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Civil defence holds fire drill

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A mock fire drill was conducted as part of efforts to assess contingency plans to deal with emergencies and evaluate rapid response strategies. General Directorate of Civil Defence conducted the drill at a building in cooperation with Capital Police Directorate and Department of Health Affairs. Brigadier Abdulaziz Rashid Al-Amer highlighted the importance of such drills aimed at measuring the readiness of the servicemen.

Tweet of the Day



Why does the Mueller team have 13 hardened Democrats, some big Crooked Hillary supporters, and Zero Republicans? Another Dem recently added...does anyone think this is fair? And yet, there is NO COLLUSION!

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Trump may pull out of Iran N-deal

Washington

Republican U.S. Senator Bob Corker, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he expects President Donald Trump to pull out of the Iran nuclear agreement in May. "The Iran deal will be another issue that's coming up in May, and right now it doesn't feel like it's gonna be extended," Corker told CBS' "Face the Nation" in an interview broadcast yesterday. "I think the president likely will move away from it unless my, our European

counterparts really come together on a framework. And it doesn't feel to me that they are," he said.

Britain, France and Germany have proposed fresh EU sanctions on Iran over its ballistic missiles programme and its role in Syria's war in a bid to persuade Washington to preserve the 2015 nuclear deal with Tehran, according to a confidential document seen by Reuters. The proposal is part of an EU strategy to save the accord signed by world powers that curbs Tehran's ability to develop nuclear

weapons, namely by showing U.S. President Donald Trump there are other ways to counter Iranian power abroad. Trump delivered an ultimatum to the European signatories on Jan. 12. It said they must agree to "fix the terrible flaws of the Iran nuclear deal," which was agreed under his predecessor Barack Obama, or he would refuse to extend U.S. sanctions relief on Iran. U.S. sanctions will resume unless Trump issues fresh "waivers" to suspend them on May 12. -Reuters



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iGA participates in GCC Traffic Week



During Information & eGovernment Authority's participation in the Traffic Village at Seef Mall – Manama

Manama
The Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) has announced its participation in the activities of the 34th GCC Traffic Week held by the General Directorate of Traffic (GDT) under the slogan 'Your Life is a Trust', in line with GCC Traffic Week.

As part of the event, GDT is organising a Traffic Village at Seef Mall - Manama from 15th till 31st March.

eTraffic mobile app is one of the services that is being featured at the Traffic village in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior (represented by the General Directorate of Traffic),

National Oil & Gas Authority and the United Insurance company.

The app includes a range of services like the comprehensive 'Traffic Records'; 'Quick Services' which also include payment of traffic contraventions, renewal of vehicle and license registrations; along with fuel enquiry and locations of fuel stations.

Among the updated features include the King Fahad Causeway Insurance, Reserved Plate Numbers Renewal, Discount of Vehicle Registration Renewal Fees (an

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Infographics of the new services in the eTraffic mobile app.

exclusive service for the elderly – 60 years old and above-Bahraini vehicle owners), SMS traffic notifications service that notifies users of any traffic contraventions, renewal of driving licenses or car registrations along with the Payment History that displays details of all transactions

conducted by the user. Mohamed Abdulaziz, Acting Director of eServices and Channels Enhancement at iGA praised GDT efforts and role in the eTransformation and development process.

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Bahraini doc has cult status in S. Korea



Medical instruments used for the Endoscopic Lumbar Discectomy

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Manama

A Bahraini doctor with a cult status in a foreign country is not some news you hear every day.

The soft-spoken Dr Abdul Gaffar Shaikh Ahmed, an orthopaedic surgeon with Awali Hospital, has scores of doctors in South Korea practising a technique he has initiated.

This was revealed to *DT News* by Korean spine surgery specialist Dr Enum Jin Hwa who was recently in the Kingdom to meet his Bahraini inspiration to conduct a specific keyhole surgery to remove prolapsed lumbar discs.

Endoscopic Lumbar Discectomy is a minimally invasive spinal surgical technique to remove prolapsed lumbar discs. The surgery is carried out under a general anaesthetic and any type of disc herniation can be tackled with this technique without

undergoing post-operative physiotherapy.

"There is a society with 357 doctors practising this technique," Dr Enum Jin Hwa said while he was in the Kingdom to meet Dr Ahmed who has been practising the technique for nearly two decades.

The scope, a medical instrument consisting of lights and lens for minimally invasive surgical techniques, has been used in the knee before, but Dr Ahmed tried out the technique successfully with the spine.

Dr Ahmed came to know about the surgery in 1997 while at the International Society for Minimal Intervention in Spinal Surgery in Switzerland. In 1998, he conducted the first surgery, a historical moment for Bahrain. It was an emergency case at the Bahrain Defense Force Hospital. A

41-year-old male suffering from acute sciatic pain with impending neurological deficit with the risk of nerve damage was successfully treated in 1 hour 15 minutes.

"News spread that I had successfully used the technique on the spine," said Dr Ahmed.

"Everyone was amazed," he added.

The South Korean connection began in 2001 when Dr Enum Jin Hwa's colleague Dr Yeung Chol Choi attended the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons meeting in San Francisco where Dr Ahmed was presenting the technique.

Fascinated by the presentation, Dr Yeung Chol Choi came to Bahrain in the same year and assisted Ahmed while learning the technique.

"He went back to South Korea and trained Dr Enum Jin Hwa who went on to

popularize the technique in South Korea," Dr Ahmed told *DT News*.

Dr Enum Jin Hwa developed an instrument specifically for the keyhole procedure.

"The procedure is popular among doctors as well as patients," said Dr Enum Jin Hwa.

Dr Ahmed continued to present the technique in various meeting and conferences held in Bahrain, Lebanon, and Egypt yet doctors were hesitant to adopt the technique.

"People were reluctant to follow it, they were afraid to put a scope in the spine," said Dr Ahmed.

"I was disappointed that no one was taking up the technique; this was 18 years ago" he added.

Three months ago, Dr Enum Jin Hwa contacted Dr Ahmed saying how Endoscopic Lumbar Discectomy has gained popularity in South Korea with an official society of 375 doctors practising the

Endoscopic Lumbar Discectomy is a minimally invasive spinal surgical technique to remove prolapsed lumbar discs. The surgery is carried out under a general anaesthetic

technique.

The Endoscopic Society of South Korea has much to thank this Bahraini doctor who is eager to share his knowledge with the larger world.

"I came here to meet Dr Ahmed and discuss how we can further develop the technique to make the patient more comfortable," said Dr Enum Jin Hwa.

The conventional technique to remove prolapsed lumbar disc is invasive with a longer stay in the hospital and takes longer rehabilitation with post-surgery pain.

Today, the keyhole procedure is highly sorted after by patients worldwide due to the quick recovery period and minimally invasive techniques.

"I have performed 3,500 surgeries using this technique in over 10 years," Dr Enum Jin Hwa revealed.

"During the early days we faced minor complications, now we know what to expect and how to prevent it," he added.

Less hospitalization, quick mobilization, 0.01% chance of infection, no physiotherapy and minimal post-operation pain are among the benefits of the keyhole technique.

"Spine anatomy is very complicated; this technique can save muscle and bone as compared to the open

surgery," revealed Dr Enum Jin Hwa.

"The main advantage for the surgeons is the camera clarity during the procedure; the view is magnified 20 sometimes 50 times," he added.

Degenerative pain due to wear and tear is the prominent cause for individuals suffering from back pain, an issue that develops as the person ages.

"But now even the youngsters are suffering from this disc problem," revealed Dr Ahmed.

His youngest patient is only 14.

"Our lifestyle has changed, everything is mechanized, and most of our jobs are immobile, the lack of movement and poor posture weakens the disc," stated Dr Ahmed.

The UAE has launched a globally recognized certification course, known as the Arab Spine Diploma Course, for doctors to study and practice minimally invasive techniques. The course focuses on establishing Arab education standards for a spine specialist and to ensure better quality treatment.

"We have workshops and courses in South Korea to teach this technique," mentioned Dr Enum Jin Hwa.

"Bahrain needs such an initiative like the Arab Spine Diploma Course," urged Dr Ahmed.



Dr Enum Jin Hwa and Dr Abdul Gaffar Shaikh Ahmed

Dr Abdul Gaffar Shaikh Ahmed, an orthopaedic surgeon with Awali Hospital, has scores of doctors in South Korea practicing a technique he has initiated

CP okays masterplan for waterfront project

Approval

Bahrain yesterday showed the green light to a conceptual master-plan for a large-scale waterfront development project stretching from the King Faisal Corniche in Manama to Muharraq.

HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister approved the project while chairing the Higher Urban Planning Committee.

The master-plan includes a detailed proposal to develop a 14-kilometre section of waterfront between Juffair and the King Faisal Corniche.

The new waterfront development concept features a wide range of facilities for citizens and residents, including public beaches, walkways, green spaces, and restaurants, as well as cycling and running facilities.



The project represents the latest example of the vital role played by the Higher Urban Planning Committee in delivering sustainable urban development and expanding public facilities to meet citizens' aspirations, in line with HM

King Hamad's vision.

The Higher Urban Planning Committee has prioritised the waterfront masterplan as an important opportunity to integrate Bahrain's natural environment within modern, high-quality development.





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Job-rich future

Ever since the financial crisis first broke, it has become fashionable to see the world economy as a two-speed affair; Western economies seemed to have sunk into a state of permanent decline, but emerging markets were surging ahead.

In an apparent repeat of what happened in the eurozone, capital is fleeing any emerging market economy with a twin deficit problem – that poisonous combination of current account and fiscal weakness.

It is perhaps just as well that the UK's fiscal position is still heading in the right direction, for it scarcely needs saying that Britain is just as dependent on hot flows of foreign capital to fund its burgeoning current account deficit as many of the afflicted emerging markets.

Investment first: despite optimism about growth, business investment remains firmly stuck in the doldrums. This is not just a British phenomenon. It is global. Companies prefer to cut costs and accumulate cash rather than investing

in the future.

This may be temporary, but for the moment it remains very much the prevailing mindset, and it tells a particularly disturbing story about the future. It says that the corporate world as a whole does not expect much in the way of demand growth any time soon. Regrettably, this does not appear to be merely a cyclical phenomenon that will in time heal itself. The nature of work is changing dramatically, undermining many of the old post-war assumptions about the inevitability of economic advancement.

More western jobs have already been lost to the tech revolution than were lost in the entire offshoring phenomenon, and the pace is still accelerating. The march of the machines is also widening the income and wealth gap, hollowing out traditional middle-class sources of employment and income.

Demand in such a bipolar economy, split between a relatively small number of high-earning skilled

workers, and the great mass of menial unskilled, may become permanently impaired.

To get demand growth, you need income growth. In the short to medium term, the productivity gain that the new technologies allow may get in the way of such growth. This is, of course, very much a temporary problem of dislocation.

Eventually, the new technologies will find new applications that will create myriad new jobs in hitherto undreamt-of industries, but there may be a long and difficult period of transition.

Ironically, the demand implications of today's technological revolution may be a major reason why companies are not investing in the same employment-rich way as they did in the past.

These technologies are also contributing to the widening wealth divide, creating vast fortunes on the one hand, but depressing incomes and employment lower down the scale on the other.

We've been through such periods of rapid change before, and eventually found ways of sharing the spoils of innovation. But we have perhaps never before seen such an obvious mismatch between the relatively small number of jobs being created in the disruptive technologies and the numbers lost in those industries being disrupted.

(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.)

Bahraini leaders working 'hand in hand': HRH the PM

Manama

His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday stressed that the leaders of the Kingdom are working "hand in hand for the present of Bahrain and its future."

