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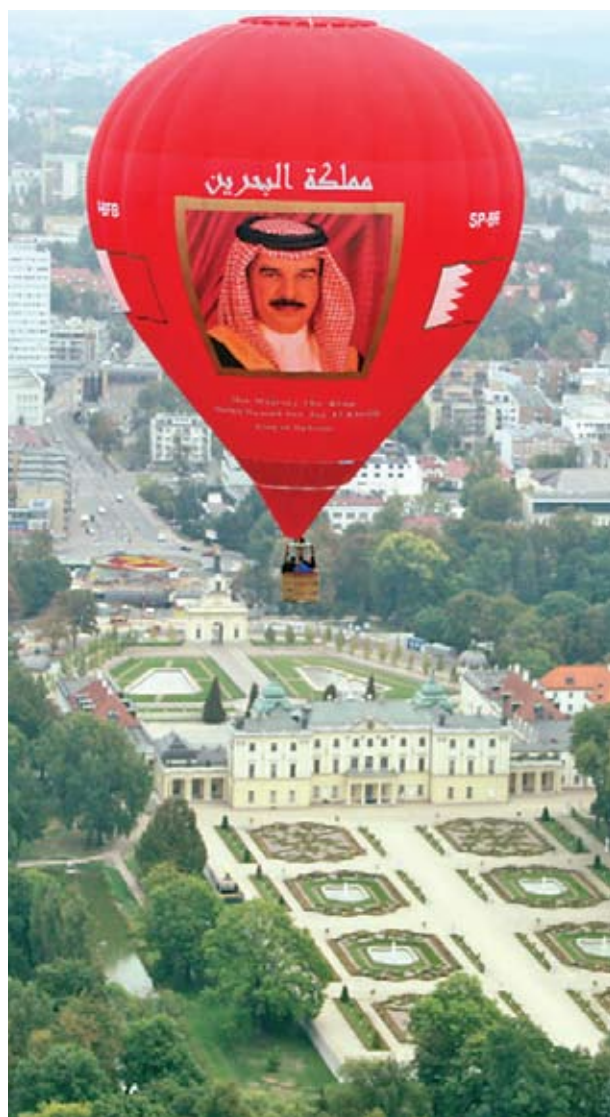
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FLYING HIGH



'The King of Bahrain Balloon' has been launched by Emirati balloonists team during its second tour from Poland along with the 'Emirates Balloon.' The initiative has been taken as an expression of appreciation of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the people of Bahrain on the part of Emirati youths, hailing His Majesty's efforts in boosting the Gulf development march and his interaction and openness towards the people of the world. Balloonist and aviation captain Abdulaziz Nasser Al-Mansouri said that the participation of 'The King of Bahrain Balloon' will include several destinations like the USA, China and Japan to showcase the Kingdom's accomplishments under the leadership of His Majesty the King.

'A terrible mistake'

British Prime Minister David Cameron said yesterday that Kremlin chief Vladimir Putin's decision to take military action in Syria to support Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad was a "terrible mistake".

Russia has begun striking targets in Syria - a dramatic escalation of foreign involvement in the civil war, which has been criticized by some as an attempt to prop up Assad, rather than its purported aim of attacking Islamic State militants.

"They are backing the



Russian war planes set to carry out attacks in Syria.

butcher Assad, which is a terrible mistake for them and for the world," Cameron told

the BBC. "It's going to make the region more unstable, it will lead to further radicalization

and increased terrorism. I would say to them 'change direction, join us in attacking IS'."

Russia says it is targeting hardline Islamic State militants, but Cameron questioned that position. "Most of the Russian air strikes, as far as we've been able to see so far, have been in parts of Syria not controlled by IS (Islamic State), but controlled by other opponents of the regime," he said.

Cameron is keen for Britain to begin its own air strikes in Syria, joining allies in a U.S.-led coalition against Islamic

State, a self-declared caliphate spanning large areas of Syria and neighbouring Iraq. British bombing as part of the coalition so far has only targeted Islamic State in Iraq.

He signalled that he would push ahead with plans for a vote in parliament to approve military action against Islamic State in Syria, the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper said in its Sunday edition.

Vital to save Middle East: Assad

Beirut/Amman

Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad said the success of a military campaign by Russia, Syria and its allies was vital to save the Middle East from destruction, a day after Moscow said it would step up air strikes against Islamic State targets across Syria.

A year-long air campaign by Western and Arab air forces in Syria and Iraq had been counterproductive, Assad said, helping terrorism spread and win new recruits, but a coalition of

Syria, Russia, Iran and Iraq could achieve real results.

"It must succeed otherwise we face the destruction of the entire region, not only one or two states," he said in an interview with Iranian television broadcast on Sunday.

Assad was speaking days after Russian jets based in western Syria launched air strikes against targets Moscow has identified as Islamic State bases, but which Assad's opponents say disproportionately hit rival, foreign-backed insurgents.

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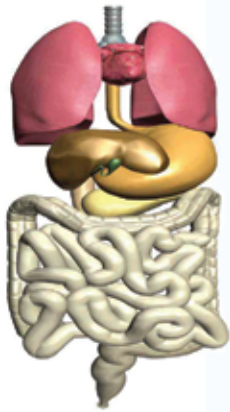
PICTURE OF THE DAY



A woman walks through a field after arriving with other refugees and migrants to the Greek island of Lesbos, crossing aboard dinghies the Aegean sea from Turkey yesterday. For the thousands of refugees and migrants landing on its beaches every day, Greece's Lesbos island is a step to safety and a brighter future in Europe. More than half-a-million people have reached Europe via the Mediterranean this year, including over 310,000 landing in Greece, figures from the UN refugee agency show.



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Khalid bin Hamad Mixed Martial Arts (KHK MMA) team represented the Kingdom of Bahrain and Arab countries in the final stages of Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) 192 in Texas USA last night. This is Bahrain's first participation in the championship, which is considered as one of the most popular events of MMA sports. Supreme Council for Youth and Sport First Vice Chairman and Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation President, HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa congratulated the team and the organisers for bringing out a successful event. Bahrain was represented by Islam Makhachev who took part in the championship along with 23 international fighters. It was attended by over 15000 spectators and MMA fans.

Graduation ceremony held

Manama

Tamkeen held a graduation ceremony last evening in the Capital Club for the second group of young Bahrainis who enrolled in Tamkeen's graphic design training programme. The graduates were employed in a number of businesses and organisations.

The programme, conducted in partnership with twofour54, the commercial arm of Abu Dhabi's media zone, and Capital Knowledge Institute, aims to

a career in the media sector. The programme has been organised in line with Tamkeen's efforts to develop the skills and capabilities of Bahrainis according to labour market needs and further their contribution to the national economy.

The course consists of six months of intensive theoretical training delivered by experienced trainers from twofour54, followed by two-month internships in a number of media companies and

King appoints TRA directors

Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday issued Decree no. 66/2015, appointing three members to the board of directors of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA).

Major-General Riyadh Eid Abdulla, Tariq Abdul-Jaleel Al-Saffar and Rashid Abdulrahman Hussain will serve as members in the TRA



Al Sammak

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A Bahraini family that was left homeless after their flat was destroyed by a fire last Tuesday, was yesterday provided with a temporary shelter, while their home is being repaired.

DT News learnt that the five-member family reached a dead-end and was left to face their destiny on the streets seeking a shelter following Tuesday's mishap.

They moved to the temporary flat in the Northern Governorate as per the direct instructions of Interior Minister Lieutenant General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa.

The incident occurred in Al

Lawzi Housing Government Project near Hamad Town during the early hours of Tuesday and the family members, along with other residents of the building were rescued by Civil Defence firefighters.

Speaking to *DT News* yesterday, the parliamentary representative of the area Dr. Jameela Al Sammak, said the family was left homeless after flames devastated their flat.

"I rented a furnished apartment for them from my personal money. But, they said that the flat was far away from the schools of their children and that they don't have a proper means of transportation," the MP said.

Dr. Al Sammak said she reached nowhere when she

approached the Housing Ministry for assistance, as the ministry officials apparently said that their duty was to repair the damaged flat and not to provide the family with a temporary one.

"Then I approached the Northern Governorate, but I was informed that the institution doesn't have sufficient budget to fund such a procedure," she clarified.

The MP contacted the minister's bureau, which replied within an hour, confirming that a flat has been allocated to accommodate the family within the same area of their damaged apartment, as per the direct orders of the minister to the governorate.

According to Dr. Al Sammak, the family will spend

2-3 weeks at the temporary unit, until their revamped flat is ready.

The lawmaker expressed her sincere gratitude to the minister for his prompt reply.

She added that she's currently following up with the Housing Minister to stand on the latest progress of the revamps.

As reported earlier on DT News, ten people were rescued

by the Civil Defence from the building. The Interior Ministry confirmed that no injuries were reported in the mishap, but the flat was completely destroyed.

Hope restored for homeless family

Cause of fire revealed

Eyewitnesses informed the fire was caused by an electric short circuit, though this has not been confirmed officially.

Dr. Al Sammak told *DT News* that an air-conditioning unit at the flat was engulfed in flames due to overload, while the family was asleep.

"One of their daughters is bed-ridden after undergoing a spine surgery recently. It was required to keep her in an air-conditioned area. The father informed that they had kept the AC on for three continuous days and that's what caused the fire," the MP said.



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Dirt bikers under watch



Dirt bikes would be regulated with new rules that will be announced soon, such as mandatory registration of bikes and using of safety gear (File Photo)

Strict action against violators mooted

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Authorities are intensifying their efforts to curb illegal dirt bike activities during the coming camping season, it has been confirmed yesterday.

Following the recurrence of fatal accidents due to the reckless use of dirt bikes in Sakhir camping area during the previous years, a new regulation has been proposed to tighten the state's grip on bikers during the camping season. This was announced during a Press conference held yesterday by the Supreme Camping Committee, headed by Southern Governorate Governor Shaikh Abdulla bin Rashid Al Khalifa.

Shaikh Abdulla confirmed to *DT News* that "an administrative decision to regulate the use of dirt bikes in camping areas has been referred by the committee to Interior Minister Lieutenant General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa for approval."



(From left) Mr. Al Sisi, Mr. Abdulatif, Shaikh Abdulla and Colonel Al Dossary at the Press conference yesterday

The Governor informed that using dirt bikes on public roads is prohibited. He said that the new regulation stipulates wearing safety gear while riding, in addition to registering the bikes, in order to avoid risking lives through police chases of violators.

"The highest percentages of fatal accidents during the previous camping season were related to this kind of bikes," he commented.

Southern Governorate Police Directorate

Representative Colonel Isa Thamer Al Dossary stated that more policemen will be deployed in the camping area.

He announced that more undercover policemen, as well as men in uniform will be present to ensure order and security at the camping sites, especially during special occasions, such as National Day and New Year's eve.

The colonel added that the decision to increase the numbers of security personnel followed a slight increase in crime rates during the previous camping seasons.

Season for Family

During the conference, Shaikh Abdulla affirmed that "the camping season is mainly dedicated to families and most camping areas were allocated to them."

The camping area this year is measured to be around 50 square kilometres and each camp is allocated a land not exceeding 900 square metres.

He vowed that any violators would be held accountable before the law.

He said violations include loud speakers and immoral activities. He revealed that camps that violated the rules were removed during the last couple of years.

He called upon all campers to adhere to the announced rules and regulations that are set to ensure their safety.

Mandatory Insurance

The officials added that imposing a refundable BD50 insurance fee on each camp contributed in limiting violations and raising more awareness among campers.

Shaikh Abdulla said: "This is the third year since we implemented the insurance system. Since then, it was noticed that campers are more concerned about abiding by the regulations, preserving the environment and maintaining cleanliness of the surrounding areas."

Advanced Technologies

The officials at the conference announced that this year, campers could

register online. Registration can also be done through a newly-launched app for smart devices that provide campers with a variety of services.

Southern Governorate Investment Development Director and Campers Centre President Mohammed Al Sisi said the app is a prototype and a final version would be released in the next camping season 2016-2017.

The app allows campers to register, reserve desired areas for camping using GPS coordinates and report accidents.

Cleaning Efforts

Southern Area Municipality Director Asim bin Abdulatif Abdulla spoke about the efforts of the municipality in maintaining a hygiene and tidy camping season.

"The numbers of cleaners have been increased to 30 workers. More machinery and equipment have been added to the existing ones. We will have four trucks and two pressing machines. Recycling waste bins will also be placed in

different areas," he confirmed.

"Waste violations have decreased by 25% due to the newly-imposed insurance system and the increased awareness the public gained," the Director said.

Best Camp Award

Shaikh Abdulla confirmed the continuation of Nasser bin Hamad Weekly Best Camp Award, which he said contributed in improving the camping season during the previous years.

It was also declared that this year the award would be reintroduced with new criteria, making it easier for campers to take part in it.

Registration made easy

Committee members explained the steps to register, through a presentation that was displayed during the conference. The season begins on October 22 and ends on March 5. However, registration is open from October 8.

Applicants should be above 21 years old. They should choose the spot they desire to set up their camp using GPS coordinates. Then, a form should be filled with the details of the applicant and the camp after paying the insurance fees of BD50, which will be refunded within a month's time after the camping season ends. Posters would be given to applicants who are requested to post on a visible spot outside their camps. Posters should be returned in order to redeem the insurance amount.



Cyclists' death frets Bahrain

Eight cyclists have been killed this year alone

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With the increase in the deaths caused by bicycle related accidents, authorities have urged cyclists to adhere to traffic instructions, and pay extra attention. Eight cyclists have been killed this year alone.

The latest incident involved a ten-year-old cyclist who was killed in a horrific accident on Zallaq Highway in the Southern Governorate on Saturday.

Informed sources said that "Bahraini Zaid Bassam Khalaf was declared dead on the spot after a speeding car mowed him down at around 7

pm." They added that official investigation is still in process.

Speaking to *DT News* yesterday, Southern Area Municipal Council Chairman Ahmed Al Ansari expressed his sincere condolence to the boy's family. Mr. Al Ansari explained that there are several steps the authorities could follow to prevent such mishaps from recurring, such as construction of speed breakers, allocating a lane for cyclists and creating crossing points. "But all these methods are of no use if people are not educated enough," said Mr. Al Ansari.

"Awareness is the key to limit these deadly accidents. Parents



Mr. Al Ansari

should educate their children about safe traffic behaviours. Employers should do the same to their employees. Authorities should intensify constant

awareness campaigns to educate the public. And he list goes on. We are all responsible," he commented.

The councillor clarified that if residents request, a committee is usually formed to study the necessity of creating speed breakers or other facilities in each area of the country. "It consists of Works, Municipality Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry and General Directorate for Traffic officials, in addition to municipal representative and residents of the area. They look into the concentration of pedestrians and cyclists in the area, as well as the history

of traffic accidents. Speed breakers or signals would be constructed upon the results of these studies," he added.

As reported earlier, a six-year-old Bahraini boy was killed while cycling in Sanad on August 26. A week later, a 16-year-old Bahraini cyclist was killed by a truck on the road near Amwaj.

According to the latest statistics from the General Directorate of Traffic, 5 deaths, 39 serious injuries and 36 minor injuries were reported in bicycle-related accidents in 2014. In 2015, till August, seven fatal accidents, 24 serious accidents and 28 minor accidents have been reported.

Hizbollah statements denounced

Manama

The Lebanese community in Bahrain has strongly denounced a statement against Bahrain made by the Secretary General of the so-called Hizbollah on September 25. The community stressed support to the Bahraini leadership and people and condemned the provocative statement aimed at driving wedges among the Bahraini people and fuelling sectarianism.

The community members praised the good hospitality and care given to them in Bahrain, praising quick response of Lebanese Prime Minister Tamam Sallam to those defamatory statements and his emphasis on Lebanon's unwavering and clear stance supporting the Bahraini leadership and rejecting interference in its internal affairs.

The Lebanese community presented a copy of the statement to Charge D'Affaires of the Lebanese embassy in Bahrain Ibrahim Assaf, who reiterated Lebanon's stance of supporting the Bahraini leadership and rejecting interference in the Kingdom's domestic affairs.

Trust is back, says Nirapara distributor



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Nirapara products are manufactured with utmost care and traditional processing methods. The propaganda spread against Nirapara over social media was aimed at spoiling the reputation of the brand, said John Oommen, General Manager of Yaquby International, the distributor of Nirapara products.

Addressing media yesterday, he said that the Nirapara products were imported after procuring all necessary lab reports from Spice Board of India. After arrival in Bahrain, it gets certification from the lab of Ministry of Health. Therefore, there is no doubt on the quality factors, he said.

Mohammed Salman Al Haddaq, Head of Food Control Section, Ministry of Health, recently stated that Nirapara products were safe and satisfactory as per the health standards of Bahrain. The Nirapara products like chilli, coriander, and turmeric powders were recently withdrawn from Bahraini markets, as a precautionary measure, after social media circulated the report of suspension of Nirapara products in Kerala, India.

It was alleged that chilli, coriander and turmeric powders of Nirapara contained higher starch than the allowed limit. However, Mr. Al Haddaq said that spice powders taken randomly from the Kingdom's retail outlets for lab test showed

no adulteration and no higher starch content was detected.

