





Wait finally over for stranded expat

Manama

Wait is finally over for Udair Karuppaiah, the Indian expatriate who has been living illegally here for the past two years after his Saudi sponsor stranded him in the Kingdom. He will be returning to his home country on October 18, sources said. "I am really thankful to the media for raising the issue and so delighted to be heading back home after years of misery. The Indian embassy has confirmed me that they would send me back though I still have no clue whether my dues would be settled. The Saudi sponsor still hasn't got in touch with me and I just hope that what happened to me shouldn't ever happen to anyone else," said Karuppaiah

11th Hour Iraq forces enter Kirkuk Bagdad

raqi government forces have entered central Kirkuk after taking key installations outside the disputed city from Kurdish fighters. Thousands of people fled the city ahead of the Iraqi advance, reports said.

2017 Govt Forum to be held on Oct 22

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, has announced that the 2017 Government Forum will be held on October 22 under the patronage of HRH Prime Minister, Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa. The Forum will review the 2015-2018 Government Action Plan as well as policies and procedures of various government bodies. By addressing a series of

critical areas and topics related to the Kingdom's growth, the Forum will act as an important platform for discussing the role of the public sector in delivering the Kingdom's vision of comprehensive development led by His Majesty the King. The Forum will build on the success of 2016 Forum, which resulted in significant advancements.

Crown Prince attends opening session of the three-day exhibition



Intl. defence expo opens

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Is Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister attended the opening session of the Bahrain International Defence Exhibition and Conference (BIDEC 2017) which began here yesterday.

Over 3000 delegates are participating in the expo including high profile military, government and industry figures. The event, held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, will run until October 18, featuring 180 exhibitors from 60 countries showcasing the latest technology, equipment and hardware across land, sea and air. Alongside the Expo, BIDEC will host the Middle East Military Alliances & Coalitions Conference - a new military forum for dialogue on the importance of international coalitions to addressing global and regional security challenges. The conference will feature delegations from NATO, UN Peacekeeping Operations, The Arab Coalition to support legitimacy in Yemen and the Islamic Military Alliance to Fight Terrorism.

In a statement following a tour of BIDEC, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince

said that BIDEC reflects the Kingdom's commitment to supporting those strategic alliances that are successfully combatting terrorism across the world, noting the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF)'s proud role supporting the Saudi-led coalition to support legitimacy in Yemen and the international coalition's campaign against Da'esh. His Royal Highness spoke of the importance of forums such as BIDEC to enhancing political and military cooperation in pursuit of regional stability as well as advancing military technology capacities.

Upon arrival at the event, HRH was received by Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief the Bahrain Defence Force, Brigadier HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Commander of the Royal Guard and Chairman of the Supreme Organizing Committee of BIDEC, Major HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Commander of the Royal Guards' Special Force and senior officials. HRH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa said that BIDEC is testament to the Kingdom's diversified economy, integrated infrastructure and advanced legislation and the spirit of creativity that characterizes Bahraini society. (See also Page 4, 5)

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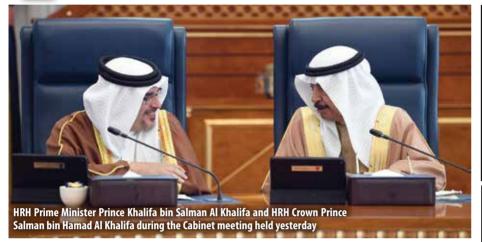
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obacco products and l energy drink prices are set to double as the Cabinet yesterday approved a bill to join the GCC's unified agreement on selective taxation.

The bill was approved during the weekly session of the Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, in the presence of the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister

HM's opinion piece lauded

HRH Prime Minister has lauded the noble values embedded in the opinion piece written by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in the Washington Times. The opinion piece published in the paper highlighted the lofty values of co-existence and religious pluralism, and reflected the reality of the Bahraini society which is, by its very nature, a role model for co-existence and tolerance. While praising the wide-ranging echo of the royal stances expressed in the opinion piece, locally and internationally, HRH Premier stressed that the values called for by HM the King should always be a method that governs the daily actions of the government and community

HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The bill was referred, in accordance with Article 87 of the Constitution, to the Legislative Authority (House of Representatives and Shura Council).

According to the bill, taxes will be imposed on select products that are harmful to health, including tobacco products (100 per cent), carbonated drinks (50 pc) and energy drinks (100 pc).

This was mentioned in a statement issued by Cabinet General Secretary Dr. Yasser Al Nasser following the

Cabinet session.

Dr. Al Nasser explained, "The bill regulates dealing with cases of tax evasion, criminal penalties, tax refunds, exemption cases, registration for tax purposes and licensing of the tax warehouse"

The announcement comes as the Kingdom prepares for the Value Added Tax (VAT) to be implemented here. Finance Minister Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa signed the unified GCC VAT agreement and the GCC's unified agreement on selective taxation last February.

Terror bombing in Somalia condemned

The cabinet strongly condemned the blasts carried out by a terrorist group in Somalia, killing

and injuring hundreds of people. It extended deepest condolences and sympathy to the Somalian government.

Authorities asked to address citizens' needs

authorities to identify the citizens' needs and respond to them promptly, stressing that the citizens' complaints and remarks that are related to services should

HRH Prime Minister enjoy the necessary care at requested the ministries and government departments. "Achieving the citizens' satisfaction, fulfilling their aspirations and solving their problems are among the government's top priorities," HRH Premier said.

Directive to revamp heritage sites in Muharraq

TRH Premier gave directives to the service and executive authorities to expedite the revamp of heritage sites across the Muharraq Governorate, including the Muharraq heritage Souq and its facilities,

in addition to the development projects that serve the governorate's citizens, such as the "Saada" West seafront project, the Central Market, and other projects aimed at improving public services and developing infrastructure.

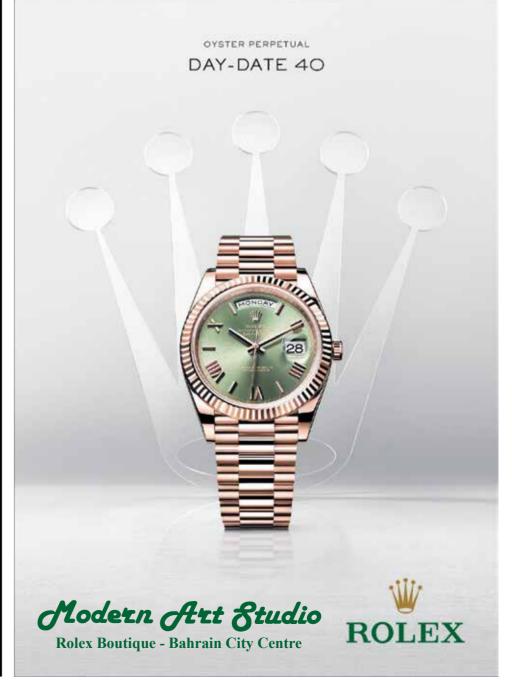
Companies Law amendment endorsed

draft-law on amending Asome provisions of the Commercial Companies Law promulgated by Decree-Law 21/2001, was endorsed and referred to the National Assembly in accordance with Article (87) of the Constitution. The amendment aims to preserve the rights of investors or

shareholders in joint stock companies, whether financial or administrative or the right to vote, especially minority shareholders who do not have voting power because they own less than 50 per cent of the shares and therefore do not have the necessary percentage to make or object to strategic decisions.

Ministry of Health to be recast

A plan to restructure the Min-istry of Health to reduce government departments and merge directorates has been endorsed. The post of assistant undersecretary and six directorates will be cancelled. As per the plan, Assistant Undersecretary for Primary Health, Assistant Undersecretary for Hospitals and Communica-tions Directorate will report directly to the Health Minister.



Regional security need

MEMAC conference begins

Reports by Muhannad Mansour news@dt.bh

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he rapid challenges and threats witnessed in the region require the development of a new regional system to maintain peace and security, said His Highness Brigadier Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday.

Addressing the Middle East Military Alliances and Coalitions (MEMAC) Conference held at the Four Seasons Hotel vesterday, HH Shaikh Nasser who is also the Commander of Bahrain Royal Guard and Chairman



Bahrain International Defence Exhibition and Conference (BIDEC), said that the formation of military



coalitions and organising such conferences and events serve this purpose.

"BIDEC and MEMAC

conference come to stress on the importance of coalitions. military cooperation and alliances to fight terrorism.

The region is affected by terrorism, sectarianism and regional and foreign interference in internal affairs," Brig. HH Shaikh Nasser said.

Explaining further. the Bahrain Royal Guard Commander flayed the policies of Iran and Qatar in the region, affirming that such hostile policies will not be tolerated in any form.

"There won't be any leniency or courtesy against threats to security and development of our people", adding that "no parties will be allowed to threaten our countries," HH Shaikh Nasser averred.

Brig. Shaikh Nasser welcomed the new strategy recently made by the US President Donald Trump against Iran.

HH Shaikh Nasser also

reiterated on the regional and international stances of the Kingdom in the war against terror, stating, "Bahrain promotes and supports the coalitions and alliances to fight terrorism in the Arab and Islamic world, and to combat the financing of terror activities. Military coalitions play a crucial role in protecting regional peace and stability, and to prevent some countries and organisations that are

region. Brig. HH Shaikh Nasser noted BDF's participation in many operations, activities and aid missions in the region,

working to spread terror in the

and also mentioned the fallen soldiers of the Kingdom in wars against terrorism.

He underlined significance of the GCC region as main provider of energy to the world and the importance of following developed strategies of protection and security to thrash threats and challenges.

"Historically, the Kingdom was a safe port for the neighbouring nations, and it's now an international hub for ideas sharing and entrepreneurship. BIDEC and MEMAC serve this purpose by investing in knowledge and technology," he added.

