found lying close to a railway track in Hungary yesterday following the escape of 350 migrants from a train blocked for more than a day near Budapest.

Emergency workers tried to revive the man for 50 minutes near the Bicske railway station, the official MTI news agency said.

"A 51-year-old man has died in Bicske after ambulance staff were unable to resuscitate him," Pal Gyorf, a spokesperson for Hungary's National Ambulance Service, told MTI.

A police spokesman later confirmed to reporters that the man was Pakistani.

A statement on the police website said that the as yet unidentified man was among the 350 migrants who broke out from the train yesterday afternoon.

# ROAD TO EDUCATION GETS A SMOOTHENING TOUCH

## Works Ministry paves new roads in the vicinity of schools

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Within the ongoing preparations for the new school year, Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry announced that it had recently implemented a set of road projects in the vicinity of schools.

The ministry explained in a statement the projects aim to enhance the quality of roads

**"Pedestrian crossing points and speed-breakers near schools were repainted, besides implementing maintenance works at the traffic signals"**



Huda Fakhro near schools, to maintain students' safety and facilitate their movement.

Roads Assistant Undersecretary Huda Fakhro revealed that the ministry has set a plan to implement important projects near schools as part of its preparations for the new academic year.

She said the projects would reduce traffic congestions near schools and provide a safe

environment for students. The ministry developed roads near Hamad Town Intermediate Boys' School, West Riffa Secondary Girls' School, Al Maarifa Secondary Girls School in Riffa.

According to the ministry, a similar project is also in the process in the Educational Area in Isa Town. It was stated the project includes repaving Roads 4013 and 41. The ministry added that 37 per cent of the project is completed.

Fakhro also said that pedestrian crossing points and speed-breakers near schools were repainted, in addition to implementing maintenance works at the traffic signals.

The Assistant Undersecretary confirmed that the ministry has coordinated with the General Directorate of Traffic to assign specialised technicians near traffic signals during rush hours.

The latest projects add to maintenance works that were previously initiated by the ministry at 40 public schools.



The newly repaved roads in Hamad Town and Riffa

## Intermediate education officials meet principals



Al Dosary (second from left) addressing the participants at the meeting

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Education Ministry's Director of Intermediate Education Nujood Youssef Al Dosary chaired the annual meeting of the 70 intermediate school principals at the Isa Town Intermediate Girls' School.

The meeting focused on preparations for the new school year, and plans to receive students and remove any potential obstacles.

Al Dosary called for cooperation with the directorate and commitment



Schools principals participating in the event

to instructions aiming to improve work efficiency and provide the best services for students.

She also shed light on the projects launched by the

directorate. Intermediate education specialists presented a number of instructions related to administrative issues, students and teachers.

## RCICT issues newsletter

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Bahrain-based Regional Centre for Information and Communication Technology (RCICT) has issued the second edition of its newsletter.

The periodic publication focused on the recent participation of Education Minister Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi in the plenary discussion session, on the sidelines of the International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Post-2015 Education,

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held in, Qingdao, China. The conference was held in cooperation with The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The newsletter also features

a round-up of main activities and training programmes on the use of the information and communication technologies in education, in addition to latest IT equipment being used at RCICT.

## US Congress delegation visits Women Incubator Centre

Manama

United States (US) Congress delegation paid a visit to the Women Incubator Centre- Riyadat.

The delegation attended a visual presentation that showed the development march of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW)

and dedicated efforts to support and empower Bahraini women, besides integrating their needs into national development in all sectors.

The delegation was also briefed about the SCW-led efforts to promote women's political and economic

development, to achieve family stability and consolidate local and international cooperation.

They also toured the Women Incubator Centre and were briefed about the facility, being the first pedestal of its kind in the Middle East for building independent Women Entrepreneurs.

# PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO WELCOME 133,000 STUDENTS TOMORROW

## Education Minister announces inauguration of three schools

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Public schools will receive over 133,000 students tomorrow, education authorities in the Kingdom announced yesterday.

the Ministry has already started its efforts in this regard.

Al Nuaimi said in a statement, the ministry had provided educational seats to over 133,000 students and transportation for about 24,000

**Comprehensive and partial maintenance works were implemented in schools to ensure a safe environment for students and to enhance their learning experience**

With the reopening of schools, its time to improve the quality of education and the facilities provided to them, and Education Minister Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi confirmed

students, including those with special needs, marking the new academic year. It has also printed over 2.5 million books for the students, according to the statement.



Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi

The minister also announced that three schools - a primary intermediate girls' school in Wad-Al-Seil, an intermediate school for boys in Hamad Town and an intermediate school for girls in Buseiteen

- will be inaugurated soon. They will add to the Kingdom's existing 207 schools, which would receive over 10,000 students in primary section alone. The minister, however, did not mention, the exact dates of inauguration.

He added, comprehensive and partial maintenance works were implemented in schools to ensure a safe environment for students and to enhance their learning experience.

He also highlighted the projects to be implemented this academic year. They include mainly the vocational guidance, the citizenship and human rights-promoting schools project to be implemented in four schools, the numerical strategy for first



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intermediate students, French language teaching and the digital empowerment project, to be applied in five schools.

Al Nuaimi lauded the leadership's constant support

to the ministry's development projects. He also paid tribute to the education staff for their dedication in enhancing the quality of the educational services.

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Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday visited Expo Milano 2015, in Milan, Italy. Prince Salman toured Bahrain's 2000 square metres pavilion, accompanied by Commissioner General of the World Expo 2015 Bruno Pasquino and the Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, along with a number of other senior Italian and Bahraini officials.

# IT'S A BUSY SEASON AHEAD FOR HEALTH AUTHORITIES

## Beginning of new school year, approaching Hajj season

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**H**ealth authorities are gearing up for a busy season this month, considering the beginning of the new school year and the approaching Hajj season.

In a recent statement to *DT News*, Health Minister Sadiq Al Shehabi confirmed that the ministry is sparing no effort in preparing for the new school year and Hajj, to maintain the safety of students and pilgrims.

"We have commenced intensified coordination with Education Ministry in this regard, headed by the Minister Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi. We aim at improving the School Healthcare Programme and healthcare services the ministry provides to pupils, so we can

start a healthy new school year," Al Shehabi told *DT News* on the sidelines of the opening ceremony of the Gulf Pharma-Medical Conference.

In a recent meeting with the ministry's Hajj Medical Committee, the Minister ordered the 46 members of the panel to serve pilgrims and ensure their well being, particularly the elderly and those suffering from chronic diseases. The panel is set to leave for Saudi Arabia on Monday, where it will be stationed to serve Bahraini pilgrims throughout the pilgrimage season. It consists of 46 medical staff, including doctors, nurses, pharmacists, health inspectors and medical technicians.

During the meeting, which



Sadiq Al Shehabi

was held on Wednesday, Al Shehabi instructed the committee members to concentrate on raising more awareness among pilgrims. He

also highlighted the importance of protecting pilgrims from infectious diseases and epidemics, particularly the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) and Ebola virus.

Speaking on similar lines, Assistant Undersecretary for Hospital Affairs Dr. Waleed Al Manea said, "Awareness is the first weapon used by health authorities to tackle infectious diseases."

"We are currently promoting the cultures of cleanness, hand washing, avoiding direct contact with patients, recognising symptoms and reporting diseases to authorities. Such methods are being intensively promoted among pilgrims and students," he explained.

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Dr. Al Manea also said, "We should follow the culture of isolation. Parents should prevent their children from attending classes in case they are sick. This way they contribute in the protection of other students and limiting the spread of diseases."

Speaking more about the ministry's preparations for the new school year, Dr. Al Manea

added, "In Bahrain, we have the School Healthcare Programme, which includes all schools in the country. The programme is responsible for organising immunisation campaigns, in addition to implementing screening processes of students of all stages. Screening includes infectious diseases, blood diseases, nutrition and vital medical checkups."

## Energy Minister receives MP Jamal Dawood

Manama

**M**inister of Energy Abdulhussain Mirza received Member of Parliament Jamal Dawood here yesterday as part of his initiative to elicit more information on the needs of citizens.

The minister welcomed Dawood and said he was impressed with the MP's personal follow-up on the needs of citizens and his efforts to raise those issues in the House of Representatives. He said this stemmed from the desire of the leadership to serve the needs of all citizens.

Jamal Dawood MP thanked Dr. Mirza for the warm reception and the hospitality and expressed his readiness to

co-operate with the officials of the ministry in providing better services to citizens. He praised the minister's efforts and all the employees of the energy sector to overcome all

the obstacles to achieve the best services. Electricity and Water Authority Industrial Security Administration Director Walid Abdullah Mohammed also attended the meeting.

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During the meeting

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## PIXEL PASSION

**Khawla AlHassan, a popular Digital Artist in Bahrain, has taken the lesser trodden path of computer-based art making, giving it a new outlook and dimension**

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**B**ack when professional digital artist Khawla AlHassan was in high school, she learned a very important lesson about friendship and her passion.

She had a hard time finding somebody among her peers who shares the same connection and passion for art as she has, from her surroundings where art was not considered as a serious career path. This has taught her the lesson that being alone in a path with your passion is better than walking beside

In order to get back on track, Khawla went the only way with a field related to arts as she joined BA course in Mass Communications and Digital media in the University of Bahrain. "I chose this time to walk without my friends and follow my instincts even if it's going to cost me 8 years of studying. It was one of the best decisions that I have ever made. I enjoyed every part of this long journey," she said.

Khawla had earned her experience in creating and managing websites for 8 years locally and globally for her own business 'Imaginary Art'. After joining UoB, she managed several projects



A design by Khawla

everybody without your passion.

When she applied to study fine arts in the same year, the programme got cancelled and she ended up with a diploma in a major that didn't appeal to her.

including earning the roles of designer for the National Day exhibition for HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Head of Layers exhibition for digital medial projects and being awarded for Best Adobe Director Project, Web Project

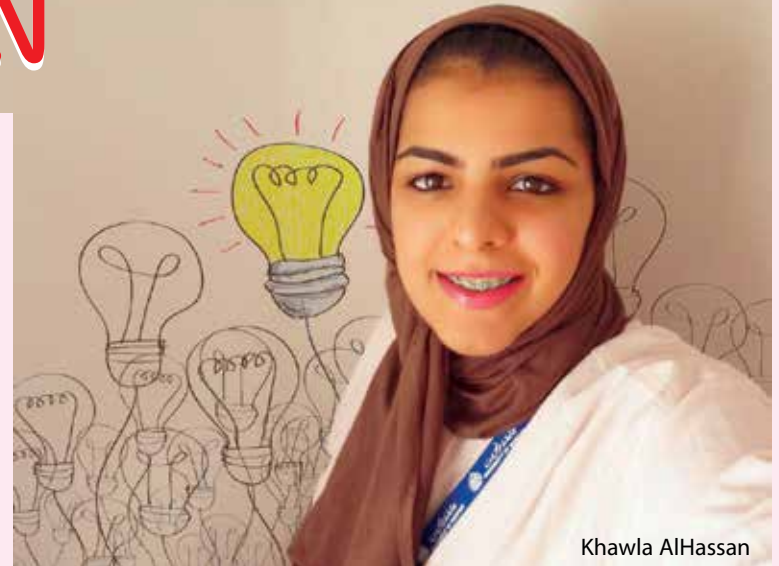


Khawla's works displayed in an exhibition

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and Ideal Digital Media student.

In 2015, Khawla created her own business called AlHasan Design where it specializes in Architectural modeling, 3D Animation, Video Production, Video Games production for smart phones and Graphic Design.



Khawla AlHassan

### Khawla's passion for Design

Talking about her passion for design, she said, "It's a common language. Some people might not understand numbers, equations, or words. But design is the language of everybody. Every single person can interact and analyse the colours, lines, images, videos differently."