Mr. Oommen said that the truth had come out and it was the trust and confidence of consumers that made Nirapara one of the leading brands in Bahrain.

Nirapara is one of the prominent brands of Kerala, manufacturing rice, rice flours, pickles and spices and it has presence in more than 21 countries, including the USA, Canada, European region, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore and Middle East countries, he said.

Stejin John, Brand Manager of Nirapara, Anish Karakkad and Business Head of Nirapara-Middle East were present at the Press meet.

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Digitisation is future



The participants at the conference.



Education Minister, Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi addressing the gathering.

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Gone are the days of teachers writing on black boards with a piece of chalk. Gone are also the days of children entering the school with hefty schoolbags. Now, it's time to enter into digital era, where everything is handled with the help of a tab.

According to Amit Rastogi, Senior Sales Engineer of Enterprise Electronic Division of A.A. Bin Hindi, digitisation is the only future for education sector. In a digitised school set up, lessons are displayed on a screen and all these lessons are fed to a tab, to be used by the students later.

Mr Rastogi said that government schools in Dubai are already using digitised system to teach children. "Most of the British schools are also using e-boards. In Bahrain, New Millennium School (NMS-DPS) has also installed as many as 15 e-boards," he said.

In a digital set up, it is easy to save the lessons and capture pictures. Teachers will also find it easier to explain topics. Also, it is easier to mail the content, he said. "Even the homework is done using the tab. Question papers will also be available on tab," he said.

Publishers are also adapting themselves to the digital era as they are also coming up with e-books, Mr Rastogi said.

Change: A major challenge

Dr. Soon Seng Than, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Education and Language at Open University Malaysia, said that change was the major challenge, which should be tackled while digitising the education sector. "Digitising involves technology and younger generation does not have any problem in embracing technology. But the older teachers, who do not belong to the digital era, will have difficulties in accepting changes," he said.

Collaboration of school administrators, teachers, students and parents can successfully take the education sector into the digital era, Dr. Than said.

Ali A. AlKarni, Director General of Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States said that training teachers was the need of the hour to launch digitisation effectively. "Just installation of hardware will not serve the purpose," he said, adding that Gulf states have taken a major step in digitising education sector.

ClassDojo

Bahrain has already introduced a system called ClassDojo, which brings teachers, students and parents together. Under this system, all the activities and progress of students will be recorded digitally. Parents can easily get information about the progress of their students digitally, said Ali Sabeel of Education Ministry.

Minister opens conference

Education Minister Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi yesterday inaugurated the 28th Education Conference themed, 'Digital Empowerment in Education' at Isa Cultural Centre.

The event was attended by Ali A. AlKarni, Director General of Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States, the Ministry's Undersecretary for Education and Curriculum Affairs, Dr. Abdullah Yousef Al Muttawa', several officials and 400 experts, school principals, teaching staff and specialists.

In his inaugural speech, the minister said that the conference comes in compliance with the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to achieve maximum benefit from digital technologies in teaching and learning processes.

Consultancy services tender awarded

Manama

The Assistant Undersecretary for Construction Projects & Maintenance at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning Mona Al Motawa revealed that the Ministry has recently awarded the consultancy services tender for the design and supervision of the Muharraq Long-Stay Care Centre Project, which belongs to the Ministry of Health and is funded by the Gulf Development Programme with a total cost of BD544,000. The project has been approved by both the Saudi Development Fund and the Tender Board.

Ms. Al Motawa explained that the project is included within the Stage One projects of the Gulf Development Programme, which is based on the agreement signed between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in March 24, 2014 at the cost of \$37 million; covering the costs of constructing the centre, constructing a central services building and all other facilities,



Ms. Al Motawa

external works, consultancy services, furniture, medical equipment, electrical and mechanical tools, non-medical and information system related requirements.

The medical complex will be constructed over three phases, the first of which comprises constructing a long-stay care centre with the

capacity to accommodate 100 beds; providing care for patients in need of admission at the care centre for long periods. The centre will also include a reception area for emergency patients, wings and rooms for brain paralysis patients, wings and rooms for patients with other diseases, in addition to an isolation unit for patients with infectious diseases, a lab, a pharmacy, x-ray rooms, sterilization units, a physiotherapy unit, administrative support services and a central building for non-medical services serving the medical complex.

Phase 2 of the project comprises constructing a maternity hospital with 110 beds, while phase 3 will include the construction of a proposed centre for patients with multiple sclerosis.

Mr. Al Motawa added that according to the time programme planned for phase 1 of the project, designs and tender documents will be completed in July 2016, while the tender will be awarded before the end of next year. The project is expected to take 20 months to complete.

Humid, relatively hot weather today



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Manama

The Meteorological Directorate at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications has forecast a relatively humid weather with light dust at the beginning, but relatively hot during the day.

The weatherman also predicted variable winds ranging from 5 to

10 knots, reaching 12 to 17 KT during the day.

The Kingdom might witness maximum temperature up to 38 degrees Celsius and minimum temperature would be 31 degrees Celsius. Sea waves rise from one foot to two feet in shore and two to four feet offshore, the weatherman said.

THINKING MATTERS

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Bahrain Against Iranian Interference

Bahrain's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, met UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly meetings, and presented a formal complaint, this week.

And the complaint was against "Iran for its blatant violations and the continued unacceptable interference in the internal affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain".

Shaikh Khalid also explained to UN why Bahrain was constrained to withdraw the Kingdom's ambassador from Iran and why Bahrain now considers the acting Iranian Ambassador to the Kingdom, as persona non grata.

This, I strongly believe, has been done to enhance the security of the Kingdom and the safety of its people and protect its interests. And Iran must seriously, and immediately, pay attention, to reviewing and changing its stance, particularly towards Bahrain, if it wants to maintain good neighbourliness.

It is saddening for our newspapers to report that dangerous explosives found in some villages of Bahrain, and those that have killed and injured many security personnel and civilians in the last few months, can be directly linked to Iran.

The Ministry of Interior has even foiled an attempt recently to smuggle highly dangerous explosives and several automatic weapons and ammunition, into the country, by sea, from the Iranian waters.

No wonder then that Shaikh Khalid vehemently says, "Iran has chosen the path of escalation in an attempt to exert control over its neighbours by continuing to interfere in internal affairs, exploitation of extremist groups, the provision of safe haven to fugitives and the opening of training camps for terrorist groups, smuggling arms and explosives, that resulted in citizens, expatriates and security personnel being targets of murder and criminal acts that so far claimed 16 lives from security personnel and injured 3,000".

While Bahrain has been fully committed to the principles of good neighbourliness and mutual respect, Iran is flouting International norms, with its interference.

From the "Country Reports on Terrorism 2014", a United States Department of State Publication, of Bureau of Counterterrorism, we can see how certain countries are still not on the right side - when it comes to the security of nations.

Published in June 2015, the document lists Cuba, Iran, Sudan and Syria as "State Sponsors of Terrorism".

To designate a country as a State Sponsor of Terrorism, the US Secretary of State must determine that "the government of such country has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism".

And once a country is designated, it remains a State Sponsor of Terrorism until the designation is rescinded in accordance with set statutory criteria.

Anyone can check the report at this web address: <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/239631.pdf>

Iran is unlikely to get its designation rescinded if it continues this way. I am giving below just two of the many things this report mentions about Iran.

"In March, Israeli naval forces boarded the Klos C cargo ship in the Red Sea off the coast of Sudan. On board, they found 40 M-302 rockets, 180 mortars, and approximately 400,000 rounds of ammunition hidden within crates of cement labeled "Made in Iran" and believed to be destined to militants in the region".

"Iran has provided hundreds of millions of dollars in support of Lebanese Hizballah in Lebanon and has trained thousands of its fighters at camps in Iran. These trained fighters have used these skills in direct support of the Assad regime in Syria and, to a lesser extent, in support of operations against ISIL in Iraq".

This report on 2014, however, does not take into account this year's war in Yemen caused by Houthi rebels, with Iranian support, destabilizing a legitimate Yemeni government.

After the recent US-Iran Nuclear treaty that ended in Iran's favour - which was supported by GCC countries - it is all the more important for Iran to shun interference in others' internal affairs. And to work for the progress of its own people.

Drug peddling lands British national in jail

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A Briton accused of peddling drugs will spend next ten years in Bahraini jail after the High Criminal Court has pronounced him guilty.

The 32-year-old defendant landed in police net after an officer in plain clothes lured him to sell BD100 worth of hashish. The operation was conducted following a tip-off. Two pocket digital scales as well as several small packets of hashish were seized from his apartment during police inspection.

During questioning, the defendant told the prosecutor that he began consuming hashish 10 years ago. But he began selling it just two months ago, he claimed.

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The public prosecution accused him of illicit drug consumption and peddling. Earlier, he pleaded not guilty to drug peddling. Judges at the High Criminal Court have also fined him BD5000 for his crime and ordered for his deportation once he completes his jail time.

Earlier, the court ordered for his mental assessment to determine his psychological condition.

37 inmates enroll in vocational courses

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As many as 37 inmates at the Reformation and Rehabilitation Centre in Jaw have started studies at the branch of the Nasser Centre for Rehabilitation and Vocational Training. The centre will provide them with advanced reformation programmes to assist them to get integrated into society.

The programme is part of the initiative of Supreme Council for Youth and Sport Chairman, Bahrain Olympic Committee President and Royal Charity Organisation Chairman HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and Nasser Centre for Rehabilitation and Vocational Training to enhance cooperation between the centre and the Interior Ministry's General Directorate of Reformation and Rehabilitation, and the development strategy launched by Interior Minister Lt-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa.

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Industry minister meets IFA Director-General

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Bahrain is one of the biggest fertiliser exporting countries in the world, said Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister, Zayed R. Al Zayani.

The minister made this comments as he met the Director General of the International Fertiliser Industry Association (IFA), Charlotte Hebebrand, in presence of GPIC president and Chairman of IFA, Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery.

“The Kingdom is proud of its global status in manufacturing agricultural nutrients and fertilisers and its central role in supporting enhancing global food security,” the minister added.

They discussed a number of issues and topics on economic affairs, in particular the fertilisers production industry and its impact on food security and agricultural development.

The minister praised the role of IFA and the president who is currently visiting the country to enhance this sector and raise awareness on the importance of cooperation between all countries to achieve food security.

The minister also hailed the role played by GPIC and IFA in advancing fertiliser industry.



The minister with IFA Director-General and the GPIC president.

Book in Gulf Air to enjoy rail travels



Manama

Gulf Air has announced a collaboration with ACP Rail International, a leading distributor of rail passes and train tickets to travellers from around the world, allowing them to book and purchase rail tickets for travel across the globe, via rail.gulfair.com.

With railway partners in Europe, Asia and Australasia, ACP Rail International will offer a range of rail products to Gulf Air passengers, allowing travellers to explore the many destinations across the airline's network and beyond.

Travellers arriving in London can now avail complete range of domestic train e-tickets, Eurostar e-tickets to Paris and Brussels, as well as BritRail passes for travel throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Travellers arriving in Frankfurt can purchase train tickets to all major European destinations in addition to booking German Rail pass tickets for travel throughout the country and beyond. For these destinations, as well as for travellers arriving in Paris, Athens and Istanbul, the complete range of Eurail Passes is on offer for travel throughout Europe.

Commenting on the new offer, Gulf Air Acting Chief Commercial Officer Ahmed Janahi said that they were working to change the concept of travel, making it a more convenient and attractive proposition while simultaneously broadening the scope of Gulf Air's reach across the globe. “I truly believe our passengers will find this new service both highly appealing and beneficial,” he said.

ACP Rail International VP of Business Development and Marketing, Denis Grenier said that rail travel offers customers more end destinations which greatly complements travel

with Gulf Air, where ultimately customers will enjoy the convenience of arriving in city centres by train.

The rail services available on rail.gulfair.com compliment the airline's existing suite of additional online services that can be accessed via gulfair.com, the airline's one-stop-shop website that offers hotel bookings, car rental, travel insurance. The recently added Gulf Air Tours service gives passengers access to a variety of travel add-ons such as sightseeing tours, museum passes, tours, excursions, local activities and airport transfers at their final destination.

KHCB launches new e-banking services

Manama

Khaleeji Commercial Bank (KHCB) has announced the launch of its new e-banking services with a user friendly interface. The e-banking will enable the customers to perform all their banking transactions online, in utmost convenience.

To supplement the services that were on avail, KHCB has now added a whole host of elaborate features that include providing its customers with the summary of their accounts when required by them, furnishing them with their comprehensive account details upon request, offering them the option of transferring amounts between different KHCB accounts and making available to them Standing Order services.

These new provisions also encompass presenting Batelco and Zain customers the opportunity for balance inquiry and bill payments through online transactions without having to go to the telecommunication network providers' respective outlets. It will also display constantly updated exchange rates and the latest bank tariffs, extending to their clientele the highly practical option of turning on SMS alert notifications that cover any and all transactions and giving them the choice of changing their Account PIN Number via its website.

KHCB has also entirely redesigned its website interface making it highly compatible for all its customers, regardless of their technological aptitude, whilst making it more secure with the provision of security features that include the alternative option of choosing security questions, colours or pictures in addition to the customary respective account user name, ID and password. The interface of the new e-banking service can be adjusted according to screen dimensions on any device used such as smartphones, tablets and laptops. In addition, for the first time in its history, KHCB has introduced Mobile Banking services.

Khalil Al Meer, Chief Executive Officer of KHCB said that the initiative comes as part of KHCB's constant system development. “With the added introduction of Mobile Banking as part of our extensive services offered, it currently enables our clientele to go about their business transactions and monetary dealings from the comfort of their own home, which is something we have been looking into providing for a while now,” he said.

KHCB has also introduced its own Swift Code for use in the G.C.C. region and internationally.



Mr. Al Ameer

Third Bahraini aid shipment reaches Yemen

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Third shipment of humanitarian aid for the war-torn people of Yemen was successfully delivered yesterday.

Royal Charity Organisation earlier sent two shipments of humanitarian aid, where the first shipment contained the largest distribution of aid weighing 910 tonnes of medical, food and relief materials, while the second shipment was shipped through Aden International Airport.

Highlighting the humanitarian approach of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Supreme Council for Youth and Sport Chairman, Bahrain Olympic Committee President and

Shaikh Nasser said that the third batch of humanitarian relief delivery to Yemeni people contained a number of relief items that provides basic needs.

Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) Chairman HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa expressed his sincere appreciation to HM the King. He also praised the support given to RCO by Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and Crown

Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

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Meanwhile, the Saudi led coalition welcomed the initiative of Bahrain for the participation and provision of aid to the people of Yemen.

Dr. Mustafa Al Sayed, Secretary General for RCO confirmed that the third shipment was sent with the help of Bahrain Red Crescent Society to ease the sufferings of the people of Yemen. He also paid tribute to HM the King for his humanitarian initiatives to help the needy all over the world.



Shaikh Nasser delivers the third shipment of aid to the brotherly people of Yemen.



Members of the forum

'Fund research to boost innovation'

Experts discuss Bahrain's R&D scene & ways to boost innovation

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National, regional and international experts gathered in Bahrain yesterday to explore ways to design a national research fund structure and endowment policy that would help Bahraini research and innovation.

The experts engaged in discussions at a forum titled 'Creating endowment policies and research fund structure', conducted jointly by MENA Centre for Investment and the Higher Education Council (HEC) of the Ministry of Education.

The forum looked into the development of a national system for endowment policies and research fund that could be developed in Bahrain with an aim to support and encourage higher education and research. It was attended by officials from universities, State Owned Enterprises (SOEs),



Dr. Kane speaking at the event.

Ministries and Funding Bodies. Speakers at the event included MENA Centre for investment Chairman of Board of Trustees Dr. Zakaria Hejres, HEC Secretary General Riyad Hamzah and Salford University Professor Dr. Kevin Kane.

The experts discussed the current state of Research and Development (R&D) in Bahrain and how it can be improved. They stressed that funding research would result in innovations in various fields. The forum also looked into creating a specialist fund for research that would be supported by interested parties such as SOEs and private enterprise in the hope of enhancing the academic workforce in Bahrain.

"The fund would be directed through the model of chairs, students and readerships to create advanced research in innovation/productivity and new technologies that may benefit many sectors in Bahrain. Thus, resulting in the promotion of both the public and private sectors in the GCC and Global markets," MENA Centre for Investment and HEC said in a joint statement.

Time to become a knowledge economy

Private sector must also invest in education, research & innovation

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This is the right time to fund education, research and innovation as Bahrain could move away from oil dependency and become a knowledge-based economy, an expert has opined.

Funding research will not strain the economy, on the contrary it will help the economy grow, said Higher Education Council (HEC) Secretary General Riyad Hamzah. This is because investment in research could promote innovation which breeds entrepreneurship and economic growth, he opined.

Speaking to *DT News* he said that the difficult economic situation due to the drop in oil prices is no reason to restrain from spending on research. He said that the current economic situation is actually a reason to fund research because it will help diversity the economy and grow a 'knowledge-based economy'.