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Mercenaries are paid, Military coalitions and alliances says Raheel Sharif

Islamic Military Counter-Terrorism Coalition (IMCTC) Military (IMCTC) Commander General Raheel Sharif has said that the world is evolving at a faster pace considering the strategic changes that are globally taking place.

"Coalitions and alliances are being made across the world to face individual and collective threats," Gen. Sharif said.

He underlined the strategies and operation of terrorist organisations, mentioning the methods they follow to attack and release pressure off each other despite their differences, ideologies and thoughts.

He also mentioned that the war isn't limited to terrorists, as there are supporters, facilitators, financiers and sympathisers. Gen. Sharif said that terrorists are concentrated in the Middle East, South Asia and Africa, in reference to organisations such as Al Oaeda, ISIS and Buko Haram. He revealed that mercenaries and soldiers of Al Qaeda are paid USD400 while ISIS fighters are paid USD700, insisting that these groups are following organised methods of operation.

The Pakistani General shed light on the harm terrorism caused to his country in the past few years, stating that "since



the beginning of the war on terror, 25, 000 Pakistanis were killed in terrorist attacks including civilians and military personnel, with over 48, 000 wounded. He also said that "in 2013, over 100 attacks were recorded in Pakistan on a daily basis, mostly targeting civilian gatherings in schools and mosques".

Gen. Sharif added that the work of the coalition is based on four mechanisms that include countering terrorist ideologies, enhancing communication and spreading awareness, countering the financing of terrorism and drying its sources, and strengthening cooperation and intelligence sharing between member states.

crucial for region: MEMAC chief

Bahrain Center for Strategic and International Studies and Energy (DERASAT) and Middle East Military Alliances and Coalitions (MEMAC) Chairman Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa who addressed the session made a clear reference to the Qatari and Iranian supportive roles to terrorism in the region.

"The region has been targeted by many threats, such as Iran's nuclear weapons development, supporting terrorist groups, meddling in others affairs and disturbing the peace. Qatar chose to be within the same strategies and plans of Iran. Hence, the role of the military coalitions and alliances in the region is crucial," he said.

Shaikh Abdulla added that the conference is a bridge of dialogue between the countries of the world in their fight against terrorism, groups and extremist ideologies, emphasising that the resources used in battles should be utilised



in strengthening peace and development.

Bahrain Defence Commander-in-Chief Field Marshall Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa was the chief guest at the opening session of MEMAC being held here. Twenty-one delegates who hold Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Malaysia, the UAE, the USA, the UK, Cyprus and Greece will address the gathering.

The second session will be held today at Bahrain International Exhibitions and Conferences Centre and will feature 18 speakers who include international defence experts, strategists and academics.

The defence expo and conference is organised by Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) and the Middle East Military Alliances and Coalitions (MEMAC) in cooperation with the Bahrain Center for Strategic and International Studies and Energy (DERASAT).

Bahrain Defence Force Commanderin-Chief Field Marshall Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa was the chief guest at the opening session





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Dr. Jassim Haji

Succession Planning

Succession planning is not simply about discovering people for top leadership positions; it is the process for identifying and developing internal people with the potential to fill key leadership positions in an organisation: effective management of succession involves building a pipeline of employees ready to step into various key job roles throughout an organization.

In uncertain economic times, organisations need a pipeline of well-trained and motivated staff ready to move into key roles when the opportunity arises.

Those organisations that plan for succession:

- Have a clear strategic understanding of their future roles and skills requirements
- Share information across the different Human Resources functions and business as a whole to feed the management succession plan
- Understand where talent lies within an organization
- Look broadly and creatively at how to distribute internal talent in order to achieve the best person-job fit
- Have a clear view of who is in line to replace people that hold key company positions.

In many companies, over the past several years, the emphasis has shifted from planning job assignments to development, with much greater focus on managing key experiences that are critical to growing global business leaders. North American companies tend to be more active in this regard, followed by European and Latin American countries.

Assessment is a key practice in effective succession planning. There is no widely accepted formula for evaluating the future potential of leaders, but there are many tools and approaches that continue to be used today, ranging from personality and cognitive testing to team-based interviewing and simulations and other assessment center methods.

Succession planning is an ongoing, dynamic process that helps an organization to align its business goals and its human capital needs. It also ensures that an enterprise can keep pace with changes to the business, industry, and overall marketplace. To achieve outstanding results using succession planning, an organization must develop an effective and highly focused strategy that centers on organizational excellence.

Today, many organizations strive to identify key objectives and business goals and shape a work-force accordingly. Although executives and senior managers play a crucial role in defining such organizations, there is a need for specific skills and competencies throughout the enterprise. Not only does succession planning serve as a way to create an organizational hierarchy, but it can also help organizations conduct an inventory of human capital and better understand gaps. It can also help organizations manage change in a more holistic way.

It is often difficult to plan for the unimaginable. Yet, the sudden resignation, illness or bereavement of a key executive can reverberate throughout an organization, paralyzing both management and staff and impeding the organization's ability to execute its business plan. Unfortunately, diseases, automobile accidents, plane crashes, and other disasters are an ongoing reality. Although it is not feasible to plan for every possible scenario, and particularly for the loss of several key leaders at the same time, it is entirely realistic to map out a chain of command and understand who will assume control if and when a key executive is lost. Recent world events illustrate how important succession planning is when unforeseen acquiescence and disasters can negatively impact an organization both internally and externally.

Organizations that reach their full human potential are more likely to succeed in today's competitive environment. However, many organizations lack effective systems and processes to do so. In most organizations, there is little formal succession planning, and excellent internal candidates are often overlooked when openings occur. As a result, organizations not only lose valuable talent, they miss opportunities to leverage the business potential of their emotional economies.

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



Qays H. Zu'bi re-elected as President

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The American Chamber of Commerce in Bahrain (AmCham Bahrain) announced electing new board members for the 2017-2019 term during its Annual General Meeting held at the Capital Club.

Qays H. Zu'bi was re-elected as President during the meeting held in the presence of US Ambassador William Roebuck.

"I am delighted and honoured to be given the opportunity to serve as President for another term," said Zu'bi adding: "We will continue to extend AmCham's contribution to promoting U.S.-Bahrain's trade growth, while also promoting the legitimate economic interests of AmCham members."

Zu'bi also highlighted AmCham's vision within the framework of the Free Trade Agreement for the coming term. "It is AmCham's vision, in cooperation with local associations, government and quasi-government bodies, to support economic growth and environmental progress

in Bahrain," he said.

The newly elected board officers and directors for the 2017-2019 term are: President: Qays H. Zu'bi (Senior Partner, Zu'bi Partners), Vice President: H. Delano Roosevelt (Executive Board Member, American Mission Hospital), Board Secretary: Zahraa Taher (Managing Director, FinMark Communications), Treasurer: Zahi Zeini (Managing Partner Bahrain, Deloitte).

The AGM was followed by a dinner, attended by guest of

honour Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani, and the premiere screening of a video highlighting the benefits of the US-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and featuring several FTA success stories.

Introducing the video, Zu'bi stated: "Bilateral trade including goods and services between the US and Bahrain was \$3.6 billion in 2015. This significant increase in trade since 2005, before the FTA went into effect, speaks for the success of the FTA."

Batelco named best Cisco channel partner

Manama

Batelco has been presented with the Best Cisco Channel Partner in Bahrain Award by Aptec - an Ingram Micro company, at GITEX 2017.

"This achievement would not have been possible without the diligent efforts of many teams at Batelco who continue to prioritise the requirements of our business customers," Batelco Chief Operations Officer Abderrahmane Mounir said.

Batelco is a Cisco Gold Partner and has attained a number of Advanced Specialisation certificates from Cisco in recent years and furthermore, has in its employment 10 CCIE's and CCNP engineers, who support top class delivery for customers.

Aptec Managing Director (Gulf and Near East) Bahaa Salah said, "We are very pleased to recognise Batelco by presenting this award. Their teams' efforts have been outstanding and they truly deserve the best Cisco Channel Partner award"



Batelco representatives with the Cisco Award at GITEX 2017

C HILWAN AND ®bahrain Tarteeb's Chief Operating Officer Mohamed Alsulaiti(Center), with s

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ame of Thrones star Pilou ■Asbaek and American professional wrestler Oscar Gutierrez better known as Rey Mysterio were announced as the celebrity guests for this year's IGN Convention.

IGN Convention Bahrain, an International Exhibition specialised in pop-culture and is coming back for its fifth edition this weekend. Tarteeb Events will host the exhibition this Friday and Saturday at the Bahrain International Circuit.

The previous 4 editions of

the convention were attended many international celebrities including actor Giancarlo Esposito from the TV show Breaking Bad, actor Hafthor Bjornsson from Game of Thrones, Voice actor Troy Baker from the video game The Last of Us and Wrestling legends Booker T and Kurt Angle.

This year Danish actor Pilou Asbaek who plays Euron Greyjoy on the popular television series Game of Thrones will be attending IGN Convention alongside WWE Wrestler Rey Mysterio.

Organisers also announced

it will feature fun activities for this years edition including a Cosplay contest and video games tournaments for games such as FIFA, Call of Duty and Overwatch. The event will also feature a host of interactive games both in the Indoor and Outdoor Area, as well as live on stage concerts.

t during the press conference vesterday

Tarteeb's Chief Operating Officer Mohamed Alsulaiti said that IGN has grown rapidly since its first edition. "When we first started IGN Convention we started with 3000 attendees and 15 vendors exhibiting at the event. Now we have

more than 60 vendors exhibiting at our event and we are expecting upto 15,000 attendees from 23 countries. The number of activities we have for the event this year

is also higher than previous vears. In our earlier editions we only had local vendors but now we have vendors from even South Korea and Japan." he said during a press

conference vesterday.