As she treaded further, Khawla also entered her newfound passion

for teaching and went to become a Research and Teaching Assistant. Earning the attention of her professors as a student, she was given an opportunity to teach in their classes.

Khawla has plans for a Master's degree as well as plans to teach visual effects and cinematic composing in the future. "We need this major in the gulf region especially Bahrain," she commented.



One of Khawla's work

## Man held for having sex with minor to get nod for marriage

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**A** person reportedly had sex with a minor girl to force her family to give nod for their marriage.

The 14-year-old girl went with the accused to his house and spent a night there with him, according to court files.

"After my daughter disappeared from home, she contacted me from an

**The accused, who is unemployed, is reportedly implicated in 14 cases, ranging between robbery, drug abuse and physical assault**

unknown mobile number, and she told me she is safe and that we don't need to worry about

her," the mother of the girl told prosecutors.

"When we tried calling back,

we could not reach her. And the next day, when I managed to reach the number, a boy answered the phone. He told me he loves my daughter and wants to marry her," the mother added.

She reportedly convinced the accused to come to a local mall along with her daughter and informed police about it.

Officers nabbed him when he showed up to

meet the mother, court files indicated. The accused, who is unemployed, is reportedly implicated in 14 cases, ranging between robbery, drug abuse and physical assault.

He had been having an affair with the victim for three months, according to his testimony before prosecutors.

"I love her and I want to marry her. But I am jobless and knew her parents would never

accept me. So we decided to have sex, to put pressure on them," he said.

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## DONKEY RACE HELD IN SAAR VILLAGE



(From left) Boys ride their donkeys as they compete in the donkey race; A man with his trophy after winning the race; People compete in their donkey carts

# SAUDI CONMAN'S JAIL TERM UPHeld

The accused swindled a Lebanese national of BD 25,000

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A Saudi conman who was sentenced to five years in prison had his jail term upheld. The accused reportedly swindled a Lebanese national of BD25,000, by promising him Bahraini citizenship.

According to court files, the conman promised him Bahraini citizenship for BD25,000 but failed to keep his promise after getting the money.

The victim stated that he was lured to believe that the deal was legitimate.

Prosecutors said the accused handed him with forged documents, with a fake stamp and signature.

In his testimony, the victim said that he is a businessman

**The conman sent an image of the victim's fake passport to his mobile phone. He was shown a copy of a fake document from the Royal Court, stating that his Bahraini citizenship has been approved**

working in GCC States and he was advised by a fellow Lebanese friend to apply for Bahraini citizenship, to facilitate his works in the region.

The friend reportedly told him that he knows a "well-connected" person (the accused) who would help him in availing himself a Bahraini passport.

The victim met the accused at Seef and during the meeting, the latter was accompanied by a person who claimed to be a member of the Bahraini Royal Family and brother of a top Interior Ministry official, court files stated.

The victim was reportedly asked to pay BD25,000 as a down payment for the passport issuance fees.

After paying the amount, he was later informed by the accused that the passport was ready.

The conman even sent an image of the victim's fake Bahraini passport to his mobile phone. He was also shown a copy of a fake document from the Royal Court, stating that his Bahraini citizenship has been approved.

When he visited Bahrain to inquire about the passport, the victim was shocked to realize that it was all a scam and that he was cheated.

The 35-year-old accused was arrested earlier and was charged by the Public Prosecution with forging official documents.

The Saudi national will be deported once he completes his jail time.

## Arson: Witness hearing on Oct 8

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Prosecution witnesses will be heard on October 8 in the trial of six persons accused of setting a government property on fire.

The Jidhafs Municipality building was torched by masked men on October 16 last year, causing damage worth over BD500,000.

A security guard, who was inside the property during the incident, made a narrow escape by jumping out through the window.

He was, however, admitted to hospital with injuries.

The accused implicated in connection with the attack had earlier pleaded not guilty, though prosecutors confirmed they were the ones who carried out the attack.

Former Municipalities and Urban Planning Affairs Minister Dr Juma Al Ka'abi said earlier a terrorist group targeted the Jidhafs Municipality at around 10.30pm, damaging everything inside the building

including documents, money, computers and equipment.

A video footage showed six masked persons entering the building, dousing the interior with flammable substances

**The Jidhafs Municipality building was torched by masked men last year, causing damage to the tune of BD500,000**

and torching it. Dr Al Ka'abi said the office was part of the Northern Municipality and handled 13,000 applications every year for permits related to construction, remodelling, electricity and water connections and Commercial Registrations (CRs).

## Theft: Asian driver's appeal rejected

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Manama

An Asian driver convicted of stealing money from his sponsor's house had his appeal rejected.

The 28-year-old reportedly fled from his sponsor's house in Riffa Views, with BD300, which was given to him to deposit in the bank.

He was eventually found in his friend's residence following a police manhunt.

The accused, however,

**The accused reportedly fled his sponsor's house with BD300, which was given to him to deposit in the bank**

denied stealing the money, claiming that the sponsor gave it to him as a reward for his hard work.

He stated that he fled the house because he was mistreated by one of the family member.

However, prosecutors charged him with theft, and the court sentenced him to three years behind bars.

The accused would be deported after he completes his prison term.

## Butcher fined for not selling subsidised meat

Manama

An Asian butcher was fined BD10 for refusing to sell subsidised meat to customers. He was tried by the High Criminal Court, which acquitted the shop owner, for whom the butcher worked, of any wrongdoing.

The accused reportedly refused to sell meat to customers as he was reserving them for some unidentified buyers.

He later was arrested by the Ministry of Health inspectors. It's worth to note that an Asian butcher was earlier fined BD10 for displaying price of subsidised meat higher than the ones set by the authorities.

## News website owner tried for defamation

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The owner of a local news website appeared in the dock on charge of defaming a parliamentary member online.

He reportedly published a story on his website that the MP falsely used a surname, belonging to a renowned tribe, in 2011, before taking advantage of it during the previous elections.

"I saw it published in a local newspaper, and called the journalist who wrote it and he confirmed its validity," the accused said.

**He reportedly published a story on his website that the MP falsely used a surname**

"The MP asked me the name of the journalist who wrote it, but I apologised and refused to reveal his identity. However, I removed the post from the website," he added.

# 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.

### MONTECARLO PARTY - LOST FREQUENCIES

**Date:** Today  
**Venue:** Bushido Restaurant & Lounge, Seef Area

Monte Carlo, Monaco; a city that conjures visions of beauty and extravagance in the most tasteful fashion. This September, in partnership with Jimmy's nightclub in Monte Carlo, Bushido will be presenting a night of entertainment dedicated to this luxury travel destination city for another impressive and memorable nightlife event, transforming its venue from a tranquil and luxurious Japanese restaurant into one of the chicest and most lively nightspots on the island.

### APPRECIATION & INSTALLATION CEREMONY

**Date:** September 5  
**Venue:** BSTD Hall, Adliya

Angels Toastmasters Club is an all ladies toastmasters club for learning public speaking and leadership skill by practice. The aforementioned event is in appreciation of the work done by the 2014-2015 Executive committee and installation of new 2015-2016 Executive committee members.

### BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

**Date:** Sunday, 6 September 2015  
**Venue:** Al Jasrah Tower (11th Floor), Diplomatic Area

Maybank Bahrain branch and Muslim Commercial Bank Bahrain in conjunction with Maybank Group Global Corporate Responsibility Day 2015 is organizing a Blood Donation Drive supported by Salmaniya Medical Complex Blood Bank team at the Maybank office in Al Jasrah Tower, Diplomatic Area from 9am till 12 noon.

### FRENCH COURSES FOR BEGINNERS

**Date:** September 6 - October 31  
**Venue:** The Alliance Francaise, Bahrain

The Alliance Française is going to offer general French courses for Beginners of all age and we will also have intensive courses for intermediate and advanced level based on the number of students interested in such a course. So the first step for that would be to take an appointment for a placement test. Participants need to enrol before the 1st of September 2015.

### JUNIOR NETBALL AT THE DILMUN CLUB

**Start date:** September 9  
**Venue:** Dilmun Club

Fun and lively net ball sessions for 6 to 13 year olds with the focus on developing the skills necessary to play the game. Sessions will consist of a standard warm-up game and skills and drills exercises. The sessions will finish with game play with the format dependent on numbers and abilities.

## MARK YOUR Calendar

### BRITISH BRUNCH

**Date:** Friday, September 11  
**Venue:** Upstairs Downstairs Restaurant

Join Us in Celebrating the Longest Reigning Monarch in British History Invite your family, colleagues and friends to this one of a kind British Brunch Celebration and experience the best of British dishes! Enjoy the party with our live entertainment from Frankie's Friends Band and Dj Rob!

### CHUCKLE CLUB SEPTEMBER TOUR

**Date:** September 10 at the British Club Friday, September 11 at Regency Intercontinental

The Chuckle Club is launching its second season of non-stop laughs in September. The exciting line-up of hugely talented international comic imports will be heading to Bahrain on Thursday 10th at The Brit Club and Friday 11th at Regency Intercontinental. We're kicking off the new season with a bang, bringing 3 fantastic comedians to the Middle East.

### CREATE BAHRAIN SCREENING AT MALJA BAHRAIN

**Date:** Thursday, September 10 at 6pm  
**Venue:** Malja, Manama

Our friends at JEO Productions are having some fun this year while tapping into the creative scene in the kingdom. They started the Create Bahrain project, a series of short films documenting different types of artists from around the country.

This ties in wonderfully with our goal here at Malja Bahrain of promoting the art scene in Bahrain, and JEO will be hosting the screening of the finished product right here at Malja! Viewers will get to vote for their favorite artist segment, and get an exciting peak into some of Bahrain's best creatives!

### 7MENDT

**Date:** 13-16 September  
**Venue:** The Gulf Hotel Bahrain, Building 11, Road 3801, Bani Otbah Avenue, Manama

The 7th Middle East Non Destructive Testing Conference & Exhibition will be held at the Gulf International Convention Center, Gulf Hotel in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain from 13 - 16 September, 2015. Around the globe, we are faced with major challenges to maintain aging assets and to ensure their reliability. This task is never more pressing than in the Middle East, and in particular, the Gulf Cooperation Council states (GCC), which have been established as the world's capital of reliable energy and critical source for the sustainability of the world economy.

### BAHRAIN WRITERS' CIRCLE

**Date:** 15 September 2015  
**Venue:** Coral Bay

Bahrain Writers' Circle is holding their next meeting on September 15, 2015 at 7.30pm at Coral Bay, located on the Al Fateh Highway, Block 322, Road 2407, Building 491, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.

### ONE - METALLICA TRIBUTE

**Date:** Friday, September 18  
**Venue:** Buffalo Club, Juffair

ONE... The Only Tribute to METALLICA, was established in 2008, in their home town of Minneapolis, MN. These four horsemen have expanded from the Twin Cities and brought North America an amazing national level touring tribute to the biggest hard rock and heavy metal band of all time. Unlike the other METALLICA tribute and cover bands, ONE focuses explicitly on the audio and visual aspects of a live METALLICA show. Their catalogue consists of over 60 songs from their early garage band days up to the legends that they are today. ONE's stage show is a memorable one that fans will remember from the 80's and 90's. Theatrical thrills that have been encompassed into a full arsenal of pyrotechnics, stage props, and some rare early days memorabilia and signature instruments will keep fans coming back for more. Members of ONE have not only worked as part of the crew, but have also been fortunate enough to jam with METALLICA

on their main stage! It's time you experience METALLICA by ONE - and the rest will be history!