"Because of the financial situation in Bahrain and the Gulf due to the drop of oil prices, it has become even more important to invest in research. Bahrain



Riyad Hamzah

could become a knowledge-based economy. To build a knowledge-based economy, you need to innovate and you have to create a new ways of contributing to the economy. Innovation and entrepreneurship are very important; these two concepts should be encouraged more in our institutions whether in industries or academic

institutions," he said.

"Investing in research can have a positive impact on the economy by creating new products and new venues for investments; whether it is technological, electronic or anything else. For example, in logistics, we could invest in a research to innovate something that will help Bahrain become a leading country in the field of logistics. I encourage the private sector to invest in research by contributing through endowments. They can also work with the academic institutions and the research institutions.

"This is not a charity, people have to understand its significance because it helps stabilize the economy. We believe that awareness about this is increasing as also the private sector support. We hope to see more of it," he said.



Information and Parliament Affairs Minister Isa bin Abdulrahman Al-Hammadi stressed the importance of cooperation between the executive and legislative branches of government to enrich Bahrain's democratic practices. He was speaking as he held a work meeting with former Parliament Affairs Minister Ghanim Al Buainain for a handover of responsibilities and duties. Mr. Al Hammadi commended his predecessor for his dedicated efforts to strengthen executive-legislative cooperation.

'Physical assault caused disability'

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A man caused a permanent disability to his neighbour through a physical attack, court files revealed.

The latter reportedly slipped into a coma following the assault, but recovered his consciousness in a Thailand hospital.

According to court files, the alleged victim fell from the stairs. However, different account of events was given during interrogations as the alleged assailant stated that he acted in self defence when his neighbour wanted to attack him. "My wife told me that he (the alleged victim) had shouted on her and hurled insults on her. A few days passed, and I received a phone call from him and he was shouting at me without any reason. I requested him to hang up the phone and come to me to settle the issue," the alleged assailant told prosecutors.

"He came to me, but was very aggressive. So I wanted to protect myself. I pushed him and he fell from the stairs," he added. However, the alleged victim told prosecutors that his neighbour was causing nuisance. Therefore, he went and knocked his door to inform him. "When he opened the door he immediately attacked me. I woke up in Thailand and they told me that I had been in a coma," he explained.

The defendant, according to a medical report, suffered a permanent 45 per cent hearing loss in his right ear. The High Criminal Court yesterday adjourned the case until November 1 for review. The defendant has pleaded not guilty.

Subsidy review panel suspended

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MP Ali Al Muqla, a member of the Parliamentary Subsidy Review Committee said that the country has ended the operations of Parliamentary Subsidy Review Committee.

Mr. Al Muqla said there's no reason to justify the existence of the committee since it failed to prevent the government from lifting the meat subsidy without reaching an agreement with the Parliament.

"We also gave our full cooperation and we accepted the option of the government taking a loan, we accepted the option of ration card to help the citizens. They also announced very little



Mr. Al Muqla

amount which doesn't help the citizens and doesn't combat the meat price increase," he said.

He also pointed out that the decision to raise the price of meat was not conditioned properly and the Consumer Protection at the Ministry of Industry of Commerce did not play any active role against the price increase. The continuation of the Bahrain Livestock Company in monopolizing the market with the government's ongoing support prevents virtually any competition.

Mr. Al Muqla said that most butchers do not own farms nor slaughterhouses making the company control the market which leads to a price increase.

Mr. Al Muqla feared that the removal of subsidy would be like a train without

brakes that won't stop even if the citizens are harmed. The decision to lift meat subsidies is expected to be followed up with decisions to remove subsidies for electricity, fuel and water under a new policy which will inevitably lead to the elimination of the idea of the welfare state and a decent living to the Bahraini citizens.

He requested that the government reconsider the option of ration cards to insure decent living standards for the citizens.

He wished that the government would reconsider its decision and conduct a comprehensive scientific study on how to treat the consequences of the decision to lift the subsidy with the benefit to the Bahraini citizens.

NIHR delegation meets Bahrain UN Ambassador

Geneva

The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR)'s delegation met the Kingdom of Bahrain's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office in Geneva, Ambassador Yousef Abdel Kareem on the sidelines of the delegation's participation in the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)'s 30th session.

NIHR Deputy chairman Abdullah Al-Dirazi projected the role of the National Institution since its establishment in boosting and protecting human rights in the Kingdom as well as its role in disseminating the culture of human rights through

training programmes it offers in association with the relevant official bodies and NGOs.

He cited the National Institution's programme in collaboration with the Supreme Judicial Council through future judges, the cooperation programme with the University of Bahrain in training students at the Legal Clinic and Human Rights Centre, the training of novice lawyers, in addition to the programme for training police officers in the Royal Academy of Police (RAP).

Maria Khoury, Head of Complaints, Monitoring and Follow Up Mechanism in the National Institution, explained the mechanism of follow up

of complaints through the clue recently approved by the Commissioners Board, citing the extent of response on the part of the relevant bodies in following up complaints received by the Institution, affirming the Institution's role undertaken in terms of monitoring the situation of human rights according to its legal jurisdiction.

Ambassador Yousef Abdel Kareem commended the magnificent efforts of the National Institution in promoting human rights in the society, affirming Institution's roles. The meeting was attended by National Institution's Acting Secretary-general, Advisor Yasser Ghanim,

Husband's murder: Ruling on Nov. 2

The Indian woman is accused of killing her husband by stabbing him 72 times

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Court will deliver its ruling on November 2 in the trial of a 27-year-old Indian woman accused of killing her husband by stabbing him 72 times.

She appeared yesterday before the High Criminal Court, where her lawyer Manal Ali submitted her final argument, requesting the court to drop the charges against her client.

The woman reportedly decided to murder her 40-year-old husband after she fell in love with another man living abroad. The forensic doctor's report showed that the man died from 74 wounds across his body, ranging between human bites and knife injuries.

The woman told prosecutors that her husband 'took his own life' by stabbing himself in the neck, chest and abdomen because of financial problems. However, she was arrested after her 5-year-old daughter told police

that her mother was behind the murder. The child said that she saw her mother stabbing her father, adding that they were fighting everyday.

It is said that the man begged his wife during the final minutes of his life, to stop the attack, but she finished him off by sawing his neck. The public prosecutor charged the defendant with premeditated murder. The charges were made based on the daughter's confession, the forensic doctor's report and the evidences gathered from the scene, including the knife, which was used to commit the crime.

Ironically, the woman deliberately made some cuts on her body to make the police believe that she had attempted to prevent her husband from committing suicide. But the public prosecution ruled out her allegations, stating that it was impossible for a human to hurt himself in this manner in order to commit suicide. The woman would be sentenced to death penalty or life imprisonment if judges find her guilty.



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MY DREAM ride



Exterior styling is mature and appealing: Audi's design team has quietly distinguished itself by keeping its designs crisp, cutting-edge, and perfectly proportioned. The new A6 may be its best effort yet-just look at the exquisite detailing of the headlights and taillights, or at how this fundamentally front-wheel-drive car is clipped at the nose to give it the taut profile of rear-wheel-drive rivals. No doubt about it, this Audi's got style which matches my lifestyle and makes it my favourite ride

- Vinny Aseeja



TAS'HEELAT AUTOMOTIVE TO COOPERATE WITH GAC MOTOR

Within its strategy for 2015, Tas'heelat Automotive - part of Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company - signed an agreement of understanding between them and the GAC MOTOR Company, one of the leading Chinese automobile manufacturers since 1985, whereby Tas'heelat Automotive will have the rights to represent the GAC brand as exclusive agency and distributor in the Kingdom of Bahrain markets.

The signing ceremony was in China this year and attended by Dr. Adel Hubail BCFC Group CEO, Khalid Mattar Chairman, and from GAC Motor Wu Song Executive Director of GAC, and from the International Business Division of GAC Jerry Lue Chief of the Division, & Wang



Shunsheng General Manager of its Business Division.

It is worth mentioning, GAC MOTOR Company, which is stationed in the People's Republic of China - a subsidiary GAC GROUP - has

brilliance from the majority of other Chinese industries as it enjoys strong partnerships and joint ventures with several global automakers, including Toyota, Honda, Mitsubishi, Fiat companies, and Jeep. The

GAC cars are built to meet international quality standards with the most famous pieces of well-known international brands suppliers from Germany, the United States, Canada, and Japan.

SET TO REINVENT LARGE SEDAN SEGMENT

Game-changing premium '4-door sports car' takes first bows in Middle East



Samir Cherfan, Managing Director of Nissan Middle East

Nissan has unveiled the all-new, game-changing Nissan Maxima 2016 for the Middle East. The completely redesigned 8th generation model is the sportiest most powerful Maxima ever.

The all-new Nissan Maxima 2016 is set to re-define its segment as it brings head turning design, enhanced performance and state-of-the-art technology to Middle

East customers. Together, these attributes make the new Nissan Maxima a unique combination of sports car style with premium elegance.

Nissan Middle East Managing Director, Samir Cherfan, commented: "The dramatically styled all-new

Nissan Maxima 2016, created by driving enthusiasts for driving enthusiasts, looks like nothing else on the road today - and drives like nothing in the segment. It not only resets Nissan Maxima's iconic

'4-Door Sports Car' positioning, it sets a new standard for style, performance and technology in the large sedan segment.

"The new Nissan Maxima reinvents what has been essentially a conservative segment. It raises the bar incredibly high in class-leading design, fuel efficiency, performance and technology. The market hasn't seen anything as exciting as this within this segment."

The high performance, top-end sedan will support Nissan's ambitious business target. Nissan expects the all-new Nissan Maxima 2016 will command a 12 per cent share in the E-segment in the GCC, with a goal of selling around 7,000 vehicles, an increase of more than 70 per cent in sales compared to 2014.



Key Features in the All New Nissan Maxima 2016:

Aura

Nissan Maxima's styling showcases Nissan's new design language - including V-Motion front end, signature boomerang lights, kick-up C-pillars and unique floating roof appearance. Inside, the Nissan Maxima's premium class-above, bespoke interior is anchored by a driver's cockpit that rivals luxury vehicles.

The new vehicle was developed under the inspiration of the Blue Angels at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola - Florida, United States. It holds a specific style inspired by the 'jet fighter' styling theme and ergonomic layout.

The futuristic appearance is finished with large dual exhaust chrome tailpipe finishers and 18-inch machined aluminum-alloy wheels. The

Nissan Maxima SR adds 19-inch aluminum-alloy wheels that use a unique diamond-cut machined finish.

The Nissan Maxima's totally redesigned interior is anchored by a "command centre" driver's cockpit and a premium bespoke style crafted execution. The console also features luxurious padding on the sides with contrasted stitching. A new Display Commander control on the console allows fingertip control of the center display as befitting a premium sport sedan.

The Nissan Maxima's interior execution was a strong focus from the onset of development, with the goal of offering an interior that truly rivals luxury vehicles. It

offers genuine stitching on the instrument panel, doors and console, available ambient lighting, available premium leather seating surfaces with diamond-quilted inserts, unique faceted finishers and a sporty D-shaped (flat-bottom) steering wheel.

The all-new Nissan Maxima 2016's comfort is inspired by Nissan's 'Zero Gravity Seats' design with added foam topper pad for initial softness and long-term comfort that consists of acoustic laminated glass (windshield and front side glass), and Active Noise Cancellation System for a quieter cabin.

As with the exterior, interior colors were carefully considered to fit with Maxima's exclusive sports-premium personality.

A CLASS ASIDE-

Merc 450 SLC 1980

Model : 1980 Mercedes Benz 450 SLC

Type : 2 Door coupe.

Engine : 4.5 L V8

Power: 220 hp @ 5000 rpm

Torque : 377 Nm @ 3000 rpm

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A part from Pierce Brosnan, Cate Blanchett and Jennifer Lopez, there are a few more 'beings' on earth that never show the sign of aging. If you get us wrong, then it is time to get yourself introduced to this youthful 1980 Mercedes Benz 450 SLC.

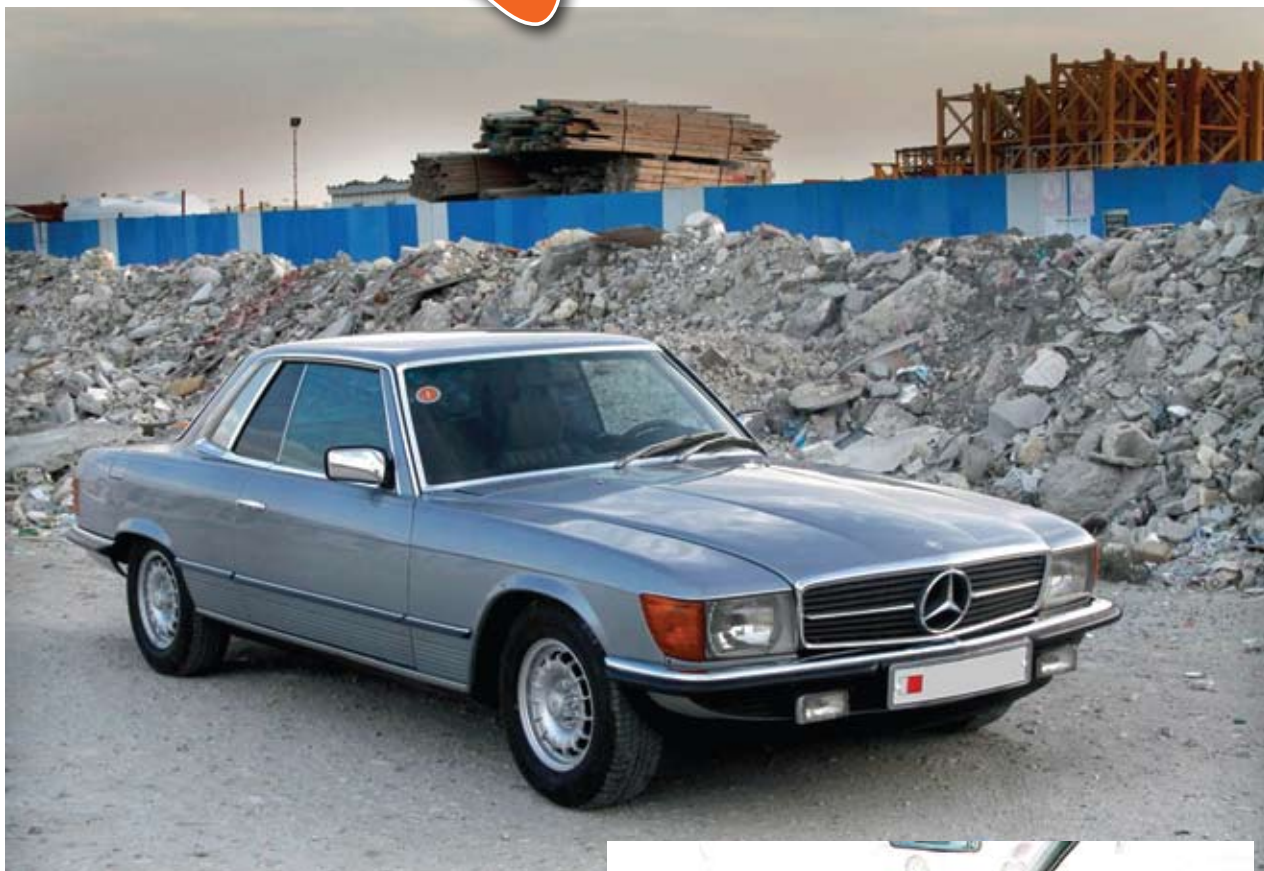
The SL and SLC together were considered to the second longest series ever

produced by the Mercedes after the G-Class. The series was manufactured from 1971 to 1989; SLC was internally known as C107.

Unlike some of the classics, this SLC was in good working condition when bought by the collector. The 450SL arrived here in 1973, along with U.S.-spec bumpers that joined the twin sealed-beam headlamps in marring the good looks of the European version of the car. Like the previous SL, it

had a standard removable hardtop that could, with the aid of another person or an optional garage-mounted winch, be removed and stowed in a special rack. A canvas top was stowed under a hard tonneau cover and could be erected fairly easily, locking and unlocking with the same tool used to secure the hardtop.

This 2 door hardtop coupe comes with



normal rear seats. It is popularly known as an 'SL coupe', but in reality it was an S-class coupe, replacing the former saloon-based 280/300 SE coupe in Mercedes lineup. The SLC was replaced in 1981 with a much larger model called the 380 SEC based on the new S class. The SLC is powered by a 4.5 Litre V8 engine which generates 220hp at 5000 rpm. It has a torque of 377 Nm at 3000 rpm.

The car is definitely powerful and although people don't prefer speeding while driving classics, this particular car is an exception. One can drive it at considerable speeds; this car doesn't show signs of aging. One doesn't have to shy away from "abusing" this car, because it simply rocks!



Hyundai Motor's campaign 'A Message to Space'

Hyundai Motor's pioneering 'A Message to Space' campaign has won two bronze awards at the international Clio Awards in the Film Technique and Out of Home categories. This latest success completes a triple awards crown for the innovative film following other recent acknowledgement achieved at the Cannes Lions and New York Festivals awards.

