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Liquor ban rumours go viral

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Social media were rife with rumours last night that the government has slapped a ban on alcohol and night clubs. The rumours spread after a document claimed to be signed by the Tourism Undersecretary Shaikh Khalid bin Humood Al Khalifa went viral. "On November 13, Culture Minister issued Resolution 5 of 2017 in regards with banning the sale of alcoholic beverages, recruiting artists, closing bars and suspending Arabic and foreign discos and stage performances," the document said.

The document warned that "the hotels that defy the provisions of the resolution would be subjected to legal accountability and suspension of the tourism permit".

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Cabinet condemns attack on oil pipeline

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The Cabinet meeting chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday strongly condemned Fridays' terror attack, which resulted in an explosion in one of the Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapaco)'s oil pipelines near Buri area, causing damage to property of individuals and enterprises.

The meeting, held at the Gudaibiya Palace, was attended by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier.

The Cabinet described the latest incident as an escalation of violence using criminal methods aimed at vital interests and installations, jeopardizing the citizens' safety, said the Cabinet Secretary-General, Dr. Yasser bin Isa Al-Nasser. "The terror act is a dangerous aggression

that exposes the role played by the Iranian regime which is responsible for several acts of sabotage in Bahrain and the region," the Cabinet said.

"Tehran gives direct instructions to terrorist elements in Bahrain to carry out its plans to subvert security and stability," the Cabinet said, adding that the latest act is an attempt to undermine its security and civic peace. The Cabinet said that the Iranian meddling in the region has escalated recently through the aggressive attacks by the Tehran-supported Houthi militias, who recently targeted the Saudi capital Riyadh, by Iran-made ballistic missile from Yemen.

"The terrorist elements involved in such a heinous crimes will be confronted firmly and severely by the force of the law," the Cabinet said, pledging that the arm of the law will reach the perpetrators and bring them to justice.



HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and HRH Crown Prince during the Cabinet meeting held at the Gudaibiya Palace yesterday

Land to be acquired for projects

HRH Prime Minister yesterday gave directives to acquire more land in a number of regions for public utility projects, including the Salmabad Housing Project and the expansion of some streets in Al-Dair and Jid Haf. s.

Reviewing a memorandum submitted by the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, the session endorsed the acquisition of real estate for the Pearl Museum in Muharraq and projects in Al-Dair and Jid-Hafs.

Allowance for expats stopped

The Cabinet has decided to stop the "expatriate allowance" paid to non-Bahraini workers with foreign contracts as there is no reason to keep such a bonus, considering national talent available in the public sector.

Accordingly, the Civil Service Bureau was tasked to settle the situation of current expatriate employees through comprehensive contracts that maintain their entitlements. The move is in line with the government's approach to reduce public expenditure. The session

also endorsed a draft Agreement on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income between Bahrain and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. The Finance Minister was mandated to sign the agreement on behalf of the Kingdom. The agreement aims to provide the necessary legal, legislative and economic framework for encouraging the flow of capitals and joint investments.



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Dentist recounts
quake horrors



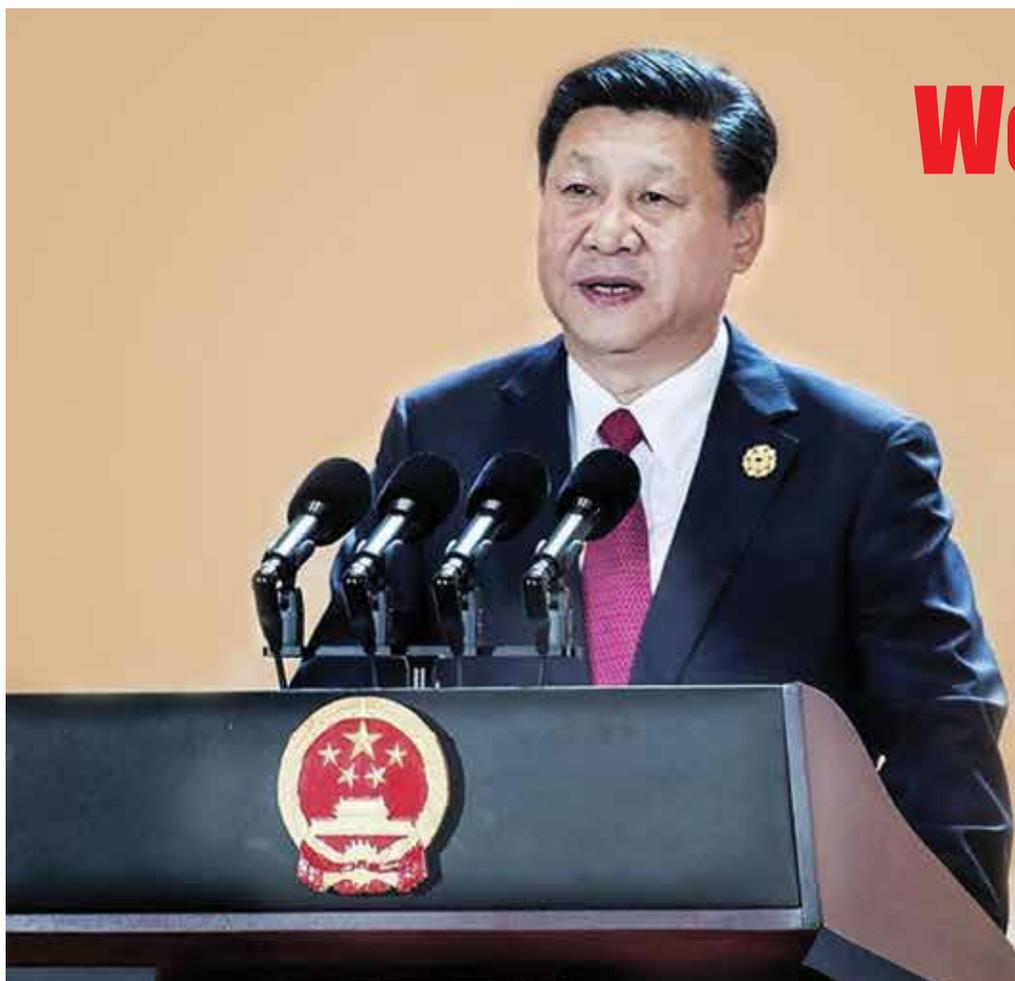
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Vehicles
equipped
with noise
mufflers seized



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Veteran fighter
Ilir Latifi arrives
in Bahrain



Working Together for a New Chapter of Win-Win Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific

**Remarks by H.E. Xi Jinping
President of the People's Republic of China
At Session I of the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting
Da Nang, 11 November 2017**

Three years ago on this day, we discussed in Beijing the blueprint for Asia-Pacific cooperation. The Chinese people believe that three years is a good time to take stock of what one has achieved. In the past three years, the world economy has gradually rebounded, showing strong momentum of recovery since the outbreak of the international financial crisis. People in all sectors are gaining more confidence.

Those who recognize the trend are wise and those who ride the trend will win. We need to take note of the profound changes taking place in the world economy. At yesterday's CEO Summit, I shared my thoughts on this subject. If Asia-Pacific economies seize the trend and take action, we can usher in a new round of development and prosperity for the world.

First, we need to promote innovation as a strong growth driver. Innovation is the most powerful lever for development. As new technologies emerge and the new industrial revolution gains momentum, we face a rare historic opportunity for innovation-driven development. We need to strive for both scientific and technological innovation and institutional innovation, build synergy between market and technology, and help bring to fruition new technologies, new business forms and models to fully unlock our development potential. This is why, in the context of APEC, we need to implement in real earnest the Roadmap on the Internet and Digital Economy we have drawn this year.

Innovation has proven to be essential to the emergence of new drivers for the Chinese economy in recent years. Thirty years ago, China's first email was sent from Beijing. Today, China has 750 million Internet users, our on-line retail sales are growing by 30% a year, our "sharing economy" has reached 3.5 trillion yuan in size, and China's mobile payment transactions have exceeded 158 trillion yuan. This example shows that as long as we keep exploring, we will see more opportunities and successes of innovation-driven development.

Second, we need to open up our economies to create more space for development. History has taught us that closed-door development will get nowhere, while open development is the only right choice. We need to remain true to APEC's founding purpose: advance trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, build an open economy, uphold and strengthen the multilateral trading regime, and help rebalance economic globalization. We need to take determined steps toward an FTAAP in line with the agreed roadmap, and herald a new round of development in the Asia-Pacific in the course of opening up.

Next year will mark the 40th anniversary of China's reform and opening-up. In nearly four decades, China has opened its arms to embrace the world and achieved "leapfrog development" of itself in this process. Looking ahead, China will open still wider and its development will deliver even greater benefits to the rest of the world. Starting from next year, China will hold an International Import Expo. I am sure this new platform of mutually beneficial cooperation will help all parties to better share in the opportunities of China's development.

Third, we need to pursue inclusive development to enhance our people's sense of fulfillment. Lack of inclusiveness in development is a problem facing many economies. We should redouble efforts to address this problem. To enable more people to share in the benefits of development, efforts must be made to strike a better balance between fairness and efficiency, capital and labor, technology and employment. Greater attention must be paid to the impact of artificial intelligence

and other technological advances on jobs. APEC members need to do a good job of implementing the Action Agenda on Inclusion formulated this year, and deepen cooperation on poverty reduction, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), education, fighting corruption, urbanization and women's empowerment. All this will contribute to the well-being of the 2.8 billion people in the Asia-Pacific region.

China gives high priority to employment. We have worked to ensure that economic development is pursued in a way that supports job creation, encouraged business start-ups as a means to create more jobs, paid particular attention to the employment of college graduates and other key groups. We have also provided the labor force with better education and training to tackle structural unemployment. In each of the past few years, we have created over 13 million new jobs in cities and towns. An important thing we have learnt from all this is that with better coordination and the right measures, economic restructuring does not have to come at the expense of employment. On the contrary, stable employment would allow greater leeway for reform and development.

Fourth, we need to enrich our partnerships and deliver benefits to all involved. As APEC economies, we have a stake in each other's success and our future is closely connected. With a shared future in mind, we need to develop a stronger sense of community, harmonize our policies and create synergy. We need to foster a spirit of harmony in diversity, draw on each other's strength, pursue mutually beneficial cooperation and draw on each other's best practice in development. We should consider the interests of others while pursuing those of our own, and reduce the adverse spillovers of our domestic policies. As we have agreed on the direction and framework of Asia-Pacific partnership, it is time to take solid steps toward this goal.

China has put forward the Belt and Road Initiative and is pursuing it in a spirit of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefit. This initiative is well received and supported by various parties. The successful and fruitful Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation held in Beijing last May marks a new stage of full implementation. Going forward, China will deepen policy, infrastructure, trade, financial and people-to-people connectivity with our Asia-Pacific partners, seek interconnected development and move toward a community of shared future.

You may all have an interest in China's future development. Last month's 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China was a great success. We laid out our development strategy and blueprint for the coming decades, keeping in mind that socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era whose overriding goal is socialist modernization and national rejuvenation. We will continue to be guided by a philosophy of people-oriented development, resolve the issue of unbalanced and inadequate development and raise the quality and efficiency of growth to better meet our people's ever-growing needs for economic, political, cultural, social and ecological progress, promote all-round development of our people and facilitate social progress across the board. We will act on the new vision of development, comprehensively deepen reform, turn China into an innovation-driven country at a faster pace, break new ground in pursuing opening-up on all fronts and build a modern economic system.

I am convinced that a China that enjoys stronger growth and interacts more with the world and whose people have a greater sense of fulfillment will be sure to bring more opportunities and make greater contributions to the Asia-Pacific and the world at large.

Dentist recounts quake horrors

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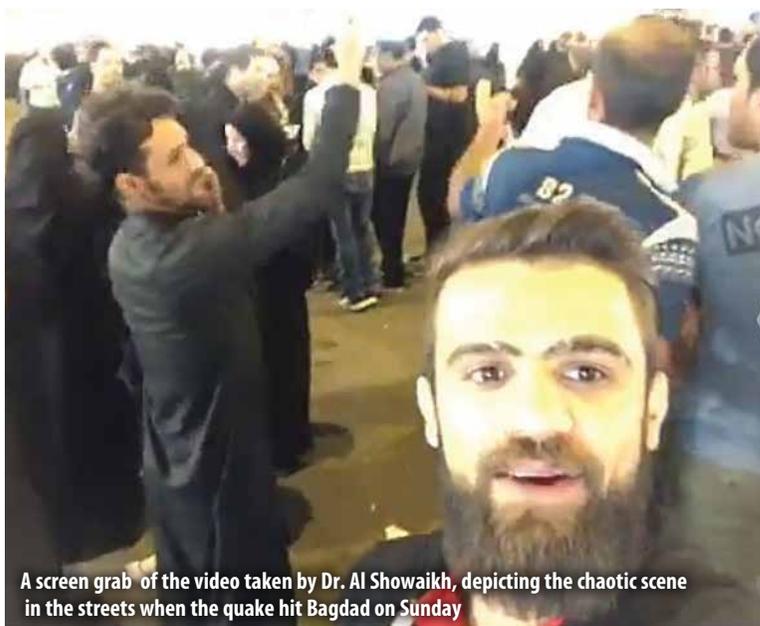
Fear gripped millions of pilgrims visiting Karbala City when the powerful 7.3 magnitude earthquake hit the northern parts of Iraq on Sunday night.

Among the pilgrims in the city were Bahraini visitors who came to perform the annual religious rites.

A Bahraini visitor shared with *DT News* the horrifying moments when the earth shook beneath their feet.

Dr. Mohammed Al Showaikh, a Bahraini dentist, was walking into the elevator inside one of Baghdad's hotels when "the entire building began shaking aggressively".

"I didn't realise what was happening as I have never experienced an earthquake before my life. There were no alerts by the authorities. I couldn't stand properly but I maintained my composure for a couple of seconds. I only panicked when I saw everyone in the building rushing to the exit and that's when I ran out with them without any senses," Dr. Al Showaikh



A screen grab of the video taken by Dr. Al Showaikh, depicting the chaotic scene in the streets when the quake hit Baghdad on Sunday

told *DT News*.

He continued, "Everyone gathered in the middle of the road, frightfully wondering what was happening. It was chaotic. Children were crying, women were screaming and elderly

people couldn't stand still. We feared that the buildings may tumble down on us."

Dr. Al Showaikh said he personally thought that the tremor was caused by an explosion, as he survived a terrorist

bombing in Iraq during a previous visit.

"I'm keen on annually attending the rituals here in Karbala. Last year me and my friends survived a deadly terrorist attack as we were close to a petrol station where a booby-trapped tanker truck was detonated. The way the buildings were shaking on Sunday reminded me of last year's incident," Dr. Al Showaikh recalled, adding that they later knew from online news sites about the earthquake in the northern parts of the country.

He also said that "people stayed in the middle of the road for at least half an hour fearing that the earthquake may repeat".

Dr. Al Sowaikh confirmed that he and the accompanying 60 Bahraini pilgrims were not affected by the tremor.

He added, "We were all physically safe. Some were panicking for a while, but we were eventually reassured. The power and telecommunication networks were working fine, and the buildings remained in one piece without collapsing, unlike other less fortunate areas in the country."

