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## Disabled father saves family from burning house

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A Bahraini family of three miraculously escaped a fire that devastated their house in the Capital Governorate yesterday.

The disabled father, who first discovered the fire by 10:30 pm, heroically saved the mother and daughter who were sleeping.

The father, Abdulhameed Ahmed, told *DT News* that he saw flashes coming from his daughter's room.

He found out that it was coming from the air-conditioning unit, which quickly caught fire. "My daughter was asleep at the time. I woke her up immediately, got outside the smoke-filled room and then assisted her mother to exit the house," he said.

Mr Abdulhameed then managed to get in his wheelchair and exit the one-story house before he alerted the Civil Defence.

Civil Defence reached quickly and extinguished the fire, with the assistance of a few neighbours.

Civil Defence fire fighters attributed the fire to an electric short-circuit in the air-conditioning unit, as confirmed by Interior Ministry.

At least 80% of the furniture was destroyed in the fire.

# Bahrain safe from H1N1

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The recent reports revolving around "the widespread swine flu in Bahrain" have been the main concern for citizens and residents alike in the country, despite official statements confirming that "the disease is under control and that it poses no threat to the public."

News posted on local social media accounts yesterday, claiming that "first death due to H1N1 in Bahrain has been confirmed", apparently made people flock to health centres in order to get vaccinated against the disease, as many pictures taken there showed.

Noting that the social media networks have a big role in spreading fears among the public, the state moved in quickly to curb the spread of false news on online platforms by intensifying cooperation between

## BDF denies rumours

BDF Military Hospital yesterday denied the rumour circulating on social media networks, which claimed that one person had died at the hospital due to swine flu (H1N1). An official from the hospital called upon the public to not circulate false news but to depend on official sources. The official affirmed that the hospital's administration will keep the public informed on any updates.

government authorities to deliver the truth to the public.

Speaking at a Press conference that followed the weekly Cabinet meeting yesterday, Information Affairs, Shura Council and Parliament Affairs Minister Isa bin Abdulrahman Al Hammadi said, "Swine flu is



A picture posted online shows citizens flocking to a health centre in the Kingdom, seeking H1N1 vaccination.

a seasonal disease and isn't as deadly as it was when it first appeared in 2009."

As per the instructions of the Premier HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Health Ministry submitted a detailed report to the Cabinet yesterday on swine flu cases in Bahrain and the procedures taken to confront it and prevent it from spreading.

"Vaccinations are available at local health centres and they're optional for citizens and residents. The supply of vaccination is sufficient and the processes are ongoing smoothly," said the minister.

## FIGHT FOR JUSTICE



A Palestinian youth flashes the "V" for victory sign as he stands inside Israeli territory after protestors tore down a section of a border fence between Israel and the Gaza Strip during clashes with Israeli security forces yesterday in central Gaza. Palestinian foreign minister Riad Al-Malki accused Israel of seeking to spark "a third intifada", as violence again flared in Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

# Subsidy redirection benefits citizens

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The recent decision to redirect subsidies has proven that commercial establishments were benefiting from the subsidised meat products in the past and not the eligible beneficiaries (household), it has been revealed.

This was stated by Information Affairs, Shura Council and Parliament Affairs Minister Isa bin Abdulrahman Al Hammadi during the post-Cabinet Press conference that was held at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday.

Confirming that the decision will remain in effect, the minister mentioned that citizens only benefitted from



Mr. Al Hammadi

20% of the subsidised meat products in the past, while the remaining 80% went to non-Bahrainis, hotels and restaurants, which mainly used them for commercial purposes.

"The main beneficiaries of decision to remove the meat

subsidies are the citizens," the minister confirmed, adding that the direct fund compensation scheme to citizens is the best way to benefit them.

As reported earlier, the Government has decided, in consensus with the National Assembly (Shura Council and Parliament) to scrap meat subsidies, as part of the endeavours to cut government expenses. It has been reported that BD67 million was dedicated to support meat products in local markets in 2014.

After several delays, the scheme came into effect on October 1. However, despite several calls from Parliamentarians to delay it once more, the government showed no intention to withdraw the decision.

PICTURE OF THE DAY



A young girl sits with giant pumpkins during the 42nd annual Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off Contest in the World Pumpkin Capital of Half Moon Bay, California yesterday. The Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off is offering a special \$30,000 mega-prize for the world record breaking pumpkin at the prestigious Half Moon Bay event.

# King thanks Prince Khalifa, Crown Prince

Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of thanks to Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa in reply to their congratulatory cables on the occasion of His Majesty's opening the bicameral National Assembly's fourth legislative term.



King Hamad lauded the keenness of Prince Khalifa and Prince Salman on continuity of national development in the country, in which loyal citizens contribute in performing their national duty and supporting the right cause and sovereignty.



The Premier during his meeting with the Crown Prince

## Premier receives Prince Salman

Manama

Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday received Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa at the Gudaibiya Palace.

The two leaders discussed the government's future strategies at the domestic and external levels in light of the road map put forward by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in his keynote address while opening the second session of the Fourth Legislative Term.

They stressed that King Hamad's appreciation of the government's action will always remain a source of inspiration and will motivate the government to exert more efforts in order to enhance the Kingdom's progress.

## Cabinet lauds King's address

Manama

The Cabinet yesterday lauded the address delivered by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa at the opening of the second session of the Fourth Legislative Term of the National Assembly.

Chairing the regular Cabinet weekly session, at the Gudaibiya Palace, attended by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, HRH Premier stressed that the directives and issues embedded in the royal address will top the government's priorities, being a strategic vision about the future at the local and international levels.

The Cabinet discussed amendments to the executive bill of the Municipalities Law, especially Article 42 pertaining to budget spending orders, and Article 72 regarding the fees on land reclamation.

The Cabinet reviewed the recommendations submitted by the Deputy Premier and Chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Financial Affairs and Rationalising Expenditure in this regard, and referred them to the Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs.

The Cabinet discussed five proposals submitted by the Parliament. They included the allocation of government land for housing projects in Muharraq, housing units for divorcees and widows, the establishment of specialised dentistry centres, a youth centre at the Capital Governorate's tenth constituency and a secondary school for girls that serves the towns and villages located along the Budaiya Highway.

The Cabinet referred to the Parliament the government's replies to the five proposals, as recommended by the Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs.

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# Development march intact



The Premier during the meeting

## Manama:

**Prime Minister** HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has affirmed that Bahrain has attained landmark achievements in many fields thanks to its solid development basis.

The Premier made the statements as he yesterday received the Shura Council Chairman Ali Saleh Al Saleh,

MPs and Shura Council members, in the presence of senior state officials.

Prince Khalifa said that efforts to enhance the national progress and bring more gains will continue unwavering.

The Kingdom is on the threshold of a new phase of national action based on stronger cooperation between the Executive and the

Legislature, said the Premier, adding that such cooperation has proven its feasibility.

Prince Khalifa highlighted the crucial and pivotal role played by the Parliament and Shura councils in the Kingdom's political process, stressing its role in enhancing the democratic practices through exercising its legislative and monitoring

roles.

He pointed out that the impacts of regional developments on the economy and security of the Kingdom should stimulate more coordination and cooperation between the Executive and Legislative branches in order to overcome them and reduce their effects on the national development march.

## 'Use social media appropriately'

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**With** rumours flying thick and fast regarding the re-emergence of swine flu, frightened citizens and residents flocked health centres to get vaccinated against the disease.

It has been officially recognised that social media networks had a big role in spreading fears among the public. This motivated the state to pay more efforts to curb the quick spread of false news on online platforms, by intensifying cooperation between government authorities to deliver the truth to the public.

Speaking at a Press conference that followed the weekly Cabinet meeting yesterday, Information Affairs and Shura Council and Parliament Affairs Minister and the Official Government Spokesperson Isa bin Abdulrahman Al Hammadi said, "The power of social media sites has been locally and globally recognised.

Therefore, there's an urgent need to educate people on the appropriate use of it."

"We can't demand the public to cease using them to communicate. In fact, we are pushing government entities to improve interaction with the public through social media websites, even before publishing official statement in the local press," the minister said, underlining the significance of social media networks nowadays.

He also mentioned that "when rumours appeared on the spread of swine flu in Bahrain recently, Health and Information Affairs Ministries posted on their social media pages that the matter would be discussed in an extraordinary TV show on the same night."

"Such procedures are needed to combat the rumours swarming social media networks and deceiving the public," Mr Al Hammadi commented, adding that the country has set certain regulations that criminalise online illegal activities such as insults.

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# ArtBahrain kicks off



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The inaugural edition of the ArtBahrain, first of its kind in the Kingdom, got off to a roaring start yesterday with many international artists and gallerists from across the world showcasing their art works.

The five-day art exhibition, which was inaugurated yesterday by HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Personal Representative of His Majesty the King, also the deputy patron

for the event was patronised by Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa.

Galleries such as the UK-based Albemarle Gallery, Al Riwaq from Bahrain, the Arab Fine Arts Hall of Saudi Arabia, Marsam Mattar and the Marsa Gallery from Tunisia are participating in the fair which is held within the premises of Bahrain Bay. On the first day, visitors got a chance to interact with leaders in the field of art

from all over the world.

After the inauguration, Shaikh Abdullah toured the various pavilions of the fair. He expressed his pride in Bahrain's arts movement, its high attainment akin to international schools of art. He lauded the national efforts in hosting art shows, which have placed Bahrain on the global map.

ArtBahrain is being held in partnership with the Economic Development Board (EDB) and Tamkeen and is sponsored by GHF financial group, the

Bahrain Airport Company, the Bahrain Development Bank, Moda Mall, the Rolls Royce cars, the Four Season Hotel, DHL company, Miracle company, Café La Vazza and various other leading media establishments in the Kingdom. The fair also features a series of interactive workshops and forums conducted by experts.

Anthony Phuong, the co-founder of the famous Paris-based A2Z art gallery, said he was delighted to share the artworks from his gallery here in Bahrain. "I have various arts from Chinese, Japanese and Arabic artists. There is one special art that I brought here to Bahrain which is a collaborative work featuring a Japanese artist and an Algerian artist. It is based on the theme 'water' and it is something special because two people - one Japanese and one Arab - worked on it mixing their ideas into one art," he said.

Thavibu Gallery Managing Director Jorn Middelborg said, "We brought to Bahrain works by an Burmese artist. He



is 85 years old who has been a mentor for generations of young artists. He is most famous for the dynamics - the movements in his paintings and the masterful blending

of colours. We also have a works from Thai artists and Vietnamese artists," he said.

The fair, which opens from 11am to 7pm, will continue till October 16.



BAHRAIN AIRPORT COMPANY wishes to invite proposals for the following Public Tender:

Tender Title	Tender No.	Tender Doc. Fees	Initial Bond	Tender Closing	
				Day/ Date	Time
Purchasing Oracle EBS Financials and Procurement Software Licenses for BACFM	BAC/ICT/42/2015	BD 15 non-refundable	BD 500	Monday 09 NOV 2015	1:30 pm

- Vendors with the required experience are kindly requested to collect the appropriate tender documents between Tuesday, 13th October 2015 and Thursday, 22nd October 2015 at Bahrain Airport Company, (Building 284, Road 2104, Busaiteen 221) - Purchasing Department - tel:17353344, 17353286. During working hours (8:00 am - 3:00 pm), after payment of tender fees specified above.
- Deposit each Tender Submission in the tender box provided at the Bahrain Airport Company, Procurement Department before closing date specified above. Late submissions beyond the date and time specified above shall not be accepted under any circumstances
- Provide an initial bond of BD 500/- or at the rate of 1% of the tender value whichever amount is the lesser, provided that no initial bond's value shall be less than BD 100/-, in the form of a Certified Cheque, a Bank Guarantee or an Insurance Policy valid for the duration specified in the tender documents.

Articles of the Decree by Law No. 36 for 2002, regarding the regulation of Government Tenders and Purchases, together with its executive regulations issued in Decree No. 37 for 2002, must be observed [www.tenderboard.gov.bh](http://www.tenderboard.gov.bh)

- When submitting proposals the following conditions should be complied with:
  - Enclose a copy of the Commercial Registration Certificate, for the current year, which must include the tender subject as one of its activities.
  - Form BAC 02 is to be completed, mentioning the Total Tender Value and Unit Price as applicable.
  - Enclose a Certificate of Compliance with the Employment Percentage for Bahraini manpower issued by the Ministry of Labour.
  - All tender Documents (original / copies) which are submitted must be stamped with the Company's seal.
- This advertisement is considered as complementary to the Tender Documents

## Cooking contest held

**Manama**

The Cooking contest 'Diet Idol' was held for the first time in Bahrain under the patronage of Health Ministry's Undersecretary Dr. Aysha Buanq, in cooperation with member of the Second Constituency in the Northern Governorate, Fatima Al Qatari.

According to Budaiya Health Centre's President of Board of Health, Dr. Muna Al Mehri 12 people participated in the contest which was divided up into four teams. There was also a group of four professional judges, which included Dr. Abeer Al Ghawi, Mustafa Haiki, Adel Rajab, and Mohammed Marhoon.

Dr. Abeer Al Ghawi, who serves as Health Improvement Administration Consultant nutritionist, said that the competition achieved great success in attracting youth interested in healthy cooking. "The results of the competition show that the people seek the concept of making healthy and delicious

dishes, which can be easily prepared by simple ingredients at home."

The winning team of first day included Ebtisam Al Dhiayan, Eman Isa and Khalifa Ebrahim while the second day featured Salman Faisal, Ayat Yousif and Salah Abu Idrees.



# 'Don't politicise objectives'

**Human rights organisation told to be non-political and avoid taking biased stance**

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The Kingdom has called upon the human rights organisations not to politicise their objectives and to avoid biased stances. This observation came during a recent forum titled "International Non-governmental Organisations and Institutions between Professionalism and Politicisation", which was organised by Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (Derasat).

Deputising Foreign Affairs Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa at the forum was the Minister's Assistant for Foreign Affairs Ambassador Abdullah bin Faisal bin Jabr Al Dossari.

In his speech, Mr Al Dossari stressed that "human rights organisations, as their names indicate, are non-political. So they ought to advocate human rights through respect for human rights."

He also talked about the credibility of international human rights organisations, affirming that "they are voluntary and independent from governments."

He asserted Bahrain's respect for non-governmental



Mr. Al Dossari (left) while speaking during the forum.

organisations and its keenness on interacting and cooperating with them within the framework of national laws and on the basis of respect for human rights and relevant global conventions, to which the Kingdom is always committed.

He welcomed the role being played by non-governmental organisations in all fields including human rights, as far as they meet the credibility criteria such as objectivity and non-politicisation of human rights for hidden objectives and agendas.

At the same time, Mr Al Dossari affirmed that "national and international human rights organisations ought to be neutral and transparent and

should respect the law and steer themselves away from being selective, from adopting double standards or exploiting human rights causes to serve suspicious political goals."

"Some of these organisations are in the wrong direction, which affects their credibility. Their reports are biased to serve petty gains and hidden agendas and the information they contain are erroneous as they are not checked with national sources for consistency purposes and thus often turn to be poisonous instead of being neutral in highlighting whatever is positive," Mr Al Dossari commented.

He also cast doubts on

the funding of these NGOs: "There are big question marks with regard to their true goals and whether they are used to defend and protect human rights or used by foreign sides to ignite seditions, tear apart national unity and unrightfully infiltrate nations."

"They should also support national efforts to attain comprehensive and sustainable

development to serve the 2015-2030 development goals that were adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in its 70th Session," he added.

He reaffirmed that "the Kingdom of Bahrain, since its independence, was able to establish a modern democratic state of institutions and order of law that guarantees the right for establishing civil, scientific, cultural and

professional societies and trade unions, on the basis of national foundations and for legitimate goals and through peaceful means as per the conditions stipulated by law."

Several officials took part in the forum including Royal Court Special Envoy and former Information Affairs Minister Sameera Rajab, MP Mohammed Al Maarifi and other experts.

## Municipality member demands investigation

Manama

Muharraq Governorate's Seventh Constituency representative Sabah Al Dossari said that the Works, Municipality Affairs and Urban Planning was responsible for the delay of the Seef-Muharraq bridge and demanded an

investigation into the issue.

Ms. Al Dossari said that the residents had been facing difficulties in reaching their homes especially due to delay in the work.

She explained that the road that used to take one minute now needs at least 45 minutes.

The congestion reaches its worst level near the roundabout that leads to the main road, she said.

Highlighting the sufferings of the residents of Arad, Ms. Al Dossari demanded an investigation from the minister to find a solution that would solve the problems of residents.



Pioneer Jassim Al Zayani organised a VIP dinner at Mercure Grand Seef Hotel last night.

### KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN



#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY (TRA)

Directorate of Finance & Administration

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority invites Proposal for the following tender:

Tender Title	Tender No.	Initial Bond	Tender fees	Closing Date		
				Day	Date	Time
Medical Insurance Services for TRA's Employees	TRA/RFP/2015/026	BD 500	BD 15	Wednesday	4th November 2015	13:30 local time

- Those who are Capable and want to participate in the above tender/Tenders are kindly requested to purchase the tender document online through e-Tendering portal at <http://etendering.tenderboard.gov.bh> Specified above starting form on 13/10/2015 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm .
- For any queries of assistance related to e-Tendering , Please contact the Tender Board help desk on Tel: 17566617 E-Mail: [helpdesk@tenderboard.gov.bh](mailto:helpdesk@tenderboard.gov.bh) .
- Enclose with this offer the Initial Bond for the amount specified above or at the rate of 1% of the tender value whichever amount is less, provided that no initial bonds value shall be less than BD100/- .
- The initial bond should be in the form of a Certified Cheque, Bank Guarantee , cash or Insurance Policy valid for the duration specified in the tender documents.
- Offers should be deposited in the tender box provided at Tendering submission office, Tender Board's Office at Al Moayeed Tower, Seef Area, ( 7th Floor ) before 1:30 pm.
- This tender/Auction should comply to the provisions of the General Tenders Regulations, no. (36) for the year 2002, and it's executive Regulations No. (37) for the year 2002.**
- In addition these conditions has to be considered:
  - Enclose copy of the Commercial Registration Bill, for the current year, and has to be included/matched with the tender subjects with financial proposal.
  - Form no. (TB 02) is to be filled completely, mentioning the Total Tender Value and Unit Price (accordingly) with financial proposal.
  - Enclose a certificate of compliance with the employment percentages for Bahraini manpower issued by the Ministry of Labor with financial proposal.
  - Enclose the initial Bond with financial proposal.
  - All tender documents ( Original / Copy ) which has been submitted with the offers should be stamped with the company's Stamp.
- This advertisement is considered to be a supplementary to the tender Documents.

# Patriotism boost for schools



Dr. Al Nuaimi (centre) during his meeting with ministry officials yesterday.



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**E**ducation Ministry is currently working on boosting nationalism through its curricula, as instructed by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The ministry confirmed yesterday that the Royal directives would come into effect within the next two months and in line with the Kingdom's celebrations of the National Day and the anniversary of HM the King's accession to the throne.

In his speech during the opening ceremony of the second session of the fourth legislative term on Sunday, HM

the King directed Education Ministry to document the sacrifices of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), National Guards and Public Security personnel in the existing curricula.

The Royal directives stipulated that such national happenings should be taught to students and the next generations as an appreciation to the soldiers who spared no efforts in protecting the nation.

Education Minister Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi hailed the wise instructions of HM the King, confirming that the ministry will immediately study the means to implement them.

The minister chaired a meeting yesterday with the

ministry officials to discuss the best methods to apply HM the King's directives to the ministry, aiming to strengthen the content of the existing curricula with subjects that reinforce national loyalty, belonging, tolerance and moderation.

During the meeting, the minister pledged to strengthen those values in the existing curricula and to support it with school activities that will sure contribute in developing the curricula.

The minister also discussed with the officials the means to document the Kingdom's achievements in all fields and to immortalise the sacrifices of Bahraini soldiers.



Schools held special ceremonies to honour the five Bahraini soldiers who were martyred in Yemen last month.

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A pick-up van full of chips boxes plying in Gufool yesterday caught the attention of lensman. The boxes in the van are gambling with the wind, which has brought the temperature down in the Kingdom.

# All clear for Riffa Views project



Shaikh Khalid

## Manama

**R**iffa Views project has been removed from the list of stalled development schemes.

The Ministerial Committee for Construction and Infrastructure announced the decision, which was based on the commitment of Riffa Views management to the plan which was worked out last March.

The committee, Chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al-Khalifa, said that the management would start completing stalled work under the first phase of the plan.

The committee, which was tasked to tackle stalled projects, thanked Riffa Views management for its cooperation and commitment to the plan.

Located in Riffa, the project includes a residential bloc comprising 1056 villas, in addition to a Golf course, a school, sport academies, retail shops and restaurants.

The project would be no longer under law 66 for 2014 on settling stalled property development projects. The Deputy Premier expressed his delight at the settlement of the stalled project in a satisfactory way, preserving the rights of buyers and investors.

# Kidnappers sentenced

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**F**ive defendants accused of kidnapping and beating a boy have been handed down seven years in prison.

The defendants allegedly deemed their victim as an informer to the Ministry of Interior, according to court files.

The five reportedly kidnapped the young boy while he was walking in the village of A'ali before taking him to an abandoned house. The incident took place during a sabotage attempt in the area. The victim said in his statement that the number of his captors were seven, but police captured only five defendants. "I was walking in the area while there was a protest. All of a sudden seven protesters came to me and forcefully dragged me to an old house, where they attacked me," the victim told prosecutors.



"One of them inflicted wounds on my neck with his cigarette. They had initially told me that they were officers in plain clothes and they would torture me with an electronic device," he said.

"But then I learnt from them that they were thinking that am a police informer. They recorded all what happened and threatened me that they would upload the footage online if I reveal what had happened."

However, the victim had lodged a complaint about the incident, providing some tips about the attackers. Police managed to capture three out of the five assailants, while the identities of their remaining two accomplices are still unknown.

# Greed costs meat trader

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**A**n Asian butcher was fined BD500 yesterday for selling subsidised meat at a higher price. The defendant was tried

on charges of increasing the prices of subsidised meat.

It was reported that the man was selling the one kilogram of the sheep meat at BD1.500, while the government had set its selling price at BD1 only. In September, an

Asian butcher was fined BD10 for refusing to sell subsidised meat to customers. The Indian defendant is said to have declined orders from customers to buy the meat as he was retaining the quantity for unidentified buyers. He was caught by the Ministry of Health inspectors.

# Court adjourns Sharif trial

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**T**he trial of former secretary general of the National Democratic Action Society (Wa'ad) was adjourned yesterday until November 12 to hear a prosecution witness.

Standing trial before the High Criminal Court, Ibrahim Sharif earlier pleaded not guilty to charges of inciting to overthrow the government. He is also facing other charges of inciting violence, hatred and sectarianism.

Mr. Sharif was nabbed in connection with a speech he delivered in July during an event. He was only released from jail in June after serving just over four years of prison sentence. He was one of 21 men convicted in 2011 in connection with a plot to overthrow the government with help from abroad.

Some were jailed for life, but he was found not guilty of the more serious charges and was sentenced to five years for espionage in connection with the topple attempt.

# Three convicted in prostitution case

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**T**he High Criminal Court has slapped three defendants, including a Bahraini man and two Russian girls with ten years behind bars each after they were found guilty in a prostitution case.

The defendants reportedly held two females - also Russian nationals - captive and forced them to indulge in immoral activities with strangers for money. One of the victims is said to be below 18 years old. It's alleged that one of the Russian suspects facilitated the entry of the victims after assuring them with jobs at Bahrain Duty Free.

Court files showed that the victims were asked to sign documents in English on their arrival, only to be told later that they were acknowledgements of debt. "She (the first defendant) forced us to indulge in sexual acts in an apartment, in which we were locked up. We did it after they threatened to prosecute us over the signed documents," the teenage victim told prosecutors.

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"She also told us she might kill our families in Russia if we did not follow their instructions," the victim added. It is claimed that the defendants forced one of the victims to undergo abortion after she conceived during her captivity.

The defendants were nabbed after a police tip-off by one of the victims. Prosecutors charged them with practising prostitution, locking two women and forcing them into prostitution.

Kingdom of Bahrain  
Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning  
Sanitary Engineering Planning & Projects Directorate- Works

The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning would like to announce the following tender:

Tender Title	Tender No.	Grade	Initial Bond	Tender Doc. Fees	Closing Date	
					Date	Time
Limited Stormwater -Package 3A -Capital and Muharraq Governorate	SES-13/0054	AA, A, B & C	BD4,000/-	BD50/- Cheque	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	13:30

- NOTE:** Now you have the choice to buy the tender documents online through the Bahrain Tender Board e-Tendering System (<https://etendering.tenderboard.gov.bh/>) by using Credit cards or to the cashier at the Financial Resources Directorate (3rd Floor New Building), Ministry of Works who will issue a receipt in duplicate.
- Tenders are invited from qualified Contractors registered with the Cost Engineering Directorate of the Ministry for Sanitary Engineering Projects under Grades mentioned for the above tender. Tender documents shall be down loaded online through the Bahrain Tender Board e-Tendering System mentioned above as from **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015**, for further information please contact on 17545184.
- The works comprise of **Limited Stormwater -Package 3A -Capital and Muharraq Governorate** as detailed in the Tender Documents.
- Interested Tenderers should comply with the Legislative Decree No. 36 and 37 of 2002 with respect to Regulating Government Tenders and Purchases, and also to comply with the Prime Minister's Resolution No. 21 for 1987 giving priority to National Products and products of National Origin.
- The Tenders must be deposited in the tender box provided on the **Tender Board's Offices at 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Al-Moayyed Tower, Seef Area as per above mentioned date.**
- Tenders shall be submitted in **One (1) envelope.**
- Tenderers are to supply copies of the following:**
  - Company Commercial Registration indicating the tender relevant field and receipt for current registration fee. CR to be stamped with company stamp.
  - The total tender sum as well as cost per unit (as the case maybe) should be written and submitted in form TB 02.
  - Initial Bond, Company Commercial Registration and valid Certificate of Compliance with employment percentage for Bahraini Manpower issued by the Ministry of Labour and stamped with company stamp.
  - Any other items listed in the Instructions to Tenderers.
  - All submitted documents (original or copy) should be stamped with company stamp.
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A partially covered cable at a residential area on road no. 724 in Mugaba village, inviting danger as it is usually hit by vehicles. The cable is also posing risk to kids who usually pass through this place.

## KS Chithra live concert on Friday

Manama

**M**odern Exchange Company, the latest remittance company to enter the Bahrain market, in first of its kind offer exclusively for customers will present a live concert by KS Chithra, the world renowned singer, at Indian School, Isa Town on Friday. Talented singers like Vidhu Prathap, Roopa Revathi and Naufal Rahman, among others, will accompany Ms Chithra.



Ms Chithra.

To receive an invite, one has to become the customer of Modern Exchange Company by making a remittance.

Limited free invites are available at all the branches of the company and can be collected on a first-come first-served basis.

### Civil Defence carries out 135 evacuations

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**C**ivil Defence Director General Brigadier Mohammed Showaiter announced yesterday that his department had implemented the safety and security conditions in high-rise buildings and towers and carried out 135 evacuations in 2014.

The safety steps included the installation of fire-extinguishing equipment, ensuring proper emergency exits and avoiding the storage of inflammable items, apart from coordination with the municipalities and engineering consultancy firms to study maps and designs of buildings before construction.

He confirmed that the department did not allow the buildings to obtain electricity connection until they had met all safety and security procedures.

# Bahrain ranks 4th in world Islamic economy

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**A** recent international study has named Bahrain as one of the top four Islamic economies in the world.

Malaysia tops the list followed by the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, in the State of the Global Islamic Economy Report which measured

Global Islamic Economy Indicators (GIEI). Thomson Reuters carried out the study in collaboration with Dubai Islamic Economy Development Centre (DIEDC) and the Dinar Standard.

Researchers measured health and development of Islamic economy across 73 countries. Each country was evaluated for its Islamic finance, halal food, modest fashion, travel, media

and research, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics.

DIEDC Chairman Mohammed Abdullah Al Gergawi said: "The Islamic economy is one of the fastest-growing sectors in the world, with the Islamic economy growing at nearly twice the rate of the global economy and Muslim consumer spending exceeding 41.8 trn. Islamic banking assets hover at some \$1.3

trn and are expected to double in just five years from today."

"Developing the Islamic economy is not limited to Islamic banking and finance, which constitutes an important part of this economy, but spans seven key sectors forming the true pillars of an economy that is expanding while the world's Muslim population continues to outgrow others," he added.

## Close to 15,000 use MoW's e-services

Manama

**I**nformation Technology Director at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning Hisham Sater said that in the third quarter of 2015, 3995 users used Ministry of Work's e-services. Till September, the total number of users stood at 14,515.

The 10 services offered by MoW include contractor pre-qualification, materials testing results, traffic diversion request and building maintenance request, among others. These services can be accessed through [www.works.gov.bh](http://www.works.gov.bh) and [www.bahrain.bh](http://www.bahrain.bh).

According to Mr Sater, the Ministry has

recently upgraded the electronic services on its portal.

With 1,516 users, August attracted the largest traffic followed by July with 1265 users. Most number of users was for materials testing results service, followed by road fault report service and the material/product assessment service.



Mr. Sater



UK's favourite family presenter Alasdair Malloy staged a concert last night at Cultural Hall as part of Bahrain Music Festival.

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# Princess Sabeeka to patronise conference

The conference marks the conclusion of a year-long campaign, being held as part of the 2015 Bahraini Women's Day celebrations

## Manama

Life of His Majesty the King and Supreme Council for Women (SCW) Chairwoman HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa will patronise 'Women in the Financial and Banking Sector' conference, to be held on November 30.

Central Bank of Bahrain

(CBB) and SCW announced that Dr. Mahnaz Safa, a senior London based banker, will address the conference.

Dr. Safa is the Managing Director of Citigroup, where she advises the bank's investment banking clients on corporate finance and risk management. She is also the co-chair of Citi's EMEA

Banking Executive Committee for Women's Leadership.

Dr. Safa will take part in the conference's keynote plenary session 'Leading the Change: Factors Shaping the Future of Women in Finance,' where she will draw on her vast industry experience.

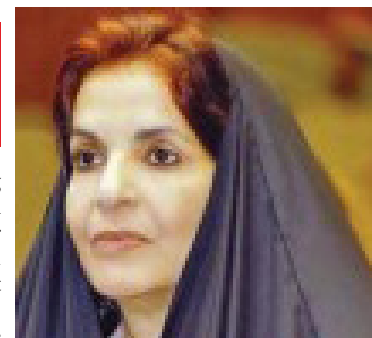
The conference marks the conclusion of a year-long

campaign, being held as part of the 2015 Bahraini Women's Day celebrations, in order to enhance women's role in the financial and banking sector.

CBB Executive Director for Administrative Services Dr. Huda Hussain Al-Maskati expressed delight at announcing the participation of top global industry leaders

in this conference, adding that this gathering will be a key platform for dialogue and discussion on women's development in this sector.

The conference is expected to bring together more than 250 senior officials and heads of major financial institutions in



Princess Sabeeka

Bahrain, as well as women at senior positions in the sector.

## Club XS set for nightlife extravaganza on Oct. 15

A luxurious nightlife experience in Bahrain on October 15 at Club XS at Ramee Rose, featuring international and top local DJ's DJ JACKSON and VJMP3, along with their resident DJ all the way from London DJ Rodney James. The event will kick off at 9pm and conclude at 2am.

DJ Jackson began his DJ life in Bahrain in 1998, playing at several parties. He had musical ears that got him No.1 in Bahrain DJ competition 2007. DJ Jackson has been ranked at the most famous online DJ database www.thedjlist.com.

DJ Jackson played in 100s of clubs, radio stations and big events and concerts around the world including Privilege IBIZA world biggest night club and IBIZA Global Radio. He had several TV interviews and other interviews with magazines and newspapers.

He released his first track in 2008 and he played it for the first time live with Tara Mcdonald.

'Follow me you will be happy' is the name of his new album, VJMP3



VJMP3

which will be released this year.

VJMP3 is one of the most talented and popular DJ's and producers in Persian Gulf. Despite the fact that he is only 21-year-old, VJMP3 has been playing in the best night clubs and lounges in Bahrain for more than five years. He has released a CD with his own tracks and mash ups. VJMP3 has also won Bahrain Cloud9 DJ Competition 2012 and number 3 DJ in PIONEER Middle East U21 DJ Championship 2012, which was held in Dubai.

VJMP3 is well known for unusual mixing of all kinds of music from R'n'B to Electro, Tribal, Progressive, Tech and Commercial House.

VJMP3, born in Bahrain, started his music career in 2006. The decision to become a DJ was the result of the influence of his elder brother DJ Jackson.

The entrance is only for couples and mix groups and tickets on the door for the weekends are going to be BD5 for Men and Free for Ladies. Guests have to be aged 21 and above. Dress code is strictly smart casual Shorts, caps, T-shirts and sport shoes are not allowed. For table reservations and more information, call Martin @ 3369 8819



DJ Jackson



## Capital Club Bahrain celebrates 6th anniversary

### Manama

Capital Club Bahrain, the Kingdom's Premier Private City Club, celebrated its 6th anniversary under the theme of 'A Night at the Oscars', held under the patronage of Shaikh Mohammed bin Essa Al-Khalifa, Advisor for Political and Economic Affairs, Court of Crown Prince and Chairman of the board of governors of the Capital Club.

The event took place at the club's premises located in the

Bahrain Financial Harbour and was attended by over 500 guests from the Kingdom and across the region. The attendees included Directors, Governors and club members.

"We are proud to share this joyous milestone with our esteemed members. Capital Club's main goal is to be the leading meeting point for the business community while maintaining the highest standard of hospitality and social events," said Capital Club Bahrain's General Manager, Dina Haikel.

## Low oil price not an excuse for lax safety standards

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The steep decline in oil prices to around \$50 has raised concerns of lax safety standards in the oil industry. Unlike the high oil-price regime, the

industry is struggling to eke out a profit and broad-based cost cutting is expected in the sector.

David Doig, group chief executive for OPITO, a global training provider in the oil sector, said: "With operators looking for ways to cut costs

in the current climate, it is imperative that there are no compromises when it comes to ensuring the safety of the workforce. It is a challenging time, but the economic conditions cannot be a reason to relax standards - not when

the cost of making mistakes is too high in terms of loss of life or damage to the environment."