Soon to reach 70 million views on YouTube, the 'Message to Space' video has been the centre of attention on social media around the world since its launch in April. The creative campaign tells the story of how Hyundai Motor sent a message from a

Video scoops bronze awards in Film Technique and Out of Home categories
Video of daughter's note to astronaut father seen by over 69 million viewers online

13-year-old girl to her astronaut father.

In the video, 11 Genesis cars write a huge message, covering about 5.55 km², on the Delamar Dry Lake, Nevada – an image the girl's father was able to capture from the International Space Station. In a unique extension to the concept, Hyundai Motor invited viewers to create their own virtual message to share with loved ones, an opportunity taken up by more than 85,000 people around the world.

The Genesis, Hyundai Motor's premium sedan, which is featured



in the film is surprisingly well suited to the terrain of the dry lake in Nevada thanks to its HTRAC all-wheel drive system – available at the push of a button. Customers who drive Genesis appreciate the model's superior

grip in all weather conditions, plus its fun-to-drive performance when the HTRAC system is activated.

On top of its internet popularity, the video was aired more than 800 times on US

national TV channels such as ABC, Fox TV, and NBC, as well as being covered by numerous high-profile print and online media including TIME, People and Forbes. The Clio Awards recognition follows four bronze honours at the Cannes Lions and New York Festival events – including the Third Prize Award in the 'Film: Use of Medium' category at the 2015 New York Festivals World's Best Advertising awards.

Commenting on the latest accolade, which was recognised by Guinness World Records as creating the largest tyre track image ever Jin (James) Kim, Vice President and Head of Hyundai

Motor Company operations in Africa and the Middle East said: "The Message to Space campaign effectively communicated our company's 'New Thinking' through a number of impactful marketing platforms making its launch a tremendous success."

The Clio Awards have been rewarding excellence in advertising, design and communication since the first ceremony in 1960. Categories are judged internationally, adding to Hyundai Motor's worldwide acclaim for its 'A Message to Space' video, reaching viewers across the globe, and connecting with those further afield, too – like the astronaut in the story.

The Prius Story

A CAR FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

During the 1990s, the global automotive market was still coming to grips with the need for a vehicle which would contribute to reduced emissions, and minimize the impact on the environment. The situation was ripe for change and a new approach to developing a successful mass-produced environmentally friendly vehicle.



Takeshi Uchiyamada



Akihiro Wada

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMBALANCE

The Industrial Revolution drastically changed man's relationship with nature—and not for the better. Our modern life style is powered by fossil fuels—petroleum, coal and natural gas. The concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere alone has increased about 40% since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

Massive release of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases such as methane are producing runaway climate change, with global temperatures projected to rise as much as 4.8 or more by the end of the century.

Global warming is a primary cause of extreme climatic changes everywhere. It is said that Global warming will result in an extreme increase in high temperature, heat waves, and increase in heavy rain. In recent years, we have seen events such as

powerful sand and dust storms in the Arabian Peninsula and North Africa, and these are signs that signal even more trouble on the horizon. Dust, itself contributes to global climate change.

CARS-THE PROBLEM OR THE SOLUTION?

Cars are one of the problems contributing to this global environmental imbalance due to their emissions. But they can also be a solution.

Facing severe environmental problems such as global warming, it became necessary to create a new kind of car. As one of the pioneers of eco-technology, Toyota was quick to recognize the severity of the environmental challenges facing the world and decided to take up this challenge.

in areas such as engine, chassis, and body design and production technology. The activities of the G21 team were known only to a few and carried out on an executive office floor completely separate from the rest of the company. Rumours spread throughout the company about “a mysterious team working on a mysterious project”.

NOT ONE AND A HALF TIMES, BUT DOUBLE

Later in 1994, Akihiro Wada became Executive Vice President for Research and Development and Chief Executive for the G21 Project. Mr. Uchiyamada had originally targeted an increase in fuel efficiency one and a half times better using direct fuel injection and a new transmission. Mr. Wada realized that this goal, ambitious as it might seem, was not enough. What was needed was double the fuel efficiency, and he insisted that the project would be cancelled immediately if this could not be achieved. For Mr. Uchiyamada and his team, that meant creating a totally new kind of technology—the hybrid power system.

Of course, it wasn't called a hybrid back then. When the concept car debuted in the fall of 1995, it was powered by something known as the TOYOTA Energy Management System—a dual motor system with an electric motor assisting a gasoline engine. Searching for a name for this car, Toyota decided on “Prius” which is the Latin adverb for “prior”—“coming before”, an appropriate choice since this was well before the

environmental movement went mainstream. The technology was there. The design and engineering concepts were ready. The next step was manufacturing and marketing. The team set a target date just two years ahead—1997. The story was about to begin.

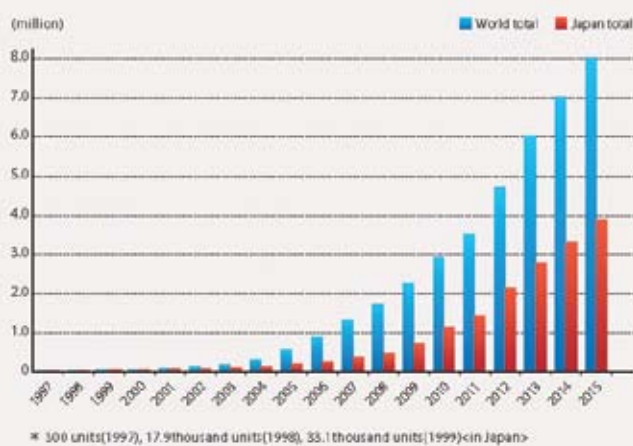
WORLDWIDE APPEAL & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

In 1997 Toyota introduced the world's first mass produced hybrid vehicle—the Prius—offering much better fuel economy than any other vehicle powered by a gasoline engine. Prius surprised the world. The idea of the Prius has caught on since then. In 2008, there were a million new Priuses on the road. By 2013, it was three million, indicating that the new eco-technology had gone mainstream and was no longer just something for a few environmentally conscious progressives—but rather the best choice for just about everyone.

Hybrids are clearly becoming more and more popular. By July of 2015, Toyota had sold more than 8 million hybrids globally—which meant about 58 million tons less CO₂ in the atmosphere.

Whether it is North America, Europe and Asia, a new lifestyle is evolving globally and more people are signing on to buy the Prius hybrid.

Total number of hybrid vehicles sold globally



TOP SECRET PROJECT-“G21”

The Prius project began in the early 1990s. In 1993, Toyota created G21, a project researching future generation cars for the 21st century. In January 1994, Takeshi Uchiyamada was appointed to head G21. He would later become chief engineer for the Prius. His first step was to set up a team with 10 engineers specializing



The Prius Concept Car introduced in 1995, with a capacitor to store electrical energy.

COMBINING UNPARALLELED LUXURY WITH SPORTING ABILITY

Bentley Motors has announced full details of its pinnacle, sector-defining new model, the Bentayga.

The Bentley Bentayga combines unparalleled luxury with effortless performance and everyday usability.

With an all-new W12 powertrain, the Bentayga is the fastest, most powerful, most luxurious and most exclusive SUV in the world. It offers a true Bentley driving experience and showcases innovative technology features.

Designed, engineered and handcrafted in Crewe, the Bentayga's styling is pure

Bentley. Sculptural with an elegant, timeless execution, it perfectly balances athleticism with confidence. From the four round LED headlamps and large matrix grille, to the distinctive power line and muscular haunches, the Bentley DNA is apparent throughout.

The Bentley Bentayga boasts the world's finest automotive cabin, with unrivalled levels of precision. The detailing in metal, wood and leather – including meticulous tolerances between elements of trim – is the epitome of modern British



luxury. This level of perfection is only achievable thanks to the exceptional craft and skill of Bentley's colleagues in Crewe.

An all-new twin-turbocharged 6.0-litre W12

engine is at the heart of the new Bentayga. The mighty 12-cylinder unit combines efficiency and refinement with ultra-luxurious levels of power and torque. With 608 PS (600

bhp / 447kW) and 900 Nm (663 lb. ft) delivering a 0-60 mph time of 4.0 seconds (0-100 km/h in 4.1 seconds) and a top speed of 187 mph (301 km/h), the Bentayga is the world's most powerful and fastest SUV.

Wolfgang Dürheimer, chairman and chief executive of Bentley Motors, comments: “The Bentayga is truly the Bentley of SUVs. It redefines luxury in the SUV sector and offers a genuine Bentley experience in any environment, thanks to a combination of unparalleled attention to detail, go-anywhere ability and

cutting-edge technology. With this extraordinary car we are looking forward to an exciting period of strong growth and sales success for Bentley. The Bentayga is the next step in our brand's bold future.”

The Bentayga will make its full public debut at the IAA Frankfurt Show from 15 to 27 September. Customer deliveries commence in early 2016.

Further details about the Bentayga, including video interviews with key members of the design and development team, are available at www.bentleymedia.com.

CELEBS

@BarackObama tweets on Obama and Michelle's 23rd wedding anniversary yesterday: "Twenty-three years and still going strong. Here's to many more. #HappyAnniversary"



CLINTON-FAUX AND REAL AT SNL!

Washington
Set 'em up, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and lend an ear to the troubles of a presidential candidate.

The front-runner for the Democratic nomination appeared on the season opener of "Saturday Night Live" as a wise bartender named Val who pours a drink or two for, ahem, Hillary Clinton (played by "SNL" regular Kate McKinnon).

Most political candidates play themselves on "SNL," often for just a cameo in a sketch or to declare the show's famous tag line, "Live from New York — it's Saturday night!" Seldom do they go all-out thespian and play a

character in a sketch.

"So, Hillary," Clinton asks McKinnon, "what brings you here tonight?"

"Well, I needed to blow off some steam," McKinnon says. "I've had a hard couple of 22 years."

Asked what she does for a living, McKinnon says in imitation of Clinton's earnest monotone: "First, I am a grandmother. Second, I am a human, entrusted with this one green Earth."

"Oh," Clinton says, "you're a politician."

And just who is Val? Clinton deadpans, "I'm just an ordinary citizen who believes the Keystone pipeline will destroy our environment."

Doppelganger Avril, new hot in hoax city



Celeb Facts

Liam Payne, a member of English-Irish pop boy band One Direction, has a phobia of spoons!

Sydney
Forget about the moon landings and Biggie and Tupac. The latest conspiracy theory to get behind is the idea that everyone's favourite pop punk princess Avril Lavigne actually died in 2003 and an imposter has taken her place for the last 12 years.

It's a lot to take

on board but don't Let Go, because this theory gets a lot more interesting. And it explains that Hello Kitty single!

Started by a Brazilian Avril Lavigne fan page, the hoax goes that after the release of her 2002 debut album Avril couldn't handle the pressures of fame and began using a body double called Melissa. Poor Avril!



ROBIN WILLIAMS' ESTATE FEUD SETTLED

San Francisco
The wife and adult children of US comic actor Robin Williams have reached a settlement on his estate, lawyers say.

The out-of-court settlement has not been disclosed in detail, but brings to an end a legal battle that has raged since Williams' suicide last year.

A lawyer for Susan Williams


said she would stay in the San Francisco home she had shared with the actor.

A lawyer for the three children said they were pleased that the legal battle had now been ended.

Susan Williams' lawyer, James Wagstaffe said that she would stay in the home, be provided with living expenses and keep possession of various items.

THESE CELEBS ARE DOING IT 'FINE'

Several famous actors, musicians, athletes, and politicians have had tax liens placed against them or been charged with tax evasion. Some of these celebrities paid a fine as soon as they learned of the charges, while others served time in prison.

Lindsay Lohan

Back in 2012, the IRS seized all of Lindsay Lohan's bank accounts in order to repay \$233,904 in unpaid federal taxes that she owed to the government. The US actress, whose career has included critical and popular success in her youth, followed by a period of substance abuse and legal troubles.



Sophia Loren

In 1982, Sophia Loren served 18 days in jail for tax evasion.

Pamela Anderson

Pamela Anderson has a history of tax trouble. In 2009, a lien was filed against her for \$1.7 million. In 2012, the IRS (Internal Revenue Service—the US government agency responsible for tax collection and tax law enforcement) filed a lien claiming that she owed \$259,395.75 for unpaid taxes, and the state of California said she owed \$112,118.90.



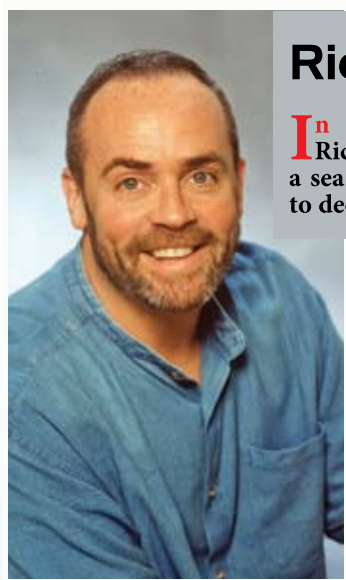
Kelly Osbourne

In 2011, it was reported that Kelly Osbourne owed more than \$30,000 in back taxes to the state of California.



Judy Garland

Judy Garland owed hundreds of thousands of dollars in back taxes.

Richard Hatch


In 2005, "Survivor" winner Richard Hatch found himself in a sea of tax troubles after he failed to declare his winnings to the IRS.

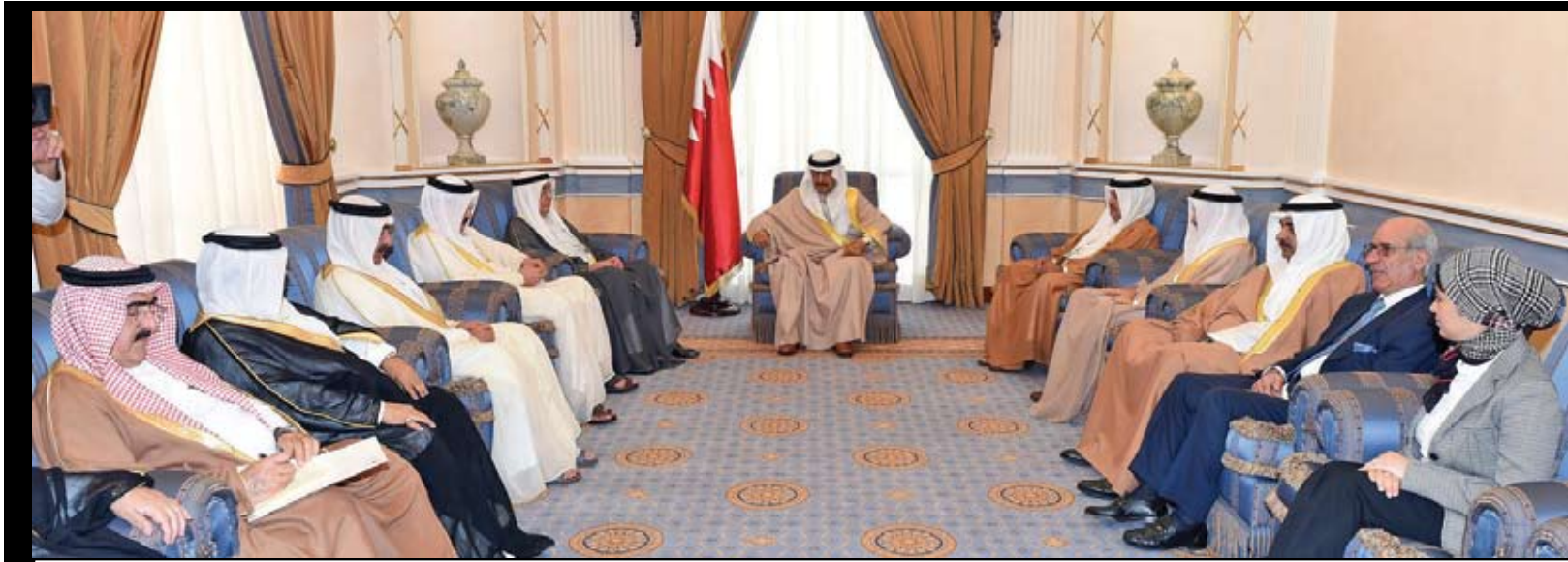
Nicolas Cage

In 2009, the IRS claimed that Nicolas Cage failed to pay over \$6.2 million in federal income tax for the year 2007. The IRS also filed a lien against Cage for more than \$350,000 in unpaid taxes dating from 2002 to 2004.

Al Sharpton

In 1989, Al Sharpton was charged and later acquitted of tax evasion. In 2009, the IRS filed a lien against Sharpton of over \$538,000 in back taxes.





Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received at the Gudaibiya Palace yesterday a number of senior state officials, and highlighted a number of local and regional issues.



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received yesterday the newly-appointed UK Ambassador to Bahrain.



Minister of Interior Lt-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa received here yesterday Commander of the US Naval Forces Central Command and Commander of the Fifth Fleet Vice Admiral Kevin M. Donegan.



