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## Bahrain condemns bombing in Pakistan

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday condemned the terrorist bombing which took place in Baluchistan District in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan causing deaths and injuries.

The statement affirmed Bahrain stands with Pakistan and supports the measures it takes to curb terrorism.

The Ministry expressed its heartfelt condolences to the Pakistani government and families of the victims and wished a speedy recovery to the injured. The statement also reiterated Bahrain's unyielding stance in renouncing all forms of violence, extremism and terrorism.

### Free entry for students

School students will be allowed free entry to the Arabian Cricket Carnival 2017 on Friday.

## Shaikh Nasser, Kadyrov opens Social Centre

DT News Network Grozny, Chechnya

His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday joined Ramzan Akhmadovich Kadyrov, the President of Chechen Republic in the inauguration of a new Social Centre constructed by the Chechen Republic in 70 days.

The Centre houses a hospital equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, highly experienced staff, and a school.

On the occasion, Shaikh Nasser, the Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, expressed his admiration at the rapid development of Chechen Republic.

Shaikh Nasser told Kadyrov that the Chechen Republic is on the right track to become an "ideal and leading model in development".

A number of senior officials of the Chechen Republic were present on the occasion.



# War on drugs in full swing



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More than 600 arrests were made in the crackdown on drugs by the Interior Ministry in the first half of this year, a report said.

Giving the breakup of the arrests, the Interior Ministry publication, Al Almn, said: "635 men and 27 women were arrested during the first half of this year, of which 95 are expatriates, 175 are Bahrainis and the rest are Arab nationals."

"Four people died due to drugs overdose when compared to that of the 11 deaths occurred last year," the report said.

Al Almn, quoting Interior Ministry, further said that the maximum numbers of arrests were recorded in March.

"A total of 151 drug pedlars were arrested during the month," the report said. "April closely followed with 132 arrests."

Revealing further, Al Almn said that 367

drug-related cases were registered at the King Fahad Causeway and 48 cases at the Bahrain International Airport.

The report also said that a total of 154 drug-related cases were registered here in the Kingdom. "Drug cases probed at the entry points, including arrests, reached 571 in the first half of this year," Al Almn said.

Bahrain has launched many initiatives in recent years to reduce drug-related crimes in the country. On June 26, when marking the 'International Day Against Drug abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Minister of Interior, Lt. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa said: "79 per cent of the goals of the five-year strategic plan were achieved."

The Ministry also revealed statistics on safety. "The figures reveal there were 2694 cases relating to fires, first aid and community police. 26 people died on Bahrain's roads from January until June. Police Patrols dealt with 568 accidents during the first six months. 234 people sustained injuries in these accidents."

## More than 600 arrests in 6 months



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Nadal through to quarters



# 'Bahrain, Chechen pioneers in MMA'

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Manama**

**H**H Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday crowned the winners of the Chechen International Mixed Martial Arts Championship alongside President of the Chechen Republic Ramzan Akhmadovich Kadyrov. President of the Chechen Republic crowned the runners-up.

Addressing the closing ceremony of the championship, Shaikh Nasser, the Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, expressed his pride in the ability and competitiveness of the Chechen MMA athletes.

"MMA is progressing steadily in Chechnya," said Shaikh Nasser adding: "The sport is also flourishing in Bahrain, thanks to the high patronage of His Majesty King

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa."

He also highlighted Bahrain's exemplary experience in the sport and stressed the importance of sharing experiences to boost its development in both the countries.

HH Shaikh Nasser commended the championship's committees for boosting the potential of the Chechen's cadres and for their ability in hosting various competitions.

Shaikh Nasser wished the Chechen youth and sports movement more progress and prosperity.

Separately, Shaikh Nasser toured the Aymani Kadyrova Mosque named after the mother of the Chechen Republic President Ramzan Akhmadovich Kadyrov.

Shaikh Nasser hailed the Mosque as a stunning Islamic architectural edifice and praised its design inspired by the Islamic heritage.

# Duraz explosion trial will begin in November

**Manama**

The Public Prosecution has completed the investigations into a terrorist explosion that killed one policeman and injured two others in Duraz on June 18, it was announced yesterday.

The case will be heard by the High Criminal Court on November 1, according to Deputy Prosecutor in the Anti-Terror Crime Prosecution, Khalid Al Tameemi.

The accused were charged with deliberate murder, illegal possession and handling of explosives and weapons, causing an

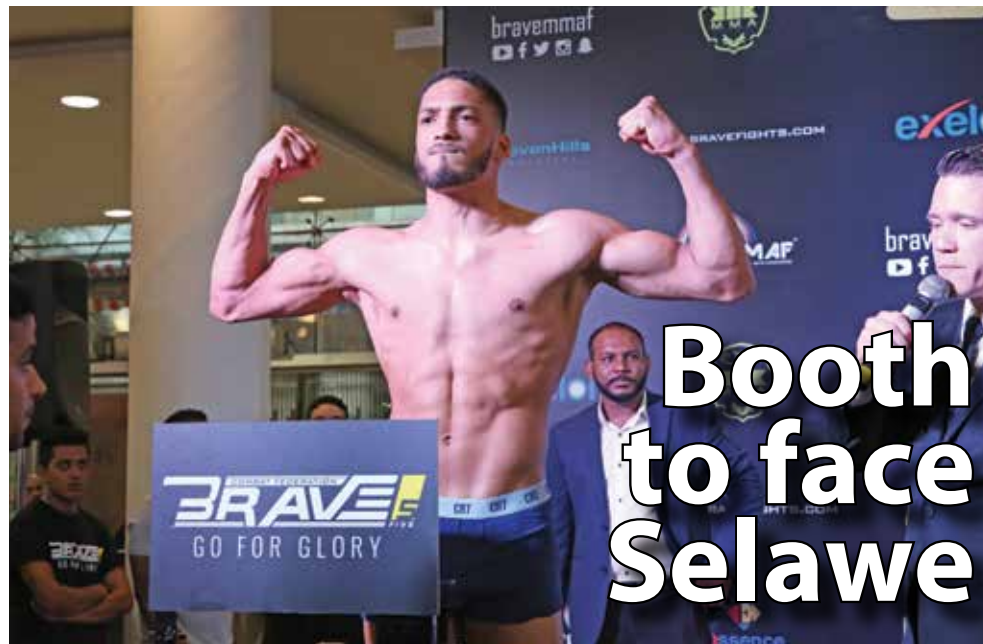
explosion that killed one policeman, damaging property, illegal training on the criminal use of firearms and explosives and committing terrorist crimes with other accomplices.

Investigators found that explosive devices were planted by two of the defendants after reconnoitring the movement of the police vehicles in the area. Explosion was triggered by one of the defendants, who climbed on to the rooftop of a nearby building, ensuring maximum damage. The blast resulted in

the death of a policeman, injured several others and damaged nearby public and private properties.

One of the suspects was arrested and referred to the Prosecution according to the legal procedures.

The Public Prosecution relied on verbal evidences including witness testimony, technical evidence, CID reports, crime scene images, confiscated electronic devices belonging to the arrestee, in addition to his detailed confession of having committed the crime by himself alongside with accomplices



## Booth to face Selawe

**Manama**

Carl Booth has announced his return to Bahrain in his latest interview held in the United Kingdom. Carl is set to face Jarrah Al Selawe on November 17th. Booth has visited Bahrain during the second edition of Brave which was also hosted in the Khalifa Sports City.

“The Kingdom of Bahrain is now a leading combat sports destination attracting athletes and professionals from the sports media industry.

The dynamic growth of Bahrain in combat sports is due to systematic planning, implementation and leadership by His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. The nation is welcoming and is open minded to accept new concepts and to work relentless towards goals,” commented Booth.

With regards to his next opponent Jarrah Al Selawe from Jordan who he will face during Brave 9: The Kingdom of Champions, Carl Booth was confident. “I’m fairly confident

either way, and I know he has improved. He is a lot more well rounded, but I am confident in another knockout. I know he is not stronger than Harris. If he wants to wrestle with me it will just give me the opportunity to show my new skills.”

Brave 9 will be the culmination of the International Combat Week, alongside the IMMAF World Championships under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.



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### Cultures in Harmony



The Chinese Cultural Week and Hong Kong Harmonica Association performed the Echanting Harmonica Music Concert in Bahrain Cultural Hall last night. Chinese Ambassador Qi Zhenhong and Shaikh Khalifa Ahmed Al Khalifa, Director of Museums of BACA attended the event.

# Startups get a fillip at investors summit



MENA Angel Investors Summit 2017

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### Manama

The sixth MENA Angel Investors Summit 2017, organised by Tenmou in strategic partnership with StartUp Bahrain and Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB), was held yesterday at the Ritz Carlton Bahrain.

The summit provided a platform for young entrepreneurs and startups to interact, share their ideas and pitch business opportunity to investors from all over MENA as well as high-net-worth investors and angel investment organisations.

Commenting on the event, Head of the MENA Angel

Investor Network (MAIN) and CEO of Tenmou, Hasan Haider, told *DT News*, "This summit is truly one of a kind as this is the only forum in the country that focuses on pitching and raising funds from the audience which mainly comprises of investors."

Explaining further, he said that the focus is not just on the startups in Bahrain, "but on startups from all across the MENA including Egypt, Jordan, Palestine and more."

"Overall this year we have the participation of almost 30 startups around the MENA region," he said.

The summit, Haider said, supports investors to look at Bahrain as a potential source of deal flow. "If there are investors,

we do have a space for them."

"We see a lot of young entrepreneurs and startups with brilliant ideas, but the only problem is that there isn't enough funding, venture capital or for that matter angel investors

"We are trying to bridge the gap between angel investors and startups through forums like these," he added.

Simon Galpin, Managing Director of Bahrain Economic Development Board, told *DT News*, "It is a delight to support an event like this again for it is a landmark event in the startup calendar of Bahrain."

"We believe that this is a great way for high net worth individuals to engage and help startups," he added.



Simon Galpin  
Managing  
Director of  
Bahrain Economic  
Development  
Board



Head of MENA Angel  
Investor Network  
(MAIN) and CEO of  
Tenmou, Hasan Haider



To celebrate the 27th anniversary of German Unity, the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany Alfred Simms Protz and Mrs Perwin Hajo held a reception attended by diplomats and ambassadors at the Diplomat Radisson Blu hotel.

Bangladesh Ambassador Major General K. M. Mominur Rahman (Retd) with other officials during the launch

# Bangladesh embassy launches new social campaign

The new platform aims to project various aspects of Bangladesh and engage with the local online audience

DT News Network Manama

The Bangladesh Embassy in Bahrain has announced the launch of their new blog which aims to provide social, cultural, natural, economic and tourism related information to members of the public interested in learning more about Bangladesh as well as the work of the Embassy.

The blog is being launched to complement the Embassy website <http://www.bdembassy.org.bh/> and to serve as an online journal that will share a running log of events and personal insights with an online audience.

Each week, the blog will share posts focused on four different themes: Embassy news, Top 10, Interesting Facts and Bangladesh Stories. Bangladesh Stories will be short personalised stories highlighting valuable insights on what life is like in Bangladesh through the eyes of several locals in various sectors talking about their experiences in their home



country. Anyone who wants to participate and share a story can submit their request on the blog and be featured as well.

The campaign will seek to engage the local and Bangladeshi community through social media and serve as a platform to support their interests. In addition, the social media initiative will also promote cultural events, facts and news of interest to the local and Bangladeshi community in Bahrain. In addition the Embassy will be present on Instagram. The

blog's content will be shared on Instagram simultaneously giving access to different target audiences.

Bangladesh Ambassador, Major General K. M. Mominur Rahman (Retd) stated, "At this digital age, we found this to be an appropriate step to engage with the youth and be the first embassy in the Kingdom to start this kind of initiative.