He added that hazard and risk will not go down because the oil prices went down. Only organisations that are ready to invest in its workforce and

create a highly skilled, safe and motivated workforce can remain competitive in times of turbulence, he added.

Oil prices have recently shown firmness and clocked good upswing in recent weeks, contrary to what witnessed in

the earlier months of 2015. The global oil-rig count, especially the US rig count has been on a downtrend in recent months and this along with better consensus among oil producing countries seems to have helped the bullish-case for oil price.

# Election fever in Philippines

Manila

The Philippines' election season kicked off yesterday with politicians registering for thousands of posts, launching a typically raucous and deadly seven months of campaigning in a famously chaotic democracy.

A successor to President Benigno Aquino will be chosen in the six-yearly polls, with the frontrunners a savvy politician accused of corruption, the adopted daughter of a movie star and a low-key stalwart of the ruling Liberal Party.

Aquino, who has won international plaudits for tackling systemic corruption and for his solid economic stewardship, is imploring voters to choose longtime ally Mar Roxas to continue his "straight path" style of governance.

"This is a campaign to continue the straight path, a campaign to make our hopes possible, a campaign that will continue the heroic story of the Filipino people," Aquino said at a rally to announce the Liberal Party's Senate ticket.

But Roxas has struggled in opinion polls and is facing strong challenges from Jejomar Binay, the current vice president who is being investigated for graft, and Grace Poe, a political novice riding on her late father's popularity.



Philippine President Benigno Aquino (C) holds hands with Manuel Roxas (5th-L) and Leni Robredo (5th-R), who he has endorsed as presidential and vice-presidential candidates for the May, 2016 national elections, and introduce the 12 senatorial candidates in Manila yesterday.

The start of a week-long registration process began yesterday for more than 18,000 positions up for grabs -- from the presidency down to village captain level -- in the May elections.

Binay, a former Aquino ally who now heads the main opposition party, was the first of the major candidates to register at election headquarters in Manila yesterday morning.

Binay had been a clear leader in opinion polls until

the Senate and ombudsman began investigating him for alleged corrupt activities when he was mayor of Makati, the financial district in the Philippine capital.

Binay has insisted on his innocence.

## Democracy challenges

The Philippines, a former US colony of 100 million, has struggled to establish a stable democracy, with many of the problems blamed on dictator

Ferdinand Marcos's rule from 1965-1986.

But his son and namesake is running for the vice presidency next year as an independent, insisting his late father's rule was benign and that voters will focus on present problems rather than the past.

"There are corrupt Filipinos... within and outside the government who are killing our economy and keeping us poor," Marcos, 58, said at a weekend rally alongside his controversial

mother and former first lady Imelda.

Another feature of the Philippines' democracy has been politicians resorting to violence to eliminate rivals or cheating to rig polls.

The mayor of a town on the turbulent southern island of Mindanao was shot dead yesterday, hours after filing his candidacy for re-election.

Randy Climaco was travelling with relatives and followers through his town of Tungawan when men fired

upon their vehicle, a police report said.

"Mayor Climaco died on the spot while four of his companions were wounded," it added.

On October 1 a roadside bomb injured a local mayor and killed three of his bodyguards in the violence-wracked southern island of Basilan.

The most infamous incident occurred in 2009, when the warlord family of a southern province allegedly massacred 58 people to try to stop a rival registering his candidacy for provincial governor.

While some members of the Ampatuan family accused of orchestrating the massacre are behind bars and on trial for the murders, many others are expected to compete in the polls.

These include Sajid Ampatuan, who has been charged with murder but was allowed to post bail this year.

"I am not here to scare the people but to make their vision real," Ampatuan, who registered on Monday to run for a village mayor position in his family's stronghold, told AFP by phone.

Another enduring challenge for the nation's democracy has been the power of elite clans who dominate national, provincial and local posts, according to political analysts.

"Philippine politics has always been governed by the elite... I don't think the dynasties will change," Ateneo University political science professor Benito Lim told AFP.

Roxas, for instance, is the grandson of a former president.

And while Binay does not come from a political family, since rising to influence he has set up his own dynasty, with his wife and children becoming powerful politicians.

Only celebrities, such as movie or sporting stars, have generally been able to challenge the elites.

Boxing hero Manny Pacquiao, 36, is one of those.

The eight-time world champion is currently a member of the House of Representatives and will next year run for a higher-profile Senate seat.



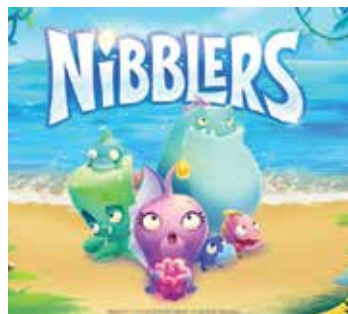
A supporter of opposition presidential candidate Jejomar Binay displays a placard during the filing of Certificate of Candidacy (CoC) at the commission on elections in Manila yesterday.



Unknown presidential candidate Ephraim Defino, wearing a leather-cowboy hat and red jeans, shows his Certificate of Candidacy (CoC) after filing at the commission on elections in Manila yesterday.



## App of the week



### NIBBLERS

With no birds in sight, angry or otherwise, Rovio dives back into match-3 gameplay featuring a new cast of cute aquatic characters.

Unlike Angry Birds Fight!, Rovio's more complicated RPG match-3 battler from earlier this summer, Nibblers will likely satisfy the purists hungry for a new match-3 experience.

The gameplay mechanics will be familiar and intuitive for any fans of this crowded genre, so jumping right into the action is extremely easy.

## Gizmo of the week



### DJI OSMO HANDS-ON

From amateur to professional, insane amounts of time and effort are spent trying to achieve smooth and steady video footage. DJI's new Osmo handheld gimbal and 4K camera is meant to be the easiest and quickest path to gorgeous, silky-smooth shots.

With a 90 degree field of view and f/2.8 aperture, it shoots pretty nice 4K video as well as 12 MP photos. It really does create a floaty steadycam quality without bulky equipment. The gimbal also has modes for shooting timelapses and panoramas.



Scan the QR Code to take a peek at the new trailer for: Halo 5: Guardians. The game is scheduled to be released on October 27, 2015

# Phone OR Friend?



Millions of people have smartphones, but not many of them look like robots - until now, that is. A new device that looks just like a small android action figure can recognise your face and be your friend.

The concept is called RoBoHoN and it's hailed by creator Sharp as a "phone in human shape. A phone that you feel like talking to. A phone that also wants to know you."

The robo-phone is a joint project with robot designer Tomotaka

## The new robot-shaped smartphone that wants to know you and learn

Takahashi. The two have produced a 19.5cm-tall robot figure, the selling point being that it looks awfully friendly and human-like.

All the usual smartphone features are on offer. However, the device is also a small movie and image projector, as well as personal assistant and taxi hailer - not to mention the ability to recognise people's faces, as a lot of technology seems to be aiming at lately.

In compliance with today's consumer whims, the phone-slash-android also talks - it can prance around your desk, or even dance on request.

From the front, RoBoHoN looks like a robot. On the back, the device sports a two-inch touchscreen. Under the bonnet, it features a 1.2Ghz quad-core processor.

Also, in keeping with the now popular tradition of cloud-based intelligent systems, the robot will learn



from its interaction with humans and update its behaviour as it accumulates data. The only other details being given out so far are the release date, which is sometime in 2016.

For the video on RoBoHoN specs, visit [News Of Bahrain Facebook page](#).

# Microsoft Surface Book vs Apple MacBook Pro

Microsoft's Surface Book is turning heads and gaining much attention because of its sophisticated design and stylish hinges. It's Microsoft's answer to Apple's 13-inch giant tablet, the MacBook Pro.

### Display

The MacBook Pro has a 13.3-inch display with a 2560 x 1600 resolution. On the other hand, the Surface Book has 13.5-inch display with a 3000x2000 resolution.

The Surface Book with its keyboard



Microsoft Surface Book

weighs 3.34 lbs whereas the MacBook Pro is 3.48 lbs. The slightly bigger Surface Book has more pixel density (267ppi) with a commendable aspect ratio of 3:2. Microsoft also introduces its new PixelSense technology with super responsive touch and stylus controls.

### Processor and storage

It seems the Surface Book will also steal the show in this regard. Both the Surface Book and the MacBook Pro with Retina display offer sixth-gen Intel Core i5 and i7 chips. But according to a report on *Gizmodo*, the latest Intel Core processor of Surface Book is more powerful than the MacBook Pro's 2.7 GHz dual-core i5 chip.

According to *Pocket Lint*, the MacBook Pro battery with Retina display drains out at 10 hours. On the other hand, the Surface Book touts a battery life of 12 hours. Both laptops feature 16 GB of RAM and up to 1 TB of expandable storage.

The Surface Book offers two USB



MacBook Pro

3.0 ports, a Mini Display Port and full microSD. On the other hand, the MacBook Pro features two USB 3.0 ports, an SDXC card reader and an HDMI port.

### Camera

The MacBook Pro only comes with a front camera but the Surface Book

houses an 8 MP rear shooter and a 5 MP front snapper capable of recording 1080p videos.

The Microsoft Surface Book is a clear winner in this range of laptops with its faster processor; better battery life; additional features like Continuum and the stylish hinge. It's worth a buy if you don't mind shelling out a bit extra.



Lenovo Vibe Shot

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# Picture perfect smartphone

Photography fans are increasingly spoilt for choice when it comes to quality smartphone cameras, and the new **Lenovo Vibe Shot** is the latest reason why. With a Samsung-developed 16-megapixel rear illuminated sensor, supported by a tricolour flash module and infrared AF, the Vibe Shot also has optical image stabilisation, meaning its camera is ideal for low light shooting.

On the top plate of the phone (when held in landscape orientation) you'll find a switch and shutter button. The switch puts the camera in either auto or pro mode. Auto mode worked well enough, with Face tracking and smile

detection following people's faces stubbornly.

But if you want a bit more control over your image, the pro mode gives you control over shutter speed, exposure compensation, ISO, White balance presets and drive mode.

The camera interface isn't particularly complex either, in fact it's almost identical to the Lumia camera found in the Microsoft Lumia 640, so you won't have to be an expert to find your way around and start capturing pictures manually. Selfie takers will love the 8-megapixel front-facing camera as well.

The design of the phone is pretty sleek. Measuring 142 x

70 x 7.3mm and weighing 145g, the Vibe Shot is a mix of tough Gorilla Glass 3 and aluminium, giving it a high-end feel.

Aside from the camera, the Vibe Shot is a highly capable phone with a 5.0-inch full HD IPS LCD display and the Qualcomm Snapdragon 615 1.7 GHz octa-core processor with 3GB RAM, running Android 5.0. There's 32GB of internal memory, but happy snappers will be pleased to know that up to 128GB of additional storage can be added via micro SD.

The phone's 2,900mAh battery should be able to survive a day's photography mixed with regular use and 4G data speeds will make it easy to share content on social media.

## Key features ▶▶

Performance ▼	Display ▼	Camera ▼	Battery ▼
Octa Core, 1.7 GHz Snapdragon 615 3 GB RAM	5.0 inches (Medium) Full HD , Very sharp	16 MP Primary Triple-colour LED Flash, 8 MP Front	2900 mAh, Li-Polymer 21 Hours talktime (3G)
<b>32 GB + 128 GB Expandable   Dual SIM   Lightweight (145 g)   4G support</b>			

## Verdict

**The Lenovo Vibe Shot is impressive, its specs read more like a dedicated digital compact camera than a phone. But its phone capabilities are top-notch as well. In short, the Vibe Shot is a sophisticated looking smartphone with a good camera to match.**

# VIVA, icflix enhance online entertainment experience

VIVA Bahrain has formed a strategic partnership with icflix, the Middle East and North Africa's leading online streaming service, to offer an ultimate digital experience, giving VIVA customers access to premium movies, TV shows, cartoons and documentaries for BD3 monthly. VIVA

Bahrain's Chief Commercial Officer Andrew Hanna commented, "With this value-added service, our customers can enjoy streaming their favourite content, having the freedom to choose when, where and how they watch their favourite movies and TV series, including icflix's

extensive range of Jazwood (Arabic), Hollywood and Bollywood content."

VIVA customers can access the icflix service on up to five devices including smartphones, smart TV's, computers and tablets. Subtitles and alternate audio options are available to make sure the content

is accessible for Arabic, French and English speakers. Customers registering to this premium service will enjoy one month of icflix for free.

By texting 'ON' to 98663, VIVA customers can activate their subscription, which will get charged to their post-paid bill or prepaid credit.



VIVA Bahrain's midnight launch of the iPhone 6s and 6s Plus in the Kingdom on October 10, attracted many Apple fans, who queued at the operator's store in Bahrain City Centre (BCC), to get their hands on the most advanced iPhones.



Senior Manager of Wilo SE Germany, Thomas Ebert, presenting the seminar

## Wilo ME presents exciting new developments to Bahrain market

**W**ilo Middle East FZE hosted a seminar at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel on October 3, to reveal the newest solutions for building services, notably the SiBoost Smart Helix EXCEL.

Wilo Middle East presented state-of-the-art high-efficiency water pumps utilizing commercial, residential and digital systems to installers, consultants and end-users. Pump manufacturer Wilo specialises in high-efficiency drives and hydraulics.

However, the manufacturing company is taking it one step further with intelligent

system networking. Germany-based Wilo is an established and world-renowned manufacturing company that specializes in climate control systems, water supply applications and a wide range of industrial processes.

Wilo Middle East team presented their latest equipment to benefit more end users.

The incredibly efficient and connection-ready water supply unit, Wilo-SiBoost Smart Helix EXCEL, is equipped with stainless steel high-pressure centrifugal pumps from the Helix EXCEL range. Each

pump contains an EX motor and Smart Controller SCe to ensure precision while offering user-friendly applications.

Senior Manager of Wilo SE Germany Thomas Ebert, said, "At Wilo, we are proud to offer industry-leading technology that is consistent, reliable and innovative. The latest developments are evidenced in SiBoost, an adaptable and fully functional centrifugal pump designed for building services."

Director of Delta Industrial Supplies Munther Al Kooheji stated that Delta is proud to partner with Wilo.

"Wilo is the ultimate partner

when it comes to strategy and development in all pump solutions. We constantly work together to maintain and build our partnership for the benefit of both companies as well as the benefit of our customers in Bahrain," he said.

Wilo is consistently looking to grow and expand to all corners of the globe.

The company has had a presence in the Middle East for the past 20 years, and they are focusing their efforts towards improving development and facilitating growth in Bahrain through their superior products.

## Turn your Windows phone into a PC

**M**icrosoft unveiled its first Windows 10 Mobile devices today: the Lumia 950 and Lumia 950 XL. Both include an impressive new feature: Continuum. It allows Windows 10 Mobile devices (that include hardware support) to transform into a PC-like interface.

Continuum is pretty basic right now, but the features it has work well. Every app launches fullscreen, and there's the task view feature of Windows 10 to let you quickly switch between apps. You can also use keyboard shortcuts like alt-tab to switch apps, or ctrl+c and ctrl+v to copy and paste content.

You might expect the phone would just sit there idle in this mode, but you can actually pick it up and use it as you

would normally. If you open an app on the phone that's currently displayed, it will minimize on the monitor and resume on the phone. This means you can't run Outlook on both the phone and monitor, but it does mean you

can send some SMS messages while you work on a Word or PowerPoint document.

It really feels that Microsoft is betting on this as the future of its mobile efforts, and the lack of performance lag is impressive for this first version.



## PS4 now has an official remote control

**S**ony left most of the PS3's flaws behind when making the PlayStation 4, but there's no denying that one little inconvenience came along for the ride: you can't control the console with a standard remote control.

That's because the PS4, unlike everything else in your A/V stack, doesn't have an infrared sensor. And that's a problem if you want to sit back and watch a Blu-ray without a game controller in your hand.

Now, you can spend \$30 to fix that problem. Sony has announced its official PS4 Bluetooth universal remote, which will let you control and watch Blu-rays or videos from streaming services like Netflix, YouTube, and HBO Go.

## HASH+AG GAMING

By Abdulwahab Basil



## WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?

**G**ood morning readers! I'm particularly excited this week as I managed to get my hands on Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain for the PC! It has been a long wait and finally stock arrived.

Metal Gear Solid is a name that resonates among gamers worldwide, it's an exceptional art piece by the artist Hideo Kojima, a Japanese game developer.

Every video game in my opinion is a work of art, though this however is supernatural, yes it may have flaws but are tiny in comparison to its greatness.

I recall playing Metal Gear Solid 3 on our PS2 slim and how I would pay attention to every detail of the story with my sweaty palms and cut scenes that had no pause option!

The game is rife with cut scenes though none of it would have you skipping them, the story of all MGS games in my opinion are magnificent, taking place in world conflicts and events, seeing as I'm a history buff this suited me very well.

I purchased it on PC as that's my main medium for games, the recommended requirements are high albeit I read through forums people running it fine with less than recommended. With my rig it ran maxed out with the exception of Antialiasing which is smoothing out rough edges in computer graphics, I find this option useless as it doesn't kill the eye candy for me so I go without.