### DJ TOPSPIN AT CLUB CAVALLO

**Date:** Friday, September 18 at 9pm  
**Venue:** Cavallo club, Bldg 1188, Road 2420, Block 324

Get ready for epic entertainment! As an award winning mixtape, club, & radio mixshow DJ, he is particularly renowned for his harmonic ear (showcased by his signature blends & his BLENDIANA JONES aka moniker), impeccable selection, timing, & knack for unearthing exclusives from worldwide sources. This prowess has been on display since the days of his first concept based mixtape series, an imaginary radio station, 101.1 KTOP FM\* (\*Fat Mixtapes), where each mixtape in the series, or "broadcast", served as a grassroots alternative to the commercial radio options. Both listeners & record labels ended up believing the station was real & hungered for more. Mission accomplished.

### GRAVITY MECHANICAL SWING CAROUSEL CLASS WITH ELENI MOUSTALA

**Date:** September 20 (9AM-6PM)  
**Venue:** Al Safir Hotel and Tower

Join with Sugarcraft art and cake decorating class and learn how to create motion in cakes and make these teddy bears defy gravity! The class is taught by Eleni Moustala, an interior designer from Athens and self-taught in sugar craft art. She was announced Cake

## UPCOMING EVENT

### ADVENTURES IN MONAHAN LAND

**Date:** September 17 from 8pm  
**Venue:** Dilmun Club

Patrick is a former winner of 'Show Me the Funny' in 2011 and since his last gig in Bahrain has had many UK TV appearances including the hit family entertainment series 'Splash!' (ITV) and the brand new series of 'Celebrity Squares' (ITV). He was also seen on



'Fake Reaction' (ITV) and on 'Man Up' (Fox) and was a regular guest on 'Not The One Show' (London Live). Last year Patrick could also be seen as host of 'Jongleurs Live!' (Sky) and on '12 Again' (CBBC/BBC2). Anyone who saw him last time will undoubtedly want to see him again and if you didn't this is a show you do not want to miss!

Decorator of the Week on Cake Central many times and was honoured with the title "Rising Star for May 2015". Her philosophy is that "Everybody is able to do it from the moment we love it very much." This class welcomes all skill levels, including beginners, as analytical information and necessary help will be given.

### DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN'S RIDE 2015

**Date:** Saturday, September 26  
**Venue:** Awali, Bahrain

DGR is a community and charity event that brings together riders of classic styled motorcycles and has them dressed in their finest threads to raise money and awareness into men's health issues. On Sunday September 27th 2015, more than 30,000 smartly-dressed gentlemen in over 400 cities will straddle the saddles of their café racers, bobbers, scramblers and other marvelous custom motorcycles to raise awareness and help fund the cure for prostate cancer.

In a grand style, dapper gents and elegant ladies shall ride their steeds spreading merriment and joy throughout their communities whilst raising awareness for men's health.

Bahrain is going to join the 2015 Distinguished Gentleman's Ride and it's scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2015.

### LUNAR EVENT ( THE SUPER MOON)

**Date:** Sat Sep 26 2015 at 01:00 pm  
**Venue:** Aldar Islands, Bahrain

There have been some amazing Moons this year. It's high time that we danced under one. The Lunar Festivals team has prepared another awesome dance floor for you on the beautiful Al Dar islands. In true Lunar style we have put together an experience like no other. We have always believed in creating events that push the imagination. We promise you an overload of wonderfulness on and of the dance floor. Watch Al Dar islands come alive with beautiful custom-art decor. VJs committed to blowing your minds will be creating light-shows with some of the latest tech on their decks.

The feature of course is the music. There is some incredible DJ talent mixing from the comforts of their bedroom studios. We have managed to find some of the best EDM DJs who have been hiding from our dance floors region and lined them up for you pleasure.

Join us as we pay tribute to the Super Moon with electronic beats mixed in to the moonlight by the best home grown DJs.



# PROJECT TO HELP PUDDLE PROBLEM

Students develop substance to enhance concrete endurance

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Two Bahraini civil engineering students managed to develop a substance that enhances concrete endurance by double and allows water to pass through it.

University of Bahrain (UoB) Engineering College students Zainab Abdulla and Dua Majeed presented the new substance in the university's graduation projects contest and exhibition, which was recently organised under the patronage of UoB President Dr. Ibrahim Janahi.

Explaining the idea of the project, Abdulla said, "We were inspired by the never ending puddles problem that usually recurs during winter and rainy seasons. When added to concrete mixtures, the substance allows the water



UoB students Zainab Abdulla and Dua Majeed

to pass through it. It could be used in rainwater drainage systems, as it will allow water to easily pass through to sewerage networks or underground reservoirs."

Abdulla said that they used more than 60 mixtures before they came to the final result. She confirmed that they have conducted three tests

on the final combination. "The substance doubles the endurance of concrete mixtures," she added.

Both students expressed their gratitude to member of the teaching board at UoB's Civil Engineering College Dr. Raad Kadhem for his constant directives and follow up. They also

**When added to concrete mixtures, the substance allows the water to pass through it. It could be used in rainwater drainage systems**

thanked the technicians at Al Manarain Block Factory and UoB laboratories.

Abdulla and Majeed's project came third in the contest from 190 other projects by students of civil, chemical, electrical, electronic and mechanical, engineering departments besides industrial operations management, architecture and interior design.

## UoB students' research paves way for 'stronger' aluminium



Maram Al Aradi, Sarah Al Shamlan and Noor Bucheeri

Fatima Bastaki/DTNN  
Manama

Three Chemical Engineering students from the University of Bahrain have made a breakthrough in the field of Aluminium Alloy conditioning as part of their senior project.

Maram Al Aradi, Sarah Al Shamlan and Noor Bucheeri's senior project on 'Enhanced mechanical and electrochemical properties by interrupting ordinary heat treatment with low temperature cycles for Aluminium Alloy,' was supervised by Dr. Oday Al Buhamad and Dr. Hosni Zubeir, who specialise in

corrosion testing. The students have plans to escalate the project to an industrial level as well.

Their project involved heating Aluminium Alloy 6061 at different temperatures followed by rapid cooling using water.

This manipulates the microstructure of the alloy, thus enhancing its properties in terms of maximum tensile strength, yield, hardness, fracture toughness, electrical conductivity and corrosion resistance.

Four different heat treatment cycles on the alloy were performed by the

**The process manipulates the microstructure of the alloy, thus enhancing its properties**

students - each containing 24 alloy samples in two different diameters.

"This project was chosen because our kingdom's economy depends on producing and exporting aluminium and aluminium alloys from Alba and Midal Cables respectively," Maram Al Aradi told DT News.

"In addition, aluminium alloys are widely used in electricity cables, bridges and building vehicles including motorbikes, bicycle frameworks and ships," she added.

The student said that improving the performance of the aluminium alloys would serve greater benefits for customers and the industry.

"We selected this project in particular, as this idea is

not very common in the gulf countries," added the University student.

"Any slight improvements might be a breakthrough in this field. On top of that, we wanted to challenge ourselves, our limits and creative thinking as this type of study and investigation were quite different from what was being taught in the university," added Al Aradi.

The alloys developed through such heat treatment become stronger and more resistant to fracture, tension and corrosion.

Hence, cables, frameworks and bridges become more reliable and sustainable, using similar alloys.

The students did face some challenges while pursuing this project. Sarah Al Shamlan explained, "The biggest challenge of the project was finding the space and means to perform the heat treatment cycle."

"Usually, aluminium alloys are produced in large quantities and the heat treatment should be conducted in a large oven with sufficient heating capacity," she added.

Thinking  
green

Rehan Ahmed



## Meeting the Challenge of Water Crises

Recently an international report has revealed that Bahrain is listed among the top ten countries that are likely to suffer from a water crisis in the next 25 years. Researchers from the World Resources Institute (WRI) mention that half of the Middle East countries would suffer from a sharp water crisis by 2040.

With the aggravation of the water crisis globally, there are more warnings of the possibility of an increase in the severity of the conflicts and disputes to obtain water and its sources. Researchers from WRI estimated that 33 countries, half of which are in the Middle East, would suffer from a severe water crisis by 2040. According to the study that included 167 countries, the top ten countries that would face water crisis in the future are Bahrain, Kuwait, Palestine, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Oman.

Researchers further stated that the Middle East is already probably the least water-secure region in the world.

We need to understand that with such a problem looming, we have to understand the potential risks we may face in terms of the water needed to run our economies, societies and industries as well as to meet with the challenge of increasing population and uncertain impacts of climate change.

The country has already taken positive steps in meeting with the forthcoming challenges and having initiated massive waste water treatment, recycling and reuse schemes to provide water to non-essential fields and more domestic water to its people and industries.

Our major water demand is being met by desalination process, which is a high cost option. The cost of water treatment, storage, supply and again collection of waste water and its treatment needs to be publicized enabling the residents to understand how much the government is spending on this basic necessity.

Water consumption in Bahrain is around 600 liters/day, compared to the international standard of up to 265 liters daily. The annual growth rate in water use is also increasing around 10 percent. The basic requirement of a person doesn't exceed 100 litres/day. In Bahrain we have access to an abundance of water and we're accustomed to having it available at the twist of a faucet.

Water conservation measures are urgently required to tackle with the water crises. It is unfortunate to see people who are misusing this expensive resource. There is an urgent need to initiate awareness campaigns at all levels and cross sections of the society starting from industries, farms, agricultural land, residents and potable water users. The subject is to be initiated at schools, colleges, universities and other educational institutions. NGOs should be mobilized and community support should be obtained in tackling with this urgent issue.

Conserving water is every body's task. We can conserve water at domestic level inside our homes, kitchens, toilets and laundry. Let us start with few water conservation tips which we can easily practice at home:

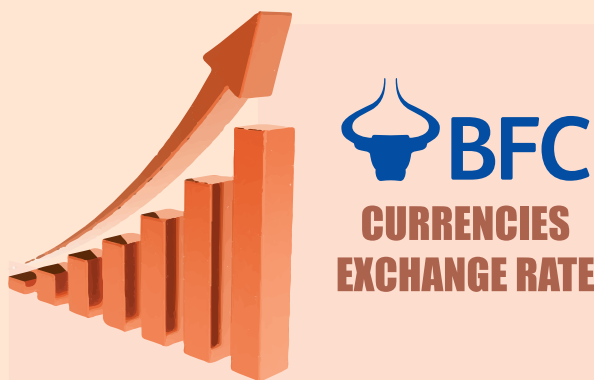
- Using Low-flush toilets.
- Using low-flow shower heads and taking shorter showers.
- Avoid using excess water in car washing, watering plants and gardening.
- Check for dripping faucets, running toilets and leaks.
- Don't let the faucet run while tooth brushing, shaving, hair and face washing.
- Operating washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full.