We want the local and the Bangladeshi community to participate by sharing their moments, stories and engage with us online. In addition to that, the blog will serve as a vital platform to further strengthen our dialogue with the local Bahrain community here. This programme builds on the Bangladesh Embassy's goal of developing and strengthening the linkage between Bahrain and Bangladesh. We encourage everyone to participate and share with us their views and experiences."

To access the blog, click the link: <http://www.bdembassy.blog/>

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## Wide Angle



Joel Indrupati

## Gun Control in the US: A Rising Debate

**G**un control is an explosive topic to discuss in the United States.

There are people lobbying for stricter gun control laws. And there are those completely opposed to it.

Invoking the 'second amendment' of the US Constitution, the pro-gun group argues that all Americans have the "right to keep and bear arms". And that their founding fathers have, in their wisdom, guaranteed the right.

But the horrific shooting in Las Vegas this week, which has caused 59 deaths (including the shooter's) and some 500 plus injuries, has brought to the fore, once again, the debate on gun control legislation. And I think it should.

After all, here is a man who gathered an astonishing 47 firearms, and created for himself a personal arsenal. And he had even modified 12 of his semi-automatic weapons so that they can work like automatic weapons!

And, does the US government's legislation on guns, matter to the world? I think it does.

As I watched the video clips of this ghastly attack on news channels and websites, I realized - like probably many others have done - that I could have been one in the crowd.

And my simple enjoyment of country music - which I am personally very fond of - and my life, could have been brutally ended by a psychopath's assault weapon.

After being at music concerts of this type - standing, clapping, and singing aloud, with friends who shared my passion - just imagining what we would have all done if we were suddenly hit by a hail of bullets, horrifies me.

Actually, I should not imagine any such thing. But neither did those 58 people. They were alive five days ago. And today, their families are mourning their deaths.

Maybe, just a few days ago, some of them must have made exciting plans to attend the music festival. Some of them must have begged unwilling parents to let them go. They went. They saw. And they got killed.

The reason? A demented man who massacred innocent men and women.

The partners in crime? A society that made him a psychopath. And a government that allowed him to acquire those deadly weapons. Or, that's what I think.

The main argument of those who speak in favour of the 'right to keep and bear arms' is this: It is not the gun at fault, but the man behind the gun. Similarly, they will argue that it is really not the truck, which ploughed into crowds, that killed people, but the man behind the wheel.

Agreed. But simple logic tells us that guns are weapons, and trucks are transport vehicles. And there should be a stricter control on the sale of guns.

To know how the US compares with the rest of the world on gun-related deaths, I recommend an article on BBC's website titled "America's gun culture in 10 charts".

It gives an international comparison of gun-related killings as a percentage of all homicides. And it shows that in USA (2016) it is 64, in Canada (2015) it is 30.5, in Australia (2013/14) it is 13, and in England and Wales (2016) it is 4.5.

The USA also is world's number one, on 'most guns owned by civilians'. It has around 270 million guns!

In 1791, when the second amendment was ratified, there were no automatic assault rifles. But, this is 2017. Guns have changed, and people too.

Arguments that self-defence is necessary and that private gun ownership would desist government tyranny are causing unbridled proliferation.

If USA wants to be a good example to the world, it must address its gun culture too, by stricter legislation.

*(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the policy or position of this newspaper.)*

# Iraq claims victory in ISIS' last stronghold

**Baghdad**  
The Iraqi government said yesterday that its forces had driven Islamic State fighters from the northern city of Hawija, the militants' final urban stronghold in Iraq, three years after they seized control of nearly a third of the country.

Iraq's prime minister, Haider al-Abadi, said in a televised appearance in Paris, where he is on a state visit, that Hawija had been "liberated," calling it a "victory not just for Iraq but for the whole world."

The fall of Hawija was confirmed in a statement on Thursday by the United States-led coalition. "Our Iraqi partners fought bravely and professionally against a brutal and determined enemy, safeguarding innocent civilians throughout the entire campaign," said Lt. Gen. Paul E. Funk II. "Thanks to their efforts, Hawijah will return to local governance and security."

Although fighting is continuing in surrounding districts, the fall of the Hawija area would add to a series



Iraqis who fled Hawija crossing a river on Wednesday on their way to a camp for displaced people.

of crushing blows for the militants in Iraq, who would be left in control of only a string of desert outposts in the Euphrates River valley and the city of Qaim, on the border with Syria.

Morale among militants in and around Hawija appears to be deteriorating rapidly. At least 600 men identified by Kurdish forces as Islamic State fighters have surrendered to the Kurds in Kirkuk, about 35 miles from Hawija.

An additional 400 are being interrogated on suspicion of being militants. Together, they represent roughly a third of an estimated 3,000 Islamic State fighters in the Hawija area before Iraq began military operations there on Sept. 21.

As in other battles over the past three years, Iraqi forces have been supported in Hawija by American military advisers, forward air controllers, special operations troops, airstrikes and artillery.

Col. Ryan Dillon, the spokesman for the United States-led coalition in Baghdad, said on Thursday that the United States had conducted 16 airstrikes in the past week in support of the Hawija operation. The speed of what seems to have been a two-week Iraqi military sweep through Hawija suggests that the militants are no longer able to sustain effective military operations for long periods. *(nytimes)*

## Missing Pets



**KITTY** - Female long-hair Ginger, 4-5 mos, very friendly, not wearing collar or ID tag, let outside and did not come back - possibly STOLEN, Janabiya (near Saar gate and Mercado Mall), 1/10/17. **39961624**



**MOLLY** - Female Pug, 9 weeks old, microchipped (registered at House Vet), no collar, gardener left gate open, Amwaj Floating City, REWARD to who brings her back, 20/12/16. **36061046**



**DODONG** - Male Persian, 1 yr 7 mos, neutered, not wearing collar or ID tag, gate left open - ran outside house, Adliya (near Burj Omran Apartments), 22/4/17. **37133189**



**AMIGO** - Male Rottweiler, 4 yrs, microchipped, wearing collar, gate left open, Sanad (area 646 behind Jawad Supermarket), 29/2/16, REWARD BD50. **39444786**



**SNOW** - Female Dilmun, 9 mos, all white, spayed, not wearing collar or I.D. tag, climbed over garden wall, Mahooz (next to Ibn Al Nafees Hospital), last seen in area on 11/4, REWARD for safe return BD50, 6/3/17. **39800310**



**JUNIOR** - Male Husky/Malamute mix, black/white, one blue/one brown eye, 1 yr, gate left open, not wearing collar or ID, Janabiya (next to El-Mercado Mall & Al-Ayam newspaper), 17/1/17, REWARD 300BD, **66656566/39696716/39666004/33446564**

# 'Let's Plant A Smile'

## Khalid Bin Hamad Theatres Festival opens

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The curtains were raised on the third edition of the 'Khalid Bin Hamad Theatres Festival For National Clubs, Youth Centres and People With Disability' aimed at empowering the youth in the fields of cultural and humanitarian works.

This year's edition is themed #Let's\_Plant\_A\_Smile.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Athletics Association and Honourary President of the Bahrain Disabled Sports Federation deputised Hisham bin Mohammed Al Jowder to attend the opening ceremony held at Muharraq Model Youth Centre.

"The continuation of the festival for the third consecutive year proves its success and the popularity," said the Minister hailing the supporting stances and initiatives of Shaikh Khalid.

On the occasion of the launching of the festival, Shaikh Khalid highlighted the importance of theatres art among the youth, reiterating that the festival aims to support Bahraini youth in the cultural and artistic fields.

The festival, organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs and the Media Office of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, will conclude on October 21.

The highlight of the opening ceremony was the performances by Bahraini artists Jamal Al-Ghailan, Hisham Al-Shurooqi and Yusuf Al-Najdi.

Veteran Bahraini actors, cooperating authorities including the Ministry of Education, Isa Cultural Centre, Kanoo Cultural Centre, Muharraq Model Youth Centre and the Family of Authors and Writers and participating teams were honoured during the opening ceremony.

Participating teams are: Tubli Club, Galali Club, Zallaq Youth Centre, Karzakkan Youth Centre, Hamad Town Youth Centre, Al-Hala Club, Al-Jasra Youth Centre, Budaiya Club, Buhair Youth Centre, Shakhoora Youth Centre, Barbar Club and the National Foundation for the Services of People With Disabilities, East Riffa Youth Centre, Buri Club and Al-Naeem Youth Centre.

An art gallery was also inaugurated on the sidelines of the festival, which showcases the works of Bahraini artists.

### 12 plays, 18 days

Local youth centres and clubs will perform 12 plays during the 18-day festival, which also include three additional shows.

Galali Cultural and Sports Club will perform today the second play of the festival titled "A Safe Place for Insanity". The play directed by Abdulrahman Faqeehi will begin at 7:30 pm.



# Russia, Saudi sign billion-dollar deals

## Moscow

**S**audi Arabia's King Salman, on a landmark visit to Russia, and President Vladimir Putin yesterday signed a slew of arms and energy deals as the key US ally seeks to deepen cooperation with Moscow.

The leaders of the world's largest energy exporters discussed an extension of an Opec agreement to cap oil output and oversaw the signing of deals which officials said were worth billions of dollars.

Saudi Arabia signed preliminary agreements to buy Russia's S-400 air defence systems and anti-tank guided missile systems and receive "cutting edge technologies," said the state's military firm, Saudi Arabian Military Industries.

The two countries also signed a series of multi-billion dollar investment deals including one to create a US\$1 billion (\$\$1.3 billion) fund to pursue energy projects.

"This is the first visit by a Saudi Arabian monarch in the history of our relations and that in itself is a landmark event," Putin said as he welcomed 81-year-old King Salman to Moscow in an ornate gilded Kremlin hall.

"I'm sure your visit will boost the ties between our countries," Putin added.



Saudi Arabia's King Salman and Russian President Vladimir Putin attend a welcoming ceremony ahead of their talks.

"We aim to strengthen our relations in the interests of peace and security, in the interests of developing the world economy," the Saudi king responded.

Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir told journalists that "relations between Russia and Saudi Arabia have reached a historic moment."

"Today, we alone as the

Russian Direct Investment Fund announced deals worth US\$2.1 billion," said Kirill Dmitriyev, the head of the fund set up to attract investment.

Foreign Minister Sergei

Lavrov said agreements came in the fields of "energy – not only traditional but also nuclear power – and also in cooperation in space exploration (and) agroindustry

and infrastructure projects."

## Oil cap for 'stability'

The leaders of the world's largest energy exporters also discussed the Opec agreement to cap oil output.

Opec members have joined with Russia and other countries in cutting crude output in a pact that has helped prop up prices.

"We strive to continue the positive cooperation between our countries to achieve stability on world oil markets which promotes the growth of the world's economy," Salman said.

Putin said on Wednesday it was possible to extend an Opec deal to cap oil output "at least until the end of 2018".

## Focus on syria, yemen

Lavrov said the Saudi monarch and Putin's meeting saw a "particular focus on Syria, Iraq, Libya and Yemen."

The two sides said they had common ground in a desire to rally Syrian opposition forces to take part in UN-backed peace talks.

Jubeir said that the countries "closely cooperate... on uniting the Syrian opposition and broadening its framework, in order to start the political process" at Geneva peace talks. (AFP)

## Tamkeen, Bahrain Technology Society launch Tech award



Dr Ebrahim Mohammed Janahi

## Manama

**L**abour Fund "Tamkeen" and Bahrain Technology Society "BTECH" launched the first edition of the Bahrain Tech Award, which will be announced on Monday in Dubai.

The announcement will be made on the sidelines of the Bahrain National Conference at GITEX held at the World Trade Center in Dubai from 8 to 12 October.

Bahrain Tech Awards ceremonies are widely regarded as the best networking opportunity in the IT industry as it will be attended by Country Pavilion exhibitors from GITEX, Dubai and Bahrain Government and Private Sectors, CIOs,

Telecom Companies, and other executives.