This installment of the game takes place in Afghanistan during the Soviet invasion in the 1980s. The design and graphics are beautiful, this beauty is evident in the PlayStation 4 version as is obviously on PC. The level in detail is something really from the animals to the flora and fauna of Kabul.

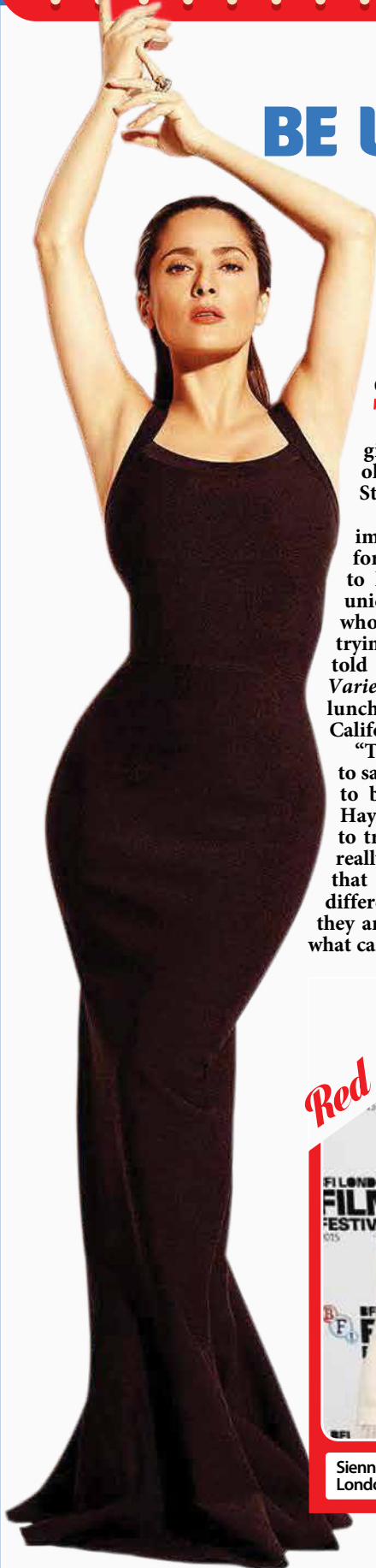


MGS5 came out to unanimous praise, it's a film, a game and a soundtrack packed all into one. I won't ruin the story but I will tell you this, even if you did not play the previous titles you should make it a priority to buy this game, do not worry if you do not understand you can always head to YouTube and watch the stories of the previous games as people have uploaded that for this instance, I did revisit to get my head around a few things.

Local stores Geekay, Virgin and Mission will have copies of the game though scarce, it is upsetting that they do not stock enough copies but in that case you can purchase it online via Amazon.

# CELEBS

Hollywood actor Shia LaBeouf has posted a cryptic message on Twitter after being arrested for public intoxication, @thecampaignbook: “I talk, just not to you”



## BE UNIQUE GIRLS, SAYS SALMA

**California**  
**T**his is Salma Hayek's advice to young girls, like her 8-year-old daughter, Valentina: Stand out, don't blend in. "I think the most important thing to tell for the new generations is to have the courage to be unique, to be curious about who they are, instead of trying to blend in," Hayek told reporters on Friday at *Variety's Power of Women* luncheon in Beverly Hills, California.  
 "The most important thing to say to the girls is to not try to be like the other girls," Hayek, 49, continued. "Not to try to fit in, but to try to really be profound thinkers that are excited about their differences and explore what they are and who they are and what can come out of the new."

## St. Vincent trades star life to wait tables



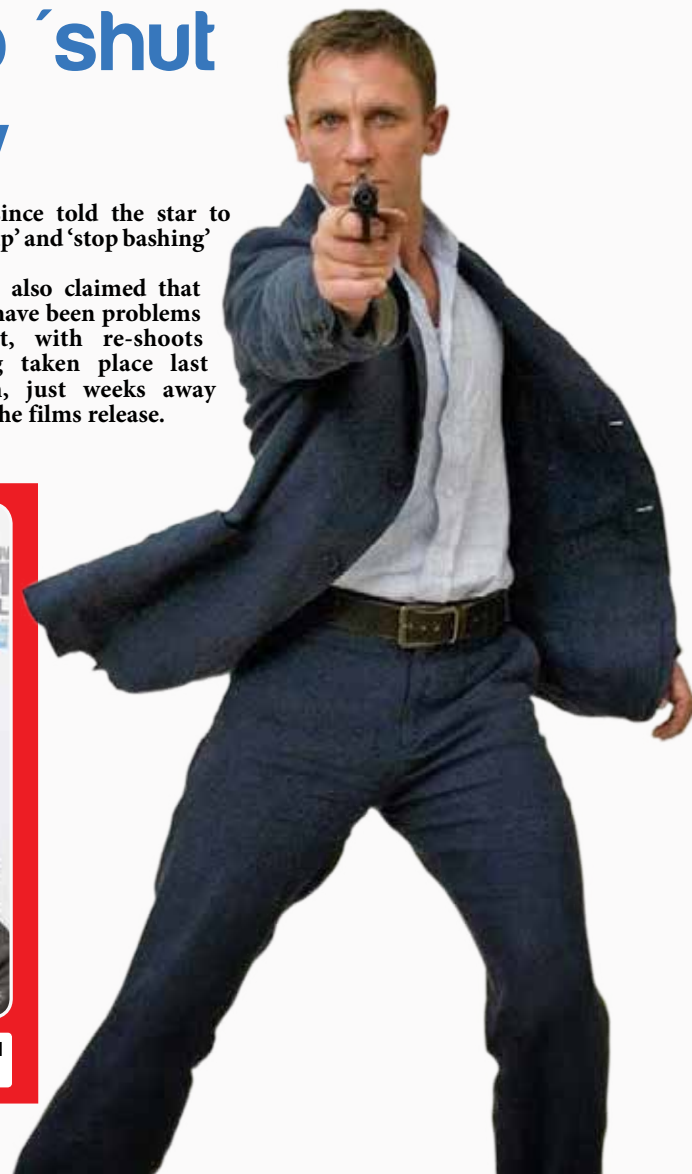
**Dallas**  
**S**he may be an international indie rock star and the girlfriend of supermodel Cara Delevingne, but that doesn't mean that St. Vincent is above waitressing. The Grammy-winning artist spent her weekend helping wait tables at Resident Taqueria, a new restaurant in Dallas, Texas, owner

Amy Savoie said. "She's a family member of the owner," she added. St. Vincent (née Annie Clark) was spotted working at the taqueria by eagle-eyed fans, who happily snapped pictures of the musician as she traded her guitar for an apron. "Dallas people, go to @residenttaqueria this weekend and let waitress extraordinaire @st\_vincent serve you delicious tacos y margaritas," one fan wrote along with a photo of St. Vincent mugging for the camera.

## Craig told to 'shut up' by Sony

**London**  
**W**hile promoting *Spectre* Daniel Craig has made some very divisive comments, saying he would "rather slash his wrists" than play James Bond again. According to the *New York Post's* Page Six, Sony executives

have since told the star to 'shut up' and 'stop bashing' Bond. It is also claimed that there have been problems on set, with re-shoots having taken place last month, just weeks away from the films release.



Red Carpet



Sienna Miller (left), Tom Hiddleston and Elisabeth Moss joked around during the red carpet at the BFI London Film Festival on Friday

# Celebrities who are uber-nerds

When they're not shooting films or attending award shows, some celebrities are obsessing over *Lord of the Rings* or publishing papers in science journals



## VIN DIESEL

Action star Vin Diesel might not be as tough as you think. The buff actor is a huge fan of the ultimate geek board game "Dungeons and Dragons." Vin has been playing the game since the 1970s and even has one of his character's names tattooed on his body. The actor's love for the game is widely known and he was asked to write the foreword for the book "30 Years of Adventure: A Celebration of Dungeons and Dragons."



## NICOLAS CAGE

Cage revealed his inner comic book geek when he named his youngest son Superman's true name, Kal-El. Not to mention the fact that he changed his last name from Coppola to Cage, which just so happens to be comic character Power Man's last name.

## MEGAN FOX

Megan Fox is stunning, but the "Transformers" actress is also a huge "Lord of the Rings" geek. Fox said, "I'm a 'Lord of the Rings' fan. And I'll go on the forums and they'll complain that Frodo is eating the Lembas bread outside of Mordor instead of in the Mines of Moria. And they get really mad... You cannot focus completely on pleasing them because you'll never win."

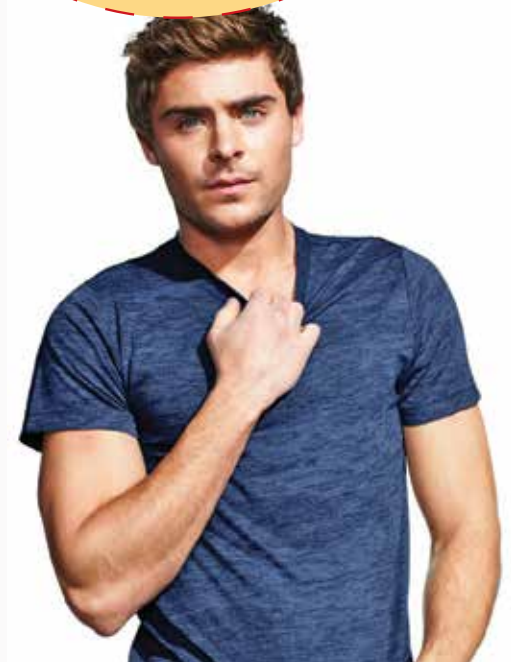
## ZAC EFRON

He played the stud in "High School Musical," but that wasn't the case when Zac Efron was growing up. "I wasn't a heartthrob at school; I was a geek, I was into musical theatre, which isn't perceived as the coolest thing. There were guys who were 6' 1" with beards and big muscles and I was a gawky 17-year-old, a skinny, awkward kid. I was a late bloomer. Growing up was hell. I could never get into trouble like the rest of my friends, my parents were very strict and taught me good values," the actor revealed.



## NATALIE PORTMAN

Natalie Portman may be an Oscar winner, but don't count out her other academic achievements. Portman put her acting career on hold to study at Harvard. During her time at the Ivy League school she worked as a research assistant in a psychology lab and managed to have two papers published in professional science journals. All of this on top of the four languages she studied while at school.





Energy Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza met Bahrain's new Ambassador to Belgium Dr. Bahiya Jawad Al Jishi and congratulated her on the appointment.



In a seminar hosted by Bahrain Polytechnic recently on its campus, the staffs Bureau (CSB) representatives. (In pics, right) Bahrain Polytechnic's Deputy Chief Executive Officer (left) from the CSB. (Left) The Polytechnic staffs and other participants.



Rotary Club of Salmaniya organised a lecture and presentation on "Buying UK Residential Property" at Le-Meridien Hotel. Club President Viren Bhatia presented the speakers Reem AlMahroos and Simon Green with certificates of appreciation from the club.



Member of John Maxwell Group, Tosin Arowojolu (second from the left), inaugurated the first "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" mastermind workshop of the Bahrain programme recently. The lecture programme will be held over the course of 10 weeks.



Professional Media organised a painting exhibition of artist Rameshan Payyannur at Shaikh Rashid building, Manama.







Participants were given lectures on "Adaht" programme and its functionality in government bodies by the Civil Service Director General of Resources and Information Affairs Shaikh Ali bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa (right) presents an award to participants during the event.



Shura Council General Secretary Abdul Jaleel Ibrahim Al Taraif received in his office Dr. Jassim Haji, technology and business expert and researcher.



The Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church Mumbai Diocese Metropolitan HG Geevarghese Mar Coorilos, who is on a visit to the Kingdom, was received by St Mary's Indian Orthodox Cathedral Vicar Rev Fr Varghese Yohannan Vattaparambil, Assistant Vicar Rev Fr M.B George and other church officials.



A.A. Bin Hindi, one of the most reputed trading houses in Bahrain, organised a breast cancer awareness event for their women employees in association with Bahrain Cancer Society at KIA Motors showroom in Mameer yesterday. The event had special lectures on prevention and treatment of cancer by Dr. Mariam Al Junaid, Consultant General Surgeon and Dr. Fadi Al Tawash, Chief Residence, Plastic Reconstructive Surgeon.



As part of Customer Service Week celebrations held at UAE Exchange branches, the first friendship pair was recognised and rewarded with gift coupons from Cozmo Travel at various branches of UAE Exchange.

## Reel Veil



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

### Today's questions

1. Guess the film
2. Name the actors
3. Why is the female lead going to Dublin?

Send your entries to [facebook@dt.bh](https://www.facebook.com/dt.bh) with your profile picture. If you are the first to come up with the right answers, your picture will appear in these columns.

### You got it right!



Film- Bruce Almighty  
Actors- Jim Carrey, Morgan Freeman  
Profession of the male lead- Television field reporter

Lia George

## CAP THE SNAP

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

Send entries to: [facebook@dt.bh](https://www.facebook.com/dt.bh) with subject as 'Caption Contest'



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



I am gonna win this game!!!

Paul Thomas

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

What if Oxygen went on a date with Potassium?  
It's OK



Husband came home drunk.  
To avoid wife's scolding, he took a laptop and started working.



Wife: Did you drink?  
Husband: No  
Wife: Then why are you typing on suitcase?



## YOUR STAR TODAY



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

Love takes on an idealized and fairy-tale aura today, as you and a current or potential partner spend time together alone, talking, or perhaps just enjoying being together. The affection, and high regard you have for each other are readily apparent to everyone. The really nice thing about it is that they're likely to last.



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

A meditation circle or other group activity devoted to spiritual pursuits could be on your agenda for today. It's important that you attend, as you need a little peace and quiet, as well as the support from others in the group. The affection you all feel for each other permeates the entire evening.



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

Career and financial successes might finally come your way after months. The emotional support you receive today from those who have been working with you can be very gratifying, and is likely to last for a long time. If you like what you're doing at this time, chances are you'll be doing it for a while.



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

A complex creative project might require some in-depth research today and therefore you could well spend much of the day on the Internet or buried in the stacks of the local library. This is apt to be a subject you love, so you won't mind the time you're putting in.



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

Financial growth contributes to an increased sense of self-worth - especially since your current situation should continue for a while. An intense and extremely emotional dream may come your way, perhaps involving a long-term love interest with whom your relationship is fast approaching the do-or-die stage.



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

Romance blossoms for you today and commitment or marriage may be just over the horizon. You and your beloved may have reached a new understanding of each other that has bonded you more tightly than before. Don't feel silly if you spend the entire day together walking around in a romantic haze.



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

Service to others might take up a large part of your day, perhaps on an artistic level, or maybe in the form of sharing psychic or healing energy. Don't think your efforts are going unappreciated. Those you're assisting may be rather reticent about it, but you can be sure that your efforts aren't lost on them.



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

The keywords for today are "romance" and "creativity". Romance is enhanced by a heightened passion generated by a gratifying love relationship that will probably last for a long time. This very same relationship could give rise to artistic inspiration that can produce works of a quality that surprises even you.



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

Has a new housemate recently moved in? If so, you can expect this person to live with you for a while. This is good, because your new housemate is likely to be very loving, supportive and more than likely to bear his or her share of the household responsibilities. Enjoy!



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

A love letter, or perhaps a poem or other artistic work dedicated to you, could virtually make your day. A warm feeling of being cherished and adored could stay with you throughout the day as a result. Hang onto this rosy glow when things get rocky, especially on the job! Enjoy your day.



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

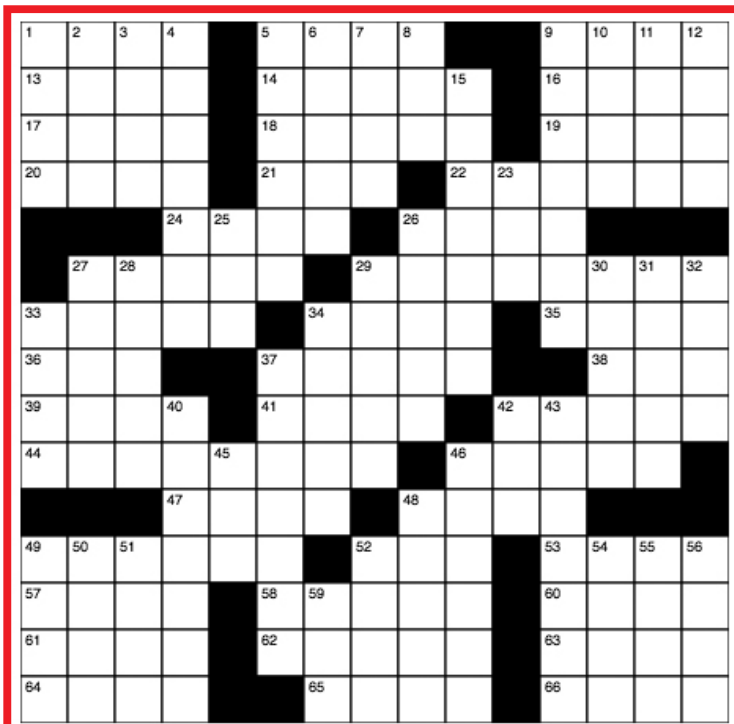
A love relationship that's been around for a long time could be enhanced today by an increased level of sensuality. Intense emotion could pervade your entire being, making it difficult to concentrate on much else. You'll probably spend the entire day looking forward to the moment when you can be alone with your beloved.