Describing Bahrain's achievements, spearheaded by HM the King with the efforts of the government and the support of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, as a story of success for a nation on the path of progress and prosperity, HRH the PM said, "We are all working for one goal which is preserving Bahrain and protecting it."

HRH the Prime Minister said this as he received at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday a number of senior officials, members of the legislative branch, the Intelligentsia, journalists and



Prime Minister received senior officials and members of the legislative branch at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday

citizens.

The Premier discussed with them local issues, stressing the remarkable role of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in the kingdom's development boom.

The Premier also paid tribute to the Bahraini people for their patriotism, awareness, civilisation and keenness on the kingdom's security and

stability while describing "national security, stability and prosperity as a top priority".

'Foster national unity'

HRH the Premier told the meeting that there is a need to use social media networks to "foster national unity and serve the nation" rather than using it for "inciting division in the community".

"Preserving national gains and building on them is a common responsibility," the Premier said adding, "We need to heed to the challenges and dangers around us and draw lessons from it to help us carry on with Bahrain's development."

Priority for Citizen's needs

The Premier, on the

occasion, also recalled Bahrain's success in various fields. He talked about his recent visit to Al-Naim region to assess citizens' needs and reach out to them. "Those visits to various regions in Bahrain is our duty towards the nation and people. We are keen to follow up on citizens' needs and cater to them," HRH the Prime Minister emphasised,

pointing out keenness on providing citizens with high-quality services.

Role of legislative hailed

HRH the Prime Minister further hailed the role of the legislative branch in backing the development efforts, stressing that cooperation between the executive and legislative branches has contributed to achieving citizens' aspirations. "We respect this major role of the legislative branch and its cooperation with the government to serve the nation and citizens," he said.

The crucial role of BCCI

The Premier also praised the elections of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) which, he said, mirrors awareness of its affiliates of the chamber's crucial role in the kingdom's growth. He wished BCCI and its new Board of Directors every success.

HM King's reforms key in promoting rights march: Al Doseri



Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's reform approach has contributed largely in strengthening the "march of human rights" in the Kingdom, said Assistant Foreign Minister, Abdullah bin Faisal bin Jabur Al Doseri, yesterday.

Speaking during a ceremony held by the Council of Representatives on the occasion of the Arab Human Rights Day, Al Doseri said, "The Council of Representatives is one of the results of the reform approach of His Majesty the King, which granted citizens the opportunity to elect those who represent them in the parliament."

Held under the theme "the role of the government institutions in activating the human rights principles of

the National Action Charter", the meeting raised awareness on the importance of human rights and highlighted the achievements of Bahrain in this regard.

The Minister stressed that the Council, through its legislative role, was successful in guaranteeing all the natural rights of the citizen including "the right to life, freedom of opinion and expression, peaceful assembly and freedom of religion and belief."

Al Doseri pointed out that the theme chosen by the Arab Permanent Committee on Human Rights at its 42nd session to commemorate the day was titled "Human Rights and Sustainable Development," on which the Kingdom has placed great importance, especially the goals of sustainable development 2030.

He added that the Kingdom has highlighted this through its reports to the United Nations, which also reinforces Bahrain's commitment to achieving the Millennium Development Goals and integrating them into national development plans and successive government programmes of action.

On the role of civil society organisations, the Assistant Foreign Minister said, "There are over 600 civil societies registered in the Ministry of Labour and Social Development and these societies practice their activities freely, including human rights societies, for whom the country provided wide opportunities for legal work."

Al Doseri also drew attention towards the financial support and training programmes developed for these societies.



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Roaming performers to set joyous mood at F1 Village



Bigbrozeurs



Circus in Wonderland

Manama

Race fans attending the Formula 1 2018 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix will have plenty to enjoy off the track at the Formula 1 Village vending area at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC).

Among the many colourful attractions will be a wide variety of roaming performers who will be maintaining a fun and festive mood throughout the three-day weekend. They range from musicians and comic acts to circus performers and dancers.

All that and so much more will be on hand at the highly anticipated Grand Prix spectacle, happening in just around three weeks' time from April 6 to 8 at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East" in Sakhir.

Following are brief descriptions of some of the roaming acts:

Dr. Bubbles: The magic bubble show from Dr. Bubbles is a pleasant surprise for all ages. A unique entertainer, lighthearted artist and an enchanting performer, Dr. Bubbles offers a wide range of styles: from funny to romantic and elegant.

Adam Kadabra: Hailing from Glasgow, Scotland where Adam's music talents began, he uses a technique called "Lap Tapping". He rests the guitar on his lap and powerfully taps the frets and strings to create a captivating cacophony. Adam is an international musician with a unique and amazing style.

The BigBrozeurs: They have been roaming around the world in more than 60 different countries and international events since 1997. They are two giant puppets with a height of two-meters-and-a-half and extendable necks allowing them to play with the crowd. Their outgoing and funny personalities are what make people happy and stay curious.

The Tonys: Since 2007, The Tonys have made thousands of people laugh and smile with their interesting and charming moves. A very popular act in international festivals, this humorous comic duo will leave the audience laughing



Dans Music box

Tickets can be purchased at the BIC stand at Bahrain City Centre through www.bahraingp.com or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.

and following them all around.

Circus in Wonderland: They were established in Germany in 2001, offering a diverse repertoire of extraordinary costume creations for every occasion. Their trademark is their lovely designed stilt-figures. Circus in Wonderland's enchanting individual actors, playful duets or impressive group formations are truly a sight to behold, their colorful costumes and elegant moves leave the audience mesmerised and in awe.

Dans Music Box: All the way from Catalan, Spain, Dans Music Box travelled all over the world and

performed in theaters, festivals, circus shows and international events. His magical musical box was formed with extensive experiences and intricate design with an aim to amuse the crowd, inviting them to participate and enjoy his music.

Tickets to this year's Bahrain Grand Prix can be purchased at the BIC stand at Bahrain City Centre. They can also be bought online at www.bahraingp.com or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000. The prices are amongst the most competitive for any event on the Formula 1 calendar, with prices held at the same level for the fifth consecutive year.

Ticket prices: Main Grandstand seats cost BD150 each for the three days, while Batelco Grandstand tickets are BD120 and Turn One tickets BD100. University and Victory Grandstand tickets cost BD60.

For the first time this year, fans will be able to purchase a single Friday ticket for the Batelco Grandstand at BD60, or they can buy a two-day ticket for Saturday and Sunday, also for the Batelco Grandstand for BD100.



Al Saud shines

GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East Round 5

Pereira sees double win at Bahrain Interational Circuit in Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East Round 5

Manama

Saudi Arabia's Mohammed Al Saud completed a successful weekend of racing, finishing Race 2 in 12th place overall and winning the Bronze Category. His performance secured vital championship points ahead of the final round of Season 9.

Al Saud started the race well and moved up to 10th place in turn one. The young Saudi driver set a good pace and showed some impressive defending skills for the next couple of laps. Al Saud then locked his brakes, meaning that he dropped back to 12th place and gave himself more work to do for the remaining five laps. He crossed the line

in 12th place, earning him first place in his category and topping off an overall strong performance in the penultimate round of the season.

Speaking after the race, Mohammed Al Saud said: "I had a great start today, and gained a couple of important positions in the opening turn. My pace was quick and I felt that I could push on and challenge for an even higher finish. Unfortunately, I then made a mistake and lost out on two of the positions that I had gained.

"From then on, it was quite a difficult race, as the tire conditions were getting worse and it was hard to

keep the same pace. I wanted to finish even higher overall, but I'm happy with first place in the Bronze Category and the points will help towards the title chase. I'm hoping



Al Saud tops category podium in Race 2 of the GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East Round 5

to finish top of my category in both races in the next round, and keep my hopes of winning the category title alive."

Ahead of Al Saud, no one could match Pereira's pace as he pushed himself up to second from his fourth-place start by the first turn, before overtaking Charlie Frijns in

lap two and pulling clear of the grid until the chequered flag. Frijns who started in pole, conceded his place to Pereira before Oliphant forced him to lock his brakes under pressure and sacrifice his tires. Oliphant ended the race in second with Frijns holding out for third.

With Pereira taking

maximum points, championship leader Tom Oliphant's hopes of glory now hang in the balance. As the British driver will not compete in Round 6, his dreams of lifting his first Porsche championship title have almost slipped away. Unless his closest rival Al Faisal Al Zubair of Oman performs

poorly in the last two races of the season, Oliphant is likely to be pushed out of contention for the Season 9 title.

The British driver's fate lies in the hands of Omani teenage sensation Al Zubair, who was given a five-place grid position penalty for colliding with Oliphant in Race 1, which ultimately resulted in the British's drivers DNF. Qualifying in fourth, Al Zubair saw his penalty place him ninth on the grid and with a lot of work to do.

Scottish newcomer Glynn Geddie had a strong weekend finishing just outside the podium in fourth, followed by Al Zubair of Oman in fifth and South African Saul Hack in sixth.

Race 2 of Round 5 at Bahrain International Circuit saw 18 drivers race 12 laps of the Formula 1 track configuration. The series comes to a thrilling conclusion in Round 6 as an official support race for the 2018 Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix, 7-8 April 2018.



Oman's AL-Zubair moves closer to GT3 ME title

Manama

Al-Faisal Al-Zubair finished an action-packed second race in the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East in fifth position and first of the GCC drivers at Bahrain's Sakhr circuit. The Omani now trails Great Britain's Tom Oliphant by just two points in the overall drivers' standings.

The Lechner Racing Middle East driver was given a five-place grid penalty for an incident in the first race on Friday and began the race from ninth position. After initially slipping back to 11th, he was delighted to fight back to an eventual fifth overall.

Oliphant is missing the last two races of the season to take part in the British Touring Car Championship and that leaves Al-Zubair as the firm favourite to clinch his first Middle East



Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East action in Bahrain.

title next month when the series returns to Bahrain.

Al-Zubair said: "It was a good race. I started P9 and, after lap one, I went back to P11. We finished P5 in the end with good lap times. For me, I am focused on getting good consistent points. We could have been a little more aggressive on the usual basis but I was thinking of the

championship. Someone hit me from the back on the first lap, but I managed to get back on track."

Meanwhile, Khalid Al-Wahaibi tackled the race from 10th on new tyres and finished eighth. He now trails Sweden's Magnus Oehman by just three points in the Silver category and has a comfortable lead in the Rookie section.



Al-Faisal Al-Zubair

"I started P10 after the situation in qualifying where I got my fast lap taken away. I had a good start alongside Al-Faisal and I moved up to seventh.

"After that, we really struggled with the car. It did not feel as good as it did at the previous rounds. It was difficult to keep up with the guys in front and I finished P8.

This was two places ahead of where I qualified, but I wanted to be higher. It was not a bad finish in terms of the Silver category, P3, and P3 in GCC, but I want to do better next time."

The experienced Dylan Pereira won the race from Oliphant. Charlie Frijns and Glynn Geddie rounded off the top four and rookie Saul Hack won the Silver category from Isa Al-Khalifa and Al-Wahaibi.

Jean-Baptiste Simmenbauer rocked the regulars with the quickest time in the morning's free practice session with a quickest lap of 2min 04.169sec. Al-Zubair stayed clear of any problems to record the fourth quickest lap of 2min 04.445sec behind the rookie, Pereira and Geddie. Al-Wahaibi missed the session with a clutch issue.

With the news that Oliphant

would not be competing in the last two races of the season in Bahrain, it was imperative that Al-Zubair qualified strongly for race 10 to stamp his authority on proceedings.

Pole position for the second of the Bahrain races fell to Charlie Frijns with a fastest lap of 2min 03.390sec. Oliphant was second and Al-Zubair slotted into fourth behind Bahrain's Issa Al-Khalifa. Al-Wahaibi returned to action and qualified in 13th position and seventh of the Silver drivers.

