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## Deputy PM receives Amr Moussa

Manama

Deputy Premier, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, received former Arab League Secretary-General, Amr Moussa yesterday. He reviewed with Moussa the issues on the agenda of IISS 'Manama Dialogue 2017', and the actions to be taken to face the serious challenges in the region and the world.

## Parliamentary delegation to visit Iraq: Speaker

Manama

Representatives Council Speaker Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al Malla said a Bahraini parliamentary delegation, led by the First Deputy Speaker, will visit Iraq in January to discuss ways of boosting bilateral parliamentary cooperation. He stressed Bahrain's support to Iraq's unity, being an inherent part of the Arab nation. He also voiced confidence in Iraq's ability to surmount challenges and thwart any attempt aimed at undermining relations with the GCC countries.

## Next battle against terror to be in cyber space: Expert

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"Cyber domain is where the next battle with terrorists will take place. Cyber threat should be a top priority in the fight against terrorism," said John Raine, Senior Adviser for Geo-Political Due Diligence, IISS. He was speaking on 'Regional Conflicts and Terrorism: Policy Options' at the concluding session of



John Raine

the IISS 'Manama Dialogue' yesterday. "Terrorism has been with us for a long time. We have seen a remarkable high level of

adaptability in terrorists where they are already planning next generation of capabilities, targets and deployments. It would be foolish to assume that they were seeking merely to repeat what they did last time, cyber terrorism in particular," Raine said.

"My aspiration would be that all members of a coalition invests heavily in ensuring compatibility frameworks both legal, political and military. Not disregarding other forms

of terrorism, I say that we now prioritize cyber terrorism," Raine said.

"Now in the Middle East we now have a new ascendant power, Iran who without wishing to flatter an adversary rather to understand it has a massive number of techniques which positions to act as a sponsor for further acts of terrorism which requires now to shift our gaze a little bit away from the Sunni threat and look at what the Shia groups can

do," he said.

"First of all, Iran is a major cyber adversary to a premier league player and the countries ability to act largely with impunity in the cyber domain. Cyber terrorism further is as menacing as a conventional and unconventional military arsenal. We have no reason to believe that those techniques won't be cascaded in some form to proxies and levants," he said.

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The Arab League meeting held in Cairo



# Arab states urge US to abandon Jerusalem move

Cairo

Arab foreign ministers yesterday urged the United States to abandon its decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, saying the move would increase violence throughout the region.

The announcement by President Donald Trump on Wednesday was a "dangerous violation of international law", had no legal impact and was "void", the Arab League said in a statement after a session attended by all its members in Cairo.

Trump's endorsement of Israel's claim to all of Jerusalem as its capital would reverse long-standing U.S. policy that the city's status must be decided in negotiations with the Palestinians, who want East Jerusalem as the capital of their future state.

"The decision has no legal effect ... it deepens tension, ignites anger and threatens to plunge region into more violence and chaos," the Arab League said at 3 a.m. local time after hours of meetings that began on Saturday evening.

It said it would seek a U.N. Security Council resolution rejecting the U.S. move.

Lebanon's Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil said during the emergency meeting that Arab nations should consider imposing economic sanctions against the United States to prevent it moving its Israel embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv.

"Pre-emptive measures (must be) taken ... beginning with diplomatic measures, then political, then economic and financial sanctions," he said, without giving specific details.

The Arab League statement made no mention of economic sanctions. Arab criticism of Trump's plan contrasted sharply with the praise Washington's traditional Arab allies heaped on him at the beginning of his administration in January. -Reuters

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# Nuke war just a 'tantrum away': Nobel winners



Berit Reiss-Andersen hands over the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize to Beatrice Fihn (AFP)

Oslo, Norway

The winners of the Nobel Peace Prize, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), yesterday warned mankind's destruction is just one "impulsive tantrum away" as the United States and North Korea exchange warlike threats over the nation's nuclear tests.

"Will it be the end of nuclear weapons, or will it be the end of us?" ICAN head Beatrice Fihn said in a speech after receiving the peace prize on behalf of the anti-nuclear group.

Tensions on the Korean peninsula have spiralled as Pyongyang has in recent months increased its number of missiles and nuclear tests. It

has exchanged warlike threats with Trump, who has ordered a military show of force.

"The only rational course of action is to cease living under the conditions where our mutual destruction is only one impulsive tantrum away," Fihn added.

ICAN, a coalition of hundreds of NGOs around the world, has worked for a treaty banning nuclear weapons which was adopted in July by 122 countries.

The text was weakened by the absence of the nine nuclear powers among the signatories.

In an apparent snub of the ICAN-backed treaty, the three western nuclear powers -- the US, France and Britain --

broke with tradition by sending second-ranking diplomats rather than their ambassadors to Sunday's ceremony.

Supporters of nuclear weapons argue that they serve as a deterrent for starting a major conflict as it would guarantee mutual destruction for the nations involved.

"They are a madman's gun held permanently to our temple," Fihn said.

"These weapons were supposed to keep us free, but they deny us our freedoms."

Berit Reiss-Andersen, chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, said in her lecture during the ceremony that ICAN's "message resonates with millions of

people who perceive that the threat of nuclear war is greater than it has been for a long time, not least due to the situation in North Korea."

## Hiroshima remembered

Several survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki nuclear bombings, which killed more than 220,000 people 72 years ago, attended the ceremony in the Oslo City Hall.

One of them, Setsuko Thurlow, received the Nobel on behalf of ICAN jointly with Fihn.

Speaking to AFP ahead of the ceremony, Thurlow recalled the horrific aftermath of the first atomic bomb

striking Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 when she was 13 years old.

Thurlow described corpses lying on the ground, the injured and dying calling for help and the survivors looking like "a procession of ghosts".

"The hair was standing up and they were all burned on the skin and their flesh was hanging from their bones," she said.

"Some were carrying their eyeballs. It just was like hell on earth," added the 85-year-old who now lives in Canada and uses a wheelchair.

## 'Heed our warning' -

Although the number of

nuclear weapons has dropped since the end of the Cold War, there are still around 15,000 atomic bombs on earth.

"Listen to our testimony. Heed our warning. And know that your actions are consequential," Thurlow said during her speech at the ceremony, referring to the leaders of nuclear-armed nations.

The Nobel prizes in literature, physics, chemistry, medicine and economics were to be awarded later on Sunday at a separate ceremony in Stockholm.

Each prize consists of a diploma, a gold medal and a cheque for 9 million Swedish kroner (900,000 euros). -AFP

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## Abbas, Coptic Pope decline to meet Pence during Mideast visit

Jerusalem

Neither the Palestinian Authority president nor the head of the Coptic Church in Egypt Pope Tawadros II plan to meet with US Vice President Mike Pence when he visits the Middle East later this month, to protest the US declaration that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel.

The rejections emerged as the Anadolu Agency said Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and French President Emmanuel Macron agreed to work together to persuade the US to change its stance on Jerusalem. Palestine Liberation Organization executive committee member Hanan Ashrawi said the United Nations Security Council should now move to "bring the US to compliance."

Protests against the US move extended for a third day in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem. The Gaza Health Ministry said four Palestinians were killed in the past 24 hours in clashes with Israeli soldiers or by Israeli air strikes, launched in response to rocket fire on southern Israeli towns.

Trump's decision, presented as being in "the pursuit of peace between Israel and the Palestinians," has been denounced across



Pope Tawadros II

the Arab world. Members of the Security Council condemned the move Friday as contradicting international law and prejudging the outcome of negotiations. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called the decision "courageous" and "just."

Palestinians claim the eastern sector of Jerusalem, with shrines sacred to Muslims, Jews and Christians, as the capital of a future state. Israel's current government sees the area as part of the nation's eternal capital.

Jerusalem's status must worked out in peace negotiations with Israel, Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki said in Cairo, where he added that Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas wasn't planning to meet Pence and stressed that the



Mahmoud Abbas

peace process needed a new mediator.

Pope Tawadros II, head of the Coptic Church in Egypt, also won't meet Pence because the US administration's decision fails to take "into consideration the feelings of millions of people," the church said on its Facebook page.

Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the crown prince of Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, said Trump's Jerusalem announcement "extended a lifeline to terrorist groups and armed organizations, which have started to lose ground in the region." He expressed hope that Trump would retract it, according to state-run WAM news agency. -Bloomberg



# 'Next battle against terror to be in cyber space'

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**S**econdly, Iran is an accomplished agent of proliferation and it is proliferating across the Middle East," he said. "Iran is at risk of overstretching given the number of theatres it is involved in; while it is in a position of strength, that leaves it exposed and we may see vulnerabilities opening up. Further, Cyber domain is where next battle with terrorists will take place; cyber threat should be a top

priority in the fight against terrorism, where terrorists are constantly adapting their tactics that leaves Cyberattacks a growing threat," said Raine.  
 "In Iraq's recent history, huge battlefield sacrifices have been squandered and there has been a rise of Hashid Shaabi signals re-militarisation of Iraq. Further, can Iraq's politicians put sectarian rhetoric behind them in May 2018 election campaigns and focus on delivering services? Leaders



Delegates at the 'IISS-Manama Dialogue' concluded yesterday need to abandon politics of fear and apologise for the past. The idea that Iraq under Saddam wasn't sectarian in nature and

is simply not true," Professor Toby Dodge, Director, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science, said.  
 "There is certainly a moment of chaos in regional politics. Also, a lot of people in

Washington don't want to own Syria; it's difficult to know what the current US administration is trying to achieve or is very unclear to what it's stand is. We can further see the Lebanese government becoming weaker in face of Hizbullah. It's time to think analytically about implications as transnational Shia militias are set to reshape northern Middle East," said Emile Hokayem, Senior Fellow for Middle East Security, IISS.

# Vehicle, building gutted in Riffa

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**F**ire completely destroyed a car and damaged a nearby building in East Riffa yesterday. No casualties were reported.

Civil Defence Directorate announced that firefighters extinguished a fire in a car in Riffa area because of a short circuit," adding that a building was damaged by the flames and the relevant procedures were taken by the concerned departments.



Screen shot of the car and building destroyed in fire

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# US decision a threat to peace: Al Doseri



Abdulla bin Faisal bin Jabur Al Doseri

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Cairo

**A**ssistant Foreign Minister, Abdulla bin Faisal bin Jabur Al Doseri, took part in the Arab League extraordinary session, which concluded here yesterday.

The meeting discussed US President Donald Trump's decision to recognise Jerusalem as Israel's capital and transfer the American embassy to it.

The Assistant Foreign Minister in his speech during the opening session stated that the US Administration's decision came at a critical time when the Arab region is facing several political, economic and security challenges. He noted that the decision contradicts the US commitment to the two-state solution, adding that this move adds up to the challenges and complications in the region. He urged the members of the Arab League to take a firm stance against the issues threatening the security of the region.

The Assistant Foreign Minister affirmed that the Kingdom of Bahrain considers the decision a threat to the peace process in the Middle East and that it hinders the ongoing negotiations for a final solution, adding that the

**Bahrain considers the US decision a threat to the peace process in the Middle East and that it hinders the ongoing negotiations for a final solution, said Assistant Foreign Minister Abdulla bin Faisal Al Doseri at the Arab League session in Cairo**

decision violates the international resolutions that stress the rights of the Palestinian people and that Jerusalem is an occupied land.

He urged the international community to shoulder its responsibility according to the UN charter and the principles of International Law, calling for concerted efforts to stop the implementation of this decision.

The Assistant Foreign Minister reiterated the supportive stance of the Kingdom of Bahrain towards the brotherly Palestinian people and their legitimate right to establish their independent state on the borders of June 4, 1967 with East Jerusalem as its capital and the return of refugees in accordance with the resolutions of international legitimacy and the two-

state solution. He urged the members of the Arab League to increase the efforts against this decision and defend the historical and religious identity of Jerusalem. He also asked the Arab Group to the United Nation in New York to increase their diplomatic efforts, including the request to resume the tenth Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly to take a firm decision regarding this issue.

The Assistant Foreign Minister attended the meeting of the Arab Peace Initiative Committee (in which the Kingdom of Bahrain is a member) before the Extraordinary Session. The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan chaired this meeting which was held in order to consult and coordinate the outcomes of the emergency meeting.

## Medical expo from Dec 12

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**T**he second Gulf Medical Expo will be held at Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Center from December 12-14.