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

Artistic activities, or those involving healing are enhanced today by intense feeling. Whatever you try today is going to be more a part of your very being that it would be at other times. Love, art, psychic or spiritual activities - all should take on a new meaning for you at this time, and this condition is likely to last for a long time.

# CROSSWORD



## Across

1- Beginning on; 5- Against; 9- Hold on!; 13- Look \_\_\_ hands!; 14- Electron tube; 16- Not fooled by; 17- Asian river; 18- Bitter; 19- Tatum's dad; 20- Cong. meeting; 21- Architect I.M.; 22- Naked-faced Amazon monkey; 24- \_\_\_'acte; 26- Skin eruption; 27- Water lily; 29- Staircase; 33- On the up and up; 34- Sulk; 35- Slammin' Sammy; 36- Invoice abbr.; 37- Military chaplain; 38- Nasser's org.; 39- Cambodian currency; 41- Strong \_\_\_ ox; 42- Russian revolutionary leader; 44- Tries; 46- Abbreviated time off; 47- Richard of "Chicago"; 48- Fix up; 49- Two-piece bathing suit; 52- Driving aid; 53- Light air; 57- Riyadh resident; 58- Retains; 60- Comics canine; 61- Small brook; 62- Up \_\_\_ (trapped); 63- Precious stones; 64- Words of comprehension; 65- Has a bug; 66- Cravings;

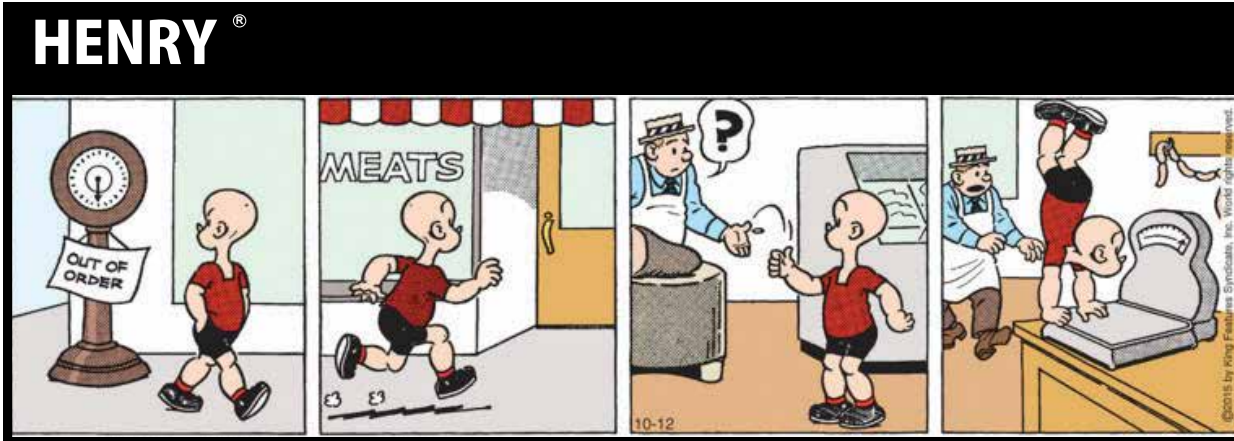
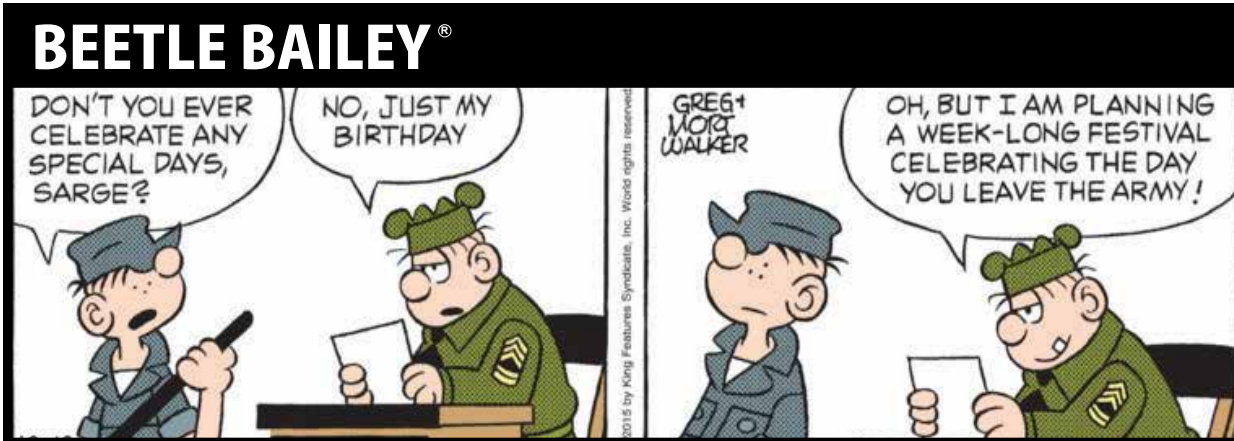
## Down

1- Latin lesson word; 2- Identical; 3- Blame; 4- Norse god; 5- Goes with the flow; 6- More pleasant; 7- Actress Spelling; 8- Despot Amin; 9- Workpeople; 10- Novelist Seton; 11- \_\_\_ - Tass (Russian news agency); 12- Singer Braxton; 15- Send to school; 23- Tropical cuckoo bird; 25- Crackpot; 26- Take \_\_\_ for the worse; 27- Boundary; 28- Eight singers; 29- Fountain treats; 30- Injury; 31- Light \_\_\_; 32- Aggregate of fibers; 33- Zhivago's love; 34- Stickum; 37- Red powdery condiment; 40- Readable; 42- Boy; 43- Science of winemaking; 45- More than one male; 46- \_\_\_ Pieces; 48- Drive back; 49- Adriatic port; 50- Coloured part of the eye; 51- Cabbagelike plant; 52- Actress Hatcher; 54- \_\_\_ fixe; 55- Describe; 56- Mrs. Dick Tracy; 59- Sorority letter;

## Yesterday's solution



## LIFE IS LIKE THAT ONLY



## SUDOKU

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### How to play:

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

## Yesterday's solution

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# OUT & ABOUT

## How to reach us

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

### YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND TRAINING WORKSHOP

**Date:** 14 to 16 October  
**Venue:** BKS premises

The Youth Empowerment and Training workshop led by Dr. T.P. Sasikumar, the renowned motivational speaker and youth trainer on October 14, 15 & 16 at BKS premises targets to benefit children between the ages of 12 and 17 to participate and learn LIFE Skill / SOFT Skill through interactive and activity based community Group Learning. The workshop would attract the cream of talented students from leading schools in Bahrain.

### U.S. EDUCATIONAL GROUP UNIVERSITY FAIR

**Date:** 15 October, 6pm to 9pm  
**Venue:** Sheraton Bahrain Hotel

The Admissions Office at Woodbury University in Burbank-Los Angeles, California cordially invites all international undergraduate and graduate students in Bahrain to attend one of the following admission events and learn about Woodbury's unique academic Bachelor and Master's level programs. Parents, guidance counsellors, government officials and educational consultants are also welcome to attend.

### OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING- CLUB XS

**Date:** Thursday, 15 October at 9pm  
**Venue:** Ramee Rose Hotel

Bahrain's Newest Nightlife Destination opens with a bang, featuring Jackson and warm up set by DJ Rodney James (London), offering unparalleled music extravaganza and entertainment.



### BARBARA & FAIRUZ - BY DORSAF HAMDANI

**Date:** 15 October, 8pm  
**Venue:** Cultural Hall

A meeting of contrasting yet similar worlds; a conversation between enduring classics by two legends who never met, French singer Barbara and Lebanese diva Fairuz, stunningly rendered by renowned Tunisian singer Dorsaf Hamdani and French composer and musician Daniel Mille.

## MARK YOUR Calendar



### POPPY BALL

**Date:** 6 November from 7pm  
**Venue:** Crown Plaza Hotel, Bahrain

The BBBF, in conjunction with the BBA, presents its annual Poppy Ball at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bahrain on Friday 6 November 2015 from 7pm till late in the night, in aid of charities: The Chelsea Pensioners & Poppy Scotland Appeal, The Mother and Child Welfare - Bahrain.

### RITZ CARLTON HOTEL & SPA 1ST BEACH PARTY

**Date:** Thursday, October 15  
**Venue:** Ritz Carlton

Remove your shoes, feel the sand and relax at Ritz Carlton Hotel & Spa 1st Beach Party. You will enjoy specially crafted pink drinks and scrumptious buffet as you dance to the beats of the DJ's latest tunes. You will also have the chance to take away some of Ritz Carlton's creations and help raise funds for Think Pink Bahrain.

### CLUB XS NON-STOP MUSIC

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

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

### AROMATHERAPY- INSPIRED JAZZ AND BARBECUE NIGHT

**Date:** Every Friday  
**Venue:** Oasis Pool area

Jazz and Barbecue night is being re-launched. Great food, sensational Jazz and relaxing atmosphere every Friday night with Frankie and the band featuring Christine.

### MEMBERS' PINK BEACH PARTY

**Date:** 15 October at 8pm  
**Venue:** Ritz Carlton Hotel & Spa

Get ready for a night in the sand in honour of breast cancer awareness month. Dance to the beats of our guest DJ and enjoy a delicious buffet spread and selected beverages.

Price: BHD20 net per person for Royal Sporting Club members and hotel guests; BHD25 net for non-members

Dress code: Touch of Pink

### CANADIAN THANKSGIVING BRUNCH 2015

**Date:** 16 October, 1pm  
**Venue:** Rugby Club, Manos Restaurant

Bring your family along and enjoy a traditional turkey dinner to celebrate Thanksgiving. After lunch sit back and relax by the pool and enjoy the wonderful family atmosphere at the Bahrain Rugby Football Club. A great way to spend a Friday, meeting new friends and catching up with some old ones!

### SUPERSTAR UNK LIVE IN BAHRAIN

**Date:** 16 October 2015  
**Venue:** Dublin Club, Ramee International Hotel

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**Date:** 16 October, 7.10pm  
**Venue:** Zoe Rooftop

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### THINK PINK- CHARITY NET BALL TOURNAMENT

**Date:** 16 October, 10am to noon  
**Venue:** Rugby Club

Bahrain Rugby Club Junior Netball Players are holding a charity netball tournament in aid of Think Pink on Friday 16th October at 10am to noon at the Rugby Club. Year groups 3&4, 5&6, 7,8 &9. Fantastic raffle prizes to be won. Proceeds go to Think Pink.

### MAGICAL OSTRICH SHADOW PUPPET SHOW & WORKSHOP

**Date:** 17 October, 11am to 12.30pm  
**Venue:** Bahrain National Museum

The event which is open to 3-8 year old children will consist of a shadow puppet show based on the Arabic children's book The Magical Ostrich, followed by a workshop on shadow puppetry. Each child will prepare their own shadow puppet theatre, colour their own puppets, and learn how to conduct their own miniature show!

### INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON WEB OF THINGS AND BIG DATA

**Date:** 18 to 20 October 2015  
**Venue:** University of Bahrain

The International Symposium On Web Of Things And Big Data, organized by the George Washington University will take place from 18th October to the 20th October 2015 at the University of Bahrain in Manama, Bahrain. The conference will cover areas like Embedded Web Resources Mobile Internet of Things Data Mining Cloud computing Cloud infrastructure for mobile application development Internet of Things device or circuit design.

### THE 24TH BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Date:** 19 October 2015  
**Venue:** Bahrain National Theatre & Cultural Hall

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

### IGN CONVENTION BAHRAIN 2015

**Date:** 24-25 October  
**Venue:** Gate 255, Gulf of Bahrain Avenue, Umm Jidar 1062, Sakhir

IGN Anime and Gaming Convention is Bahrain's largest pop culture event. The online media and services company 'IGN Entertainment' in association with Bahraini company Tarteeb is organizing the event. American semi-retired professional wrestler and promoter Booker T is the main celebrity attraction to the event.

### LIVE IMPROV MUSIC AND DJ SET

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

**Venue:** Meisei Restaurant

Rosie Langley is a classically trained Violinist with a reputation for invigorating performances around the world; with a great passion for improvisation, her musical styles span from folk and country all the way to contemporary and rock.

Rosie will be improvising alongside our resident DJ on the 29th October, offering a unique and rich sound for your Halloween evening.

## TODAY'S EVENT

### "BOOSTING YOUR SELF ESTEEM" - SEMINAR

**Date:** Today, 7pm to 9pm

**Venue:** Bahrain Meditation centre

Prakash Chugani, Executive Coach, Self Development Trainer & Business Consultant

holds a seminar on 'Boosting your self esteem' today from 7pm to 9pm at the Bahrain Meditation Centre. Translation to Arabic language will be available.



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## CHEF CORNER

### ROASTED EGGPLANTS WITH GARLIC AND TAHINI



#### INGREDIENTS

1. 3-5 medium eggplants (3 lbs)
2. 5 table spoons Tahini paste
3. Juice from 1 freshly squeezed lemon
4. 3 garlic cloves, crushed
5. 1 table spoon white vinegar
6. 1 teaspoon salt (or to taste)

#### PREPARATION

1. Roast the eggplants in the oven on medium heat, or on a BBQ grill for about 30 minutes.
2. While eggplants are still hot (not too hot so you don't burn your hands), peel them and discard as much as possible of their seeds.
3. Strain the water from the eggplants by placing them on a colander for about 10 minutes. This step is important so you don't get a liquid Baba Ghannouj.
4. Add eggplants and all ingredients in a food processor and let run for 2-3 minutes until you get a paste.
5. Place Baba Ghanouj paste into a serving plate, garnish with any/all of the following: olive oil, chopped parsley, sumac spice or chili powder, salted pickles...etc
6. Serve cold as an appetizer, with a side of Pita bread.

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If you're my age and you've been working for a long time you know this is a possibility. But you also know there are a huge number of people out there who deserve this  
-Angus Deaton, Nobel Prize winner for Economics



The diplomacy of the entire West -- but also of the Arab states, Russia and regional powers -- has so far been unsuccessful in Syria

-German Chancellor Angela Merkel

■ Agreement with globally renowned firm for primary infrastructural designing

## Diyar Al Muharraq inks pact with AECOM firm

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Manama

**D**iyar Al Muharraq, one of the leading urban developers in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has signed an agreement with integrated infrastructure services firm AECOM for the comprehensive primary designing of every aspect of infrastructure within the master-planned development.

The agreement was signed by the CEO of Diyar Al Muharraq, Dr. Maher Al Shaer and the Regional Chief Operating Officer of AECOM, Hamed Zaghw in the presence of AECOM Country Manager Craig Thackray and other officials in Diyar Al Muharraq's headquarters at the Bahrain World Trade Centre.



Officials during the signing of agreement between the two companies

As per the agreement, AECOM will provide primary design and construction supervision for all the infrastructural components of Diyar Al Muharraq. This includes roads, grade

separation, landscaping, environmental impact assessment, all transportation and logistics requirements and utilities.

Calling it as a historical moment, CEO of Diyar Al

Muharraq Dr. Maher Al Shaer, said: "Partnering with such an internationally renowned organisation in our enormous projects will raise the standards of the amenities that we are set to offer. It will also serve

well for us to deliver within the various, specific targeted dates of completion of our all-inclusive offering."

"With AECOM being one of our oldest partners and having proven their high degree of expertise in areas such as master planning, marine and reclamation design, site supervision and environmental services since 2006, we are confident of their capability and guaranteed success," he added.

CEO of AECOM in the Middle East and India David Barwell remarked: "Diyar Al Muharraq is set to substantially contribute to the nation's economy and also strengthen its position as a hub for international trade in the region."

## Wagamama opened in City Centre

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**P**opular Asian restaurant brand Wagamama has opened in City Centre Bahrain. The restaurant will serve freshly cooked Japanese-inspired dishes in Wagamama's unique and atmospheric setting.

The British-headquartered restaurant chain is located on level 2 near the cinema in the City Centre mall. The new and classic dishes include Wagamama's famed ramen, fragrant soup filled with noodles plus meat or vegetables. Spice enthusiasts can enjoy the much-loved prawn firecracker and the tofu chilli salad offers vegetarians a fresh and crunchy treat. The restaurant will be opened on weekdays from 11am to 11pm and weekends from 11am to 12am.

**Eatery is located on level 2 near the cinema in the City Centre mall**

Exclusive packages for BCCI members announced

Manama

Subsequent to the cooperation agreement between Batelco and the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), the Enterprise Initiative Centre of the Chamber announced offers of exclusive telecommunication services and solutions' packages to BCCI members and employees. The packages range from basic to advanced to professional so as to meet the various needs of the members.

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**A**l Safar Group announced that Jay Bhagawati has joined the Group as the new General Manager of InfoTouch, a subsidiary company that specialises in marketing, media, advertising and publishing.

This comes in line with the Group's strategy that focuses on improving its capabilities and developing its businesses by attracting new expertise and investing in human resource



Adel Safar capital. Prior to joining Al Safar Group, Bhagawati was a



New appointment comes in line with the Group's strategy Senior Account Director and New Business Manager at Gulf Marcom, formerly Saatchi & Saatchi.