For more information visit the event's following website: www.ignconvention. com/bahrain or email media@ tarteeb.org

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Interested Contractors with proven capabilities and experience in providing the above services may Purchase the Tender documents online using e-Tendering system from **WWW.TENDERBOARD.GOV.BH** from **Tuesday October 17, 2017**. Tender documents can be downloaded after paying the non-refundable tender fees as specified above. An Initial Bond should be enclosed for the amount specified above or 1% of the bid value, whichever is lesser (in any case Initial Bond shall not be less than BD 100/-), payable by a Manager's Cheque, Certified Cheque, Letter of Guarantee or Insurance policy issued by Local Agencies Cash. The bond shall remain valid throughout the tender period specified in the relevant tender documents. For more information please call the following numbers: . 36027245-17755845- 17752995 – 17757044.

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Nass Commercial, agents of industrial machines and equipment, and in cooperation with Jafcon Consultants for Productivity Improvement, have organised an ISO and OHSAS awareness session for all the company's management and employees in Elite Resort & Spa on Saturday. The session was organised to create awareness on ISO 9001:2015, health & safety OHSAS 18001:2007, and ISO 14001:2015 to help enable Nass Commercial to certify for these standards internally. Ahmed Alnaqi Management Consultant, Jalal Majeed Principal Management Consultant, and Jalal Jaffari Senior Management Consultant at Jafcon Consultants shared roles in delivering the awareness session. Above, Alnagi (inset), Jafcon Consultants and Nass Commercial Management and Employees at the event.



Effective 22 October 2017, the Indian Embassy in Bahrain will start operating from the new Chancery Complex at Seef. The new address is: Embassy of India, Building No. 1090, Road No. 2819, Block No. 428, Al Seef District, Kingdom of Bahrain. The Embassy, in a press statement, said it will continue to render all consular services at the present premises in Adliya, as usual up to 18 October 2017. After Diwali, the Embassy will start operating from the new Seef complex. All contact particulars of the Mission viz. P. O. Box number and the contact telephone numbers will remain unchanged.

Al Baraka on a roll

The banks exceeds 2016 Sustainable Development Goals for job creation, education and healthcare

Manama

Al Baraka Banking Group B.S.C yesterday launched its Sustainability and Social Responsibility Report 2016 announcing that it has exceeded its 2016 SDG targets for job creation, education and healthcare on a global basis.

The report, which includes countrywide global overview

of achievements, and a global overview of all social responsibility programmes also includes impact assessment of various Al Baraka social responsibility programmes and the first–year assessment of the Al Baraka SDG Goals (2016-2020).

Al Baraka SDG Goals (2016-2020), announced last year, focus

on (Job Creation, Education, and Healthcare), and are linked with seven (7) of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

As per the goals, the bank would create over 51,000 jobs, finance and support over \$434 million in healthcare projects and over \$191 million for educational projects.

According to the report

released yesterday, the bank, during the year 2016, helped create 14,535 jobs, which was 142pc of its 2016 target of 10,207 jobs. This was also 28pc of Al Baraka's 5-year target.

As for education funding and financing, the bank said it exceeded its 2016 target of \$38,173,398 by 108pc or \$41,596,059. This was 21pc of its

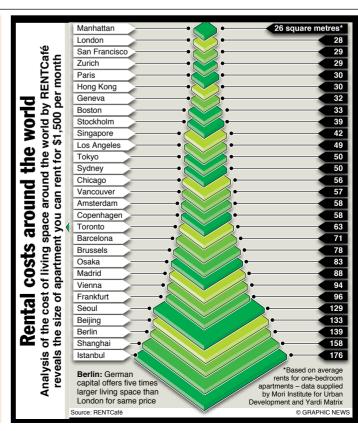
5 years' target.

Regarding healthcare funding/financing, the bank said in the report that it helped achieve \$96,826,507, which was 111pc of its 2016 target of \$86,700,977. This was 22% of its 5 years' target.

Commenting, Adnan Ahmed Yousif, President and Chief Executive of Al Baraka Banking Group B.S.C. said: "Achieving the Global Goals requires financing at different levels and, therefore, the banking and financial services sector has a key role to play. The investment opportunity to finance the Global Goals is unprecedented and we should all work together to bridge the SDG financing gap."



Malabar Gold & Diamonds "Win up to 100 Kilos of Gold" campaign raffle draw winner Arun Kumar M receiving the prize of 1/4 Kilo Gold from Mohammed Rafeek – Branch Head, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, in the presence of officials from Malabar Gold & Diamonds at Gold City, Manama store.



Russia reopens ferry route to North Korea

Russia has resumed sea trips to isolated North Korea fafter a two-month break, the RIA news agency reported

on Monday quoting the head of the company operating the route. The vessel, North Korean-flagged Mangyonbong, left the Russian port of Vladivostok for North Korea's Rajin on Sunday, RIA said citing the company's director general Vladimir Baranov.



France proposes law against harassment

The French government proposed a bill focusing on sexual harassment and sexual violence against minors, aiming to eventually make harassment against women in French streets

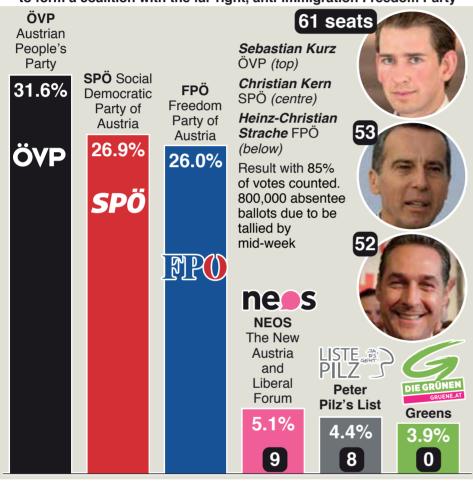
an offense that will be punished with fines. Gender Equality Minister Marlene Schiappa said she has been setting up workshops across France to discuss the bill, which also to extend the statute of limitations for sexual assaults in cases involving minors.





Austria's snap election results

The conservative People's Party, led by Sebastian Kurz, has won 61 seats in Austria's 183-seat National Council. Short of a majority, Kurz is likely to form a coalition with the far-right, anti-immigration Freedom Party



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Neutron star smash-up the 'discovery of a lifetime'

Paris

¹ruly a eureka moment", "Everything I ever hoped for", "A dream come true" -- Normally restrained scientists reached for the stars Monday to describe the feelings that accompany a "once-in-alifetime" event.

The trigger for this meteor shower of superlatives was the smash-up of two unimaginably dense neutron stars 130 million years ago, when T-rex still lorded over our planet.

Evidence of this cosmic clash hurtled through space and reached Earth on August 17 at exactly 12:41 GMT, setting in motion a secret, sleepless, weeks-long

blitzkrieg of star-gazing and number-crunching involving hundreds of telescopes and thousands of astronomers and astrophysicists around the world.

It was as if a dormant network of super-spies simultaneously sprung into action.

stellar smash-up The made itself known in two ways: it created ripples called gravitational waves in Einstein's time-space continuum, and lit up the entire electromagnetic spectrum of light, from gamma rays to radio

Scientists had detected gravitational waves four times before, a feat acknowledged with a Nobel Physics Prize earlier this

But each of those events, generated by the collision of black holes, lasted just a few seconds, and remained invisible to Earth- and space-based telescopes.

The neutron star collision was different.

It generated gravitational waves -- picked up by two US-based observatories known as LIGO, and another one in Italy called Virgo -- that lasted an astounding 100 seconds. Less than two seconds later, a NASA satellite recorded a burst of gamma rays. (AFP)



Earnings per share 24.26 fils, an increase of 11.8pc

Kuwait

hairman of Kuwait ✓Finance House (KFH) Hamad Abdulmohsen Al-Marzouq said that "KFH has realized a KD137.9 million net profit to shareholders until end of Q3 2017 compared to KD123.1 million for the same period last year i.e. an increase of 12 per cent.

Financing income reached KD542.1m i.e. a growth of 1.5pc compared to the same period last year. Total operating income until the end of Q3 2017 reached KD525.1m, i.e. a growth of 9.1pc and net operating income reached KD311.7m, i.e. a growth of 19.8pc compared to the same period last year.

The operating expenses decreased for the period by KD 7.75m, i.e. a decrease of 3.5pc over the same period last year.

Earnings per share until the end of Q3 2017 reached 24.26 fils, compared to 21.69 fils for the same period last year i.e. an increase of 11.8pc.

Total Assets reached

Total operating income of Kuwait Finance House increased by 9.1 per cent to KD 525.1 million and total financing income increased by 1.5pc to KD 542.1 million. **Growth in the financing portfolio by 13.4pc** to KD 9.27 billion, Depositors' accounts increased by 8.7pc to KD 11.59 billion

KD17.40 billion i.e. an increase of KD902m or 5.5pc compared to end of year 2016.

Financing portfolio reached KD9.27bn i.e. an increase of KD1.1bn or 13.4pc compared to end of year 2016. Depositors' accounts reached KD11.59bn i.e. an increase of KD926m or 8.7pc compared to end of year 2016. Shareholders' equity reached KD1.85bn i.e. an increase of KD35.5m or 2pc compared to end of year

Al-Marzouq explained that the realized profits are attributed to the efficient execution of the bank's strategy by focusing on the core banking business while achieving stable and

sustainable growth across the Group banks in various countries.

KFH-Turkey is leading the participation banks in Turkey. It offers a wide range of financial services while expanding and penetrating new markets.