Bahrain Labour Fund "Tamkeen" CEO Dr Ebrahim Mohammed Janahi said that the award aims at promoting Bahrain-based technology companies.

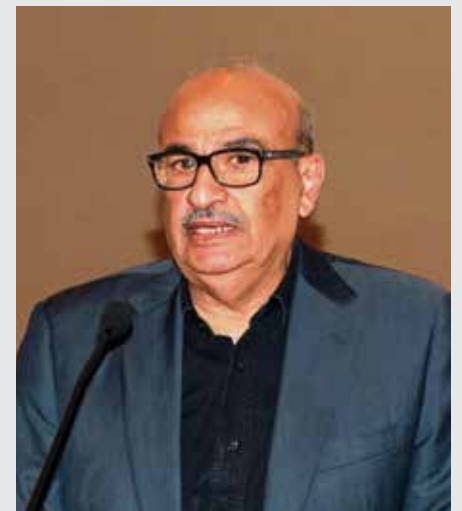
"We in Tamkeen are working towards developing the Kingdom's economy as well as stimulating the private sector to become a key driver of development," Dr Janahi said in a statement on this occasion.

On his part, Ubaidly Al Ubaidly, President of (BTECH) said that Tamkeen's launch of this Award in collaboration with BTECH comes as part

of the strategic partnership between both parties which aims at boosting the IT and telecommunication sectors in Bahrain.

"29 Nominations were received exclusively from this year's Bahrain Pavilion at GITEX exhibition companies," he explained.

All the applications were reviewed and evaluated by an online jury consisting of international experts namely: Fadi Abdulkhalek – Oracle, Tareq Hijazi – Microsoft, Dr. Nasser Fouad – Suez Canal Government Zone, Dr. Fadi Aloul – American University of Sharjah, Nidal Bitar – Intaj Jordan and Paul Fengnan – Huawei Bahrain.



Ubaidly Al Ubaidly



## Russian hackers stole U.S. cyber secrets

Washington

Russian government-backed hackers stole highly classified U.S. cyber secrets in 2015 from the National Security Agency after a contractor put information on his home computer, the *Wall Street Journal* reported, citing unnamed sources. The theft included information on penetrating foreign computer networks and protecting against cyber attacks



## Riyadh pilots digital currency in transactions

Riyadh

Saudi Arabia announced Wednesday the introduction of digital currency for transactions between banks, *Ajil online* local news reported. The pilot initiative aims to meet global development, Ahmed Al Khalifi, governor of the Saudi Arabia Monetary Authority (SAMA), told a press conference.



Well, I think Russia and Saudi Arabia have lots of things in common. We want to diversify our economies away from oil and frankly, there was not much going on before. So, of course we are not talking about Russia being a substitute for the U.S. The U.S. will remain a key partner for Saudi Arabia for hundreds of years to come."

**Kirill Dmitriev**

CEO of the Russian Direct Investment Fund



## How "bump-stock" devices work

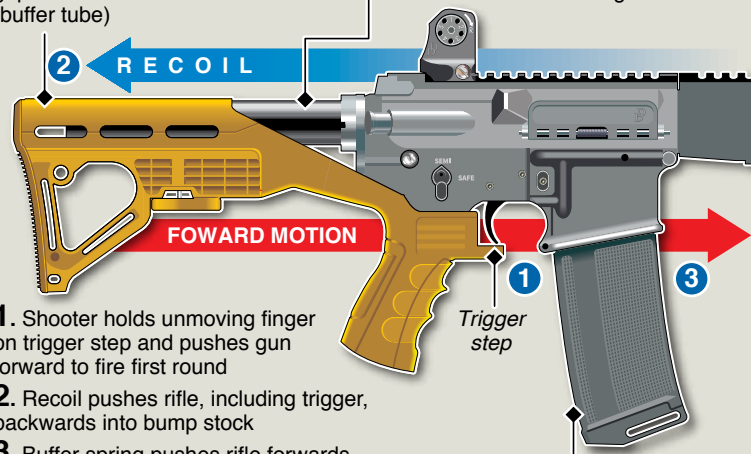
The deadly arsenal of weapons found in a 32nd-floor room at the La Vegas Mandalay Bay Hotel included 16 assault rifles, 12 of which had been modified from semi-automatic to fire in automatic mode

**Semi-automatic:** One round fired each time trigger is depressed. **Rate of fire limited to speed shooter can squeeze trigger**

**Bump stock:** Sliding shoulder rest replaces rifle's fixed stock and pistol grip and fits over receiver extension (buffer tube)

**Automatic:** When trigger is depressed gun fires continuously until magazine is empty. **Rate of fire can reach over 500 RPM**

**Buffer tube:** Buffer spring uses recoil to recycle bolt, eject spent case and load next round from magazine



1. Shooter holds unmoving finger on trigger step and pushes gun forward to fire first round

2. Recoil pushes rifle, including trigger, backwards into bump stock

3. Buffer spring pushes rifle forwards, hitting trigger repeatedly against trigger finger. Shooter can achieve something close to automatic fire

**Magazine:** Typical 30-round magazine can be emptied in around 5-7 seconds

Sources: Slide Fire Solutions, Daniel Defense

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## Timeline of Las Vegas shooting

Las Vegas gunman Stephen Paddock fired at concertgoers for a full 10 minutes from his 32nd-floor suite at the Mandalay Bay hotel, killing 58 people and injuring hundreds before turning the gun on himself

**10:05pm, Oct 1:** First shots fired by suspect – seen on closed-circuit television from concert venue

**10:12pm:** First police officers arrive on 31st floor and announce gunfire coming from above them

**10:15pm:** Last shots fired by suspect, based on body cam video

**10:17pm:** First two officers arrive on 32nd floor

**10:18pm:** Security guard tells officers he is shot and gives exact location of suspect's room

**10:26-10:30pm:** Eight additional officers arrive on 32nd floor and begin moving along hallway, clearing rooms

**10:55pm:** Eight officers arrive at stairwell in opposite end of hallway

**11:20pm:** Officers use explosive to breach door to suspect's room, where he is seen lying on floor

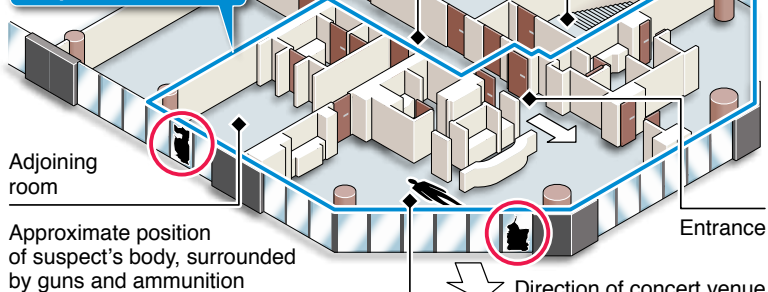
**11:27pm:** Second charge allows officers to access adjoining room. Police announce that suspect is down

**Hallway:** Police find two cameras, plus third placed over suite door's peephole

**MANDALAY BAY RESORT AND CASINO**  
Diagram based on typical suite, actual layout may vary

○ Windows broken by suspect

Suspect's hotel suite



Sources: New York Times, Reuters

All times local (GMT-7)

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# Batelco wins top honour at GEC awards



Batelco Corporate Affairs Senior Manager Osama Alsaad receives the award

Manama

Batelco has been presented with the top Project Execution Award for the Telecom Sector at the annual GEC Awards ceremony, held at the Rixos Premium, Dubai, on Tuesday. Batelco was recognised for its Superfast Fibre Network.

The prestigious GEC (Global Enterprise Connect) Awards

event is hailed as the benchmark for outstanding performance throughout the Middle East and Africa's IT industry, where leading players in the ICT domain compete for the winning titles.

The prestigious Top Project Execution Award for the Telecom Sector, according to Batelco, validates its major project to

deploy nationwide Superfast Fibre throughout the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The winners were awarded at a star-studded dinner attended by senior executives, personalities and VIP's from leading regional establishments. Batelco Corporate Affairs Senior Manager Osama Alsaad collected the award for Batelco.

## India mulls exemptions sought by Apple

New Delhi

The Indian government is considering exemptions sought by Apple Inc for setting up a unit to assemble iPhones, Ramesh Abhishek, the top bureaucrat in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, said yesterday.

The department is a part of India's commerce and industry ministry.

Apple has asked federal government officials for a range of tax and policy changes to help build out its iPhone assembly work in India.

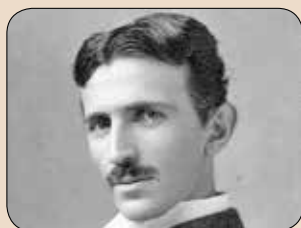
It is seeking permission to open its own retail stores in India where it currently sells iPhones through resellers.

India has given Chinese smartphone maker Oppo the go-ahead to open its own single-brand retail stores, boding well for rivals like Apple, which are seeking similar approvals. (Reuters)



An iPhone is seen on display at a kiosk at an Apple reseller store in Mumbai

## Did You Know?



Nikola Tesla built a 185-foot tower on Long Island, planning to suck electricity out of the air and send it through the earth. Sadly for humanity: it did not work. In 1917, the tower was torn down. Somebody blamed the government, who allegedly blamed the Germans who were supposedly using it as a spy tower. This all appears to have been a cover: Tesla was broke and his debtors wanted to salvage what they could from the wreckage.

# Gulf markets ends mostly lower

### Dubai

**M**ost Gulf stock markets fell yesterday, with Qatar falling for a third straight session to a new five-year low, but shares in Kuwaiti telecommunications operator Zain jumped on a rumour that Oman Telecommunications might expand its stake in the firm.

The Saudi index lost 0.4 per cent, with the banking sector, which had been relatively robust this week, falling back. National Commercial Bank lost 1.2 percent.

Saudi-based insurer Metlife AIG ANB Cooperative Insurance rose 1.1pc to 20.04 riyals in its heaviest trade since May 2016, but closed well below its intra-day high of 21.80 riyals.

The company announced that the industry regulator had approved the opening of three new outlets in Riyadh, Jeddah and Khobar. Metlife said the positive financial impact would be reflected in its fourth-quarter results.

Arabian Cement rose in early trade after announcing that it is in initial talks with privately held Safwa Cement for a potential merger, but it closed 0.1pc lower.

This would be the first merger in the sector in Saudi Arabia, according to NCB Capital. The sector has been hit by a demand slowdown and a slump in profits over the last two years. Arabian Cement has an annual production capacity of 5.4 million tonnes while Safwa produces 3.35 million tonnes.

Rabigh Refining and Petrochemical, a joint venture between state-owned Saudi Aramco and Japan's Sumitomo, lost 0.9pc after saying it had shut its vacuum gas oil unit for 32 days as part of scheduled maintenance.

In Kuwait, Zain surged 3.4 percent while Omantel rose 1.1 percent. Regional television network Al Arabiya quoted a securities analyst as saying there were rumors that Omantel was in talks with

## Closing Bell

**SAUDI** fell 0.4 percent to 7,259 points.

**DUBAI** edged down 0.2 percent to 3,591 points.

**ABU DHABI** fell 0.4 percent to 4,414 points.

**QATAR** declined 0.3 percent to 8,132 points.

**KUWAIT** lost 0.5 percent to 6,662 points.

**BAHRAIN** was flat at 1,274 points.

**OMAN** added 0.1 percent to 5,213 points.

Kuwait's Al Kharafi Group to buy a further 12 percent stake in Zain. In August, Omantel bought 9.84 percent of the company.

Qatar's index, which closed at a five-year low on Wednesday, fell a further 0.3 percent. Banking and commodity-linked shares were again the main drags. Commercial Bank lost 0.6 percent and Gulf International

Services fell 1.5 percent.

The Dubai index gave up gains made earlier in the day to close 0.2 percent down. Deyaar Development, which had jumped 3.1 percent the previous day, lost 1.6 percent.