Bahrainis in Iraq safe: Embassy

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All Bahraini citizens in Iraq are safe and no one was reported injured in the earthquake that hit Iraq, Bahrain Embassy in Iraq said in a statement yesterday. The embassy tweeted that it's communicating with all Bahraini citizens in Iraq and that "no one was reported injured" in the incident. The embassy's building and staff members were not affected by the earthquake, it said. The embassy has called upon citizens to call 07801970008 and 07814256980 for assistance in case of emergencies.

"The embassy is continuously communicating with Bahraini citizens in Iraq to be assured about their conditions," the statement read.

Bahraini dies in Iraq car accident

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A Bahraini citizen was killed and six others were injured in a horrific traffic accident in Khafji area near the Saudi-Kuwaiti border in Iraq yesterday.

DT News has learnt that the deceased was identified as Mohammed Ali Matrook, 45, from Al Musalla village. He is survived by wife and two children. Matrook's father and younger brother walked out of the accident with minor injuries. The accident took place when the seven men were returning from a pilgrimage trip to Karbala. Sources confirmed that "they hired an Iraqi driver to transport them to the Iraqi-Kuwaiti borders".

"The driver dozed while driving on the freeway in Samawa City, 280 kilometres southeast of Baghdad, en-route to Safwan exit on the Kuwaiti borders. The car overturned multiple times at high speed," the source added.

The Bahraini Consulate General in Najaf confirmed that the six injured men were taken to a local hospital and their condition is stable, as they sustained minor injuries.

The consulate also said that the Iraqi driver survived the accident and that it's (the consulate) is following up on the formalities with the Iraqi authorities. Hundreds of Bahrainis visit Iraq to perform a pilgrimage known as the "Arbaeen visit" during this



Ali Matrook

Passengers who survived with injuries



Local people at the accident site



The car involved in the accident

time of the year, as part of the Ashoora commemorations.

Matrook is the third Bahraini citizen to die in this year's pilgrimage. *DT News* reported last week that Ahmed Al

Shabbaq, 14, died in a traffic accident last Tuesday while on the way to Iraq to perform the religious visit. Dr. Ali Hilal also died in Karbala on Thursday due to a heart attack.

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INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
(Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	September 30 2017 (Unaudited)	December 31 2016 (Audited)	September 30 2016 (Unaudited)
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	1,912,413	10,439,741	9,636,903
Term deposits	10,755,249	-	-
Statutory deposit	125,000	125,000	125,000
Investments	4,971,058	6,592,510	7,471,420
Insurance receivables	6,385,440	5,707,137	6,277,458
Deferred policy acquisition costs	283,440	380,335	311,506
Reinsurer's share of technical provisions	6,669,331	5,439,787	5,558,078
Other receivables	407,259	291,242	270,918
Property and equipment	840,100	850,475	852,034
TOTAL ASSETS	32,349,290	29,826,227	30,503,317
LIABILITIES			
Technical provisions	14,984,210	12,819,071	13,612,442
Insurance payables	1,773,955	1,167,677	1,266,447
Other payables	2,288,722	2,006,071	1,568,185
Employees' terminal benefits	170,456	154,769	163,357
TOTAL LIABILITIES	19,217,343	16,147,588	16,610,431
TOTAL NET ASSETS	13,131,947	13,678,639	13,892,886
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Share capital	6,184,939	6,184,939	6,184,939
Reserves	4,660,697	4,970,175	4,761,459
Retained earnings	2,286,311	2,523,525	2,946,488
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	13,131,947	13,678,639	13,892,886

INTERIM STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
(Unaudited)
(Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	Nine-month period ended September 30, 2017 BD	Nine-month period ended September 30, 2016 BD
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net (loss)/profit for the period	(237,214)	451,590
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	18,183	18,501
Dividend income	(287,163)	(337,770)
Interest income	(217,812)	(54,093)
Impairment losses on available-for-sale investments	-	588,900
Net loss on sale of available-for-sale investments	-	149,650
Transition adjustment on adoption of IFRS 9	(314,649)	-
Gain on sale of property and equipment	-	(3,850)
Gain on sale of held to maturity investments	(10,320)	-
Accretion of premium on held to maturity investments	1,358	-
Loss on sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	89,049	-
Employee end of service benefits – charge, net	15,687	9,498
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Insurance receivables	(678,303)	(1,348,088)
Deferred policy acquisition costs	96,895	(26,532)
Reinsurer's share of technical provisions	(1,229,544)	(2,350,930)
Other receivables	(116,017)	(21,822)
Technical provisions	2,165,139	3,685,093
Insurance payables	606,278	(53,874)
Other payables	282,651	(192,507)
Net cash generated from operating activities	184,218	513,766
Cash flows from investing activities		
Increase in term deposits	(10,755,249)	-
Dividends received	287,163	337,770
Interest received	217,812	54,093
Payments to acquire investments	(5,599,375)	(51,360)
Proceeds from disposal of investments	7,145,911	413,095
Payments to acquire property and equipment	(7,808)	(47,051)
Proceeds from disposal of Property and equipment	-	3,850
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	(8,711,546)	710,397
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid	-	(51,407)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(8,527,328)	1,172,756
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	10,439,741	8,464,147
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	1,912,413	9,636,903

The condensed interim financial information was approved and authorised for issue on November 13, 2017 and signed on behalf of the Directors by:

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Vice-Chairman

Jawad Mohammed
General Manager

INTERIM STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
(Unaudited)
(Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	Nine month period ended September 30, 2017 BD	Nine month period ended September 30, 2016 BD	Three month period ended September 30, 2017 BD	Three month period ended September 30, 2016 BD
Gross premiums	10,397,345	10,591,138	3,026,953	3,428,579
Reinsurance ceded	(5,423,822)	(4,738,247)	(1,507,684)	(1,416,134)
Retained premiums	4,973,523	5,852,891	1,519,269	2,012,445
Adjustment in unearned premiums	47,837	(363,721)	132,124	(74,389)
Net premiums earned	5,021,360	5,489,170	1,651,393	1,938,056
Gross claims paid	(5,974,032)	(4,078,299)	(2,708,982)	(1,776,944)
Claims recovered from reinsurers	2,189,241	1,307,652	1,172,048	667,302
Outstanding claims adjustment – gross	(2,461,205)	(1,940,392)	205,422	(553,589)
Outstanding claims adjustment – reinsurance recoveries	1,362,716	945,132	(421,175)	201,602
Net claims incurred	(4,883,280)	(3,765,907)	(1,752,687)	(1,461,629)
Management expenses	(476,708)	(446,684)	(154,927)	(165,562)
Net commission income	66,291	184,063	(2,533)	73,018
Underwriting (loss)/profit for the period	(272,337)	1,460,642	(258,754)	383,883
Investment income	722,520	242,213	142,554	2,089
Other income	27,658	7,657	22,302	164
General and administrative expenses	(715,055)	(670,022)	(232,358)	(218,347)
Impairment on available-for-sale investments	-	(588,900)	-	(342,200)
Net (loss)/profit for the period	(237,214)	451,590	(326,256)	(174,411)
Basic and diluted earnings per share	(Fils 3.84)	Fils 7.30	(Fils 5.28)	(Fils 2.82)

INTERIM STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
(Unaudited)
(Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	Nine month period ended September 30, 2017 BD	Nine month period ended September 30, 2016 BD	Three month period ended September 30, 2017 BD	Three month period ended September 30, 2016 BD
Net (loss)/profit for the period	(237,214)	451,590	(326,256)	(174,411)
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:				
Net change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	5,171	-	23,578	-
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:				
Net change in fair value of financial assets classified as available-for-sale investments	-	384,532	-	14,624
Transfer of impairment losses to statement of profit or loss on impairment of available-for-sale investments	-	(12,160)	-	(68,990)
Reclassification adjustments relating to available-for-sale investments disposed of in the period.	-	115,313	-	79,286
Total other comprehensive income for the period	5,171	487,685	23,578	24,920
Total comprehensive (loss)/profit for the period	(232,043)	939,275	(302,678)	(149,491)

INTERIM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
(Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	Reserves						
	Share capital BD	Statutory reserve BD	Investment fair value reserve BD	Property revaluation reserve BD	Total reserves BD	Retained earnings BD	Total BD
As at December 31, 2015 (audited)	6,184,939	2,406,473	1,119,989	747,312	4,273,774	2,494,898	12,953,611
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	487,685	-	487,685	451,590	939,275
As at September 30, 2016 (unaudited)	6,184,939	2,406,473	1,607,674	747,312	4,761,459	2,946,488	13,892,886
As at December 31, 2016 (audited)	6,184,939	2,409,654	1,813,209	747,312	4,970,175	2,523,525	13,678,639
Transition adjustment on adoption of IFRS 9	-	-	(314,649)	-	(314,649)	-	(314,649)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	5,171	-	5,171	(237,214)	(232,043)
As at September 30, 2017 (unaudited)	6,184,939	2,409,654	1,503,731	747,312	4,660,697	2,286,311	13,131,947

Vehicles equipped with noise mufflers seized



DT News Network Manama

The General Directorate of Traffic has seized 45 vehicles that are equipped with loud exhaust mufflers in the past two weeks.

This was confirmed in a statement issued by the directorate yesterday, mentioning that the

procedure came within its "tasks to combat wrong traffic behaviours which disturb citizens and residents".

The vehicles will be impounded for one month, according to a statement issued by the directorate on October 29.

The directorate also clarified that the violating

drivers were referred to the Traffic Prosecution.

It's worth mentioning that most sports cars come with modified exhaust mufflers. But, many motorists add uncertified modifications to their vehicles, resulting in making loud noises. These are the vehicles mentioned in the directorate's statement.

Man dies during exercise Woman missing

DT News Network Manama

A Bahraini man died while exercising near Qal'at Al Bahrain (Bahrain Fort) on the northern coasts of the Capital.

The man was identified as Ali Al Showaikh, a renowned engineer from Barbar village.

He reportedly collapsed while jogging near the historic site at around 4pm on Sunday. Bystanders attempted to revive the man, but paramedics

pronounced dead on the spot, confirming that the cause of death was a cardiac arrest.

The deceased regularly exercised in public as confirmed by relatives. They told that he was accompanied by two friends on the day he passed away.

"He told them he was feeling tired and sat on the floor, the same spot where he was announced dead," a relative confirmed.



DT News Network Manama

An Indian expatriate is missing from her employer's workplace for more than a year. The Indian Embassy in Bahrain informed that Dhana Lakshmi Kota, D/O Satyanarayana has not contacted her family in Andhra Pradesh, India, for a long time.

Anyone knowing her whereabouts has been requested to contact the Labour section of the Embassy of India (Tel: 17180529) as her family is worried.

Liquor ban rumours go viral

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DT News has learnt that the circulated document was false as the Culture Ministry was revoked by a Royal Decree since 2014, and the tasks of tourism moved to Industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry.

The circulated document, in fact, was an amended copy of a resolution by the Culture Minister Shiakha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa in mid 2014 with regards to

imposing the ban on three-star hotels. The dates and figures were changed in the shared document.

The matter was shared by hundreds of social media users in Bahrain and GCC, and is one of the fastest trending topics discussed on Twitter last night.

A ban was imposed on three-star hotels in 2014 and on two-star hotels in 2009. Further clarification from Industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry is awaited.

Bike robbery gang arrested

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A four-member gang involved in motorcycle robberies in different parts

of the Kingdom was arrested yesterday, police announced. Muharraq Police General Director Colonel Fawaz Al Hassan said the gang members

sold the stolen motorcycles in parts. "The accused stole motorcycles, dismantled them and sold them as spare parts in scrap shops," he said.

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Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements 30 September 2017 (Reviewed)



INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION At 30 September 2017 (Reviewed)

	Audited	
	30 September 2017	31 December 2016
	BD '000	BD '000
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with banks and financial institutions	83,587	105,791
Receivables	293,189	279,953
Mudaraba financing	-	293
Ijara Muntahia Bittamleek	100,752	105,473
Musharaka	121,830	119,405
Investments	197,272	206,936
Investments in real estate	2,252	2,252
Ijara income receivables	15,069	11,537
Investment in joint venture	5,512	5,495
Premises and equipment	12,202	11,319
Goodwill	10,542	10,623
Other assets	40,845	40,161
TOTAL ASSETS	883,052	899,238
LIABILITIES, EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNTHOLDERS, SUBORDINATED DEBTS AND OWNERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Due to banks and financial institutions	11,678	22,045
Current accounts	109,894	110,577
Medium term financing	38,751	34,149
Other liabilities	37,627	34,488
Total liabilities	197,950	201,259
Equity of investment accountholders	589,162	602,539
Subordinated debts	21,595	17,522
Owners' Equity		
Share capital	46,167	46,167
Reserves	8,730	9,483
Retained earnings	4,831	5,836
Equity attributable to parent's shareholders	59,728	61,486
Non-controlling interest	14,617	16,432
Total owners' equity	74,345	77,918
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNTHOLDERS, SUBORDINATED DEBTS AND OWNERS' EQUITY	883,052	899,238
OFF-BALANCE SHEET ITEMS:		
EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNTHOLDERS	28,535	28,648
CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS	125,706	105,324

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME For the nine months period ended 30 September 2017 (Reviewed)

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	30 September 2017	30 September 2016	30 September 2017	30 September 2016
	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000
INCOME				
Income from jointly financed sales	3,801	3,073	11,247	9,057
Income from jointly financed, other financings and investments	4,498	3,997	14,341	10,992
Income from jointly financed assets	8,299	7,070	25,588	20,049
Return on equity of investment accountholders before Group's share as a Mudarib	(6,865)	(5,448)	(20,607)	(15,925)
Group's share as a Mudarib	1,782	1,309	5,492	4,259
Return on equity of investment accountholders	(5,083)	(4,139)	(15,115)	(11,666)
Group's share as a Mudarib and Rabalmal	3,216	2,931	10,473	8,383
Group's income from self financed sales	191	103	346	395
Group's income from self financed, other financings and investments	1,880	1,143	6,582	3,549
Revenue from banking services	918	1,106	2,984	3,595
Other income	321	248	993	861
Group's Mudarib/Agency fee from off-balance sheet equity of investment account holders	7	8	18	23
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	6,533	5,539	21,396	16,806
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Staff expenses	(3,143)	(2,622)	(9,742)	(8,130)
Depreciation	(443)	(408)	(1,301)	(970)
Other operating expenses	(3,230)	(2,197)	(10,044)	(6,655)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	(6,816)	(5,227)	(21,087)	(15,755)
NET OPERATING (LOSS) / INCOME	(283)	312	309	1,051
Provision for impairment	(3,428)	(1,229)	(3,575)	(1,728)
NET LOSS BEFORE TAXATION	(3,711)	(917)	(3,266)	(677)
Taxation	1,297	349	1,195	598
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	(2,414)	(568)	(2,071)	(79)
Attributable to:				
Equity shareholders of the Parent	(1,494)	(214)	(1,285)	454
Non-controlling interest	(920)	(354)	(786)	(533)
	(2,414)	(568)	(2,071)	(79)

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the nine months period ended 30 September 2017 (Reviewed)