"I went on used tyres and finished fourth," said Al-Zubair. "I got a penalty from yesterday and I don't think that was fair. It meant I would start the race in ninth on new tyres. The goal was a top four finish, but I was leading the championship and that changed the mentality."

Lulu Hypermarket hosts lip-smacking taste fest



The inauguration of Lulu hypermarket's World Food Festival by BCCI newly elected Board Member Samir Nass, with other Board members and LuLu Hypermarket's Director for Egypt & Bahrain, Juzer Rupawala and senior LuLu Management.

Manama

All the world loves a gourmet meal and the ingredients are available right here in Bahrain at LuLu Group's six Hypermarkets. The hypermarket's World Food Week was inaugurated with a blaze of spice as regional Indian specialities from different states were served up to customers.

The festival was inaugurated on Thursday in the presence of newly-elected Board Members of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry, led by Samir Nass.

This coming weekend of 22-24 March, the spotlight will be on healthy Oriental and Mediterranean cuisine with a cookery demo of Italian pasta delicacies by the superchefs Michela, Martina and Daniela. They will also give a demonstration of fine Italian cooking with secret tips. They have developed a new culinary approach which is a fusion of Bahraini spices and Italian ingredients under a brand of Cacio & Pepe. There will also be a cookery competition for the

best Pasta Chef I Bahrain with three top prizes.

To participate, one just has to fill out a form and drop it at any Customer Service counter and bring the prepared dish to the LuLu Hypermarket in Galleria Zinj, 22nd March 2018.

During the last March weekend, LuLu will invite customers and foodies to sample healthy and tasty breakfast dishes with brekkie favourites from around the world. There will be a Street Food Festival in the evening with tasty treats that make up the quickly pulled-together street food specials of different countries.

March 30 will see a celebration of Biryani varieties and the final day, March 31, will be a Kebab Fest.

An interesting aspect of the World Food Festival is that LuLu Hypermarket is showcasing the produce of Bahraini farms – this is the most productive season for Bahraini farmers and LuLu is promoting fresh fruit and veg of Bahrain to its customers. In addition, the pickles and



The visitors are shown the special display of Bahraini farmers' produce and the finished pickles and preserves of the Bahraini Productive Farmers' Unit.

preserves of the Bahraini Productive Families' Unit are also being promoted, giving prominence to Bahraini culinary traditions.

"We are especially proud of the Bahraini Farmers' showcase and the spotlight on Bahraini Productive Families' Unit goods in this festival," said Director, Egypt & Bahrain,

Juzer Rupawala, "It is well-known that LuLu Hypermarket's treasury of great ingredients and superb Hot Foods Section is very popular with everybody – from home-chefs to hobbyists and professionals. Our World Food Fest will promote both, the ingredients in our aisles as well as the taste quotient of LuLu's kitchens."

Tesla's EMEA Director to visit Capital Club



Manama

Peter Bardenfleth-Hansen, EMEA Director at Tesla, Inc., is visiting Capital Club Bahrain on 27th this month as part of their Business Spotlight initiative.

The event is supported by the Capital Governorate and TF Engineering and sponsored by Mumtalakat.

The meeting will be held on 27 March at 11 am on the 51st Floor Skyline Lounge, Capital Club Bahrain, Harbour Tower-East, Bahrain Financial Harbour

The event, according to Capital Club Bahrain, is inspired by the idea of promoting not only successful international and regional businesses in Bahrain, but also bringing experts into the country who can share their knowledge on how to be efficient businessmen and women and leaders in their fields.

General Manager of Capital Club Bahrain, Sumeet Jhingan said it is the first step towards the encouragement of sustainable businesses in Bahrain. "Tesla is widely recognized for its groundbreaking technology upon which the automobile company thrives on," Jhingan said adding that it is the ideal opportunity for the Kingdom to be introduced to such technologies, which will not only allow Tesla to make home within Bahrain but also venture into the neighbouring GCC countries.

Entry is complimentary for members and for guests it is BD10.

GPIC promotes several Bahraini employees

Manama

Several employees at the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company have been promoted, the company announced in a statement.

Company President Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery has issued a decree to the effect.

The following are the new promotions: Mohamed Al Issa has been promoted to Fire and Safety Superintendent (Designate); Mohamed Al Masqati to Senior Turnaround Planning Engineer (Acting); Hassan Ali Ibrahim to Senior Warehouse Supervisor (Acting), Mohamed Sanad Mohamed to Utilities Shift Supervisor; Majeed Al Ali to Senior Shift Supervisor and Ali Al Rayes to Fire and Safety Supervisor.

In a statement, Dr. Jawahery said the Company will not stop providing specialized training programmes for local staff in addition to providing programmes that develop its personal skills and leadership and which prepares them for further promotions to assume administrative and leadership positions.



Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba)'s commitment to safety was given further impetus with the launch of its plant-wide Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) Campaign 'Safety ABC' on 15 March 2018. The Campaign highlights key aspects of the 2018 CEO Expectation 'Safety Selfie'. Speaking on this occasion, Alba's Chief Executive Officer Tim Murray said: "Staying safe is the choice we make at Alba. This campaign focusses on every employee being an ambassador of Safety with the ability to influence and educate one another. The 'Safety ABC' SHE Campaign will conclude on 22 March 2018 and comprise safety visits by Alba's officials to various areas in the plant.



Samsung Flip launched in Bahrain

Samsung Electronics has launched its new interactive digital flip chart, the Samsung Flip WM55H, across Bahrain.

Widen ideas in real-time

Samsung Flip WM55H enables ideas to be instantaneously shared across devices and allows multiple people to contribute, widen and build on ideas in real-time. Flip allows easy sharing, annotation, movement and even searching, as well as the ability for multiple users to create content at once. Additionally, the Flip's portable, wheel-based stand transforms any location into a huddle room.



"Today's workers require more powerful and flexible technologies, and we truly believe that our new Samsung Flip display offers endless possibilities for driving impactful collaboration. We are excited to launch the Samsung Flip in Bahrain, and we look forward to building upon this technology to help businesses work better, smarter and faster,"

-Karan Chopra,

Head of Display Solutions Division at Samsung Gulf Electronics.

Productive, Interactive

Up to four different participants can introduce content or annotate directly on screen at the same time using either their fingers or a dual-sided pen. In doing so, each user can customize his or her own writing style, size and colour, with each notation made clear and visible by viewer-friendly UHD resolution. For added interactivity, Flip display also offers extensive device compatibility through both wireless connectivity and USB, PC and mobile ports.



Customized, Comfortable

Erase notes through a quick palm swipe.

Access up to 20 pages of writing space,

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Configure to portrait or landscape orientations to suit unique meeting needs.

Height-adjustable stand maximizes available writing space.

all mount for roundtable-style discussion

Convenient, Secure

Samsung Flip display securely stores all content within a central database, eliminating the need for cumbersome recaps or handwritten transcription. An airtight, password-based protection system safeguards meeting details and ensures that only approved users can access the information.

BHD 1,315

Buy Samsung Flip WM55H from leading electronics retailers across Bahrain at BHD 1,315. Terms and conditions apply.

To learn more about the Samsung Flip display and access related Samsung Newsroom articles, photos and videos, visit news.samsung.com and displaysolutions.samsung.com.

Egypt targets budget deficit of 8.4pc, says PM

Cairo

Egypt's government approved its 2018/19 fiscal year budget on Sunday, targeting a budget deficit of 8.4 percent of GDP, Prime Minister Sherif Ismail said. A statement from the cabinet said the budget would target GDP growth of 5.8 percent. Egypt's fiscal year begins in July.



The United States against trying to drive a wedge between Germany and the rest of Europe with import tariffs. We are a customs union and act jointly. It cannot be in the interest of the U.S. government to divide Europe, and it also would not succeed,"

-Peter Altmaier,

German Economy Minister



Gulf Air takes part in 2018 Saudi Aramco travel show

Manama

Gulf Air has participated in the 2018 Saudi Aramco Annual Travel Show held at Saudi Aramco's worldwide headquarters in Dhahran.

Alongside travel agents, various airlines and travel and hospitality exhibitors, Gulf Air shared news of its highly anticipated incoming fleet of 39 new Boeing and Airbus aircraft which will commence delivery in the coming months.

A total of 7 new aircraft, 5 Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners and 2 Airbus A320neo aircraft, will enter the airline's fleet before the end of the year.

Alongside this, Gulf Air promoted its flight schedule to/from 5 destinations in Saudi Arabia, which includes major network expansion plans to the Saudi Arabian cities of Abha and Tabuk, from 15th June 2018. This will expand its Saudi Arabia operations to complement its



Gulf Air Participates in 2018 Saudi Aramco Annual Travel Show

current service to Dammam, Riyadh, Madina Al Munawarah, Jeddah and Gassim.

Further to its upcoming new routes in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in 2018 the airline will add to its current India operations to Delhi, Chennai, Kochi, Mumbai, Trivandrum

and Hyderabad, with flights to Bangalore and Calicut. Gulf Air's Cairo operations will be supplemented by direct flights to Alexandria and flights to Sharm El Shaikh. The airline will also launch operations to Baku in Azerbaijan and to Casablanca in Morocco.

BCCI seminar on trucks pre-clearance on Thursday

Manama

Under the patronage of the Customs President Shaikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) is hosting an induction seminar on the new pre-clearance system

for trucks on Thursday at 12 p.m. in Al Majlis Hall- Bait Al Tijjar.

The seminar, which will be delivered in Arabic, is organised jointly by the Chamber and the Customs Affairs. It will explain the 4-step clearance procedures

initiated to streamlining the flow of trucks on King Fahad Causeway.

BCCI has called its members to attend the induction seminar and learn about the new procedures, which are to be followed starting 1st April 2018.

Did You Know?



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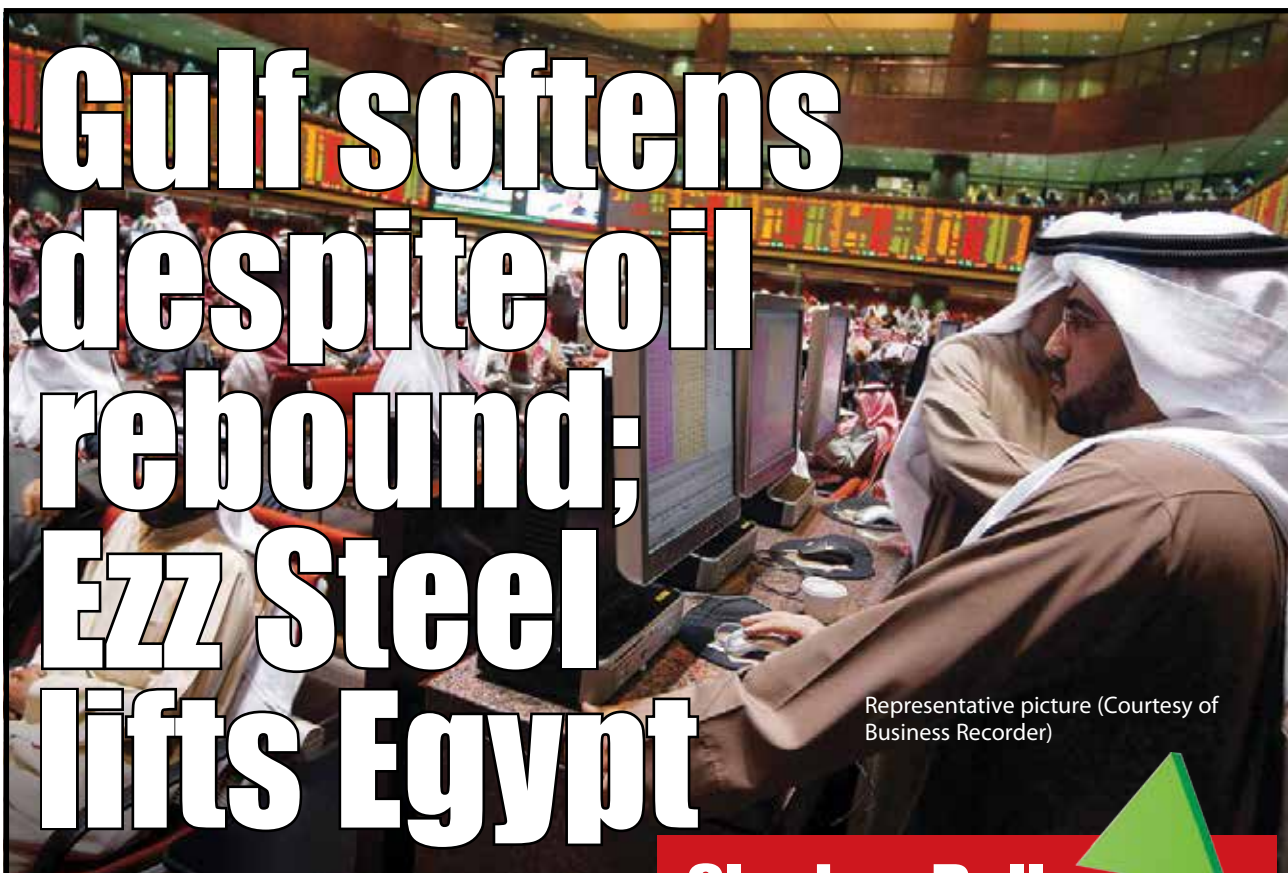
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QATAR	3.6420	3.4424	3.8532	3.4433
UAE	3.6730	3.4717	3.8860	3.4726
SAUDI	3.7500	3.5445	3.9674	3.5454