Adel Safar, the Chairman of Al Safar Group said: "We are very confident that Bhagawati will play an important role in leading InfoTouch towards success through developing its businesses and implementing new strategies."

Ahmed Khalfan, Group CEO said: "InfoTouch has an extensive experience in print, outdoor, television advertising industry coupled with outstanding events management expertise."

## Bapco takes part in Kuwait Oil and Gas Show 2015



Officials at the event in Kuwait

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Manama

**T**he Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco) is participating in the ongoing Kuwait Oil and Gas Show (KOGS) 2015 in Kuwait.

The event, being held from October 11 to 14, is held under the patronage of Shaikh Jaber

Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah, the Prime Minister of Kuwait.

The event is attended by a large number of senior officials, dignitaries and experts of oil and gas sector.

Participants include many international delegations from various oil companies

from around the world. The exhibition was opened by Dr. Ali Saleh Al Ameer, Minister of Petroleum and Minister of State for Umma Council Affairs of Kuwait. Bapco has participated in the joint stand of the National Oil and Gas Authority (NOGA) reviewing the latest projects

and initiatives of the company. Ali Yacoub Al Meftah, Bapco's Manager - Public Relations Department, said "The Bapco stand is a good opportunity for visitors to learn more about the company's latest projects and initiatives aimed at developing this vital industry."

# Dell to acquire data storage firm EMC for \$67bn

New York

**C**omputer maker Dell is to buy data storage company EMC Corp, it announced yesterday, in a \$67 billion record technology deal that will unite two mature companies and create an enterprise tech powerhouse.

The acquisition will help

privately held Dell diversify away from the stagnant personal-computer market and give it greater scale in the faster-growing and more lucrative market for managing and storing data for enterprises.

"Dell wants to become the old IBM, a one-stop shop

for corporate clients. That model fell apart a couple of decades ago. Reviving it would be a stunning coup for Dell," said Erik Gordon, clinical assistant professor at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business.

The deal values EMC at \$33.15 a share. Dell will pay

\$24.05 per share in cash and will also give EMC shareholders a special stock that tracks the share price in virtual software provider VMware.

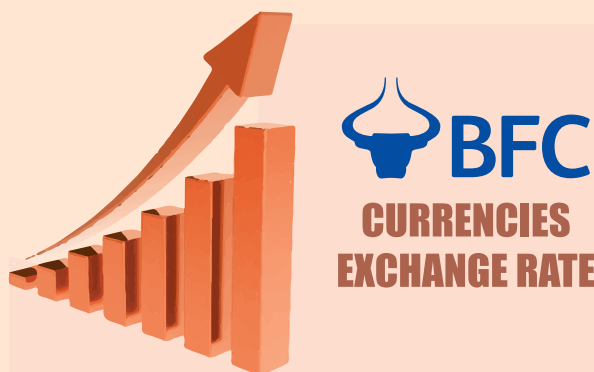
EMC shares rose 3.9 per cent to \$29.08 in premarket trading. "We're creating an unbelievable powerhouse



Michael Dell, told CNBC's "Squawk Box." Dell will lead the combined company as chairman and chief executive.

EMC's board has approved the merger and will recommend shareholders do so as well. (The Guardian)

of an enterprise company," the Dell chairman and CEO,



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UAE	3.6730	3.5224	3.8300	3.0866
SAUDI	3.7500	3.5963	3.9103	3.1513

## Hikes forecast for global demand to 92.86 mbpd

# Pressures on oil price easing: OPEC

Vienna

**M**arket pressures that slashed the price of oil to below \$50 per barrel appear to be easing, the OPEC oil cartel said yesterday, tweaking upwards its 2015 forecast for crude demand.

"Fundamentals factors (of supply and demand) that have weighed on the market for more than a year have persisted, but are starting to show signs of alleviation," the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said in its October monthly report.

It hiked its forecast for global demand for oil this year to 92.86 million barrels per day (mbpd), up from 92.79 mbpd previously, rising to 94.11 mbpd in 2016, down 40,000 barrels per day from its last projection.

OPEC also cut its forecast

for oil production by non-members of the group, notably in the Americas, to 57.24 mbpd from 57.43 mbpd, predicting that it will dip to 57.11 mbpd next year.

This is partly a result of OPEC's strategy -- driven by Saudi Arabia -- of keeping

production levels unchanged, despite the lower oil price, in order to preserve market share and make life difficult for US shale oil producers.

"While the increase in non-OPEC supply last year was more than twice that of global oil demand growth,

this relationship is expected to flip this year before widening further in 2016 so that world oil demand growth exceeds the change in non-OPEC supply," OPEC said. "This should reduce the excess supply in the market and lead to higher demand for OPEC crude."

Oil rose above \$50 a barrel in New York on October 8, extending a rally since hitting six-year lows in late August.

On Monday, both main contracts held close to that level, boosted by a weaker dollar and expectations that a rise in demand will ease a global supply glut.

Comments by OPEC secretary general Abdullah El-Badri at the weekend that the cartel sees a "more balanced" oil market next year also helped. (AFP)



Pump jacks and wells at an oil field near McKittrick, Calif in US

## Oil prices to rise on high growth: Kuwait

Kuwait City

**O**il prices are likely to rise early next year amid signs of a decline in production of high-cost crude and improved economic growth, Kuwait's Oil Minister Ali Al Omair said yesterday.

"There are signs that much of the high-cost oil has started to exit the market and this will help improve prices," Omair told reporters on the sidelines of the Kuwait Oil and Gas Conference.

There are indications that global economic growth will improve early in 2016, and this will also help boost oil prices, he



Ali Al Omair

said. His statements come amid a string of optimistic forecasts by the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

OPEC secretary general Abdullah El Badri said in Kuwait Sunday that "OPEC

is confident that it will see a more balanced market in 2016".

He also said production from outside OPEC was declining and could contract next year, reducing much of the global market glut that has depressed prices.

Qatar's Energy Minister Mohammed bin Saleh Al Sada, who is acting OPEC president, also said on Sunday there were signs of an oil price rise next year, adding that the oil price has "bottomed out".

OPEC and non-OPEC producers are holding a technical meeting on October 21 to discuss the possibility of

cutting production to boost prices.

But Omair said that so far no specific recommendations have been made ahead of OPEC's December 4 ministerial meeting.

At its past two meetings, last November and June this year, OPEC maintained its production at 30 million barrels a day, Omair said.

"As of now, there have been no calls for a big change to OPEC policy" at the next meeting, he added.

Oil prices climbed in Asia yesterday, boosted by a weaker dollar and expectations that a rise in demand will ease a global supply glut.



# Cyber insurance premiums rocket



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Washington

A rash of hacking attacks on US companies over the past two years has prompted insurers to massively increase cyber premiums for some companies, leaving firms that are perceived to be a high risk scrambling for cover.

On top of rate hikes, insurers are raising deductibles and in some cases limiting the amount of coverage to \$100 million, leaving many potentially exposed to big losses from hacks that can cost more than twice that. "Some companies

are struggling to find the money to buy the coverage they want," said Tom Reagan, a cyber insurance executive with Marsh & McLennan Co's (MMC.N) Marsh broker unit.

The price of cyber coverage - which helps cover costs like forensic investigations, credit monitoring, legal fees and settlements - varies widely, depending on the strength of a company's security. But the overall trend is sharply up.

Retailers and health insurers have been especially hard hit by

the squeeze after high-profile breaches at Home Depot Inc (HD.N), Target Corp (TGT.N), Anthem Inc (ANTM.N) and Premera Blue Cross.

Health insurers who suffered hacks are facing the most extreme increases, with some premiums tripling at renewal time, said Bob Wice, a leader of Beazley Plc's (BEZG.L) cyber insurance practice.

Average rates for retailers surged 32 per cent in the first half of this year, after staying flat in 2014, according to previously unreported figures

from Marsh. The spate of hacks is potentially good and bad for insurers.

It means they have to pay out more in claims, but it also highlights the importance of buying insurance and gives them a reason to jack rates up.

As more companies realize the importance of having coverage, and insurers move in to meet that demand, the cyber insurance market is set to triple to about \$7.5 billion over the next five years, according to a recent study by consulting firm PwC. (Reuters)

Russian firm receives prepayment of \$234 million from Kiev

## Gazprom resumes supplies to Ukraine

Moscow

Gazprom yesterday resumed gas supplies to Ukraine after receiving prepayment of \$234 million from Kiev, assuaging European fears about a new energy crisis ahead of the winter heating season.

The resumption of gas supplies comes as fighting in

the east has largely died down, fuelling hopes that the conflict that has claimed more than 8,000 lives can be resolved.

"Gazprom began supplying gas to Ukraine at 10:00am (0700 GMT) today," Gazprom chief Alexei Miller said in a statement.

Moscow received \$234 million of the \$500m expected

from Kiev, Miller said, adding that Ukraine had requested the delivery of 114m cubic meters per day, the maximum volume of gas that could be delivered by Gazprom.

Ukraine's state gas pipeline operator Ukrtransgas declined to immediately comment yesterday but the firm said last week that Kiev was ready

**The resumption of gas supplies comes as fighting in the east has largely died down**

to purchase two billion cubic meters of natural gas from Russia in October.

Moscow late last month agreed to resume gas supplies to Ukraine after reportedly offering Kiev a rebate, ending months of talks overshadowed by the crisis in eastern Ukraine and fears for Europe's energy security.

Russian energy minister had said that the price offered was competitive with those for the gas supplied to countries neighbouring Ukraine.

The resumption of deliveries could help Kiev accumulate 17 billion cubic meters of natural gas by Oct.21, the "absolute minimum for the security of gas transit to Europe," said analysts from VTB Capital bank. (AFP)



Representative picture

## Citi official at SCW conference

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Manama

The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), in cooperation with the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), yesterday announced industry veteran Dr. Mahnaz Safa as a speaker for the upcoming "Women in the Financial and Banking Sector Conference" to be held on November 30 at Four Seasons Hotel, Bahrain Bay under the patronage of HRH Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and Supreme Council for Women Chairwoman.

Dr. Safa is a senior London-



Dr. Mahnaz Safa

based banker with more than two decades of top tier global banking experience. She is currently a Managing Director at Citigroup where she advises the bank's investment banking clients on corporate finance.

## New GM for @bahrain

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Manama

Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat) announced the appointment of Benjo Vanlaarhoven as General Manager for @bahrain.



Benjo Vanlaarhoven

@bahrain, the first destination management company in the Kingdom, will be focusing on incoming holiday packages, excursion in the Kingdom and MICE (Meetings, Incentives Conferences and Events).

Benjo has over 20 years of experience in the travel industry. Prior to joining @bahrain, he held different managerial positions globally and in the region within the fields of corporate travel, leisure travel, and MICE travel (Meeting Incentives, Conferences, and Events).

## Fit to buy Aster DM Healthcare buys Saudi's Sanad hospital

Mumbai

In one of the largest healthcare deals in West Asia, Dubai-based Indian billionaire Dr Azad Moopen has acquired majority stake in Sanad hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for Rs1,600 crore. Aster DM Healthcare,

Moopen's company, bought the additional 57 per cent from a Saudi partner to up total stake to 97pc. In December 2011, the company had acquired 40pc in the hospital.

The deal closed after the necessary clearances from Saudi Arabian General

Investment Authority (SAGIA), the body that takes foreign investment related decisions in the kingdom, came through in September.

"The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia allows 100pc foreign investment in hospitals, provided a player can prove

that he will bring in capital and expertise. That offered a perfect opportunity for us to enter a big market where two-third of the nearly 30 million population is local, unlike other Gulf countries where expats form a bulk of the population," said Moopen. With the latest

acquisition, Rs 4,200-crore Aster's footprint in West Asia now extends to all six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and Jordan. The healthcare company has five green field projects underway in GCC countries. (ToI)



A view of Sanad Hospital

## Violence continues

## Israel 'wants third intifada'

## Jerusalem

**P**alestinian foreign minister Riad Al Malki yesterday accused Israel of seeking to spark "a third intifada", as violence again flared in Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

"(Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin) Netanyahu wants to instigate a third intifada. He wants to avoid problems that he is facing in the political and diplomatic arena, where he has failed miserably," Malki said in Vienna.

Malki said Netanyahu had committed a "grave mistake" by "violating the status quo" of East Jerusalem's Al Aqsa compound, one of Islam's holiest sites and the holiest site in Judaism.

The site has been a flashpoint in the conflict and the scene

of frequent clashes between police and Palestinian youths. "Netanyahu is widening the scope of the conflict from a political one with the Palestinians - which always has a possibility of finding a political solution - to an unlimited war with Muslims around the world," Malki warned.

Calling on Israel to act "according to international law", he said there was nevertheless still "a possibility to contain" the crisis.

The renewed violence, involving 18 stabbings of Israelis by Palestinians, an Israeli air strike on Gaza and deadly clashes, has prompted international diplomatic efforts to defuse the tensions. The crisis began on October 1, when an

alleged Hamas cell shot dead a Jewish settler couple in the West Bank in front of their children. It followed repeated clashes at the Al Aqsa compound in September between Israeli security forces and Palestinian youths.

Malki made the comments ahead of a ceremony for the raising of the Palestinian flag at

the United Nations office in the Austrian capital after the flag was raised at UN headquarters in New York on October 1.

The General Assembly voted September 10 to allow the flags of Palestine and the Vatican -- both have observer status -- to be raised at the world body alongside those of member states. Meanwhile, three new

stabbings in Jerusalem and a car attack spread fear among Israelis yesterday. In yesterday's first stabbing, an 18-year-old Palestinian identified as Mustafa

dead by other officers. Later in the day, a female attacker stabbed an Israeli policeman near the force's headquarters in Jerusalem and was shot and

## YouTube takes down inciting videos: Israel

## Jerusalem

**I**srael said yesterday that YouTube had taken down Palestinian videos that the Jewish state considered to be "inciting murder" at a time of increasingly deadly unrest.

Videos of Palestinians stabbing Israelis or calling for such attacks as well as footage of rioters throwing stones at Israeli soldiers

have been shared on the Internet. Others showing Israeli officers shoot dead alleged attackers have also helped galvanise Palestinian youths, with violence since the start of the month leading to warnings of the risk of a full-scale uprising, or third intifada. It was unclear which videos Israel requested be removed or how many.



Palestinian protestors stand behind burning tires as they clash with Israeli security forces at the Hawara checkpoint, south of the West Bank city of Nablus

Al Khatib attacked a policeman with a knife at an entrance to Jerusalem's Old City and was shot dead by security forces.

The police officer's protective vest stopped the knife and he was unharmed. The attacker, from east Jerusalem, was shot

wounded by the victim, police said. In the third attack, two "terrorists" stabbed two Israelis in the east Jerusalem settlement of Pisgat Zeev, with one attacker -- reported to be 16 years old -- killed and the other shot and seriously wounded.

**Malki said Netanyahu had committed a "grave mistake" by "violating the status quo" of East Jerusalem's Al Aqsa compound**



A woman looks at pictures of victims displayed with flowers at the Bali bombing memorial on the 13th anniversary of the 2002 blasts that hit the Kuta district near Denpasar on Indonesia's resort island of Bali yesterday. The 2002 blasts tore apart a busy night club strip on the resort island of Bali killing 202 people

## Egyptian court orders release of Hosni Mubarak's two sons



Alaa (R) and Gamal Mubarak, sons of ousted Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak, standing inside a cage in a courtroom during their verdict hearing in Cairo (File photo)

## Cairo

**A**n Egyptian court yesterday ordered the release of ousted president Hosni Mubarak's two sons who were sentenced to three years in jail for corruption, a judicial official and their lawyer said.

The court ordered Alaa and Gamal Mubarak to be released after having taken into account time served since their arrest in 2011, the judicial official and defence lawyer Farid Al Deeb said.

"Yes, the court has ordered their release," Deeb said.

He insisted that Alaa and Gamal - seen as symbols of corruption under their father's three-decade rule - have served their time in prison and should be allowed to go free.

A security official said the brothers could be freed as early as "today (Monday) or tomorrow", depending on how quickly their release is processed.

Mubarak and his two sons were all arrested in 2011, months after the former strongman was toppled in a popular 18-day uprising.

## Picture-perfect

## Taliban releases rare new picture of Mullah Omar

## Islamabad

**T**he Afghan Taliban have released a striking new picture of late founder Mullah Omar from his days as a religious student, the only known image of the reclusive leader before he lost his right eye in battle.

The picture, taken in 1978, was first posted on the Taliban's official site (<http://shahamat-english.com/omar-iii-from-the-slum-to-emirate>).

A clearer scanned copy

obtained by AFP yesterday shows a youthful, thickly-bearded Omar wearing a green turban and a waistcoat over his traditional Afghan tunic, as he stares directly into the camera.

A senior Taliban official who sent the picture said it was originally a black-and-white image that was later colourised.

The life and death of Omar remain shrouded in mystery and the new image may be one of only two verified

**"The picture was taken while Mullah Omar was a student at a madrassa in Kandahar"**

photographs. "The picture was taken while Mullah Omar was a student at a madrassa in Kandahar," the official

said. According to an official biography he was born around 1960 to a humble family in the southern Afghan province of Kandahar.

He fought with the Afghan mujahideen against the occupying Soviet army in the 1980s and lost his right eye in battle, possibly to exploding shrapnel.