	Nine months ended	
	30 September 2017	30 September 2016
	BD '000	BD '000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net loss before taxation	(3,266)	(677)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	1,301	970
Provision for impairment	3,575	1,728
Gain on sale of premises and equipment	(14)	(6)
Gain on sale of investments	(1,247)	(398)
Dividend income	(80)	(35)
Share of loss from investment in joint venture	(17)	-
Operating profit before changes in operating assets and liabilities	252	1,582
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Balances with central banks in mandatory reserves	41,304	10,118
Receivables	(7,813)	(11,759)
Mudaraba financing	293	-
Ijara Muntahia Bittamleek	4,721	(4,171)
Musharaka	(2,537)	(17,322)
Ijara income receivables	(3,659)	(1,963)
Other assets	595	(3,390)
Other liabilities	3,154	3,471
Due to banks and financial institutions	(10,367)	(7,238)
Current accounts	(683)	(2,795)
Equity of investment accountholders	(13,377)	29,926
Tax paid	(102)	(197)
Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	11,781	(4,148)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of investments	(90,316)	(36,734)
Sale of investments	100,159	20,986
Acquisition of shares in subsidiary from minority shareholders	(580)	-
Dividend received	84	35
Net purchase of premises and equipment	(2,170)	(758)
Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	7,177	(16,471)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Subordinated debts	4,073	8,685
Medium term financing	4,602	-
Net cash from financing activities	8,675	8,685
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(259)	15
INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	27,374	(11,919)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	119,567	103,424
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	146,941	91,505
For the purpose of the interim cash flows statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:		
Cash in hand	15,345	9,915
Balances with central banks in unrestricted account	4,256	7,451
Balances with other banks and financial institutions	38,786	32,885
Receivables - international commodities	88,554	41,254
	146,941	91,505

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY For the nine months period ended 30 September 2017 (Reviewed)

	Equity attributable to shareholders of the Parent							Retained earnings	Total	Non-controlling interest	Total owners' equity
	Share capital	Statutory	General	Employee defined benefit plan	Cumulative changes in fair value	Revaluation of premises and equipment	Foreign exchange				
	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000
Balance at 1 January 2017	46,167	8,557	3,275	(43)	756	450	(3,512)	5,836	61,486	16,432	77,918
Cumulative changes in fair value	-	-	-	-	(345)	-	-	-	(345)	(252)	(597)
Foreign currency translation reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	(220)	-	(220)	(120)	(340)
Remeasurement gains on defined benefit plan	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	9	9	6	15
Effects of changes in controlling interest in lieu of acquisition - net	-	-	-	(1)	15	-	(211)	280	83	(663)	(580)
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,285)	(1,285)	(786)	(2,071)
Balance at 30 September 2017	46,167	8,557	3,275	(35)	426	450	(3,943)	4,831	59,728	14,617	74,345
Balance at 1 January 2016	46,167	8,474	3,275	(65)	(46)	450	(4,444)	4,873	58,684	6,910	65,594
Cumulative changes in fair value	-	-	-	-	(18)	-	-	-	(18)	(9)	(27)
Foreign currency translation reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	17	5	22
Remeasurement gains on defined benefit plan	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5	5	3	8
Net income / (loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	454	454	(533)	(79)
Balance at 30 September 2016	46,167	8,474	3,275	(60)	(64)	450	(4,427)	5,327	59,142	6,376	65,518

These statements have been extracted from financial statements reviewed by Ernst & young, who expressed an unqualified opinion on 12 November 2017.

Khalid Rashid Al-Zayani Chairman
Adnan Ahmed Yousif Deputy Chairman
Mohammed Essa Al Mutaweh Chief Executive Officer & Board Member

'Bahrain, Saudi security inseparable'

Manama

Saudi Ambassador Dr Abdullah bin Abdul Malik Al-Shaikh yesterday denounced in strongest terms the deadly attack on the oil pipeline near Buri area saying, "Bahrain's security is an integral and inseparable part of Saudi Arabia's

security".

"Anything that affects the Kingdom of Bahrain affects my country," the ambassador said rejecting all forms of violence and terrorism that target Bahrain's security, stability and the lives of innocent people.

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"Anything that affects the Kingdom of Bahrain affects my country," Saudi Ambassador said

Dr Al Shaikh said, in full and "supports all measures solidarity with the Bahrain the Kingdom takes to

preserve its security and stability".

He added: "Our huge trust rests in the Bahrain's security agencies and their capability to pursue the culprits and perpetrators of this criminal act and to bring them to justice."

Dr Al Shaikh issued a stern

warning reminding that the hand of justice and the law will reach the committers of this cowardly act of terrorism and its inciters.

The Ambassador stressed that "all suspicious attempts aimed at undermining the Kingdom's stability will fail".



United Gulf Investment Corporation BSC

Interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 September 2017 (Unaudited) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	30 September 2017	31 December 2016
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	40,092,352	41,953,121
Available-for-sale investments	861,337	861,337
	<u>40,953,689</u>	<u>42,814,458</u>
Current assets		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	256,000	256,000
Inventories	12,222,187	19,407,198
Trade and other receivables	14,736,070	6,537,879
Cash and bank balances	9,813,042	7,127,283
	<u>37,027,299</u>	<u>33,328,360</u>
Total assets	<u>77,980,988</u>	<u>76,142,818</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	20,000,000	20,000,000
Statutory reserve	2,853,603	2,853,603
Share premium	116,328	116,328
Other reserves	7,835,087	7,374,119
Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent company	30,805,018	30,344,050
Non-controlling interest	7,965,015	7,493,487
	<u>38,770,033</u>	<u>37,837,537</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Non-current portion of term loans	29,029,972	27,397,092
Employees' terminal benefits	517,429	507,845
	<u>29,547,401</u>	<u>27,904,937</u>
Current liabilities		
Current portion of term loans	4,343,000	6,836,596
Trade and other payables	5,320,554	3,563,748
	<u>9,663,554</u>	<u>10,400,344</u>
Total equity and liabilities	<u>77,980,988</u>	<u>76,142,818</u>

Interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the nine months ended 30 September 2017 (Unaudited) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	Nine months ended 30 September 2017	Nine months ended 30 September 2016	Three months ended 30 September 2017	Three months ended 30 September 2016
Subsidiary sales	36,551,289	12,282,125	15,828,680	4,563,861
Subsidiary cost of sales	(33,062,773)	(11,943,746)	(14,118,750)	(5,242,078)
Subsidiary gross profit/(loss)	3,488,516	338,379	1,709,930	(678,217)
Other income	121,439	46,553	31,392	46,553
	<u>3,609,955</u>	<u>384,932</u>	<u>1,741,322</u>	<u>(631,664)</u>
Expenses				
Indirect expenses	(1,016,046)	(852,158)	(362,355)	(271,392)
Finance costs	(169,612)	(192,014)	(29,738)	(68,239)
	<u>(1,185,658)</u>	<u>(1,044,172)</u>	<u>(392,093)</u>	<u>(339,631)</u>
Net profit/(loss) for the period before tax and share of profit	2,424,297	(659,240)	1,349,229	(971,295)
an associate	-	155,055	-	14,227
Net profit/(loss) for the period before tax	2,424,297	(504,185)	1,349,229	(957,068)
Provision for Zakat	(1,491,801)	(90,900)	(749,401)	(76,853)
Net profit/(loss) and other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	932,496	(595,085)	599,828	(1,033,921)
Net profit/(loss) attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Company	460,968	(446,370)	333,021	(790,565)
Non-controlling interest	471,528	(148,715)	266,807	(243,356)
	<u>932,496</u>	<u>(595,085)</u>	<u>599,828</u>	<u>(1,033,921)</u>
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share attributable to the shareholders of the Company	2.30 fils	(2.23 fils)	1.67 fils	(3.95 fils)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Company	460,968	(446,370)	333,021	(790,565)
Non-controlling interest	471,528	(148,715)	266,807	(243,356)
	<u>932,496</u>	<u>(595,085)</u>	<u>599,828</u>	<u>(1,033,921)</u>

Interim condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the nine months ended 30 September 2017 (Unaudited) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	Nine months ended 30 September 2017	Nine months ended 30 September 2016
Operating activities		
Net profit for the period	932,496	(595,085)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	1,885,857	1,406,528
Share of profit from investment in an associate	-	(155,055)
Dividend income	(80,580)	-
Finance costs	169,612	192,014
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Inventories	7,185,011	(868,985)
Trade and other receivables	(8,198,191)	(1,307,480)
Trade and other payables	1,756,806	(979,943)
Employees' terminal benefits, net	9,584	(1,430)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>3,660,595</u>	<u>(2,309,436)</u>
Investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(25,088)	(1,565)
Dividend received from an associate	-	183,676
Dividend income received	80,580	-
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>55,492</u>	<u>182,111</u>
Financing activities		
Finance costs paid	(169,612)	(192,014)
Net movement in term loans	(860,716)	2,852,765
Net cash (used)/provided by in financing activities	<u>(1,030,328)</u>	<u>2,660,751</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,685,759	533,426
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	7,127,283	7,903,969
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	<u>9,813,042</u>	<u>8,437,395</u>

Interim condensed consolidated statement of changes in shareholders' equity for the nine months ended 30 September 2017 (Unaudited) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	Equity attributable to shareholders of the Parent Company					Non-controlling interest	Total
	Statutory reserve	Share premium	Revaluation reserve	Retained earnings	Total		
At 31 December 2015(audited)	2,805,393	116,328	-	6,509,318	29,431,039	7,924,401	37,355,440
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(446,370)	(446,370)	(148,715)	(595,085)
At 30 September 2016(unaudited)	2,805,393	116,328	-	6,062,948	28,984,669	7,775,686	36,760,355
At 31 December 2016 (audited)	2,853,603	116,328	4,329,043	3,045,076	30,344,050	7,493,487	37,837,537
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	460,968	460,968	471,528	932,496
At 30 September 2017 (unaudited)	2,853,603	116,328	4,329,043	3,506,044	30,805,018	7,965,015	38,770,033

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial information, set out on pages 4 to 17, were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 13 November 2017 and signed on their behalf by:

Rashed Al Suwaiket
Chairman

Abdullah Fahad. Al-Subaie
Vice - Chairman

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (All amounts expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

	At 30 September 2017 (Reviewed)	At 31 December 2016 (Audited)	At 30 September 2016 (Reviewed)
ASSETS			
Cash and balances with banks and central banks	579,887	736,033	747,271
Commodity and other placements with banks, financial and other institutions	269,451	142,607	261,488
Murabaha and other financings	3,583,572	3,444,588	3,266,851
Musharaka financing	347,283	229,960	170,061
Investment in mudaraba	5,570	14,425	14,623
Investment in associates	259,492	668,403	657,174
Sukuk and investment securities	2,047,219	1,874,782	1,550,859
Restricted investment accounts	80,218	79,852	80,090
Assets acquired for leasing	292,051	256,204	238,684
Investment in real estate	257,263	242,594	254,651
Other assets	231,151	361,654	386,569
Fixed assets	116,324	112,981	109,987
Intangible assets	166,443	177,227	183,803
Assets classified as held-for-sale	399,077	-	-
Total assets	8,635,001	8,341,310	7,922,111
LIABILITIES, EQUITY OF UNRESTRICTED INVESTMENT ACCOUNTHOLDERS, MINORITY INTEREST AND OWNERS' EQUITY			
Customers' current accounts	1,695,418	1,581,113	1,489,687
Due to banks, financial and other institutions	1,200,678	1,141,513	916,084
Due to investors	1,935,207	1,903,612	1,858,924
Other liabilities	373,431	342,622	351,490
Total liabilities	5,204,734	4,968,860	4,616,185
Equity of unrestricted investment accountholders	2,827,490	2,769,694	2,701,704
Minority interest	180,514	175,341	182,927
Total liabilities, equity of unrestricted investment accountholders and minority interest	8,212,738	7,913,895	7,500,816
Share capital	757,690	757,690	757,690
Treasury shares	(30,149)	(27,802)	(30,149)
Reserves	242,698	218,460	211,462
Accumulated losses	(547,976)	(520,933)	(517,708)
Total owners' equity	422,263	427,415	421,295
Total liabilities, equity of unrestricted investment accountholders, minority interest and owners' equity	8,635,001	8,341,310	7,922,111

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY (All amounts expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

	Share capital	Treasury shares	Reserves						Accumulated losses	Total owners' equity	
			Share premium	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Investments in fair value reserve	Investment in real estate fair value reserve	Foreign currency translation			Total reserves
At 1 January 2017 (Audited)	757,690	(27,802)	148,662	38,090	50,727	25,711	2,648	(47,378)	218,460	(520,933)	427,415
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(27,043)	(27,043)
Employee share incentive scheme	-	(2,347)	423	-	-	-	-	-	423	-	(1,924)
Movement in fair value of sukuk and investment securities	-	-	-	-	-	4,734	-	-	4,734	-	4,734
Movement in fair value of associates	-	-	-	-	-	8,009	-	2,670	10,679	-	10,679
Foreign currency translation adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	(11)	(193)	8,606	8,402	-	8,402
At 30 September 2017 (Reviewed)	757,690	(30,149)	149,085	38,090	50,727	38,443	2,455	(36,102)	242,698	(547,976)	422,263
At 1 January 2016 (Audited)	757,690	(30,149)	149,692	38,090	50,727	9,212	1,586	(38,413)	210,894	(524,212)	414,223
Net income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,504	6,504
Movement in fair value of sukuk and investment securities	-	-	-	-	-	1,460	-	-	1,460	-	1,460
Movement in fair value of associates	-	-	-	-	-	(873)	-	-	(873)	-	(873)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	3	75	(97)	(19)	-	(19)
At 30 September 2016 (Reviewed)	757,690	(30,149)	149,692	38,090	50,727	9,802	1,661	(38,510)	211,462	(517,708)	421,295

The above Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Interim Condensed Consolidated Income Statement, Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Owners' Equity and Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows have been extracted from the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Information of Ithmaar Holding B.S.C. (formerly Ithmaar Bank B.S.C.) for the nine month period ended 30 September 2017, which were approved for issue by the Board of Directors and reviewed by PricewaterhouseCoopers ME Limited, Kingdom of Bahrain, who expressed an unqualified review conclusion on 13 November 2017.