KT Bank Ag in Germany has also achieved good KFH-Malaysia growth. managed to map out a new customer-centric strategy based on offering retail and corporate financial services in the Malaysian market.

KFH-Bahrain inked several financing agreements for several real estate development projects. It increased its market share in the retail market.

Bahrain's envoy lashes out at Iran over terrorism



COUNTRY/CURRENC	CIES BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.3036	0.3012
BANGLADESH	0.00048	0.00463
CANADA	0.3074	0.3042
DENMARK	0.0629	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0217
EURO	0.4521	0.4496
HONGKONG	0.04970	0.04930
INDIA	0.00598	0.00586
INDONESIA	0.00003017	0.00002926
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IRAQI DINAR	0.000304	0.002460
JAPAN	0.00353	0.003460
JORDAN	0.5350	0.5354
KOREA	0.00038508	1 240
KUWAIT MALAYSIA	1.249	1.249
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NORWAY	0.2751	0.2752
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PAKISTAN	0.98014	0.98301
PHILIPPINES	0.00372	0.00336
OATAR	0.2831	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10058	0.10066
SINGAPORE	0.2837	0.2817
SOUTH AFRICA	0.02970	0.02960
SRI LANKA	0.00274	0.00246
SWEDISH	0.0496	
SWITZERLAND	0.3947	0.3916
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0017
TAIWAN	0.013100	
THAILAND	0.011610	0.011600
TURKEY	0.1103	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5098	0.5069
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	0.3877	0.3376
KUWAIT	0.2855	31.8818	0.2936	0.2557
OMAN	0.3849	0.3743	0.3958	0.3447
QATAR	3.6420	3.5418	3.7450	3.2614
UAE	3.6730	3.5720	3.7769	3.2892
SAUDI	3.7500	3.6469	3.8560	3.3581



Bahrain participates in Arab Economic and Cooperation Forum with Central Asian Countries & Azerbaijan in Dushanbe

DT News Network Dushanbe/Manama

Bahrain's envoy yesterday criticised the involvement of countries, including Iran, in supporting terrorism, saying Iran and its terrorist organisations are trying to "destabilise security and stability" of Arab countries, including Bahrain.

This came during a speech made by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Regional and GCC Affairs, Ambassador Waheed Mubarak Sayyar at the second session of the Arab Economic and Cooperation Forum with the countries of Central Asia and the Republic of

Azerbaijan in Dushanbe. The form was opened by President Emomali Rahmon.

Addressing the session, Waheed Mubarak Sayyar told the member countries that there is an urgent need for "uniting efforts to combat terrorism in all its forms and drain its sources of funding".

He also touched on the need to intensify political consultation and unify joint efforts globally with regards to regional security and stability, topped by the Palestinian cause.

The ambassador also demanded Iran to end its occupation of the three Emirati islands (Greater Abu Musa), and respond to the calls of the United Arab Emirates to resolve the issue either through serious and direct negotiations or through the International Court of Justice.

Moving on, Sayyar urged the participants of the forum to boost economic cooperation and investment in energy to meet the shared ambitions in addition to enhancing land, sea and air transportation to reinforce bilateral trade.

In this regard, the Ambassador emphasized the success of the first session which was held in Saudi Arabia in 2014.

The session ended with the Dushanbe Declaration that welcomed increasing economic cooperation in trade, investment, energy, renewable energy, transportation, food security, culture and fight against terrorism, calling for support of consensual political solutions to solve the crises in some Arab countries.

The declaration also stressed the need for strengthening coordination and consultation between the two sides and exchanging support on issues of common interest, in a way that would reinforce international security and stability.



Petrochemical Industries Company (PIC) of Kuwait Operations Development Head Dr. Saud Al Majidi gave a presentation on Sigma 6 system that analyses data and aggregated statistics to identify defects in procedures or products at the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC). Sigma 6 system looks at reducing the percentage of errors to zero whenever possible. Dr. Saud Al Majidi said his Company was ready to continue to provide its expertise in the implementation of Sigma 6 to assist GPIC during the stages of its implementation. Above, participants during the presentation



Tuesday, October 17, 2017



Toyota expands mobility, Al reach

oyota has revealed a new concept car as part of its Toyota has revealed a new concept can be proceed at the RIDE. It will make its debut at next week's Tokyo Motor Show.

The RIDE is a small, fully electric 'mobility vehicle' that makes use of Artifice Intelligence (AI) to learn the habits and preferences of the driver. Toyota says over time the RIDE will then be able to predict the driver's feelings through the use of AI technology. (autoexpress)



amaha is set to unveil another car concept at this year's Y Tokyo Motor Show.

Limited details about the vehicle are known but it will follow in the footsteps of the Sports Ride Concept which was shown to the world in 2015. Like that concept, the new car will be built through Gordon Murray's iStream manufacturing process and is also tipped to be a two-door

Yamaha has made no secret of the fact that it wants to launch a sports car and the Tokyo show car may turn out to be a preview of that future production model. (carscoops)

Middle East has confirmed four models heading to the International Show.

Taking centre stage will be the brand's best selling model in the region; the Porsche Cayenne Turbo. Playing host to a new 4.0-litre V8 petrol engine driving each corner, 550 horsepower allows the luxury SUV to hit a top speed of 286 km/h. Mated to an 8-speed Tiptronic S gearbox, those in attendance can catch a quick glimpse of the updated interior.

Panamera Turbo S E-Hybrid models will make their Middle Eastern debut during the event and showcase just how powerful the Panamera lineup is. With 680 horsepower on tap, this luxury sedan launches to 100 km/h in a mind-blowing 3.4 seconds!

Porsche Middle East won't just have one Panamera on display as the Panamera 4S Sport Turismo will roll into the exhibition hall with its

Shooting Brake styling. Offering enough room for five occupants and an extended shopping trip at Dubai Mall, 440 horsepower is channelled to each corner allowing the bespoke model to launch to 100 km/h in 4.2

seconds with the Sports Chrono package equipped.

Joining the other three is a Limited Edition 911 Turbo S Exclusive Series. Just 500 units will be available around the world, Porsche claims it is their most potent 911 Turbo S and pushes out an impressive 607 horsepower.

Porsche Middle East won't stop with just four models, the Macan, 718 Cayman, 911 GT3 and a display car version of the now legendary three-time Le Mans race winning prototype 919 Hybrid will also be on display. (dubicars)

New 2018 Range Rover to be revealed in Dubai

and Rover just dropped the pictures and specs of the new 2018 Range Rover Sport and the Sport SVR with a little tease that the car will make an appearance next month at the Dubai International Motorshow. From the looks of it, the Range Rover Sport received an all-around nip and tuck for the performance, the exterior but mainly for interior from what we see

The Sport has been around since 2013 with the L494 platform, so this facelift/upgrade was expected after five years. The new front looks more sharp and aggressive with the new bumper and

velar inspired grill, while you can see usage of newer Pixel Laser LED headlights and LED tail lights, and rear bumper.

You can now pick from several engine options, including a 4-Cylinder 2.0 Litre Turbo, a supercharged V6 or a supercharged V8. For the big juicy SVR, the performance model gains 75PS more than the previous model, so with 575PS and 700Nm, it can do 0-100kph in 4.5

seconds. This makes it the most powerful and dynamic Range Rover to date. Oh and did I mention the usage of Carbon Fiber? The SVR will have an increased usage of carbon fiber, making it more dramatic, faster and more agile.

The new interior of the vehicle has been updated with new Land Rover tech, including the Touch Pro Duo, which the developer wish to call 'Blade'.

A new gesture-controlled sun blind is now available, where a simple movement to the rear view mirror can activate or disable

It is with no doubt a highly dynamic SUV and to me is way more capable on the street than other performance cars in the same segment, and now with the revisions done all around, I'm sure the new Sport will once again prove itself in the market. (crankandpiston)

MOTOR SHO

Infiniti teases the new 2018 (O) X80

nfiniti presented the current generation of the QX80 back in 2010 – it was even sporting a different moniker at the time, QX56 - and it's clear the full-size prestige SUV really needs a generational change. We're pretty close to the moment of the third generation's official worldwide debut - it will arrive on November 14 in front of the live audience of the Dubai Motor Show.

The Japanese luxury automaker has actually decided to recycle the same architecture as the one used inside the current one, with the 2018 QX80 also making use of the same 5.6-liter V8 engine good for 400 horsepower (298 kilowatts) and 413 pound-feet (559 Newton-meters), linked to a seven-speed automatic gearbox.

Infiniti has decided to tease its new but still old model, claiming – it's only logical – it will retain the same towing capacity of about 8,500 pounds (3,855 kilograms) and will boast comfort by including a selflevelling independent rear suspension as standard

> also be available a body motion control system.

The new QX80 is decidedly taking cues from the previewing Monograph concept, with a new fascia, humongous multispoke 22-inch alloy wheels and a luxurious door card with leather. beige



equipment. For some added bucks there will (inautonews)

ETTO ARRIVE ON NOVEMBER!



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received at Gudaibiya Palace outgoing US Ambassador William Roebuck (L) and Iraqi Ambassador Dr. Ahmed Nayef Rashid Al Dulaimi (C). HRH Premiere Shaikh Abdullah bin Nawaf Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, on the sidelines of his participation in BIDEC



Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday attended BIDEC 2017. Upon arrival, HRH was received by BDF Commander-in-Royal Guard and President of the High Organising Committee of BIDEC Brigadier HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Supreme Council for Youth & Sport First Vice Chairman and Bahrain Royal Equestrian



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Supreme Council for Youth & Sport Chairman, Bahrain Olympic Committee President, Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) Chairman, Commander of the Royal Guard and President of the High Organising Commander of the Royal Guards' Special Force Major HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa toured the BIDEC sections and pavilions. Above, highlights of the visit



llso received Kuwait's Deputy Chief of Staff Lt-Gen









Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Supreme Council for Youth & Sport Chairman, Bahrain Olympic Committee President, Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) Chairman, Commander of the Endurance Federation President and Commander of the Royal Guards' Special Force Major HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa and a number of senior officials.







ttee of BIDEC Brigadier HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, received in the presence of Supreme Council for Youth & Sport First Vice Chairman and Bahrain Royal Equestrian, Endurance Federation President ence. Shaikh Nasser also received the British Ambassador Simon Martin, the US Ambassador William V. Roebuck and the Commander of the 5th Fleet Vice Admiral John C. Aquilino.