Taliban legend has it that he cut out the wounded eye himself, while more prosaic accounts say he was treated at



Late Afghan Taliban leader Mullah Omar

a hospital in Pakistan. After the Soviets pulled out in 1989 he returned to his native area as a prayer leader and teacher, attracting a band of students, which later became the Taliban.

Under Omar's leadership they took power in Kabul in 1996 but were toppled by a US-led invasion in 2001.

His death in 2013, reportedly due to illness, was covered up by the insurgents until July this year.

# 'Saudi plans tripling of Umrah visas'

Riyadh

Saudi Arabia is planning to triple the number of visas it issues for the umrah pilgrimage, newspapers reported yesterday, more than two weeks after a deadly Hajj stampede.

The Saudi Gazette and Okaz newspapers quoted Hajj Minister Bandar Al Hajjar as saying that as many as 1.25 million pilgrims are expected to arrive each month starting next year.

That compares with 400,000 a month now, the reports said.

The new system would allow full use of massive expansion projects at the kingdom's Holy sites, Hajjar was quoted as saying.

Umrah is a lesser pilgrimage carried out any time during the year.

The major Hajj pilgrimage, which all Muslims with the means are expected to complete at least once in their lives, this year, drew about two million faithful.

The number had declined, particularly because of a multi-

billion-dollar expansion, the Grand Mosque in Mecca, Islam's holiest site.

## King rejects questioning of Saudi role as Hajj organiser

Riyadh

King Salman yesterday rejected any suggestions that Saudi Arabia should give up its role as the organiser of the Hajj following last month's deadly stampede in Mina. "The

irresponsible statements aiming for political exploitation of the incident... shall not affect the role of Saudi Arabia, its duty and responsibilities in serving the guests of God," said the Saudi monarch.



Thousands of Muslims gather at the Grand Mosque in Mecca (File photo)

## Ankara bombings

# 'IS' prime suspect in deadliest attack: PM

Ankara

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu yesterday said the Islamic State (IS) extremist group was the prime suspect in the double suicide bombings in Ankara that killed 97 and sparked anger over the authorities' failure to ensure security.

In his first interview since Turkey was scarred on Saturday by its deadliest ever attack, Davutoglu insisted that snap elections would go ahead as planned on November 1 despite the bloodshed.

The attack on a peace rally of leftist, labour and Kurdish activists ratcheted up tensions to new heights in Turkey as the government wages a relentless campaign against Kurdish militants and grapples with the presence of IS jihadists just inside the border with Syria.

"Looking at how the incident took place, we are probing Daesh as our first priority,"

Davutoglu told NTV television, using an alternative Arabic acronym for IS. He said that



Relatives mourn near the grave of a victim of the twin bombings in Ankara, during the funeral in Istanbul

the attacks were carried out by two suicide bombers.

"We are close to a name (for one bomber). That name points to an organisation," he said. Davutoglu however remained cautious, saying that authorities

were investigating three groups including Islamic State but also the outlawed Kurdistan

Workers' Party (PKK) and the far-left Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front (DHKP-C) as "potential suspects." Meanwhile, Turkey's leading writer has warned the country could collapse into

sectarian conflict and blamed President Recep Tayyip Erdogan for the climate of insecurity brutally illustrated by Sunday's deadly attacks in Ankara. Orhan Pamuk, the 2006 winner of the Nobel prize

for literature, told Italian daily *La Repubblica* that Turkey's increasing instability was linked to Erdogan's Justice and Development Party's failure to retain a parliamentary majority in June.

## Germany's Angela Merkel to visit Turkey on Sunday

Berlin

Germany's Angela Merkel will visit Turkey on Sunday to discuss terrorism, the war in Syria and the refugee crisis, her spokesman said, after bombs killed 97 people in Ankara at the weekend.

The chancellor would meet President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu for talks on "the joint battle against terrorism, the situation

in Syria and managing the refugee crisis," said Steffen Seibert yesterday.

Merkel had reacted with "great dismay" to the double suicide bombing, the deadliest attack in modern Turkey's history, and had condemned it as "a particularly cowardly act aimed directly against civil rights, democracy and peace", Seibert said. She had sent a condolence letter to Davutoglu and telephoned Erdogan at the weekend.

## Zimbabwe clears Cecil the lion killer

Harare

Zimbabwe yesterday abandoned its bid to press charges against a US dentist who killed Cecil the lion, saying his papers "were in order" and that he did not know he was committing any offence.

The black-maned lion was shot dead with a powerful bow and arrow in July by US trophy hunter Walter Palmer in a hunt that provoked worldwide outrage.

Palmer paid \$55,000 (50,000 euros) to shoot the lion on an expedition led by professional Zimbabwean hunter Theo Bronkhorst.

The hunt provoked a storm of criticism after it emerged that Cecil was a well-known attraction among visitors to the Hwange National Park and was wearing a tracking collar as part of an Oxford University research project.

But a Zimbabwean government minister yesterday said they would not pursue any legal proceedings against Palmer.

Environment Minister Oppah Muchinguri told reporters Palmer's "papers were in order" when he came to Zimbabwe.

# Angus Deaton wins Nobel Prize in Economics

Stockholm

Angus Deaton of Britain and the United States won the Nobel Economics Prize yesterday for his work on consumption, poverty and welfare, the jury said.

"By emphasising the links between individual consumption decisions and outcomes for the whole economy, his work has helped transform modern microeconomics, macroeconomics and development economics," the

Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

"To design economic policy that promotes welfare and reduces poverty, we must first understand individual consumption choices. More than anyone else, Angus Deaton has enhanced this understanding," it said.

Deaton was honoured for three related achievements: for developing with his colleague John Muellbauer around 1980 a system for estimating the demand for different goods;



Angus Deaton

studies of the link between consumption and income that

he conducted around 1990; and the work he carried out in later decades on measuring living standards and poverty in developing countries with the help of household surveys.

His research has shown how the clever use of household data can shed light on issues such as the relationship between income and calorie intake, and the extent of gender discrimination with the family.

"Deaton's focus on household surveys has helped transform development

economics from a theoretical field based on aggregate data to an empirical field based on detailed individual data," the Academy said.

Speaking to reporters at the Nobel press conference by video link, Deaton said he believed poverty would continue to decline. "I do foresee a decrease. I think we've had a remarkable decrease for the past 20-30 years. I do expect that to continue," he said, noting however that there were still 700 million extremely poor people according to the

World Bank "so we are not out of the woods yet." Deaton said poverty reduction would for example resolve the current refugee crisis.

Deaton, 69, was born in Edinburgh and has been a professor of economics and international affairs at Princeton University in the United States since 1983.

He wins the prize sum of eight million Swedish kronor (about 860,000 euros, \$950,000).

The economics prize caps this year's Nobel season.

## #PollToday



Do you think schools in Bahrain have implemented enough security measures?

Yes  No  Can't Say

## Rest in sight

## Seven Indonesians on trial over alleged IS links

Seven Indonesian men went on trial yesterday accused of links to the Islamic State group, and could face the death penalty if found guilty of breaking anti-terror laws.

## Allies of China ex-security chief jailed for graft

Two former senior Chinese politicians were convicted of corruption and given lengthy prison terms yesterday, courts said, the latest figures to be jailed in President Xi Jinping's anti-graft campaign.

## Yemen PM, president in Saudi to discuss difference

Yemen's premier was in Riyadh yesterday to meet Yemeni President Abedrabbo Mansour Hadi and the Saudi-led coalition backing their administration as reports emerged of differences between them.



## Baghdadi wounded in raid: Iraq launches probe

Iraq's security services were attempting yesterday to confirm reports that Islamic State group leader Abu Bakr Al Baghdadi was wounded in an Iraqi strike on his convoy.

## Swedish University closed after anonymous threat

Sweden's second largest university said it would close all day on Monday following an anonymous threat that raised fears of a mass shooting.

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## EU demands immediate halt to Russia strikes

# Russia, unwelcome game-changer: EU



Syrian Americans and supporters of the Syrian people holding a protest demonstration in front of the Russian embassy in Washington

## Luxembourg

The EU demanded yesterday the "immediate" halt of Russian air strikes against moderate Syrian rebel groups and warned a lasting peace was impossible under Moscow-backed President Bashar Al Assad.

EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini called

Russia's military intervention in Syria an unwelcome "game-changer" that jeopardised peace efforts and risked clashes with western aircraft targeting Islamic State jihadists.

"The recent Russian military attacks that go beyond Daesh (IS) and other UN-designated terrorist

groups, as well as on the moderate opposition, are of deep concern and must cease immediately," the EU's 28 foreign ministers said in a statement.

"This military escalation risks prolonging the conflict, undermining a political process, aggravating the humanitarian situation and

## Russian police foil terror attack planned on Moscow

## Moscow

Russia's security services said yesterday it foiled a "terrorist attack" on Moscow's public transport system by a group of militants, some of whom were trained by Islamic State jihadists in Syria.

A statement by the federal security service (FSB) said they had detained a group of people

in Moscow and seized bomb-making materials they were planning to use in an attack on the capital's busy transport system.

"During questioning of two of the detained men, it became known that they were planning a terrorist attack on the Moscow public transit system," said the statement, which was carried by Russian news agencies.

## US-led coalition drops ammo to anti-IS Syrian rebels

## Washington

US-led coalition forces have parachuted ammunition to rebels fighting Islamic State jihadists in northern Syria, a US military spokesman said yesterday.

The move follows the Pentagon's announcement last week that it would pause a programme to train moderate rebels, and instead

focus efforts on equipping screened rebel leaders from groups fighting IS.

"The aircraft delivery included small arms ammunition to resupply counter-IS ground forces, so that they can continue the operations. Speaking on condition of anonymity, a US official said the drop included 50 tons of ammunition.



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increasing radicalisation," they said. EU leaders meet Thursday for a summit likely to be dominated by the Syrian conflict which has claimed some 250,000 lives and driven about 12 million people --

half the population -- to flee their homes.

Many of them have given up hope of an end to the war and have flooded into Europe seeking refuge, helping drive the worst migrant crisis since World War II.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Sunday Russia's military actions in Syria were meant to "stabilise the legitimate authorities and create conditions for finding a political compromise."

Russia, which insists its attacks on "terrorists" include IS targets, has important military facilities in Syria and has backed Assad and his father before him against all rivals for decades. (AFP)

## First 'in womb' stem cell trial to begin next year

## Paris

Foetuses burdened with a crippling form of brittle-bone disease will receive stem-cell treatment early next year in a pioneering trial, the lead researcher said yesterday.

Stem cells will be injected to help strengthen bones so frail they may break before birth, the researchers said. Stricken newborns will also be treated, and the results compared.

Children with severe forms of the condition, called osteogenesis imperfecta, suffer repeated fractures of bones throughout the skeleton, leading to painful disability

and, in some cases, death in early infancy.

Other symptoms include brittle and discoloured teeth, hearing loss and breathing difficulties due to malformed rib cages. There is no cure.

Genetic in origin, brittle-bone disease affects about one in 25,000 people of European descent.

The condition is caused by a defect in a gene that produces collagen, a fibre-like protein crucial for strengthening bone, much in the way steel rods reinforce concrete. The trials, coordinated by the Karolinska Institute in

Sweden where the stem-cell treatment was developed, will involve a group of 15 foetuses and another group of 15 newborns.

Each group will receive

injections of stem cells designed to boost collagen levels in growing bones.

Stem cells are blank-slate cells which, as they grow, differentiate into the various

specialised cells that make up the tissue of different organs -- the brain, the heart, the kidney, and so on.

The approach was already tested on a handful of young children suffering from brittle-bone disease, with encouraging results, said the Karolinska Institute's Cecilia Gotherstrom.

"We have treated two children prenatally. One child is now 13 and one was born last year," she said. A third infant, today six years old, was treated in collaboration with researchers in Singapore and Taiwan.



Picture for representation

## WEC Six Hours of Fuji

## Porsche celebrate fine start

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**P**orsche inched closer towards claiming this year's manufacturers' title in the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC), following an impressive one-two on Sunday at the FIA WEC Six Hours of Fuji in Japan.

The trio of Mark Webber, Brendon Hartley and Timo Bernhard steered their no. 17 Porsche 919 Hybrid to the victory to end an eventful and exciting race that marked the sixth of eight rounds in the WEC season.

Webber, Hartley and Bernhard clinched first place

ahead of Porsche teammates Romain Dumas, Marc Lieb and Neel Jani, who were runners up in their no. 18 Porsche 919 Hybrid. Both teams completed a total of 216 laps, but the winners were quicker by 14.306 seconds.

The Audi trio of Marcel Fassler, Andre Lotterer and Benoit Treluyer claimed the final podium step. Driving their Audi R18 e-tron Quattro, they finished third overall just one lap behind the top two.

Fellow Audi drivers Lucas di Grassi, Loic Duval and Oliver Jarvis were ranked fourth overall, two laps behind the victors. Defending



Action from the race

champions Toyota were fifth (Anthony Davidson, Sebastien Buemi, Kazuki Nakajima) two laps behind the winners and (Alexander Wurz, Stephane

Sarrazin, Mike Conway) in the other Toyota sixth and all top six were part of the LMP1 class.

Porsche (264) lead the

FIA World Endurance Manufacturers' Championship standings, Audi (211) remain second, Toyota (119) third with Nissan are in last place with zero markers.

A total of 31 cars took part in the Six Hours of Fuji, and they competed in the four different race classes.

Following Fuji, the next round of the FIA WEC takes place in China for the Six Hours of Shanghai on November 1. The WEC will then move on to the FIA WEC Six Hours of Bahrain weekend as the season-finale on November 20 and 21.

Meanwhile, tickets are on sale for Bahrain with children aged 15 years and under admitted free.

For more information on the Six Hours of Bahrain or other BIC activities, visit the circuit's official website on [www.bahraingp.com](http://www.bahraingp.com) or call +973-17-450000.

Other winner results: LMP2 class (Roman Rusinov, Julien Canal, Sam Bird, Ligier JS P2-Nissan). LMGTE Pro category (Gianmaria Bruni, Tony Vilander, Ferrari F458 Italia). LMGTE Am class (Patrick Dempsey, Patrick Long, Marco Seefried, Porsche 911 RSR).

## Lane wins Audi Quattro Cup qualifier

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**R**ob Lane (38 points) won the third round of the Audi Quattro qualifying series at the Royal Golf Club and now tops the series leader board with an overall total of 105 points.

Naeem Ullah Khan (36) clinched the runners up spot and Mohamed Al Sayed (35) was a close second runner up, while Todd Gillespie won the Nearest the Pin side contest on the seventh hole.

Over 50 competitors turned out for the tournament which was open to both members and visitors with valid handicap certificates. The Audi Quattro Cup Series will be played out over a total of nine rounds at the Royal Golf Club, with participants accumulating Stableford points over the series.

After the final round, the two players with the most Stableford points from 8 out of 9 rounds will be selected to represent Bahrain as one of the 60 teams competing in the World Finals.

More than 100,000 players annually compete in 750 tournaments in 54 countries annually and the Audi Quattro has developed into the biggest worldwide amateur golf tournament series. Registration is open for the next round taking place on 21 November.

**Results:** 1) Rob Lane (38 points), 2) Naeem Ullah Khan (36), 3) Mohamed Al Sayed (35). **Nearest the Pin:** Todd Gillespie (hole 7). **2s Club:** Ronan Armstrong, Pete Donkin and Andy Love (hole 7), John Fitzmaurice (hole 12), Rob Lane and Naeem Ullah Khan (hole 16).

## Bahrain take on Qatar in Volleyball Opener

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**B**ahrain's national volleyball team begin their title defence today in the Second GCC Games when they take on highly favoured Qatar on the inaugural day in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

The nationals won the trophy in the first edition of the games, nicknamed 'Bahrain 11' which was held on home soil in 2011.

Five teams are in the round-robin championship - Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Saudi Arabia and Oman, while Kuwait decided to withdraw at the last minute and therefore the competition's programme was rescheduled.

Bahrain's first game today will kick off at 5.30pm, then they face UAE on Thursday at 1.30pm. Their third match is against hosts Saudi Arabia the next day at 5.30pm, then take on Oman in

the concluding game on Sunday at 3.15pm.

Argentina's El Geta Jorge, the head coach for Bahrain, led his team's final preparations yesterday at Al Khaleej Club gym ahead of their opener.

The team will be pinning hopes on Hasan Dahi, who recovered recently from a wrist injury, Jassim Al Nabhan, Ali Al Sairafi, Mohammed Saleh, playmaker Hussain Al Haiki and Mahmood Abdulwahed the other prominent Bahraini players named for the games.

Meanwhile, Bahrain's goalball team started their campaign with a heavy 3-11 defeat to recently-crowned GCC champions Saudi Arabia at Al Raka Gym yesterday. The Saudis took control of the entire matches and were ahead 5-2 at half-time. The tournament features only four teams - Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and UAE, while Kuwait and

Oman were unable to send their teams. Bahrain coach Husain Meshaima started the game with his trio Husam Abdulaziz, Ebrahim Al Mudaweb and Mohsin Abdulrazzaq, who faced a solid team of Saudi Arabia's Ammar Al Rashidi, Musaad Al Huwaimel and Khalid Tasan.

The Bahraini goals were scored by Ebrahim Al Mudaweb (2), before substitute Abdulaziz Abdunabi fired in a late strike for the team in red jerseys. Bahrain play their second game tomorrow at 12 noon against the UAE, who drew 4-4 with Qatar yesterday.