To be held under the patronage of the Supreme Health Council Chairman Lieutenant General Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa with the support of the Labour Fund Tamkeen and Health Ministry, the expo is organised by Ajyal Consultancy in cooperation with New Line Organising for Exhibitions and Conferences.

Ajyal CEO Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood said that the success of the first edition of the expo last year has enhanced the chances of its continuation, especially with the patronage of Lt. Gen. Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, contributing to its success.

Captain Mahmood underlined the continuous support of Tamkeen to Bahraini doctors, medical clinics, hospitals and pharmacies, by offering opportunities to

promote medical services, equipment and medicines.

He also pointed out that the expo was able to provide the largest forum for medical practitioners to learn about the latest technologies and assistive tools to help creativity and production in the field of medicine, with the participation of more than 100 medical institutions in Bahrain and abroad in the previous edition of the expo, which is expected to attract more organisations and individuals this year considering the remarkable success if last year's event.

Ajyal CEO added that the exhibition is the first of its kind in the Kingdom of Bahrain, offering local and regional hospitals and clinics the opportunity to present their services and products.

Captain Mahmood also highlighted that the exhibition will provide the public with direct medical consultation from participating medical institutions and their doctors and is an opportunity to learn more about the latest discoveries and achievements in the field of medical devices and surgical techniques.



Lt. Gen. Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa

## Shura Council celebrates National Day, Accession Day

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**T**he Shura Council celebrated the glorious National Day and the anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's Accession to the Throne yesterday. The Council extended greetings to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier as well as the Bahraini people on the

occasion.

The council expressed deep pride in the prestigious status reached by the Kingdom, and the multiple national gains attained thanks to the leadership of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the government, led by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, as well as the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier.

Shura Council Chairman, Ali bin Saleh Al-Saleh, and members extended greetings

to the leadership on the occasions.

Al-Saleh stressed that marking national days will motivate everyone to attain more achievements and gains that raise the Kingdom's standing and ensure all means of sustainable development and decent living for the citizens.

He voiced pride in the interest of the leadership and the government in development programmes and strategies in all sectors, lauding the Bahraini people's rallying behind the leadership and keenness on joining ranks to preserve the kingdom's security, stability

**Shura Council Chairman, Ali bin Saleh Al-Saleh, and members extended greetings to the leadership on the occasions of the National Day and Accession Day. The council commended the royal reform which enabled Bahrain to make big strides in best democratic practices**

and capabilities, as well as to bringing about more local, regional and international achievements.

The council commended the royal reform project which enabled Bahrain to

make big strides in terms of best democratic practices and promote the state of institutions and law which is based on the principle of separation between powers, guaranteeing political and

civil rights for all citizens and fostering co-existence and peace to achieve sustainable development.

The Shura Council paid tribute to the loyal Bahraini people for their enduring efforts to bring about national achievements and uphold Bahrain's name in Arab and international gatherings by confirming the kingdom's pioneering status in the literary, cultural, economic, political and social fields. It also affirmed support to legislation aimed at bolstering patriotism and belonging to the nation so as to achieve the aspirations of the leadership and people.



# 2018 to see more ransomware attacks, cyber-extortion: Expert

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**R**ansomware and cyber-extortion will continue to rise in 2018, according to Scott Manson, Cybersecurity head - Middle East and Africa, Cisco.

2018 will bring more connectivity, digital transformation initiatives, and data to companies, along with new cybersecurity threats and landscape changes making cybersecurity one of the most crucial issues that need to be addressed in the present scenario, Manson opined.

“Incidents like WannaCry and Netya illustrate, our adversaries are becoming more and more creative in how they architect their

attacks. But in the end, it’s more about who has not been breached vs who is the latest. The world of cybersecurity witnessed changes frequently with security experts trying to gain know-how about what is happening and how they can mitigate it. The universal fact is that we have to accept that we can’t protect everything, but we can find a way to control what matters the most,” he commented.

His cybersecurity predictions for 2018 includes more IoT attacks that will be motivated by financial gain, increased automation in cybersecurity response and continued growth in the use of ransomware and cyber-extortion tools.

“Shift in focus from protection to prevention,



Scott Manson, Cybersecurity Lead - Middle East and Africa, Cisco

historically IT firms focused heavily on perimeter network security to protect networks from cyberattacks. However, recent breaches have shown that perimeter security alone

isn’t sufficient to combat persistent threats. By focusing on more proactive and offensive approaches, rather than strictly defensive, that help detect and respond to possible

threats rather than react, it is possible to stop threats before they expose the organization to risk. In the future it will most likely move to prediction of what’s coming before anything happens,” he said. “It’s only a matter of time before every house and company is connected through the Internet of Things (IoT). We predict that as many as 1 million new connections per hour will be added to the internet by 2020 expanding the attack surface and making IoT vulnerabilities more critical and more dangerous. IoT will move from being seen as a massive security risk in the enterprise, to a critical part of an Enterprise’s security posture. To meet the security challenges of the IoT — an attack surface that is both

growing rapidly and becoming increasingly difficult to monitor and manage, a proactive and dynamic approach to security, and a layered defense strategy, are the keys to protecting IoT devices from infection and attack — or at least, mitigating the impact when some are inevitably compromised by adversaries,” he stated.

“Unfortunately, ransomware attacks will almost certainly become more pervasive and varied in 2018. Some attacks will adhere to the brute-force model of infect, lock and extort, while others will be more sophisticated. Evolutions in ransomware, such as the growth of Ransomware-as-a-Service, will make it easier for criminals, regardless of skill set, to carry out these attacks.

## BIC National Day Fest from Thursday

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**B**ahrain International Circuit (BIC), the home of motorsport in the Middle East, is all set to host this year’s BIC National Day Festival, from Thursday.

The festival is one of the biggest annual events in the country. This year, it will be held at the BIC premises in Sakhir for four successive nights until December 17.

“There will be something for everybody at the festival, including a shopping bazaar featuring dozens of stalls representing local businesses, a wide variety of children’s activities and a play area, cultural and musical performances, and plenty of food and beverage outlets, plus so much more,” said a BIC press release.

The live music will be highlighted by some of the Arab world’s most popular artists who will be performing live on each night of the festival.

Big names such as Hanan Reza, Khalid Fouad, Najwa Karam, Asala and Majid Al Mohandis will be taking to the main stage at the BIC vending area to delight the kingdom’s music lovers.

Hanan Reza and Khalid Fouad will be the first to perform on the night of December 14.

Lebanese songbird Najwa Karam will then be taking to the stage on December 15, followed by Bahraini superstar Asala on December 16. Arab sensation Majid Al



The festival is one of the biggest events in the country

Mohandis will then bring the curtains down on the festival with a fantastic live show on December 17.

Aside from the concerts, another major attraction of the National Day festival will be the back-to-back nights of

spectacular fireworks displays, taking place December 16 and 17.

Gates will be open from 4pm to 10pm on each day. Tickets cost 500 fils apiece for each day and they are available at the entrance.

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# Anti-Trump protest

## Jerusalem

A Palestinian stabbed an Israeli security guard at Jerusalem's main bus station on Sunday, police said, and violence flared near the U.S. Embassy in Beirut over U.S. President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Four days of street protests in the Palestinian territories over Trump's announcement on Wednesday have largely died down, but his overturning of long-standing U.S. policy on Jerusalem -- a city holy to Jews, Muslims and Christians -- drew more Arab warnings of potential damage to prospects for Middle East peace.

"Our hope is that everything is calming down and that we are returning to a path of normal life without riots and without violence," Israeli Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman said on Army Radio.

But in Jerusalem, a security guard was in critical condition after a 24-year-old Palestinian man from the occupied West Bank stabbed him after approaching a metal detector at an entrance to the city's central bus station, police said. The alleged assailant was taken into custody after a passer-by tackled him.

In public remarks on Sunday, Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan, a frequent critic of Israel, called it an "invader state" and a "terror state".

Most countries consider East Jerusalem, which Israel annexed after capturing it in a 1967 war, to be occupied territory and say the status of the city should be decided at future Israeli-Palestinian talks. Israel says that all of Jerusalem is its capital, while Palestinians want East Jerusalem as the capital of a future independent state.

The Trump administration has said it is still committed to reviving Palestinian-Israeli talks that collapsed in 2014, but jettisoning old policies is necessary to break the deadlock.

Washington says it has not taken a position on Jerusalem's final status or borders, but it is sensible to recognize that any future peace deal will have Israel's capital in the city.

The United States was "as committed to the peace process as we've ever been", U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said yesterday. Trump "didn't talk about boundaries, he didn't talk about borders... Because the final status of Jerusalem is between the Palestinians and the Israelis. It's not for the Americans to decide."

## Demonstrations

In Beirut, Lebanese security forces fired tear gas and water cannons at protesters, some of them waving Palestinian flags, near the U.S. Embassy.

Demonstrators set fires in the street, torched U.S. and Israeli flags and threw projectiles towards security forces that had barricaded the main road to the complex.

In the Moroccan capital, Rabat, tens of thousands of protesters marched down the city's main thoroughfare chanting slogans including, "The people want to liberate Palestine" and "Death to Israel, enemy of the people and provoker of wars."

Waving Palestinian flags and holding up pictures of Jerusalem, they expressed anger at they "betrayal" by Arab governments perceived to have backed Trump's move.

In the Indonesian capital Jakarta, thousands protested outside the U.S. embassy, many waving banners saying "Palestine is in our hearts".

Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad al-Maliki has said the Palestinians will be looking for a new peace talks broker instead of the United States and would seek a United Nations Security Council resolution over Trump's decision.

Arab foreign ministers who met in Cairo on Saturday urged the United States to abandon its decision on Jerusalem and said the move would spur violence throughout the region. (Reuters)



# F L A M E S

## WH responds as Abbas snubs Pence meet

### Washington

The White House said yesterday it was "unfortunate" that Palestinians were declining to meet with Vice President Mike Pence during an upcoming trip to the region in the aftermath of President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

"It's unfortunate that the Palestinian Authority is walking away again from an opportunity to discuss the future of the region, but the administration remains undeterred in its efforts to help achieve peace between Israelis and Palestinians and our peace team remains hard at work putting together a plan," said Jarrod Agen, a deputy chief of staff and spokesman for Pence.

(Reuters)



Protesters are seen near the U.S. embassy in Awkar, in Beirut, Lebanon



# Iraq celebrates Islamic State victory with parade

Baghdad

An Iraqi military parade in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone celebrated final victory over Islamic State on Sunday, with Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi looking on as troops marched in formation, their bodies spelling "victory day" in Arabic.

Abadi, who is also commander-in-chief of the armed forces, listened solemnly to Quranic verses from a chapter titled al-Nasr, meaning victory.

Iraqi forces recaptured the last areas still under Islamic State control along the border with Syria on Saturday and secured the western desert, marking the end of the war against the militants three years after they had captured about a third of Iraq's territory.

The forces fighting Islamic State in Iraq and Syria now expect a new phase of guerrilla warfare.

Watching the parade on Sunday, state television showed Abadi sat on a throne-like chair placed between two Iraqi flags with the country's official seal behind him, and with all other officials sat at a distance from him.

Abadi declared Dec. 10 would be an annual national holiday. Fighter jets were seen and heard flying over Baghdad's skies.

An announcer introduced various factions who took on Islamic State as troops marched, tanks rolled by and helicopters hovered, all brandishing Iraqi flags as Abadi stood up and waved.

Those who fought were drawn



Tanks of Iraqi army are seen during an Iraqi military parade in Baghdad's fortified Green Zone, Iraq

from the army, air force, federal and local police, elite counter-terrorism forces, as well as Shi'ite and Sunni paramilitaries and Kurdish Peshmerga fighters. They received key air support from a U.S.-led global coalition.

In his victory speech, delivered on Saturday, Abadi did not mention the Peshmerga, who played a big part in the fight against Islamic State.

The central government in Baghdad is in conflict with the

semi-autonomous Kurdistan Regional Government after the latter unilaterally held an independence referendum in September.

Instead Abadi hailed the Iranian-trained and backed Popular Mobilisation Forces (PMF), a group of Shi'ite militias, many of whom are loyal to Iran.

He also said that the state should have a legitimate monopoly on arms, however. Disarming the PMF is seen

as Abadi's greatest challenge after Islamic State's defeat.

The man who many saw as weak and ineffectual when he took over in 2014 from a predecessor who was blamed for the Islamic State takeover now heads towards an election next year as the commander who freed Iraqi lands.