@KrisJenner
It's our 10th birthday today!!! #KUWTK RT if
you're ready for 10 more years of Keeping Up
with the Kardashians!! @KUWTK



SOPHIE TURNER, JOE JONAS ENGAGED

Los Angeles

inger Joe Jonas and actress Sophie Turner have announced their engagement on social media.

"She said yes," the DNCE frontman, captioned an Instagram photo of Turner's hand with her new engagement ring, reports billboard.com.

The "Game of Thrones" actress posted

The "Game of Thrones" actress posted the same photo with the caption: "I said yes."

Jonas, 28, and Turner, 21, began dating last year and have since travelled to London together to meet her parents.

They spent Thanksgiving with the Jonas family at the California skiing destination Mammoth Mountain. (IANS)



I'm feeling great right now: Kylie Minogue

Los Angeles

Sasse earlier this year, says she is feeling great now.

Minogue said that her new yet-to-betitled album helped her with healing from her breakup.

"There's a little bit of heartbreak, I would say," Minogue told thesun.co.uk.

Discussing the recording process, she said: "It was cathartic. It was good. In the studio it's a slightly weird concept to be spending seven, eight, nine hours in a room with people sometimes you don't know.

"If you're working with good people, it's the perfect place to deal with stuff... I'm feeling great right now."



Everybody's there for each other: Disick on Kardashians

Los Angeles

Reality TV personality Scott Disick might have split from his former partner Kourtney Kardashian, however he says the whole Kardashian-Jenner family is close and everybody's available to help each other.

Reality TV star Khloe Kardashian is reportedly expecting a baby with NBA player beau Tristan Thompson.

Asked if he has given her any advice, Disick told *eonline.com*: "If she ever asks, I'm sure I would try."

He added: "But I feel like all of us are so close that all of our children are kind of brought up in the same vicinity, or one block over, that everybody's kind of there for each other."

"We are right there, (so) it's not like long-distance. Everybody's so hands-on that I feel like it will happen within time. So no real advice in that sense." (IANS)



STARRY Birthday

October 17, 1972

Born Marshall Mathers, he became a sensation after the release of his first single, "My Name Is." He won the Best Rap Album Grammy for: The Slim Shady LP, The Marshall Mathers LP and The Eminem Show.



London

Inger Ed Sheeran has injured his right arm in a bicycle accident, putting in jeopardy some of his upcoming shows.

'I've had a bit of a bicycle accident and I'm currently waiting on some medical advice, which may affect some of my upcoming shows. Please stay tuned for further news. Ed," the "Shape of you"

singer posted on his Facebook page along with a photograph.

His right arm is plastered, while his left arm is strapped up in a navy shoulder bandage.

According mirror.co.uk, Sheeran was knocked down by a car. (IANS)

Lana Del Rey's 'Cola' song not about Weinstein

Tuesday

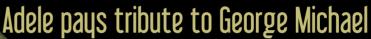
inger Lana Del Rey's 2012 track about preferring older men is not about Harvey Weinstein, confirm sources.

Lana's song, "Cola," features the lyrics ... "I gots a taste for men who are older / It's always been, so it's no surprise," and is followed by the line, "Harvey's in the sky with diamonds and he's making me crazy'

Sources close to Del Rey told *tmz.com* the song is not linked to Weinstein, who has multiple sexual assault allegations against him, or any Harvey for that matter.

They say the actual lyrics go this way ... "Ah he's in the sky

We've checked the album's digital booklet ... and the lyrics reference 'Ah he's,' not 'Harvey'," said the sources. (IANS)



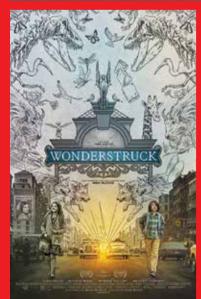
inger Adele's tribute has been included in the 'Freedom' documentary on late pop icon George Michael.

She was asked to join the project later than other stars and her tribute to the star will be aired during the opening credits, reports thesun.co.uk.

The project, on which Michael was working when he died, features contributions from stars including Kate Moss, Chris Martin and Naomi Campbell.

But at the 11th hour Adele insisted on entering a studio to capture her version of Michael's song "Fast love" for it.

Sources say the diva, who performed a slowed-down cover of the track at the Grammys, may now release it in memory of Michael, who died last Christmas at age 53. (IANS)



Wonderstruck

Director: Todd Haynes Stars: Oakes Fegley, Julianne Moore, Michelle Williams, Millicent Simmonds



The Snowman

Director: Tomas Alfredson Stars: Michael Fassbender, Rebecca Ferguson, Chloë Sevigny, Val Kilmer



Same Kind of Different as Me

Director: Michael Carney Stars: Renée Zellweger, Jon Voight, Djimon Hounsou, Greg Kinnear



Geostorm

Director: Dean Devlin Stars: Abbie Cornish, Gerard Butler, Mare Winningham, Jeremy Ray Taylor



Only the Brave

Director: Joseph Kosinski Stars: Josh Brolin, Miles Teller, Jeff **Bridges**, Jennifer Connelly

(www.imdb.com)

REACH US "Out & About', a ready reckoner for the events taking place

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

BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL DEFENCE EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE



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

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

WIND DOWN WEDNESDAY

Date: Wednesday, October 25th from 7pm

Venue: Four Seasons

Fall into Winter Blue Moon Lounge Tasting Series. Join us on a once a month whistle-stop tour visiting some of the world's greatest regions for production. Tastings to emphasize the importance of place as it is expressed through the clarity of great bottles and superlative winemaking.

This one hour long tasting seminar, starting at 7pm, will feature four wines for you to taste and discuss in an educational yet informal setting in our beautiful Blue Moon Lounge.

GALA MOZART: LE CONCERT D'ASTRÉE



OUT ABOUT

Date: 19 October 2017, 7:00pm Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE 26TH BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC



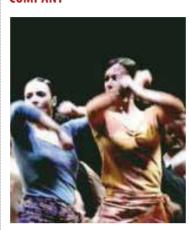
Date: 19 - 28 October 2017 Venue: Multiple Places

The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities celebrates the annual Bahrain International Music Festival held under the Our Year of Archaeology program, from 19 to 28 October, 2017. The Kingdom of Bahrain has managed to become a focal point of social and cultural movement, where the programs and events keep on gaining both regional and worldwide acknowledgment. This October marks the 26th anniversary of the renowned festival, a veritable artistic platform which brings together innovators from all corners of the globe.

The acclaimed musical acts headlining this year's festival represent diverse cultures and genres from the Arab world and beyond.

Bahrain's esteemed Cafe Lilou joins in the festivities once again this year with a special and exclusive menu inspired by the Bahrain International Music Festival's featured acts, which will be available in all branches for the duration of the festival.

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.

LECTURE:LIFE AND DEATH IN EARLY DILMUN: STORIES FROM THE DILMUN BIOARCHAEOLOGY PROJECTDATE



Date: 22 November 2017, 6:30pm Venue: Bahrain National Museum -Auditorium

Since 2008, the Dilmun Bioarchaeology Project has been studying and publishing the collections from Peter B. Cornwall's 1940-41 expedition to Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, which now reside in the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology at UC Berkeley. Cornwall excavated at least 24 burial mounds in the northern and western parts of Bahrain Island, and conducted surface survey at several archaeological sites in the al-Hasa region of Saudi Arabia. He drew on thesematerials to argue that the Bronze Age polity of Dilmun had been located in that region. By documenting and analyzing the skeletal remains and artifacts collected by Cornwall, our team hopes to add to anthropologists' understanding of how life was experienced and death commemorated in Dilmun. Preliminary findings have been published in academic and public-oriented peer-reviewed journals. We also mounted a touring museum exhibit entitled "From Death to Life in Ancient Bahrain" that features the facial reconstructions of two Early Dilmun people. Recently, we launched a new phase of the project in which AMS radiocarbon dating and stable isotope analysis are confirming the dates of the Bahraini burial mounds and shedding light on the residential mobility and dietary practices of the people buried in them. We look forward to sharing the results of our research with the audience at the

Bahrain National Museum. Alexis T. Boutin (Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania) is Associate Professor of Anthropology and Advisor in the Cultural Resources Management M.A. Program at Sonoma State University. Her bioarchaeological fieldwork and museum collections research focuses on ancient Near Eastern, Gulf, and eastern Mediterranean societies. Alexis's publications use human skeletal remains, archaeological contexts, and ancient texts to tell stories about embodied personhood in all of its iterations. Her recent projects emphasize community collaboration and stakeholder-oriented interpretation and outreach.