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# FED IN A TRICKY SPOT OVER MUDDLED US JOBS REPORT

US economy added 173,000 jobs in August, according to latest report



COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND	38.61	33.67
US DOLLARS	2.6667	2.6424
CANADIAN DOLLAR	3.5753	3.4083
PERUVIAN NUEVO SOL	7.6923	7.6923
INDIAN RUPEE	176.9912	168.9189
BANGLADESH TAKA	214.1328	202.0202
CHINESE YUAN	17.2117	16.2866
HONG KONG DOLLAR	21.51	20.0441
INDONESIAN RUPIAH	39510.0751	33545.79
JAPANESE YEN	322.5806	300.3003
KOREAN WON	3589.762	2713.1888
SRI LANKAN RUPEE	364.397	315.0341
MALAYSIAN RINGGIT	11.6279	10.7527
NEPALESE RUPEE	314.9606	258.0645
PHILIPPINE PESO	129.199	121.3592
PAKISTAN RUPEE	279.6319	261.3607
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	3.8023	3.6684
THAI BAHT	95.9693	92.6784
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	3.9002	3.7037
NEW ZEALAND DOLLAR	4.2974	4.1186
EURO	2.4195	2.3272
SWISS FRANC	2.6462	2.5132
CZECH KORUNE	90.0901	45.2489
BRITISH POUND	1.7712	1.7082
TURKISH LIRA	7.9891	7.3153
SAUDI RIYAL	10	9.9285
UAE DIRHAMS	9.7561	9.7163
QATAR RIYAL	9.6899	9.6228
KUWAITI DINAR	0.8065	0.7968
OMANI RIYAL	1.0301	1.0199
EGYPTIAN POUND	20.7469	19.5313
JORDANIAN DINAR	1.8847	1.8615
LEBANESE POUND	4222.438	3811.9925
MOROCCAN DIRHAMS	26.2467	23.753
SYRIAN POUND	952.381	574.7126
YEMENI RIYAL	911.577	541.4185

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## GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5805	0.3919	0.3127
KUWAIT	0.2855	34.4227	0.2967	0.2368
OMAN	0.3849	0.3703	0.4001	0.3192
QATAR	3.6420	3.5040	3.7855	3.0207
UAE	3.6730	3.5338	3.8177	3.0464
SAUDI	3.7500	3.6079	3.8977	3.1102

### Washington

The latest U.S. jobs report was not definitively good or bad enough to help the Federal Reserve decide whether to raise interest rates later this month, leaving the decision hanging on volatility in financial markets over the next couple of weeks.

The economy added 173,000 jobs in August, quite a bit fewer than expected. But employment growth in June and July were revised higher, wage gains last month were better than expected, and the unemployment rate fell to a seven-year low of 5.1 per cent.

With global stock and currency markets reeling over

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But the report disappointed



US Federal Reserve

### Wall St. falls

#### Washington

U.S. stocks were down in afternoon trading on Friday as a mixed August jobs report did little to quell investor uncertainty over whether the Federal Reserve will increase rates by mid-September.

The S&P 500 was down 33.74 points, or 1.73 per cent, at 1,917.39 and the Nasdaq composite was down 61.11 points, or 1.29pc, at 4,672.39.

Apple's was the biggest drag on the S&P and the Nasdaq with a 1.5pc fall.

**With global stock and currency markets reeling over the last two weeks, the report is probably the best and last direct reading on the economy as Fed officials weigh whether to hike rates at a much-anticipated meeting on Sept. 16-17**

those looking for clarity. "With this jobs report ... the Fed finds itself in a real uncertainty jam when it comes to a September interest rate hike," Mohamed El-Erian, chief economic adviser at Allianz, in Newport Beach, California, said in an email.

"In the run-up to its policy meeting, the Fed will pay even

greater attention to global market developments."

Since fears of a Chinese economic slowdown set off a global stock selloff last month, financial markets have become the primary signal for U.S. central bankers looking to tighten monetary policy for the first time since 2006.

## US oil rig count falls by 13

### Washington

Crude futures pared losses after Baker Hughes reported U.S. energy firms cut 13 oil rigs for the first time in seven weeks, as a renewed slump in prices this summer forced drillers to make a second round of cut-backs.

The decline brings the total to the week ending Sept. 4 down to 662, the lowest since

mid-July. The number of rigs in U.S. oilfields stood at 1,584 at this time last year.

The decline comes the same week new government data showed the U.S. oil industry pumped less crude than initially estimated this year, evidence that drillers were scaling back production amid collapsing prices.

Brent crude for October

was down 76 cents a barrel at \$49.92, near an intra day low of \$49.68. U.S. crude was down 52 cents at \$46.23 a barrel.

Oil prices had fallen alongside stocks on Wall Street yesterday as the oil market awaited a weekly reading on the U.S. oil rig count, after jobs data from the world's No. 1 economy failed to provide much direction.



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## Atlas Group seeks more time to repay debt

### Dubai

Indira Ramachandran, wife of the beleaguered founder-chairman of Atlas Jewellery Group, has sought time to repay loans owed to several banks, requesting them to desist from taking further legal action.

At a meeting, the wife of M.M. Ramachandran, assured bankers that her husband would settle the debt, believed to be around Dh550 million.

Accompanied by management consultants hired by the Atlas group to resolve the issue, Indira attended the steering committee meeting convened by more than 15 banks involved in the financial impasse.

# Pak's fading Parsi community looks abroad

**Karachi**

For more than 1,000 years, Parsis have thrived in South Asia, but an ageing population and emigration to the West driven by instability in Pakistan means the tiny community of "fire worshippers" could soon be consigned to the country's history books.

The ancestors of today's Parsis in Pakistan - followers of Zoroastrianism, one of the world's oldest religions - fled Persia over a millennium ago for the safety of the western Indian subcontinent.

Parsi leader Jadi Rana made a pledge to the then emperor of India that Zoroastrians, known in the region as Parsis, would not be a burden, but would blend in like sugar into milk.

But today they are a fading people across the subcontinent, with many affluent families from India and Pakistan leaving for the West.

The community, which has long been active in business and charity, has been unnerved by the upsurge in Islamist extremist violence. One expert said the loss of the Parsis would be a "huge blow" to Pakistan's diversity.

Only around 1,500 are left in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, where they have "fire temples", community centres and final resting places - where the remains of their dead are left in the open to be consumed by vultures according to their tradition.

Parsis are often called "fire worshippers" because their religion considers fire - together with water - as agents of purity and fires are lit as part of religious ceremonies.

They have long been discreet in observing their faith, but some, like 23-year-old art student Veera Rustomji, think they need to do more to preserve their heritage.

"It's been successful (in) that we have been an unattacked and unharmed community because of our low profile," she said at her studio at the Indus Valley College.

"But at the same time it backfires because a lot of people focus on how the community is becoming small numerically."

**Business leaders**

Rustomji has traced her family's past in Hong Kong, where Parsis founded a university, a ferry service and hospitals. It is this link to business as well as charity that Byram Avari, the head of the Avari chain, one of Pakistan's leading luxury hotel groups, said has allowed the community to build an enduring relationship with Karachi.

"Before partition the ladies maternity home called Lady Duferfin Hospital was put up (by) the Parsis, the NED College, now medical college, the Spencer Eye Hospital and I cannot

Only around 1,500 are left in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, where they have "fire temples", community centres and final resting places

tell you how many numerous things have been set up by the Parsis for people of Karachi," he said.

Parsis believe "in giving back what they have," he added.

But today, young Parsis are leaving in droves.

The past decade has seen violence soar, with religious minorities often in the extremists' crosshairs. While Parsis have not been specifically targeted, many feel vulnerable.

**'We cannot see a future'**

"There is a general instability in the country. Because of this we cannot see a future for our community here right now," says Kaivan Solan, a 27-year-old training to become a priest.

Izdeyar Setna, 37, a freelance photographer with a slew of international clients, added that Parsis were seeking new lives in countries with larger Parsi communities, such as Canada.

"I think most people are leaving because of a few reasons. One is security. The way things are, people are scared not knowing if

things are going to get better," he said.

"So I think they are trying to get out. Most people are going to Canada, or the USA, wherever it is easy to get the



Pakistani Parsi (Zoroastrian) priests Jehangir Noshik (L) and Jal Dinshaw sit at their prayer place

threats faced by Parsis are external. They are already facing a low birth rate and their marriage laws are extremely strict, forcing women to leave the community if they "marry out" - though men marrying non-Parsis is tolerated.

"I would love to (marry) if I find the right person, but it's difficult because the numbers are so small," Rustomji, the student, said.

visa." In the city's Parsi neighbourhood, the rotting stench of death emanates from the Tower of Silence, a large circular structure where the bones of the dead are kept in accordance with Zoroastrian practice.

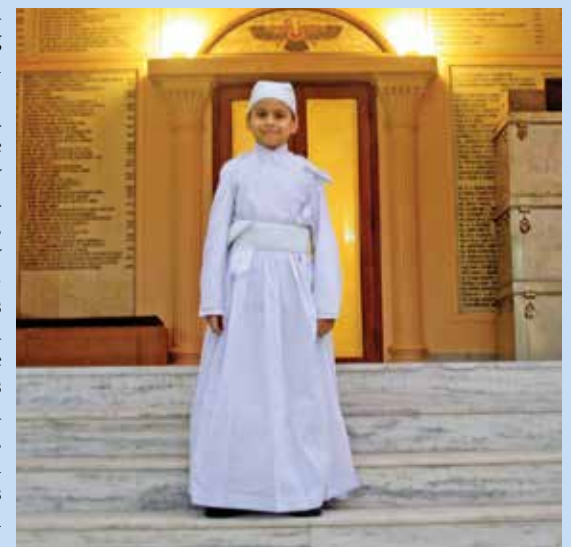
For many these traditions must go on, and the compound provides a sense of belonging.

It is home to dozens of Parsi families but many have now hired armed guards because of attempts to seize their land by a neighbouring Muslim community.

"Losing a community like the Parsis is definitely a huge blow to a tolerant Pakistan, its cultural diversity and economic well-being as Parsis have contributed immensely to the progress of this country," said Rabia Mehmood, a researcher on religious minorities at the Jinnah Institute think tank. Not all the



Only around 1,500 are left in Karachi



Young Parsis are leaving in droves



Sheikh Abdulla bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Minister for Foreign Affairs along with Sushma Swaraj, Indian External Affairs Minister after the inauguration of the Indian chapter of UAE Business Council in New Delhi. M IFS officer (standing next to Sushma Swaraj), who has been appointed as the First President of the newly set up business council is also seen along with other top officials.



Rotary Club Manama donated school bags to the children at Al Sanabel Orphan Society at Busaiten - Muharraq



Mahesh Sachdev, a 1978-batch



The General Coordinator of Governorates held a course on social services in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Development. The three-day course involved social workers in the governorates and focused on the latest concepts to manage and develop the performance of social workers.



Bahrain Keralैया Samajam organised an Onam Feast at BKS hall in Segaya, which was inaugurated by Indian Embassy Counsellor, Ram Singh.

# CELEBS

I think we manifest the very thing we put out. If you're putting out negativity, then you're going to retrieve that same sentiment. If you emanate joy, it comes back to you.

-Robin Wright



## Elijah Wood doesn't 'think' about Frodo Baggins image

New Delhi

Actor Elijah Wood doesn't mind the fact that he continues to be referred as Frodo Baggins of *The Lord of the Rings* despite having worked in several other films during his career. He says his effort is always to do "different" work, and not necessarily to break any "image".

The 34-year-old, who has mesmerising blue eyes, is in India on a three-city music tour. Asked if it's been hard for him to emerge out of the 'Mr. Frodo Baggins' image, he said in an interview, "I honestly don't think about it. I just continue to do different work. One's perception of that connection is not something I think about... So, I just do different work."

As a teenager, he had worked in some

films, but his most high-profile and notable role came with *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. He reprised his role as Frodo again in *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*."

He has also featured in movies like *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, *Sin City*, *Everything Is Illuminated*, apart from lending his voice in animated films, including *Happy Feet*, 9 and *Spyro* among other entertainers. But his love for music is what has brought Elijah to India. He is here with his Wooden Wisdom DJ duo partner Zach Cowie to entertain fans with a mix of international music.



## Tom Hardy's dog had a great time at the premiere of Legend

London

Premieres can be quite bizarre, awkward affairs if you're an actor, so Tom Hardy took his dog Woody along for company.

The pooch, who was sporting a bow tie for the *Legend* premiere, pawed at fans taking selfies with his owner, ran around the blue carpet, posed for official photographs and at one point chased a pigeon.

Woody was a hit with guest and fan-alike at the event, where Hardy revealed that his wife Charlotte Riley is expecting their first child.

Hardy has taken on some very challenging roles, but he said that playing both Kray twins in

one film in *Legend* was his toughest yet.