Or as one Western diplomat described him - "the most popular man in Iraq." (Reuters)

## Pakistan says over 300 Baloch militants surrender

Islamabad

More than 300 Baloch separatist militants have surrendered over the past few months, Pakistani government officials said, after a ceremony to mark the downing of guns and militants' return to civilian life.

The surrenders are part of government efforts to end a decade-long insurgency in the southwestern Baluchistan province by offering amnesties and financial rewards to soldiers and commanders to help them re-integrate into the society.

In a high-profile ceremony on the lawn of the Baluchistan provincial assembly in the western city of Quetta, the regional capital, some 313 militants from three separatist movements handed over weapons to Nawab Sanaullah Zehri, the Chief Minister of the province.

"I will hug all that who believe in integrity and sovereignty of Pakistan but will not tolerate (those) who will challenge the writ of the State," Zehri said at the ceremony on Saturday.

Pakistani government officials say about 2,000 militants have surrendered over the past 18 months. In April, the government held a similar ceremony where about 400 militants handed over their guns.

The latest ceremony saw surrenders by 143 militants from the Baloch Republican Army (BRA), 125 fighters from the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) and 17 from Baloch Liberation Front (BLF), according to officials.

Under the agreement, foot soldiers are given 500,000 rupees (\$4,700) and the top-level commanders receive about 1 million rupees (\$9,500) to help them and their families build a life after militancy. (Reuters)

## China calls for caution on issues concerning status of Jerusalem

Beijing

China said that the status of Jerusalem is sensitive and complicated, and urged all parties concerned to exercise caution for peace and tranquillity in the Middle East.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang made the remarks when asked to comment on U.S. intention to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

A senior U.S. administration official said President Donald Trump is expected to announce that the United States recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and will move its embassy there.

"We pay close attention to the developments of the situation and are concerned about the possible intensification of regional conflicts," Geng told a routine press briefing.

He said all parties concerned should exercise caution and



Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang

avoid rocking the basis for the settlement of the Palestinian issue, which may trigger new regional confrontation.

China firmly supports the Middle East peace process and the just cause of the Palestinian people to restore their legitimate rights and interests, said Geng.

He said China supports the establishment of a Palestinian

state with full sovereignty and independence on the basis of the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital.

China calls on all parties concerned to abide by relevant UN resolutions and commit themselves to resolving differences through negotiations and promoting regional peace and stability, said Geng. (Xinhua)

## UK's Johnson lobbies for jailed aid worker

Dubai

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson held almost an hour of talks with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani yesterday after flying to Tehran to seek the release of a jailed British-Iranian aid worker.

"Both spoke forthrightly about the obstacles in the relationship and agreed on the need to make progress in all areas," said a spokeswoman for Britain's Foreign Office after Johnson concluded what was only the third visit to Iran by a British foreign minister in the past 14 years.

The Foreign Office confirmed Johnson had raised "consular cases of dual nationals" during talks. These cases include Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, who Britain says was visiting family on holiday in April 2016 when she was jailed by Iran for attempting to overthrow the government.

The woman's husband later told Sky News that a court appearance scheduled



Britain's Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson meets with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, in Tehran, Iran

in Iran for Sunday had been postponed. "I think I am very optimistic today," Richard Ratcliffe said.

He added that he hoped his wife would be home before Christmas but cautioned that there could still be setbacks.

"Without doubt having the foreign secretary there was a big thing. Without doubt the court case not happening is a big thing. There may be a number of big things that have to happen before she's home, but ... as I sit here I am a lot more optimistic than I was."

Iranian state TV reported that "bilateral relations, the nuclear deal and regional developments made up the axis of the talks", between the president and Johnson.

The case of Zaghari-Ratcliffe has taken on domestic political importance after Johnson said last month that she had been teaching journalists in Iran, which her employer denies. Johnson later apologized. Opponents have called for him to resign if his comments lead to her serving longer in prison. (Reuters)



# Joyalukkas launches new showroom in Indian capital

**Delhi**  
Joyalukkas, has launched its new showroom in the bustling metropolis of South Extension, Delhi.

The new showroom was inaugurated by Vijay Prakash Jain, Secretary General, Bhartiya Udyog Vyapar Mandal, on December 9, and was attended by local dignitaries, VIPs and chief executives of the Joyalukkas Group.

Set at the heart of the exciting neighbourhood of South Extension, Delhi Joyalukkas will be a sparkling new jewellery shopping destination to captivate the residents' hearts.

Joyalukkas South

Extension features the brand's signature jewellery collections, spacious interiors, ample parking space and a professional service team offering customers the very best of the world's favourite jeweller.

"We are delighted to open our doors in South Extension," said Joy Alukkas, Chairman and MD of Joyalukkas Group. "This exciting neighbourhood is set to be amongst the country's premier shopping and lifestyle districts, and we are looking forward to offering its residents the signature jewellery and award-winning service the world has come to expect from Joyalukas."



Inauguration of South Extension showroom

## GPIC delivers EOM of August Award



Payroll Officer at the Human Resources Department of the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) Hood Al-Kuwari received the Employee of the Month Award for the month of August 2017, from Company President Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery. Members of the Executive Management and a representative of the Labour Union were present. The aim of this award is to encourage employees to improve and develop the company and employee performance.

## Egypt to sign contracts for nuclear plant with Russia

**Cairo**

Egypt will sign contracts with Moscow during Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to Cairo on Monday for the country's first nuclear power plant, three senior sources told Reuters yesterday.

The construction of the 4,800 megawatt (MW) capacity plant, which is supposed to be built at Dabaa in the north of the country, is expected to be completed within seven years, added the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media.

Egyptian foreign minister Sameh Shoukry told Russia Today in an interview on Saturday that "they have completed several stages" of

the plant and "soon" it will be finished. Moscow and Cairo signed an agreement in 2015 for Russia to build a nuclear power plant in Egypt, with Russia extending a loan to Egypt to cover the cost of construction.

Egypt's official gazette said last year the loan was worth \$25 billion and would finance 85 percent of the value of each work contract, services and equipment shipping. Egypt would fund the remaining 15 percent.

The trial operation of the first nuclear reactor is expected to take place in 2022.

Egypt, with a population of nearly 104 million and vast energy needs, wants to diversify its energy sources. (Reuters)

# Traders brace for bitcoin futures launch

The newest way to bet on bitcoin will be available later when futures in the wildly fluctuating cryptocurrency start trading.

## KICK OFF An extra kick

The first bitcoin future trades are kicked off at 6 pm local time on a Chicago exchange yesterday.

The launch on the Cboe futures exchange has given an extra kick to the currency's scorching run this year. It has nearly doubled in price since the start of December, but recent days saw sharp moves in both directions, with bitcoin losing almost a fifth of its value on Friday after surging by more than 40% in the previous 48 hours to \$16,600.



Cool Trends

## Mixed opinions

But while some market participants are excited about a regulated way to bet on or hedge against moves in bitcoin, others warn that risks remain for investors and possibly the clearing organisations underpinning the trades.

## Futures

The futures are cash-settled contracts based on the auction price of bitcoin in dollars on the Gemini exchange, owned and operated by virtual currency entrepreneurs Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss.



### Apple 'to buy Shazam for \$400m'

Los Angeles

Apple is close to buying the music recognition app Shazam for about \$400m, media reports say. Shazam, a UK company founded in 1999, allows people to use their smartphone or computer to identify and buy music through a snippet of sound. Shazam, which says it has more than 100 million monthly users, makes most of its revenue from commissions paid on referrals to Apple's iTunes Store.



### German Village sold at auction for €140,000

Berlin

The only bidder at an unusual auction on Saturday put down €140,000 and walked away the new owner of a small slice of German history: the village of Alwine, population 20.

The anonymous buyer, who bid by telephone, scooped up the community that property auctioneers Karhausen had given a starting price of €125,000 (US\$148,000). (AFP)



"I asked Prime Minister Netanyahu to make some courageous gestures toward the Palestinians to get out of the current impasse,"

Emmanuel Macron

French President



### McLaren's 720S supercar

Next generation computer control – including pressure transducers in the hydraulic suspension lines and accelerometers in the wheel hubs – adjusts the 720S's moving parts as needed

<b>720</b> Power PS @ 7,250 rpm	<b>770</b> Torque NM @ 5,500 rpm	<b>2.9</b> 0-100km/h seconds	<b>341</b> Top speed km/h (212mph)
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Gull-wing dihedral doors channel cooling air to radiators

Engine: 4.0-litre, V8 with ultra-low-inertia twin-turbochargers – to reduce lag and sharpen throttle response – and seven-speed dual-clutch automatic gearbox

Wheelbase: 2,670mm

**Proactive Chassis Control:** Wheel hub sensors measure tyre-road contact and instruct dampers to stiffen or soften

**Variable Drift Control:** Fingertip control of cornering grip via Electronic Stability Control screen

**Adaptive instrument cluster:** Screen changes to track setup, with only essential readouts, to provide better visibility

**Drive modes:** Comfort, Sport or Track

Source: McLaren Automotive, Neil Winton

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Manama

The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) has released directives for both offshore and locally domiciled Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs), as part of its commitment to further enhance the Collective Investment Undertakings ("CIUs") in the Kingdom of Bahrain under Volume 7 of CBB Rulebook.

The new directives will expand the categories of locally domiciled mutual funds to include ETFs as another type of Collective Investment Undertakings ("CIU") that may establish in Bahrain and listed by banks and other financial institutions on licensed exchanges. It will also permit the registration of listed offshore ETFs as detailed in CBB Rulebook Volume 7.

Moreover, the new directives recognize both conventional and sharia compliant ETFs, to accommodate for a wider range of investors' preferences.

ETFs are effectively funds that are traded like stocks on a stock exchange that mainly track index, a commodity, bonds or a basket of securities, and hence divide ownership of those assets into shares. ETF shares can be bought or sold throughout the day on an exchange at a market-determined price.

ETFs have a number of features that retail and institutional investors are attracted to. Typically they provide price transparency, higher liquidity and lower fees than mutual fund shares, making them an attractive alternative for individual

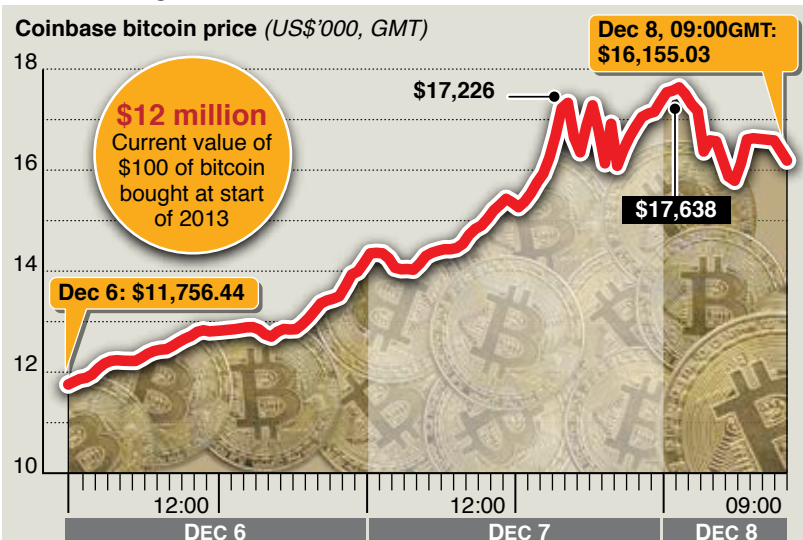
investors. Moreover, by owning an ETF, investors get the diversification of an index fund as well as the ability to easily trade the shares on the licensed exchanges.

Abdulrahman Al Baker, Executive Director for Institutions Supervision, said: "ETFs have grown substantially in international markets as one of the most successful financial innovations in recent years. Introducing the new ETF directives in the Kingdom of Bahrain will certainly attract local and foreign investments and further enhance the capital markets activity".

The details of the new directives are now available at the CBB website under Volume 7 of CBB Rulebook that governs the rules and regulations of Collective Investment Undertakings ("CIUs").

### Bitcoin surge triggers alarm bells

Bitcoin prices soared wildly ahead of a planned launch of futures contracts for cryptocurrencies. The price on Coinbase topped \$17,000, stoking concerns that bitcoin is a bubble that's set to burst



Source: Coinbase, Reuters

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### Kuwait expects oil market to rebalance

Kuwait City

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Essam Kal-Marzouk said on Sunday the international crude market was expected to rebalance in the fourth quarter of 2018 after producers extended a deal to curb output.