Gulf softens despite oil rebound; Ezz Steel lifts Egypt



Representative picture (Courtesy of Business Recorder)

Closing Bell

SAUDI shed 0.2pc to 7,728 points.

DUBAI lost 0.1pc to 3,193 points.

ABU DHABI fell 0.2pc to 4,533 points.

QATAR dropped 0.5pc to 8,803 points.

EGYPT gained 1.6pc to 17,271 points.

KUWAIT edged down 0.04 to 6,758 points.

BAHRAIN went down 0.2pc to 1,352 points.

OMAN edged down 0.1pc to 4,893 points.

Dubai
Gulf stock markets eased yesterday as gains in oil prices at the end of last week failed to spur activity, though Ezz Steel helped to lift Egypt's index.

There was very little action in the United Arab Emirates, with both Dubai and Abu Dhabi registering among their lowest trading volumes this year as the indexes fell marginally.

Emaar Properties was the worst performer in Dubai, shedding 1.9 per cent and closing near 20-month lows. The stock has been sold off by international accounts since last week, said one trader, depressed by the sluggish outlook for Dubai's real estate market.

Two Emaar subsidiaries performed much better, however, with Emaar Development gaining 3.3pc and Emaar Malls adding 2.8pc.

Courier Aramex closed 2.1pc up after a research note from FAB Securities last week said the company was expected to grow in value given the strong e-commerce activity across the region.

On Nasdaq Dubai, interior contractor Depa became the first stock on that exchange to switch its listing currency to UAE dirhams from U.S. dollars in an effort to attract more regional institutional and retail investors. The stock rose marginally as trading volumes edged higher but remained thin.

The Saudi market gained in early trade but closed 0.2pc down. Al Rajhi Bank, which attracted heavy foreign fund inflows earlier this year, pulled back for a fourth day running, losing 1.1pc.

There were wider gains across the insurance sector, with Bupa Arabia up 3.1pc after parent Bupa said at

the end of last week that it planned to increase its stake by 5pcage points to 39.25pc in a transaction worth 400 million riyals (\$107 million).

SABB Takaful added 2.4pc after the central bank announced that it would allow the insurer to accept new customers. The company has been under a temporary suspension from taking on new business because of

regulatory issues.

Egypt's index was up 1.6pc by the close after its heaviest trading this year. Ezz Steel, buoyed by signs of a strengthening economy and expectations for more interest rate cuts as inflation recedes, rose 6.3pc to 27.20 Egyptian pounds, rising above technical resistance at the April 2010 peak of 26 pounds. (Reuters)

US congress facing yet another shutdown deadline on Friday



People walk by the U.S. Capitol building in Washington

Washington

The U.S. Congress, facing yet another government shutdown deadline at midnight on Friday, will try this week to approve a massive spending bill that would end lawmakers' nettlesome budget infighting, at least through Sept. 30.

Republican leaders in the House of Representatives hope to unveil soon the product of long negotiations over a \$1 trillion spending bill. It would fund all of the federal government's activities, except for the gigantic "mandatory entitlement" programs such as Social Security and Medicare,

which do not have to be renewed annually. The Republican-controlled Congress was supposed to have completed this work by Sept. 30, 2017, the start of fiscal 2018, but it has not done that. Instead, the government has been running on a series of short-term, stopgap funding measures.

Failure to pass this major spending bill would leave Congress with two options: force federal agencies to suspend operations ranging from national park lands to medical research; or pass another in a series of stopgap bills.

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-Will Durant



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Dr Gaynor, Khulood get top RCSI honour



Dean's Award winners, Dr Declan Gaynor, left, and Khulood Al Salman, right, with Prof Joe McMenamin.

Manama

Senior Chemistry Lecturer, Dr Declan Gaynor and Accounts Clerk, Khulood Al Salman, have been named as the winners of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain's (RCSI Bahrain) annual Dean's Awards for 2017.

The winners were announced during a revamped annual staff lunch attended by Professor Sameer Ootom, President of RCSI Bahrain, at the university campus in Busaiteen, where each was presented with a commemorative award, by RCSI Bahrain Vice President for Academic Affairs and Head of School of Medicine, Professor Joe McMenamin.



The Estates and Support Services team, winner of the inaugural 'Team of the Year' award

Created in 2011 as a way of acknowledging the diverse and essential contributions of all staff members, the Dean's Award initiative is open to nominations from all full-time staff.

This year's event also played

host to a number of new award presentations, designed to recognise the contribution of both academic and administrative staff members over the last 12 months.

The Inspirational Leader Award was presented to BSC

Nursing Programme Director, Eman Tawash, while Digital Marketing Specialist, Bushra Ali, was named RCSI Bahrain's inaugural 'Rising Star'.

Nursing Lecturer, Danah Smith, received the Community Engagement

Award, with Human Biology Lecturer and Research Laboratory Manager, Dr Michael Keogh, taking home the Research Excellence Award.

The Estates and Support Services department received

a great round of applause after winning the Team of the Year award, while further acknowledgement was made to long-serving staff members.

Speaking on the occasion, Professor McMenamin offered his personal congratulations to all the winners and praised their contribution towards the university's commitment to excellence in education, research and service.

RCSI Bahrain is a constituent university of RCSI, which was established in 1784. Like its Irish counterpart, RCSI Bahrain is a not-for-profit health sciences institution focused on education and research to drive positive change in all areas of human health worldwide.

"Electronic Databases Research Methods" Workshop

Manama

Specialist of Digital and Learning Sources at the Arabian Gulf University (AGU) Library Athra Al-Alwai reviewed the methods of acquiring research skills and digital resources to help students soundly adapt to the info environment and to identify sources of information during a workshop held on the topic "Electronic Databases Research Methods".

She also discussed the use of electronic databases in the full text for postgraduate students in the fields of educational studies such as the gifted education programme, disability and autism program and learning disability program.

Dr Nadia Tazi, Professor of Social and Cognitive Psychology and coordinator of the Learning Disabilities programme at the College of Graduate Studies, AGU, said that this workshop aimed to introduce new researchers at the College of Graduate Studies to mechanisms in AGU's digital library, training them in scientific research methods in databases and knowledge



sources.

She explained that the workshop will open broad horizons for researchers

to draw their future research plans. In addition, Al-Alwai demonstrated methods of searching the

library's automated index, accessing books, references and sources of information.

► Part of the workshop

poem



Shemily P. John
Senior Lecturer, UCB

*My love is in eagerness
To possess each spark of your thoughts
Need nothing more
Thus own your soul*

*My love craves you to feel like dying
If i am hurt,
I wish you stay worried
In the shadows of night sleepless*

*My love hopes that you are fulfilled
With content and ease
Realizing you are so precious
For a life to exist*

*My love invokes you into the realms of
peace
As every breath of mine renders prayer
of protection*

*Every sigh of mine knocks heaven
So that you are embalmed with delight*

Define Love



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday a number of senior officials, members of the legislative branch, the Intelligence, journalists, media persons and citizens.



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Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of Supreme Committee for Information and Communication Technology, Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa received Gulf Regional General Manager for Microsoft Sayed Hashish. Shaikh Mohammed affirmed the government's efforts to cooperate with leading international IT companies to achieve digital development in Bahrain.



Minister of Justice received a member of the government yesterday member of the government.



His Royal Highness the Premier's Advisor His Highness Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa received Russian Ambassador to Bahrain Vagif Garaev and reviewed ways of consolidating bilateral relations and bolstering joint cooperation in all fields.



The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs Deputy Chairman Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Khalifa received the US Ambassador Justin Siberell. Shaikh Abdulrahman welcomed the ambassador, wished him success in his diplomatic mission in Bahrain.



Building Maintenance Director of the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning Huda Mirza inspected the maintenance works being implemented at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Building in Manama. The BD79,900 works include renovation of the reception office at the ground floor and renovation of the elevator lobby located at the 6th floor of the building. Mirza was accompanied by a number of engineers supervising the project and Operation & Follow-up Director Khalid Al Jahalma from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During the tour, the team in charge of supervising the project delivered a detailed explanation on the maintenance stages, which is now 30% complete.



Female employees at KPMG in Bahrain attended an event for International Women's Day (IWD). During the event held at the La Plage, the firm highlighted its contribution to the firm's growth. Attendees also highlighted key hurdles women often face today.



His Majesty the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday stressed the importance of consolidating social communication and the best means to preserve the deep-rooted values and social traditions that have always distinguished the people of Bahrain. HRH speaking as he received, at the Gudaiyhi Palace yesterday, the sons of Mohammed bin Futtais bin Salim Al-Hajiri Ali, Dr. Rashid and their sons. During the meeting, HRH the Prime Minister lauded the role played by Bahraini tribes and families.



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday received Brigadier Khalid Salman Al Maouda the Commander of BDF combat group participating in the "Gulf Shield Joint Drill 1". Forces from the Arabian Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) together with forces from sisterly and friendly countries are implementing the field exercise in the Eastern Region of Saudi Arabia, on March 20-April 16.



His Majesty the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received yesterday the Islamic Affairs and Endowments Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa and the Representative of the Council Khalifa Abdullah Al Ghanim. They discussed issues related to judicial development.



Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant General Thiyab bin Saqer Al Nuaimi paid an inspection visit to a unit of Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) during which he briefed on its readiness. The Chief of Staff affirmed that the unit is using all its potential towards honorable achievements at all levels under various circumstances.



Capital Governor, Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, yesterday inaugurated Community Partnership Day, lauding the efforts of Interior Minister, Lieutenant-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa. The event was held with the participation of the community policy and Committee for Combating Violence and Addiction (Ma'an).



His Majesty the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday attended an event organized by the Audit, Tax, and Advisory firm to commemorate International Women's Day at the Ritz Carlton Hotel and Spa, 16 female staff were awarded for their achievements in 2017 and valuable contribution from other successful female leaders at the firm about their career journey and how they have overcome challenges.