Energy Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza met Director General of the International Federation of Airports (IFA) Charlotte Hebebrand, in the presence of GPIC President Rahman Jawahery. Dr. Mirza stressed cooperation between GPIC and IFA exchanging expertise to develop this industry in the region.



Dr. Jawaher Shaheen Al Mudhahki, Chief Executive of the National Authority for Qualifications and Quality Assurance of Education & Training, received in her office Dr. Jassim Haji, a Bahraini technology and business expert and researcher. Dr. Al Mudhahki praised Dr. Haji for his continuous efforts in enriching the technological culture in the Kingdom.



As part of the Gandhi Jayanthi Celebration 2015, the Indian Club hosted a Malayalam play "Oru Vakkinumappuram" ('Beyond the Spirit of the Word') on Saturday.



Manama Toastmasters club's installation ceremony was held on Saturday.



Salman Al Khalifa received at the Gudaibiya Pal-Ambassador to Bahrain Simon Martin.



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received at the Gudaibiya Palace yesterday the newly-appointed Sudan's Ambassador to Bahrain Abdulrahman Khalil Ahmed.



International Fertiliser Industry Association and Chairman of IFA Dr. Abdul- underlining the importance of



President of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa received here yesterday the newly-appointed Bahraini Ambassador to Belgium Dr. Bahiya Al Jishi.



President of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa) received Ambassador of the United States William Roebuck.



Al Sanabel Orphan Care Society kids spent a wonderful family day with Marriott Executive Apartments, Residence Inn, ITICO and One Bahrain Hospitality, where voluntary staff acted as their parents for the day. Besides organising various fun activities including cooking, the kids were also taken for an educational tour at Bahrain National Museum. The event concluded with a party at One Pavilion Luxury Serviced Apartments where kids were given farewell gifts. Next community service will be held in November.



Saturday night at Bahrain Conference centre, Crown Plaza. New members of executive committee were inducted on the occasion.

Reel Veil



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

Today's questions

- Name the movie
- Name the actor and actress
- Name the child actress

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

You got it right!



1. Movie- The Dark Knight
 2. Name the actor above and character he played- Heath Ledger, Joker
 3. Name the character standing behind- Batman
- Ann Paul

CAP THE SNAP

Head this challenge. Can you think of an apt caption for this? Something funny, intelligent and out-of-the-box! If you make a winning entry, your photo along with the caption will be featured in *DT News*. So grab a pen, think hard, write to us and see yourself in this space soon!

Send entries to: facebook@dt.bh with subject as 'Caption Contest'



BEST FROM THE LOT. YOU COULD BE NEXT



I am the most beautiful mannequin with the biggest smile ever...try n beat me to it.)

Neena Punnen

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

Q: Why was six scared of seven?
A: Because seven "ate" nine.

Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?
A: Of course. The Empire State Building can't jump.

Teacher: "Which book has helped you the most in your life?"
Student: "My father's cheque book!"

YOUR STAR TODAY



ARIES
20th March - 20th April

This is one of those days in which your heart is pounding with excitement, but for some reason, there is a quiet voice inside you warning that you may be getting yourself into a great deal of trouble. An enthusiastic approach towards love may be necessary, but today may not be the best day to take action.



TAURUS
20th April - 20th May

Be more aggressive when it comes to your intentions regarding a romantic situation. It would be a great idea to impress your lover with a delicious home-cooked meal on a night like this. Put a bit more spark into the equation and relight the candle that might have recently gone out. Don't hesitate to be the instigator in love.



GEMINI
20th May - 20th June

It would be a good idea to socialize with other women today in a comfortable, open setting. Say what you feel instead of always just concentrating on what you think. Be just as good a listener to others as you expect them to be for you. Join a craft circle or take up a knitting class.



CANCER
20th June - 20th July

Stick with what comes naturally to you. If something feels difficult or abrasive, this is a sure sign that your energy is best utilized elsewhere. However, don't turn away until you are sure that what you are coming up against is actually a combative force instead of your own skewed sense of reality.



LEO
20th July - 20th Aug

Your heart may be feeling extra loving today, which is good, since you will probably need it. There is most likely someone close to you who needs a lift of some sort. You may find yourself like a tow truck that has come to pull a car out of the ditch. Be careful when you hook up the chains.



VIRGO
20th Aug - 20th Sept

You may be feeling like a mother hen today, guarding her defenceless chicks from the evil fox. You are smart to not automatically trust any knock on the coop door. Use the peephole - you wouldn't want to miss a feeding from the farmer. Be strong and assure your nestlings that everything will be fine.



LIBRA
20th Sep - 20th Oct

You may be a bit confused today. More than likely, it will be hard for you to get an accurate reading on your emotions. One of your most automatic responses in a situation like this is to turn to a close partner for advice. Unfortunately, this advice may throw you into even more of a head-spin.



SCORPIO
20th Oct - 20th Nov

Secure your emotions and make sure that you are set in your own mind before you take action today. This is a terrific time for you to get things started. The difficult part is taking that first step. This can be easily done on a day like today, so don't miss this opportunity when your intuitive sense is extra keen.



SAGITTARIUS
20th Nov - 20th Dec

Break through the potential moodiness of the day. Burst out in song while walking down the street. Encourage others to sing back to you, as if your life was an ongoing opera. Your creativity is extra strong at this point, so let it shine in unexpected areas of your world.



CAPRICORN
20th Dec - 20th Jan

You are apt to be plagued with restlessness, to the point that you may be completely incapable of getting anything done. If you sense that this is happening to you even in the slightest degree, stop whatever you are doing and take a break. Consider going to a spa, or enjoy with your friends.



AQUARIUS
20th Jan - 20th Feb

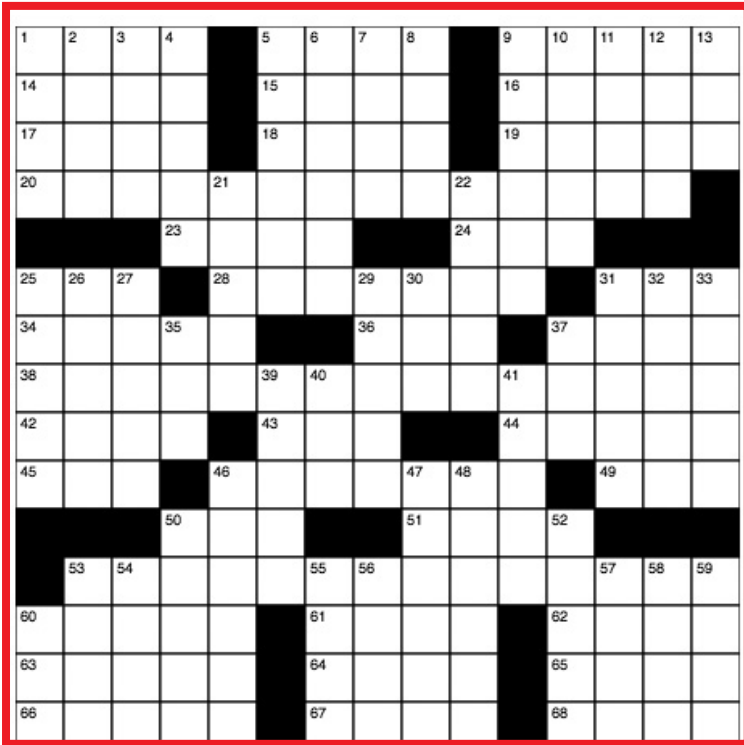
Be careful of exerting your will too strongly toward someone who really isn't entirely receptive to it. Be conscious of how other people are feeling at this time. When it comes to romance, be gentle. You have a yellow light, meaning that it is OK to proceed, but use extra caution in making sure that the other person is receptive to your advances.



PISCES
20th Feb - 20th Mar

Overall, this should be a pretty good day for you, as long as you don't become overly sensitive about certain things. Your awareness is bound to be extra sharp today. Perhaps you are feeling a bit restless when it comes to matters of the heart. This is a sign telling you to stop fidgeting and take action.

CROSSWORD



Across

1- Doozy; 5- Historic Scott; 9- Stadium used for sports or musical events; 14- Crime boss; 15- River in central Switzerland; 16- Not once; 17- Chicago paper, for short; 18- Bearing; 19- Fencing blades; 20- Achievement; 23- ___ yellow ribbon...; 24- Texas tea; 25- Court fig.; 28- Roof item; 31- Health haven; 34- Introduction; 36- Help; 37- Dentist's request; 38- In spite of; 42- Writer Wiesel; 43- Mineral suffix; 44- Utopias; 45- Malt beverage; 46- Permanently attached, to a zoologist; 49- Three sheets to the wind; 50- Become firm; 51- Unclothed; 53- Amateurish; 60- Fold; 61- Smell ___; 62- Trigonometric function; 63- Big name in insurance; 64- Bar ___; 65- Desktop picture; 66- Mexican money; 67- Attendee; 68- Immediately following;

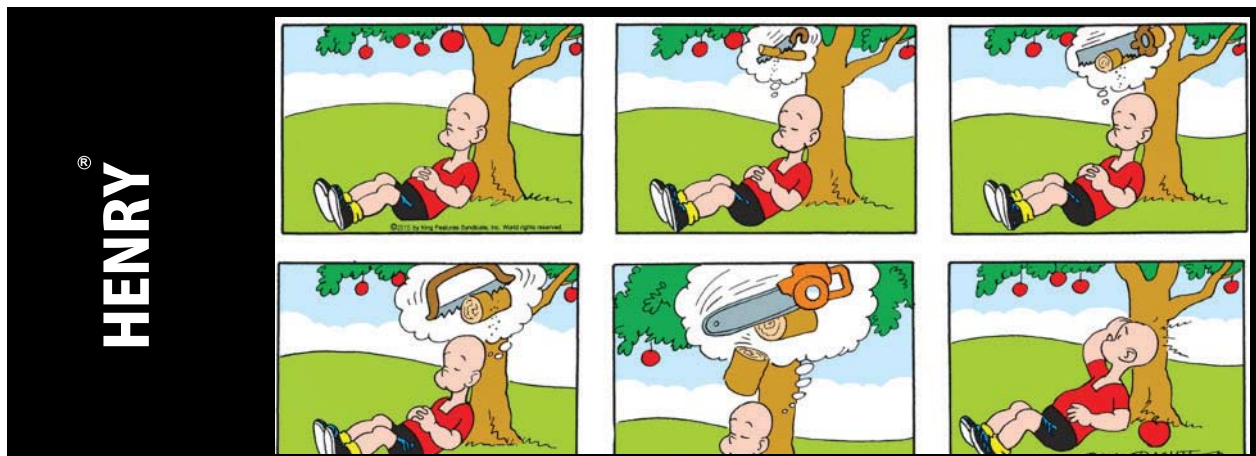
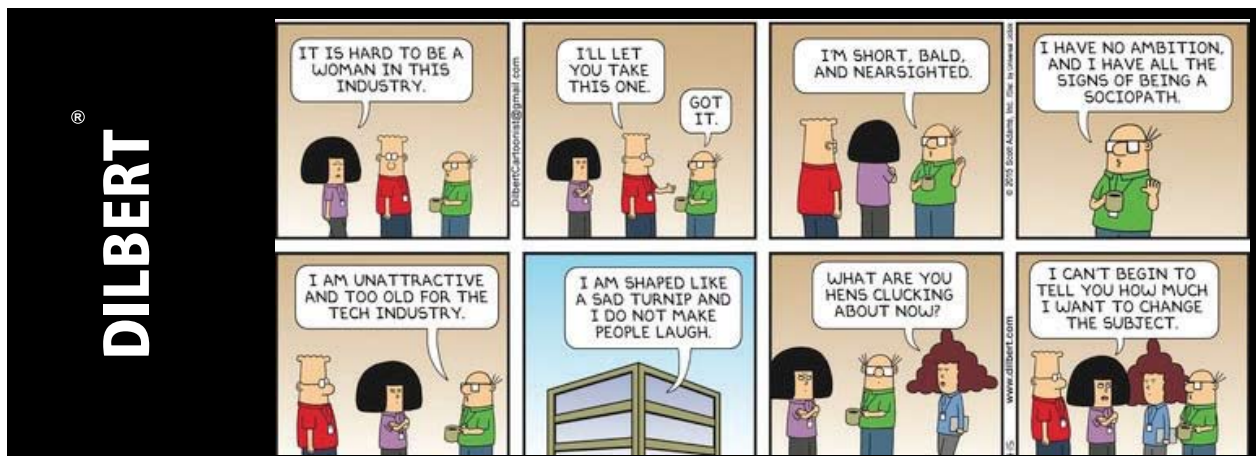
Down

1- Twice tetra-; 2- DEA agent; 3- Monumental; 4- Automaton; 5- Moisten; 6- Inveigh against; 7- ... saw Elba; 8- Bears' lairs; 9- Hemoglobin deficiency; 10- Drive away; 11- Level; 12- Depilatory brand; 13- Start of MGM's motto; 21- Orange Bowl site; 22- Accord maker; 25- Sleep disorder; 26- Cave-dwelling dwarf; 27- Comedienne Fields; 29- Moves with care; 30- It may be picked; 31- Sales pitch; 32- Old finnish money; 33- Emo anxiety; 35- Farm female; 37- Eccentric; 39- Connect with; 40- Elevs.; 41- ___ say more?; 46- Some mattresses; 47- Certifiable; 48- Gloss; 50- Joe of "Hill Street Blues"; 52- Red fluorescent dye; 53- Peter Fonda role; 54- Takes home; 55- Tooth; 56- Switch ending; 57- Pleasing; 58- Strong as ___; 59- Fast time; 60- Baby food;

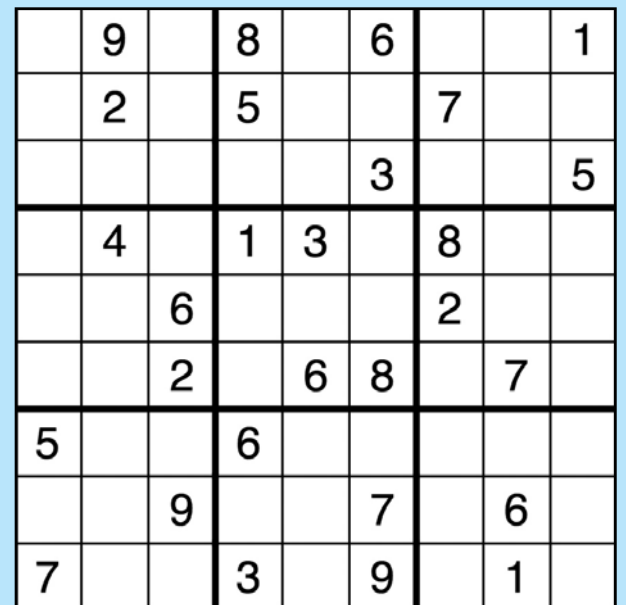
Yesterday's solution



LIFE IS LIKE THAT ONLY



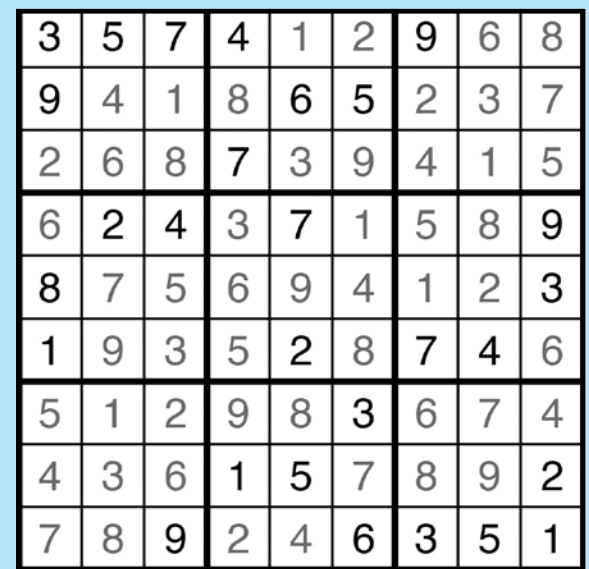
SUDOKU



How to play:

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

Yesterday's solution



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How to reach us

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

SILKSCREEN POP ART WORKSHOP

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

Venue: Cultural Hall

A three -day printmaking workshop led by artist Ahmed Emam.

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

3-DAY PMP TRAINING

Date: 6 October to 8 October 2015

Venue: Ramada Hotel, Manama

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

GLOBAL EMPLOYERS SUMMIT

Date: 6 & 7 October 2015

Venue: BCCI

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

SPORTING LINES

Date: 7 October 2015 till end of November

Venue: InTouch Gallery

The InTouch Gallery within the



MARK YOUR Calendar

LIVE IMPROV MUSIC AND DJ SET

Date: 29th October 2015
9.30pm to 1am

Venue: Meisei Restaurant

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



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

LIVE MUSIC AND DJ

Date: 8 October 2015

Venue: Meisei Restaurant

Aneta Moran is a German

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

AUTUMN LATIN BOOT CAMP 2015

Date: 8 to 11 October

Venue: Le Meridien

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

THINK PINK BAHRAIN CHARITY GOLF DAY

Date: 8 October 2015

Venue: Building 1513, Road 4325, Block 943

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

ANNA KARENINA

Date: 8 & 9 October 2015

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre
Bahrain International Music Festival this year opens with the internationally acclaimed masterful Ballet from St. Petersburg, Russia: Anna Karenina on 8 and 9 October. The Eifman Ballet led by the Artistic Director and choreographer

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

TRIB FEST : BAHRAIN

Date: 9 October 2015

Venue: Bahrain Rugby Club

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

MEXICO SINGS TO THE WORLD

Date: 11 October 2015 at 8pm

Venue: Cultural Hall

Get immersed in the splendour of Mexico's culture and art, expressed through opera arias and authentically Mexican songs beautifully performed by a trio of internationally-acclaimed artists; mezzo-soprano Encarnación Vazquez, tenor Jose Luis Ordóñez, and pianist Rodolfo Ritter.