Speaking on the sidelines of a meeting for the oil ministers of the Organisation of the Arab Petroleum Countries (OAPEC), Marzouk also said oil prices would remain at "current levels".

Producers from OPEC and non-OPEC members agreed on 30 November to extend a deal to cut output by 1.8 million barrels per day

(bpd) until the end of 2018.

The producing nations aim to reduce an oil supply glut that sent crude prices crashing.

As a result of the curbs, oil prices have doubled since dipping under \$30 a barrel in early 2016.

Marzouk said OPEC would hold a crucial meeting in June to "review the production cuts deal ... and the possibility of preparing a study to exit the output curbs".

A Kuwaiti-chaired ministerial committee monitoring the market and compliance of the cuts would hold meetings every two months to assess the situation, the minister said.



Iraqi Oil Minister Jabbar al-Luaibi has said he expected oil prices to remain around \$60 a barrel.

He said that Iraq's production would hit five million bpd in the first quarter of next year. (AFP)



### Did You Know?



Apple's iPhone was almost named something else, with the company considering names such as Mobi, Telepod, and Tripod. The name "iPad" was also considered for its smartphone.



# Major markets rise, led by Saudi, Egypt



COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2920	0.2896
BANGLADESH	0.00483	0.00458
CANADA	0.3018	0.2985
DENMARK	0.0627	
EGYPT	0.0241	0.0218
EURO	0.4501	0.4476
HONGKONG	0.04970	0.04930
INDIA	0.00582	0.00585
INDONESIA	0.00003017	0.00002855
IRAN TUMAN	0.00010964	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000300	
JAPAN	0.00352	0.003450
JORDAN	0.5362	0.5354
KOREA	0.00039646	
KUWAIT	1.254	1.254
MALAYSIA	0.0938	0.0936
NEW ZEALAND	0.2616	0.2616
NORWAY	0.0481	
NEPAL	0.00395	0.00365
OMAN	0.98220	0.98340
PAKISTAN	0.00366	0.00358
PHILIPPINES	0.00758	0.00747
QATAR	0.10386	0.10381
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10065	0.10071
SINGAPORE	0.2834	0.2814
SOUTH AFRICA	0.02850	0.02840
SRI LANKA	0.00283	0.00246
SWEDISH	0.0479	
SWITZERLAND	0.3891	0.3861
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0018
TAIWAN	0.013100	
THAILAND	0.011730	0.011710
TURKEY	0.1024	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5076	0.5047
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102850	0.102870
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	0.3799	0.3354
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.0873	0.2877	0.2540
OMAN	0.3849	0.3820	0.3878	0.3425
QATAR	3.6420	3.6143	3.6699	3.2405
UAE	3.6730	3.6451	3.7011	3.2681
SAUDI	3.7500	3.7215	3.7787	3.3366

**Dubai**  
Major Gulf stock markets rose yesterday in line with strength in global bourses at the end of last week, with Saudi Arabia and Egypt leading.

The Saudi index rose 0.8 per cent points to 7,145, bouncing for a second straight day from technical support around 7,000 points in very heavy trade.

After initially pulling out of the market in the wake of Saudi Arabia's crackdown on corruption, announced early last month, retail investors have been coming back in after it became clear that damage to the economy due to the crackdown was not as serious as feared.

Real estate firm Dar Al Arkan, the most heavily traded stock, continued a spectacular uptrend. It surged 9.0pc to 14.0 riyals, having jumped from around 7.50 riyals in mid-November,

when MSCI said it was adding the stock to its Saudi Arabia Index.

Petrochemical firm Saudi Kayan surged 6.2pc to 10.64 riyals. Many analysts consider it fully valued, however; the median target price of six analysts surveyed by Reuters is 9.65 riyals.

Egypt's index ended a four-day losing streak, climbing 0.7pc, but trading volume remained light.

Cleopatra Hospital jumped 7.9pc after saying its capital increase had been 99.8pc subscribed, while Misr Cement soared 10pc as the price of rights in its capital increase rocketed 11.7pc.

The Qatari index climbed 0.7pc; it has been trading near six-year lows for a month and appears to have established strong support in that area. Gulf International Services added 4.4pc.

Dubai came off early highs to end just 0.1pc higher

### Closing Bell

- SAUDI ARABIA rose 0.8pc to 7,145 points.
- DUBAI edged up 0.1pc to 3,395 points.
- ABU DHABI gained 0.4pc to 4,295 points.
- QATAR climbed 0.7pc to 7,828 points.
- EGYPT added 0.8pc to 14,414 points.
- KUWAIT fell 0.4pc to 6,162 points.
- BAHRAIN dropped 0.2pc to 1,265 points.
- OMAN edged down 0.1pc to 5,063 points.

while Abu Dhabi climbed 0.4pc on the back of a 4.4pc gain by Dana Gas, after the chief executive of its major shareholder Crescent Petroleum told the Al Khaleej news service that the main documentation for Dana's \$700 million of outstanding sukuk was governed by United Arab Emirates law.

Dana is seeking to avoid redeeming the sukuk after they matured in October, arguing that they are no longer valid under UAE law. A London court found against Dana last month, but Dana is continuing to fight its case in a UAE court. (Reuters)

### BBBF Hosts Annual Christmas Lunch Meeting

The Bahrain British Business Forum hosted the BBBF Annual Christmas Lunch Meeting on Thursday with British Ambassador Simon Martin as chief guest. BBBF Chairman Khalid Al Zayani was also present during the lunch. The event was held at the Diplomat Radisson Blu hotel and members and guests enjoyed a traditional British Christmas 3-course lunch followed by a Christmas raffle draw. The main prize on offer was an Etihad Business class return ticket to the UK. The networking lunch was well attended by over 200 guests and members of the BBBF.



We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology.  
-Carl Sagan



# CAMPUS

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## Language Week at NMS-DPS

The first week of December marked the celebration of Language Week in the New Millennium School-DPS. This is always an enjoyable and enthused event for students and teachers.

It was a pleasure to see the students of each language contributing to the event in their own way and style with lots of gusto. To hone the linguistic skills of the students in various Languages, a multitude of literary activities were conducted. The students of Hindi Language made advertisements and presented a street play which brought out important aspects of the language and its culture.

Celebrating the National Day and commemorating the crowning of His Highness King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Department for Arabic also showcased cultural activities like henna designing and ethnic dance forms and also distributed sweets to all the students and staff of the school.

The French students had carried out research and brought

out the contrast and comparison of the political systems of France and India.

They also had a cultural display and culinary session that brought out the uniqueness of the language and tradition.

The students of Sanskrit and Arabic organized various programmes like speeches and recitation and also prepared charts highlighting the significance of the language.

Furthermore, to promote the understanding of the artistic potential among the students an assortment of creative events was conducted during the special assembly. The language week was full of fun where learning was conceded in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and respect for different culture.

Chairman Dr. Ravi Pillai, Managing Director Geetha Pillai and Principal Arun Kumar Sharma complimented the students for their excellent feat in the Language week and appreciated the efforts of all the parents and teachers for the successful completion of this special week.



## BIS Workshop for parents of Grade I



An attention-grabbing workshop for parents of Grade I was held yesterday at BIS premise. The topic of discussion was 'How Parents play an important role in the Child's Personality Development'-a session organized by School Counsellor Lalita. The workshop focused on how parents can help children in their personality development. Parents were guided on how they can play an important role in building positive

behaviour and attitude in their children. A group activity was also conducted wherein they had to resolve certain issues that are faced by them and derive the best possible solution. Overall it was an interactive and interesting session.

BIS Directors Himanshu Verma and Ritu Verma thanked the parents for attending the workshop and appreciated the efforts of Lalida Andrade.

## GIFT FROM GOD

Once upon a time, in a village there was a group of children who were very good friends. They played together, went to school together and always had lots of fun together.

One day their parents told them, "Diwali is coming soon and so let's all clean our house". The kids all obeyed their parents as they were eagerly waiting for the festival of light. They were so excited because they would be dressed up in new cloths, play with crackers, light the diyas and eat lots of sweet.

While all the kids were very happy, Raj was sad but he didn't express it. He lived with his grandmother who did not have enough money to buy crackers or cloths for him. He didn't say anything to his friends.

On the eve of Diwali everyone was happy and was arranging everything for the next day's celebrations. Raj's grandmother gave him some

money and asked him to buy some crackers for himself so that he can also enjoy it with his friends. With tears in her eyes she said, "If your parents were alive today we would have had enough money to buy new cloths also". Raj replied that he was happy with what God has given them and that he has his grandmother to celebrate with. While his friends were coming to call him to play, they overheard their conversation. They were all sad for him and decide to help their friend.

They all went to their parents and took permission to buy few things. They then came together and put everything together and made it into a parcel. After everyone in the village was asleep they went out and placed the parcel in front of Raj's door steps with a note saying 'Gift from God'.

When Raj woke up in the morning he saw the parcel in front of his house, he opened



it and was very happy to see all the things he really wanted for Diwali. Now both Raj and his grandmother can celebrate the festival with others.

In the evening all the houses were lighted with diyas, even in Raj's house and everyone celebrated the festival of light to its fullest. All his friends were happy that they could see a smile on their friend's face

**Moral: we learn true happiness when we share with others.**

**GROUP WORK BY I-E, NMS**





Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday met the newly-appointed Ambassador of the French Republic to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Cecile Longe, at Riffa Palace. During the meeting, the Crown Prince highlighted the steady growth of relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and France



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa received at the Gudaia former Arab League Secretary-General, Amr Moussa, who is on a visit to the Kingdom to take part in the Dialogue 2017. The Deputy Premier reviewed with Moussa the issues on the agenda of Dialogue 2017, and the actions to be taken to face the serious challenges witnessed by the region



Delegated by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister HH Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa yesterday paid a visit to Oman to offer condolences over the demise of HH Sayyid Turki bin Mahmoud Al-Said. The Deputy Premier conveyed deepest condolences from HM King Hamad, Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and the Bahraini people to HM Sultan Qaboos bin Said, the Royal Family and the brotherly Omani people



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received at the Command Headquarters yesterday Head of the Strategy Department of the Turkish General Staff, Mustafa Oguz, who is currently on a visit to the kingdom to take part in the 13th IISS Meeting. The Chief welcomed the Turkish official and his accompanying delegation, lauding distinguished relations between Bahrain and Turkey. He also praised bilateral cooperation mainly in the military field



On the sidelines of the 11th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization in Buenos Aires, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani participated in the consultative meeting which was held together with Dr. Majid bin Abdullah Al Qasabi, Saudi Minister of Commerce and Investment, Abdullah Al Saleh, UAE Ministry of Economy, with the UK Minister of Trade Policy Greg Hands. They discussed the aspirations of the participating countries and the outcome of the Ministerial Conference and their expectations for the future of WTO. They also discussed countries' aspiration after UK exit from the EU and the opportunities for cooperation in investment and intra-trade



Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Chairman Khalid Almoayed and board member Ahlam Janahi received in Bait Al Tijjar the outgoing Turkish Ambassador. The Chairman commended the Bahraini-Turkish bilateral relation at all levels and praised the efforts of the Chamber to Bahrain





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Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa received UK Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs Sir Alistair Burt during his visit to participate in the 13th Manama Dialogue. They discussed issues and topics raised by the participants during Manama Dialogue2017, asserting the importance of collective and bilateral cooperation to address the security challenges that threaten the stability of countries. Separately, the Deputy Premier received Prince Turki Al Faisal, the President of King Faisal Centre for Research & Islamic Studies. They also discussed topics and issues raised at the Manama Dialogue, concurring on that region's unfolding events and developments necessitate more cooperation to confront the dangers, threats and interferences concerning the region



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BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received at the BDF General Headquarters yesterday the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee in Pakistan, General Zubair Mahmood Hayat, and his accompanying delegation, currently on a visit to the kingdom to take part in the 13th IISS Manama Dialogue. Minister of Defence Affairs Maj. General Yusuf bin Ahmed Al Jalahma , and Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Dhiyab bin Saqr Al-Nuaimi were also present. Separately, the BDF Chief received UK Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Air Chief Marshal Sir Stuart Peach, currently on a visit to the kingdom. The BDF chief reviewed with the UK CDS the outstanding long-standing Bahraini-British friendship and cooperation relations



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received at the BDF General Headquarters yesterday the Commander of the US Central Command (USCENTCOM), General Joseph Votel, and his accompanying delegation, currently on a visit to the kingdom to take part in the 13th IISS Manama Dialogue. The BDF chief reviewed with the USCENTCOM commander the Bahraini-U.S friendship and cooperation relations, and ways to enhance them



Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani headed the Bahraini Delegation participated in the consultative Ministerial meeting in Buenos Aires in Argentina on Saturday. The meeting which is organized by the Islamic Development Bank on the eve of the 11 th WTO Ministerial Conference from 10-13 December is an opportunity for ministers to exchange views and visions and discussed topics on the agenda of the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference



...longside the first vice-chairman Khalid Al Zayani  
...mbassador to Bahrain Hatun Demirer. Al Moayed  
...fforts of the ambassador during her assignment



The Southern Municipality yesterday held festivities celebrating His Majesty the King's Accession Day and the National Day. Southern Governor HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa patronized the event which was held at Khalifa Grand Park. The Southern Governor was received on arrival by Minister of Works , Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning Essam Khalaf, Public Security Deputy Chief Brigadier Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Under-secretary Dr. Nabil Abul Fatih, Southern Police Director-General Brigadier Mubarak bin Huwail Al-Merri, Southern Municipality Director-General Asem Abdullatif Abdulla, MPs, municipal councilors and other officials



# CELEBS

Demi Lovato @ddlovato  
I hate when paps yell "big smile!" on the red carpet.. I'm like no.. it's fashion.