In Abu Dhabi, the index dropped 0.4 percent as First Abu Dhabi Bank lost 1.5 percent. Egypt's market was closed for a public holiday. (Reuters)



COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.3018	0.2994
BANGLADESH	0.00476	0.00463
CANADA	0.3087	0.3055
DENMARK	0.0627	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0217
EURO	0.4499	0.4474
HONGKONG	0.04970	0.04930
INDIA	0.00593	0.00584
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IRAQI DINAR	0.000304	
JAPAN	0.00351	0.003440
JORDAN	0.5350	0.5354
KOREA	0.00038072	
KUWAIT	1.249	1.249
MALAYSIA	0.0918	0.0916
NEW ZEALAND	0.2739	0.2740
NORWAY	0.0495	
NEPAL	0.00395	0.00363
OMAN	0.98014	0.98301
PAKISTAN	0.00379	0.00358
PHILIPPINES	0.00765	0.00741
QATAR	0.2831	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10058	0.10066
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THAILAND	0.011500	0.011520
TURKEY	0.1119	
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37790	0.37800
YUAN	0.056800	0.056800

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## GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5738	0.3880	0.3357
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.0645	0.2938	0.2542
OMAN	0.3849	0.3740	0.3962	0.3427
QATAR	3.6420	3.5386	3.7485	3.2428
UAE	3.6730	3.5687	3.7804	3.2704
SAUDI	3.7500	3.6435	3.8596	3.3390

# Hybrid-electric commuter plane to hit market in 2022

### New York

**A** Seattle-area startup, backed by the venture capital arms of Boeing Co and JetBlue Airways Corp announced plans yesterday to bring a small hybrid-electric commuter aircraft to market by 2022.

The small airliner is the first of several planes planned by Zunum Aero, which said it would seat up to 12 passengers and be powered by two electric motors, dramatically reducing the travel time and cost of trips

under 1,000 miles (1,600 km).

Zunum's plans and timetable underscore a rush to develop small electric aircraft based on rapidly evolving battery technology and artificial intelligence systems that avoid obstacles on a road or in the sky.

In a separate but related development, Boeing said on Thursday it plans to acquire a company that specializes in electric and autonomous flight to help its own efforts to develop such aircraft.



Zunum Aero's hybrid-electric aircraft, due to enter service in 2022, is seen in this undated artist's rendering released by Zunum Aero



Kamala Khan, the Pakistani-American and Muslim teenager who is Ms Marvel

# THE MUSLIM SUPER HERO: A ROLE MODEL FOR GIRLS



Sana Amanat



## New York

**M**y daughters and I have finally reached the front of the queue to meet Marvel's Sana Amanat.

Janah, 11, and Serene, 10, have waited almost an hour to meet the woman former United States president Barack Obama once called a "real-life superhero".

Amanat, 34, was in Dubai speaking at a literature festival about co-creating the first Muslim superhero, Kamala Khan, a revamp of the classic Ms Marvel character (originally named Carol Danvers and created in 1968).

First introduced in early 2014, Khan is a Muslim, Pakistani-American teenager who fights crime in Jersey City and occasionally teams up with the Avengers.

Marvel Comics took a gamble on Amanat's idea to create the character in an era when Muslims are labelled terrorists, bombing cities rather than trying to save them.

The gamble has paid off. Khan, the teenage girl who gets polymorph powers when a strange terrigen mist descends upon Jersey City, is a global phenomenon.

The success of the Ms Marvel series doesn't surprise me as a Muslim mother of four girls – it's refreshing to see a Muslim girl portrayed as a heroine rather than oppressed.

That's why it was important to me that our daughters wait in line to meet Amanat.

Parenting Muslim girls comes with challenges; not only must we deal with the traditional issues that face adolescent girls, but we must also contend with the negative depiction of Muslim women in the media. We must work harder to empower them with positive images of who they are while teaching them to be strong, resilient and successful women without compromising their religious beliefs and duties.

After meeting Amanat, the girls pose for a picture with her. They walk away from the experience excited and eager to learn more about Ms Marvel's adventures.

The second half of the creative team is New York Times' best-selling comic writer and author G. Willow Wilson. Amanat admits the women don't always see eye-to-eye, which is a blessing in disguise.

Amanat says she considers herself a progressive who grew up with Islam, while Wilson is more conservative, wears a hijab, and found Islam later in life.

"That's what has been so interesting," says Amanat. "We've utilised that to help develop a character that represents different ideas but also commonalities of our different experiences."

Amanat is right. Muslims' beliefs differ from one sect to another. Most Muslim families have at least one member who is a little more religious than the rest, and one who barely meets the basic criteria of Islam, while others prefer to label themselves moderate.

In the debut issue, Kamala questions female and male segregation in her Saturday-morning Islamic class. Tired of being unable to hear the sermon, she interrupts the class, barging through the partitions, searching for answers from Sheikh Abdullah, the religious leader.

It's through humour that Amanat and Wilson challenge Muslim labels. They've deliberately chosen not to make Khan a hijabi, yet she still dresses modestly, even as a superhero, staying true to her Islamic beliefs.

"Kamala doesn't wear a hijab but [her friend in the comic series] Nakia is a hijabi fashionista who wears high-end brands," Amanat says. "We wanted to show that you can be a Muslim woman and stay true to your beliefs without wearing a hijab; however, if they chose to wear it she can also be stylish."

While the pair are tackling stereotypes, comic fans around the world are asking if the shape-shifting teen will team up with the Avengers to take over the White House and eliminate the racist president who wants to keep families like hers out of the country.

Since Donald Trump's inauguration, fans have created images of Khan tearing up a photo of the president, punching him, and grieving in her room.

"She's a unifier, she will try to understand the other side, not punch the other side," Amanat says. "I don't want her to get mixed in to the world of politics, I want her to be above all of that."

"If she is on one side of this then the people we want to change the hearts and minds of will automatically look at her as someone who hates and we don't want that. We want to find a way where they can be inspired by Ms Marvel." (SMH)



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, at Sakhiya, accompanied with Shaikh Al-Mohsen Abdulhussain Al-Asfoor, marking the conclusion of Ashooraa season. Shaikh Al-Mohsen Abdulhussain Al-Asfoor presented a portrait to HM the King's and gratitude for his directives to varying the Ashura occasion.



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa visited a BDF unit, and was informed about its achievements. The commander-in-chief met the unit's Commander and senior officers, who briefed him about the unit's duties and capabilities, and advanced equipment and systems that enable it to perform the tasks assigned to it.



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza received Minister of Justice, Shaikh Khalifa, along with officials from both Ministries. The two ministers reviewed the work of various governmental bodies, including the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments.



Information Affairs Minister Ali bin Mohammed Al-Romaihi and President of Civil Service Bureau (CSB) Ahmed bin Zayed Al-Zayed signed an agreement on the implementation of Quality Management System in the ministry. Al-Romaihi praised the partnership with the CSB to improve institutional performance, efficiency, productivity and media services.



Minister of Defense, Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, received a certificate of appreciation from the Ministry of Defense for his services to the country.



Bahraini Ambassador to the United Kingdom Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa and Deputy Head of the Mission Hussain Mohammed Alam attended the annual conference of the ruling British Conservative Party which convened in Manchester City.



The Indian Club Ponnonam 2017 concluded on Friday with a wide range of cultural and traditional activities, entertainment and competitions. Indian film music composer and playback singer Jassie Gift was the chief guest.



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Supreme Council for Youth & Sport Chairman, Bahrain Olympic Committee President & Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) Chairman HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa attended a lunch banquet hosted by Chechen President Ramzan Akhmadovich Kadyrov at the Presidential Palace. HH Shaikh Nasser and the Chechen President held friendship talks before the luncheon.



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BDF Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Dhiyab bin Saqr Al-Nuaimi received at the BDF's General Command, Brigadier-General Riyadh Nasser Al-Areej, who presented him with a copy of his PhD theses on the Democratic Transformation in the Kingdom of Bahrain.



Governor of Mecca Province and Advisor to the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques, Prince Khalid Al Faisal bin Abdulaziz, and Deputy Mecca Governor, Prince Abdulla bin Bander bin Abdulaziz, received in their office in two separate meetings, the Ambassador of Bahrain to Riyadh, Shaikh Hmood bin Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa. During the meetings, the Ambassador reviewed the close historic relations between the two kingdoms





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## DION DEDICATES SHOW TO LAS VEGAS VICTIMS

Los Angeles

**Singer Celine** Dion dedicated her show to the victims of the mass shooting and has also donated the proceedings from the ticket sales.

Dion resumed her residency here on Tuesday, two days after the mass shooting. She gave an emotional speech about the Sunday night tragedy, reports [aceshowbiz.com](#).

She said: "I never start a show like this, standing in front of the curtain, just talking. But tonight is very different. After Sunday night's incredibly tragic event, all of us here find ourselves asking a similar question: For you, it's 'Do we still go to Celine's show on Tuesday night, two days after the nightmare.'

"For me, it's 'Can I still do my show? Should I still do my show only two days after the nightmare?' These are difficult questions." (IANS)



## My wife has given up more that I have

**Star Chris** Hemsworth has said that it is his model wife Elsa Pataky who has had to sacrifice more in their marriage.

The 34-year-old actor said juggling busy Hollywood career and personal life simultaneously has often put a strain on his relationship with his better half. "My wife and I fell in love, had kids, didn't really see each other for a few years, then fell back in love. In terms of work, (Elsa has) certainly given up more than I have."

"She'd like me to step back and be at home with the kids more, and of course, I want that too. But I feel like I'm at this crucial point in my career - I've just got to set up for longevity or I'll slip off," Hemsworth said.

The 'Thor' actor married Pataky in 2010. The couple has three children five-year-old daughter India, and three-year-old twin sons Sasha and Tristan together. (TOI)



## Miley's 'spies' keep an eye on Liam

Los Angeles

**Singer Miley** Cyrus has joked that she has spies to keep an eye on her beau Liam Hemsworth when he is shooting with attractive actresses.

During a chat show appearance on Wednesday, Cyrus told the host that whenever Hemsworth stars alongside beautiful actresses, she ensures she has a unique way of keeping her man in check, reports [dailymail.co.uk](#).

"I get that little butterfly in my stomach," she said. "I keep my little spies. So I don't always have to be there."

The two started dating in 2009 when he was her leading man in "The Last Song".

They ended their first engagement in 2013, then dated on and off for three years before reconciling and moving in together into a home. (IANS)



STARRY  
*Birthday*  
Justin Bieber

March 1, 1994

Pop star who was propelled to fame after his 2010 YouTube single "Baby" became an international hit. His first album, *My World 2.0*, debuted at number one on the U.S. Billboard 200.

# Anna Paquin joins 'The Irishman'

**M**artin Scorsese's 'The Irishman' keeps on adding big names to its already star-studded cast. Anna Paquin has joined the starry cast of Martin Scorsese's and Netflix's 'The Irishman'.

Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, Joe Pesci, Harvey Keitel, Jack Huston and Bobby Cannavale are also among the cast of gangster movie. Paquin will play Peggy, the daughter of Sheeran, who is being portrayed by De Niro.

Based on Charles Brandt's book 'I Heard You Paint Houses: Frank 'The Irishman' Sheeran and the Inside Story of the Mafia, the Teamsters, and the Final Ride by Jimmy Hoffa'.

The film chronicles the exploits of Frank Sheeran, a high-ranking Teamsters official with ties to the Bufalino crime family. (TOI)



## Actor Tim Quill passes away

**T**im Quill, best known for 'Argo' and 'Hamburger Hill', passed away at the age of 54.

Quill died, after a battle with cancer, at the Riverview Medical Centre in New Jersey on September 25, reports suggest.

The late actor has appeared in numerous renowned films and TV shows after starting his acting career in 1985.