THE 24TH BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Date: 19 October 2015

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre & Cultural Hall

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

INTUITION, PERCEPTION AND PSYCHIC INSIGHT WORKSHOP

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

Venue: Elite Grande Hotel, Manama

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

CLUB XS NON-STOP MUSIC

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

Venue: Ramee Rose Hotel, Juffair

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

AROMATHERAPY-INSPIRED BEAUTY TREATMENTS

Date: Open all seven days from 10.30AM - 10.00 PM.

Venue: Ramee Rose Hotel, Juffair

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

ONGOING EVENT

LIVE PERFORMANCES, GOURMET CUISINE

Date: Open all seven days from 9:00pm - 2:00am

Venue: Ramee Rose Hotel, Juffair

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



Date: October 6

Venue: Jawad Supermarket

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

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The Committee for stalled Real Estate Projects

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I think the reputation of German industry, the confidence in the German economy, is not so shaken that we are no longer considered a good place to do business
-German Chancellor
Angela Merkel



It's a heavy blow for the German economy as a whole. It's hard to believe what was done there negligently and possibly even with criminal energy
-European Parliament head
Martin Schulz

3rd ALWANE SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN BAHRAIN

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Bahrain Small and Medium Enterprises Development Society will organise "ALWANE Third Regional Summit" in Bahrain on December 8 and 9 under the patronage of Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani.

In the second board meeting held in its offices in Juffair,



Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani

the Society reviewed objectives and agenda of the summit and looked into the topics that will



Ahmad Al Saloom

be discussed in the sessions. Society Chairman Ahmad Al Saloom commented, "The



Ammar Awachi

summit is a very important initiative towards uplifting women economically and

raising awareness in the community about women-related issues. The summit serves all women societies, businesswomen, NGOs and SMEs." Society's secretary and officer of ALWANE Bahrain Ammar Awachi said, "ALWANE summit will invite participants from 17 countries in the Middle East and North Africa to contribute positively to Bahrain economy by spreading awareness among

participants and demonstrating business facilities in the kingdom."

Active Leaders for Women's Advancement in the Near East (ALWANE) Bahrain committee works to provide economic empowerment to women and increase sustainability of their businesses. The meeting was attended by Ahmad Alsaloom, Khulood Abdul Qadir, Nofal Al Kooheji, Ammar Awachi and Ahmed Khalfan.

Event to be held in January

BAPCO GOLD SPONSOR FOR BIAS 4TH EDITION

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The Supreme Organising Committee of Bahrain International Airshow (BIAS) announced Bapco as Gold Sponsor for next year's edition of the airshow.

The fourth edition of BIAS, held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and under the supervision of HM the King's Personal Representative and Head of the Supreme Organising Committee of BIAS HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, will be hosted at Sakhir Air Base, from January 21 to 23, 2016.

The show is organised by

the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications and the Royal Bahraini Air Force in association with Farnborough International.

Acting Undersecretary for Civil Aviation Affairs at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications and member of the Supreme Organising Committee for BIAS, Ahmed Al Nemah, signed the agreement with Chief Executive of Bapco Dr. Peter Bartlett.

"Bapco's sponsorship of Bahrain International Airshow is a testament of their continued commitment in supporting the national economy and in achieving



Officials during a photo call after signing the agreement

economic development, in line with the Kingdom's Economic Vision 2030. Bapco also serves as the main aircraft fuel provider in the Kingdom and the region for the past 60 years, which affirms the central role it

plays in the aviation industry." Dr. Bartlett said Bapco's participation in BIAS is a natural extension of the company's on-going efforts to foster a culture of community partnership and social

responsibility. "Bapco is a key contributor to the Kingdom's economic progress. It plays a pivotal role in solidifying Bahrain's standing as a platform for global meetings, incentives and conferences.

UAE to invest \$35bn for energy source diversification

Abu Dhabi

The United Arab Emirates is investing \$35 billion to diversify its energy resources and reduce its dependence on natural gas imports for power generation, the country's energy minister said yesterday.

"We need to minimise our reliance on natural gas and its imports," Suhail bin Mohammed Al Mazroui said at an energy event.

"We are investing \$35bn for that purpose," he said, adding the aim is to decrease the OPEC member's dependence on natural gas from 100 per cent now to 70pc by 2021.

The UAE plans to boost natural gas production over the next few years to help meet growing domestic demand.

Alba names new CMO

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Aluminium Bahrain BSC (Alba), one of the world's leading aluminium smelters, announced the official appointment of Khalid Abdul Latif as its Chief Marketing Officer following the Board of Directors meeting, held on Wednesday.

Khalid Abdul Latif will lead the company's global marketing strategies to drive



Khalid Abdul Latif

Latif joined Alba in 1989 and worked in various operational

Car emissions test body receives 70pc funds from motor industry

New York

The body examining the practices of the car industry following the Volkswagen emissions scandal has been accused of a major conflict of interest after it emerged that nearly three quarters of its funding comes from the companies it is investigating.

Agency (VCA) receives 69.91 per cent of its income from car manufacturers, who pay it to certify that their vehicles are meeting emissions and safety standards.

The transport secretary, Patrick McLoughlin, said last month that the VCA, which also receives government funding, would be responsible

investigating their real-world emissions. The announcement followed the revelation from the US Environmental



Protection Agency last month that Volkswagen had installed illegal software to cheat emission tests, allowing its diesel cars to produce up to 40 times more pollution than is permitted.

However, the apparent conflict of interest raised by VCA's funding has prompted lawyers to demand a truly

Well Flow International relocates HQ to Sanabis

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Well Flow International, a premier independent provider of technology-enabled well-bore cleanup chemicals, associated downhole tools and stimulation

chemicals, has moved its international headquarters to Fakhro Towers in Sanabis.

Its previous headquarter office was located in Manama, but the expanded and improved facilities in Fakhro Towers will help

the company continue to provide a strong, dedicated presence with technical expertise in Bahrain and the region, the company said in a statement.

President and CEO of Well Flow's parent company, Group 42,

Inc, Paul A. Bell, said, "We strive to provide the highest-caliber support possible, to offer clients exceptional value-added services, and to lead the industry in innovation."

Well Flow Vice President and Group Commercial Director



Tom Sherwin

Tom Sherwin said, "The establishment of our regional headquarters in Bahrain reiterates our belief that it is a strong logistic hub." Well Flow has operations in the Arabian Gulf, Asia, the North Sea, North America and West Africa.



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US DOLLARS	2.6667	2.6455
CANADIAN DOLLAR	3.5448	3.3807
PERUVIAN NUEVO SOL	7.6923	7.6923
INDIAN RUPEE	177.6199	169.4915
BANGLADESH TAKA	209.0301	197.4724
CHINESE YUAN	17.1821	16.2602
HONG KONG DOLLAR	21.5008	20.0361
INDONESIAN RUPIAH	41339.3964	34855.3503
JAPANESE YEN	322.5806	300.3003
KOREAN WON	3571.4286	2702.7027
SRI LANKAN RUPEE	384.6154	330.033
MALAYSIAN RINGGIT	12.1359	11.1857
NEPALESE RUPEE	322.5307	263.1247
PHILIPPINE PESO	128.866	121.0654
PAKISTAN RUPEE	273.7746	256.2368
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	3.8402	3.7037
THAI BAHT	97.1817	93.8086
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	3.8139	3.6258
NEW ZEALAND DOLLAR	4.1789	4.0096
EURO	2.4015	2.3105
SWISS FRANC	2.6344	2.5025
CZECH KORUNE	89.2857	45.045
BRITISH POUND	1.7696	1.7068
TURKISH LIRA	8.2946	7.5706
SAUDI RIYAL	10	9.9256
UAE DIRHAMS	9.7561	9.7135
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LEBANESE POUND	4221.1904	3810.9756
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ME markets move little

QATAR BUOYED

Dubai

Middle East stock markets moved little in modest trading volumes yesterday as uncertainty over oil prices and the global market environment kept many investors away. Bahrain index fell 0.4 per cent to 1,271 points.

Qatar outperformed the region, rising 0.5pc, after the central bank governor said he would not imitate any US interest rate hike. He signalled that he wanted monetary conditions to stay loose after an unexpected jump in Qatari short-term market rates last Thursday.

United Development was particularly strong, adding 2.3pc after it signed a deal to borrow 738 million riyals (\$203m) from two local banks to fund its Medina Centrale property project.

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The Saudi stock index climbed 0.4pc as real estate developer Dar Al Arkan gained 1.5pc after news that the government planned to convert a state-owned housing fund into a bank, which could boost provision of housing finance in the Kingdom.

Several insurance stocks were again among the top gainers after a bullish report on the sector last week by Standard & Poor's, which said gross insurance premiums in Saudi Arabia could rise nearly 25pc this year.

Dubai's stock index fell 0.7pc with activity focusing on low-priced stocks favoured by local retail investors.

Abu Dhabi edged down 0.1pc and Egypt's index dropped 0.7pc.

ADWEA mulls \$350m project bond

Dubai

Abu Dhabi Water & Electricity Authority (ADWEA) is in talks with banks about issuing a project bond as early as this year to refinance debt used to construct a power and water plant, two sources aware of the matter said.

The offering could raise up to \$350 million and would be classified as a quasi-sovereign issue, as ADWEA is wholly owned by the government of Abu Dhabi, the sources added.

Proceeds from the bond sale will be used to refinance bank debt linked to the Fujairah 1 independent water and power plant, the sources said on condition of anonymity as the information is not public.

The proceeds will be used to refinance debt linked to the Fujairah 1 plant

Al Baraka Islamic Bank names winner of grand prize draw

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Al Baraka Islamic Bank BSC (c) announced Eman Faisal as the winner of the grand prize draw on "alBarakat" account, which is a luxury villa in Durrat Al Bahrain.

CEO and Board Member of the bank Mohamed Al Mutaweh contacted her personally to congratulate her on winning the prize. She was delivered the keys to the villa in a special ceremony held in Durrat Al Bahrain Resort, attended by the executive management of the bank.

Ms Eman thanked the bank

Account. Al Mutaweh said, "It is great pleasure to announce for the first time the winner of the annual grand prize of the savings investment account alBarakat."

The bank also announced the winners of quarterly and monthly draw. Ahmed Alatawi won the quarterly award, a Mercedes-Benz and Adel Amen won the monthly prize, BD555

per month for a year. This is in addition to the winners of the other cash prizes.

Al Baraka Islamic Bank has also allocated many prizes for the second year of "alBarakat."



GULF INTERBANK RATES

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BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5710	0.3854	0.3152
KUWAIT	0.2855	34.1515	0.2919	0.2387
OMAN	0.3849	0.3765	0.3935	0.3218
QATAR	3.6420	3.5626	3.7232	3.0446
UAE	3.6730	3.5929	3.7549	3.0706

US bombing raid

MSF LEAVES KUNDUZ

Kabul

Medical charity, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) said yesterday it has withdrawn staff from the embattled Afghan city of Kunduz, a day after an apparent US bombing raid on its hospital, which the UN said could amount to a war crime. Doctors Without

Borders also known as MSF said 19 people were killed, some of whom burned to death in their beds as the bombardment continued for more than an hour, even after US and Afghan authorities were informed the hospital had been hit.

It is the only medical facility in the whole northeastern region of Afghanistan that can deal with major war injuries. Its closure, even temporarily, could have a devastating impact on local civilians.

"The MSF hospital is not functional anymore. All critical patients have been referred to other health facilities and no MSF staff are working in our hospital," Kate Stegeman, a spokeswoman for the charity, said.

"I can't confirm at this stage whether our Kunduz trauma



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

centre will reopen or not." The air raid came five days after Taliban fighters seized control of the strategic northern city of Kunduz, in their most spectacular victory since being toppled from power by a US-led coalition in 2001.

The medical charity

condemned the bombings as "abhorrent and a grave violation of international law", demanding answers from US-led NATO forces in Afghanistan.

It said Afghan and coalition troops were fully aware of the exact location of the hospital.

It added that despite frantic calls to military officials in Kabul and Washington, the main building housing the intensive care unit and emergency rooms was "repeatedly, very precisely" hit almost every 15 minutes for more than an hour.

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

"The bombs hit and then we heard the plane circle round," said Heman Nagarathnam, MSF's head of programmes in northern Afghanistan.

Twelve staff members and at least seven patients, among them three children, were killed, while 37 people were injured.

Two Egyptian policemen shot dead by IS in Sinai

Cairo

Two Egyptian policemen have been shot dead in the bastion of the Islamic State group in the Sinai Peninsula, the interior ministry said.

"A police captain and a policeman died of their wounds after unknown assailants shot them" late Saturday in the North Sinai provincial capital El Arish, the ministry said in a statement.

The area is a stronghold of the Egyptian affiliate of the Islamic State group that calls itself "Sinai Province".

The jihadist group claimed the killings on a *Twitter* account affiliated to it, according to the SITE Intelligence Group. Sinai Province said it killed the two policemen in separate attacks in El Arish, the monitoring group said.

President Barack Obama has promised a full investigation into the fatal air strike on Afghan hospital that killed 19 people



A firefighter walks on a flooded street in downtown Charleston, South Carolina. Relentless rain left large areas of the US southeast under water and forecasters warned that more heavy downpours could trigger historic flooding in the crucial next 24 hours

Iran honours dead as more Hajj victims return home

Tehran

Ceremonies took place across Iran yesterday to honour citizens killed in a stampede at the Hajj, as a second plane returned the bodies of 114 pilgrims from Saudi Arabia.

The latest repatriation of corpses from the giant September 24 crush came after 104 bodies were brought home on Saturday, leaving 246 of the country's 464 declared victims yet to be returned.

Iran has the highest death toll among the countries affected by the tragedy. Egypt was second worst hit with 138 dead and 96 still missing.

Thousands attended a procession for the dead in



Iranian military and mourners follow an ambulance carrying a coffin during a funeral procession for some of the Iranian pilgrims who were killed in a stampede at the annual Hajj

Iran has the highest death toll among the countries affected by the tragedy

central Tehran with similar events taking place in provincial capitals.

Iran's Hajj organisation chief Said Ohadi said late Saturday that 205 more bodies had been located, state television reported.

"Bodies that are clearly Iranian will be repatriated and identified in Iran," he said.

China biker clocked at 237kph in Beijing speed stunt

Beijing

Beijing police have detained a motorcyclist who touched a speed of 237 kilometres per hour (147 mph) on the city's ring road, state media reported, after the stunt went viral on the Internet. The man, identified

by China's official *Xinhua* news agency only as Peng, reached the speed during a lap around Beijing's 37.5 kilometre Second Ring Road in the early hours of August 22, according to the report.

His feat, which took just 13 minutes and 43 seconds,

became an Internet sensation and was seen more than

220,000 times on a Chinese video sharing site, *Xinhua*



Motorcyclist Peng completed a lap of Beijing's 37.5 kilometre Second Ring Road in 13 minutes 43 seconds

said. But police apprehended the 30-year-old Peng in the faraway southern province of Guangxi and he was sent back to Beijing on Saturday, the report said. Beijing Traffic Administration police said he was detained for dangerous driving.

High-speed hi-jinks are a nuisance on the capital's roads and highways.

Two unemployed men who crashed a Lamborghini and Ferrari as they reportedly staged a "real-life Fast and Furious" race through Beijing in April were sentenced to jail

terms of up to five months and fined for dangerous driving, a court said in May.

And a high-speed Ferrari crash in Beijing in March 2012 killed the son of Ling Jihua, a close ally of then-president Hu Jintao. Two women passengers, one of them naked, were both injured.

The incident added to public perceptions in China of corrupt and high-living officials, and Ling has since been investigated for alleged graft and dismissed from the Communist Party.

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MOSQUE RAIDED AFTER OZ SHOOTING

Sydney

An Australian mosque reportedly visited by a 15-year-old boy before he shot dead a civilian police employee in an "act of terrorism" has been raided, police said yesterday.

New South Wales state police said the mosque in the western Sydney suburb of Parramatta - close to the scene of the double shooting on Friday afternoon - was raided with the consent of religious leaders.

"NSW Police yesterday executed a warrant at a mosque in Parramatta," police said in a statement yesterday. "The



A fireman hoses down the scene where a 15-year-old gunman shot dead a civilian police employee

warrant was undertaken by arrangement with leadership at the mosque who provided full assistance to police at all times."