ROMEO & JULIET



Date: 12th November 2017, 7:00pm Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

The groundbreaking world famous ballet, Romeo and Juliet, will be gracing the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Theatre stage coinciding its 5th Anniversary- with the first full-length ballet choreographed by Sir Kenneth MacMillan. This performance won him a place of honor in the history of world choreography. The ballet show will consist of a unique Dance Open Festival production, a Russian Ballet Company with the UK ballet star soloists from the Royal Ballet theatre of London. The original UK-Russian work of art, Shakespeare's eternal love story with wonderful music by the Great Russian composer Prokofiev, will be presented by immensely passionate and talented English and Russian dancers, dressed in magnificent costumes created by Italian designers. This unfortunate yet beautiful story is set against a wonderful evocation of 16th Century Verona, Italy, and includes a bustling marketplace that erupts into a violent sword fight, and a lavish ball held in an elegant mansion.

A live orchestra will be performing music by S. Prokofiev during the ballet show of Romeo & Juliet.

MEGA MUSICAL NITE





Date: October 27 Venue: The Indian Club, Manama.

KALAALAYA is here to blow minds with its eighth Musical Program, a Grand Gala Event, called "Mega Musical Nite".

This fantastic event is in association with Poorna Corp SPC, at 6.30pm on Friday, 27th October 2017, at The Indian Club, Manama.

Event Chairman and also the founder of Kalaalaya Satyan Laxman said that approximately 600 people are expected to attend this gala music event. To promote the art and culture, they have decided to make this event Entry ticket 'FREE' –but through 'invitation' only! Well, music lovers, this gives you more than enough reason to attend this event.

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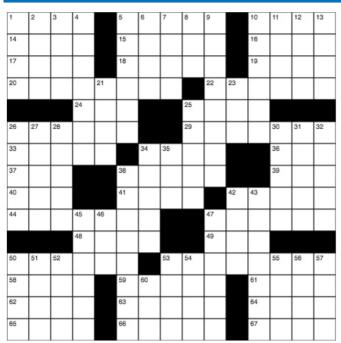
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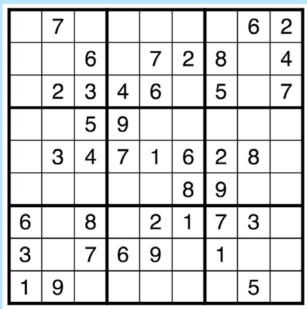
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(handyman); 26- Desert bloomers; 27- Perpendicular to the keel; 28- Shred; 30- Mindlessly stupid; 31- State Farm rival; 32- Not once; 34- Dogma; 35- Capp and Capone; 38- Channel; 42- Toll rds.; 43- Like a milky gem; 45- Theater district; 46- Kimono accessory; 47- Parenthetical comments; 50- Tolkien tree creatures; 51- King mackerel; 52- Untruths, tells falsehoods; 53- Jail; 54- Reverse; 55- How !; 56- Turner and others; 57- Exultation; 60- Acapulco gold;

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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)

You may be expecting some visitors. Happy as you are about this, you may be feeling overwhelmed by what remains to be done. Pace yourself. These friends are coming to see you, not check under the beds for dust (Apr 21st - May 21st)



(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Your energy level is at an all-time high, so you may work harder than usual. You could be inspired to work around the house, cleaning, repairing, and straightening up. Visitors may drop by unexpectedly. Even though you weren't planning on having company for dinner, the house is in good shape.

bunnies. It's more important to enjoy their company than stress about housekeeping

minutia. Leave some time to relax.

You have a gentle way of expressing yourself

to your loved one. It isn't your style to make grand gestures or buy extravagant gifts. You

prefer to spend quality time together. Today you may be in an unusually romantic mood and confess the depth of your feelings. This will have just the effect you hope for!

A shift in responsibilities may be needed at home. You or your partner may need more help with household tasks or want to abdicate responsibility for all the daily errands. Everyday chores can stress even the happiest of families. Try to work together to devise a plan that allows you to get everything done and still enjoy some fun together.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Expect to hear some great news today. Some distant relatives may call to say they're coming for a visit. Or you could find out about a trip that you and your family will take in the near future. Your spirits soar with the news, and you spread your excitement and positive spirit to others.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



You have a keen mind and you're thirsty for knowledge. A recent accomplishment may make you look for the next challenge. Consider looking to your hobbies for the next big thing in your life. The little side projects that you enjoy working on could lead to a new field. You're especially suited to research-oriented fields. You're bound to succeed.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



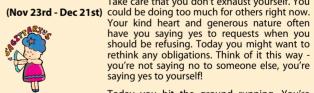
You may be feeling nostalgic for old friends and faraway family. Even if you haven't spoken to them in a while, pick up the phone and call them up. All signs indicate that anyone you talk to today will be very glad to hear from you. You'll be surprised by how much you have in common. The conversation picks up right where you left off last time.

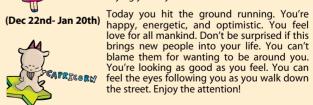


(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd) With the current aspects, you can expect positive job changes. You've worked hard these past few months and contributed important ideas. Don't be surprised if you get rewarded with recognition, raise, or promotion. Go out and celebrate with friends tonight. Nothing would give you more pleasure than treating your loved ones to dinner.

Take care that you don't exhaust yourself. You

saying yes to yourself!





(Dec 22nd- Jan 20th)

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)





You're a traditionalist at heart and happy to do the same thing year in and year out. Your partner could be tiring of the old routine. Today your friend may want to do things differently. There's no need to be traumatized. You might discover some new traditions that you can add to the old. Be flexible. You won't regret keeping an open mind.

The love you feel for everyone today draws (Feb 20th - Mar 20th) new people into your orbit. You're in love with all, even people you couldn't stand yesterday. If you're in sales or a field that puts you in contact with many people, you can expect extraordinary success. People will do whatever it takes and pay any amount of money to connect with you.

Victim of Las Vegas shooting wakes up from Coma after bullet struck her forehead Victim of Las Vegas shooting wakes up from Tina Frost with mom Mary. She was shot in the eye in the Las Vegas attack, and only came out of her medically induced coma on Friday

Tina Frost, 27, woke from a coma on Friday to take her first steps since sustaining a bullet to the forehead from being shot by Stephen Paddock on the Oct. 1 mass shooting in Las Vegas.

"She opens her left eye just a lil and looks all around the room at us, taps her feet whenever music is playing," Frost's mother, Mary Watson Moreland, said in a statement posted on their GoFundMe page.

Frost was hit by one bullet at the Route 91 Harvest Festival, which caused not only a two-week coma at Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center in Las Vegas but also the loss of her right eye. "She's obviously anxious to get her wobble back on," Moreland added. "We are so proud of our Tina, and everyone is amazed at every single movement she makes."

The Maryland woman has received an outstanding show of support from the public after surviving the near-death incident. A GoFundMe was set up for Frost by a family friend and it would go on to raise a shocking \$530,065 in donations -- it surpassed their original goal of \$50,000 goal by a longshot.

According to the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Frost will receive a donated skull implant from a medical supply company in Florida to reconstruct her forehead and the area surrounding her affected eye.

"The doctors have been talking about Tina's next steps and are discussing other hospitals that will have all the specialists she'll need during her long road to recovery," her mother wrote.

So far, Frost has been able to respond to basic commands, flashing a thumbs-up to her boyfriend and more recently breathing without the use of a ventilator, her mother confirmed.

Frost has a long road to recovery from the injuries she suffered that fateful night, but also from the tradegy that caused them. (*AOL.com*)

#PollToday



Do you think Catalan leader, Carles Puigdemont, will drop his bid for independence as the Spanish government is moving closer to impose direct rule?

○ No ○ Cant Say



He's a tool of Russian intelligence, and if he's such a ... martyr of free speech, why doesn't WikiLeaks ever publish anything coming out of Russia?"

-Hillary Clinton,
has told an Australian state broadcaster about
WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange

Rest in sight

Israel uncovers buried section of Western Wall



Israeli archaeologists in Jerusalem's Old City unveiled a newly unearthed section of the Western Wall and the first Roman public structure ever discovered in the city.

Trump to visit Asia Nov. 3-14, focus on North Korea, alliances

U.S. President Donald Trump will travel to Japan, South Korea, China, Vietnam, the Philippines and Hawaii between Nov. 3-14, the White House said yesterday.

IS claims responsibility for rockets fired into Israel

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility Monday for two rockets fired from Egypt's Sinai Peninsula into southern Israel.

Explosion of cooking gas cylinder kills 7

A cooking gas cylinder exploded Monday in a residential building in southern India, killing seven people and injuring seven others, police said.

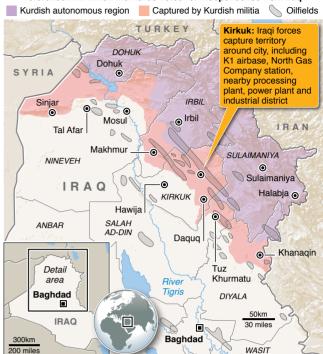
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Iraqi forces advance on Kurdish-held Kirkuk

Iraqi forces are advancing on the city of Kirkuk as they seek to reclaim areas taken by Kurdish militias in 2014. The move follows a non-binding referendum in which the Kurds voted for independence from Iraq



Madrid moves towards direct rule over Catalonia

Madrid/Barcelona

catalan authorities must drop a bid for independence by Thursday, the Spanish government said, moving closer to imposing direct rule over the region after its leader missed an initial deadline to back down.

In a confrontation viewed with a mounting sense of unease in European capitals and markets, Carles Puigdemont failed on Monday to respond to an ultimatum from Madrid to clarify if he had declared independence.

Plunging Spain into its worst political crisis since an attempted military coup in 1981, Catalan voters backed a breakaway in a referendum on Oct. 1 that Spain's Constitutional Court said was illegal.

On that basis, Puigdemont made a symbolic declaration of independence last Tuesday, but immediately suspended it and called for negotiations with Madrid on the region's future.