## Cate Blanchett to star in Lucille Ball biopic

Los Angeles

Yet another Hollywood biopic is on the cards with Cate Blanchett set to play the late *I Love Lucy* actress and TV producer Lucille Ball.

The *Social Network* and *West Wing* writer

Aaron Sorkin will pen the script, which will centre on the life of the famous actress who starred in TV sitcoms including the hugely popular *I Love Lucy*, the first of its kind to be filmed in front of a live audience.

The film will also chronicle Ball's 20 year marriage to Desi Arnaz, with whom she had two children with before they divorced in 1960, according to *The Wrap*.

Ball won four Emmys and went on to become the first woman to head up her own production company, Desilu, working as a TV executive for a number of years.

## 'The Danish Girl' trailer amuses audience

New York

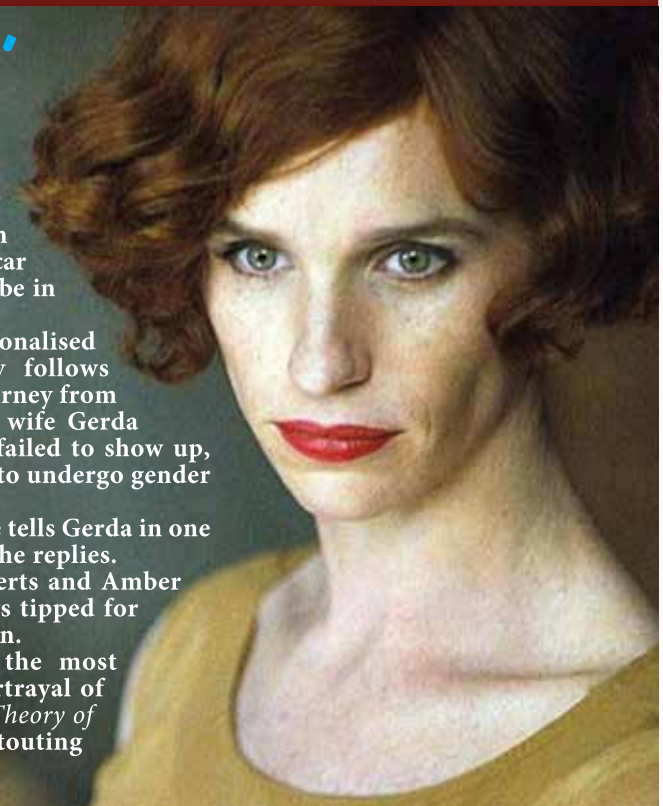
Eddie Redmayne fans have been given the first glimpse of the Oscar nominee as transgender artist Lili Elbe in his next film *The Danish Girl*.

Based on David Ebershoff's fictionalised account of Elbe's life, the story follows Danish painter Einar Wegener's journey from posing in women's clothes for his wife Gerda (Alicia Vikander) after her model failed to show up, to becoming one of the first people to undergo gender reassignment surgery.

"I believe that I'm a woman," Elbe tells Gerda in one poignant scene. "I believe so too," she replies.

Ben Whishaw, Matthias Schoenaerts and Amber Heard also star in the film, which is tipped for triumph at next year's awards season.

Redmayne won Best Actor at the most recent Oscars for his acclaimed portrayal of physicist Stephen Hawking in *The Theory of Everything*, and critics are already touting him for consecutive success.



## Hugh Jackman considers playing 007



Sydney  
**H**ugh Jackman is the latest actor to enter the race to become the next James Bond.

The 46-year-old said he would “seriously consider” playing the suave British spy, admitting he was previously asked to take on the role but turned it down.

Jackman was asked to play Bond a decade ago, just before Daniel Craig was chosen for the part, but he said the timing was wrong for his career.

“I sort of have (been asked). At the time I was just about to do X-Men 2 and I was like, ‘Ah, I don’t think it’s the right time’,” he told Australian TV show *The Project*.

Jackman said if Craig, who is his friend, stood down from the role he may step in, if asked. “I’d seriously consider it,” he said.

Should Jackman take on the role, he would become the second Australian actor to star as the British spy after George Lazenby, who played Bond in the 1969 film *On Her Majesty’s Secret Service*.

## STARRY BIRTHDAY



He played the role of naive Edmund Pevensie in *The Chronicles of Narnia* saga. He won three Young Artist Awards between 2009 and 2011, one of which was for Leading Young Actor.

September 5, 1991

*Skandar Keynes*

## Andrew Garfield likens making the Spider-Man films to ‘prison’

New York

**T**he *Social Network* actor Andrew Garfield has spoken about the creative frustrations of making Spider-Man films that had to appeal to everyone.

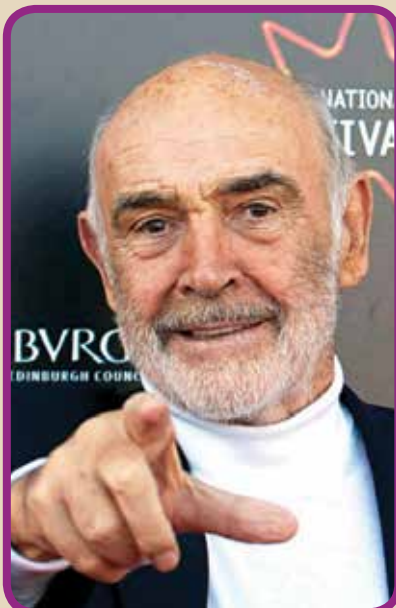
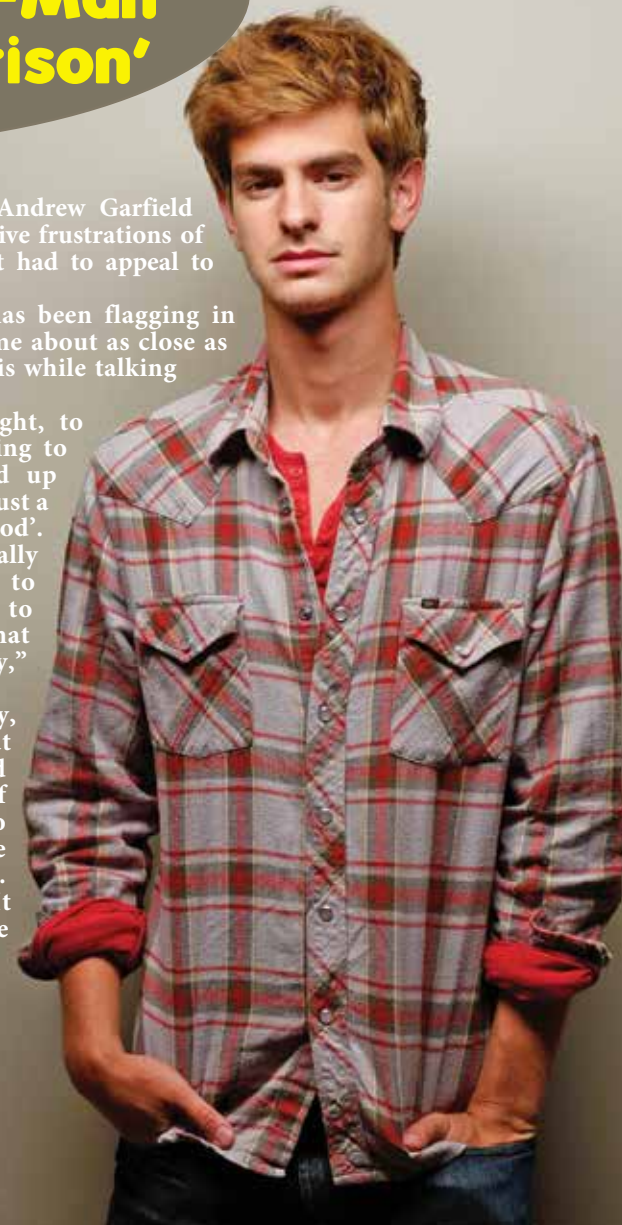
It’s fair to say the series has been flagging in recent years, and Garfield came about as close as he could to acknowledging this while talking to *The Playlist*.

“The pressure to get it right, to please everyone... it’s not going to happen,” he said. “You end up pleasing no-one, or everyone just a little bit. Like, ‘Eh, that was good’.

“(It was a bummer) especially for the group of us trying to infuse it with soul, trying to make it unique, something that was worth the price of entry,” he said.

“It was about authenticity, flavour, and truth, but at the same time, I understand people want to make a lot of money, and they’re going to spend a lot of money so the playpen can be as big as it was.

“I can’t live that way. It sounds like a prison, to be honest, living within those expectations.”



## Now & Then Sean Connery

Sean Connery is an iconic Scottish actor who starred as secret agent James Bond in seven films from 1962 to 1983, including *Dr. No*, *From Russia with Love* and *Goldfinger*. He earned an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role in the 1987 gangster film *The Untouchables* and also played prominent roles in the films *The Hunt for Red October*, *The Name of the Rose*, *Highlander*, *The Rock* and *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*.

The world cries

# SYRIAN TODDLER BURIED

Beirut

Aylan Kurdi's last journey was supposed to take him to a safe home - hundreds of miles away from the relentless war in his native Syria.

Instead, it ended with a funeral in the city his family tried to flee.

In the Syrian town of Kobane, 3-year-old Aylan was laid to rest alongside his mother and five-year-old brother at "Martyr's Cemetery" in the predominantly Kurdish community near the Turkish border.

Aylan's father, Abdullah, who survived the capsizing that killed his family, wept as the bodies were buried. Speaking at the crossing with Turkey, he said he hoped the death of his family would encourage Arab states to help Syrian refugees.

"I want from Arab governments, not European countries, to see my children, and because of them to help people," he said in footage posted online by a local radio station.

"I don't blame anyone else for this. I just blame myself,"

**"Given the scale of the crisis and the suffering of the people, today I can announce that we will do more, providing resettlement for thousands more Syrian refugees," Prime Minister David Cameron said**

Abdullah told the mourners. "I will have to pay the price for

**Britain promised yesterday to take in thousands more Syrian refugees and give 100 million pounds in extra aid, as their plight raised pressure on European leaders**

this the rest of my life," said the devastated father.

Abdullah said the boat in which the family had been travelling had started taking in water about 500 metres from the shore and that, despite his best efforts, he had not been able to hold on to his wife and two sons. "I was holding my wife's hand," he told the Turkish news agency *Dogan*. "But my children slipped through my hands. It was dark and everyone was screaming."

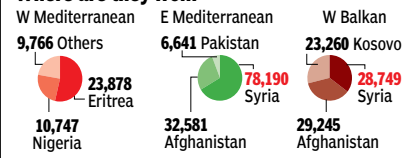


The father of Aylan Kurdi holds the body of his child during a funeral ceremony in Kobane

## WORLD'S BIGGEST REFUGEE CRISIS?

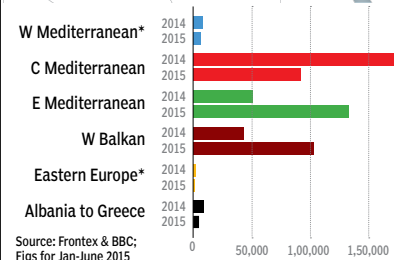
More than 350,000 migrants were detected at the EU's borders between Jan and August 2015, says IOM

Where are they from



\*Between Jan & July 2015; IOM is International Organization for Migration

Migrant detected entering the EU illegally, Jan-July 2015



Source: Frontex & BBC; Figs for Jan-June 2015



A Syrian couple waits with other refugees for the train in Gevgelija, Macedonia

Guardian calls this the world's biggest refugee crisis since World War II

What is driving migrant to Europe?