HRH Prince Amr Mohamed Al Faisal
Chairman

Dr. Amani Khaled Bouesli
Director

Ahmed Abdul Rahim
CEO

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (All amounts expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

	Nine months ended		Three months ended	
	30 September 2017 (Reviewed)	30 September 2016 (Reviewed)	30 September 2017 (Reviewed)	30 September 2016 (Reviewed)
INCOME				
Income from unrestricted investment accounts	119,176	107,275	41,379	39,980
Less: return to unrestricted investment accounts and impairment provisions	(67,243)	(72,601)	(23,836)	(26,687)
Group's share of income from unrestricted investment accounts as a Mudarib	51,933	34,674	17,543	13,293
Group's share of income from restricted investment accounts as a Mudarib	-	81	-	-
Income from murabaha and other financings	108,371	99,179	36,289	32,279
Share of profit after tax from associates	27,338	27,982	5,722	8,358
Income from other investments	95,281	110,174	27,713	31,106
Other income	19,419	35,985	7,002	13,185
Total income	302,342	308,075	94,269	98,221
Less: profit paid to banks, financial and other institutions - net	(121,262)	(113,773)	(40,402)	(36,577)
Operating income	181,080	194,302	53,867	61,644
EXPENSES				
Administrative and general expenses	(126,752)	(120,851)	(45,110)	(39,880)
Depreciation and amortization	(21,518)	(22,320)	(5,779)	(7,299)
Total expenses	(148,270)	(143,171)	(50,889)	(47,179)
Net income before loss from assets classified as held-for-sale, provision for impairment and overseas taxation	32,810	51,131	2,978	14,465
Impairment of assets classified as held-for-sale	(12,389)	-	(12,389)	-
Provision for impairment - net	(12,055)	(14,156)	731	(5,045)
Net income/(loss) before overseas taxation	8,366	36,975	(8,680)	9,420
Overseas taxation	(24,615)	(20,250)	(5,984)	(4,655)
NET INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD	(16,249)	16,725	(14,664)	4,765
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of Ithmaar	(27,043)	6,504	(17,795)	2,101
Minority interests	10,794	10,221	3,131	2,664
	(16,249)	16,725	(14,664)	4,765
Basic and diluted earnings per share	UScts (0.93)	UScts 0.22	UScts (0.61)	UScts 0.07

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (All amounts expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

	Nine months ended	
	30 September 2017 (Reviewed)	30 September 2016 (Reviewed)
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income before overseas taxation	8,366	36,975
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortization	21,518	22,320
Share of profit after tax from associates	(27,338)	(27,982)
Provision for impairment - net	12,055	14,156
Impairment of assets classified as held-for-sale	12,389	-
Gain on sale of fixed assets	(163)	(870)
Operating income/(loss) before changes in operating assets and liabilities	26,827	44,599
Balances with banks maturing after ninety days and including with central banks relating to minimum reserve requirement	(41,833)	(7,050)
(Increase)/decrease in operating assets:		
Murabaha and other financings	(1,699)	128,355
Musharaka financing	(119,794)	(19,937)
Other assets	(40,164)	(74,405)
Increase/(decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Customers' current accounts	123,731	50,782
Due to banks, financial and other institutions	63,695	(725,588)
Due to investors	48,075	150,353
Other liabilities	28,726	24,212
Increase/(decrease) in equity of unrestricted investment accountholders	60,518	253,878
Taxes paid	(18,834)	(6,731)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	129,248	(181,532)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Net (increase)/decrease:		
Investment in mudaraba	8,855	6,726
Investment in restricted investment accounts	-	(1,485)
Assets acquired for leasing	(35,847)	(69,202)
Sukuk and investment securities	(204,550)	370,076
Dividend received from associates	28,730	18,203
Purchase of fixed assets	(5,991)	(5,587)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(208,803)	318,731
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Minority interest	(1,326)	(2,651)
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,326)	(2,651)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	9,912	5,601
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(70,969)	140,149
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	716,782	586,495
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	645,813	726,644

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Preserving our heritage

International volunteers to support WHV campaign

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Heritage is in danger more than ever. According to UNESCO, there are over 50 World Heritage sites in danger of disappearing forever.

But we may help prevent this from happening by joining hands with the World Heritage Volunteers 2017 (WHV) campaign which will be held at the Qal'at al-Bahrain popularly known as Bahrain Fort.

"In the framework of the UNESCO World Heritage

Centre, the campaign aims to mobilise youth NGOs operating in the non-formal sector to preserve and promote World Heritage through involvement in international voluntary work," Mohammed Bukamal, Project Manager for WHV- Bahrain told DT News.

"The project explores the opportunity for dialogue between volunteers, youth groups, heritage & education experts involved in the promotion and protection of the selected World Heritage sites," he said explaining about the programme held in line with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre's objective of preserving and promoting world heritage sites.

The campaign, organised in cooperation with the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Services (CCIJS), Bahrain Authority for Culture & Antiquities and Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage international volunteers, is hosted by Arab House Foundation that looks after WHV- Bahrain.

When asked about the project goals, Bukamal said each project in the programme is organised by a local youth organisation or NGO where the project goals and activities are determined. "Here young people are trained to undertake concrete action and play an active role in the promotion and preservation of World Heritage," he said.

Bukamal added: "This event will involve local people in the cross-cleaning campaign activity, planting trees and flowers in the vicinity of the fort, a campaign pledge and an entire week of maintenance with the support of the specialists."

Bukamal said the programme would witness volunteers and specialists from all around the world, aged between 18 to 30 years, as well as local volunteers who will highlight the historical and cultural value of the fort.

The camps, which accommodate around 10 to 30 participants extends between one to four weeks.

"The event aims to mobilise youth NGOs operating in the non-formal sector to preserve and promote World Heritage through involvement in international voluntary work"



Mohammed Bukamal

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Three month period ended 30 September 2017



INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2017 USD 000's

	30 September 2017 (Reviewed)	30 June 2017 (Audited)
ASSETS		
Balances and placements with banks	7,356	7,571
Investments	161,411	161,354
Investments in associates and a joint venture accounted under the equity method	27,124	26,940
Murabaha financing to investee companies	34,750	34,750
Receivables	16,689	16,630
Other assets	24,367	27,610
Property and equipment	7,999	8,077
TOTAL ASSETS	279,676	282,952
LIABILITIES		
Islamic financing payables	101,526	101,674
Employee accruals	2,374	2,723
Other liabilities	8,081	7,910
Total liabilities	111,981	112,307
EQUITY		
Share capital	190,000	190,000
Statutory reserve	5,859	5,859
Foreign currency translation reserve	(71)	(130)
Accumulated losses	(28,093)	(25,084)
Total equity	167,695	170,645
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	279,676	282,952

OFF STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION ITEMS

Equity of investment account holders	2,722	2,744
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Extracted from the interim financial statements reviewed by Ernst & Young and approved for issue by the Board on 24 October 2017.

Abdullatif Marafie
Chairman

Abdullatif M. Janahi
Board Member and Chief Executive Officer

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

Three month period ended 30 September 2017 USD 000's

	Three months ended 30 September 2017		2016
REVENUE			
Income from investment banking services - net	138	686	
Finance income	3	6	
Rental and other income	607	704	
Total revenue	748	1,396	
OTHER GAINS / (LOSSES)			
Fair value gains / (losses) on investments carried at fair value through profit or loss - net	729	(489)	
	1,477	907	
EXPENSES			
Staff costs	1,575	1,547	
Travel and business development expenses	96	70	
Legal and professional fees	150	235	
Finance expense	1,349	1,124	
Depreciation	89	117	
Other expenses	1,199	943	
Total expenses	4,458	4,036	
LOSS BEFORE IMPAIRMENT PROVISION AND SHARE OF LOSS OF ASSOCIATES AND A JOINT VENTURE			
	(2,981)	(3,129)	
Share of loss of associates and a joint venture - net	(28)	(140)	
NET LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	(5,009)	(3,269)	

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Three month period ended 30 September 2017 USD 000's

	2017	2016
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net loss for the period	(5,009)	(3,269)
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Share of loss of associates and a joint venture accounted under the equity method	28	140
Fair value (gains) / losses on investments carried at fair value through profit or loss	(729)	489
Depreciation	89	117
Operating losses before changes in operating assets and liabilities	(5,621)	(2,523)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Investments	672	(4,221)
Investments in associates and a joint venture accounted under the equity method	(192)	786
Receivables	(59)	(938)
Funding to project companies	-	3,517
Other assets	3,243	(2,838)
Employee accruals	(349)	18
Other liabilities	171	(249)
Net cash used in operating activities	(135)	(6,448)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Property and equipment - net	(11)	(23)
Net cash used in investing activities	(11)	(23)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Murabaha financing to investee company	-	3,637
Islamic financing payables	(148)	(258)
Net cash (used in) from financing activities	(148)	3,379
Foreign currency translation adjustments	59	9
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(235)	(3,083)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	7,571	8,282
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	7,336	5,199
Cash and cash equivalents per the consolidated statement of financial position		
Balances with banks	6,753	5,071
Placements with financial institutions	583	128
	7,336	5,199

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the three month period ended 30 September 2017

	Share capital	Statutory reserve	Investments fair value reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	(Accumulated losses) / Retained earnings	Total
Balance at 1 July 2017	190,000	5,859	-	(130)	(25,084)	170,645
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(3,009)	(3,009)
Foreign currency translation difference on investment in an associate	-	-	-	59	-	59
Balance at 30 September 2017	190,000	5,859	-	(71)	(28,093)	167,695
Balance at 1 July 2016	190,000	5,859	-	(127)	28,562	224,294
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(3,269)	(3,269)
Foreign currency translation difference on investment in an associate	-	-	-	9	-	9
Net movement in cumulative changes in fair value of available-for-sale investments	-	-	(125)	-	-	(125)
Balance at 30 September 2016	190,000	5,859	(125)	(118)	25,293	220,909



Ithmaar Bank announces continued profits for 2017

Manama

Ithmaar Bank, a Bahrain-based Islamic retail bank and a wholly owned subsidiary of Ithmaar Holding, reported yesterday a net profit of BD5.8 million for the first three quarters of 2017. The net profit attributable to equity holders of the Bank for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2017 was BD1.7m.

In the three-month period ended 30 September 2017, the bank reported a net profit of BD1.4m, with the net profit attributable to equity holders for the period being BD0.2m.

Announcing the results, Prince Amr Al Faisal, Ithmaar Bank Chairman, said, "These are the bank's first third-quarter results since the successful completion in January this year of a planned reorganisation and the formal



Prince Amr Mohammed Al Faisal, Chairman



Ahmed Abdul Rahim, CEO

commencement of the new group structure and hence there are no comparatives and alternatively the first quarter numbers are used as these are the first reported numbers post reorganisation."

Prince Amr, in his comments, further said that the "bank's third-quarter financial results show that the bank is reporting continued profits and stable income for the year."

In the first three quarters of 2017, the total income of the bank was BD112.7m, including BD36.3m for the three-month period ended 30 September 2017.

"The bank recorded a total

income for the first three quarters of the year a net income, before provisions for impairment and overseas taxation, of BD15.3m, including BD2.6m for the three-month period ended 30 September 2017," Prince Amr added.

Ithmaar Bank Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Abdul Rahim attributed the bank's continued profitability in a large part to the "unwavering focus on enhancing products and services while striving to grow closer to customers."

"The bank's total assets grew by 4.4pc over the past six months and stand at BD3.2 billion as at 30 September 2017, up from BD3.1bn as at 31 March 2017," he said.

Murabaha and other financing grew by 2.1pc

during the same period to stand at BD1.80bn as at 30 September 2017, up from BD1.77bn as at 31 March 2017.

Sukuk and other investment securities comprising mainly government securities grew by 2.2pc during the same period to stand at BD686m as at 30 September 2017, up from BD671m as at 31 March 2017.

Equity of unrestricted investment account holders grew by 6.5pc during the same period to stand at BD1.1bn as at 30 September 2017, up from BD1bn as at 31 March 2017.

Customer current accounts grew by 6.6pc during the same period to stand at BD643m as at 30 September 2017, up from BD603m as at 31 March 2017.

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INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2017

	(Amounts in US\$ thousands)	
	30-Sep 2017 (Reviewed)	31-Dec 2016 (Audited)
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with banks	25,005	15,479
Placements with financial institutions	15,000	8,402
Financing receivables	9,472	16,075
Investment securities	56,613	61,603
Investment in associates	126,381	124,994
Investment in real estate	224,543	224,448
Other assets	30,846	29,226
Equipment	9,155	9,466
TOTAL ASSETS	497,015	489,693
LIABILITIES AND OWNERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Due to financial institutions	81,529	87,566
Due to customers	161,568	151,034
Other liabilities	57,012	53,017
TOTAL LIABILITIES	300,109	291,617
OWNERS' EQUITY		
Share capital	207,962	207,962
Statutory reserve	664	664
Fair value reserve	538	151
Foreign currency translation reserve	(5,230)	(6,469)
Accumulated losses	(107,314)	(98,478)
Equity attributable to the shareholders of the Bank	96,620	103,830
Non-controlling interests	100,286	94,246
TOTAL OWNERS' EQUITY	196,906	198,076
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWNERS' EQUITY	497,015	489,693

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the nine months period ended 30 September 2017 (reviewed)

	(Amounts in US\$ thousands)	
	30-Sep 2017	30-Sep 2016
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Loss for the period	(2,796)	(17,845)
Adjustments for:		
(Gain)/Loss on sale of investment securities	(322)	154
Fair value changes in investment securities	2,442	3,923
Share of loss / (income) from associates	286	(195)
Depreciation and amortisation	1,337	1,393
Sukuk amortisation	(237)	(32)
(Reversal)/charge of Impairment	(994)	-
Loss on disposal of investment property	-	2,239
	(284)	(6,658)
Changes in:		
Financing receivables	7,597	46,699
Other assets	(1,856)	3,624
Due to financial institutions	1,967	(23,897)
Due to customers	10,534	(47,302)
Other liabilities	3,995	27,602
Net cash generated from operating activities	21,953	68
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of equipment, net	(886)	(498)
Proceeds from sale of investment securities	25,323	35,244
Purchase of investment securities	(22,216)	(40,463)
Proceeds from sale of investment property	-	14,788
Net cash generated from investing activities	2,221	9,071
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of financing liabilities	(8,093)	(5,820)
Net cash used in financing activities	(8,093)	(5,820)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	16,081	3,319
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	43	(192)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	23,881	26,669
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	40,005	29,796
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:		
Cash and balances with banks	25,005	14,263
Placements with financial institutions	15,000	15,533
	40,005	29,796

BANK ALKHAIR

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

for the nine months period ended 30 September 2017 (reviewed)

	(Amounts in US\$ thousands)		(Amounts in US\$ thousands)	
	(Three months ended)		(Nine months ended)	
	30-Sep 2017	30-Sep 2016	30-Sep 2017	30-Sep 2016
Income from non-banking operations	7,549	7,050	22,477	23,445
Fees and commission	4,391	1,462	12,798	5,366
Income/(Loss) from investment Securities	195	(2,924)	(1,854)	(4,030)
Rental income	606	606	1,817	1,817
Finance income	281	324	899	1,865
Share of income / (loss) from associates, net	661	352	(286)	195
Loss on sale of investment property	-	-	-	(2,239)
Other income	229	2,032	487	2,047
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	95	(175)	254	(587)
Total income	14,008	9,327	36,592	27,878
Expenses of non-banking operations	5,072	5,264	14,720	16,038
Staff cost	3,444	3,618	10,354	10,590
Finance cost	2,954	2,847	8,527	8,400
Depreciation	390	450	1,337	1,393
Legal and professional expenses	205	205	1,218	1,433
Premises cost	229	240	706	777
Business development expenses	100	91	341	353
Other operating expense	1,124	777	3,179	3,035
Total expenses	13,518	13,492	40,352	42,019
Income/Loss for the period before impairment provision	490	(4,165)	(3,790)	(14,140)
(Charge)/reversal of impairment	-	(436)	994	(3,705)
Income/(Loss) for the period	490	(4,601)	(2,796)	(17,845)
Attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Bank	(1,543)	(5,473)	(8,836)	(20,863)
Non-controlling interests	2,033	872	6,040	3,018
	490	(4,601)	(2,796)	(17,845)

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements were reviewed by Ernst and Young and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on the 12th November 2017.