## Bieber's mother shares 'special bond'

Los Angeles  
**S**inger Justin Bieber's mother Pattie Mallette says she has a "special bond" with his girlfriend Selena Gomez. Gomez, 25, has rekindled her relationship with Bieber, 23. His mother is happy about their reconciliation.  
"I don't know so much about their personal relationship because he doesn't share a whole lot, but I love her. I support anything (he does), if he loves her I love her, and I've met her and we have a special bond so I think she's precious."  
"I can't really speak on their relationship, that's between them," Mallette told *people.com*.  
Mallette believes being in a serious relationship keeps Bieber more "grounded". (IANS)



### Celeb Facts

American rapper Kanye West stated that Fiona Apple was one of his favourite artists, and he wanted to become the 'rap version' of her. (*thefactsite*)



## Jennifer Aniston can't cook

Los Angeles  
**A**ctress Jennifer Aniston says she is great at making convenience food but wishes she was better at making meals. Aniston, who is married to Justin Theroux, talked about her cooking skills in an interview with *Red* magazine, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.  
"I would love to really learn

how to cook and prepare beautiful meals, I just don't have the time. (My trick is that) we call them cuppa eggs and they're these little poached eggs. I put them in a to-go cup. I'm really good at quick, on-the-go types of food," she said.  
The actress says she is much more "strict" with her diet than she used to be.

"I'm definitely strict about what goes into my body. I got rid of Sweet 'N Low, Splenda... all those things we thought were good for us when we were getting rid of sugar. (IANS)



## Johnson explains why he won't run for president

**L**ooks like Dwayne Johnson won't be running for president in 2020 after all. While appearing on the 45-year-old actor revealed that he has shelved his plans to run for president of the United States.  
Few months back, the 'San Andreas' star expressed a desire to turn to politics but whilst he is 'very flattered' by the response, he won't be acting on it anytime soon.  
Speaking on the matter, Johnson said, "It's been very flattering. There's been this really interesting uptick in public opinion, [people] wanting that to happen. The problem is that Kevin Hart will completely sabotage the campaign in 2020, 2024. He'll literally sabotage it from the inside."  
To which, Hart replied, "100 percent. I would take you down. I don't want it to happen just because it would make you that much better than me." (TOI)



# Swift, Alwyn go hand-in-hand in public

New York

**Singer Taylor Swift** and her boyfriend Joe Alwyn went hand-in-hand at the annual Jingle Ball concert here at the Madison Square Garden -- their first public show of affection.

Swift and Alwyn were seen together after a long time on Friday night, reports *dailymail.co.uk*. The couple decided to make their outing a low-key affair and were seen avoiding photographers.

Swift and Alwyn, a British actor, have been dating each other for some time now, however, they have never tried to stay close to each other in public.

Swift was earlier in a relationship with DJ Calvin Harris. (IANS)



**STARRY Birthday**  
Mos Def

December 11, 1973

Born Dante Smith, he is a rapper, actor, and political activist who also goes by the name Yasiin Bey. He is one half of the duo Black Star with Talib Kweli and he has had prominent roles in several movies.



## Catherine inspired by father-in-law

**Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones**, who celebrated her father-in-law and veteran actor Kirk Douglas' 101st birthday, has called him an inspirational person and a hero.

Kirk, father of actor-producer Michael Douglas, turned 101 on Saturday.

Reportedly, Zeta-Jones took to *Instagram* to wish her father-in-law by sharing a photograph of Kirk sitting on her lap.

"101 today! My darling Pappy on my knee. Happy birthday to my wonderful, inspirational and loving father-in-law, Kirk. Love you with all my heart. Hero," Zeta-Jones wrote alongside the image.

Kirk made his film debut in 1946 with 'The Strange Love of Martha Ivers'. He later appeared in the 1960 film 'Spartacus'. He's been nominated for three Oscars for his work in 'Champion', 'The Bad and the Beautiful' and 'Lust for Life'. (TOI)

### Fashion tip of the week



(harpersbazaar.com)

American model Bella Hadid in a cream corduroy coat with a fur collar, cropped hoodie, white ripped jeans, black creeper, and orange sunglasses at the airport in Dubai



# OUT & ABOUT

## HOW TO REACH US

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### WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY VILLAGE

**Date: December 15 & 16, 22 & 23, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
**Venue: Al Khayma (Tent)**

Revel in the joys of the holiday season with a special Christmas village. Enjoy a variety of festive offerings including a sweet and savory Christmas buffet, holiday movie classics, Ritz-Kids activities and much more. Santa Claus will also be there for a special warm and jolly welcome all the way from the North Pole.

### RITZ GOURMET TAKEAWAYS

**Date: December 1-31,**  
**Venue: The Ritz Gourmet Lounge, The Ritz-Carlton**

The Ritz Gourmet Lounge offers a selection of gourmet desserts and festive hampers filled with heavenly delights like minced pies, specialty cookies, chocolates and much more. Roasted turkey to-go family dinners can also be ordered beginning December 2. Orders must be placed at least 72 hours in advance.

### FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA

**Date: December 2 - 26, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm**  
**Venue: The Lobby Lounge, The Ritz-Carlton**

Tea time at The Ritz-Carlton is always grand and the festive season makes it more special. Enjoy traditional scones and pastries with your favorite tea variety complemented by a selection of festive treats – an excellent opportunity to spend picture perfect #RCMemories with family and friends.

### BUBBLY CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

**Date: December 2 - 30, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
**Venue: The Ritz Gourmet Lounge, The Ritz-Carlton**

Take pleasure in all the sweet treats of a traditional afternoon tea with a twist. A selection of freshly made scones and carefully baked gourmet cakes will be served alongside your favorite cup of tea or glass of bubbly.

### GRAND CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

**Date: Monday, December 25, 12:30 pm-4:30 pm**  
**Venue: Grand Foyer, The Ritz-Carlton**

Indulge in a festive celebration of culinary delights highlighted by our chefs' splendid creations - from live cooking and carving stations, a large seafood

and prime rib corner to a delectable spread of heavenly desserts. The grand occasion elevates with live musical entertainment, festive activities, and a special visit from Santa Claus.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION: STUDIO 54

**Date: Sunday, December 31, 8:00 pm-2:00 am**  
**Venue: Al Noor Ballroom, The Ritz-Carlton**

Countdown to 2018 and celebrate with a throwback to the 1970s era of glamour, fashion and indulgence. Join us as we transform our 9,000 square-foot Al Noor Ballroom into the famous Studio 54 complete with disco lights, party favors, an indulgent buffet, live entertainment and performances. Dress is black tie or festive party dress.

### BAHRAIN NATIONAL DAY



**Date: December 16**  
**Venue: Bahrain Bay Kitchen**

Bahrain National Day Brunch at Bahrain Bay Kitchen: Traditional Bahraini theme. Buffet will have authentic Bahraini food items, local music entertainment and the staff will be dressed in the traditional Bahraini clothing. Signature traditional dishes will be available such as: Bahraini ghoushi, prawn mmawwash, Bahraini date cheese cake. Serving Hours: 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Bahrain National Day at AlHosh - Kids For All Seasons Club: Endless fun activities such as Bahrain national flag cookie decoration, fashion show for best Bahrain national dress, Piñata, Olympic games, face painting, henna tattoo, Bahrain flag making, arts and crafts, parade. Wolfgang Puck Restaurants: The chefs

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### BAHRAINI FARMERS MARKET

**Date : 2nd December 2017 to 31st March 2018**  
**Venue : BUDAIYA BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Bahrain Farmers Market targets promoting Bahrain's agricultural products and highlighting the development taking place in Bahrain's agricultural sector. It also aims to contribute to improving the Bahraini farmers' income through a marketing system prepared by the Agriculture and Marine Resources to assist in meeting the farmers' aspirations.

### KOREAN FILM FESTIVAL

**Date : 6th December 2017 to 27th December 2017**  
**Venue : Seef mall - Seef I cinema complex**

The 4th edition of the Korean Film Festival kicks off its program in December 2017 every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm at Hall no. 13 at Cinema Complex I at Seef mall. The movies are as follows:

- December 6th: Take Off - A 2009 sports/Drama production, part of the "Take off" film series, starring Ha Jung-woo and Lee Eun-sung.

- December 13, 2017: The Berlin File: a 2013 thriller/drama starring Ryou Seung-bom and Jun Ji-hoon. The movie was awarded the Baeksang Arts Award for Best Leading Actor in a Film. Jong-seong (Jung-woo Ha), a North Korean ghost agent, interrupts an illegal arms sale in Berlin. A notorious North Korean agent tests the loyalties of everyone involved as Jong-Seong prepares to make the ultimate sacrifice.

- December 20th, 2017: The Fatal Encounter: a 2014 South Korean Thriller Fantasy film based on a real-life assassination attempt on King Jeongjo.

- December 27th, 2017: 200 Pounds Beauty, a 2006 Melodramatic film about a famous pop singer decides to have full-body plastic surgery to change her look and the deep meanings of inner beauty.

All movies will play at Theatre 13 at Seef mall Cinema Complex "Seef I" at 7:00pm. Entry is free and open for everyone.

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### THE LAND OF DILMUN, WHERE THE SUN RISES

**Date: 5 December 2017 - 11 March 2018**  
**Venue: The Hermitage State Museum**

The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities showcases significant Dilmun artifacts from the permanent collection of the Bahrain National Museum at the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, one of world's largest museums, that shed light on life in Dilmun between the 3rd and 1st millennium BCE.

Attachments area

### FESTIVE SEASON AT THE GULF HOTEL

**Date: Ongoing**  
**Venue: The Gulf Hotel Bahrain Convention & Spa**

Our festivities began with the lighting of the Christmas tree in the hotel lobby. This marks the beginning of the Christmas and New Year celebrations and everyone is invited to witness the ceremonial lighting! Get mesmerized as this year our team has merged both the festive traditions and the unique Arabic culture presenting the ultimate season bliss. From a traditional Arabic gingerbread house to the fusion of the festive Arabic village!

The festivities is about giving and sharing, this season we are collecting festive wishes for the charity program called "Smile of Bahrain", we hope to collect as much wishes for the organization and we look forward to your kindness to help those children with cancer make their dreams come true.

An uplifting slew of flavors to celebrate the spirit of the season have been crafted by the culinary team for the Christmas Eve dinner and the Christmas day brunch.

On 24th December we are offering 3 yuletide options for your Christmas Eve dinner. From the traditions of the Vigilia di Natale in Italy at our La Pergola Italian restaurant, to the pano-

ramic view of the Juffair Skyline at Fusions restaurant to the lavish buffet in Al Waha, all featuring the finest delicacies from sumptuous starters of the hamachi sashimi, zucchini carpaccio and to the main course of the well-loved stuffed turkey roulade that will get the guests in the festive mood.

Our Christmas day brunch promises to be filled with all the traditional Christmas trimmings and a treat for all ages at The Gulf Convention Center for only BD 32 net. The Christmas day brunch presents the festive spread of our 10 award winning outlets, featuring exotic festive menus from rock lobster and the red snapper to start with, and followed by a tableau of flavours.

Tickets is a must.