- > Syria conflict the biggest driver of migration
- > Ongoing violence in Afghanistan
- > Warfare in Eritrea
- > Poverty in Kosovo

Transit points

**Budapest in Hungary:** A key transit point for refugees. Thousands pouring in here trying to take trains to Austria and Germany

> In August alone, more than 50,000 have flooded into Hungary

> Hungary has built a 175km fence along its border with Serbia

to slow the flow of asylum seekers into northern Europe

> **Calais, France:** Thousands stormed Eurostar train here on Tuesday. Migrants blocked railtracks to stop trains

> Migrants then tried to jump on board the superfast train headed for Britain

WHAT EU LAW SAYS

Under the EU law known as the **Dublin Regulation**, refugees should apply for asylum in the country in which they arrive and are first registered. But as the numbers have increased, the rules have been ignored and many migrants have been allowed through borders

Death Route

> Most of those heading for Greece take the relatively short voyage from Turkey to islands of Kos, Chios, Lesbos and Samos - often in flimsy rubber dinghies or small wooden boats

> The voyage from Libya to Italy is longer and more hazardous

> More than 2,500 migrants have died trying to make the crossing this year

> In April a boat

carrying 800 migrants capsized off Libya

> A growing number of Syrian asylum seekers have also been crossing into Norway from Russia on bicycles

COURTESY: TIMES OF INDIA

## Refugee aid charities see surge in donations

The Hague

Charities aiding refugees witnessed a surge in donations across Europe yesterday as people shocked by the heart-rending images of a drowned Syrian boy on a Turkish beach dug deep to help.

British Prime Minister David Cameron, under pressure to act, said Britain would provide an extra £100 million (137 million euros, \$153 million) in

humanitarian aid for the Syrian crisis, bringing London's total contribution to more than 1.0 billion pounds.

The International Olympic Committee launched an emergency two-million-euro (\$2.2 million) fund, as money flooded into the coffers of aid organisations helping those fleeing Iraq and Syria.

"There is an enormous response from the public,

the tide of indifference is shifting," Christian Peregrin, spokesman for the Malta-based Migrant Offshore Aid Station, said.

The group, working to help migrants seeking to cross the Mediterranean from Libya, had by Friday received a record 600,000 euros (\$666,500) since the toddler's photo went viral.

"Before that, 10,000 euros in a day would have been a good day," he said.

## Wrong Target

# Female MMA fighter traps robber in a leg lock

Brasilia

A Brazilian street robber ended up pleading for mercy from the woman he tried to hold up - after she took him down in a jiu-jitsu move then held him in a leg grip until the police arrived.

Footage emerged of the sobbing man Wesley Sousa de Araujo screaming, crying for his "daddy" and pleading for someone to call the police as Monique Bastos locked his neck in a triangle choke.

Araujo and another man had earlier approached Ms Bastos and another woman

on a street in Acailandia, western Brazil - unaware that his would-be victim was a professional MMA fighter and jiu-jitsu blue belt.

Ms Bastos, who has six professional MMA fights on her record, pounced after the men cornered the women on a motorbike and demanded they hand over their mobile phones.

The fighter, 23, later told how she took Araujo to ground in a "rear-naked choke" before locking him in a "triangle choke" for 20 minutes until police arrived.

Ms Bastos told Brazil's iG website: "One of the guys grabbed the mobile phone I was carrying. I could see that they were not armed so I knocked their motorbike down.

"I wasn't afraid. I knew I could immobilise them.

"One of them managed to run away, so I got the motorbike driver with a 'lion killer' and held him in my legs for 20 minutes."

The 'lion killer' is a choke hold in Brazilian jiu-jitsu where the attacker wraps his arm around his opponent's

neck, placing the crook of his elbow on his trachea.

In the video filmed on an onlooker's mobile phone, Araujo is heard screaming out for help as Ms Bastos holds him in the lock and applies pressure on his neck.

He shouts: "Daddy, daddy, call the police, daddy. Help Jesus. I swear, it was the first time I've ever done this. Help, Lord, somebody help me. Where's my mum?"

Araujo was taken to the local police station, where he denied trying to rob the women, according to reports.



Ms Bastos is a professional MMA fighter and jiu-jitsu blue belt



Obama meets King Salman

# 'THERE IS MUCH TO DISCUSS'

Washington

US President Barack Obama welcomed Saudi Arabia's King Salman for a first and long-delayed White House summit yesterday, marked by warm public words amid clashing views on Middle Eastern crises.

Obama made the rare move of greeting the 79-year-old monarch at the doors of the White House, as he hailed the "longstanding friendship" between the two countries.

Salman's inaugural visit as king - originally scheduled for May and cancelled by Riyadh - has been billed as a way of putting relations back on a more stable footing.

In the Oval Office, Obama was effusive, saying he wanted to "once again reaffirm not only our personal friendship,



King Salman (L) speaks with US President Barack Obama during their meeting in the Oval Office at the White House

but the deep and abiding friendship between our two people."

For his part Salman said his visit was a "symbol of the deep and strong relationship that we have with the United

States." These meetings normally end in "some kind of public statement that puts as positive a spin as possible on the meeting," said Anthony Cordesman of the Centre for Strategic and International

Studies. "Both nations are close strategic partners in spite of their differences, and both states need each other."

However, behind the warm public statements, there are deep disagreements on Syria and Yemen as well as lingering Saudi doubts about the nuclear deal with Iran.

The White House said that during the meeting Salman "expressed his support" for the Iran deal.

Saudi officials have privately expressed grave misgivings that the nuclear agreement may legitimize their arch-foe Iran.

To assuage those concerns and bolster Riyadh's military edge, the pair also discussed "fast-tracking the provision of certain military equipment" to the kingdom. Obama

acknowledged that the two sides had much to discuss. Obama said the two sides

**King Salman said that his country was willing to collaborate with the United States to ensure stability in the region**

"share concerns" about the need to restore a functioning government in Yemen and relieve an urgent humanitarian crisis.

During the meeting the White House said King Salman had committed to "work

toward opening Red Sea ports" that would bring vital supplies, so long as the operation is monitored by the United Nations.

Obama also said that the pair "share concerns about the crisis in Syria and will have the opportunity to discuss how we can arrive at a political transition process within Syria that can... end the horrific conflict there."

Ahead of the meeting senior Obama foreign policy aide Ben Rhodes said the White House wants to make sure both countries "have a common view" on which Syrian opposition groups get support.

"We are looking to isolate more extremist elements of the opposition, that's been an ongoing conversation with Saudi Arabia," he said.

## UN chief invites Arab countries to Mideast Quartet meeting

United Nations

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has invited Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia to a meeting this month of the Middle East Quartet seeking a diplomatic solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The foreign ministers of the three Arab countries will join their counterparts from Russia, the United States and EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini for the talks on September 30, the UN spokesman said yesterday.

The secretary general of the Arab League will also

attend the meeting on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly gathering of world leaders.

The invitation follows a decision by the Quartet in February to include Arab countries in the diplomatic effort to restart the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians.

Speaking in Luxembourg earlier, Mogherini said the European Union had "revitalized the work of the Quartet" and voiced hope that this could help "re-open prospective and political horizons to the talks."

## Saudi policeman, gunman killed

Riyadh

A Saudi policeman and a gunman were killed in a pre-dawn shootout yesterday in the Abqaiq region of the oil-rich Eastern Province, an interior ministry spokesman said.

The gunman had tried to infiltrate a security forces site when he was spotted by policemen who moved in to arrest him, the official Saudi Press Agency quoted the spokesman as saying.

The suspect opened fire at the police as he tried to escape but they shot back and he was killed, the spokesman said, adding that a policeman also died in the shootout and two more were wounded.

Authorities have opened an investigation into the motives with most blamed on or claimed by the Islamic State



Attacks on the security forces in Saudi have multiplied

of the gunman, who was armed with a machinegun and was identified as Nawaf al Otaibi.

Attacks on the security forces in Saudi Arabia have multiplied in recent months,

in an attack on August 23 a policeman was wounded when a gunman opened fire on a patrol in the Red Sea of Jeddah.

But the deadliest attack

**Authorities have opened an investigation into the motives of the gunman, who was armed with a machinegun and was identified as Nawaf al Otaibi**

occurred on August 6 when a suicide bomber detonated an explosives-packed vest in a mosque within the grounds of a police headquarters in the southern city of Abha, killing 15 people.

## World's shortest man Chandra Dangi dies aged 75

London

The world's shortest man, as verified by the Guinness Book of Records, has died of an undisclosed illness in American Samoa, a hospital spokeswoman said yesterday.

Nepal's Chandra Bahadur Dangi, who was 21.5 inches tall (54.6 cm), died late Thursday at the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Centre in Pago Pago.

The 75-year-old lived in a remote village around 400 kilometres (248 miles) from Kathmandu but travelled the world after he was officially declared the world's smallest man, posing for a photograph with world's tallest man Sultan Kosen in 2013.

Family friend Sujit Dilip,

owner of India's well-known Rambo Circus, based in Pune, said: "Today, our circus is

flooded with tears at the loss of the world's smallest man... whom we lovingly called

Prince Chandra." Dangi, who was just 21.5 inches, broke the record in 2012 when he was

crowned by Guinness World Records in Kathmandu, India.

A spokeswoman at the hospital said he died of an undisclosed disease but it was believed he'd been suffering from pneumonia, as reported by the Kathmandu Post.

Dangi was popular in his area after his title enabled him to travel abroad and earn money for Reemkhola, the Nepalese village where he lived some 335 miles southwest of Kathmandu.

Before that he made placemats and head straps for villagers carrying heavy loads.

The tiny man, who was a primordial dwarf, was the same size as six cans of baked beans stacked on top of each other.



Dangi launches the Guinness World Records Book 2013 with the world's smallest woman, Jyoti Amge



Dangi broke the record in 2012



Dangi with the world's tallest man, Sultan Kösen, in 2014

## 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

- Guess the film
- Name the actors
- Name the lead characters' wedding planning agency.

Send your entries to [facebook@dt.bh](https://www.facebook.com/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!



Film: Bend it Like Beckham  
Sport: Football  
Jess and Jules are attracted to: Their coach Joe

Johny Fernandes (via email)

## CAP THE SNAP

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



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



Hey people.. Why you all are standing up side down..?

Umer Safwan Haja Mydheen

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

After arriving late to the Tower of London and to Buckingham Palace, the tour group finally arrived at Runnymede. The guide announced, "Here, the historic Magna Carta was signed." A woman asked, "When was that?" The guide said, "1215." "I knew it," said the woman. "We missed it by 15 minutes."



## YOUR STAR TODAY



**ARIES**  
20<sup>th</sup> March - 20<sup>th</sup> April

Tap into your creativity to unblock your emotions today. This can be a more powerful tool than you realize. Creativity is a big part of you - almost as big as communication. If one is blocked, the key to releasing it is to focus on the other two. Express yourself through creativity and talking to someone close.



**TAURUS**  
20<sup>th</sup> April - 20<sup>th</sup> May

You may need to deal with disapproval today. This will come from someone you see as an authority figure, perhaps a parent or teacher. While it's important to listen, if what they have to say involves your personal life and how you live it, it's no one's concern but yours. No matter what you do, someone will disapprove of something!



**GEMINI**  
20<sup>th</sup> May - 20<sup>th</sup> June

Taking time alone is essential for everyone, but recognize when you're isolating yourself. If you ask why you're taking this time and answer because you're avoiding something, you need to reconsider. Things will only get worse. You begin to work things out by facing whatever it is that's upsetting you.



**CANCER**  
20<sup>th</sup> June - 20<sup>th</sup> July

Watch out for the green-eyed monster today. It can rear up before you even say the word "jealousy" if you're not on your guard. If you aren't secure in your job, relationship, or family, and feel threatened by someone else, it's time to take a look at the reason. Look for answers rather than lash out.