A Saudi Judicial delegation, led by Court of Appeal Judge and Advisor to the Saudi Justice Minister Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Zayed Al-Zayed, paid a visit yesterday to the Family Courts compound and got informed about the experience of the Alimony Fund in Bahrain.

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Let's just say it @IyanlaVanzant is a mighty, mighty Healer! #FixMyLife

I'm single,

not lonely



Kanye West teams up with Drake

Los Angeles

Rappers Kanye West and Drake are reportedly teaming up in Wyoming for new music.

Both rappers are staying at the Amangani luxury hotel and resort under an alias, and have each brought a huge crew with them. Drake's team includes his engineer, songwriter and his personal photographer/videographer, sources *told TMZ.com*.

Big names like hip-hop artiste Lil Uzi Vert are there too along with a slew of major producers who work with Kanye and Drake.

Sources said the rappers brought a ton of audio and recording equipment with them, most likely to set up their own studio at Kanye's place because he is staying at a separate house at the resort away from the main hotel. (IANS)

Canberra

Singer Kylie Minogue, who split from fiance and British actor Joshua Sasse last year, says she is still single but doesn't feel lonely.

"I'm not sitting at home crying. I'm single but not lonely. I never thought I would get married. Then I did a swerve," Minogue said in an interview with a publication, reports *daily mail.co.uk*.

The 49-year-old said that following the split she wrote songs that helped her heal from her relationship but didn't feature the majority of them on her album.

"It was too much and they weren't very good songs. I don't mind that because it's out of my system. Once it was done, things got easier. I don't want an album full of songs about my last relationship. I just don't," she said. (IANS)



I freaked out: Vikander

Actor Alicia Vikander says the pressure of continuously posting pictures and videos on *Instagram* was too much for her to take.

According to reports, the 'Tomb Raider' star said she decided to leave the photosharing website just a month after joining it.

"I did have Instagram. I already freaked out about a month in, like a (pressure) that I had to post things. So, no, I don't have an Instagram account anymore," Vikander, 29, said.

The actor, however, is in love with *Google*.

"My friends call me Mrs Google. I'm really good at Googling answers on anything, and I'm very good at planning travels," she said. (TOI)



Celeb Facts

American singer Charlie Puth's star sign in Sagittarius, putting him alongside other celebs including Taylor Swift and Nicki Minaj.





SCHMID HIT BY BURGLARS

Los Angeles

SIX actor Kyle Schmid has had jewellery worth \$30,000 stolen in a burglary in his home. Law enforcement sources told *tmz.com* that Schmid came home to his apartment in the Los Angeles area and noticed the sliding door to his balcony was open, leading police to believe that was the point of entry. The sliding door didn't trigger an alarm, which allowed the perpetrator to search the house and get away with around \$30,000 worth of jewellery. Several other units in the same complex were hit that night, *tmz.com* reported on Sunday. (IANS)

Mendes cryptically teases new music?

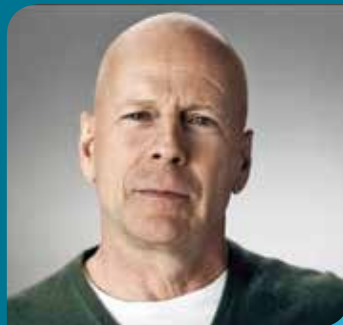
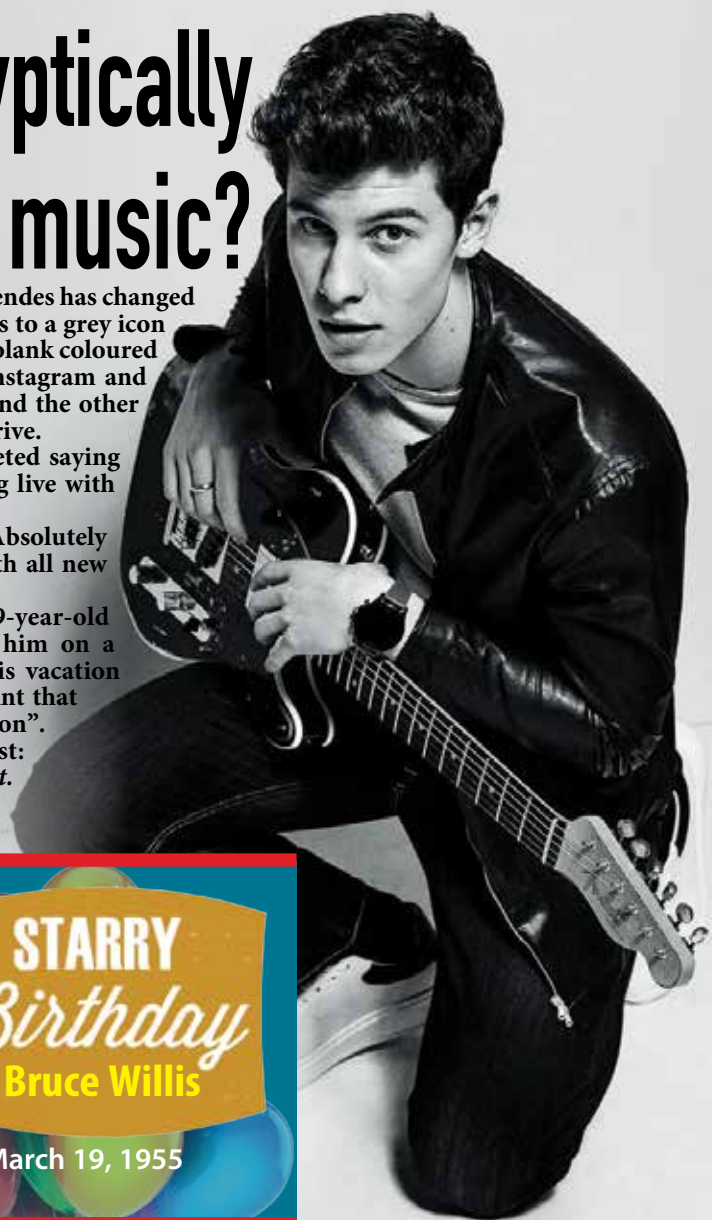
The Canadian pop star Shawn Mendes has changed his social media display pictures to a grey icon with a floral design and added two blank coloured squares to his pages on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook, one in the same shade and the other baby pink, sending fans into overdrive.

It comes weeks after Shawn tweeted saying he can't wait to get back to playing live with new songs.

He told his 17.8 million fans: "Absolutely dying to get back on the road. With all new music. (sic)"

Two weeks ago before, the 19-year-old singer shared a topless photo of him on a wooden swing on a beach from his vacation on Instagram, whilst dropping a hint that his new album will be with fans "soon".

He simply captioned the post: "album soon come (sic)." (*femalefirst.co.uk*)



STARRY
Birthday
Bruce Willis

March 19, 1955

Movie star who won the Blockbuster Entertainment Award and the People's Choice Award for his role in the 1999 suspense film *The Sixth Sense*. His other well-known film include the *Die Hard* series.

Fashion tip of the week



(harpersbazaar.com)

American model Kendall Jenner in a look from off-White's Spring 2018 Princess Diana-inspired collection at an Off-White X Jimmy Choo launch party.



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BAHRAIN FAMILY LEISURE COMPANY B.S.C

Subject: Dividend Distribution Announcement

Following the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Bahrain Family Leisure Company B.S.C. held on 15th March 2018 the following was decided: -

1. Distribution of 10% dividend for the fiscal year 2017 (10 fills per share; which is equivalent to total BD 360,000/-) on paid up capital (net of treasury shares). Eligible shareholders, who are listed in the share register as at 22nd March, 2018 should contact share Registrar to complete formalities where the distribution will start from 18th April, 2018.

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OUT & ABOUT

RECYCLING PALM TREE WORKSHOP

Date: 15 March 2018, 5:00pm
Venue: Archaeologies of Green - Muharraq

Bahrain is well known as «The mother of a million palm trees» Recycling of palm trees is a way to revive the importance of palm trees in our beloved country. This is what we are aiming to in this workshop and in a very simple way ... Children can do this by encouraging them to use raw materials Available everywhere, especially in the palm tree and recycling it. As a result the kids will come-up with something new and beautiful.

FRIDAY BRUNCH AT CUT WITH CHEF WOLFGANG PUCK

Date: Friday, April 6 from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay
Celebrity Chef Wolfgang Puck is back in town! Join him for an Asian fusion BBQ and a cutting-edge Friday Brunch. Spend the perfect Friday afternoon in the heart of Bahrain and indulge in a wide variety of delicious home-made comfort food with Wolfgang Puck. Reservations: +973 17115044

BEST OF WOLFGANG PRE F1 PARTY - SATURDAY BBQ WITH CELEBRITY CHEF WOLFGANG PUCK

Date: Saturday, April 7 from 8:00 pm - 2:00 am

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay

Join us for an Asian fusion BBQ party with the celebrity chef himself. Savor an array of special Asian BBQ and street food, while you enjoy the twinkling lights of the Manama skyline and a live DJ in the background.

EASTER BRUNCH AT BAHRAIN BAY KITCHEN

Date: March 30 and April 1 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay

We are celebrating Easter with a grand brunch - you just hop on over!

Celebrate the timeless tradition of Easter with friends and family at Bahrain Bay Kitchen. Savor an exquisitely paired menu of mouthwatering favorites like roasted lamb rack, hot cross buns and chocolate treats. The little ones have something to cheer about too with a fun egg hunt and other engaging escapades. Free access to Kids For All Seasons Easter activities.

FRIDAY SPRING FAIR BRUNCH

Date: Every Friday from April 6 until May 11 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay

Spring fairs bring forth many exciting memories to mind. Expect fun, excitement, vivacious colours, floral fragrances and comfortable weather. Every Friday, Bahrain Bay Kitchen's garden

will be transformed into a welcoming hive of activity. Lounge in the open air while indulging in new seasonally influenced dishes. Children's hearts will be filled with a sense of delight as they enjoy plentiful fair-style games and activities. Discover pony rides, Ping-Pong, darts and train rides. Throughout these Friday afternoons of indulgence, sip on a refreshing iced tea, chilled milkshake or your desired beverage. The Spring Fair Brunch is a nod to everything that inspires weekend bliss.

RE/IMAGINE YOUR SATURDAYS

Date: Every Saturday from 12:30 pm until 3:30 pm

Venue: re Asian Cuisine by Wolfgang Puck Asian

Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay invites you to discover the perfect Saturday Brunch at re/Asian Cuisine by Wolfgang Puck. Soak in the immersive views from the 50th floor and feast on mouthwatering Asian selections like Korean Fried Chicken Bao Buns, Wok Fried Shrimp Dumplings and Brisket Wontons for BD 19+.

FOR U MAMA ..!

Date: 22 March 2018, 5:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Museum

Mothers Day..! we honour the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, mother bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated in different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March. This workshop will celebrate Mothers Day by

letting children make a greeting card for their mothers and also decorating cupcakes. Later they will gift it to them.

SCENAMADRE

Date: 27 March - 27 May 2018, 8:00am - 8:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

In celebration of the World Theatre Day, the Bahrain National Theatre hosts SCENAMADRE, an exhibition curated by the Accademia Albertina Di Belle Arte in Torino, Italy. The display features a collection of models that illustrate the history of theatre set design and highlights the story of scenic architecture in the world of theatre, scenography and stage design.