If you're planning to party at home this Christmas, leave the cooking with us! Christmas plum puddings, mulled wine and turkey are available for order!:

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Featuring jazz saxophone player Miss S, to the throbbing beats of Percussionist Ms. Dee and the soulful voice of Ms. Lady S.! This in addition to the vibrant and gorgeous DJ (DJANE - NC), who will be spinning her groove mix-compilations till the wee hours of the party!

In addition you can also choose your celebration from Al Waha restaurant for a guaranteed New Year's gourmet that that will keep your stomach delighted till 2018! To the special New Year ala carte menus from Royal Thai, China Garden, Sato and Takth Jamsheed.

You can also choose to delight your loved one to a New Year 's Eve romantic moment at Fusions, Raosi By Vineet, La Pergola and our all exclusive balcony at Royal Thai.

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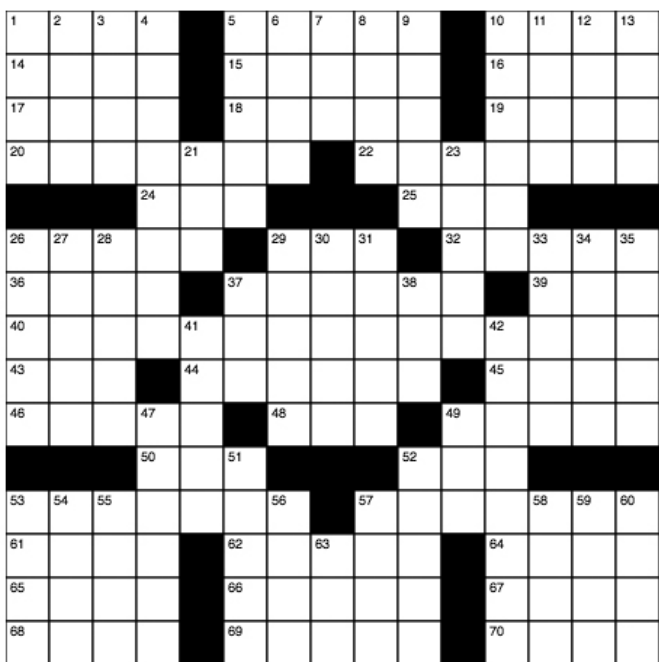
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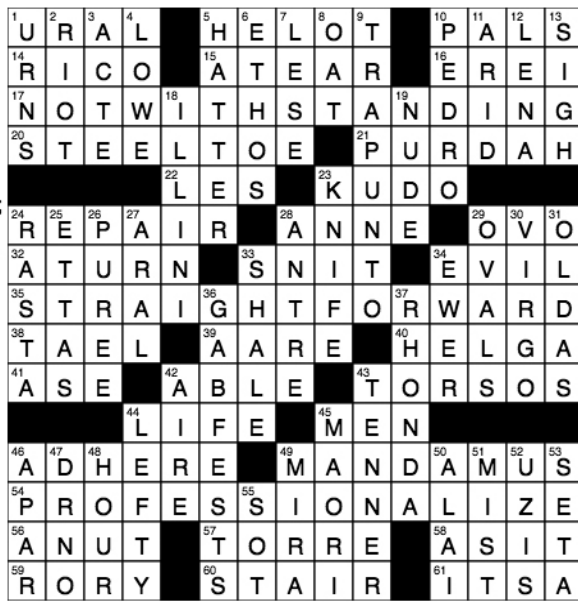
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# CROSSWORD



## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



### Across

1- Sir Guinness; 5- Greek island; 10- Drinks slowly; 14- Writer Janowitz; 15- Lowbudget prefix; 16- River of Flanders; 17- The doctor \_\_\_; 18- Rod used to reinforce concrete; 19- Yuri's love; 20- Husky; 22- Apprehensive; 24- Heston's org.; 25- "Michael Collins" actor; 26- Stagnant; 29- Jogged; 32- Map feature; 36- A Chaplin; 37- Excluding; 39- Major-leaguer; 40- In spite of; 43- French pronoun; 44- Ask; 45- Bear in the air; 46- Start of a Shakespeare title; 48- Asian language; 49- Writers of verse; 50- Front part of an apron; 52- June honoree; 53- Brother of Electra; 57- Absence of sound; 61- River in central Switzerland; 62- Performance; 64- Russian refusal; 65- Speaker of note; 66- Japanese immigrant; 67- Meat-grading org.; 68- Tibetan oxen; 69- Choral composition; 70- Run into;

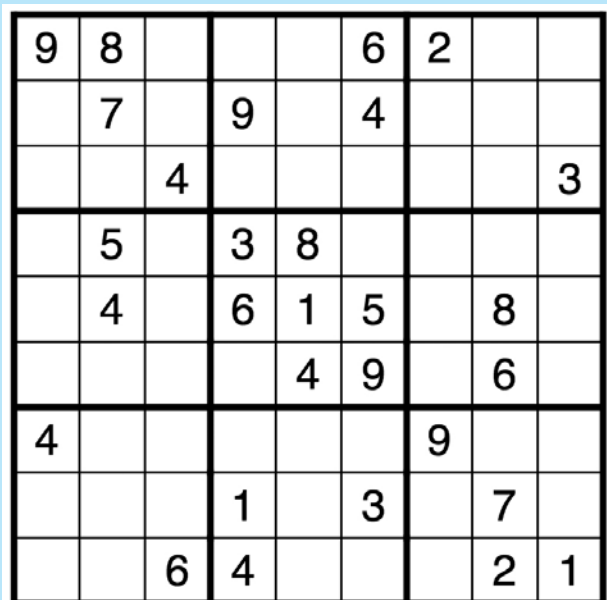
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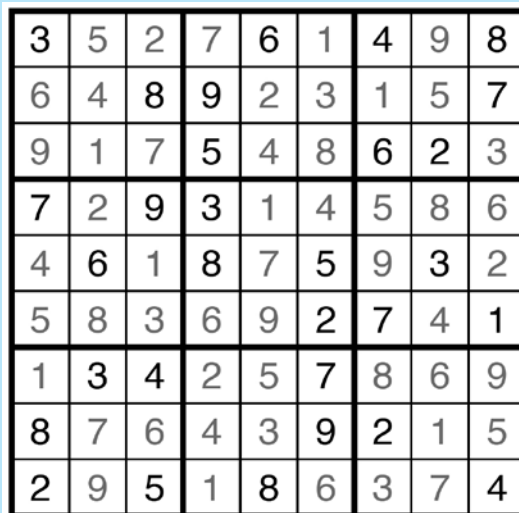
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## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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## Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



You may have been gloomy lately, but today should restore your good spirits. You can embark on your journey with full confidence in its astrological aspects. You'll be even more attractive than usual, and people will find your charm irresistible. There's the promise of many rewarding experiences in your career.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Your radiance and brilliance upstage everyone else today. You're a star! Your wish is anyone's command. The people around you may be counting on you to be their leader. Although you enjoy this role, you shouldn't forget to indulge in more private pleasures.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



You're going to feel deeply connected with your life today. The atmosphere is clear, letting you see all the progress you've made toward your goals. You'll feel great satisfaction, as you always do when you can clearly see the meaning in your life. Take today to rest on your laurels. Also realize that some things still need to be done.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



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(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



You'll be very charming today. Your seductive powers will be at their maximum, and be most intense in your professional life. If you have wishes or dreams or want a raise, this is the time to express those desires. You need only give voice to what you want and let your charm do the rest.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



You're in the process of learning how to dream again. These last few months have been hard because your possibilities have felt limited. You've done a lot of work recently to try to align your fantasy life with reality. The result of this effort is that your desire to realize your dreams has increased! Go after them, but gently.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Today you're likely to get a nice surprise in a relationship, especially in your private life. Your companions may show their appreciation through some surprising act. In any case, you have a very good chance of finding yourself at the centre of things, bowing under the spotlight, and dressed to the nines. Accept the applause that comes your way.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



This is the kind of day that makes luck come your way, especially where relationships are concerned. Perhaps a friend will introduce you to an exceptional person who helps fulfil your professional fantasies. Or maybe your partner will surprise you with a thoughtful gift. However your luck manifests, trust that this is going to be one great day.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



If the atmosphere has been tense for the last few days, you may notice that things are significantly improved today. You may even succeed in exchanging pleasantries with people you've always had a hard time talking to before. This is going to be a peaceful day, so go with the flow of the calming astral energy and enjoy it.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



Are you determined to win the affections of a special person? Have you devoted a great deal of energy to that goal lately? Are you interested in reenergizing your marriage? Today is extremely auspicious for love. Now is the time to flirt madly, write love letters, and take that walk down lovers' lane!

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



Take advantage of today to spend quality time in the cosy little nest you and your family enjoy so much. It's a happy, home-sweet-home kind of day. A healthy, peaceful atmosphere reigns and dispels domestic tensions. Seize the opportunity to recharge your batteries. Tomorrow you'll need plenty of energy.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



The day is good for people with curiosity and imagination - including you! Since you're not exactly in tip-top emotional shape, you'll be especially grateful for the gifts today brings. If you're eager to meet other people or explore new activities with friends, do so. The aspect is conducive to fun.



# Kim climbed mountain in smart shoes: media

Kim casually strolls at the summit of Mount Paektu alongside other North Korean officials

**Seoul**  
North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has "climbed" a 2,744m mountain, state media claimed – apparently while wearing smart black leather shoes.

The third-generation dictator scaled Mount Paektu "going through thick snow", it was said.

Kim reportedly ordered that a monument to the peak and nearby education compound should be "spruced up", and that a new hotel and several rest stops should be built.

Mount Paektu has a sacred role in Korean folklore and has been used to lend gravitas to the Kim family's propaganda across the generations.

According to the Rodong Sinmun, the official state newspaper, Kim "said that

he had often climbed Mount Paektu but this is the first time to have in mid-winter such nice weather, rare to be seen even in spring".

It continued: "His eyes reflected the strong beams of the gifted great person seeing in the majestic spirit of Mount Paektu the appearance of a powerful socialist nation which dynamically advances full of vigour without vacillation at any raving dirty wind on the planet."

North Korea's state media also claimed two years ago that Kim had climbed the mountain.

But images released on Saturday by the state-run KCNA news agency showed Kim walking in formal attire and shiny, black leather brogues. He did not appear

to be carrying any specialised equipment.

Kim is not the only leader to use photographs to demonstrate his physical prowess.

Russia's President Vladimir Putin – in robust shape for a man of 65 – has been pictured shirtless while on horseback, swimming and fishing.

His strongman persona has also been burnished with photographs of him kayaking, practising judo and playing ice hockey.

The images from Mount Paektu stand in contrast to those released of Theresa May's own walking holiday in July, when the Prime Minister was shown alongside her husband Philip using walking poles and wearing practical clothes in the Swiss Alps. (*independent.co.uk*)

# Starving polar bear exposes climate crisis

Videograb shows the dying polar bear desperately searching for food

**Toronto**  
Video footage captured in Canada's Arctic has offered a devastating look at the impact climate change is having on polar bears in the region, showing an emaciated bear clinging to life as it scrounged for food on iceless land.

The scene was recorded by the conservation group Sea

Legacy during a late summer expedition in Baffin Island. "My entire Sea Legacy team was pushing through their tears and emotions while documenting this dying polar bear," photographer Paul Nicklen wrote on social media after publishing the footage this week.

The video shows the bear struggling to walk as it searches

for food. The bear eventually comes across a trashcan used by Inuit fishermen, rummaging through it with little luck.

The bear, which was not old, probably died within hours of being captured on video, said Nicklen. "This is what starvation looks like. The muscles atrophy. No energy. It's a slow, painful death." (*theguardian*)

## #PollToday



If climate change is not brought under control, a number of species will be wiped off earth soon. Do you agree?

Yes  No  Cant Say



"A moment of panic or carelessness, a misconstrued comment or bruised ego, could easily lead us unavoidably to the destruction of entire cities. A calculated military escalation could lead to the indiscriminate mass murder of civilians."

Beatrice Fihn  
International Campaign to  
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Executive Director

## Rest in sight

3 held over attempted arson on synagogue



Three people were arrested after an attempted arson attack at a synagogue in the Swedish city of Gothenburg.

## Duterte wants martial law extension

Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte will ask Congress to extend martial law in the volatile southern island of Mindanao to quell an insurgency.

## Nepal's Oli, most likely next PM

Former Nepali prime minister K.P. Oli looked set for a return to power after winning his seat in parliament and his Communist UML party and Maoist allies on course to win a majority.