**LEO**  
20<sup>th</sup> July - 20<sup>th</sup> Aug

You may feel insecure about your appearance today. This can be a vicious cycle, and the end result is almost always negative. Whether it's your weight, age, or anything else, if you can't accept yourself as you are, you'll always find something wrong no matter how many changes you make.



**VIRGO**  
20<sup>th</sup> Aug - 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

Jealousy might rear its head today. The key to coping with it is to understand why you feel insecure. Is trust an issue? If this comes up at work, is it because you don't feel recognized for your contributions? Examine the cause of jealousy. It's almost always a symptom of a deeper problem.



**LIBRA**  
20<sup>th</sup> Sep - 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

Arts and crafts may hold your interest today. Even if you lean more toward sports, an artistic streak likely runs pretty strong in you. Creating can be richly satisfying, both in the process and in the finished product. Allow yourself the opportunity to explore this part of you. The day's energy will lend much to your abilities.



**SCORPIO**  
20<sup>th</sup> Oct - 20<sup>th</sup> Nov

Getting along with others may prove challenging today. You might feel impatient and easily annoyed. If this is so, stay solo if you can. If you can't, you'll need to curb a tendency to be argumentative or confrontational. Exercise patience and bite your tongue if that's what it takes. Avoid conflict.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
20<sup>th</sup> Nov - 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

Don't be surprised if you're a little weepy today. The day's planetary influences could enhance your sensitivity to everything, including your feelings. Let yourself cry if you need to - it can be cleansing. Try not to wallow too much, as things will look better tomorrow. Take good care of yourself today.



**CAPRICORN**  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec - 20<sup>th</sup> Jan

Obsessive thinking is what you need to look at today. Common areas for such behaviors are in the pursuit of money, power, success, and love. There's a fine line between determination and obsession. If you fixate on the same thing everyday, you should talk to someone about it. An expert can help you see what you don't want to.



**AQUARIUS**  
20<sup>th</sup> Jan - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

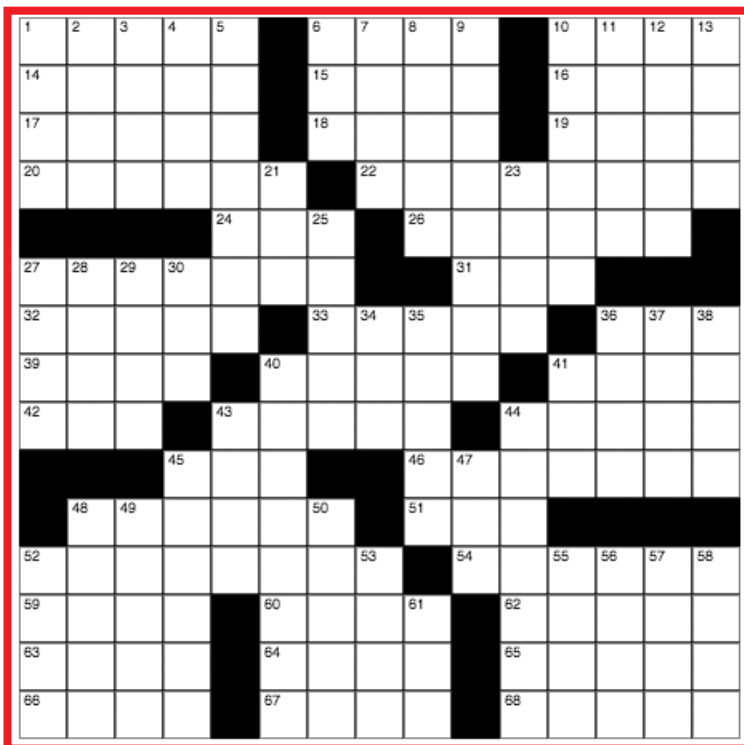
Don't act impulsively today. It can be easy to confuse this with spontaneity, but one has more thought in it than the other. Think everything through from decisions to projects to contracts. When it comes to relationships, avoid trusting too quickly. Don't set yourself up for hurt by being gullible.



**PISCES**  
20<sup>th</sup> Feb - 20<sup>th</sup> Mar

Is it time to take a more drastic approach to solving a problem? If you've made several attempts to resolve your trouble, it might be something to consider. As long as drastic doesn't equate with destructive, you may try something more aggressive. Think things through first. Run any ideas past a trusted friend.

# CROSSWORD



## Across

1 Indian term of respect; 6 Area; 10 Burn the midnight oil, studying; 14 Legend maker; 15 "The Time Machine" people; 16 Light ring; 17 Great bargain; 18 Inert gas; 19 Passage into a mine; 20 Annoyance; 22 Resembling a goose; 24 Primate with a short tail or no tail; 26 Hinder; 27 Cheese; 31 Some MIT grads; 32 Grasps; 33 Shun; 36 Gave grub; 39 \_\_\_ bodied; 40 Eastern; 41 Winglike parts; 42 Foot digit; 43 Glasses, briefly; 44 Heat unit; 45 Viper; 46 Sharon, e.g.; 48 Food closet; 51 Snow runner; 52 Something that is easy to do; 54 Eritrea's capital; 59 Shrinking Asian sea; 60 Latin love; 62 Have dinner at home; 63 Used to be; 64 Let's go!; 65 Words to live by; 66 Depilatory brand; 67 Tree frog; 68 Mall frequenters;

## Down

1 Cumberbund; 2 Official records; 3 Colors; 4 Nest eggs, briefly; 5 Sentimental songs; 6 Mahayana movement of Buddhism; 7 Olive genus; 8 High times?; 9 German physicist; 10 Magic spells; 11 Spokes; 12 Dress style; 13 Speck; 21 Clean air org.; 23 Watched intently; 25 Rub out or remove from memory; 27 FDR's fireside \_\_\_; 28 Rail rider; 29 Fashion mag; 30 HST's successor; 34 Singer Dame; 35 Watering hole; 36 Make an escape; 37 \_\_\_ Grey, tea type; 38 Actress Moore; 40 To come nearer to; 41 Gotcha!; 43 Grounded fleet; 44 Divide into three parts; 45 Short sock; 47 Reggae relative; 48 Blender setting; 49 Without \_\_\_ in the world; 50 Delicious; 52 Daybreak; 53 Wading place; 55 Female horse; 56 Fit to \_\_\_; 57 Nothing, in Nice; 58 No ifs, \_\_\_; 61 Genetic material;

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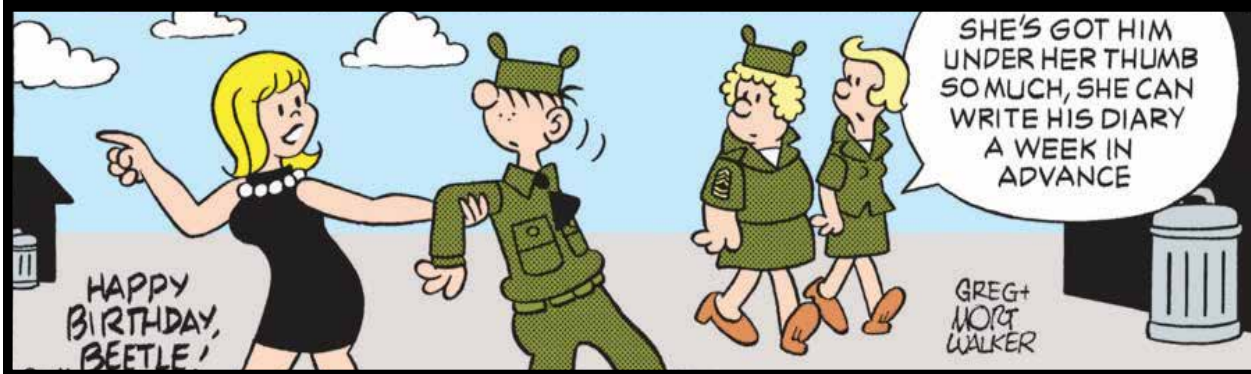
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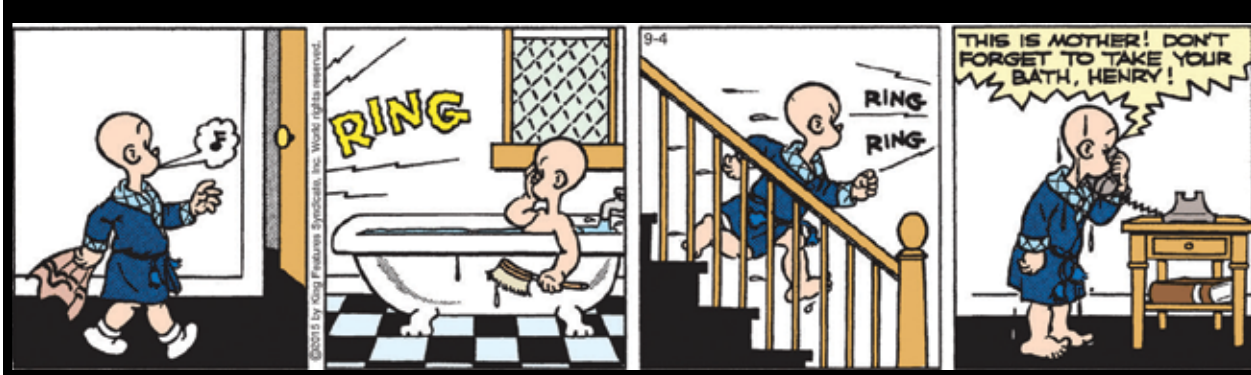
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## Yesterday's solution

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Germany 3-1 Poland



DEUTSCHE CLASS!

Germany's midfielder Mesut Ozil vies for the ball

**Berlin**  
Striker Mario Goetze scored twice to seal Germany's 3-1 win over Poland last night as the hosts avenged last year's away defeat to top their Euro 2016 qualifying group.

Having lost the corresponding fixture 2-0 in Warsaw last October -- Germany's first defeat to their neighbours in 19 matches -- the world champions gained sweet revenge by knocking Adam Nawalka's Poland from top of Group D.

It was Poland's first defeat in seven Euro 2016 qualifiers and this was an impressive display from the Germans after several below-par performances last season.

All four goals came from

Bayern Munich players as Thomas Mueller gave Germany an early lead, then Goetze made it 2-0 before Poland captain Robert Lewandowski pulled one back with a diving header as it finished 2-1 at the break.

Mueller and Goetze then combined for Germany's third on 82 minutes to kill off hopes of a late Poland equaliser.

Georgia's 1-0 home win over Scotland, who Germany play in Glasgow on Monday, and Ireland's 4-0 thumping of minnows Gibraltar means Germany are top with 16 points with Poland now second on 14 while Ireland go third with 12, one ahead of the Scots.

Poland host Gibraltar in Warsaw on Monday having

routed the part-timers 7-0 away last year. Germany coach Joachim Loew sprang a surprise before kick-off by naming Liverpool midfielder Emre Can at right-back to give the 21-year-old his debut.

The game started at a high-paced tempo in Frankfurt and Germany scored off their first clear chance.

A superb exchange of passes with Karim Bellarabi put Cologne left-back Jonas Hector in behind the defence and he squared for Mueller to fire home on 12 minutes.

The hosts doubled their lead six minutes later when World Cup final winner Goetze cut in from the left and unleashed a fierce drive, which gave Poland's Swansea City

goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski little chance just inside the near post.

Poland were rewarded for a sustained period of pressure when left winger Kamil Grosicki powered down the left wing, with Can out of position, curled in a superb cross and Lewandowski powered the ball home with a superb diving header on 36 minutes.

Early in the first half, Loew brought on Ilkay Gundogan for Bellarabi, who provided a superb pass to Goetze and the Bayern man hit the post on 57 minutes.