Madrid had given him until 10:00 a.m. (0800 GMT) to clarify his position on independence with a "Yes" or "No", and until Thursday to change his mind if he insisted on a split - saying it would suspend Catalonia's autonomy if he chose secession.

Top Philippine militant Isnilon Hapilon killed: defence chief

Leading Islamist militant Isnilon Hapilon, who is on the United States' list of "most wanted terrorists", has been killed in the battle to reclaim a rebel-held Philippines city, the defence minister said on Monday.

Security analysts describe Hapilon as the leader of the Islamic State group in Southeast Asia, where the jihadist outfit wants to establish a caliphate as they suffer battlefield defeats in Iraq and Syria.

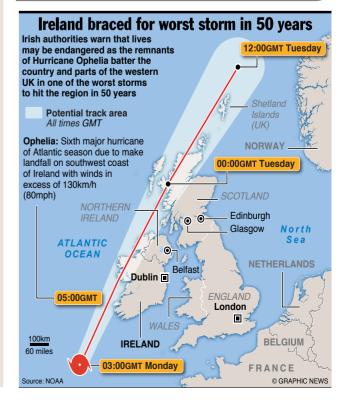
"(Our troops) were able to get Isnilon Hapilon and Omar Maute. They were both killed," Defence Secretary Delfin Lorenzana told reporters, referring to another fighter who led the attack with Hapilon on the southern Philippines city of Marawi city in May. The US



government had offered an \$5 million bounty for information leading to Hapilon's arrest, describing the 51-year-old as a senior leader of the southern Philippines-based Abu Sayyaf group.

Lorenzana s

Philippine ground forces mounting a final assault on the militants in Marawi killed Hapilon and Omarkhayam Maute, one of two brothers who lead a militant group allied to Hapilon, early Monday. (AFP)



Al-Alaiwi performing



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he play "6 lights' by East Riffa Youth The play 6 lights by East King 1000.

Centre and featuring a song performed by differently abled violin player Ali Al-Alaiwi was staged at the third edition of Khalid bin Hamad Theatres Festival For National Clubs, Youth Centres and People With Disability.

The play, one of the three additional shows held on the sidelines of the festival, was directed by Yaqoub Al-Murbati.

Veteran Bahraini Actor Saad Al-Buainain honoured Al-Alaiwi for his remarkable appearance and performance in the play staged at Muharraq Model Youth Centre in Busaiteen.

Al-Buainain also awarded Al-Murbati, who directed the play and joined the acting team in the performance.

to empower the youth of Bahrain in the fields of arts, culture and humanitarian works. This year's edition is themed #Let's_ Plant_A_Smile.

It is worth mentioning that the festival was launched on October 4 by Hisham bin Mohammed Al-Jowder, the Minister of Youth and Sports Affairs, on behalf of HH Shaikh Khalid. The shows will continue until 21 October 2017.

Al-Hawaj Group offers Silver **Sponsorship**

Al-Hawaj Group yesterday announced its backing for the third edition of Khalid bin Hamad Theatres Festival For National Clubs, Youth Centres and People With Disability as its silver sponsor.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and Honorary President of Bahrain Sports Federation for Disabilities welcomed the sponsorship and affirmed that it will contribute to the success of the festival.

Abdul-Wahab Al-Hawaj, Head of Al-Hawaj Group, said the group is proud to sponsor the festival and hailed the substantial growth achieved by the festival in the past five years.





Toyota win Japan as Bapco 6 Hours of Bahrain nears at BIC

ovota Gazoo Racing earned a one-two finish at its home race in Japan on Sunday as the 2017 FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) inched closer to the season-ending Bapco 6 Hours of Bahrain

An eventful and rainaffected 6 Hours of Fuji marked the seventh round of the nine-meeting season, and it was the trio of Sebastien Buemi, Anthony Davidson and Kazuki Nakajima who triumphed.

The result earned them their third race win of 2017 in their no. 8 TS050 Hybrid. It was also Toyota's fifth victory in six events at Fuji Speedway.

Mike Conway, Kamui



Kobayashi and Iose Maria Lopez in the no. 7 car took second place on a day that the TS050 Hybrid showed its strong performance in wet conditions.

Rain intensified and fog descended on the track,

causing several interruptions to the race. The heavy wet conditions and differing fuel strategies removed any advantage during safety cars, the final order of the podium was unpredictable throughout.

And with the 75 per cent mark approaching, after which full World Championship points would be awarded, more heavy fog came and another safety car was called.

"This a great result for the team and also for our home them for such great support, especially considering the weather," said Buemi.

Neel Jani, Andre Lotterer and Nick Tandy of Porsche took the final place on the overall podium. All three were also the top three amongst LMP1 cars.

The LMP2 class was won by the trio of Julien Cana, Nicolas Prost and Bruno Senna of Vaillante Rebellion driving an Oreca/Gibson.

The LMGTE Pro category was claimed by James Calado and Alessandro Pier Guidi of AF Corse driving a Ferrari. Thomas Flohr, Francesco Castellacci and Miguel Molina of Spirit of Race, driving a Ferrari, won the LMGTE Am

The WEC now heads to the penultimate round of the season, the 6 Hours of Shanghai on November 5.

It will then head to the FIA WEC Bapco 6 Hours of Bahrain at Bahrain International Circuit on November 17 and 18.

Tickets are now on sale at BD10 apiece for the twoday extravaganza, which will feature both top-class racing and off-track entertainment.

The weekend will also have more racing thrills aside from the WEC. Being held as part of the support programme are the MRF Challenge, the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East and the highly acclaimed World Series Formula V8 3.5.

CBA Division C: Sultan beat Eagles



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Jultan Palace defeated Muharrag Eagles by 37 runs in CBA Division

After winning the toss, Sultans elected to bat first. Anoop scored a quick 63 in 28 ball including 6 consecutive sixes in an over which helped his team to reach 203 runs in 20 overs. Suresh and Anees scored 47 each for Sultans.

In second innings Eagles were all out for 166 runs. Azhar was the top scorer with 37 runs for Eagles, while Anil took 3 wickets for Sultans.

Other results:

NDC Bahrain 107/7 in 18.4 overs (Mahesh 21, Irfan 3/18) beat Falcon 106/10 (Arjun 33, Ajeesh 3/20, Mahesh 3/26) by 3 wickets.

LuLu 127/8 (Nishad 46, ANoop 24) bt SNCS Transfast 101/10 (Anu 17, Anoop 2/13) by 26 runs

Pristine 151/9 in 20 overs (Sajid 36, Zaki 2/14) bt Riffa Star 68/10 (Zaki 25, Azim 2/6) by 83 runs

Kerala XI 187/5 in 20 overs (Satheesh 55, Justin 47, Sajeer 37, Kinsley 3/37) bt Tornado A 76/10 (Vipin 18, Anoop 3/18, Suraj 3/17) by 111 runs.

Unique 166/3 in 19.4 overs (Faris 56, Jijo.C 40) bt Awali Camel 161/5 (Sahil 36, Jijo.K 3/29) by 7 wickets.

ACL 153/6 (Saeed 65, Atif 2/31) bt Young Star 127/10 (Imran 41, Waqas 2/23) by 26 runs RKCT 122/10 (Guru 46, Imran 4/11)

bt Fateh Curtain 95/10 (Anas 16, Guru 2/20) by 27 runs

Bahrain Indians 141/10 (Nijith 43, Rameez 3/24) bt Titans 129/6 (Saleem 25, Nijith 2/17) by 12 runs.

Union Group 160/8 (Rana 60, Siva 49, Rajesh 2/32) bt Karnataka Royals 106/6 (Yatish 40, Mohsin 2/15) by 54

Awali Bapco 164/2 in 14.3 overs (Jagan 82, Irfan 31) bt Lanterns 162/10 (Asif 34, Chameela 33, Shabeer 5/30)

FIFA World Ranking released

ermany remain top of the latest FIFA World Rankings, with the October update taking into account the latest round of World Cup qualifiers and friendlies that have played out around the planet at international level over the course of the last month.

Overall, there have been no changes to the top six at all, with Brazil, Portugal, Argentina, Belgium, and Poland all staying firm between 2nd and 6th.

France, seen as one of the favourites for next summer's World Cup

FIFA World Rankings: October 2017:

Rank	Country	
1	Germany	
2	Brazil	
3	Portugal	
4	Argentina	
5	Belgium	
6	Poland	
7	France	
8	Spain	
9	Chile	
10	Peru	
63	Saudi Arabia	
125	Bahrain	

given the incredible disposal of head coach depth of talent at the Didier Deschamps, have Neighbours Spain have broken back into the top 10 after rising three places to 8th.

Back-to-back defending Copa America champions Chile stay put in 9th place, despite recent results confirming they will definitely miss out on the World Cup in Russia after finishing as low as 6th in the CONMEBOL qualification standings.

Peru are the notable new addition to the top 10 after rising two places to

Khawaja criticises Australia's selection policy

Australia batsman Usman Khawaja has criticised the country's selection policy and says the constant team changes hampered his attempts to develop his all-round

30-year-old left-hander scored 55 runs in four innings during Australia's 3-0 Test series defeat in Sri Lanka in 2016 before being dropped for the third Test.

He then scored half-centuries in six consecutive home Tests but did not play in the four-Test series in India this year.

Khawaja was brought back for the first Test in Bangladesh, only to be dropped for the second match of the

"They never used to do it before, I'm not really sure why they do it now," Khawaja told ABC Radio of



the selection policy.

"It creates a lot of instability in the team I reckon, going in and out for everyone.

"You hear things like 'the players are playing afraid' or whatnot, but that's what happens when you drop

players all the time. We've been doing that a fair bit lately."