## Pope prays for nuclear disarmament

Pope Francis called on world leaders to work in favour of nuclear disarmament to protect human rights, particularly those of weaker and underprivileged people.

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## Indian soldier kills four colleagues in Chhattisgarh

New Delhi

An Indian paramilitary soldier has shot dead four of his colleagues and critically injured another at a camp in central India, local media report.

The soldier, a member of the paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), apparently opened fire after an argument.

The incident is said to have occurred at about 17:15 local time (11:45 GMT) at the Basuguda camp in the Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh state.

Police said the man has been detained.

A spokesperson for the CRPF said the officer, 35-year-old Sanath Kumar,

opened fire with an AK-47 assault rifle "following a scuffle with other personnel".

Kumar is being questioned and an investigation into Saturday's incident is under way.

A senior state police officer, Sundar Raj, told ANI news agency that investigators were trying to determine "what happened, why he did it, and under what circumstances".

The central paramilitary force is deployed in the region for anti-Maoist operations.

The mineral-rich state of Chhattisgarh has witnessed an armed conflict for more than three decades. (*BBC*)

## Soviet crew asked US jets to barrel-roll



An F4D Phantom fighter of the U.S. Air Force escorting a Tu-95 Bear strategic bomber above the Arctic Ocean

Washington

An aviation blog has posted a photo of a US AF F-4 jet flying upside down as it intercepts a Soviet Tu-95 strategic bomber. The story behind it is one of how mid-air encounters now deemed "unsafe" were once regarded as professionals having a bit of fun.

The picture was published by the popular military aviation blog The Aviationist on December 4 as an illustration of how the definition of recklessness has changed since the Cold War. Manoeuvres like barrel rolls or aggressive turns during interception

missions are now usually branded by the Pentagon as "unprofessional" or "unsafe" if performed by Russian or Chinese pilots responding to American aircraft.

But a few decades ago such stunts were quite routine and not perceived as anything dangerous. Military aviation blogger David Cenciotti cited a US spy plane veteran pilot calling such episodes "ho-hum."

He added that American pilots actually behaved in the same manner, as evidenced by the photo with the 'Phantom' flying upside down alongside the 'Bear.' (*RT*)

## Aftershocks of NKorea nuclear test moved Earth's crust

Washington

Two minor tremors were detected on Saturday from near North Korea's nuclear test site and were probably aftershocks from the country's massive nuclear test in early September, a U.S. Geological Survey official said.

The aftershocks, of magnitude 2.9 and 2.4, were detected at 0613 and 0640 GMT (1:13 a.m. and 1:40 a.m. EST) respectively, said the USGS and

Lassina Zerbo, executive secretary of the Vienna-based Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.

A tweet from Zerbo said analysts had confirmed that the activity was "tectonic" in origin.

The USGS official said the tremors had been in the vicinity of the Punggye-ri nuclear test site, where North Korea conducted its sixth and largest underground nuclear test on Sept. 3. (*Reuters*)



# 'GHOST SHIPS'

A boat with body of North Korean fisherman found off Japan's coast

**M**ysterious "ghost ships" have been washing up on the western shores of Japan over the few past years, thought to be fishing vessels from North Korea.

Many of the ships have only dead bodies or skeletons on board but in recent months, several have been found with their desperate North Korean crew still alive.

## What are these 'ghost ships'?

They are called ghost ships because they are usually found empty or with only corpses on board off Japan's western coast.

In 2017 though, a number of ships have washed ashore with the crew still alive.

In November, eight men were found alive on a boat at Yurihonjo marina. They said they were fishermen from North Korea who had gotten into trouble at sea.

Another ship picked up by the Japanese coast guard was found to have 10 men on board.

The boats are often rickety and very simple vessels with no modern engines or navigation instruments on board.

## Where are they from?

With most of the boats washing up empty or only with dead bodies, it was initially not clear where they had come from but some observers speculated they were North Korean fishing boats that had been searching for king

crab, squid and sandfish.

Markings on some of the vessels, in Korean, indicated that they belonged to the North's military which is heavily involved in the fishing industry.

In the recent cases where boats were found with the crew still alive, the sailors confirmed they were from North Korea. One of the boats rescued in November also had a plaque indicating it belonged to the military.

Unsurprisingly, there has been no mention of the missing vessels from North Korea.

## How did those on board die?

When boats with corpses wash ashore, Japanese officials usually try to investigate the cause of death. But as they tend to be in an advanced state of decomposition it is often impossible to determine that.

During the winter months and with little food on board, exposure and starvation are the most likely explanations for their deaths.

The wooden boats washed up are old and heavy and have neither powerful modern engines nor GPS navigation systems.

If they ventured too far out or got blown off course, they would lose their bearings or find it hard to beat the currents

even if they knew which way to go.

According to news agency AFP, 2017 has seen a record number of North Korean fishermen rescued alive with more than 40 arriving so far this year.

## Are they defectors? Or spies?

It has been suggested the sailors could be defectors trying to make it across the Sea of Japan to escape the regime in Pyongyang.

But the crews found alive have asked to be sent back to North Korea.

Also, taking the route all the way to Japan is significantly further and more dangerous than trying to sail to South Korea.

The speculation they might be spies is also thought to be unlikely. Despite a few sailors rescued alive, most of the boats still wash up empty or with the men dead.

The crews found alive in November was thought to have looted a small shelter off the coast of Japan before they were picked up by the coast guard.

The shelter for Japanese boats in distress was found broken into with appliances missing, including a rice cooker and a television. When the North Koreans were later spotted by the coast guard they appeared to hastily dump these items off their vessel, local media reported.

According to Japanese media, the

sailors later admitted they had been stealing the missing equipment from the refuge hut.

## Why would fishermen take this risk?

With international sanctions tightening due to Pyongyang's nuclear and missile tests, the regime is under pressure to boost agriculture and food supplies.

One hypothesis posed by Japanese media is that the North Korean leadership is demanding bigger catches and sailors are being forced to take chances to meet those targets.

What might be making the situation worse is that North Korea sold the fishing rights in some of its territorial waters to China last year. That means a smaller area for local fishermen to fish in and hence they might be having to venture further out in search for fish.

Profit-seeking has been suggested as another possible incentive to take such risks.

It is common in North Korea for workers to keep some of the surplus they generate past the targets set by the state. This quasi-capitalist system has been credited with improving production, analysts say.

But this promise of some private surplus is also thought to drive people to take greater risks to improve their situation - which could well include taking desperate chances at sea. (BBC)



The remains of eight people, some reduced to bones, were found on this boat



## England's Duckett suspended from playing



Ben Duckett (file pic)

### London

**E**ngland Lions cricketer Ben Duckett has been suspended from playing in the remainder of the team's training camp in Australia and warned about his conduct after a bar incident last week, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) said yesterday.

England's Ashes tour was plunged into crisis after batsman Duckett was suspended for pouring a drink on a senior England player reported to be paceman James Anderson after an argument in a Perth bar late on Thursday.

The 23-year-old Duckett, who was stood down from an Ashes tour game, was also fined the "maximum allowable amount" for a Lions player. He will remain with the team and return to England at the end of the camp on Dec. 17, ECB said on their website. (*Reuters*)

# Sri Lanka rout India

### Dharamsala

**L**esser-skilled teams' best chances of competing are in conditions that skew the balance towards the bowlers - spin or seam. In 26 ODIs in 2017, most of which were played on flat surfaces, Sri Lanka managed to win just four. But in Dharamsala, Sri Lanka's seamers, led by Suranga Lakmal, used swinging and seaming conditions to rip through a tentative India batting line-up for 112, setting up a seven-wicket rout that also snapped their 12-game losing streak in ODIs.

When Lakmal finished with figures of 10-4-13-4 to leave India at 29 for 7, it didn't look like the innings would last 38.2 overs. But MS Dhoni shepherded the tail with a calculated 65 to prevent India from the ignominy of falling to the lowest ODI total. Even though India started well in the defence, their total was decidedly under-par as Sri Lanka hunted down the target with 29.2 overs to spare.

In the fresh mountain air of Dharamsala, Sri Lanka's opening bowlers, Lakmal and Angelo Mathews, repeatedly hit the perfect length: just fuller than good. On a surface with sufficient but not exaggerated lateral movement,



Sri Lanka's Suranga Lakmal celebrates with teammates

that length becomes even harder to negate. Batsmen are indecisive with their footwork and therefore shot selection.

Shikhar Dhawan prefers to dominate bowlers from the outset, particularly with cross-batted strokes. He hung back to Mathews, who angled full deliveries away from his leaden-footed drives. Then, Mathews swerved one back into Dhawan to beat his inside edge, striking him in front of

middle. Sri Lanka had umpire Simon Fry's not-out decision overturned on review to complete the perfect one-two play.

Two overs on, Lakmal hit that ideal length again but with a quicker pace. Rohit Sharma played the line but enough away seam movement kissed the outside edge. This time, Sri Lanka had umpire Anil Chaudhary's decision overturned.

Most of India's shots thereafter were borne by an intent to weather that testing period. That resulted in two runs in the first five overs and 11 in the first 10, the lowest in a match involving two Full Members in the last five years.

That also ensured Sri Lanka didn't need to alter their own approach, as they jagged and nipped the ball both ways. All of Sri Lanka's first seven wickets were a result of beating the

batsmen on the inside or outside edge. Manish Pandey, Hardik Pandya and Bhuvneshwar Kumar were caught behind the wicket off outside edges. Dinesh Karthik fell over a flick and Shreyas Iyer chopped on via the inside edge. (*espncricinfo*)

### BRIEF SCORE:

**Sri Lanka 114** for 3 (Tharanga 49) **beat India 112** (Dhoni 65, Lakmal 4-13) by seven wickets

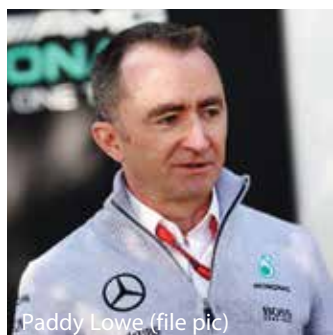
## Force India outdeveloped us: Williams

**W**illiams chief technical officer Paddy Lowe has conceded Force India outdeveloped his team after losing out in the battle for fourth in the 2017 Formula 1 constructors' championship.

Last year, Williams was ahead of Force India in fourth until September's Italian Grand Prix before being leapfrogged and falling back.

This year, Force India pulled away considerably earlier and Williams could not respond.

Retiring Felipe Massa has



Paddy Lowe (file pic)

raced for Williams continuously since 2014 and said earlier this year that the team has not

been able to develop its cars as expected for any of its recent campaigns. When asked where he felt Williams had lost out to Force India this term, Lowe said: "We started the season with a car that was generally quicker than theirs. We've ended generally slower."

"So we have lost ground to Force India on performance."

"We have both been developing through the season at a rate you don't see - and they've done a better job." (*AutoSport*)

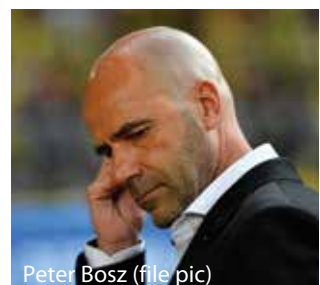
## Dortmund sack Peter Bosz and appoint Peter Stoger

### London

**B**orussia Dortmund have sacked manager Peter Bosz after seven months in charge and appointed former Cologne boss Peter Stoger until the end of the season.

Bosz arrived in the summer after guiding Ajax to the final of the Europa League but leaves with Dortmund seventh in the Bundesliga.

They will enter the Europa League in February after finishing third in their



Peter Bosz (file pic)

Champions League group behind Real Madrid and Tottenham.

Stoger was sacked by Cologne

last week.

Cologne are bottom of the table and have not won a game in the league all season, but finished fifth last term having been promoted under Stoger.

The 51-year-old Austrian described his new job as "the opportunity of a lifetime".

"Last night, in a conversation with Peter Bosz, we decided that we would release him with immediate effect," said Dortmund chief executive Hans-Joachim Watzke. (*BBC*)

## Stop moaning about lack of overtaking: Vettel

### London

**F**errari's Sebastian Vettel says those who moan about a lack of overtaking should calm down and accept that some Formula 1 grands prix will be boring.

This week, Pirelli released data that showed the 2017 campaign was the worst for overtaking in the DRS era.

F1's tyre supplier recorded 435 passes, which is a 49% drop from the 866 in 2016, when there was one more race.