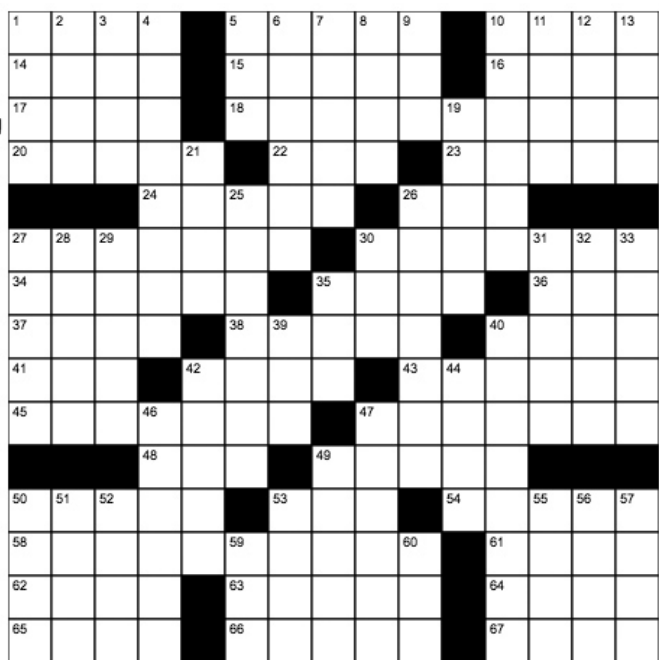
ARCHITECTURE OF THE ISLAND OF MUHARRAQ

Date: 27 March 2018, 7:00pm

Venue: Bahrain Fort Museum

A lecture by Eng. Ahmed Abdulrahman Al-Jowder focusing on the island of Muharraq and its development in terms of construction and architecture, as well as highlighting some of cultural publications that discussed these aspects throughout history. Al-Jowder earned a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of Riyadh in Saudi Arabia in 1976 and a Master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Pennsylvania in the USA in 1981.*Lecture will be conducted in Arabic

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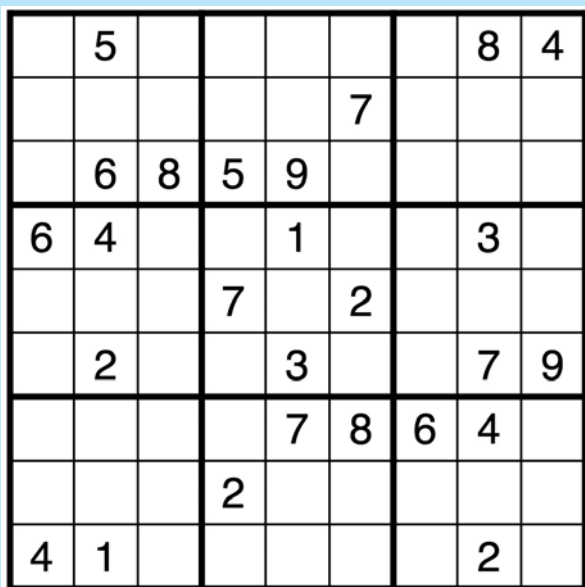
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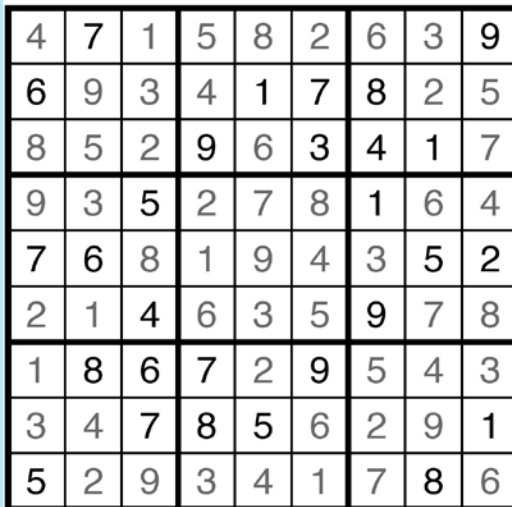
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 Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



You may feel as if people have turned against you today and that they've suddenly lost interest in what you have to say. Maybe this is a reflection of your own inability to truly listen to someone else talking. Look at the collective picture and open your eyes to the world around you. Get involved in the community instead of only focusing on you all the time.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Let your emotions play with your imagination today, and feel free to discuss your findings openly with others. Don't get caught up in so rational a frame of mind that you refuse to acknowledge any other way of viewing a current situation. Put away your analytical side in order to disclose a more abstract, intuitive perspective.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Trust that you have all the facts you need today. You should be feeling quite good, emotionally. Use this self-confidence to make great strides in whatever you want to accomplish. Have fun letting your mind drift to a fanciful world where it can explore your imaginative proclivities. Feel free to use your strong hold on facts.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



You may find yourself emotionally challenged today by a strong force demanding your attention. Your hyperawareness to every situation might be driving you a bit crazy. Perhaps you just need to tone things down and relax. Enjoy rather than question the fun-loving energy of the day. The more you simply let loose and explore, the better off you'll be.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



You have the opportunity to do some intense self-healing today, so you communicate more directly with your core self without the distractions of other people. Do what you can to hone in on the internal issues that require your attention. It's key that you learn how to address these issues yourself instead of relying on other people to take care of these needs for you today.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



You might be a bit confused with the mood of the day, which fosters quick action and a sporadic approach to things. More than likely, this approach isn't exactly in line with your usual methodical protocol. Do what you can to merge with this energy in order to add a more spontaneous spark to your daily routine. Take a walk on the wild side today.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Feel free to match your plaid pants with your paisley shirt today. Accessories with wild sneakers and a striped jacket. Let the oddball within you shine brightly! This is a terrific day for you, and you should feel free to express yourself openly and loudly to the world. You should experience a great deal of self-confidence. Take full advantage of it at this time.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Feel free to enlist your own creativity today to solve any problem that may come your way. Don't feel like you absolutely need to take a rational and methodical approach. This sort of frame of mind has already been tried. Now it's time to explore a more intuitive way to complete any task that you wish to tackle now. Exercise more of your sensitive nature.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



The energy of the day is electric, and you could find yourself bouncing from task to task and person to person. Things are apt to happen when you least expect them, so be prepared for surprises. There's an element of genius to the day that might inspire you to be someone much greater than you ever thought you could be. Join with people who share your same zest for life.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



You might feel as if your heart is playing tricks on you today. Perhaps you're coming up against a strong force that's causing you to doubt yourself in some way. Don't be conned by loud, obnoxious talk. Seek the true meaning behind the words. You'll find that most of your strength is internal. Be prepared for stubborn wills to make a powerful presence in your world today.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



There is a great deal of unexpected communication coming your way today, but be careful about the people you trust. There's an element of fantasy factored into the picture. This might cause some disruption if you automatically accept everything at face value. Make sure you check your sources at least twice before proceeding.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



You may find that people aren't necessarily very sympathetic to your feelings today. It's quite possible that they're more responsive to facts and information than emotions. It could be that you need to enlist some sort of translator in order to get through to a person with whom you're trying to communicate. Don't hesitate to ask for more clarification on something if you need it.



Ust-Djeguta

Russian President Vladimir Putin won a landslide re-election victory yesterday, extending his rule over the world's largest country for another six years at a time when his ties with the West are on a hostile trajectory.

Putin's thumping victory will extend his total time in office to nearly a quarter of a century, until 2024, by which time he will be 71. Only Soviet dictator Josef Stalin ruled for longer. Putin has promised to use his new term to beef up Russia's defences against the West and to raise living standards.

In a widely-expected result, an exit poll by pollster VTsIOM showed Putin, who has already dominated the political landscape for the last 18 years, had won 73.9

percent of the vote. Backed by state TV, the ruling party, and credited with an approval rating around 80 percent, his victory was never in doubt.

None of the seven candidates who ran against him posed a threat, and opposition leader Alexei Navalny was barred from running. Critics alleged that officials had compelled people to come to the polls to ensure that voter boredom at the one-sided contest did not lead to a low turnout.

Russia's Central Election Commission recognised that there were some irregularities, but were likely to dismiss wider criticism and declare the overall result legitimate.

Putin loyalists said the result was a vindication of his tough stance towards the

West.

"I think that in the United States and Britain they've understood they cannot influence our elections," Igor Morozov, a member of the upper house of parliament, said on state television. "Our citizens understand what sort of situation Russian finds itself in today."

The immediate question is if and when opponents like Navalny organise protests, citing widespread fraud, and how large and sustained those protests will be. A senior opposition politician has warned they could descend into street clashes if police crack down too hard on demonstrators.

The longer-term question is whether Putin will soften his anti-Western rhetoric now the election is won. (Reuters)

German spy agency: North rockets can reach Europe

Berlin

North Korean rockets can now be fitted with nuclear weapons and could reach Germany and central Europe, a top official with Germany's foreign intelligence agency told lawmakers this week,

according to a report in the Bild am Sonntag newspaper.

BND Deputy Director Ole Diehl told lawmakers during a closed-door meeting that the assessment was "certain," the newspaper reported, citing participants in the

briefing.

At the same time, Diehl said the agency viewed talks between North and South Korea as a positive sign.

No comment was immediately available from the BND. (Reuters)

#PollToday



Do you think Duterte has done the right thing by moving out of the International Criminal Court?

Yes No Cant Say



"From the very beginning, we use the principle of parity on the number of people included in sanction lists. So we will expand our 'black list' with another group of Americans,"

-Sergei Ryabkov,
Russian Deputy Foreign Minister

Rest in sight

Hotel fire kills at least three in Philippine capital



A fire at a hotel in the Philippine capital killed three people on Sunday and injured nearly two dozen, police and rescue officials said, with two people listed as missing.

Saudi crown prince to visit US on Tuesday

Donald Trump will host Saudi Arabia's crown prince in Washington Tuesday, giving the president a receptive audience to air his grievances towards Iran.

Erdogan says Afrin town centre 'under control'

Turkey's President Tayyip Erdogan said the centre of Afrin was "entirely under control" and Turkish flags had been raised in the northern Syrian town.

Russia to expand 'black list' of Americans

Moscow will respond to a new set of U.S. sanctions by expanding its "black list" of Americans.

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Rebels in eastern Ghouta discussing ceasefire with UN

Beirut

The main rebel group in the southern pocket of Syria's opposition-held eastern Ghouta told Reuters on Sunday it was negotiating with a United Nations delegation about a ceasefire, aid and the evacuation of urgent medical cases.

"We are engaged in arranging serious negotiations to guarantee the safety and protection of civilians," said Wael Alwan, the Istanbul-based spokesman for Failaq al-Rahman, in a voice recording.

"The most important

points under negotiation are a ceasefire, ensuring aid for civilians and the exit of medical cases and injured people needing treatment outside Ghouta."

Alwan said the subject of "exit and evacuation" was "not on the table".

In a month-long assault, pro-Syrian government forces have marched into much of eastern Ghouta, the last major insurgent bastion around Damascus.

Troops have splintered Ghouta into three besieged zones in one of the bloodiest offensives of the seven-year war.

Philippines' Duterte calls for mass withdrawal from ICC



Manila

Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte yesterday called for other signatories of the Rome Statute that established the International Criminal Court (ICC) to join his country in withdrawing from the treaty.

Duterte's comments during a speech to graduating cadets at the Philippine Military Academy in northern Philippines comes after ICC prosecutors last month opened a preliminary examination into the president's "war on drugs",

which has led to the death of thousands since it began in July 2016.

The Southeast Asian nation last week notified the United Nations secretary-general of its decision to withdraw from the ICC because of what the outspoken Philippine leader called "outrageous" attacks by U.N. officials and violations of due process.

"I will convince everybody now under the treaty to get out, get out," Duterte said. "It is not a document that was prepared by anybody, it's EU-sponsored."

Britain accuses Russia of stockpiling nerve agent

London

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said on Sunday that Russia has been stockpiling the deadly nerve agent used to poison a Russian former double agent in England and has been investigating how such weapons can be used in assassinations.