His first break was in the 1987 Vietnam War movie 'Hamburger Hill,' directed by John Irvin. (ANI)

## Elgort offered lead role in 'Goldfinch' adaptation

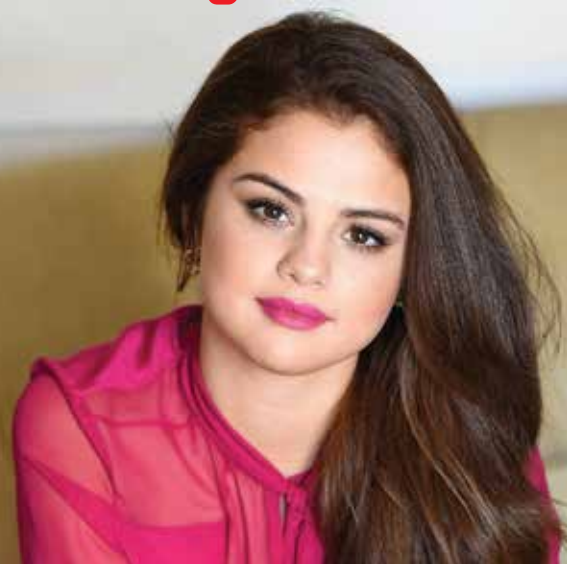
**W**arner Bros and Amazon Studios have roped in Ansel Elgort to play the lead role in their adaptation of Donna Tartt's acclaimed novel 'The Goldfinch'.

Director John Crowley had been meeting with several candidates for almost two months before finally handing Elgort the role of Theo. Warner and RatPac had picked up rights to the Pulitzer-winning book back in 2014.

'Goldfinch,' which earned critical raves for its Dickensian plotting, tells the story of a young man named Theodore Decker who survives a terrorist bombing at an art museum an attack that kills his mother. From there, he tumbles through a series of adventures that finds him living in Las Vegas with his deadbeat father and, later, involved in art forgeries. (TOI)



## Now you know it



American singer Selena Gomez starred as Grace in Monte Carlo which was released in October 2011. (thefactsite)

# TOP 10 Songs this Week



2. Rockstar Post Malone Featuring 21 Savage



3. Look What You Made Me Do Taylor Swift



4. 1-800-273-8255 Logic Featuring Alessia Cara & Khalid



5. Despacito Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee Featuring Justin Bieber



6. Unforgettable French Montana Featuring Swae Lee



7. Believer Imagine Dragons



8. Rake It Up Yo Gotti Featuring Nicki Minaj



9. Attention Charlie Puth



10. Feel It Still Portugal. The Man

# OUT & ABOUT

## HOW TO REACH US

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## BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL DEFENCE EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE



**Date: 16-18 October 2017**  
**Venue: Bahrain International Exhibition & Convention Centre**

Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Clarion Events is proud to present BIDECE – the Bahrain International Defence Exhibition & Conference, taking place 16-18 October 2017 at Bahrain International Exhibition & Convention Centre. The inaugural BIDECE is fully supported by the Bahrain Defence Force, and presents a brand new opportunity for exhibitors to showcase the latest technology, equipment and hardware across land, sea and air. Bahrain Defence Force are currently upgrading their capabilities and systems; make sure you are a part of this unique new event in the Middle East.

## ISB MEGA FAIR AND FOOD FESTIVAL

**Date: October 12 & 13**  
**Venue: Isa Town campus**

The Indian School Bahrain is gearing up for ISB Mega Fair and Food Festival 2017, which will be held on October 12 and 13 in the Isa Town campus of the school. The main attractions of the event are the musical programmes led by Indian playback singer and music composer Nakash Aziz on the first day (October 12) and popular singers Sreenivas, Jyotsna and Vishnu Raj on the second day of the Mega Fair.

"The funds generated from the Fair will be utilized for providing fee concessions for the economically underprivileged students, welfare activities for the staff and to enhance the resources of the school, said ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan. "The Indian School has one of the lowest fee structures in the Gulf and it runs on fees collected from the students and the charity of community members who sponsor the education of the needy and financially weaker children."

The first prizewinner of the Mega Raffle Draw to be held on October 13, will take home a Zayani Motors sponsored Mitsubishi car. Entry fee for the Mega Fair will be BD2. The overall conduct of the fair will be coordinated by General Convener Mohammed Malim. Food stalls industrial exhibitions and many more events are planned in the school carnival.

## FRIDAY BRUNCH

**Date: Fridays 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm**  
**Venue: Bahrain Bay Kitchen International**

The known lavish culinary offerings, including five unique food stations serving Arabic, Western, Indian, Japanese and Chinese delicacies. Shisha is also available on the restaurant terrace during brunch hours.

## SATURDAY BRUNCH

**Date: Saturdays 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm**  
**Venue: Bahrain Bay Kitchen International**

Offering wide selection of Arabic favorites such as lamb Ouzi, cold mezzes and much more. It's just the perfect offer for you and your family. End your Saturday fun with a tasty shisha on the terrace.

## WIND DOWN WEDNESDAY

**Date: Wednesday, October 25th from 7pm**  
**Venue: Four Seasons**

Fall into Winter Blue Moon Lounge Tasting Series. Join us on a once a month whistle-stop tour visiting some of the world's greatest regions for production. Tastings to emphasize the importance of place as it is expressed through the clarity of great bottles and superlative winemaking. This one hour long tasting seminar, starting at 7pm, will feature four wines for you to taste and discuss in an educational yet informal setting in our beautiful Blue Moon Lounge.

## LANSON CHAMPAGNE DINNER

**Date: Wednesday, October 11th from 7:00 pm**  
**Venue: re/Asian Cuisine**

An artfully prepared five course menu paired to five different selections from Champagne Lanson. Celebrate the versatility of Champagne by exploring its natural affinity for South-East Asian cuisine. BHD 2 from each ticket sold for this special dinner will go to Think Pink Bahrain.

## Z SENSATION PARTY @ Z LOUNGE EVERY THURSDAY & FRIDAY

**Date: 21st September 2017 to 29th December 2017**  
**Venue: Z LOUNGE CLUB**

Party with the most entertaining DJs in town! Z SENSATION NIGHT every THURSDAY AND FRIDAY come

rock with us and experience Z-Lounge dance floor on fire. Party hard all night long with DJ Guy & DJ Peejay MC Pega ; a range of music played to fulfil the ultimate partying concept. Free Entry for Ladies & Couples Happy Hour til 11pm

## OKTOBERFEST RETURNS TO THE GULF HOTEL

**Date: 12th October 2017 to 13th October 2017**  
**Venue: The Gulf Hotel Bahrain Convention & Spa**

German festival Oktoberfest returns to the Gulf Hotel Bahrain for another year of fun and festivities! Guests will be treated to a delicious authentic buffet and live music from Lasterbacher Musikanten Band, who have been flown in specially from Germany for the celebrations! For Reservation 17713000.

## EGYPTIAN BRUNCH

**Date: Every Friday**  
**Venue: Neyran Restaurant**

With the look of an idyllic and charming rustic décor that gives it an authentic Egyptian brunch Neyran Restaurant offers a creative harmony of Egyptian style.

The restaurant combines the vast diversity of the Egyptian culture and heritage with a vibrant and innovative approach.

Friday brunch opening time is 13:00 until 16:00. The restaurant is located at the lobby level; for inquiry and reser-

vation please call 17584400

## AIRPORTS ARABIA CONFERENCE

**Date: October 10-11**  
**Venue: ART Rotana Hotel**

Under the patronage of Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications Engineer Kamal Ahmed, the Organising Committee of the 2nd Airports Arabia Conference held its meetings under the chairmanship of Dheya Tawfiqi to follow up on the technical and organisational matters of the conference which will be held from 10 to 11 October 2017 at the ART Rotana Hotel in Amwaj Islands. Airports Arabia Conference is expected to feature presentations of over 25 papers from all over the world. Besides the papers presented by regional countries including Bahrain, UAE and Saudi Arabia, the conference will also present papers from international countries such as Brazil, UK, France, Turkey, Germany as well as others. For more details about conferences, working papers and speakers, please visit the Conference's website at [www.airportsarabia.com](http://www.airportsarabia.com).

## GALA MOZART: LE CONCERT D'ASTRÉE



**Date: 19 October 2017, 7:00pm**

**Venue: Bahrain National Theatre**

If Baroque music is the expression of the "theatre of passion", then what about Mozart's operas?

Do you want something tragic? Listen to Pamina sing "Ach ich fühl's".

Something charming? "La ci darem la mano" by Don Giovanni and Zerlina. Something ill-fated? "Fuor del mar" by Idomeneo.

Something mocking? "Non più andrai farfallone amoroso" by Figaro.

And what about the ensembles which the brilliant Wolfgang Amadeus puts to music better than anyone else?

Gala Mozart presented by Le Concert d'Astrée, started off their tour at the the Paris-based Champs-Elysees Theatre on 13 October 2017, and are currently preparing for their upcoming performance which will be held at the Bahrain National Theatre. The evening carries the beauty of Mozart's international music, which reflects the depth of human emotion. The orchestra leader, Ms. Emmanuel Haïm, presents us with two exceptional singers and his musical band "Le Concert d'Astrée", an extraordinary concert celebrating Mozart in a joyful and beautiful way. Le Concert d'Astrée, one of the finest bands of Baroque music, started with the support of the municipality of the French city of Lille and the French Ministry of Culture, and offers its performances in the most prominent theaters and international music festivals.

## MARK YOUR Calendar

### FIRST INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

**Date: October 6**  
**Venue: Royal Golf Club golf course**

Bahrain's first international jazz festival is set to make its debut on October 6th 2017. The open-air jazz festival, organized by the Royal Golf Club, Clockwork and BMMI, will feature 8 international and local jazz artists and musicians. The first of its kind event will take place at the Royal Golf Club golf course and is expected to draw more than 3,000 jazz music enthusiasts from Bahrain and the region. The organisers of the festival are aiming to set up a great experience and position the Bahrain Jazz Fest as an annual feature in the national events calendar for the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The festival will feature internationally acclaimed acts such as Electric Swing Circus (UK), The Ska Vengers (India), The Speakeasies Swing Band (Greece), Swing Zazou (UK) and the Dihann Moore & the SheGroovee Band (USA) as well popular local acts AQ's Jazz Experience, Mohammed Rashid Trio featuring Banah and Captain Tea. The family friendly event is open to all ages and starts at 12noon until 10 pm and will host activities for the whole family such as interactive children's tents, food trucks, corporate hospitality areas, activation zones and all day markets.