The Pakistan-born cricketer has played 24 Tests since making his debut in the 2011 Ashes series against England and has scored five hundreds, averaging over 45. (Reuters)



New Delhi

United States and Germany toyed with their opponents to secure their places in the quarterfinals of the FIFA Under-17 World Cup at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

Germany displayed power and flourish to outclass Colombia 4-0 in a disappointing contest while the United States, powered by a hat-trick by Tim Weah, decimated Paraguay 5-0.

The US goal in the 19th minute was a gem. Andrew Carleton started the process with a splitting through ball to Ayo Akinola, who let go of a square pass in front of the goal for Tim Weah to tap it in on the run. It was the perfect execution of onetouch football as the United States stunned Paraguay with a class act.

Weah improved upon his effort in the 53rd minute with a spectacularly angled strike from outside the box, the ball finding the roof of the net. A goal each from Carleton and Josh Sargent later left Paraguay in helpless.

A turnout of 34, 895 was witness to a clinical show by Germany, playing its first match at this venue. Two goals by Jann-Fiete Arp and a strike each by John Yeboah and Yann Bisseck confirmed Germany as the team to watch in the remaining stage of the

The Germans had done their homework. Tight marking left the Colombian forwards Germany frustrated and relied on swift counterattacks to make its point.

The two goals in the first half confirmed the German tactics

Yeboah won the ball just outside the box, laid it in the path of Arp, who was foiled but the ball slipped out of the diving goalkeeper Kevin Mier's grasp. Arp, seeing the ball lie loose, came up with a deft left-footer which sailed into the far corner in the seventh minute.

Yeboah should have knocked in the second one, but his curling left-footer thudded into the crosspiece as Colombia had a providential escape. The Germans gave the opponents a torrid time and the Colombian defence ran out of breath when stretched on the flanks.

The German pressure on Colombia increased mainly through the versatile Yeboah, who showed splendid control on the right flank. His speedy forays were complemented by Arp, and the pair was relentless in its pursuit of a second goal. It fructified in the 39th minute through a corner when Sahverdi Cetin floated the ball into the goalmouth and the tall Bisseck rose to meet it with a form header that crashed into the back of the net.

The second half gave Colombia little respite. Yeboah was on the target four minutes into the second session after Arp ran a splendid solo and released the ball for his onrushing partner to score. And then Arp scored his second in the 65th minute, breaking in alone, as Germany made the next stage in style. (The Hindu)

Cristiano orders Real bosses to sign **United keeper** De Gea



David De Gea

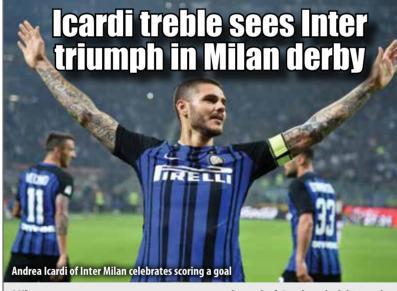
Madrid

ristiano Ronaldo has given Real Madrid's bosses the mission to sign Manchester United keeper David De Gea.

Real have been long term admirers of the Spain No.1 shot stopper after narrowly missing out on bagging him in August 2015 only to be scuppered by a fax machine.

De Gea has played 280 times for United since joining from Atletico Madrid for £19m but could be back in Madrid if Ronaldo gets his way, according to Diario Gol.

Ronaldo, who left Old Trafford for the Bernabeu in 2009, is also leaning on Zinedine Zidane to capture Chelsea keeper Thibaut Courtois if he can't lure De Gea to the Spanish capital. (mirror.co.uk)



aptain Mauro Icardi scored a ⊿90th-minute winner from a controversially awarded penalty to complete his hat-trick and give Inter victory in a thrilling Milan derby.

The Argentine kept his cool to slot home after Switzerland defender Ricardo Rodriguez was harshly adjudged to have fouled Danilo D'Ambrosio following a corner.

It capped a night of high drama as AC Milan twice came from behind to level and were moments away from securing a hard-earned point when the penalty was awarded.

While Inter move two points behind Serie A leaders Napoli, whom they meet next Saturday, AC Milan have lost their past three league games to fall 12 points behind their city rivals.

Antonio Candreva had already hit

the bar for the hosts when Icardi got

on the end of Candreva's delicious low cross to give his side the lead.

Former Liverpool player Suso equalised with a sublime 25-yard finish, but Inter restored their lead when Icardi, who now has nine goals in eight Serie A games this season, netted from close range.

AC Milan thought they had earned a point when Giacomo Bonaventura's sliding attempt trickled over the line off a post but Icardi's penalty settled a fascinating 219th Derby di Milano.

AC Milan deserve credit for their part in an enthralling match which produced 36 shots and saw eight players booked. Yet that is unlikely to be of any consolation for boss Vincenzo Montella.

This was his side's fourth defeat in eight league games this season and they are now 10th in the table - as close to the bottom as they are to the top. (BBC)



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SHOOTING BOOTS: Contest at Santiago Bernabéu will feature highly anticipated clash between all-time Champions League top scorer Ronaldo, and Kane, first player to net five goals after two matchdays

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AWAY DAYS: Tottenham travel to Madrid hoping to end barren run of 360 minutes without scoring

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"Obviously coming there with the title already means a lot, but I do really want to finish strong," said the Russian, who accepted a wild card

that I played three events in a row. But I will give it everything I have got and I know I have so many amazing

champion said the Tianjin title, the 36th of her career, was special.

"It has been a couple of years since I have held the winner's trophy. It is

the beginning of the tournament and then you end up playing the final in a full stadium with so much enthusiasm and energy and you are the one that wins the last point, just

moments, never take them for granted."

Sharapova takes on Slovakia's Magdalena Rybarikova in the opening round in Moscow. (Reuters)



Pavlyuchenkova beats Gavrilova in **Hong Kong final**

Hong Kong

ussian sixth seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova claimed her third title of the year by beating seventh-seeded Australian Daria Gavrilova in the final of the Hong Kong Tennis Open on Sunday.

Pavlyuchenkova prevailed 5-7 6-3 7-6(3) in a match heavily disrupted by the weather.

The final started later than scheduled due to a typhoon off the coast of Hong Kong and

a half-hour rain delay with the deciding set delicately poised at 5-5.

Pavlyuchenkova's victory followed wins in Monterrey in April and Rabat in May.

'It was not easy mentally as this morning we were not sure if we were going to play or not," the 26-year-old said. "I just won a title so I'm extremely happy with that. It was a really, really tough match." (Reuters)

Hamilton was 'weird' as a team-mate: Button

Tenson Button has revealed details of his relationship with Lewis Hamilton while the pair were team mates at McLaren.

The pair drove alongside each other from 2010 and 2012, until Hamilton left to join Mercedes.

In an extract published yesterday, Button recounts his amazement at discovering Hamilton had publicly released the team's telemetry information social media to show why Button had out-qualified him at Spa in

"Quite what was in his thinking, I couldn't say," wrote Button. "Certainly any displeasure he was showing was aimed at the team, not me, but I ended up being collateral damage because you don't make telemetry public. You just don't.'

"I wasn't gasping in horror concerning his use of 'WTF" Button added. "I like to see drivers expressing themselves.

"The screengrab showed the kind of things you work hard to keep hidden from your rivals. I made my feelings known about that. The official version was that I was 'disappointed'. Had I gone with my unofficial reaction it would have made 'WTF' seem very tame indeed."

"But at the same time I knew it wasn't personal. Bit dumb maybe. But not an 'I hate Jenson' thing so much as an 'I'm fed up with McLaren' thing.'

Button revealed Hamilton also challenged him over whether he ignored an order from the team not to overtake him during the 2010 Turkish Grand Prix when the pair were running first and second.

"He came straight out and asked me about it: 'Did you pass me against team orders?' He was the winner. Jesus.

"'No,' I told him, 'I did not pass you against orders. I was never told not to pass you.

Button described Hamilton's decision to leave McLaren for Mercedes as "a shame" because he'd "enjoyed our rivalry."

"Off the track, however, he was still being a

Button's autobiography "Life to the Limit" will be published on Thursday. (f1fanatic)



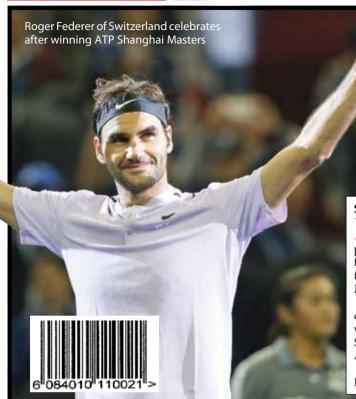




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Shanghai

ger Federer is eyeing a seventh ATP Regarded to come and has not ruled out pinching the world number one ranking from Rafa Nadal if he maintains the form that won him his second Shanghai Masters trophy on Sunday.

The 19-times grand slam winner claimed his 94th title and sixth this year with an emphatic defeat of Nadal in the Shanghai final and is hungry for a first ATP Finals win since 2011.

"London is my priority now and I really want to win the World Tour

the evergreen 36-year-old told Sky Sports. "I am very excited to have had the year that I have had and everything that comes from here is a bonus.

"Finishing the year as world number one is a long shot, and I don't think it will happen but if I play like this, who knows? Maybe I will get close again."

Shangai was Federer's first tournament since the U.S. Open and the confidence he gained from his opening matches helped him through a taxing schedule.

"It's been a tough week, five straight

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matches is always a test and a challenge for anybody's body, especially with the pressure rising," he said.

"I felt I was playing well all week and that settled my nerves because I was returning well from the (opening) match here against (Diego) Schwartzman.

"The serve only got better and I saved the best for last ... In a way, not surprising because I felt good all week -- I was ready."

The Swiss next headlines his home Basel International starting Oct. 21. (Reuters)



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