Britain has said Russia used the Soviet-era nerve agent called Novichok to attack Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia in the first known offensive use of such

a weapon on European soil since World War Two. Russia has denied any involvement.

"We actually have evidence within the last 10 years that Russia has not only been investigating the delivery of nerve agents for the purposes of assassination, but has also been creating and stockpiling Novichok," Johnson told the BBC.

Britain and Russia have each expelled 23 diplomats over the attack as relations between the two countries crash to a post-Cold War low.

Beyond belief: From strict ultra Orthodox roots to street artist



With her nose piercing, jeans and sweatshirt, rising street artist Sara Erenthal looks nothing like what she was 20 years ago -- a member of an extreme ultra-Orthodox Jewish group.

New York-based Erenthal, who left religious life behind, is attracting growing attention for her unusual murals and art that give a second life to abandoned objects she finds.

Artnet website in December listed her among 10 street artists to watch who are "taking the art form beyond Banksy", the famed British activist.

The 36-year-old's work has flourished in the streets of Brooklyn and at the New York borough's FiveMyles exhibition and performance space.

It has been an unlikely rise for someone from the closed world of the ultra-Orthodox, who follow a strict interpretation of Jewish law.

"I didn't have a happy childhood," Erenthal told AFP during a recent return to Israel for the first time in her professional life.

"I stopped believing in God

when I was very young, but I never said it. There were also arguments with my family."

While back in Israel for several weeks, Erenthal worked in a studio and on the streets of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

'Subconscious self-portrait'

Some of her work was exhibited at the Bait Haadom (Red House) gallery in the hip Shapira neighbourhood of southern Tel Aviv.

She painted her emblematic woman's face, with stylised black curves and red lips, on the Jerusalem streets of the ultra-Orthodox district of Geula near Mea Shearim, the strictly religious area where she was born.

That face and its different guises, almost expressionist in nature, has become her signature.

"It is a self-portrait. It represents me in all my variations and also all women and people," she said.

"It is a subconscious self-portrait."

The image at times takes the form of a young girl with braids, how she herself was

as a girl.

'Time to leave'

Erenthal comes from a family that belonged to the Neturei Karta branch of ultra-Orthodox Judaism, known for its especially strict religious lifestyle and its opposition to Zionism.

For Neturei Karta members, the establishment of a Jewish state is prohibited before the coming of the Messiah, so they avoid dealings with the Israeli state.

When she was only a few years old, her parents left Jerusalem and moved to an ultra-Orthodox neighbourhood of Brooklyn, where she spent most of her childhood.

"When I was 17 and a half, we moved back to Israel," Erenthal said.

"A few months later, my parents told me they had found someone for me (to marry) without really giving me a choice. I had a gut feeling that that was the time, that if I didn't leave right away I would never leave."

'A subtle message'

She ran away from her

family and went to the army's recruitment office to carry out her military service, mandatory in Israel, though young ultra-Orthodox are often exempt.

She spent time in a kibbutz -- the collective communities in Israel -- and learned Hebrew there after having previously spoken Yiddish, the ancient language that some ultra-Orthodox in Israel still use.

Erenthal did nearly two years of military service, working in the administration of an infantry unit.

"My military service was my introduction to the secular world," she said.

She later returned to New York, surviving with the help of odd jobs and enduring a "feeling of emptiness".

Seeking to address that void, she spent nearly a year in India. Then in her 30s, she began to draw while there.

"In India, I started to develop as an artist. Until then, I never thought I could be an artist," she said.

"In my family, I was not exposed to contemporary art and to culture in general. We would never go to the museum."

Back in
New



Sara Erenthal has been named among 10 street artists to watch by Artnet website

York, she took her first steps in the art world, beginning by working in a studio. She quickly turned toward street art, using found objects such as mattresses, televisions and scrap wood in her work, then trying her hand at murals.

She gradually began to include messages in her paintings.

Many are spontaneous, inspired by her feelings in the moment or by the objects themselves. Some are more militant, although she says she is not trying to provoke.

While in

Jerusalem, her graffiti on an abandoned window included the words "Open Your Eyes".

"These words are an invitation to stop for a moment and think," she said.

"It is a subtle message in case someone would need it. I am not trying to tell ultra-Orthodox Jews how they should live their lives. I am not trying to convince anyone.

"If someone should see this message, he will." (AFP)



Thirty-six-year-old Erenthal's unusual murals have flourished in the streets of Brooklyn

Erenthal often draws her murals on abandoned objects such as scrap wood or televisions to give them a second life

Emad Hussain is Bahrain's strongest Man



Highlight from the championship

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The prize for Bahrain's Strongest Man was a 2018 Nissan Patrol, which was awarded to First-Place Heavyweight class winner, Emad Hussain Al Qaffas. He was received the award from HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Athletics Association, and Honorary President of Bahrain Sports Federation for the Disabled, at the end of the championship.

Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons, the sole distributor of Nissan vehicles in the Kingdom of Bahrain, was the official Transportation Partner of Bahrain's

Strongest Man Championship, which was held at Bahrain Bay.

Launched under the theme 'Stay Monster', the inaugural edition of the championship was held in line with directives from HH Shaikh Khalid.

It's aim is to promote youth and sports fields in Bahrain, and enhance the Kingdom's position as a leading sports hub.

A leader in supporting events, Nissan provided a total of 45 vehicles that were used to test the abilities of the participants in pulling and lifting competitions.

The proceeds from the Championship will go towards supporting cancer patients, some of whom were present at the

event and shared their personal experiences.

"This championship ties well with Nissan's global strategy to support major sporting activities. This event will help form a strong and determined generation that will help raise Bahrain's position on the international sports stage. It also improves sports awareness in our community and encourages a healthy lifestyle. We are happy to present this award to Mr. Al Qaffas for his achievement, and are proud to play our part in one of Bahrain's most prestigious sporting events," Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons Director, Mohammed Almoayyed said.

For more information, visit www.nissanbahrain.com.

DHL top HBL league



Abid Khan

Imran Anwar

Usman Akbar

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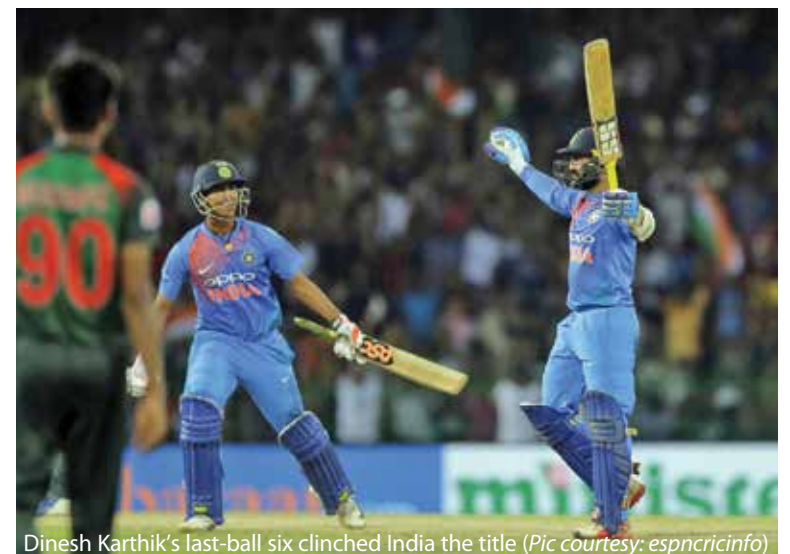
DHHL defeated Noor Sports by a massive 168 runs in the HBL corporate league organized by Cricket Bahrain Association. Batting first, DHL posted 243 runs for loss of 3 wickets. Imran Anwar top scored with 111 runs and was well supported by Abid Khan, who made 63 runs. In reply, Noor Sports could only manage 75 runs. Meherbaan Mohd claimed 3 wickets for DHL.

Punjab XI beat United CC by 7 wickets in another fixture. Batting

first, United CC made 97 runs. Ameer claimed 4 wickets for Punjab XI. In reply, Punjab XI reached target for loss of 3 wickets. Adnan Ahmed top scored with 52 runs.

Super XI win over Public Security Yellow by 10 runs in another fixture. Batting first, Super XI made 103 runs. Umar top scored with 32 runs for Super XI, Usman Akbar claimed 3 wickets for Public Security Yellow. In reply Public Security Yellow could only manage 93 runs. Kabir Hussain claimed 3 wickets for Super XI.

Karthik lifts India to Tri-series win



Dinesh Karthik's last-ball six clinched India the title (Pic courtesy: espncricinfo)

Colombo

Dinesh Karthik smacked a six off the last ball to help India register a thrilling four-wicket victory over Bangladesh in the final of the Nidahas Trophy T20 Tri-Series at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday. It was a dramatic end to the chase as Karthik hit a flat six over extra cover with India needing five to win with one ball left.

India were in control as they reached 132/4 after 17 overs in pursuit of Bangladesh's 166/8, but Mustafizur Rahman had a different plan as he bowled a terrific wicket- maiden 18th over, conceding just a leg bye to the under-pressure rookie Vijay Shankar and dismissing Manish Pandey off the last ball.

The equation changed to 34 off two overs when Karthik came in to bat, but the experienced finisher - he was Man of the Match in India's very first T20I back in 2006 - displayed

BRIEF SCORE

India 168 for 6 (Rohit 56, Karthik 29*) beat **Bangladesh 166** for 8 (Sabbir 77, Chahal 3-18) by four wickets

immense calmness to smash Rubel Hossain for a couple of sixes and fours to score 22 runs in the penultimate over.

The match was still not over with India needing 12 in the final over and with Shankar was on strike in his first International innings. The all-important final over started with a wide and a dot ball, before Shankar took a single. Karthik could manage just one in the next ball to leave the equation at nine from three balls. Shankar hit a four before falling off the penultimate delivery - mistiming a lofted shot down the ground - and Karthik took India home in style with a shot heard around the world. (TOI)

Unbeaten Barca defeat Bilbao

Barcelona

Barcelona maintained their unbeaten La Liga record this season as they cruised to victory over Athletic Bilbao.

The hosts scored after only eight minutes when Paco Alcacer, who replaced the suspended Luis Suarez, steered in Jordi Alba's pull-back.

Lionel Messi made it 2-0 with a low

20-yard strike following good work by team-mate Ousmane Dembele.

Philippe Coutinho also hit the crossbar twice and Paulinho hit the post for La Liga's leaders.

Barcelona are 11 points clear at the top of the table, with second-placed Atletico Madrid playing at Villarreal later on Sunday (17:30 GMT).

No team has gone an entire La Liga campaign without defeat; Barcelona have nine league games remaining, having won 23 and drawn six of 29 matches played so far.

The record for an unbeaten run from the start of a La Liga season is 32 games, set by Real Sociedad in 1979-80. (BBC)

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The main draws in both the men's singles and women's singles were completed Sunday night following the second day of qualifying in which eight men and a further four women secured their spots in the Bahrain ITF Futures 2018 tournament proper.

Booking their berths from the Men's Qualifying Singles were Niklas Johansson of Sweden, Palaphoom Kovapitukted of Thailand, Jeson Patrombon of the Philippines, Robert Galloway from the United States, Patrick Mayer of Germany, Pak Long Yeung of Hong Kong, Mohamed Adnaoui of Morocco and Alexander Gornet, also from the US.

The four women who qualified Sunday included Nathalie Johansson of Sweden, Andreia Beberchi of Romania, Marian Jade Capadocia of the Philippines and Emelie Luisa Schwarte of Germany. They joined four other women who had already secured their slots on Saturday night at Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC).

Matches for both the men and women, in singles and doubles, begin Monday morning from 11am and continue until the evening. All tennis fans in the kingdom are welcome to attend and watch the exciting action at the hard courts of BTC.