"Wishes for next year is that everybody calms down," said Vettel, who finished second to world champion Lewis Hamilton in the drivers' standings.

"Some races are boring, so what? I don't see the problem in that. I don't think we need another record, another record every race, to have more overtaking and more overtaking."

"It's true that [difficulty in] overtaking sometimes,



Sebastian Vettel (file pic)

especially if you're behind and you're fast and you can't get past for those reasons, it annoys you."

"But then again if you make the move there is a massive reward inside the car, sometimes out of the car. What I want to say is that overtaking should be an achievement and not handed to you."

"Sometimes just relax and calm down and accept a boring race or a boring two

races in a row and then there will be another great race after that and another one."

Following the dramatic changes to the F1 aerodynamic regulations, drivers have found it tougher at certain circuits to follow other cars and get close enough to pass.

"I think Seb's right in some ways, that's just the way it is and that's the way some tracks are laid out," said Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo. (*AutoSport*)



# Highland Reel signs off in style



Highland Reel holds off his rivals to capture his second Hong Kong Vase (Picture courtesy: scmp)

**Sha Tin**  
Highland Reel brought his illustrious career to a close in fitting style by winning the Longines Hong Kong Vase at the 2017 Longines Hong Kong International Races at Sha Tin.

In his last start before heading to stud, Highland Reel was challenged by Andre Fabre's Talismanic but held on for a seventh Group One

victory in his farewell race.

This last outing for the famed five year old horse could not have been scripted any better as old adversary Talismanic loomed up menacingly while Highland Reel was responding gallantly to jockey Ryan Moore having taken the lead at the top of the final straight.

Talismanic challenged but was unable to make an impact as Highland Reel strode clear and had a length and three-quarters in hand at the line and was pulling away again after being given an

aggressive ride from Moore.

Japan's Tosen Basil finished third, three-quarters of a length behind Talismanic, while Ralph Beckett's Chemical Charge fared best of the British raiders in fourth.

This was a second Hong Kong Vase for Highland Reel, who won in 2015 and was only narrowly denied last year, and he ends his career having won more prize-money than any horse trained in Europe, with this success taking his haul to £7.4 million.

This seventh top-level success

marked the end of an incredible journey, encompassing four seasons in training and 13 starts outside Britain and Ireland, with journeys to the likes of Australia, Dubai and the USA.

The victory extended trainer Aidan O'Brien's world record tally of Group One wins in a year to 28.

"This is a really fitting way for him to finish," said Moore. "He's been a brilliant racehorse and there's plenty to look forward to at stud now. (eurosport)

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## Giroud rescues a point for Arsenal

**Southampton**

Olivier Giroud climbed off the bench to rescue a point for Arsenal in a 1-1 draw at Southampton.

The French frontman struck two minutes from the end as Saints just failed to hang on to Charlie Austin's early opener.

Austin had punished Arsenal for a calamitous beginning to the match with his fourth goal in his last three starts.

With just two minutes on the clock the striker collected a loose clearance from Per Mertesacker and fed Dusan Tadic.

Austin timed his run into the area perfectly, taking Tadic's return ball in his stride and lashing it past Petr Cech.

Things could have got worse moments later when Tadic sent Austin through again, with Arsenal's defence nowhere to be seen, but this



Arsenal's Olivier Giroud scores the equaliser (Picture courtesy: theguardian) time Cech blocked the striker's low drive.

And there was more panic in the Gunners ranks with just seven minutes gone as Austin got in behind again, crashing his shot against a post although he was flagged offside.

Arsenal eventually recovered from their woeful start, but they struggled to find a way through a dogged Saints defence until Giroud's late intervention.

Arsene Wenger had once again started with Jack Wilshere on the

bench despite his sparkling Europa League display in midweek.

Granit Xhaka, the man keeping Wilshere out, set up a chance for Alexandre Lacazette, who turned in the area but fired straight at Fraser Forster.

Lacazette was then denied by a timely challenge from Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg after a lightning counter-attack before Forster held Aaron Ramsey's scuffed effort.

Forster has had his critics this season but the England World Cup hopeful made a fine save on the half-hour to tip a well-struck Ramsey drive around the post.

Southampton had another let-off before half-time when Maya Yoshida clattered Lacazette in the area after he had taken a shot but no penalty was given. Their determination not to allow Arsenal back in was summed up when James Ward-Prowse and Jack Stephens double-teamed Sead Kolasinac, both sliding in to rob the winger in the penalty area.

Saints were inches from a second when Oriol Romeu took aim from 25 yards and crashed his shot against the crossbar. (espn.in)

## DeGale suffers shock defeat

**London**

Caleb Truax pulled off a shock victory over James DeGale at the London Copper Box Arena.

British boxer DeGale was a heavy favourite before the bout started, with some bookmakers rating him as a 1-00 favourite.

DeGale was making his recovery from shoulder surgery in his fight since January, but was defeated 114-114 115-112 116-112 on a judges' decision.

Truax took the IBF world super-middleweight title from De Gale, as the 34-year-old enjoyed his surprise triumph.

The defeat was only DeGale's second of his career, and was disappointed as he spoke to BBC Radio 5 after the fight:

"I honestly did [think I'd won], I've got to go back to the drawing board.

"My nose is blocked again, I've got to sort it out.

The shoulder - I had serious reconstruction - there's no pain but I'll have to go back, have a look and see. I've probably rushed back to be honest, maybe I should have waited till next year."

Truax was bullish after pulling off his shock win, saying: "All week all I heard was who he's going to fight next. Well guess what? Those fights are mine now." (eurosport)



Caleb Truax (R) goes on the attack during his points victory over James DeGale at the Copper Box in London (Picture courtesy: theguardian)



# Cyborg has high praise for Brave



Cris Cyborg

**Manama**  
Brave Combat Federation unfolded a historic event this past month in Bahrain and praises are flooding in from all over the world. The latest name to praise the promotion and KHK MMA is UFC Women's Featherweight Champion

Cris Cyborg. Ahead of her UFC title fight with Holly Holm at UFC 219, Cyborg expressed her outlook about the Bahraini MMA Promotion.

Cyborg said that Brave Combat Federation will help the sport grow in GCC and MENA region. "I think the

success BRAVE Combat Federation is having will only help grow the sport of Mixed Martial Arts in the GCC and MENA regions. I like the initiative His Highness Shaikh Khalid Bin Hamad Al Khalifa has taken in helping pioneer the sport in a region with so many athletes ready

to compete."

Bahrain recently hosted the International Combat Week which saw participation from more than fifty countries. The week was concluded with Brave 9: The Kingdom of champions where two new promotional champions were crowned.

## Big win for Pristine

DT News Network  
Manama

Pristine beat NDC Bahrain by 146 runs in the latest matches of the CBA Division C cricket tournament.

Toss was won by Pristine and elected to bat first, brilliant centuries from both openers helped their team to reach to the big total of 235 at the end of 20 overs.

Shakeel scored 107 and Asim scored 102, both stand the opening partnership of 223 runs.

Chasing the target NDC windup for 89 runs.

### Other scores:

Kerala XI 109/8 (Mathew 24, Sajeer 36, Ali 3/14, Ashar 3/12) beat Unique CC 99/10 (Sooraj 27, Vinod 5/8) by 10 runs.

RKCT 128/7 in 19.4 overs

(Guru 36, Ganesh 2/9) beat Central Café 129/6 (Sachin 67) by 3 wickets.

Pak Panthers 118/10 (Wali 16, Jamshed 5/14) beat Bahrain Indians 46/10 (Shaheen 11, Shahzad 6/15) by 72 runs.

Shahzad Zafar 150/4 in 20 overs (Majid 74, Niroshan 50) beat Titans 78/10 (Rameez 11, Shehzad 2/4, Waqas 2/6) by 72 runs.

Awali Bapco 103/1 in 12.3 overs (Xavier 34, Ravi 32) beat SNCS Transfast 99/10 (Abu 23, Shabeer 3/5) by 9 wickets.

Falcon 118/5 in 20 overs (Arjun 66, Faisal 2/19) beat Lanterns 114/10 (Afzal 68, Sohail 3/12) by 5 wickets.

LuLu 72/2 in 14.4 overs (Pradeep 33) beat Young Star 71/10 (Fayyaz 17, Twinkle 4/12) by 8 wickets.



Asim and Shakeel- Pristine

## Atletico beat Real Betis

London

Saul Niguez scored the only goal as Atletico Madrid beat Real Betis 1-0 to keep Diego Simeone's team in the chase for the La Liga title.

Betis made a promising start by setting a fast tempo and pushing Atletico into their area.

But the visitors were comfortable in absorbing the pressure until a well-

orchestrated counterattack tilted the contest in their favour.

Diego Godin found Simeone's team in the right flank with a long pass to start the move.

The right-back quickly fired in a cross for three teammates arriving in the area, with the ball reaching the far post where Saul slid and tapped it in. (espn)

# Godinho, Ayadiuno clinch titles

DT News Network  
Manama

Erwin Godinho defeated Tristan Manners to claim the title in the final round of the 12-and-under play-off BTA Junior Tennis Tournament, organised by Bahrain Tennis Academy (BTA), held at the Dilmun Club, Saar.

In the play-off for the third place medal, Essa Al Qattan defeated Raj Singh 4-2.

Saudi-based player, Ifeanyi Ayadiuno defeated Anshuman Sonawane 4-1 to claim the title in the final round of the 14-and-under play-off.

In the play-off for the third place medal was a rematch of the 12-and-under final, with Erwin Godinho again proving too strong for Tristan Manners defeating him 4-0.



14-and-under finalists with the Tournament Director Dan Barrie

The top eight players from the group stage, in each age group, returned to battle it out for the medals.

BTA and Tournament Director, Dan Barrie said, "This event saw our participation record smashed with 75 players

competing across the four age categories. The level of play on the final day was a testament to the depth of quality players."

Players wishing to compete in the next tournament should contact the Director at [dan@bahraintennisacademy.com](mailto:dan@bahraintennisacademy.com) or join the Facebook group "Bahrain Junior Tennis Players" for information about upcoming tennis events.

### Results:

#### 12-and-under:

Quarter-finals: Erwin Godinho defeats Zayaan Siddiqi 4-0.

Raj Singh beats Rushikesh Sonawane 4-2.

Essa Al Qattan beats Savanna Colkitt 4-0.

Tristan Manners beats Rohan Mukherjee 4-3 (5-3).

Semi-finals: Erwin Godinho beats Raj Singh 4-2.

Tristan Manners beats Essa Al Qattan 4-1.

3rd/4th play-off: Essa Al

Qattan beats Raj Singh 4-2.

Final: Erwin Godinho defeats Tristan Manners 4-2.

#### 14-and-under:

Quarter-finals: Ifeanyi Ayadiuno defeats Khadija Moussa 4-0.

Erwin Godinho defeats Romain Haessler 4-0.

Tristan Manners defeats Mohamed Al-Shehabi.

Anshuman Sonawane defeats Hani Halawani 4-0.

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# City edge Manchester United



### Manchester

**R**unaway Premier League leaders Manchester City opened up an eye-watering double-digit lead over rivals Manchester United after Nicolas Otamendi fired Pep Guardiola's men to derby victory.

The much-anticipated 175th Manchester derby was comfortably the biggest game of the Premier League season, such was the need for Jose Mourinho's Reds to claw back their swashbuckling rivals.

But the gap between table-topping City and second-placed United grew to 11 points on Sunday as City triumphed 2-1 at Old Trafford, where Otamendi volleyed home a second-half winner after Marcus Rashford had cancelled out David Silva's opener.

The untimely end to United's club record-equalling 40-match unbeaten home run strengthens their rivals' grip on the title after just 16 matches -- of which they have won the last 14 in a row.

That is a new top-flight record run within the same season and an outcome that looked likely after Silva gave City a deserved first-half lead, with the playmaker capitalising on a corner

that had deflected off Romelu Lukaku.

United fortuitously went into the break level after Rashford capitalised on a Fabian Delph mistake, but the blue half of the city were not to be denied as Lukaku's hashed clearance allowed Otamendi to volley home early in the second half.

Ander Herrera was booked for diving in the box and Ederson Moraes produced an outstanding double save as the hosts tried to snatch a draw, but City move onto 46 points as a result of a victory that leaves Mourinho's men reeling. (*espn.in*)



Nicolas Otamendi celebrates scoring the second goal for Manchester City (Picture courtesy: theguardian)