Yousef Abdullah Al-Shelash
Chairman

Majed Abdulrahman Al Qasem
Vice Chairman

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY

for the nine months period ended 30 September 2017 (reviewed)

	Equity attributable to the shareholders of the Bank					Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	Share capital	Statutory reserve	Investments fair value reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Accumulated losses		
As at 1 January 2017	207,962	664	151	(6,469)	(98,478)	103,830	198,076
(Loss)/income for the period	-	-	-	-	(8,836)	(8,836)	(2,796)
Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	-	43	-	43	43
Share of changes in reserves of investment in associates	-	-	387	1,196	-	1,583	1,583
As at 30 September 2017	207,962	664	538	(5,230)	(107,314)	96,620	196,906
As at 1 January 2016	207,962	664	(249)	(15,290)	(58,478)	134,609	224,794
(Loss)/income for the period	-	-	-	-	(20,863)	(20,863)	(17,845)
Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	-	(21)	-	(21)	(21)
Share of changes in reserves of investment in associates	-	-	278	95	-	373	373
As at 30 September 2016	207,962	664	29	(15,216)	(79,341)	114,098	207,301

Auditors' Report Emphasis of matter Paragraph:

Without qualifying our conclusion, we draw attention to note 2 to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements which discusses certain matters relating to the Group's liquidity position, accumulated losses and regulatory capital adequacy requirements, implications of these matters for the basis of preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements and management's action plans to deal with these matters. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Note 2 Basis of preparation as referenced in Auditors' Report Emphasis of matter Paragraph:

Going concern:

As at 30 September 2017, the current contractual liabilities of the Group exceeded its liquid assets and the accumulated losses of the Group exceeded 50% of its paid up capital. As a result, the ability of the Group to meet its obligations when due depends on its ability to roll over short term liabilities and timely disposal of assets. Further, the Bank's capital adequacy ratio as at 30 September 2017 was below the minimum regulatory capital requirements. These factors indicate the existence of material uncertainties, which may cast doubt about the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. To address these, the management has taken a number of initiatives including discussions with creditors who have shown willingness in the past to roll over short term placements, putting together a robust assets sales plan and support from major shareholders who have also in the past provided support when it was needed. The Board of Directors has reviewed these initiatives and is satisfied with the appropriateness of the going concern assumption for preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

For further information, please visit the Bank's website at www.bankalkhair.com

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ABG posts \$97m net income

Total assets rose by 6pc in the first Nine Months of 2017



COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2954	0.2929
BANGLADESH	0.00483	0.00461
CANADA	0.3032	0.3000
DENMARK	0.0622	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0220
EURO	0.4464	0.4439
HONGKONG	0.04970	0.04930
INDIA	0.00583	0.00581
INDONESIA	0.00003017	0.00028500
IRAN TUMAN	0.000323	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000304	
JAPAN	0.00348	0.003410
JORDAN	0.5350	0.5354
KOREA	0.00038688	
KUWAIT	1.249	1.249
MALAYSIA	0.0923	0.0923
NEW ZEALAND	0.2650	0.2650
NORWAY	0.0484	
NEPAL	0.00395	0.00362
OMAN	0.98014	0.98301
PAKISTAN	0.00367	0.00358
PHILIPPINES	0.00755	0.00738
QATAR	0.2831	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10058	0.10066
SINGAPORE	0.2816	0.2795
SOUTH AFRICA	0.02760	0.02750
SRI LANKA	0.00276	0.00246
SWEDISH	0.0482	
SWITZERLAND	0.3870	0.3839
SYRIA	0.001740	0.3827
TAIWAN	0.013100	
THAILAND	0.011600	0.011600
TURKEY	0.1039	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5017	0.4988
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102500	0.102840
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37790	0.37800
YUAN	0.056800	0.056800

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GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5738	0.3793	0.3330
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.3186	0.2872	0.2522
OMAN	0.3849	0.3826	0.3872	0.3400
QATAR	3.6420	3.6201	3.6640	3.2173
UAE	3.6730	3.6510	3.6952	3.2447
SAUDI	3.7500	3.7275	3.7726	3.3127

Manama

Al Baraka Banking Group (ABG) yesterday announced financial results for the first nine months of the year 2017 showing good increases in assets. Net Income Attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent for the period was US\$97 million.

The bank's total assets rose 6 per cent to US\$24.9 billion, financing and investment portfolio increased 9pc to US\$19.1bn and customer accounts zoomed 6pc to US\$20.4bn from the same period a year ago. Total equity jumped 24pc to US\$2.5bn from the prior year period.

Customer accounts represent 82pc of total assets, which, according to the bank, indicates the continued customer confidence and loyalty in the Group and growing customer base and expansion in the branch network.

The results, Deputy Chairman of ABG, Abdulla Ammar Al Saudi said, reflect the current international and regional banking situations and slowdown in economic growth in major countries and the fluctuation of currencies.

Adnan Ahmed Yousif, Member of the Board of Directors and President & Chief Executive of Al Baraka Banking Group, however, said that the bank was able to "compensate for this effect by increasing the volume of business in the Group units



Abdulla Ammar Al Saudi, Deputy Chairman of Al Baraka Banking Group



Adnan Ahmed Yousif, Member of the Board of Directors and President & Chief Executive of Al Baraka Banking Group

significantly." He added: "Therefore, we consider the results that we achieved during the half nine months of 2017 are good."

The overall profitability of the Group was affected during the period as a result of the decrease in local currencies in five countries in which ABG Units are operating. Total operating income decreased by 7pc to US\$735m from US\$789m for the same period last year and net operating income by 12pc to US\$318m from US\$362m for the same period last year.

Net income, in addition to the effect of the decline in local currencies, was also affected by the increase in the amount of

prudential provisions, resulting in a net profit of US\$154m for the first nine months of 2017, a decrease of 24pc from US\$204m for the same period last year. Net income attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent for the first nine months of 2017 was US\$97m, down by 17pc compared from US\$116m for the same period last year.

For the third quarter of 2017 the net income was less by 32pc to reach US\$41m compared to US\$61m for the same period last year. While net income attributable to the parent for the third quarter of 2017 was US\$27m, a 24pc decrease from US\$35m for the same period last year.

With regard to the Group's plans to expand its branch network, the President & Chief Executive said, "In terms of regional and international geographical expansion, we are preparing to open our banking unit in Morocco in the coming weeks with our partners in the new bank, the Moroccan Bank for Foreign Commerce (BMCE Bank), a large and well-established bank in the Moroccan market.

Looking ahead, the President & Chief Executive of the Group added, "For the remaining part of 2017, we expect the fluctuations in regional and international markets will continue."

Ithmaar Holding reports results for third quarter

Manama

Ithmaar Holding BSC (formerly Ithmaar Bank BSC) (Ithmaar) reported yesterday a net loss of US\$16.3 million for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2017, compared to a net profit of US\$16.7m for the same period last year.

Net loss attributable to equity holders for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2017 was US\$27m, compared to a net profit of US\$6.5m reported for the same period last year. This included a net loss of US\$14.7m for the three-month period ended 30 September 2017, compared to a net profit of US\$4.8m for the same period last year. Net loss attributable to equity holders

for the three-month period ended 30 September 2017 was US\$17.8m, compared to a net profit of US\$2.1m reported for the same period last year.

"Overall income from our core business grew significantly during the year, as evident from the higher share on income from unrestricted investment accounts as a Mudarib, which grew 49.8 percent to US\$51.9m for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2017, compared to US\$34.7m for the same period last year, as well as the increase in income from murabaha and other financing, which grew by 9.3 percent to US\$108.4m for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2017, compared to US\$99.2m for the same period last year,"

said Ithmaar Chairman Prince Amr Al Faisal.

"During the nine-month period ended 30 September 2017, Ithmaar Group initiated an active programme to locate a buyer for a specific asset within the Group. Accordingly, this asset was consequently presented as an asset classified as held for sale in the consolidated statement of financial position," said Prince Amr. "At 30 September 2017, this asset was classified as held for sale and the resultant impairment loss was recorded in the consolidated statement of income during the period," he said.

"Although net income, before provision for impairment and overseas taxation, dropped to

US\$32.8m for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2017, from US\$51.1m for the same period last year, this loss was mainly due to unrealized foreign exchange losses of US\$17.2m," said Prince Amr.

Ithmaar Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Abdul Rahim, said the results reflect a clear, unwavering focus on growing the core retail banking business. "Customer current accounts increased to US\$1.7 billion as at 30 September 2017, a 7.2 percent increase compared to US\$1.6 billion as at 31 December 2016, and a 13.8 percent increase compared to US\$1.5 billion as at 30 September 2016," he said.

Expo Dubai, Nissan turning a green Leaf



2019 Mercedes G-Class interior leaked

A series of photos showing the new dashboard of the 2019 G-Class before the official reveal went online, revealing what's changed. The new dashboard does a good job at integrating Mercedes' latest wide-display tech without altering too much the character of the interior which doesn't try to hide its utilitarian roots as displayed by the grab handle in front of the passenger and its sober lines. The images come courtesy of Dutch Autoweek. (Carscoops)



Mahindra-Based Jeep Wrangler Replica

This Jeep Wrangler looks just like any other. In fact, if you asked almost anyone what vehicle it is, they too would say it's a Jeep. However, it's not. What we are instead looking at is a Jeep Wrangler replica built by an Indian company called Jeep Studio. The vehicle started life out as a Mahindra Thar, an off-roader which already looks very similar to the outgoing Wrangler. However, to make the thing appear more genuine, Jeep Studio spent four months converting it with all-new body panels. Indian Autos Blog reports that the Thar's new body panels have been complemented by LED headlights and taillights, wing mirrors from a Wrangler. (Carscoops)

Dubai

Expo 2020 Dubai is joining forces with leading vehicle manufacturer Nissan to demonstrate and showcase the future of intelligent mobility – starting with a fleet that includes electric vehicles.

The Japanese firm was revealed yesterday as Expo 2020 Dubai's latest Official Premier Partner at an event held at the Expo site, where Nissan also unveiled the second generation of its electric car, the Nissan LEAF, for the first time in the Middle East.

As Expo 2020's Official Automotive Partner, Nissan will provide the Expo 2020 fleet, including electric vehicles and next generation cars featuring advanced technologies. Expo 2020 will be the first major organisation in the Middle East to use the Nissan Leaf, which is already the world's best selling electric car. Learnings from the partnership will help accelerate the electrification of mobility in the region. Nissan Intelligent Mobility technology will

also be extensively showcased at the mega-event taking place in 2020.

The deal was signed by Reem Al Hashimy, UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation and Director General, Dubai Expo 2020 Bureau, and Kalyana Sivagnanam, President for Middle East and Regional Vice President for Africa, Middle East and India at Nissan.

Reem Al Hashimy, said: "World Expos celebrate human ingenuity. We're seeing that ingenuity making mobility more intelligent and more sustainable through electric

vehicle technologies.

Kalyana Sivagnanam

said: "The new, zero-emission Nissan LEAF embodies 'Nissan Intelligent Mobility' – our approach to changing the way cars are driven, powered and integrated into society. Nissan's Intelligent Mobility vision also ties into the UAE government's ambition to reduce carbon emissions and promote the growth of electric vehicles across the nation."

Nissan also showcased a premiere video of its BladeGlider electric concept car that will be exhibited at the Nissan booth at Dubai Motorshow, taking place from November 14-18, 2017 at Dubai World Trade Centre. The video will be released on November 13, 2017.

Nissan joins a number of other global brands that are Premier Partners of Expo 2020 Dubai – including Emirates Airline, Accenture, DP World, Emirates NBD, Etisalat, SAP and Siemens.



▶▶ Nissan announced as Official Automotive Partner of Expo 2020 Dubai
▶▶ Will provide extensive fleet of almost 1,000 vehicles, including electric
▶▶ Second-generation LEAF makes first Mid East appearance at Expo site

2018 KIA STINGER LAUNCHED IN BAHRAIN



From left: Mohammed Bin Hindi, KIA General Manager, Korean Ambassador Hyunmo Koo, Ahmed Bin Hindi, A. A. Bin Hindi Group Vice-Chairman & CEO, Abdulla Ahmed Bin Hindi, A. A. Bin Hindi Group Chairman, Nawaf Bin Hindi and A. Aziz Bin Hindi, A. A. Bin Hindi Group Board Members and Deputy CEOs.

Manama

Bin Hindi Motors, the sole distributor of KIA Motors in Bahrain has unveiled the ultra-stylish whole new breed of KIA model – The Stinger - at a special event held at KIA showroom, Arad.

The NEW-BRAND KIA Stinger was unveiled by Korean Ambassador Hyunmo Koo, Abdulla Ahmed Bin Hindi, A. A. Bin Hindi Group Chairman and Ahmed Abdulla Bin Hindi, A. A. Bin Hindi Group Vice-Chairman & CEO, in the presence of VIPs, dignitaries, media personnel and A. A. Bin Hindi top management.

The all-new 2018 Kia Stinger is a five-passenger fastback sports sedan poised to redefine a segment currently populated by European automakers, the Stinger promises to be the highest-performance

production vehicle in the company's history and is backed by Kia Motors' industry-leading quality and reliability. Instantly recognizable as a direct evolution of the concept that preceded it, the all-new 2018 Kia Stinger design was overseen by Peter Schreyer, Kia Motors' chief design officer, and his talented team of designers in Frankfurt. Ride and handling development was looked after by Albert Biermann, head of Kia's Vehicle Test and High Performance Development and his group of engineers in Korea and on the grueling Nurburgring racing circuit. Albert Biermann was responsible of the Engine performance Ride & handling. He was working in "M Power" Germany and got deployed by Kia to start with Stinger as the beginning



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, at the Gudaibiya Palace yesterday. The two leaders stressed that Bahrain's "security, stability and economy are being targeted." They affirmed that this targeting is escalating, and will be confronted with a tight security grip and strict measures



Wife of His Majesty the King & Supreme Commander HRH Princess Al-Munira bint Hamad Al Khalifa, along with other women, participated in a program titled "Female Engineers in the Business" at the Gudaibiya Palace.



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa chaired in his office at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday the 18th meeting of the Civil Service Council. The Deputy Premier stressed the importance to link the institutional performance to the individual one in the public sector according to the action plan to generalize the institutional performance management project "Takamul" on all ministries and government institutions during the first semester of 2018



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received the Bahraini Defence Force (BDF) Chief of Staff, Major General Al-Mannai. They exchanged cordial talks. Separately, the BDF Chief received the Bahraini Defence Force (BDF) Chief of Staff, Major General Al-Mannai.