The 15-year-old gunman, who killed finance worker Curtis Cheng at close range outside the police force's headquarters before he was shot dead by officers, visited the mosque before the shooting, according to the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation* (ABC).

Investigators have yet to establish why the teenager - who has no criminal history - targeted 58-year-old Cheng,

although Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said on Saturday the attack "appears to have been an act of terrorism".

Police did not provide further details about the mosque raid. *The Sydney Morning Herald* reported that investigators were searching for the boy's belongings, but had left empty-handed.

Senior police sources told the ABC the teenager's sister went missing Thursday and boarded a Singapore Airlines flight to Istanbul, adding that she could be bound for Iraq or Syria.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop would not comment on

the report of the girl's travels, but said Australian federal and state governments were in talks with Muslim communities after the boy was identified as being of Iraqi Kurdish background and born in Iran.

"Yesterday, Prime Minister Turnbull and (NSW) Premier Mike Baird had a long conversation with not only... relevant agencies but also leaders in the Muslim community," Bishop said.

"We're certainly reaching out to the leaders of the Muslim community but working with the families at a grassroots local level.

France floods

17 DEAD AFTER STORMS SWEEP FRENCH RIVIERA

Nice

Violent storms and flooding along the French Riviera have killed at least 17 people and another four are still missing in what were described as "apocalyptic" scenes, local officials said yesterday.

Up to 180 millimetres (seven inches) of rain fell in just three hours overnight, transforming the glitzy streets of Cannes, Nice and Antibes into debris-strewn rivers. In

Cannes - home of the glitzy film festival - the torrent carried some cars out to sea, city hall said.

Communications to the region - one of the wealthiest in France, and a magnet for visitors from around the world - were badly hit and thousands of residents were left without power.

President Francois Hollande visited the region, expressing the "solidarity of the nation" to those affected - but also



A flooded car, in Mandelieu-la-Napoule, southeastern France

warning that the disaster suggested an environmental message had to be learnt.

"There have always been catastrophes. But their rhythm and intensity are on the increase," he said.

Three people died when water engulfed a retirement home at Biot near Antibes, and three drowned when their car was trapped by rising waters in a small tunnel at Vallauris-Golfe-Juan.



Damaged and flooded car in Mandelieu-la-Napoule, southeastern France

Pilgrims to Lourdes trapped on trains

Paris

Hundreds of Italian pilgrims returning by train from the French shrine of Lourdes were trapped overnight by violent storms, rail authorities said yesterday.

All trains were stopped along the French Riviera,

although the pilgrims' trains were allowed to resume their journey at a slow pace yesterday.

"We hope to let them continue their journey towards Italy by letting their trains go along a track re-opened for them, but at a

slow speed," said a spokesman for French rail company SNCF.

The storm "did serious damage to the railway infrastructure, tracks, crossings, electrical lines, primarily around the area of Cannes," he said.

Maid torture: Bangladesh cricketer's wife arrested

Dhaka

Bangladesh police arrested international cricketer Shahadat Hossain's wife yesterday over allegations of beating and torturing their 11-year-old maid, an officer said.

The 29-year-old paceman was suspended last month when police raided his house after officers found the injured and crying maid on a street in the capital Dhaka.

He and his wife Nritto Shahadat had been on the run since.

"Nritto Shahadat was arrested from her parents' house," inspector Shafiqur Rahman said.

"We conducted a raid at the house as we had information that the couple was hiding there. But we only found her," he said, adding police were still hunting for Hossain.

The maid, Mahfuza Akter Happy, told police and local media in September that the couple beat her, while television footage showed her looking frail and thin with swollen black eyes.

Quick action

Oregon teenager escaped by 'playing dead'

Roseburg

A teenager survived a mass shooting at an Oregon college because the gunman believed she was dead, her father said.

Randy Scroggins said the attacker ignored his daughter Lacey because she was covered by the body and blood of another victim. Instead the gunman shot dead another student.

Nine people were killed in the shooting at a community

college in Oregon. The gunman, Chris Harper Mercer, 26, shot himself dead after exchanging fire with police.

The victims ranged in age from 18 to 67. Eight were students while the oldest was a teacher.

Scroggins, a pastor, said he was indebted to the family of 20-year-old Treven Anspach, who was shot after Mercer passed over his daughter.

"I will say thank you for

giving birth to the one that saved my baby."

Scroggins also said his daughter told him Mercer had spared one student to deliver a message to the authorities.

Other students' relatives have backed up the account: Bonnie Schaan, mother of Cheyenne Fitzgerald, said she was told by her 16-year-old daughter the gunman told a classmate they were "going to be the lucky one".

It is unclear why Mercer

carried out the killings. The authorities have not released the contents of notes left by him.

Two survivors have said religion was an issue - the gunman asked his victims to state their religion and shot dead the Christians.

His father, Ian Mercer, said he had no idea how his son had amassed such an arsenal and said the attack would not have happened if the US had stricter gun control laws.



Residents of Douglas County attend a prayer service and candlelight vigil at River Bend Park to remember the victims of the mass shooting

Mounting violence

ISRAEL BARS PALESTINIANS FROM JERUSALEM OLD CITY

Jerusalem

Israel took the rare and drastic step of barring Palestinians from Jerusalem's Old City yesterday as fears of a further escalation in violence mounted after attacks killed two Israelis and wounded a child.

A series of clashes involving Israeli security forces, Jewish settlers and Palestinians also broke out in east Jerusalem and the West Bank, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with security chiefs to discuss the situation.

The Old City restrictions will be in place for two days, with only Israelis, tourists, residents of the area, business owners and students allowed, police said. Worship at the sensitive Al Aqsa mosque compound



A Palestinian youth kicks a burning tyre during clashes with Israeli security forces in the West Bank town of Hebron

will be limited to men aged 50 and above. There will be no age restrictions on women.

The Palestinian government denounced "Israeli escalation"

after the announcement of the ban, which Israeli Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan called unprecedented.

The usually bustling

alleyways of the walled Old City were mostly quiet yesterday morning, with hundreds of police guarding entrances. Around 300,000 Palestinians live in Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem, where the Old City is located.

The latest attacks came with Israeli security forces already on alert after recent clashes at the Al Aqsa compound and surrounding Old City, as well as the murder in the West Bank of a Jewish settler couple in front of their young children.

On Saturday night, a Palestinian said to be an Islamshi militant killed two Israeli men and wounded a woman and a toddler in a knife and gun attack in the Old City. Police shot dead the attacker. In a

separate incident early Sunday, a 19-year-old Palestinian stabbed and wounded a 15-year-old passerby in west Jerusalem before being shot dead by police while fleeing.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called for calm, saying he was "deeply concerned that

these latest incidents signal a dangerous slide toward escalation".

There have been fears that the sporadic violence could spin out of control, with some warning of the risk of a third Palestinian intifada, or uprising. (AFP)

Tear gas and rubber bullets

Jerusalem

There were clashes elsewhere overnight and yesterday, and the Red Crescent reported 77 Palestinians wounded from both live rounds and rubber bullets. Another 139 had been treated for tear gas inhalation and six for injuries sustained

in beatings by soldiers or Jewish settlers, a Red Crescent spokeswoman said.

Clashes broke out in areas including Jenin in the West Bank and the east Jerusalem neighbourhood of Issawiya, where the attacker in yesterday morning's stabbing, was from.

Myanmar to sign peace deal with 8 rebel groups

Yangon

Myanmar's government will sign a long-negotiated ceasefire on October 15 but with only eight rebel forces, officials said yesterday, as several major insurgent groups declined to ink an agreement that excludes some factions. More than two years of talks to end decades of civil war in the nation's rugged borderlands have gained momentum in recent weeks, with the government eager to reach a deal before November's general election.

But hopes for a nationwide ceasefire have crumbled after several rebel groups refused to sign an agreement without the inclusion of all insurgent forces.

Bangladesh PM rejects IS link to foreigners' murder

Dhaka

Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday dismissed the Islamic State group's claim to have killed two foreigners, saying police still had no evidence to confirm the jihadist group was behind the murders.

Her remarks came a day after 66-year-old Japanese citizen Hoshi Kunio was shot dead in northern Bangladesh, the second foreigner to be murdered in the South Asian nation in less than a week.

A 50-year-old Italian, Cesare Tavella, was shot dead last week near Dhaka's diplomatic zone in another attack claimed by IS.

"We have still not found any involvement (of IS). We have to investigate," Hasina told reporters at a press briefing in

her office. "We've got no clues. If someone claims responsibility, why should we have to accept it?" she said.



Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

The prime minister added groups such as IS do not operate in the country, saying "our intelligence agencies are

active... we will not allow any such activities in Bangladesh".

Tavella was shot three times on September 28 by attackers



who fled on a motorcycle -- an attack the Bangladesh government described as an "isolated incident".

Guatemala landslide death toll climbs to 69

Santa Catarina Pinula

At least 69 people were killed when massive mudslides buried scores of homes on the outskirts of Guatemala's capital city, officials said Saturday, as the death toll continued to climb.

An estimated 300 people were still missing, two days after the landslides suddenly hit, raising the prospect that the number of people who perished in the disaster could rise much higher.

Julio Sanchez, a spokesman for firefighters who are leading the painstaking search for survivors, told reporters that several young children, including newborn babies, were among the dead in Santa Catarina Pinula.

On Thursday night, following heavy rain, waterlogged earth and debris tore through the

village of El Cambray II, in the municipality of Santa Catarina Pinula, destroying or damaging 125 homes.

At dawn Saturday, rescue workers, police, soldiers and volunteers began a second day of clawing away at the debris with picks and shovels. Two firefighters were injured later in the day when a wall collapsed as they were trying to extract a body from the rubble. Nearby, relatives of the missing checked in at a makeshift morgue set up next to the buried homes.

Municipal authorities had urged the community, about 15 kilometres (10 miles) east of the capital Guatemala City, to relocate several times, most recently in November of last year. But many families have refused, saying that they have nowhere to go.

Tardy man fakes bomb scare to delay plane, still misses it



Picture for representation

Rome

An Italian man has been arrested after he delayed his flight by calling in a bomb scare because he was running late.

The unidentified 46-year-old man still managed to miss the Alitalia flight from Turin to Rome on Thursday evening despite keeping the plane on the tarmac for two and a half hours. The flight was only minutes from take-off when

the warning came through and was promptly grounded, Italian newspaper *La Stampa* reported.

"I heard two Arabs say that they had put a bomb on board," the businessman is reported to have told the emergency services.

After the passengers had been evacuated, the luggage search, and the threat established as a fake, it eventually left Turin and

arrived in Rome two and half hour behind schedule.

Despite his best efforts, the man - who was reportedly in Palermo on business - still missed his plane as police

officers immediately arrested him when he arrived at the airport. He was held overnight and released the following morning, according to local police.

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Orange walk; of trouble...

Migrant crisis debris: Greek island battles lifejacket mountain

Mytilene

On the beach of Skala Sikaminias on Lesbos' northern coast, a key landing point for migrants, a group of municipal employees are loading discarded jackets and dinghies on a truck.

"We've barely finished when it's time to start all over again," sighs Yiorgos Katsanos, the deputy mayor in charge of waste management. The city has mobilised 12 additional staff to handle the overload and sends two trucks and a crane to clear the beaches every day.

For the time being, the thousands of life vests and boats are deposited at a dump further north. Until a permanent decision on what to do with it emerges, they're being

debris. "With materials such as these, the only solution is recycling," says Katsanos. The plastic "could be used to make water tanks" to be used in fire-fighting, he notes. "But we have not found a company prepared to undertake this job."

Lifejackets turn up on eBay

To some of the reporters and volunteers who gather on the beach each day to greet the arrivals, a lifejacket can be a kind of trophy. Some have even ended up on

Internet auction website eBay, "allegedly to finance humanitarian operations", says Katsanos.

"If only they actually saved lives. But no, they're junk" hastily made in Turkey or cheaply ordered from China, the deputy mayor adds.

"They were really flimsy, not very solid at all," says Sajjad, a 22-year-old Afghan who paid seven euros (\$7.8) for his own

life vest in Turkey. As in the case of his fellow travellers, he discarded it as soon as he set foot on the island. Sajjad said he was grateful he never actually had to use the vest, as he cannot swim.

More than half a million people have reached Europe via the Mediterranean this year -- including over 310,000 landing in Greece, figures from the UN refugee agency show. Nearly 3,000 others have died or disappeared during the crossing. Two more



people -- a woman and a child -- drowned on Wednesday off Lesbos. Greece and other European countries have repeatedly criticised Turkey for not doing enough to stamp out smuggler networks that profit at the expense of the migrants, many of whom are fleeing the conflict in Syria.

The smugglers charge exorbitant prices -- up to \$2,000 -- for passage on board flimsy vessels that frequently sink, dooming entire families.

In mid-September, France suspended an honorary consul and maritime supplier in the Turkish holiday resort town of Bodrum who was secretly filmed by France 2 television selling dinghies to refugees.

But there are also questionable practices closer to home. On Lesbos, after the migrants

For the thousands of refugees and migrants landing on its beaches every day, Greece's Lesbos Island is a step to safety and a brighter future in Europe.

But the continent's biggest migration challenge since World War II is now presenting an unexpected environmental headache: what to do with the vast heaps of lifejackets and inflatable boats left behind by the arrivals?

and volunteers who help them have moved on, locals derisively known as "crows" move in to scavenge what they can.

The gutted boats will never sail again but plastic can be reused for making tarpaulin, and wood for fences. Engines can also be resold at a tidy profit.

On the neighbouring island of Leros, police recently arrested four people found to have appropriated a combined 35 engines from migrant boats.

"There's a black market for everything," said Michalis Dimou, a local coastguard. "We've arrested a few people but right now the priority lies elsewhere," he shrugs. (By Catherine Boitard, AFP)



Refugees and migrants aboard dinghies reach Lesbos

left there.

The municipal vehicles can only access areas served by roads, and there are plenty of inaccessible coves littered with



A young girl walks on the shore near orange life jackets and a deflated dinghy as refugees and migrants arrive on the Greek island of Lesbos after crossing the Aegean sea from Turkey

BAYERN EYE 4TH TITLE

Berlin
Robert Lewandowski claimed his 12th goal in his last four games as Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich trounced second-placed Borussia Dortmund 5-1 to go seven points clear yesterday.

The Polish hot-shot netted Bayern's third and fourth goals at Munich's Allianz Arena after Thomas Mueller's double, including a first-half penalty, before Mario Goetze grabbed Bayern's fifth to compound his former club's misery.

"It's a big win. It's good to have a seven-point advantage and also to have won in the way we did," said Mueller.

"But we have to keep going and keep collecting points after the international break."

Having sent Bundesliga records tumbling by scoring five in just nine minutes in the 5-1 thrashing of Wolfsburg less than a fortnight ago, Lewandowski has scored each game since, including a hat-trick in the 5-0 Champions League rout of Dinamo Zagreb.

Lewandowski is the Bundesliga's top scorer with 12 goals with Gabon striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang just behind him with 10 in eight matches.

Dortmund suffered their first defeat in 15 games under new coach Thomas Tuchel.

The gap between the chasing pack and Bayern already looks ominous with Pep Guardiola's Bavarians hunting an unprecedented fourth straight league title.

"We struggled in the first 15 minutes, but our third goal made the difference," said Guardiola.

"We are very happy as we have beaten one of the best teams in Europe."

Bayern stepped up a gear when Mueller controlled Jerome Boateng's long ball and beat Dortmund goalkeeper Roman Burki on 26 minutes.

Dortmund conceded a penalty when Henrikh Mkhitaryan fouled Thiago in the area and Mueller drilled home the spot-kick on 35



Bayern Munich's Robert Lewandowski (right) scores the third goal

minutes to double the hosts' lead. The visitors fought back on 36 minutes when Aubameyang swept home

Gonzalo Castro's superb cross, but it was all Bayern from then on.

Lewandowski made it

3-1 on 46 minutes when he finished off his half-chance after another superb long ball from Boateng.

Leaders Villarreal shocked by Levante

Madrid
Liga leaders Villarreal's unbeaten start to the season came to an end as Levante claimed their first win of the campaign with a 1-0 victory yesterday.

Villarreal were reduced to 10 men on 35 minutes when Bojan Jokic saw a straight red card for a high challenge on Ivan Lopez.

The visitors held out until seven minutes from time when Brazilian striker Deyverson converted Nabil El Ghilas's cross to take Levante off the foot of the table.

Defeat for Villarreal means



Levante's Simao (left) vies with Villarreal's Roberto Soldado

Real Madrid can move to the top of the table if they beat Atletico Madrid later on Sunday.

Elsewhere, the pressure on Valencia boss Nuno Espirito

Villarreal were reduced to 10 men on 35 minutes when Bojan Jokic saw a red card for a challenge on Ivan Lopez

Santo was increased as his side blew a 1-0 lead to lose 3-1 at Athletic Bilbao.

Dani Parejo put the visitors in front at San Mames as they looked to build on 1-0 victories against Granada and Lyon in the past week.

However, Athletic came roaring back to secure just their second win of the season thanks to goals from Aymeric Laporte, Markel Susaeta and Aritz Aduriz.