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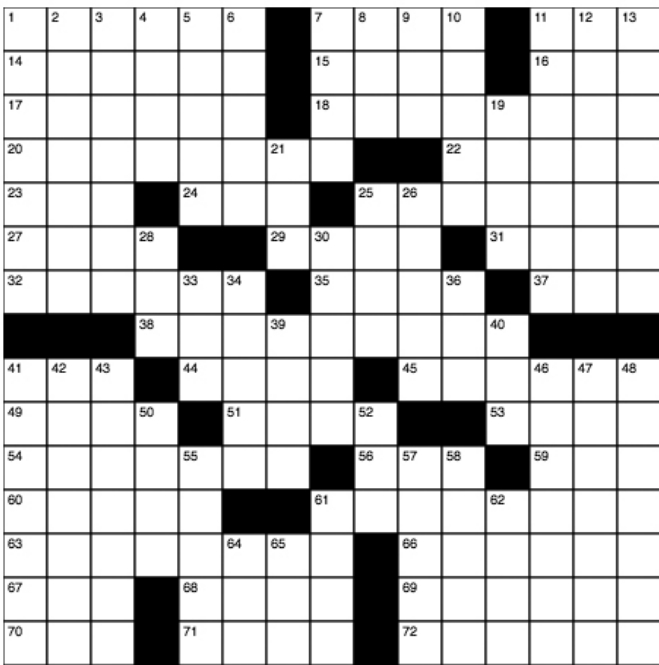
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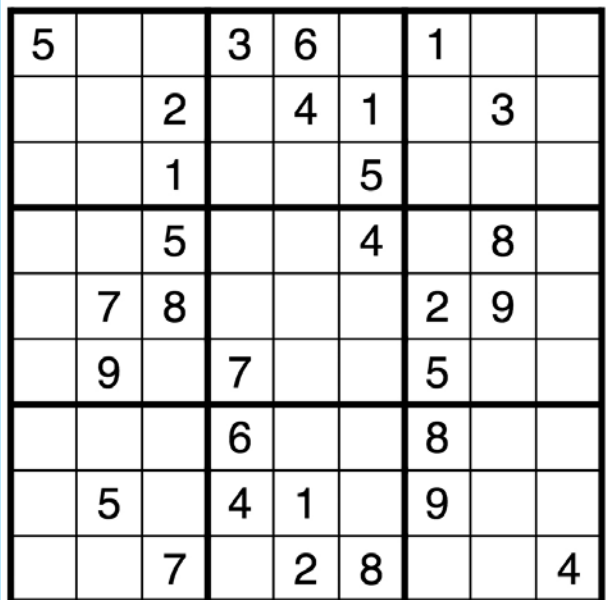
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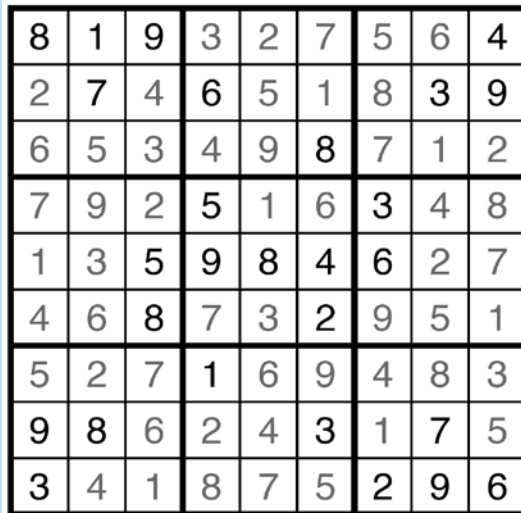
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## Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



You may feel like a mouse trying to get the cheese in the middle of the kitchen floor. From your corner, you can see the cheese in the distance. Yet you know a cat lurks nearby. As soon as you step into the open and out of your protected spot, the cat will react quickly and with great force.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Your emotions receive a boost of support from those around you. Be careful that you don't let this energy go to your head. This is a good day to sit back and gain perspective on things instead of assuming you have all the answers. Opportunities will come to you when you join a team of progressive thinkers who aren't afraid to push beyond current boundaries.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Add a bit of spice in your life by engaging in spontaneous activities. It's time to get out and enjoy more of the world. Explore those things that are inherently different from what you'd expect to find. Pick the closed door instead of the open one through which you can see to the other side.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



There may be some emotional strain and tension in your world, but this can be remedied when you look at things in perspective. Don't get weighed down by passing moods that cripple your productivity. Focus on the things that are working well in your life and concentrate your energy on those. Your communication skills and humanitarianism will pull you out of your rut today.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



People may be bearing down hard on you. They will have some facts to back themselves up. Your brain is like a computer storing bits of information to use at times like this. No one is safe against a mental and emotional arsenal like yours. If you've done your homework and prepared well, the challenges should prove to be no problem for you.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



This is a great day for you. You may feel like you can exercise more of your freedom. Break any shackles that seem to be holding you back. There's no reason to feel hindered. Your adventuresome attitude is brave, and there's a great deal of territory to conquer. Get focused and go. You have the green light.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



You're in a sticky emotional battle in which someone is trying to twist your words to make you look like the bad guy. As soon as you try to get a project started, someone moves counter to your aims. Perhaps this is all due to a misunderstanding. Take the time to clear the air in all your relationships.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Friendships go surprisingly well for you now, so look to them for the support you seek. Future plans may be uncertain, so don't worry about them now. It's important to bask in each moment and give thanks for every breath. You should feel good, so take aggressive action.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



Lessons may come in odd shapes and sizes today, so don't feel like you need to make immediate sense of every little thing. Instead of overanalyzing everything and becoming paralysed by the emotions you feel, take decisive action and make mistakes. This is where the lessons come in. Let them teach you what you need to know.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



You're in for some unexpected surprises, but don't worry, because most of them will be exciting and welcome. Prepare yourself by being open and accepting of other people and the new situations they bring. The path of least resistance will take you exactly where you need to go. Move toward people who radiate loving, positive energy.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



You may feel like you're driving on a highway and suddenly all the lanes merge. This bottleneck should cause you tension and difficulty. Your first reaction may be to let all the other people go by. Keep in mind that on a day like this, you'll never get where you need to be unless you're more aggressive.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



You'll be at an advantage if you can learn to distance yourself from the emotional crux of the matter. Maintain a neutral viewpoint. It will be important in order for you to conduct yourself in the way you need to in order to be successful. Great flashes of inspiration result as long as you can keep your mental processes running smoothly.

# Petrol bomb discovered in Paris

Trucks belonged to the multinational construction firm, Lafarge, accused of funding Islamic State (file photo)

## Paris

A suspected terrorist bomb linked to a 'rudimentary ignition device' was found in Paris underneath a truck belonging to a multinational construction firm accused of funding Islamic State.

The discovery today was made during a check of the Lafarge cement mixer in the city's northern 19th arrondissement.

Anti-terrorist police were called to deal with the bottles of petrol, which were all made safe and then confiscated along with the primitive switch.

It follows a similar discovery at a building in the 16th arrondissement of Paris on Saturday, which led to five

suspected Islamist terrorists being arrested.

The device was close to Parc des Princes, the home ground of Paris St Germain football club, where 50,000 spectators were expected for a home tie against Bordeaux.

According to investigating sources, the latest improvised explosive device was also in a "densely populated area" surrounded by shops and homes.

Those who constructed it "tried to ignite an explosion with a barbecue lighter, but did not succeed", said one of the sources.

Instead they escaped, leaving forensics officers and those examining CCTV trying to find a clue to their

identities.

Lafarge, the biggest cement supplier in the world, is at the centre of a growing scandal in France because of its former links with Isis.

The French-Swiss firm in 2010 built a £500m plus factory near the Syrian town of Kobane, and kept up production long after the start of the Syrian civil war in 2011.

This was despite the fact that Islamic State seized the plant in 2012, with Lafarge allegedly paying the terrorists cash to keep it open, and its staff safe.

A report in French newspaper Le Monde last year accused Lafarge of indirectly funding Isis, which is still in control of large swathes of Syria. (*mirror.co.uk*)

## #PollToday



US claims that Pakistan has involvement in supporting terror groups. Do you think this could be true?

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## Rest in sight

### Troops rescue 17 hostages in Marawi



At least 17 hostages of the Abu Sayyaf and Maute militants in Marawi City were rescued by government troops bringing the number of remaining hostages to 26.

### Indonesia traffic jam forces Pres out of car

Indonesia's notorious traffic congestion was on display after the country's president Joko Widodo was forced to walk 2km through the scorching heat to attend a military parade.

### Pakistan suicide attack kills 13

A suicide bomber blew himself up outside a Sufi shrine in Pakistan's restive southwest, killing 13 people and wounding at least 20 others.

### Indian court rejects Jafri's plea against Modi

An Indian court rejected a plea seeking investigation into and action against then-chief minister Narendra Modi and 57 others for conspiracy in the 2002 riots.

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## Trump ready for any steps if Pakistan stagnates: Mattis

Washington

President Donald Trump would try to work with Pakistan "one more time" but is prepared to take "whatever steps necessary" if Islamabad does not "change its behaviour" and continued to support terror groups, Defence Secretary Jim Mattis has warned.

Mattis also warned Pakistan of global "diplomatic isolation" and losing its Non-NATO ally status if it failed to dismantle terrorists' safe havens on its soil.

His tough talk on Pakistan

came at a time when Foreign Minister Khwaja Asif is in the US as part of efforts to rebuild bilateral ties frayed after President Trump accused Islamabad of sheltering terror groups.

"If our best efforts fail, President Trump is prepared to take whatever steps necessary," Mattis told members of the powerful House Armed Services Committee during a Congressional testimony on South Asia and Afghanistan yesterday. (PTI)

## Trump visits Las Vegas after mass shooting



President Donald Trump shakes hands with Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval in Las Vegas

Las Vegas

U.S. President Donald Trump avoided discussing gun violence problem as he visited Las Vegas on Wednesday, three days after the city was shaken by the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history.

Trump and first lady Melania travelled to the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada for a private visit with patients and medical professionals after the shooting left 58 people dead and more than 500 others wounded.

Speaking to reporters in the lobby of the University Medical Center, Trump said he'd met "some of the most amazing people" and invited them to come visit him at the White House.

The president brushed aside a reporter's question about whether the country has "gun violence problem."

"We're not going to talk about that today," said Trump, who won the support of the National Rifle Association in last year's presidential campaign. (Xinhua)

## Santa Claus tomb found in Turkey

Ankara

Archaeologists in Turkey have made a discovery which could settle a century-old debate ... and disappoint millions of children around the world.

They have unearthed what they say is likely the tomb of the original Santa Claus, or Saint Nicholas, beneath an ancient church in Demre, southern Turkey.

Demre, previously known as Myra, in Antalya province, is believed to be the birthplace of the 4th century bishop.

Cemil Karabayram, the head of Antalya's Monument Authority, said the shrine was discovered during electronic surveys that showed gaps



St Nicholas Church in Antalya province in southern Turkey, where Saint Nicholas is believed to have been born beneath the church.

"We believe this shrine has not been damaged at all, but it is quite difficult to get to it as there are mosaics on the floor," Karabayram told the Turkish *Hurriyet Daily News*.

He said he is very optimistic about uncovering Saint Nicholas's remains, but warned it will take some time to scale each tile one by one and remove them as a whole in a mould. (*Telegraph*)

## Duterte creates body to investigate into corruption

Manila

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has signed an order on creating a presidential body to investigate graft and corruption in the government, a government statement announced yesterday.

In a statement, the Malacanang presidential palace said Duterte signed the Executive Order No. 43 on Wednesday creating the Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) tasked with looking into corruption

charges involving all presidential appointees in the executive branch.

Duterte, who assumed presidency in June last year, vowed to stamp out corruption and crime during his six-year term.

Created under the office of the president, the statement said the PACC will be composed of a chairman and four commissioners to be appointed by the president, the majority of whom must be lawyers and have been practicing law for at least five years. (Xinhua)

# 'Remains of the Day' author Kazuo Ishiguro wins Nobel



Kazuo Ishiguro

## Stockholm

**British author** Kazuo Ishiguro, best known for his novel "The Remains of the Day" and whose emotional uprooting from his native Japan has left an indelible stamp on his work, won the 2017 Nobel Literature Prize on Thursday.

The 62-year-old, "in novels of great emotional force, has uncovered the abyss beneath our illusory sense of

connection with the world," the Academy wrote in its citation.

Contacted by the *BBC*, Ishiguro said he was "flabbergastingly flattered" by the award.

"It's a magnificent honour, mainly because it means that I'm in the footsteps of the greatest authors that have lived. So that's a terrific commendation," he said.

Ishiguro has written eight

books as well as scripts for film and television.

In 1989, he won the Man Booker Prize for "The Remains of the Day", which was published the same year, and in 1995, he was awarded the Order of the British Empire for his services to literature.

### 'An exquisite novelist'

"This year's laureate is a brilliant and even exquisite novelist," Sara Danus, the permanent secretary of the Swedish Academy, told the *TT* news agency after the announcement.

She called "The Remains of the Day" a "masterpiece", and described the author as a "writer of great integrity" who developed his own "aesthetic universe".

Born in Nagasaki in 1954, nine years after the US dropped a nuclear bomb on the city, Ishiguro moved to Britain with his family when he was five years old. He only returned to visit Japan as an adult some three decades later.