Germany settled the matter when Mueller's fierce drive bounced off Fabianski's legs and Goetze tucked away the rebound.

'Lack of experience' killed the De Gea deal

Madrid

David de Gea's transfer from Manchester United to Real Madrid broke down at the last minute due to the Premier League club management's "lack of experience", Real president Florentino Perez claimed.

And although Real have been chasing the goalkeeper for more than a year as a long-term replacement for Iker Casillas, Perez refused to confirm they would make a second move for de Gea when the transfer window reopens in January.

Madrid seemed set to conclude the long-running transfer saga late on Monday's deadline day with a deal worth between 30 million (\$33.9 million) and 40 million euros and Costa Rica goalkeeper Keylor Navas joining United.

But Spanish league sources



De Gea

confirmed the player had not been registered and Madrid admitted they had sent the required documentation after the window closed at midnight local time (2200 GMT).

Madrid had accused United of sending the documents after the Spanish deadline had passed.



Ireland's forward Robbie Keane celebrates after scoring a goal during the Euro 2016 qualifying football match against Gibraltar yesterday

11/11 Djokovic downs Seppi to reach US Open last 16



Djokovic returns a shot to Seppi

New York

Top seed Novak Djokovic defeated Italy's Andreas Seppi for the 11th time in 11 meetings to reach the US Open fourth round yesterday.

The world number one and 2011 champion triumphed 6-3, 7-5, 7-5 as the 28-year-old inched closer to a sixth final in New York.

Djokovic, who also recorded his 31st successive win over Italian opponents, goes on to face either Belgian 14th seed David Goffin or Spain's number 23 Roberto Bautista Agut for a place in the quarter-finals.

The Serb star had dropped just 10 games in his first two rounds, not facing a break point, but was pushed hard by 25th seed Seppi, who knocked Roger Federer out of the Australian Open in January.

He dropped serve for the first time in the second set and was broken again as he served for the match in the 10th game of the third.

But the 31-year-old Seppi was unable to capitalise on his break and handed the advantage straight back to the world number one in the 11th game.

"I had to hang in there and try and play at my pace," said Djokovic.

"He was aggressive and went for backhands down the line."

"I just had to stay patient and wait for my opportunities which is easier said than done."

Djokovic ended with 11 aces and 37 winners but will look to reduce the error count of 31 in the fourth round, where victory would put him into a 25th consecutive Grand Slam quarter-final.

**F1 Chief Executive Ecclestone jumps in to save the sport of one more issue...**

# EASING THE PRESSURE OUT OF TYRE NOW

**Monza**  
**N**ot for the first time, Bernie Ecclestone exerted his authority over Formula One and the sport's leading drivers with a few forthright words when he intervened to defuse a simmering row over the quality of Pirelli's tyres.

He also gave a clear signal of possible intent and assured the Italian company not only has security and backing during a difficult period, but, another long-term deal with the sport in prospect.

After hearing of continuing complaints from four-time champion German Sebastian Vettel

1 encourages Pirelli to provide tyre compounds with performance because tyre degradation contributes to the challenge and entertainment of a Formula 1 race.

"When doing so, Pirelli provides strong guidance to competitors about any performance limitations of the tyres supplied.

"Competitors should heed Pirelli's expert advice when setting their race strategy and tactics, and if they do not, it is at their own risk.

**Risky**

Ecclestone's support for Pirelli not only ended the immediate argument about their tyres following the high-speed blowouts suffered by Vettel, during the Belgian race, and fellow-



Ecclestone

German Nico Rosberg of Mercedes, during Friday practice, but also put the safety emphasis back on their teams.

Ferrari had chosen to run the Belgian race using a risky one-stop strategy for Vettel.

Ecclestone's comments come at a time when there is much speculation about who will win the next three-year tyre contract for Formula One, from 2017, with Michelin reportedly also in the running.

Michelin has made it clear that it would prefer to supply tyres that would last a full race distance and not degrade rapidly, thus requiring pit stops.

Ecclestone's statement added: "Pirelli has offered to provide to each car a single set of tyres to last for an entire



**Four-time world champion Vettel, who suffered a spectacular puncture on the penultimate lap, said it was now time "to move forward" and put the Pirelli tyre row behind him**



Ferrari crew change the tyres of Vettel's car

of Ferrari, whose expletive-riddled anger had been aired widely after last month's Belgian Grand Prix, the sport's commercial boss issued a rare official public statement.

This said: "Pirelli has been a first class partner of Formula 1 during the five seasons in which it has been the official supplier of tyres to the FIA Formula 1 world championship.

"We continue to have full confidence in the safety, quality and suitability of its tyres. Within the constraints of safety considerations, which are always paramount, Formula

"We are entirely satisfied Pirelli was not at fault for any tyre-related incidents during the Belgian Grand Prix."

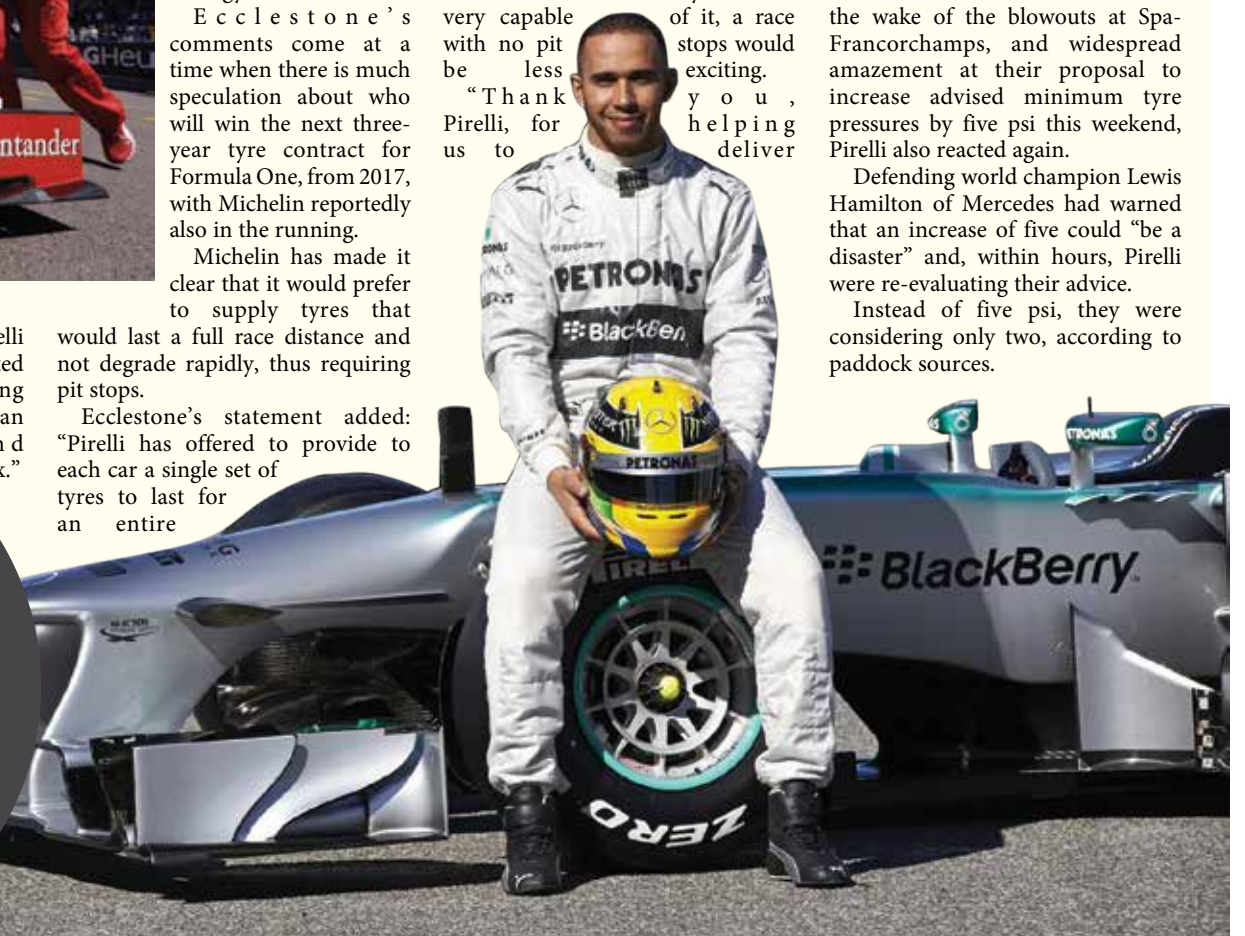
**Hamilton warned Pirelli's recommendations on tyre pressure for the Italian Grand Prix could be disastrous**

event. While we know they would be very capable of it, a race with no pit stops would be less exciting. "Thank you, Pirelli, for helping us to deliver

excitement to Formula 1 fans." In the wake of the blowouts at Spa-Francorchamps, and widespread amazement at their proposal to increase advised minimum tyre pressures by five psi this weekend, Pirelli also reacted again.

Defending world champion Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes had warned that an increase of five could "be a disaster" and, within hours, Pirelli were re-evaluating their advice.

Instead of five psi, they were considering only two, according to paddock sources.



Venus clears US Open path to history for Serena

# SISTERS SUPREME



Venus gestures after the third round win

New York

**Venus Williams** eliminated the highest-rated rival in her sister Serena's path to a historic US Open final by defeating 12th-seeded Swiss teen Belinda Bencic 6-3, 6-4 yesterday.

Bencic, who inflicted the most recent defeat upon top-ranked Serena Williams in a Toronto semi-final last month, fell to 0-4 against Venus and has yet to win a set off the seven-time Grand Slam champion.

"I'm really pleased I played a (great) match against someone who had such a great summer," Venus Williams said.

Venus, 35, fired 31 winners against 15 unforced errors while Bencic, 18, had 12 of each.

"I would rather make an error and play aggressive, go for it," Venus said.

Venus Williams advanced to a fourth-round match against either US compatriot Madison Brengle or Estonian qualifier Anett Kontaveit and could face her sister Serena in the quarter-finals.

"I hope we both get to the quarter-finals," Venus said.

Serena Williams, who holds all four Grand Slam titles, continues her quest for more tennis history when she faces 101st-ranked fellow American Bethanie Mattek-Sands later in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The World No. 1

is trying to complete the first calendar Grand Slam since Steffi Graf in 1988 and only the fourth ever

while also seeking her 22nd career Slam singles crown, matching Graf's Open Era record and two shy of Australian Margaret Court's all-time mark.

This could be the first Grand Slam event in which Serena reaches the final without facing a top-10 opponent.

Venus broke Bencic in the eighth game and held on her fourth ace to take the first set in 33 minutes, having blasted 16 winners to only four by Bencic.

Bencic broke for a 3-1 lead when Venus sent a forehand long but Venus responded with a forehand winner to break back in the seventh game and broke again in the ninth before ending matters with her fifth ace.

Meanwhile, Russian 13th seed Ekaterina Makarova ousted Ukraine 17th seed Elina Svitolina 6-3, 7-5 in a matchup of the top-ranked remaining players in their quarter of the draw.

Makarova reached the semifinals of last year's US Open and this year's Australian Open while Svitolina reached her first Slam quarter-final at this year's French Open.

Makarova, playing with a taped upper right leg, began cramping while serving at match point.

After missing two of them, she sat down and asked for a trainer but was told she could not be treated until a changeover, so she fought through the pain to advance on a forehand winner.

"Just at match point it starts cramping," Makarova said.

"I was scared. It's the first time I was cramping.

She told me she can't treat me until the

changeover. I kept playing and kept trying."

A Grand Slam record 12 men have retired from matches at this tournament with two women quitting during matches as well, many from heat-related cramping issues.



**Venus might end up facing her sister Serena in the US Open quarterfinals**

Belinda Bencic