Real Betis moved up to eighth as goals in either half from Heiko Westermann and Ruben Castro handed them a 2-0 win at Rayo Vallecano.

Sports in Shorts

Al Rowaie take part in annual convention

Manama

Bahrain Tennis Federation General Secretary Fouad Al Rowaie recently took part in the annual convention of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) which was held in Chile.

During the gathering, American David Haggerty was elected to a four-year term as the president of the ITF in the election.

Nibali wins Tour of Lombardy

Como

Italy's Vincenzo Nibali won the Tour of Lombardy yesterday after launching a daring attack 17.5km from the finish to triumph in the final cycling 'monument' of the season.

Nibali, 30, the 2014 Tour de France champion, held off late chasers to cross the line in Como, after a 245km ride from Bergamo, just over 20sec ahead of Spaniard Daniel Moreno with Frenchman Thibaut Pinot finishing a close third.

Moses out of Nigeria friendlies

Abuja

West Ham United forward Victor Moses has pulled out of Nigeria's friendlies against the DR Congo and Cameroon, the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) have announced.

The Super Eagles tackle DRC in Vise, Liege, on Thursday, October 8 and will then confront Cameroon's Indomitable Lions in Dendermonde. In a letter to the Nigeria Football Federation Moses said he was pulling out in a precautionary move against injury.

Shaikh Abdullah inaugurates official logo

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Manama

Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Vice President of the International Federation of Bodybuilding, President of the Asian Bodybuilding and Fitness

It has decided that the festival, will be held from December 11 to 12



A still from Inauguration ceremony

Federation and President of Bahrain Weightlifting and Physical Education Association has unveiled the

official logo for the National Sports Day Festival 2015 at the union's headquarters at Umm Al Hassam in the

presence of the Board of Directors. It has decided that the festival, which will be held from December 11-12 will include several bodybuilding categories including females and youths.

The festival will be accompanied by an exhibition on health and food supplements and a photo exhibition.

Shaikh Abdullah has urged the members of the board of directors to make efforts in order to bring out the best of the festival and all in a manner befitting the status of sport bodybuilding.

More than 170 athletes for second GCC Games

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Manama

Bahrain will be sending more than 170 athletes for the Second GCC Games due to take place from October 15 to 26 in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

Ghuloom Hussain, a member of Bahrain's administrative delegation to the Games, said the Bahrain athletes will start collecting their official outfits from the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) before departure next week.

Hussain said BOC general secretary Abdulrahman Askar

as well as other arrangements and would spare no effort in providing all that would help the Bahraini athletes achieve aspiring results.

The delegation also includes director Feras Al Halwachi, deputy director Hamad Al Baker, and members Mohammed Al Zayed, Ebrahim Siyadi and Yaqoub Al Mohsin.

Bahrain will compete in athletics, football, basketball, volleyball, handball, weightlifting, table tennis, bowling, karate, swimming and

MANOHAR ELECTED AS BCCI CHIEF

Mumbai

Shashank Manohar was unanimously elected president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) yesterday, vowing to restore the governing body's image after a series of scandals.

The Nagpur-based lawyer succeeds veteran administrator Jagmohan Dalmiya, who died last month, in what is arguably the most powerful job in world cricket. "Mr

Shashank Manohar elected," the BCCI said on its official twitter account @BCCI after a special general body meeting at its headquarters in Mumbai.

Manohar, who had earlier served as BCCI president from 2008 and 2011 and was the lone candidate in the election, will remain at the helm for two years.

Dalmiya's death on September 20 had triggered a bitter succession battle within



Shashank Manohar

the faction-ridden BCCI, with former chief Sharad Pawar

being a key contender for the post. But Pawar, a veteran politician, backed out of the race after reportedly being opposed by the nation's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, paving the way for Manohar to emerge as a consensus candidate.

Manohar, who has a squeaky-clean image and a no-nonsense approach to cricket administration, will be charged with restoring the BCCI's image and credibility

Shashank Manohar will remain at the helm for 2 years

after a string of corruption scandals over the past few years. The cash-rich BCCI, which generates huge revenues due to its vast television audiences, enjoys a pre-eminent position in world cricket and effectively

runs the International Cricket Council (ICC) with its allies, Australia and England.

"The BCCI is a huge brand which has been created by the love of fans," Manohar, 58, told a news conference after his election.

"The confidence of the fans has been shaken in recent times by some unpleasant things that have taken place. The duty of the board is to rebuild its image on a priority basis."

MERSEYSIDE DERBY ENDS IN 6TH DRAW

Liverpool

Liverpool and Everton played out the sixth draw in their last seven meetings as a fiercely-contested but error-strewn Merseyside derby finished 1-1.

Danny Ings put Liverpool ahead when he capitalised on some lacklustre Everton defending and headed in from James Milner's cross following a corner in the 41st minute.

But Romelu Lukaku ensured Everton took a deserved share of the spoils when he profited from Emre Can's miscued clearance in first-half stoppage time.

Both managers named unchanged starting line-ups from their last Premier League games, which meant Everton were without defenders John Stones and Seamus Coleman, while Liverpool partnered Daniel Sturridge and Ings in attack.

In the ferocious intensity of the opening stages of the 225th meeting between the teams, the play was epitomised by mistakes.

Referee Martin Atkinson allowed the contest to flow after initially being over-



Everton's Ramiro Funes Mori (left) vies against Liverpool's Alberto Moreno

zealous with his use of the whistle, and Can and Lukaku began a wrestling match while James McCarthy snapped at Philippe Coutinho's heels in archetypal derby fashion.

Half-chances for Ings and Milner reflected Liverpool's early positive intentions but it was Everton who twice tested Simon Mignolet in the first half-hour.

Goodison Park rose to its feet when Ross Barkley's free kick picked out the unmarked head of Steven Naismith only

for Mignolet to paw the ball away.

The Liverpool goalkeeper was called upon again shortly after as he dived to his right to tip a McCarthy shot past the post, following some neat Everton build-up play.

Calamitous

Tempers flared when Can held on to the ball to delay an Everton throw-in and both he and Barkley received yellow cards for their troubles.

With the momentum

seemingly with the Toffees, Liverpool struck the first blow following a corner, with Barkley punished for some slack marking.

Milner's delivery hung in the air but Barkley, who was guilty of a similar mistake in Everton's last game, at West Brom last week, lost Ings and failed to get his head to the ball which left the Liverpool striker with a free header from close range.

Everton's response was instantaneous, with Liverpool's defending for the equaliser also having a calamitous look about it.

Gerard Deulofeu crossed from the right and Can volleyed a panicked clearance into the chest of Martin Skrtel which saw the ball drop invitingly for Lukaku.

The Belgium international reacted and adeptly cracked a low left-footed shot into the corner of the net.

Liverpool's brittle defence was ruffled by Everton's high pressing after the interval and the result was Brendan Rodgers' side hit aimless long balls, easily handled by the home side's defence, and sporadically threatened.

Ferrer clinches Malaysian Open

Kuala Lumpur

Top seed David Ferrer clinched his 25th title yesterday after beating fellow Spaniard Feliciano Lopez 7-5, 7-5 to win the Malaysian Open in Kuala Lumpur.

The match was tightly contested but Ferrer's determination and deep forehands ultimately proved too much for Lopez.

"It was my best match of the tournament and my best performance here in Malaysia," the world number eight told reporters.

"I was consistent with my game and am happy with the victory. My serve was good today and it needed to be because Feliciano pressured me today."

Ferrer netted victories in Qatar, Rio and Mexico prior to Sunday's Malaysian triumph, winning all four finals contested this year. "It's been a good year for me, winning all the finals. But I remember two years ago I lost in five finals and the statistics have changed," said Ferrer who pockets \$170,600 in prize money.

"I have to enjoy this moment. When I end my career I won't have any of this anymore."

The match was Ferrer's 50th tour-level final. Others who have attained the feat are Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray, Novak



David Ferrer

Djokovic and Roger Federer.

Ferrer's journey to win the Malaysian title included a two hour and five minute battle to overcome unseeded semi finalist Benjamin Becker from Germany on Saturday.

Second seed Lopez said a change of balls in the first set had affected his rhythm on Sunday. "I made some fantastic points in the first game, but a change of balls changed the momentum," he said.

"I was playing aggressive, but after that he was more consistent and it was difficult for me to win the points."

Simona Halep injury plunges WTA Finals spot into doubt



Simona Halep of Romania waves to the crowd after retiring

Beijing

World number two Simona Halep lasted less than a set before retiring injured at the China Open yesterday, plunging her appearance at the year-ending WTA Finals into doubt.

Halep and Petra Kvitova, who was playing on painkillers and suffering the ongoing effects of glandular fever, both crashed out as the China Open

lost its top two women's seeds in the first round.

Romania's Halep said she would now take a break from tennis and assess if she can play the season finale in Singapore after retiring at 5-4 down in the first set against Lara Arruabarrena with a left Achilles tendon problem.

"My first thought is just to be healthy. Of course, every tournament is important. But

the most important thing is to be okay, to feel no pain, and then I will see," Halep said.

"I hope I can play in Singapore. Was my goal for this year. I will see. I need treatment and I need a break, for sure."

Halep, currently at a career rankings high, was understandably downcast after the return of an injury which first troubled her in 2011 and

Halep lasted less than a set before retiring injured at the China Open

flared anew at last month's Guangzhou Open.

Top-ranked Serena Williams

is already skipping Singapore as she seeks extra rest after a tough year, while there is a question mark over Maria Sharapova after she retired in Wuhan in the past week.

Kvitova's push for a place at the eight-player event also hit a snag when she lost 7-5, 6-4 to Sara Errani, hampered by a shoulder injury and the lingering effects of glandular fever.



ARGENTINA IN QUARTERFINALS

Leicester

Diego Maradona's infamous 'hand of god' repeatedly punched the air as Argentina moved closer to the Rugby World Cup quarter-finals yesterday with a decisive 45-16 win over Tonga.

The portly football icon became chief cheerleader for the Pumas at Leicester's Walkers Stadium as they again showed why they have become a force to reckon with.

Tries by Joaquin Tuculet, Juan Imhoff, Nicolas Sanchez, Julian Montoya and Santiago Cordero -- often with brilliant darting runs -- sealed the result to Maradona's joy.

The football star leaped to his feet with each score, arms flailing and embracing other spectators as the points mounted and Argentina sealed a bonus-point win.

The Pumas are now second in Pool C, four points behind leaders and reigning world champions New Zealand, who have already qualified.



Argentina's scrum half Martin Landajo (centre) runs

Only an unlikely Tonga four-try win over the All Blacks next weekend can stop Argentina

going into the last eight. Kurt Morath's sixth-minute try put Tonga ahead with a move he

started and ended. But his conversion attempt came off the posts at the start of

a frustrating afternoon of kicking. He missed five kicks that could have changed the

game and Tonga were soon behind and chasing the game.

The more accurate Sanchez kicked a penalty after 19 minutes and Tuculet got Argentina's first try soon after, exposing the Pacific islanders' defensive frailty.

Cordero picked up the ball in his own half for a powerful run and the ball reached Imhoff, who dummied one Tongan and darted between the posts. Maradona was in raptures as Sanchez converted.

Sanchez and Morath got more penalties to keep the scoreboard ticking over.

But Tonga threatened a fightback when Telusa Veainu staged his own breakthrough on the wing and got the ball to Soane Tonga'uiha for their second try. Morath pulled the conversion wide to the annoyance of coach Manakaetau 'Otai.

Just after the hour, Sanchez got the ball 15 metres out, handed-off one opponent and burst through for Argentina's third try.

Ireland reach last eight

London

Keith Earls became Ireland's World Cup try record holder as his side struggled to 16-9 win over Italy yesterday that secured their place in the World Cup quarter-finals.

The result also saw France into the last eight and next week's final Pool D match between the two will decide who will play defending champions New Zealand in the next round.

Centre Earls broke Brian O'Driscoll's Irish World Cup record with his eighth touchdown in two tournaments. But Ireland badly needed Jonny Sexton's 11 points from the boot for the win.

"I apologise to all the Irish fans. It was a very disappointing performance," said Irish captain Paul O'Connell.

"We couldn't get going at all and dropped too many balls. We just hope we can discover our form from the two previous games for next week's game (against France)."

Italy did not have the greatest of starts.

Captain Sergio Parisse looked to shake the cobwebs off on his return from injury but dropped a simple pass

offered to him and the Italians were further hit when centre Gonzalo Garcia limped off in the fourth minute.

Sexton put the Irish into the lead with a penalty in the ninth minute after his darting run had created the opportunity.

The Italians, though, camped in Irish territory for five minutes and won a penalty which Tommaso Allan slotted over to level affairs.

The Irish responded

brilliantly with a superb try, winning a lineout close to the Italian line and passing it down the line. Sexton offloaded brilliantly to Robbie Henshaw who passed to Earls and he was not going to be stopped on his way to the line.

Sexton converted to put the Irish in a good position to take control at 10-3 but Allan again punished the Irish with a penalty in the 19th minute as the Italy pack put their opponents under pressure.



Ireland's number 8 Jamie Heaslip (2nd left) is tackled by Italy's centre Michele Campagnaro (centre)

Foley ends England's dream

Twickenham

Bernard Foley shattered England's World Cup dream on Saturday as Australia triumphed 33-13 to make England the first tournament hosts to drop out in the first round.

Foley scored two brilliant tries and kicked 18 points on a historic night when Australia outclassed their rivals before a packed Twickenham crowd of 81,080.

Australia and Wales are now guaranteed the top two places in Pool A, and tickets to the quarter-finals. They play next Saturday to decide the top dogs in the pool.

Australia coach Michael Cheika punched the air with delight as the final whistle went. His England counterpart Stuart Lancaster cast a forlorn figure, his future now in doubt after losses to Wales and now the Wallabies.

Lancaster and England captain Chris Robshaw quickly apologised to the expectant nation.

"We feel we let the country down today. As players we didn't quite get there. We apologise to them. Australia played very well - but we're gutted," Robshaw told ITV.



Australia's fly half Bernard Foley (centre) breaks through England's defence

"Credit to Australia, we knew across the board that they would put us under pressure and they were good today."

"We're gutted. And gutted for all the fans and everyone at home. Everyone put so much effort in but we're sorry we let everyone down," added Lancaster.

England were all but out of the World Cup by half-time.

Australia masterclass

Foley scored a try after 20 minutes and Australia, the southern hemisphere Rugby

Championship holders, led 17-3 at half time as they imposed their class.

England fought back after the break but left themselves too much to do.

Australia may have lost their last two Tests against England but Cheika chose his strongest side and they pushed forward from the start in the hunt for territory and points.

Within minutes of the whistle, England's Mike Brown had to launch himself at Australia's star full back Israel Folau to stop him scoring a try.



Arsenal-3, Man United-0

GUNNERS SHRED UTD



Manchester United's Antonio Valencia (left) vies against Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez

London

Arsenal produced a scintillating start to overwhelm in-form Manchester United 3-0 in the Premier League yesterday and give embattled manager Arsene Wenger something to smile about.

Wenger was pilloried in the British press after Tuesday's 3-2 home defeat by Olympiakos left his side struggling to avoid a group-stage exit in the Champions League, but five days on he presided over a win that

equalled his best league result against United.

Alexis Sanchez was the hosts' inspiration, scoring with a neat back-heel and an 18-yard howitzer inside the first 19 minutes to take his tally to six goals in three games after last weekend's hat-trick at Leicester City and a midweek header against Olympiakos.

Mesut Ozil joined in the early onslaught, netting from Theo Walcott's seventh-minute cut-back, as Arsenal secured a win that took them up to second place, two points below leaders Manchester City.

United were seeking a fourth consecutive league win, which would have seen them return to the summit, but instead Louis van Gaal's



Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez (left) celebrates with teammates

met with a defeat that saw them slip below Arsenal on goal difference.

It was United's first loss at the Emirates Stadium since

May 2011 and the manner of defeat raised questions about the durability of their title credentials, just as Arsenal were strengthening theirs.

Michael Carrick was one of two changes made by Van Gaal, the other seeing Ashley Young come in at left-back, and the decision to pair Carrick with his fellow thirty-something Bastian Schweinsteiger was quickly made to look suspect as Arsenal ran riot almost from kick-off.

The first goal arrived in the sixth minute, with Aaron Ramsey sliding a pass down the inside-right channel for Ozil, whose cross was brilliantly and inventively back-heeled home at the near post by Sanchez.

Barely a minute later it was 2-0 as Walcott found space behind Matteo Darmian on the Arsenal left and pulled the ball back for Ozil to slot a first-time shot past a statuesque

David de Gea. United had not had time to draw breath and soon Sanchez had added a third, gathering a pass from Walcott, stepping inside three defenders and slamming a thunderbolt into the top-right corner from 18 yards.

Non-existent

It was the first time United had conceded three goals in the first 20 minutes of a Premier League match.

With Wayne Rooney's first touch betraying him, Memphis Depay running down blind alleys and Anthony Martial non-existent, United were not threatening a response and Arsenal could have extended their lead before half-time.