Both his first novel "A Pale View of Hills" from 1982 and the subsequent one, "An Artist of the Floating World" from

1986, take place in Nagasaki a few years after World War II.

"The themes Ishiguro is most associated with are already present here: memory, time, and self-delusion," the Academy said.

"This is particularly notable in his most renowned novel, 'The Remains of the Day', which was turned into a 1993 film starring Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson. Charting the life of a painfully shy, duty-obsessed English butler, the film was nominated for eight Oscars.

"Ishiguro's writings are marked by a carefully restrained mode of expression, independent of whatever events are taking place," the Academy said.

### 'I was taken away'

In a 1989 interview with *Bomb Magazine*, Ishiguro said: "I tend to be attracted to pre-war and post-war settings because I'm interested in this business of values and ideals being tested, and people having to face up to the notion that their ideals weren't quite what they thought they were before the test came."

In a 1991 interview with former Nobel laureate Kenzaburo Oe of Japan, he said the Japan he wrote about in "An Artist In the Floating World" was "very much my own personal, imaginary Japan."

"This may have a lot to do with my own personal history. As a small child, I was taken away from the people I knew, like my grandparents and my friends.

"I couldn't forget Japan because I had to prepare myself for returning to it. So I grew up with a very strong image in my head of this other country, a very important other country to which I had a strong emotional tie," he said.

"I'm beginning to see as I get older that my leaving Japan at the point when I did was, in complicated ways, a key defining thing," he said in a 1995 interview with the *Financial Times*.

His more recent fiction contains elements of fantasy.

With the critically-acclaimed dystopian work "Never Let Me Go" from 2005, Ishiguro introduced "a cold undercurrent" of science fiction into his work.

Inspired by Fyodor Dostoyevsky and Marcel Proust, Ishiguro's characters often painfully come to terms with who they are without closure.

"If you mix Jane Austen and Franz Kafka then you have Kazuo Ishiguro in a nutshell -- but you have to add a little bit of Marcel Proust into the mix. And then you stir but not too much, and then you have his writings," Danus said.

His latest novel, "The Buried Giant" from 2015 explores "in a moving manner, how memory relates to oblivion, history to the present, and fantasy to reality," the Academy noted.

In the book, an elderly couple go on a road trip through an archaic English landscape, hoping to reunite with their adult son, whom they have not seen for years.

His publisher Faber & Faber wrote on Twitter after the announcement, "We're THRILLED Kazuo Ishiguro has won the Nobel Prize!"

Ishiguro, who early in his life wanted to be a rock star, "a new Dylan or something", was not among those tipped for this year's Nobel. (*AFP*)

## Nobel Prize in Literature



The Nobel Prize in Literature for 2017 has been awarded to British writer Kazuo Ishiguro "who, in novels of great emotional force, has uncovered the abyss beneath our illusory sense of connection with the world"

### RECENT LAUREATES

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## Egypt unearths 4,300-year-old Pharaonic obelisk in Giza



Representative image

### Cairo

**Archaeologists** have discovered part of a Pharaonic obelisk dating back to about 4,300 years ago in Saqqara district on the outskirts of Egypt's Giza Province, the chief of the country's Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA) said in a statement Wednesday. SCA Secretary General Mostafa al-Waziri revealed the discovery of the upper part of an obelisk belonging to ancient Egyptian Queen Ankhesenpepi II, mother of Pharaonic King Pepi II of the Sixth Dynasty who ruled Egypt from 2278 to 2184 BC.

The discovery was unearthed by a French-

Swiss archaeological mission from Geneva University in cooperation and coordination with the Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities.

"The importance of this discovery is that it belongs to one of the females of the ancient royal family as she was the guardian of the throne during the first reign of her son who came to power at the age of six," said Waziri in the statement.

He added that the mission also found an ancient cartouche on the side of the obelisk reading in Hieroglyphics the first letters of "Neferkare," the Horus throne title name of King Pepi II Neferkare.

# Big win for Emirates Hurricane

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## Manama

**E**mirates Hurricane defeated Saudi Arab Rangers by 36 runs yesterday in the first semi-final match of the Arabian Cricket Carnival T20 2017 at the Bahrain National Stadium in Riffa.

Batting first, Emirates Hurricane were dismissed for 197 in 18.4 overs with Dipesh Bhandari (43) top scoring with Mehran Khan of Saudi Arab Rangers picking up three wickets.

In reply, Saudi Arab Rangers were bowled out for 161 in 16.4 overs despite a fantastic knock by Khawar Ali (92) with Abdullah Azhar the best bowler in claiming three wickets.

In the final round-robin match played earlier, Dubai Destroyers ended its campaign with a 55-run victory to finish with a five win no loss record after scoring 156 for six in its 20 overs, with Haseeb Amjab (41) top scoring and Rajesh and Aman Singh picking up a couple of wickets apiece.

Oman Avengers were then dismissed for 97 in 13.4

overs with Obaid Mirza (34) top scoring, while Sufiyan Mahmoud picked up three wickets.

Despite the defeat, Oman Avengers advanced to today's semi-final on a better run rate ahead of Bahrain Brave Hearts and Kuwait Crusaders as all three teams finished with a one win and four loss record after the completion of the round-robin matches.

Coincidentally, Dubai Destroyers will play Oman Avengers in the second semi-final starting at 1pm.

The event is organised by

Bahrain Cricket Centre and KHK MMA Bahrain under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and Honorary President of the Bahrain Sports Federation for Disabilities.

Six teams of 12 players from the GCC had competing in a round-robin format with four international players per team allowed.

The management of Arabian Cricket Carnival (ACC) T-20 (2017) have

announced free entry to all school students today with gates open at 12:30pm until 9pm.

All students with School ID cards will be allowed free entry with their families and students with ID cards should go to Gate No5 (Zone 3B Zone) - Student with Families Only.

For the general public, tickets are available at the National Stadium all day from 12.30pm to 9pm and are priced at BD1, BD2, BD5, BD15 and BD30.

## Arabian Cricket Carnival

### Final Standings (played-won-lost):

Dubai Destroyers (5-5-0)  
Saudi Arab Rangers (5-4-1)  
Emirates Hurricane (5-3-2)  
Oman Avengers (5-1-4)  
Bahrain Brave Hearts (5-1-4)  
Kuwait Crusaders (5-1-4)

### Remaining schedule:

Today: Semi-final 2: (1pm): Dubai Destroyers vs Oman Avengers. (5pm): Final: Emirates Hurricane vs Dubai Destroyers or Oman Avengers.

## Karting sprints set for fantastic first round

DT News Network

### Manama

**B**ahrain's fastest racers are set to line up on the grid for another exhilarating season in the Bahrain Karting Sprint Championship (BKSC), hosted by Bahrain International Karting Championship in Sakhir.

The opening round of the new campaign is scheduled for today and the BKSC is once again set to feature two action-packed categories. The first is the Bahrain Rotax Mojo Max Championship (BRMMC) and the Bahrain Sodi Sprint Championship (BSSWS).

The BRMMC is for Rotax kart owners and they compete in different classes. The BSSWS is an arrive-and-drive competition that has all participants racing on identical Sodi karts.

Action is scheduled from 7pm onwards and all are welcome to attend and cheer on the island's top talent.

The BRMMC kicks things off with a 20-minute practice session. Qualifying will



Action from the previous race

then be held from 7.55pm, with the 11-lap Pre-Final is set for 8.50pm. The Final is scheduled for 10pm and it will be held over 15 laps or 30 minutes.

BSSWS action gets underway with Qualifying at 7.30pm. The Pre-Final will

then be held from 8.20pm for 11 laps, and the 15-lap Final will begin at 9.20pm.

All the racing will be followed by the podium ceremony. This year's BKSC is set to feature five rounds.

Following the season opener, round two takes place

on November 24. Round three is on January 5, round four on March 2 and the championship finale on April 6.

For more information on the upcoming Open Track or other BIC activities, visit [www.bahraingp.com](http://www.bahraingp.com).

## Former England footballer Gascoigne to visit Bahrain



Paul Gascoigne (file pic)

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### Manama

**F**ormer England International Paul Gascoigne now aged 50 will be in Bahrain with "An Evening with Gazza" on 13 October at the Radisson Diplomat Hotel courtesy of SportsSpeaker MENA.

It promises to be a fantastic evening of entertainment and footballing hilarity, insight and never heard before stories from the footballing legend that is Paul 'Gazza' Gascoigne and a seriously funny guy. Hear his stories from his days in club and international football plus his off the field tales, which will not disappoint.

Gascoigne started his career with Newcastle United in

1985.

Gascoigne went on to play with Tottenham Hotspur, Lazio in Italy, Rangers of Scotland and back to England with Middlesbrough and Everton, before short stints with Burnley, Gansu Tianma in China and Boston United in 2004 before hanging up his boots and having a short spell in 2005 in charge as manager of non-league Kettering Town. The evening includes a speech from Gazza, dinner, comedian compere Jerry Earl, an audience Q&A, Sports Memorabilia and prize giveaways and the dress code is smart casual.

For more information or buy online or email to reserve contact 00973 3388 6952.

## Gunathilaka suspended for six games

### Colombo

**S**ri Lanka Cricket yesterday slapped a six-match ban on allrounder Danushka Gunathilaka for "misconduct" during the recent series against India which the islanders lost 9-0. The cricket board had ordered an investigation last month following a complaint from team manager Asanka Gurusinghe against the 26-year-old player.

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) said Gunathilaka was also fined 20 per cent of his annual contract fee. (TOI)

## BTF two-day mixed Junior tennis championship begins today

DT News Network

### Manama

**B**ahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) two-day mixed Junior Tennis Championships gets underway today at its courts at the Polytechnic University in Isa Town.

The matches on both days will start from 4pm and is an opportunity to discover, identify and develop future talent under the supervision of the BTF coach Essam Abdul A'al. In the under-8 category, the system includes the use of the red ball approved by the International Tennis



BTF coach Essam Abdul A'al

Federation (ITF) for the category and the under 10 years, they will use the green ball and all matches comprise

one set in both categories.

All spectators are welcome to watch the young talent on show.

## Stokes set to be handed England central contract

### London

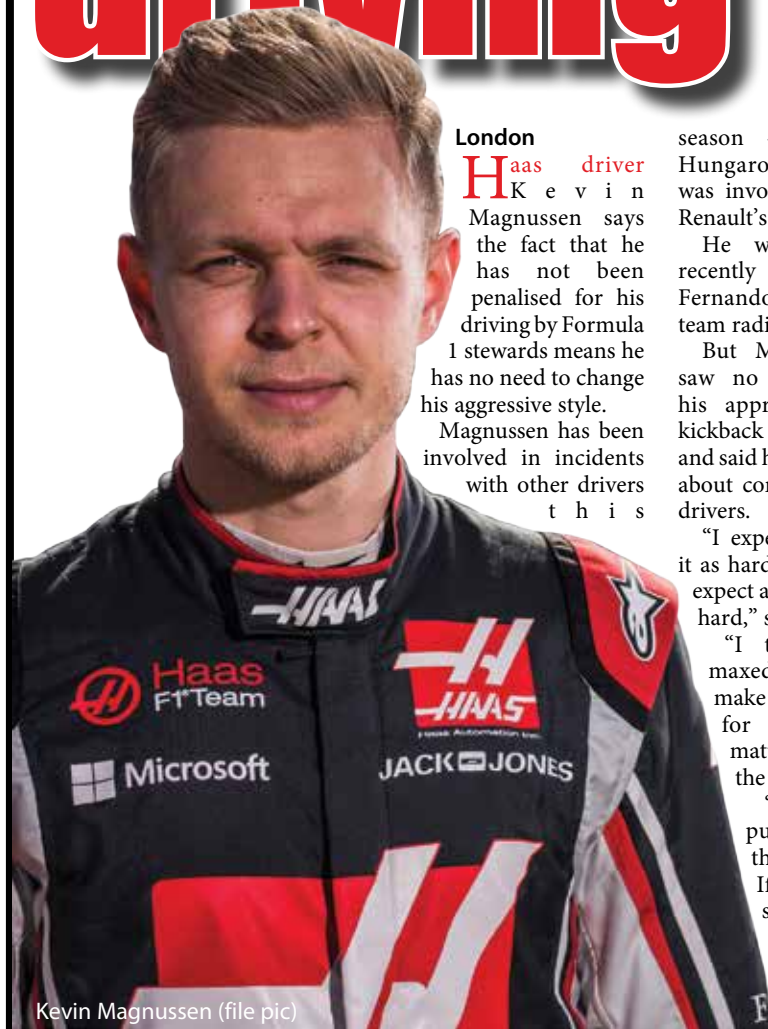
**A**ll-rounder Ben Stokes is set to be awarded an England central contract when the list is announced today.