President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa received yesterday Chief Executive of Seef Properties Ahmed Yusef. Shaikha Mai briefed him about BACA's programme for 2018 during which Muharrarq will be celebrated as "Capital of Islamic Culture"



Lions Club of Bahrain held its monthly Board and business meeting at Intercontinental Hotel on Wednesday. The meeting chaired by President K N Singh decided to host the club's Charter night, Tiny tots painting competition and Schools Olympics. The painting competition will be for children aged between 3 to 8, while Olympic is for children between the age 8 and 17. The competitions will be held in December 2017 and January 2018. Above, board members, sitting from left to right, Vicky Kamboj, Kishore Kumar, President K N Singh and Secretary Mahendra Shah. Standing from Left to Right: Rohan Rakendath, Balraj Tanwar, O C Alexander, Jacob Johan and Jay Pandey



YMCA Bahrain organised Peace and Blessings Bahrain 2017 programme at Abdul Rahman Kanoo School in Salmabad. Chris Thomas' 30 years of his music ministry was honored. Other singers were Jiji Sam and Rose Bobby Thomas. Cine artiste Prem Kumar and Y.M.C.A. Bahrain's secretary general Betsy Mathieson was the chief guest. YMCA Bahrain president Soman Baby welcomed the guests and presented a certificate of appreciation. The program ended with a prayer and a song of thanks



Prime Council for Women Chairwoman HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, patronised yesterday the opening of the second International Businesswomen's Forum and Exhibition held under the theme "Empowering the Future of Bahrain". After the forum's opening session, HRH Princess opened the associated expo and got informed about the participation of businesswomen from Bahrain and beyond



HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa received at the BDF General Command yesterday, Mohammed Abdullah Al-Kooheji, and his brothers



A Parliamentary delegation will take part in the 10th general session and the 2nd meeting of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly's Executive Council which is slated to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, from November 21 to 24 to discuss principally "Sustainability of Development and Peace in Asia". The parliamentary delegation held a coordination meeting yesterday under the chairmanship of Parliament Chairman Ahmed Al Mulla. Members of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly from the Representatives and Shura Councils attended the meeting

President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, yesterday welcomed former Korean President Lee Myung-bak at the Bahrain National Museum. The former Korean president is visiting Bahrain at the invitation of Shaikh Ibrahim Culture and Research Center to present a lecture



Ombudsman Nawaf Mohammed Al Maawda yesterday met the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)'s Representative to the Kingdom of Bahrain, James Liner. They reviewed means of boosting areas of co-operation, especially in the field of training, exchange of expertise and workshops. Deputy Ombudsman Osama Ahmed Al Asfoor and Ghada Hameed Habib the Director of Development & International Cooperation were also present during the meeting



Devotional singer Binoy Chacko, who completes 50 years of service, was the guest speaker. Federation of Expatriate Asst. Secretary and secretary Shibu Thomas proposed a vote of appreciation



The Senior Section of Pakistan Urdu School organised Annual Day/ Merit Certificate Ceremony on November 11. The Chief Guest of the programme was Lulwa Abdur Rehman Jodhr (Education Specialist) and Guest of Honour was Asghir Ali (Chairman Board of Trustees). Merit certificates, shields and cash awards totaling \$12,000 were distributed among position holders on the occasion

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CAVILL FINDS 'JUSTICE LEAGUE' CHARACTERS ARE RELATABLE



Henry Cavill said the superheroes from his upcoming film 'Justice League' are characters with humane traits that seem larger-than-life due to the demands of the story. Reportedly, the 34-year-old actor, who plays Superman in the movie from the DC Universe, said anyone who watches the Joss Whedon directorial will be able to associate with the heroes. "Watching the team dynamic as characters is one of my favourite things about this movie, because superheroes are all different factions of the human psyche, personality traits, just personified and made grand. "So everyone who's watched this movie will have something they can associate with while watching each one of these performances. And everyone watching this movie is going to identify with the 'at the between' characters and the similarities between characters as well," said Cavill. (TOI)



Shawn Mendes wins big at MTV EMAs



Singer Shawn Mendes won big at the 2017 MTV Europe Music Awards (EMA) by taking home three honours. Mendes had been expected to fare well, going into the EMAs with five nominations, and won for Best Artist, Best Fans and Best Song for "There's nothing holdin' me back". Singer Taylor Swift had more nominations, with six, but she didn't pick up any award. The award ceremony was held inside London's SSE Arena, Wembley, on Sunday night, reports *variety.com*. U2, recipients of the Global Icon Award of the night, performed "Get out of your own way" from Trafalgar Square. Rapper Eminem was on the mic in a London pub before taking to the EMA stage and performed his new single, "Walk on water". The rapper picked up the Best Hip Hop gong. (IANS)

Princess Diana was like Wonder Woman

Gal Gadot believes Princess Diana had a lot in common with her onscreen avatar of Wonder Woman. The 32-year-old star said it is easy for people to relate with the superhero as she is compassionate and her approach towards life is similar to the Princess of Wales. "I remember a quote from Princess Diana where she hit the nail on the head. She said she worked from the heart and not the head and I think that Wonder Woman, Diana Prince, is the same. "I know one Diana was real and the other isn't, but Wonder Woman is such a great character because she works from the heart," Gadot said. The 'Justice League' star believes Wonder Woman is a great female role model. (TOI)



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Actor and fashion model who won a Daytime Emmy Award for his role in All My Children. He portrayed Danny McCoy in Las Vegas and starred in the first three films in the Transformers franchise.

NEGGA LOVES WORKING WITH COOPER

Los Angeles

Actress Ruth Negga loves working with her partner Dominic Cooper because she thinks the entertainment business can be “lonely” without someone to support her. “It can be so lonely filming, so it’s like your buddy and your back up. He’s got my back and I’ve got his. Very much so,” Negga told Harper’s

Bazaar magazine, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Earlier this year, Negga was nominated for an Oscar in “Loving”, in which she played Mildred Loving, one half of a mixed-race couple who challenged the US legal system for the right to marry and live together in Virginia in the 1960s.

She misses the character so much that she often re-watches a documentary about the late activist and her husband Richard. (IANS)

The Script want Rihanna collaboration

Los Angeles

Rock band The Script would love to get to know singer Rihanna and collaborate with her. Drummer Glen Power said it would be “awesome” to team up with Rihanna on a track, but only if it was “organic”, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“It would be amazing to work with Rihanna. Wouldn’t that be so awesome? We are always open to working with anybody. We always feel that it has to be organic. Usually for us, it’s usually because we bumped into somebody at an airport and we just got talking,” he told Bang Showbiz. (IANS)



Driver has not been told to keep mum

Adam Driver said ‘Star Wars’ makers have not yet warned him to keep the details about the film a secret and he finds it “unbelievable”.

Driver will reprise his role of Kylo Ren in the upcoming film, ‘The Last Jedi’.

“There’s probably something in my contract. I don’t know - but it’s kind of unbelievable that no one has told me, ‘Don’t say anything’. It’s just implicitly understood.”

When asked whether the fans will get to see Kylo without his signature mask, he said, “I can answer that. You’ll see it off in the new trailer so I’m not giving anything away.” (TOI)

MOVIES... COMING SOON... next week



Mudbound

Director: Dee Rees
Stars: Carey Mulligan, Garrett Hedlund, Jason Clarke, Jonathan Banks



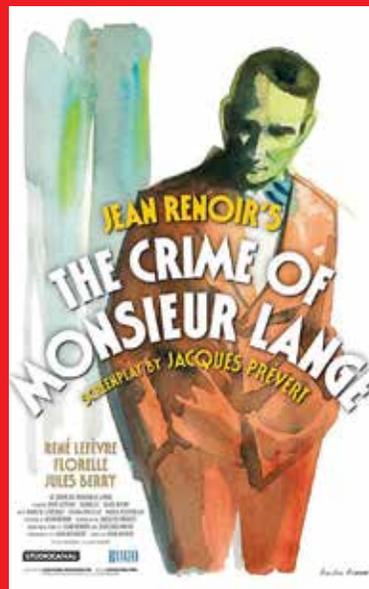
Big Sonia

Directors: Todd Soliday | Leah Warshawski
Stars: Sonia Warshawski, SuEllen Fried, Caroline Kennedy, Regina Kort



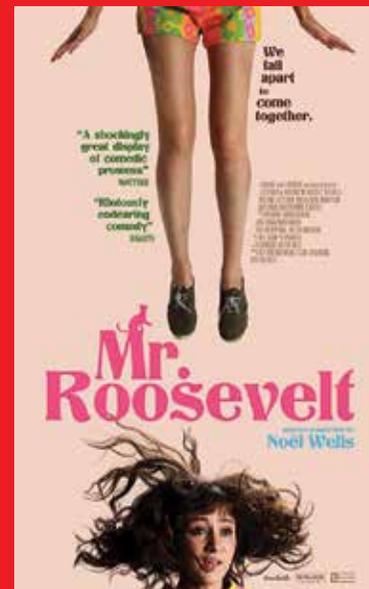
Almost Friends

Director: Jake Goldberger
Stars: Freddie Highmore, Odeya Rush, Christopher Meloni, Haley Joel Osment



The Crime of Monsieur Lange

Director: Jean Renoir
Stars: René Lefèvre, Florelle, Jules Berry, Marcel Lévesque



Mr. Roosevelt

Director: Noël Wells
Stars: Noël Wells, Nick Thune, Britt Lower, Daniella Pineda

OUT & ABOUT

HOW TO REACH US

"Out & About", a ready reckoner for the events taking place on the island, is published from Friday to Tuesday. To be included, please send the matter to the following email ID : news@dt.bh

FUEGO: ANTONIO GADES COMPANY

Date: 1 December 2017, 8:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

The Antonio Gades Company, a major pillar of Spanish flamenco dance, will be presenting "Fuego", which is inspired by the work of the late Spanish legendary composer, Manuel de Falla. The plot, choreography and lighting made by the late Antonio Gades and the Spanish film director, photographer and writer Carlos Saura. Coinciding with the tenth anniversary of the death of Antonio Gades, the foundation that carries his name decided to undertake a very significant challenge setting up another version of the Manuel de Falla's ballet "Enchanted Love". Titled "Fuego", this production was the second scenic interpretation which the choreographer had of Manuel de Falla's work. Being an exponent of Gades' core idea "return to tradition if you want to evolve", this ballet is a transitional piece between the almost mythical setups in the classic plays, Carmen and Fuenteovejuna. It was also the last of the joint mythical flamenco works by Gades and Saura, with the same overlaying structure they followed in Carmen, first as a film and secondly as a ballet.

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



Date: 16 December 2017, 8:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

Coinciding with the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day celebrations, the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities presents a variety of events and cultural activities with the participation of a number of musical bands and Bahraini musicians.

Tickets will be available soon at Virgin Megastore.

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Date: 25th November 2017

Venue: Shahrazad Hall

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Participate in this great charity event to support Bahrain Breast Cancer Society (Think Pink) & Other charitable causes. Ways YOU Can Help!

Donate items for the charity sale event from 1 to 24 November 2017 from 9 to 12 a.m. & from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Shahrazad Hall: "Clothes, books, furniture, toys, household items, electronics, plants, antiques, etc"

"HOUE"

Date:Till 31 December 2017,

8:00am - 8:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

The Bahrain National Theatre will host the "HOUE" installation by French-Iraqi artist Mehdi Moutashar. The HOUE installation will be exhibited at the Theatre's foyer, allowing the visitors to directly interact with it.

"Houé" is an Arabic word formed from two letters: an aerial letter, the aspired 'h', developed from a double movement - concentric and eccentric, and the waw (O) which follows a helical layout. A back and forth movement similar to breathing is born from the entanglement of these two letters; the first as a breath, the second as an instrument.

Houe literally means "the other, him, the one who reflects my image and confirms my humanity". It is also the root of the word identity, but beyond this first meaning, Houé (Him) is the name used by mystics to signify God.

Houe's calligraphic form, written from right to left using a qalam, a sharpened dried reed filled with ink, starts with a thick, intense, black line and narrows towards the end like a hair.

The material shape of the lines forming these three successive angles complies with this logic, as does the general structure: the beginning of the second angle appears halfway along the first, the third starts halfway along the second... So it is the construction in its entirety which results from the logic underpinning it.

In this respect, its development in space clearly refers to the concept of the arabesque, to that essential idea that painting, sculpture and architecture all stem from a single measurement. While the different levels that this work introduces subtly match those of the human body: the lines of the knees, the core and the solar plexus...



MARK YOUR Calendar

ART AT THE HARBOUR EXHIBITION "FROM BAHRAIN"

Date: Ongoing

Venue: Harbour Towers-West

Bahrain Financial Harbour Holding Company had more than 30 people attending the opening of the 20th Art at the Harbour exhibition "From Bahrain" in the Harbour Towers-West, within Bahrain Financial Harbour. Twenty-six pieces by the Bahraini artist Ameena Alaidi went on display at the expo showcasing the artist's own representation of Bahrain, introduced by the CEO of Bahrain Financial Harbour Holding Company, Mr. Angus Campbell.

Ameena is a very talented young artist who has always been very interested in art since she was a young girl, spending most of her time playing with pencils and colours. She studied Educational Arts in University of Bahrain for two years and a half and she participated in Nasser Bin Hamad International Youth Creativity Award in 2013 and won the 3rd place. In addition, she participated in many exhibitions in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Oman.

"From Bahrain" is a very unique reflection of Bahrain, not only reviving some elements from the old Bahraini culture, heritage and lifestyle, but also featuring other sides of the current modern life and beautiful nature.

"I felt like I owe it to my country to dedicated time and effort to reflect its beauty on canvas. Bahrain Financial Harbour Holding Company gave me the opportunity by giving me the space to showcase my artwork in the Harbour Towers and I decided to allocate my entire exhibition for the love of Bahrain."

This is yet another step that Bahrain Financial Harbour Holding Company takes towards supporting art in Bahrain and providing artists a space to display their artwork. The exhibition will continue in the Harbour Towers-West lobby for a total of four weeks, after which it will be moved to the Harbour Towers-East for another four weeks and it is open for visitors at any time.



Mehdi Moutashar was born in Hilla, Iraq in 1943. He moved to Paris in 1967, and since 1974, has lived and worked in Arles. He was a professor at Ecole National Supérieure des Arts Decoratifs in Paris, from 1974 to 2008. Moutashar's work has been exhibited globally, in such countries as Bahrain, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, the UAE, and the US.

PAOLO FRESU QUARTET

Date: 16 November 2017, 8:00pm

Venue: Cultural Hall

With his creativity, talent and technique, Paolo Fresu is considered one of the most important trumpeters and jazz musicians in the Italian scene. His discography numbers an astonishing 130 titles and his music ranges from contemporary music to classic jazz, from dance to jazz/folk fusions.

This musical performance in Bahrain featuring Paolo Fresu (trumpet), Bebo Ferra (electric guitar), Paolino Dalla Porta (acoustic double bass) and Stefano Bagnoli (drums) has been brought by as a collaboration with Embassy of Italy in the Kingdom of Bahrain and Gulf Petrochemical Industries Co. (GPIC).

Free Admission
Minimum age
11 Years

JEWELLERY ARABIA 2017

Date: November 21-25

Venue: Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre

The Middle East's premier jewellery and watch exhibition, Jewellery Arabia, is set to return to the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre from 21 - 25 November 2017.

Held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, this spectacular annual event brings together over 600 exhibitors from 30 countries for a dazzling 5-day gala of glitz and glamour. Spanning 21,000 square metres of exhibition space, a huge range of finished jewellery, luxury timepieces, precious stones, objets d'art, clocks, fine writing instruments and more from around the globe go on sale.

"Last year, we welcomed over 49,000 visitors from 43 countries. In 2017 visitors can look forward to the latest collections, creations and innovations at this trendsetting exhibition and the unique opportunity to purchase from the widest selection of jewellery and watches in the region," said UBM AEM's Director of Sales and Marketing, Fawzi Al Shehabi.

World famous watch and jewellery

houses will be making a return appearance at the 26th edition of the exhibition, including major brand names. Many of these high profile international exhibitors will use the event as a platform to introduce exclusive collections and limited edition pieces to the Middle East collectors' market.

Complementing these iconic brands are national groups from leading jewellery export countries. They include large returning delegations of the finest retailers, designers and manufacturers from Hong Kong, India, Singapore and Thailand. Collectively, these groups reflect the very best manufacturing capabilities, design expertise and gemological resources that their respective countries have to offer.

Joining international brands and national groups are a host of designers, retailers and manufacturers from all over the world, including a selection of Bahrain's leading jewellers.

To assist visitors with making informed buying choices, the world's foremost authority on gemology the GIA (Gemological Institute of America) will be offering visitors complimentary seminars on gems and jewellery.