The Bahrain ITF Futures Tennis Tournament is being held under the patronage of His Majesty the King's Charity Works and Youth Affairs Representative, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee President Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa. It is supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs and is sponsored by E K Kanoo and Bahrain Duty Free.

After the completion of Qualifying, the Main Draws were set.



Andreia Beberchi (Rou)

Main draws set for ITF Futures

Final qualifying results:

Men's:

Niklas Johansson of Sweden beat Omar Alawadhi of the UAE 6-4, 0-6, 6-3
 Palaphoom Kovapitukted of Thailand beat Anton Herasimchuk of Belarus 6-3, 6-4
 Jeson Patrombon of the Philippines beat Hasan Alqattan of Bahrain 6-0, 6-0
 Robert Galloway of the United States beat Rahul Jaideep of India 7-6 (3), 6-0
 Patrick Mayer of Germany beat Dusan Lojda of the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-1
 Pak Long Yeung of Hong Kong beat Jan Godfrey Seno of the Philippines 6-0, 6-2
 Mohamed Adnaoui of Morocco beat Emir Isik of Turkey 6-0, 6-2
 Alexander Gornet of the US beat Janji Soquino of the Philippines 6-2, 6-2

Women's:

Nathalie Johansson of Sweden beat Maya Bseisu of Bahrain 6-1, 6-0
 Andreia Beberchi of Romania beat Safa Safar of Bahrain 6-1, 6-0
 Marian Jade Capadocia of the Philippines beat Vivien Gimla of France 6-0, 6-0
 Emelie Luisa Schwarte of Germany beat Teodora Sabljarevic of Serbia 6-2, 6-1



Palaphoom (THA)

Jeson Patrombon (PHI)

The top seeds for the Men's Singles were named. They included top seed Marsel Ilhan of Turkey, second seed Michal Konecny of the Czech Republic, third seed Jelle Sels of the Netherlands, fourth seed Marek Gengel also of the Czech Republic, fifth seed Lukas Ollert of Germany, sixth seed Fred Simonsson of Sweden, seventh seed Patrik Rikl of the Czech Republic and eighth seed Claudio Fortuna of Italy.

Four Bahrainis have made it onto the Men's Main Draw as Wild Cards. They include Ahmed Janahi, Elyas Abdulnabi, Yousef Qaed and Abdulrahman Janahi.

In the Women's Singles, Quirine Lemoine of the Netherlands is the top seed. Ana Veselinovic of Montenegro is seeded second, Nastja Kolar of Slovenia third, Tereza Mihalikova of Slovakia fourth, Fatma Al Nabhani of Oman fifth, Zeel Desai of

India sixth, Emily Webley-Smith from the UK seventh and Kanika Vaidya, also from India, is the eighth seed.

There are no Bahrainis competing in the Women's Singles Main Draw.

The top seeds in the Men's Doubles Main Draw were the pairing of Sels and Simonsson, while the top seeds in the Women's Doubles were the team of Valeria Bhunu of Zimbabwe and Webley-Smith.



Robert Galloway (USA)



Niklas Johansson (SWE)



Mohamed Adnaoui (MAR)



Alexander Gornet (USA)



Marian Jade (PHI)

Bahrain Merida are capable of victories

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Bahrain Merida Cycling Team continues to reap victories and medals, raising the flag of the Kingdom of Bahrain in many international forums, confirmed HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee.

Thanks to the plans laid down in administrative and technical aspects, the Bahrain Merida Team was able to achieve world titles in record

time, pointed out HH Shaikh Nasser.

On occasion of the team winning the 109th edition of the Milan-Sanremo race thanks to Captain Vincenzo Nibali, HH Shaikh Nasser said, "It feels great that the Bahrain Merida Team continues to make great achievements in various sporting events. These achievements do not stem from a vacuum, but are rather the product of the professional work by administrative and technical systems and cyclists who have confirmed the safety of the measures taken to make the Bahrain Merida Team a difficult contender in cycling,



HH Shaikh Nasser

which was revealed during the Milan race, which is the most

renown and difficult of the world's races."

"The Bahrain Merida Team started the season in a good way; all of its members, including the cyclists, sought to win championships. The technical level was constantly on the rise thanks to the team's solidarity until they were able to climb to the podium of the 109th edition of the Milan-Sanremo race, which is a difficult race held with the participation of elite world cyclists with great achievements at the global level," HH Shaikh Nasser continued.

"The Bahrain Merida Team has left a wonderful impression in Milan-Sanremo race through Captain Vincenzo

Nibali, who was able to employ his international expertise and great cycling skills in properly dealing with the race and beating his rivals to achieve this advanced position that confirmed that the Bahrain Merida Team is strongly approaching in cycling races and that all its cyclists are capable of victories," HH Shaikh Nasser confirmed.

It's worth noting that Bahrain Merida Pro Cycling Team was able to win the 109th edition of Milan-Sanremo race thanks to Captain Vincenzo Nibali who was able to snatch a dazzling victory.

Bahrain's Brave expands roaster to 170 fighters

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Brave Combat Federation has completed signing 170 different athlete contracts since its inception.

A total of 33 nationalities had been signed under the contract of Brave Combat Federation.

The Bahrain based promotion had stated that acquiring top global talent will be among the key agendas set for the year 2018. Georges Bardwil, Karl Amoussou and Bruno Malfacine were among the latest prospects signed by Brave Combat Federation.

The increased number of athletes also diversifies the talent pool alongside facilitating the promotion to organise more events per year.

Brave has announced that Bahrain will reach out with new destinations through Brave in 2018.

"This is indeed a great milestone for Bahrain. With more athletes signed it has an impact on the volume of content we produce, level of

competition and number of events that we are capable of delivering in each year. We are proud to welcome each fighter and offer a global platform to showcase their abilities. This outcome is valuable for the Kingdom of Bahrain as it asserts itself as a global power in combat sports. We are thankful for the vision and support from His Highness Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa which made this possible", said Hari Bhagirath from Brave Combat Federation.

Brave Combat Federation has also expanded the list of nations to which the promotion is broadcasted during Brave 10 hosted in Jordan with exclusive coverage to Africa through broadcast and online partnerships there by emerging as the single largest media company in Bahrain.

The Bahrain based promotion is set to hold the eleventh edition of the event in Belo Horizonte, Brazil on 13 April, 2018.

BPL: Developmental projects in scope

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Plans for the development of the sport of cricket in Bahrain alongside sustainable investments towards developing infrastructure to support the sport has been announced by Mohammad Mansoor, President of Bahrain Premier League.

Intentions to facilitate the development of infrastructure for indoor cricket alongside successive editions of Bahrain Premier League was announced. Further editions of the sport will continue to incorporate cultural and entertainment shows catering to the family audience.

After the first edition of the event, it was revealed that attracting foreign investments and global partnerships to develop the sport in the Kingdom of Bahrain will be among the key objectives.

Developing infrastructure including stadiums of international standards



HH Shaikh Khalid with Mohammad Mansoor

alongside facilitating quality coaching will revolutionise the sport in the Kingdom.

"We are proud to provide the opportunity exclusively for the residents of Bahrain in the sport of cricket under the leadership of His Highness Shaikh Khalid

bin Hamad Al Khalifa. To capitalise on the success and to keep the momentum going, we will work on successive projects that will benefit the sport and help youngsters who step into to the sport of cricket. Many projects are in

pipeline including attracting global investments, developing stadium and infrastructure. The event was a statement that established the presence of the Kingdom of Bahrain among nations that play cricket," said Mohammad Mansoor.



Almoayyed International Group (AIG) organised its annual inter division's cricket tournament on 9th and 16th March at BCL cricket ground, Busaiteen. Out of 12 divisions, Almoayyed Electrical and Instrumentation Systems (AEIS) won a nail-biting thriller against iWorld connect in a super over bowled in the history of the tournament. The trophy was handed over by Ali Hassan Salman, Group General Manager, HR and Admin, Almoayyed International Group along with other company officials



Winners of the jiu jitsu events



Karate winners receive their awards



Sailing winners with officials

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Samaheej were crowned champions of the handball championship, part of the ongoing Fifth School Mini Olympics.

Three consecutive wins over Barbar (3-1), Al Ahli 5-3 and Tubli (4-2) in the league final saw Samaheej top the competition with nine points.

Barbar (7 points) were close second, while Al Ahli and Tubli (4 points each) shared third position. The handball finals, held at the Bahrain Handball Association gym in Um Al Hassam, were followed by the awarding ceremony.

Meanwhile, karting championship got underway at the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir with qualifying races for the secondary and intermediate stage students.

In the secondary stage, 20 drivers out of 47 qualified for the finals. Salman Sharaf of Ibn Khuldoon National School topped the qualifying race with the fastest lap time of one minute and 16.563 seconds.

Ibn Khuldoon's Kareem Hani (1.17.179) and Abdulla Al Kooheji (1.18.392) of AMA School were second and third best, respectively.

In the girls section, Ibn Khuldoon Yasmine Al Madani of (15.719.1), Qamar Al Madani (1.17.368) and Al Raja School's Shaikha Baqer (1.26.696) marked the fastest three lap times in the qualifying race.

Unlike the secondary stage, only 10 drivers qualified for the final in the intermediate stage as Al Raja School's Sharifa Al Namliti (1.27.480), Amna Adibi (1.39.426) and Nafisa Jahromi (1.41.458) scored the fastest lap times to lead the qualified entrants in the girls section.

Among boys, the top 17 made it to the final, led by Mohammed Ali (1.20.166), Yousif Al Thawadi (1.26.413) and Ahmed Al Rayyash (1.26.982) all of AMA School.

Meanwhile, the karate, jiu jitsu and judo events took place at Riffa Club gym as Zakaria

Mohamed (20kg), Khalid Mohamed (23-kg), Mudather Saad (30kg) and Yasmine Mohamed (32kg) topped their respective weight categories in the karate championship.

In the girls section, Muna Mohamed (21kg), Yadvec Vishal (31kg), Batool Saud (28kg), Shahad Mohamed (35kg), Hala Sharif (50kg), Taqi Nasser (55kg), Maria Nasser (56), Meshareq Riyad (43kg), Lekshmi Anoj (53kg) and Peehu Desai (40kg) were victorious.

Abdulla Jehad proved too strong to win the 40kg gold, with Mahmood Al Gaoud taking home the open weight category title in the judo's intermediate stage.

In the primary stage, Mohammed Khalid topped the 36kg weight category, while Abdulrahman Khalid won the 30kg gold.

St. Christopher's School dominated the jiu jitsu events, winning 5 medals (2 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze). The British School was close second with 4 medals (1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze).

Gold medal winners were Pukhao, Yousif Salah, Yousif Al Jalahma, Aaryan Sukes, Yousif Al A'ali, Abdulla Dashti, S. Adnan Kadhim, Mahmood Rahma, Isa Al Wazzan and Youssef Mohamed.

Elsewhere, sailing events ended with Busaiteen School crowned overall winners at the Bahrain Maritime Sports Association premises in Muharraq.

Husam Tawfiq, Abdulla Hazim and Yousif Ahmed, all of Busaiteen, topped the Laser 4.7 class. In the u-10 optimist, Malak Al Dossary (Busaiteen), Yara Hani (Muharraq) and Mohsin Mansoor (Al Dair) were in the top three.

In the u-12 optimist, Sajjad Ali, Khalifa Al Dossary (both Busaiteen) and Anas Ala'a (Al Hudd) took the first three positions, respectively.

The u-15 optimist class saw Bara Hani, Yousif Khalid and Mohammed Ala'a, all of Busaiteen, clinch podium.

Samaheej clinch handball gold



Karate youngsters fight it out



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