The announcement was due on Wednesday but has been delayed. Test vice-captain Stokes, 26, was arrested on suspicion of actual

bodily harm in September after an incident outside a Bristol nightclub.

He and batsman Alex Hales will not be considered for selection until further notice. Stokes was arrested on a night out that followed England's victory over West Indies in the third one-day international. (BBC)

# Lack of penalties shows driving style is fine



Kevin Magnussen (file pic)

**London**  
**H**aas driver Kevin Magnussen says the fact that he has not been penalised for his driving by Formula 1 stewards means he has no need to change his aggressive style. Magnussen has been involved in incidents with other drivers t h i s

season - notably at the Hungaroring, where he was involved in a spat with Renault's Nico Hulkenberg.

He was also criticised recently by McLaren driver Fernando Alonso over his team radio in Malaysia.

But Magnussen said he saw no reason to change his approach without any kickback from the stewards, and said he was not concerned about complaints from other drivers.

"I expect anyone to make it as hard as possible, I don't expect anyone not to make it hard," said Magnussen.

"I think everyone is maxed out on trying to make it as hard as possible for each other. What matters to me is what the stewards think.

"I know that I am pushing hard, and that's my intention. If it's fine for the stewards, it's fine.

"We all get a bit hot-headed in the car in



Magnussen drives his car (file pic)

that situation. "Whenever someone cuts in front of you or whatever, you swear, and you think after maybe it was OK, or whatever.

"It doesn't mean so much when it's in that moment in the car.

"After the race to say things, get further into it, I wouldn't

do that."

"I have backing from the team, and that makes you feel good and free to race. I feel like it's easier," he said.

"You get more experience as well. "It's easier to give everything you have if you know you have the support from the team, and when you

don't feel like you can't make a mistake it's easier not to make a mistake, and perform well."

The Dane added his forceful defensive driving was often the result of his fast starts vaulting him ahead of cars with stronger race pace. (autosport)

## I'm a 'better coach' at Man United than anywhere else



Jose Mourinho (file pic)

**London**  
**J**ose Mourinho insists he is "a much better coach" at Manchester United than he was at Chelsea or Real Madrid. Mourinho was appointed United manager in summer 2016, and delivered three trophies in his first season.

The Red Devils finished a disappointing sixth in the Premier League but have started their

campaign in much better form this season, winning six and drawing one of their league games.

Mourinho believes his "control of my emotions" has helped him become a better coach than at any other point in his career.

"I am a much better coach today, precisely because of the different control of my emotions, the way I deal with difficulties. I feel more mature," he said.

Asked about United's impressive start to the season, the Portuguese replied: "Nothing happened yet. Last year the season started much harder and ended very well, this year it started very well and we don't know how it will end.

"In another league it could be said that a team that starts with seven wins and a draw would almost mean the title, but in England it doesn't mean anything, not even that we will finish in the first four places." (football365)

## Usain Bolt spotted in KFC in Bristol

**Bristol**  
**U**sain Bolt is knocking his retirement out of the park, popping up all over the world as he makes the most of a range of endorsement opportunities - or simply enjoying himself.

It could have been the latter when he was spotted this week by a student while visiting a KFC restaurant in Bristol.

Having posed in the glamorous setting of the G.M Mumm vineyard in Champagne the day before, the eight-time Olympic gold medallist was seen ordering fried chicken.

As the Bristol Post reports, Louis Anderson took this photo at the fast-food outlet in Filton and posted it on *Twitter*.

It is not known why the superstar Jamaican sprinter would be in the city but he does have family nearby: his second cousin Vinette Jones lives in Filton.

Bolt has been in France and Germany in the last week and was spotted in London



A takeaway customer was shocked to see Usain Bolt picking up a meal at KFC

last night. Louis says Bolt was wearing a black cap, jeans and Puma trainers picking up a big bag of food to go at the Filton branch.

The UWE student says he immediately recognised the world's fastest man at the counter - but other people appeared not to have noticed, with staff at the restaurant apparently unaware of his presence.

Louis said: "I was star struck, mate, was too scared to ask for a selfie. "I'm not sure anyone else even noticed. As soon as I saw him, I recognised him."

The sprinter didn't hang around for pleasantries however, and was gone within five minutes after picking up his food. Bolt was spotted last night in London's upmarket Mayfair district. (mirror.co.uk)

China Open

# Caroline enters quarter-finals

Beijing

**Johanna Konta** is still not certain of qualifying for the WTA Finals in Singapore after Caroline Garcia reached the China Open quarter-finals.

France's Garcia, ranked 15th in the world, saw off Alize Cornet 6-2 6-1 to set up a meeting with Elina Svitolina.

She would need to reach the semi-finals in Beijing to stay in contention for the final qualification place for the eight-player season finale.

Elsewhere, Petra Kvitova beat fifth seed Caroline Wozniacki 6-1 6-4.

Should Garcia win the Beijing title, Konta would need to reach the final of the Kremlin Cup, which begins on 16 October, to qualify for Singapore.

The Briton lost in the first round in Beijing and has withdrawn from next week's Hong Kong Open with an injury.

Kvitova sealed the final quarter-final place in China

with a dominant performance against Wozniacki, who won the title in 2010.

The world number 18 won six consecutive games to take the opening set, before serving consecutive aces to deny Wozniacki two break points.

Kvitova then broke late in the set and

served out the match to set up a meeting with Barbora Strycova, who beat Daria Gavrilova 6-0 6-4.

However, fourth seed Karolina Pliskova was stunned by Sorana Cirstea, with the Romanian claiming a 6-1 7-5 victory over the former world number one.

Cirstea powered past the Czech in 83 minutes to claim her first victory over a top-five player in four years.

She will play French Open

champion Jelena Ostapenko next after China's top player Peng Shuai retired with a knee injury at 3-0 down in the first set. (BBC)



Caroline Garcia (file pic)

## Boris Becker 'selling his Wimbledon trophies'



Boris Becker (file pic)

**Tennis great** Boris Becker is reportedly selling his Wimbledon trophies, amid claims the German ace has racked up debts in excess of £54million.

Becker, 49, was once worth £30million. But three months ago her was declared bankrupt over money owed to a bank.

Now magazines Stern and Bunte claim that declaration was merely the start, with Bunte claiming a court appointed insolvency administrator has found that £3million figure pales in comparison to the debt the ex-Wimbledon champ has built up.

Becker now faces having his homes and personal property repossessed, amid claims the firm of Smith & Williamson has produced a report laying out his financial situation.

According to *the Sun*, the German will sell his three Wimbledon trophies - claimed during his 1980s pomp - in the hope of clawing back £1million.

It's claimed auction house Wyles Hardy & Co. is set to estimate the value of his trophies and memorabilia.

Becker lost much of his wealth in divorce from ex-wife Barbara, who won a huge slice of his then-fortune in 2001.

Lawyers for Becker pleaded with a Bankruptcy Court registrar in London for "a last chance" to pay back a long-standing debt at the High Court in June.

But judge Christine Derrett said it was "with regret" she concluded there was a lack of credible evidence that his "substantial" debt would be paid soon - subsequently refusing to adjourn the case for another 28 days - and saying of Becker: "One has the impression of a man with his head in the sand."

A source close to Becker reportedly told the Sun: "Boris needed to find cash fast. Selling his precious Wimbledon trophies was deemed the quickest way." (*mirror.co.uk*)

## David Goffin advances at Japan Open

Tokyo

**David Goffin** moved into contention for a spot at next month's Nitto ATP Finals yesterday at the Rakuten Japan Open Tennis Championships 2017.

The Belgian was made to fight and draw on his big-match experience in a thrilling 2-6, 7-5, 7-6(1) victory over two hours and 20 minutes. It extended his winning streak to six matches, taking in last week's run to his third ATP World Tour title at the Shenzhen Open.

Australian qualifier Ebden was solid on serve to win the first five games of the pair's third tour-level meeting, before Goffin broke for a 2-1 lead in the second set. Last year's finalist opened up a 5-3 lead before Ebden battled to draw level, only to lose his serve at 5-5. In the decider, Goffin gained a 5-2 advantage, only to see Ebden win four straight games, but did enough for his 30th hard-court match win of 2017.

As a result of reaching the Tokyo quarter-finals (6-1 tournament record), Goffin moves up one spot to No. 12 in the Emirates ATP Race To London, but remains 105 points



David Goffin (file pic)

behind No. 10-ranked American Sam Querrey, who currently sits in the final qualification berth.

Goffin is now 46-19 on the year and is seeking his first qualification at the season finale, to be held at The O2 in London from 12-19 November.

He will next meet France's

Richard Gasquet, who saved two break points in his first service game and won nine of the first 10 games before Yen-Hsun Lu of Chinese Taipei fought back. Gasquet, the 2007 runner-up, ultimately won 6-3, 7-6(5) in 89 minutes.

American Steve Johnson,

buoyed with confidence following his career-best win over World No. 7 Dominic Thiem on Tuesday, was super consistent and solid on serve - winning 25 of his 27 first-service points - to beat last week's Shenzhen Open finalist, Ukrainian Alexandr Dolgoplov 6-2, 6-4. (*atpworldtour*)

## Japan's Kei Nishikori in race to return for Australian Open

London

**Kei Nishikori** is entered to play in the Australian Open, but the jury is still out on whether the Japanese can recover from a season-ending wrist injury in time for the year's first grand slam, his manager said yesterday.

The 27-year-old, who was ranked fourth in the world in March, pulled out of the Cincinnati Masters in August after tearing a tendon in his right wrist and has not played since.

Nishikori has dropped to 14th in the rankings after missing the U.S. Open, the final grand slam of the year, but is also entered to play in the Brisbane International, a warm-up for the year's first major in Melbourne.

"Kei's rehabilitation is on track and the medical team is satisfied with the current progress," his manager said in an email.

"Having said that, we will only get a clear picture as to the exact point of return to the tour once Kei is back on the court and practicing at 100 percent capacity. (*reuters*)



China Open

# Nadal through to quarters

Beijing

**W**orld  
No. 1

Rafael Nadal is through to the quarter-finals of the China Open after defeating Karen Khachanov 6-3, 6-3 yesterday in Beijing.

The Spaniard is bidding to win his second China Open title, following victory on his debut in 2005.

Nadal is also looking to boost his lead over Roger Federer in the battle to finish year-end No. 1 in the Emirates ATP Rankings. Yesterday's win hands him another 45 points, which extends his lead over his Swiss rival to 1,950 points in the year-to-date standings. Federer returns to action at next week's Shanghai Rolex Masters, where 1,000 points are awarded to the winner.

Nadal defeated #NextGenATP Khachanov for the second time this year as he saved the six break points he faced. The left-hander, in turn, broke Khachanov three times to prevail in 89 minutes. Nadal leads the ATP World Tour

with 58 match wins in 2017 and is chasing his sixth tour-level crown in what has been an outstanding season, featuring two major titles at Roland Garros and the US Open and two ATP World Tour Masters 1000 crowns in Monte-Carlo and Madrid. (*atpworldtour*)

Rafael Nadal of Spain

Karen Khachanov