Jewellery Arabia 2017 is open free of charge to the public. The exhibition will open from 4 pm to 10 pm on 21 to 24 November, and from 12 pm to 10 pm on 25 November. For more information, please visit www.jewelleryarabia.com.

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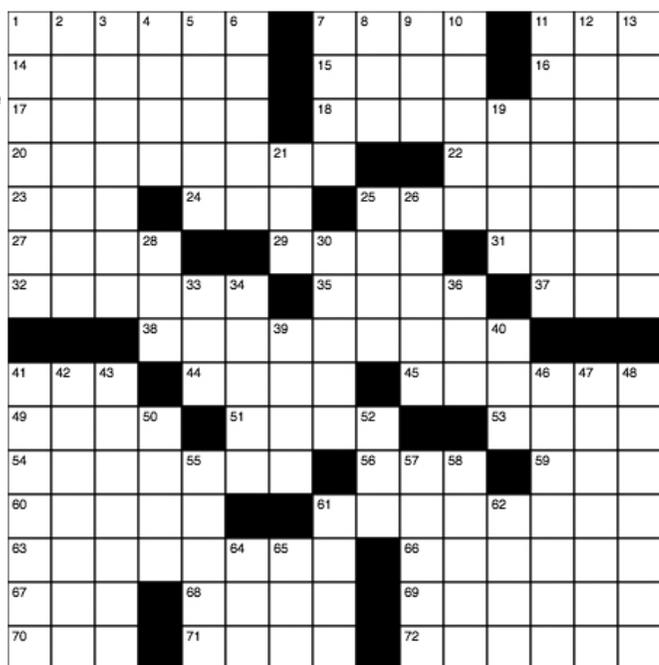
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1- Affable; 2- English navigator; 3- Social worker in a hospital; 4- Asset; 5- Camp sights; 6- Lieu; 7- Unattractive; 8- ___ tai; 9- L.A. clock setting; 10- Lower legs; 11- Apprentice; 12- Morning; 13- International accord; 19- Yucky stuff; 21- Bro's sibling; 25- Dept. of Labor div.; 26- Norman Vincent ___; 28- ___ Mahal; 30- Beasts of burden; 33- Business card abbr.; 34- "___ by any other name..."; 36- Skirt stitching; 39- Drew on; 40- Cut down grass; 41- Stoker; 42- Repeat; 43- Noblest knight of the Round Table; 46- Two wrestlers on the same side; 47- As a group; 48- Began; 50- French actor Jacques; 52- ___ Paulo; 55- Marisa of "My Cousin Vinny"; 57- Slumbered; 58- Hostess Mesta; 61- Ancient Briton; 62- Dagger; 64- Circle segment; 65- Get a move on;

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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.

Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



It may be hard to find your mental and physical home base. Your mind could be wrapped in a cloud or some sort of imaginative time warp, so be careful how you proceed. Your head is in another dimension and you aren't paying nearly enough attention to the road ahead of you.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



You like to recycle in your home and your workplace. Be a part of the solution instead of the problem by picking up after yourself and making sure that you aren't leaving a mess wherever you go. The state of the environment is more of a concern every day. It's up to each individual to make a difference.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



The source of your frustration may be people who seem to be sensitive and honest yet act abrasively and speak aggressively. Try not to be fooled by those who continuously offer one image while delivering another. Keep your guard up. Don't waste your time giving people more chances than they deserve.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Have fun with people today. Talk about the fantasies you dream about coming to fruition in the coming years. Your emotions are strongly tied to your imagination. You could become defensive when someone starts to poke holes in your dreams. Use your intellect to defend yourself and the ideals you wish to live by in the future.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Your competitive side may be a strong force in today's activities. Before you get too emotional about any situation, use logic and cold, hard facts to defend your position. Well thought out arguments presented clearly and concisely will be more effective than an emotional explosion full of tears and harsh words.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



Finding the answers you seek is easier when you take a more adamant position about where you stand now and where you want to be later. If you continue to be uncertain and relaxed about which way to proceed, others may take advantage of you. You have the strength and power to fuel your desires. It's time to put these into effect.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



You've almost reached an important finish line. Don't give up. This is the time to kick into high gear and get moving even more quickly than before. Your emotions may remain out in left field as they merge with your most active fantasies. Do your best to stay on track by looking forward instead of behind you. You can always change course after you reach this finish line.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



This is a good time to make decisions that bring together your need for practicality as well as desire for emotional freedom. It's important for your mental health to have faith in your fantasies and your ability to see them through to fruition. There's a special portal open for you today with your name on it.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



You're apt to feel support, though it might be hidden in unexpected places. Don't discount anyone. Even the most caustic remarks have a touch of sensitivity and progressive thought that can help you a great deal. There's strength in emotional truth even if you don't want to hear it. Bitter pills may be hard to swallow, but they can be good for you.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



It may be hard for anything to hold your attention today. Your mind may drift easily, and you may not have the patience to deal with situations that come your way. Do your best to wait until someone is finished talking before you jump in with your two cents. Be polite and respectful of others and they'll be more respectful of yours.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



You're trying to protect and shelter a certain part of yourself from others. This special spot in your soul that you hide from others is probably the most beautiful, since you nurture it so carefully. Don't give up this piece of yourself too easily. Save this pristine, delicate place for someone most deserving.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Although some people may think of you as a space cadet when it comes to decisions and commitments, they may see a different side of you today. Don't be surprised if others come around to your camp once they hear your side of the story. Somehow all the pieces are fitting into place just like you knew they would. Those who doubted you will be pleasantly surprised.

Handshake challenge: He grimaces, grins, grips



Ultimately Trump figured out that he had to cross his arms and connect with the group

Manila

He grimaced. He grinned. He gripped. President Donald Trump is known for his long, at times aggressive, handshakes with world leaders. But at an international summit in the Philippines on Monday, he struggled briefly with a different kind of handshake. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations conference in Manila kicked off with a group photo of world leaders. And then the announcer intoned that it

was time for the leaders to take part in a "traditional" ASEAN handshake. It's a cross-body exercise in which leaders extend their right arms over their left and shake the opposite hands of those on either side. The announcer's instructions appeared for a moment to baffle Trump, who at first simply crossed his hands in front of him. Then, looking around, Trump turned to the leaders who flanked him — Vietnamese Prime Minister

Nguyen Xuan Phuc to his right, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte to his left — and simply extended his arms outward. That wasn't quite right, either. Trump laughed, crossed his arms and reached to the correct sides. He grimaced at first, particularly when bending down to reach the hands of the shorter leaders on either side. And then, with an exaggerated smile, he vigorously gripped their hands. (AP)

#PollToday



Rescuers are still searching for those trapped under rubble following a quake that killed more than 400 people. Tremors were felt in Bahrain too. Are you aware of the precautions to be taken during a natural disaster?
 Yes No Cant Say



I have resigned. I am going to Lebanon very soon and I will resign in the constitutional manner. If we want to go back on the resignation, we have to return to the policy of distancing ourselves from regional conflicts. I am not against Hezbollah as a party, I have a problem with Hezbollah destroying the country. The main problem for the region was Iran interfering in Arab states,"

-Saad Hariri
Lebanon's Prime Minister

Rest in sight

Erdogan says he will discuss Gulf crisis



Turkey's President Tayyip Erdogan said he will discuss a solution to the five-month dispute between Qatar and its Gulf Arab neighbors during a visit to Kuwait.

About 30 killed when train derailed in Congo

About 30 people were killed and more than two dozen injured when a train derailed then caught fire in Democratic Republic of Congo.

Trial begins over IS airport attack

The trial against dozens of suspects accused of involvement in last year's deadly attack on Istanbul's airport has begun.

Saudi-led coalition wants weapons checks

The Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen said it will continue to block the aid route until its opponents cannot use it to bring in weapons.

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Rescuers try to save whales beached off Indonesia's Aceh



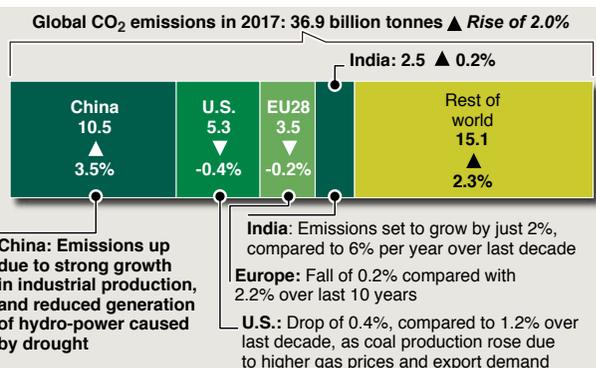
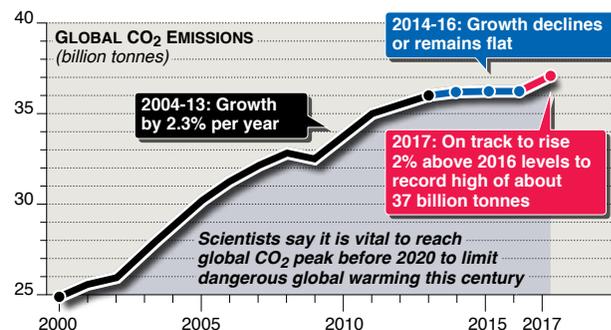
Banda Aceh

Rescuers are trying to save a small pod of whales that beached Monday off Indonesia's Aceh province. The head of Aceh's marine and fisheries office, Nur Mahdi, said 10 whales were stranded at Ujong Kareng beach and attracted hundreds of onlookers who posed for

pictures with them. He said five were refloated hours later and led out to sea with boats. Rescuers are trying to treat two injured whales and refloat the others, he said. Mahdi said whale pods follow a group leader and beach if the leader swims too close to shore due to sickness or other reasons. (AP)

Concern at first CO2 rise in four years

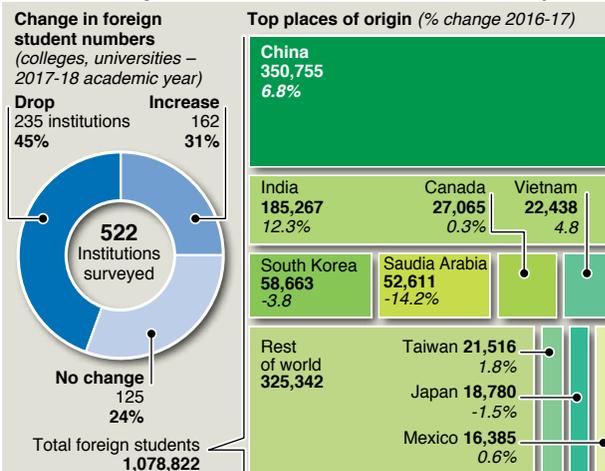
World carbon emissions in 2017 are projected to rise for the first time in four years, dashing hopes that a peak might soon be reached. The main cause for the rise has been greater use of coal in China



Sources: Global Carbon Project, Nature © GRAPHIC NEWS

Fewer foreign students enrol in U.S.

The number of international students enrolling in U.S. universities has fallen by seven percent since Donald Trump was elected president, according to an Institute of International Education survey



European Union signs defence pact

Brussels
France and Germany edged toward achieving a 70-year-old ambition to integrate European defences, signing a pact with 21 other EU governments to fund, develop and deploy armed forces after Britain's decision to quit the bloc. Foreign and defense ministers gathered at a signing ceremony in Brussels to represent 23 EU governments joining the pact.



EU bans arms sales to Venezuela

Brussels
The European Union banned arms sales to Venezuela and set up a system to slap asset freezes and travel restrictions on Venezuelan officials as it sought to ramp up pressure on President Nicolas Maduro. The move was decided by EU foreign ministers at talks in Brussels. The weapons ban would stop sales of military equipment that could be used for repression or surveillance.



I am proud of the Rep. House & Senate for working so hard on cutting taxes (& reform.) We're getting close! Now, how about ending the unfair & highly unpopular Indiv Mandate in OCare & reducing taxes even further? Cut top rate to 35% w/all of the rest going to middle income cuts?"

-Donald Trump

US President



Gulf Air and Dubai Aerospace Enterprise Ltd. (DAE) signed an aircraft lease agreement for five Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft that are scheduled to enter the Gulf carrier's fleet in 2018. These modern, fuel efficient planes will help Gulf Air expand its network, facilitating the long-term expansion capabilities for the airline's future network requirement.

"Our agreement with Dubai Aerospace Enterprise, sees Gulf Air gear up for a landmark moment in our history as we welcome five Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners in the coming months. The incoming aircraft represent an important step in our strategic direction towards furthering Gulf Air's fleet modernization process, enhancing passenger comfort and broadening our network as we look to strengthen our presence across the globe,"

- Captain Waleed Abdulhameed Al Alawi, Gulf Air Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Gulf Air inks Aircraft leasing agreement with Dubai Aerospace Enterprise

"Leasing these top-of-the-range aircraft underlines Dubai Aerospace Enterprise's ability to work with customers with varying requirements and is made possible by our long-standing presence in the leasing and finance space. We look forward to supporting one of the Gulf region's premier airlines as it continues to grow,"

- Firoz Tarapore, Dubai Aerospace Chief Executive Officer

About Gulf Air

Gulf Air operates double daily flights or more to 10 regional cities, in addition to select destinations in the Indian Subcontinent and Europe, from its hub at Bahrain International Airport. Gulf Air currently serves all its destinations with a combination wide and narrow body fleet totalling 28 modern aircraft with orders for 39 new Boeing and Airbus aircraft due for delivery commencing in early 2018.



Khalifa Al Daboos, Managing Director of DAE and Captain Waleed Abdulhameed Al Alawi, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Air (right), sign the lease agreement for five Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners

Company General Manager Manufacturing Fadhel Al Ansari received the Award



Top environment award for GPIC

Manama
The Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) has been awarded the Saudi Arabia Award for Environmental Management in the private sector by the Rabat, Morocco-based Agricultural Management Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO).
Company General Manager Manufacturing Fadhel Al Ansari received the Award on behalf of its

President, Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery, during the opening session of a meeting of Islamic Countries' Environment Ministers.
In a statement, Dr. Jawahery said the achievement reaffirms the sound strategies of the Company's Board of Directors and their care for the environment.
The ceremony was attended by Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Hasna, the sister of the Moroccan monarch, and the head of the

Mohammed VI Foundation for the Protection of the Environment. Ambassadors of Islamic countries in Morocco were also present.
The Award is a grant from the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to develop Islamic environmental work. It is supervised by the General Authority for Meteorology and the Environmental Protection in Saudi Arabia, while ISESCO administers the work of its general secretariat.



Bahrainis had an opportunity to find out more about the rewards and demands of international education at an event held at the Sheraton Bahrain. The Al Jamiat U.S. University Tour organised by the US Educational Group returned to Bahrain as part of its Fall 2017 tour, which also took it to other places in the Middle East including Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Dubai. The three-hour fair included presenters from about 26 US universities and Score Plus Bahrain which is the local partner for the test prep and admissions counselling firm, The Princeton Review. Approximately 350 students, looking for both graduate and undergraduate opportunities, had a chance to interact with such institutions as Virginia Tech, University of Santa Cruz, SUNY Buffalo, and American University of Cairo, among many others. The students were able to get their questions answered about university costs, scholarship opportunities, and required admissions tests such as the SAT or the GMAT. The fair was entirely free and open to the public.