Bahrain is participating 11 disciplines for this two-week regional gathering which concludes on 26 October, the remaining disciplines includes athletics, football, basketball, handball, weightlifting, table tennis, bowling, karate and swimming.



Bahrain volleyball players practice for today's opening match against Qatar

## Shaikh Isa shines in karting sprints

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**S**haikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa enjoyed an impressive double in the season-opening round of the 2015/2016 Bahrain Rotax Mojo Max Challenge, held over the weekend at Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) in Sakhir.



An action from the race

He won both races in the Max class of the BRMMC that also featured plenty of tightly knit racing in the SWS Bahrain Championship (SSWS).

Both the BRMMC and the SSWS make up the Bahrain Karting Sprints Championship (BKSC), which is organised by BIKC in cooperation with Bahrain International Circuit and the Bahrain Motor Federation.

Ali Baslar and Abdulla Buhindi each won a race each in the third round of the 2015/2016 SSWS season.

In the BRMMC, Shaikh Isa won race one in a heated battle with Shaikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al Khalifa (+0.444) to finish second, with Hussain Hasan (+8.682) in third and Abdulla Beshara (+18.576) fourth.

In race two, Shaikh Isa was in even more dominant form and

way ahead of runner-up Hassan (+7.308) with Shaikh Mohammed (+8.657) third.

Zaid Audih and Talal Beshara also took part in both Rotax races while competing under the Junior Max category. Zaid finished ahead of Talal both times.

In the SSWS first race, Baslar claimed the first race in a competitive grid featuring 18

participants by the narrowest of margins with the top four within four-tenths-of-a-second amongst each other.

Khalid Alsaie (+0.039) was second, Buhindi (+340) third, Mohammed Mattar (+0.384) fourth, while Rashid Almuammari (+7.101), Bader Mubarak (+8.251), Ahmed Ebrahim (+11.504) and Younes Alouair (+12.902) completed the top eight.

In race two, Buhindi triumphed leading the same top four in another highly competitive battle with Alsaie (+0.046) again second, Mattar (+0.317) third and Baslar (+0.399) fourth, while Ebrahim (+0.857), Mubarak (+4.959), Elouaid (+9.274) and Almuammari (+11.897) were fifth through eighth.

At the end of all the action, the winners were awarded their trophies in a podium ceremony.

# Bahrain to face Philippines today

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**B**ahrain is set to take on the Philippines tonight in a crucial must win FIFA 2018 Asia World Cup qualifier tonight 6pm at the National Stadium in Riffa if they are going to have any chance to progress.

The two teams met last June in the Philippines and the team known as the 'Azkals' defeated tonight's hosts with a shock 2-1 victory on their home

soil. Bahrain under Argentine coach Sergio Batista need to bounce back quickly following last week's shocking 4-0 reversal to Uzbekistan at the National Stadium and have just three points from four games so far and are placed fourth presently.

The National team trail leaders North Korea (10 points), Uzbekistan (9) and tonight's opponent who have seven points after all five teams have played four matches each, with Yemen at the bottom

without a point. Bahraini will be relying on experienced defender and captain Hussain Ali Baba and goalkeeper Sayed Mohammed Jaffar to keep the 'Azkals' at bay and hope strikers such as Sami Al Hussaini, Abdulla Yousef Helal and the player who replaced him against Uzbekistan Ismael Abdullatif fire in the goals.

Both sides have also met in a friendly last March with Bahrain managing a 2-1 win, so a similar result would at

least keep the Kingdom's hopes alive.

The Philippines though could have an advantage with a large and vocal support presence from the Filipino expatriate community and could change the atmosphere in the stadium, if they come in large numbers?

Under former US International Thomas Dooley, Philippines are having its best ever World Cup campaign and its key players come in the shape of its captain Phil

Younghusband, the record goalscorer with 42 goals, overseas players such as Neil Etheridge who plays in goal with English third tier side Walsall and Jerry Lucena who plays in Sweden for Esbjerg, others include local-based players, Amani Aquinaldo, Luke Woodland and Simone Rota.

Group leaders North Korea take on the basement team Yemen tonight in the other group match at the Kim Il Sung Stadium in its capital

Pyongyang. These matches also double as 2019 Asian Cup qualifiers and the eight group winners and four best runners-up will advance to the 2019 AFC Asian Cup finals in the United Arab Emirates and the final round of group qualifiers for the 2018 FIFA World Cup. The next best 22 teams from the preliminary stage of the joint qualifiers will compete in a separate competition for the remaining slots (11 + 1 UAE) in the 24-team 2019 Asian Cup.

## 2018 World Cup qualifiers

# Brazil eager to return

Montevideo

**B**razil and Argentina head into the second round of qualifiers for the 2018 World Cup today looking to get their campaigns back on track after opening round defeats which have left the South American giants in disarray.

The pall of gloom enveloping Brazilian football since their humiliation against Germany at the World Cup last year darkened last week when they were humbled 2-0 by Copa America champions Chile in Santiago.

Argentina, still struggling to shake off the disappointment of losing the Copa America final in July -- the team's second defeat in a major final in 12 months -- were stunned by a 2-0 reverse at home to Ecuador.

While there is still plenty of time in South America's marathon 2018 qualifying campaign for Argentina and Brazil to turn their fortunes around, the opening defeats have left both sides determined



Paraguay's players take part in a training session

to halt the slide. Brazil face Venezuela on Tuesday in Fortaleza, a game that in previous years would have been regarded as a straightforward assignment against opponents who have never qualified for the World Cup.

But in a sign of how far

Brazilian expectations have fallen, midfielder Willian revealed on Sunday that victory by a single goal would be viewed with satisfaction.

"To be honest 1-0 would be a good result for us," Willian said. "We want the three points.

Football today is different. All the teams are fit and well trained. Maybe in the past this game would have been a sure win for us, but today it's not like that -- we only beat them 2-1 in the Copa America after all," he added.

Willian insisted that Brazil

had done enough to earn a result against Chile until they were sunk by late second half goals on Thursday.

"We knew Chile would be difficult. But we marked them well for a lot of the game. We just couldn't take advantage of the opportunities we created."

Brazil badly missed the suspended Neymar against Chile, who remains banned for Tuesday's game against Venezuela.

Striker Hulk, who deputised in Santiago, said he understood the criticism of the team's attacking display.

"There is always pressure for anyone who plays as a forward for Brazil; it is our obligation because we have quality players. "We know the size of those demands and will try to answer in the best way possible," the Zenit St Petersburg striker said.

Argentina meanwhile travel to Asuncion to face Paraguay grappling a mounting injury crisis that has deprived them of their most lethal strikers.

## Jayawardene wants to keep things simple

Abu Dhabi

**E**ngland's batting consultant Mahela Jayawardene urged his new charges to keep things simple while countering Pakistani spinners and tough conditions in the three-match Test series starting in Abu Dhabi today.

The 38-year-old former Sri Lankan captain was hired to fast track England's preparation for the challenging series.

Jayawardene said he was sharing his experience in the sub-continent, boasting of an illustrious career of 149 Tests which yielded 11,814 runs.

He also retired from one-day cricket after the 2015 World Cup, having scored 12,650 in 448 matches.

"I am trying to give different ideas, share my experience. What you have to realise is that it's a process -- it's not going to happen overnight," Jayawardene told media on the sidelines of England's practice.

"The conditions -- it is going to be tough whether it be the weather or the wickets. It's about controlling what they can control and keep things nice and simple and then concentration and focus becomes much easier."

## Second innings

# Tendulkar bats for sanitation to save children

Colombo

**I**ndian cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar launched an initiative in Sri Lanka yesterday to improve hygiene among children in South Asia, where hundreds of millions have no access to toilets.

The Indian superstar showed local children at a deluxe hotel in Colombo how to use soap and water to wash their hands before meals and avoid the risk of disease.

"A simple act of washing hands with soap can keep

children safe and healthy and protect them against these deadly (diarrhoeal) diseases," he told reporters.

Tendulkar, a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations children's fund UNICEF, was promoting the "wash in school" drive aimed at slashing the death toll from poor sanitation -- which kills some 1,800 children aged under five worldwide every day, according to the UN body.

UNICEF said South Asia



**Tendulkar launched an initiative in Sri Lanka yesterday to improve hygiene among children in South Asia**

had made considerable progress in the past two decades, with the proportion

of people using toilets increasing from 20 per cent in 1995 to 45pc by this year.

"The number of people not using a toilet in South Asia is still huge with 64pc of the world's open defecators living in the region. A total of 610 million people in South Asia do not have toilets," UNICEF said.

In Sri Lanka some 14pc of households in the nation of 20 million lack toilets, UNICEF said.

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# Japan exit with a win

## Gloucester

Japan ended their stunning World Cup campaign on Sunday by beating the United States 28-18 to become the first nation to win three group games but fail to reach the quarter finals.

The Brave Blossoms have already caused the biggest sensation in World Cup history by beating South Africa 34-32 in their opening Pool B game.

But the simple victory over the American gave a fitting sendoff to coach Eddie Jones, who now leaves the post having said Japan would be the "team of the tournament" if they got three wins.

The winning points came from Kotaro Matsushima, Yoshikazu Fujita and Amanaki Mafi tries, and the reliable kicking of full back Ayumu Goromaru, who took his Test points haul beyond 700.

The 2019 World Cup is the first time the tournament will be hosted by an emerging rugby nation, meaning the Brave Blossoms were under pressure to show they merit the award.

"The guys have all played above themselves, they have



Japan's fly half Kosei Ono (centre) kicks the ball through during the Pool B match

worked hard, they played with a real spirit, they played how rugby should be played," said Jones.

The Australian said he would definitely be heading for the Stormers in South Africa.

"I have done my job with Japan. When I took over Japan I wanted to bring pride back in the national team and I think we have done that so it

is someone else's turn to take it over."

After the South Africa upset, Japan lost 45-10 to Group B runners-up Scotland, then beat Samoa 26-5.

The United States went into the match with only pride to play for, having lost 25-16 to Samoa, 39-16 to Scotland and 64-0 to South Africa.

Japan supporters among

the 14,517-strong crowd wore kimonos, while some US visitors were dressed head to toe in Elvis Presley jumpsuits. One Japan fan had his body painted with a message thanking Jones.

Jones made four changes to the side that beat Samoa, with centre Craig Wing becoming the Brave Blossoms' oldest World Cup debutant. The

35-year-old previously won 17 caps for Australia's rugby league team.

The United States retained only Zack Test and Samu Manoa from the side that lost to South Africa, while full-back Chris Wyles returned to captain the Eagles.

## US ahead

The United States capitalised on some early pressure when fly-half Alan MacGinty successfully kicked a 45-metre penalty. But Japan immediately struck back. A kick through by Kosei Ono allowed Fujita to run on and take the Brave Blossoms to within five metres.

With the Eagles stretched, wing Matsushima crossed the line in the seventh minute and Goromaru converted.

The Eagles then drove deep into Japanese territory and scored a try through wing Takudzwa Ngwenya, who ran through to touch down in the right corner in the 25th minute.

With Japan committing players under the posts, Ngwenya had the space to score his first World Cup try in eight years.

# England agonise over rugby failure

## Manchester

English rugby was yesterday in full inquest mode following the country's disastrous World Cup campaign with embattled coach Stuart Lancaster fighting for his future.

Amid public splits inside the England camp, there have been calls for Lancaster to be replaced, calls for captain Chris Robshaw to go and calls for a director of rugby to take charge.

Beaten by Wales (28-25) and Australia (33-13) at a World Cup they spent more than \$100 million preparing for, England are in their worst crisis as they watch the world's best battle it out for the trophy.

Despite in-depth preparations which included two weeks in Colorado, England produced their worst World Cup performance.

Newspapers have been full of stories of divisions over the naming of rugby league convert Sam Burgess in the team and even the influence on Robshaw of his classical singer girlfriend Camilla Kerslake.

# Battle-hardened Wales ready for Springboks



South Africa's players huddle together during a training session

## Weybridge

Wales tough World Cup campaign so far has made them more than ready to take on two-time champions South Africa in the quarter-finals, said forwards coach Robin McBryde.

The former Wales hooker said the team had learned from their failure to exploit a two-man advantage during their 15-6 defeat by Australia on Saturday.

The defeat left the Welsh second in Pool A and a date with the 'Boks, winners of

Pool B. "They have an exceptionally strong set piece. We know what is ahead of us," McBryde said.

"We are at a stage now where all the hard work was done in our preparations. We are getting battle-hardened now.

The Welsh go into the Twickenham match on Saturday looking to improve their wretched record against southern hemisphere teams under Warren Gatland, just two wins in 29 games with the last a 12-6 victory over the Springboks last November.

# Ireland wary of Argentina clash

## Cardiff

Ireland face an immediate injury emergency with captain Paul O'Connell and star fly-half Jonny Sexton as they look forward to a World Cup quarter-final against Argentina.

Joe Schmidt's team have a week to lick their wounds from the ferocious 24-9 win over France that gave them a week to prepare to meet a Puma side that the coach considers "incredibly good."

The Irish outscored the French by two tries to nil thanks to Rob Kearney and Connor Murray, with contributions from the boots of Sexton and his replacement Ian Madigan. That ensured top place in Pool D.

But Sexton limped off, O'Connell and Peter O'Mahony were stretched off raising immediate doubts for Schmidt. All the casualties were to have scans on Monday.

O'Connell had a hamstring injury and the coach said "it doesn't look great with Paul."



Ireland's captain Paul O'Connell (centre) leads his team mates

"It's probably Paul that worries me of the three," he added.

Sexton was close to tears as he walked off, but Schmidt said he probably had an adductor problem.

"I've spoken to Jonny and he's already talking about next

week. I'm not sure whether that means he'll be playing. He's never short of advice!"

## A week off

Ireland were relieved to avoid France's fate of having to play New Zealand. But Schmidt can see a big challenge

in Argentina who opened their Pool C campaign with a narrow 26-16 defeat by the All Blacks before easily seeing off Georgia (54-9), Tonga (45-16) and Namibia (64-19).

"The biggest attraction for us playing Argentina was the seven-day turnaround, not because we want to play them!" Schmidt said with one eye on the injuries.

"They've been incredibly good, not just since the Rugby World Cup started," the Kiwi coach said in reference to their ever-improving performances in the Rugby Championship, notably their 37-25 away win over the Springboks in August.

"I had a very good look at their win in Durban and to put the South Africans away like that is a major performance."

Schmidt added: "They've cruised through their group. They maybe should have been a few more points further ahead at half-time against the All Blacks.

## Euro 2016 qualifiers



# Germany, Poland clinch Euro berth

Germany's midfielder Thomas Mueller (centre) and Georgia's defender Solomon Kverkvelia (right) vie for the ball

**World champions** Germany secured their place at Euro 2016 despite labouring to a 2-1 win at home to Georgia on Sunday, while Poland also qualified for next summer's finals after beating the Republic of Ireland 2-1.

Germany needed just a point against Georgia in Leipzig to guarantee themselves a top-two finish in Group D but Max Kruse's 79th-minute winner ensured Joachim Loew's men progressed as group winners.

Thomas Mueller had given Germany the lead shortly after half-time, converting a penalty for his ninth goal in the qualifiers, before it was cancelled out almost immediately by Jaba Kankava.

"We're happy on the whole to have secured qualification but displeased with our last two matches," said Loew, who had seen his team lose 1-0 to

Ireland on Thursday. "This is not our standard, there's still a lot of work ahead of us," he added.

Robert Lewandowski equalled former Northern Ireland striker David Healy's 13-goal record for a single European Championship qualifying campaign as Poland claimed second place in Group D. Grzegorz Krychowiak netted a 13th-minute opener for the Poles in Warsaw before Jon Walters levelled from the penalty spot shortly after.

But Lewandowski's 15th goal in his last six matches won it for the home side, consigning the Irish, who saw John O'Shea sent off late on, to November's play-offs.

"We are all disappointed after doing brilliantly against Germany (last time out). We let ourselves down. We had the confidence and expected

to win," said Ireland defender Seamus Coleman.

"We have a big month now in November and we have to get going again."

In the group's other game, Steven Fletcher scored a hat-trick as Scotland finished their unsuccessful campaign with a 6-0 mauling of Gibraltar in Portugal.

## Albania make history

Earlier, Albania qualified for their first major international tournament as they beat Armenia 3-0, while Romania also booked their place at the finals after a 3-0 win in the Faroe Islands.

Defeat at home to Serbia on Thursday had left Albania needing three points in Yerevan to edge ahead of Denmark to claim second place in Group I and they made the most of

their second chance.

Kamo Hovhannisyán turned into his own net to give Albania a ninth-minute lead before Berat Xhimshiti made it 2-0 midway through the first half.

Substitute Armando Sadiku then added a third 14 minutes

from time as Gianni De Biasi's side secured their spot at next summer's tournament in France.

Portugal, already through as group winners, registered their seventh successive qualifying victory as they overcame Serbia 2-1 in Belgrade. The

visitors were without the rested Cristiano Ronaldo but took a fifth-minute lead through stand-in skipper Nani as the ex-Manchester United winger converted the rebound after Danny's shot was saved by Vladimir Stojkovic. (AFP)



Germany's forward Max Kruse (centre) celebrates