A wounded boy is treated following the quake in Kermanshah, Iran



A man looks at a damaged building in the town of Darbandikahan, near the city of Sulaimaniyah



A man sits outside a damaged building in Sarpol-e Zahab county in Kermanshah, Iran



A man reacts following the quake



A woman reacts next to a dead body in Sarpol-e Zahab county in Iran



A damaged building is seen in Kermanshah



A man walks past a damaged building in Sulaimaniya Governorate, Iraq

Ankara/Baghdad

Nizar Abdullah spent the night sifting through the ruins of the two-storey house next door in the mountainous town of Darbandikhan in Iraqi Kurdistan after a killer quake hit the region.

"There were eight people inside," Abdullah, an Iraqi Kurd, told AFP on Monday, outside the pile of concrete debris where the house once stood.

Some family members managed to escape, but "neighbours and rescue workers pulled out the mother and one of the children dead from the rubble", said the 34-year-old.

The 7.3-magnitude quake hit on the Iraq-Iran border area on Sunday night, killing hundreds of people and injuring thousands of others.

Iran took the brunt of it, with at least 400 people killed and 3,950 injured, while in Iraq the quake claimed eight

lives and injured 535 others, officials from both countries said.

The quake hit a border area 30 kilometres (20 miles) southwest of Halabja in Iraqi Kurdistan at around 9:20 pm (1820 GMT), the US Geological Survey said.

Most people were at home when the quake struck.

"All at once the electricity went out and I felt a strong tremor," said Loqman Hussein.

"I immediately ran out of the house with my family," he added.

Akram Wali, 50, said many families in Darbandikhan sought shelter with relatives outside of the town.

They fled as authorities in Iraqi Kurdistan called on the population in the southern area of the town to leave their homes, fearing that the Darbandikhan dam would burst.

All eyes on dam

The dam, which spans the Diyala River, is located in Sulaimaniyah province, where seven people were killed, including four in Darbandikhan. One person died in Diyala province.

Authorities in the Darbandikhan region, home to 40,000 people, say the dam has withstood the fury of the quake and did not suffer any major cracks.

Taha Mohammed, 65, has not heeded the call to leave Darbandikhan, even if the quake totally destroyed his house.

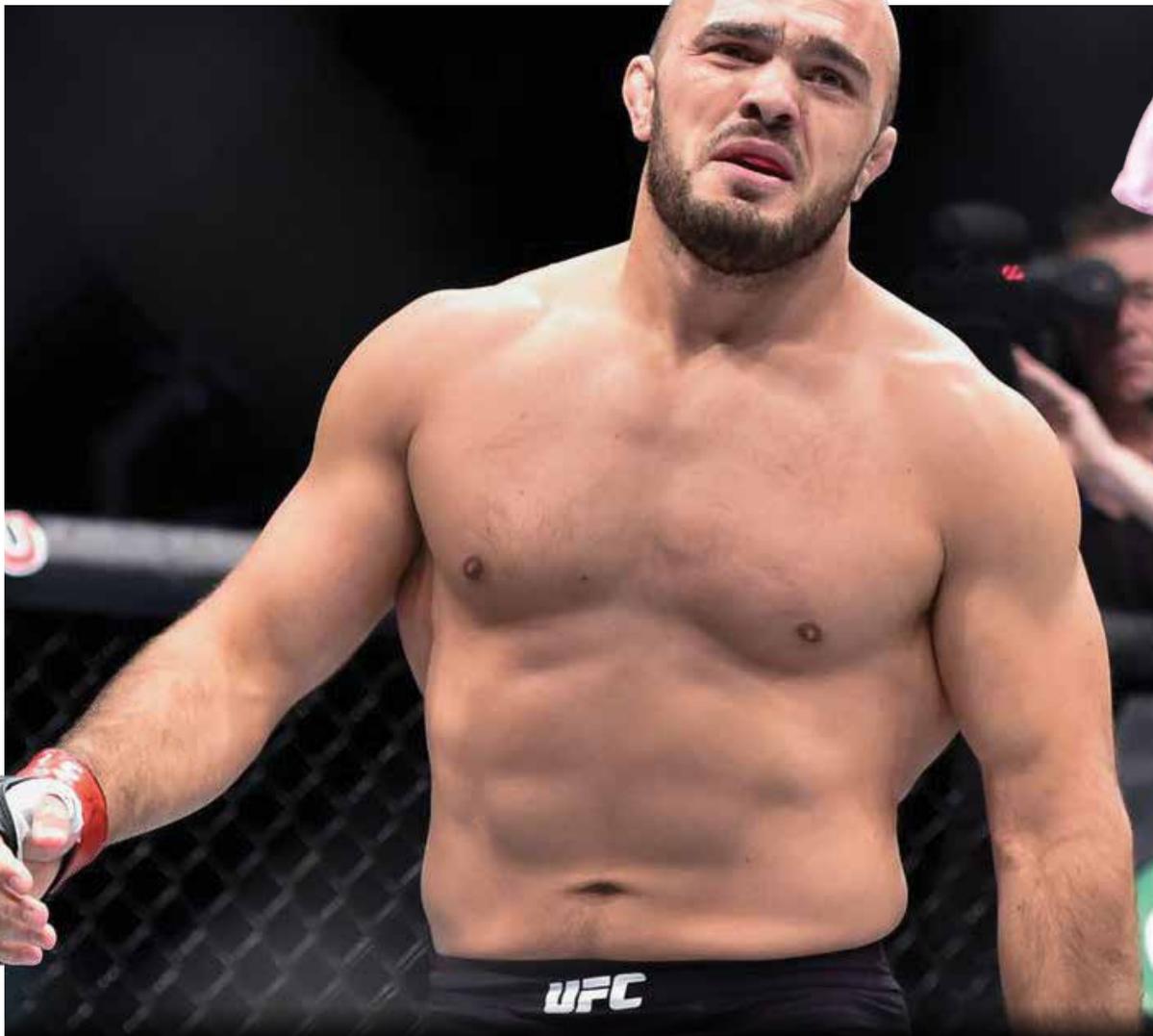
"We ran out and no one was injured," said the man dressed in the traditional baggy pants of Iraqi Kurds, counting his blessings despite the tragedy.

Iraqi health ministry spokesman Seif al-Nadr said that the quake injured 321 people in Iraqi Kurdistan, 170 others in Diyala province and 44 in the disputed northern province of Kirkuk.

Quake leaves trail of Death and Destructions

Major earthquakes to strike Iran in recent decades:

- ▶ Aug. 11, 2012: Iran's East Azerbaijan province, magnitude 6.4; Over 300 killed.
- ▶ Dec. 26, 2003: Southeastern Iran, Bam, magnitude 6.5; Over 26,000 killed.
- ▶ Feb. 28, 1997: Northeast Iran, Ardabil, magnitude 6.1; Over 1,100 killed.
- ▶ May 10, 1997: Eastern Iran, Birjand-Qaen, magnitude 7.3; Over 1,560 killed.
- ▶ June 21, 1990: Northwest Iran, Roubar, magnitude 7.4; 50,000 killed.
- ▶ July 28, 1981: Southeast Iran, Sirch district, magnitude 7.3; 1,500 killed.
- ▶ Sept. 16, 1978: Northeast Iran, Tabas town, magnitude 7.7; 25,000 killed.
- ▶ April 10, 1972: Southern Iran, Qir district, magnitude 6.9; Over 4,000 killed.
- ▶ Aug. 31, 1968: Northeastern Iran, Dasht-e Bayaz district, magnitude 7.1; Over 10,000 killed.
- ▶ Sept. 1, 1962; Northern Iran, Buin Zahra town, magnitude 7.1; Over 12,000 killed.
- ▶ Dec. 13, 1957: East Iran Farsinaj district, magnitude 7.1; Over 1,100 killed.
- ▶ June 2, 1957: Northern Iran, Bandpay district, magnitude 7; Over 1,500 killed.



Veteran fighter Ilir Latifi arrives in Bahrain

Manama
Swedish mixed martial artist, Ilir Latifi who competes in the Light Heavyweight division of the UFC has arrived in the Kingdom of Bahrain to make his presence at Brave 9: The

Kingdom of Champions. A two-time national wrestling champion, and a professional MMA competitor since 2008 will be at the corner of Michael Diega Scheck.

Michael Diega Scheck will be facing

former gold IMMAF gold medallist and Straight Blast Gym prospect, Frans Mlambo. Frans Mlambo made it to the news as the training partner of Conor McGregor leading to his super fight against Floyd Mayweather.



Nickname: Fast Hands
Age: 30
Record: 13-6 (1)
Country: France

Fighter of the day

Tahar Hadbi

Tahar Hadbi is fast, resilient and aggressive. Hadbi is a vicious striker with 8 wins over his last 10 fights. However, Hadbi's last appearance inside the cage, on his Brave debut, wasn't exactly what he expected. After a three-round slugfest against Carl Booth at Brave 5: Go for Glory main event, the fight was declared a No Contest due to timekeeping issues. Hadbi has an unusual profession other than his professional MMA career. He works in the Consulate General of Algeria as administrative agent in the field of accounting. Tahar seeks his first win in Brave Combat Federation against a tough and famous target, Mohammad Fakhreddine. The intensity of the rivalry between Hadbi and Fakhreddine is on an all-time high.

MMA brief schedule, Khalifa Sports City

TIME	EVENT	DAY	DATE
8:00pm - 3:00pm	Round 16	Tuesday	14-11
7:00pm - 2:00pm	Round 8	Wednesday	15-11
5:20pm - 2:00pm	Semi-final	Thursday	16-11
6:30pm - 5:30pm	Brave (Weign-in)	Thursday	16-11
8:30pm - 6:35pm	Semi-final	Thursday	16-11
11:00pm - 5:00pm	Brave	Friday	17-11
3:00pm	Final+Honoring	Saturday	18-11

ATP Finals

Grigor Dimitrov

'Nervous' Dimitrov edges past Thiem

London

Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov admitted he had felt "pretty nervous" after seeing off Austrian Dominic Thiem in three dramatic sets on his ATP Finals debut.

Sixth seed Dimitrov beat fourth seed Thiem 6-3 5-7 7-5 in the opening round-robin match in the Pete Sampras Group.

Dimitrov failed to serve out the match at the first time of asking, only for Thiem to hand him a second opportunity with two double faults in a row. Rafael Nadal takes on David Goffin in the second singles match.

Roger Federer and Alexander

Zverev won the opening matches in the Boris Becker Group on Sunday.

The pair will meet in today's second singles match, after Marin Cilic plays Jack Sock.

Dimitrov, 26, just about held his nerve to win a gripping battle of the one-handed backhands against Thiem, who is playing in the Finals for the second year running.

It was the Bulgarian who had the edge for most of the contest, breaking serve once to win the first set and not facing a break point until the end of the second.

However, Thiem took his chance in the 12th game to draw level and force a third set, before breaking back

when Dimitrov served for the match at 5-4 in the decider.

Dimitrov missed a chance to earn two match points when he failed to challenge a ball that had missed the baseline, but the former junior Wimbledon champion recovered his poise to break for a third time in game 11, eventually converting his third match point after two hours and 19 minutes.

"I'm not going to lie - I was pretty nervous, my first match out here," said Dimitrov.

"I'm just very grateful to win that match, especially in that manner. It's never easy to come out here and play for the first time." (BBC)

Lewis Hamilton not a threat: Vettel



Sao Paulo

Sebastian Vettel says he was not worried Lewis Hamilton would catch him at the Brazilian Grand Prix.

The Ferrari driver started second on the grid at the Autodromo Jose Carlos Pace on Sunday.

But he quickly moved past Valtteri Bottas into pole and managed to hold out for his fifth win of the Formula One season.

Hamilton, meanwhile, ended the race in fourth having begun it from the pit-lane and adopting an alternate pit-stop strategy.

Hamilton's leap from last threatened to put pressure on those on course for a place on the podium, including Vettel.

Vettel says he was unconcerned by

the 2017 F1 champion's dart through the chasing pack though.

"Not really," explained Vettel after being asked if he though Hamilton would cause him a problem in Sao Paulo.

"Obviously I saw him pitting just in front of me [after running a long first stint] so he had to make up that pit stop but it's not the first time this year we have seen a mirrored strategy has some advantages.

"It's not very attractive if you're starting at the front but it can be very attractive when you're out of position which he was. So you obviously have an advantage.

"The track ramped in the end and the supersoft was clearly the faster tyre, but overall it's fair to say Lewis was very quick. (express.co.uk)

Federer feels Murray is making good progress



Roger Federer (file pic)

London

Roger Federer says he was surprised how well Andy Murray played during their charity match last week as the Scot continues his recovery from a hip injury.

Murray faces a race against time to find both fitness and form before the Australian Open in January, having not managed a competitive outing since Wimbledon in July.

Federer, however, reported positively from his exhibition match with Murray in Glasgow when the pair played out three light-hearted

sets.

"I was actually happy how he was playing," Federer said. "Definitely he can move better, he can serve better. We know all these things.

"But for a start, I think it was actually quite encouraging and actually okay.

"He still has a lot of time before Australia comes around but only he knows at what level he wants to return to competition.

"But I thought he was actually pretty good. I didn't expect him to be this good yet." (skysports)

IMMAF World Championships

Action aplenty on day ONE



Fighters head to head

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It was a mixed day for Bahrain as Bahraini amateur fighter Ali Yaqoub fell to a defeat to USA's Sean Stebbins in the opening match of 2017 IMMAF World Championships only for Bahraini Abdulmanap Magomedov to restore the host nation's positivity in a later match.

Magomedov won against Manuchekhr Davlyatbekov of Tajikistan via technical knockout at 2.26 minutes of round two. Both fighters, weighing less than 62 kilograms were in the Bantamweight class. This came after Yaqoub lost via unanimous decision in the opening match of the competition to Stebbins in the flyweight category. Despite his best efforts he was beaten because of decisive take downs from Stebbins at key moments. HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport, Honorary Chairman of the Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Federation (BMMAF) stayed at the Bahrain corner offering moral support and advise to the Bahraini fighters.

Other notable results are, Zhakypbekov of Kazakhstan defeated Iyaylov of Bulgaria Via Unanimous Decision, Kennedy of Ireland defeated Saidov of Tajikistan Via Split Decision, Shiva of India Defeated Yacoubian of Lebanon Via Unanimous Decision. Miles of UK Defeated Kyriakides of Cyprus Via Unanimous decision, Veras of Brazil defeated Butler of Ireland. Amine of France defeated Asparuhov of Bulgaria via Unanimous Decision and Lynch of Ireland Defeated Shkodrov of Bulgaria.

A total of 248 competitors are participating in the competition making this IMMAF's largest event to date. IMMAF is part of Brave International Combat week.

His Majesty the King's Representative for Charity and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, praised the efforts of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al-Khalifa in developing the sport of MMA in Bahrain. He said that Bahrain has won the confidence of the international and continental federations to host the tournaments in various games, thanks to the ability of its youth to organise such events in a successful manner.

Speaking about the launch of Brave International Combat Week, Shaikh Khalid said, "We appreciate the support and patronage of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, which reflects His Highness's keenness to develop Bahraini sport in general, and the sport of mixed martial arts in particular, and in making Bahrain a centre for this sport. In addition to His Highness's clear support for the fighters of the national team in their journey in preparing for the championship."

Bahrain recorded another victory later in the day when Nayef Fikey defeated Alessandro Franquillo Italy via unanimous decision.

However, in another match Benjamin Bennett of USA Defeated Bahrain's Abbas Khan via unanimous decision.



Magomedov announced as the winner

