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Repair of blast-damaged houses underway

Manama

Work is underway to revamp the houses, damaged due to the oil pipeline blast near the village of Buri. His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister gave directives to repair the damaged houses

Global arbitration conference today

Manama

The Fourth International Conference for a Euro-Mediterranean Community of International Arbitration will open here today. The event is organised by the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution in cooperation with the UN Commission on International Trade Law and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Hezbollah spreading chaos: FM

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Manama

Hezbollah is conspiring with the leaders of Lebanon and Qatar to spread chaos in the region, Foreign Affairs Minister Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa stated yesterday. The minister's comments came as first response to recent statements made by his Qatari counterpart Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, who said that "what happened to Qatar is now happening in Lebanon".

The Qatari minister accused Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Egypt, of initiating "attempts to bully smaller countries in the region and forcing them to surrender".

Shaikh Khalid tweeted yesterday responding to Al Thani's statements, saying, "What happened with Qatar



Shaikh Khalid

is happening with Iran. Yes, what he said is true. Hezbollah is freely roaming in both countries and allying with their leaderships and conspiring to overthrow states and spread chaos."

Shaikh Khalid's comments came in reference to the biggest Iranian allies in region, the Qatari government and Hezbollah terrorist militias, and their destructive policies in the region.

The minister also commented on allegations made by some Lebanese officials, accusing several countries, including Saudi Arabia, of meddling in their domestic affairs.

"Allegations based on lies are short lived. Lebanon's officials must come up with facts or dignify themselves with silence. Their words are offensive to Lebanon and to the history of Lebanon," the minister said.

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UN climate negotiations not derailed after US pullout

Bonn (Germany)

Negotiations to bolster the climate-saving Paris Agreement, crafted over two decades, closed in Bonn yesterday, deflated but not derailed by Donald Trump's rejection of the treaty and defence of fossil fuels.

The US President's decision to yank the United States from the hard-fought global pact cast a long shadow over the talks, which ran deep into overtime. Negotiations were marked by revived divisions between developing countries and rich ones.

With a wary eye on America, which sent negotiators to a forum it intends to quit, envoys from nearly 200 countries got on with the business of designing a "rule book" for enacting the agreement, which enters into full force in three years' time.

"The Trump administration failed to stop the global climate talks from moving forward," said Greenpeace observer Jens Mattias Clausen.

Closing two weeks of talks, negotiators agreed in the early hours of Saturday to hold a stocktake in 2018 of national efforts to cut fossil fuel emissions. The Paris treaty calls for limiting average global warming to "well under" two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) compared to pre-industrial levels, or 1.5 C if possible. Anything over 2 degree C, experts say, dooms the world to calamitous climate change, with more extreme superstorms, droughts, floods, and land-gobbling sea level rise.

A report this week warned that emissions of carbon dioxide, the main planet-warming gas, were set to rise by



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two percent in 2017 after three years of hardly any growth.

"Starting now, emissions need to decrease to zero over the next 40 years to prevent us breaching the 1.5 C threshold," Piers Forster, a professor

of climate change at the University of Leeds, said.

Nations have submitted voluntary emissions-cutting commitments under the Paris pact championed by Trump's predecessor Barack Obama. But

scientists say current pledges place the world on course for warming of 3 degree C or more, and counsel an urgent upgrade of the global commitment to phasing out greenhouse gases produced by burning coal, oil and natural gas.

Islands in peril

"While the Paris Agreement represents a remarkable diplomatic achievement, it will be judged by history as little more than words on paper if the world fails to take the level of action needed to prevent the loss of entire island nations," Maldives environment minister Thoriq Ibrahim told delegates Friday.

The stocktake agreed Saturday must quantify the shortfall to determine what more needs to be done.

In Bonn, negotiators also worked on a nuts-and-bolts

rulebook, to be finalised at the next UN climate conference in Katowice, Poland in December 2018, for putting the Paris Agreement into action.

Some progress was made, but observers and delegates complained that things were moving too slowly.

Many lamented the void in "political leadership" left by the departure of Obama, and by German Chancellor Angela Merkel's failure to set a timetable for phasing out coal-fired power plants, which produce 40 percent of Germany's electricity.

The talks saw rich and poor nations butt heads on several issues -- mainly money. Developing countries demand detailed progress reports on rich nations' promise to boost climate finance to \$100 billion (85 billion euros) per year by 2020. -AFP

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Xi offers support for Saudi Arabia

Beijing

China has offered support for Saudi Arabia's efforts to safeguard national sovereignty and achieve greater development.

Speaking by telephone, President Xi Jinping told Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz that China's determination to deepen strategic cooperation with Saudi Arabia will not waver, no matter how the international and regional situation changes, China's Foreign Ministry said late on Thursday.

The offer comes at a time of regional tensions between Saudi Arabia, Iran, Lebanon and Yemen.

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Xi Jinping

Remarking on the importance of maintaining close communication between the two countries' heads of state, Xi said China and Saudi Arabia are comprehensive strategic partners whose strategic mutual trust is deepening.

"China supports Saudi Arabia's efforts to safeguard national sovereignty and realise greater development," the ministry cited Xi as saying, without elaborating.

The statement made no specific mention of issues like the resignation as Lebanon Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri while in Saudi Arabia, criticism against Iran and its Lebanese ally Hezbollah.

Saudi-led forces, which back the government in Yemen, have also been fighting against the Iran-allied Houthi militias for more than two-years.

China has had to tread a fine line between Riyadh and Tehran as Beijing has close ties with Iran as well.

The ministry statement said Xi and the Saudi King also exchanged views on international and regional issues of common concern, but gave no details. -Reuters

Clampdown on illegal vendors, bootleggers



Several arrests have been made as part of a clampdown on illegal vendors and bootleggers near the industrial area in Askar

Action has been taken against people violating residency rules and regulations



The wares of some vendors have been seized by the authorities

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Manama

The authorities have initiated a clampdown on illegal vendors and bootleggers in the Southern Governorate. Some people have been arrested for possessing and selling alcohol in the district, Southern Governorate Police Directorate said.

According to Southern Governorate Police Director General Colonel Mubarak Al Merri, the arrests were in Ras Zowayed near the industrial area in Askar on the southeastern coasts of the island. The wares of some vendors have also been seized, police said.

"The police removed equipment used by street vendors and arrested violators to the residency rules and regulations. Legal steps are being taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecutor," Col. Al Merri added.

The move came after a simultaneous crackdown initiated by Southern Area Municipality against illegal

street vendors.

The campaign targeted more than 180 illegal selling points in Ras Zowayed, in a drive described by the municipality as "the biggest campaign against illegal street vendors".

The municipality said in a press statement that the campaign was conducted in coordination with Interior Ministry, Labour Market Regulatory Authority and other concerned authorities.

"The campaign targeted the illegal market organised every Friday. Expired and illegal products are usually sold in this market on a weekly basis. This is one of the biggest campaigns this year and we targeted an area of one square kilometre. The suspects were monitored for a week and their violations were documented in coordination with security authorities," Supervision and Monitoring Department Head Mariam Al Siddiqi said, reiterating the municipality's keenness on eradicating such violations and "unhealthy phenomenon".

Ministry to tender Busaiteen coast revamp project soon

DT News Network Manama

The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning has finalised the procedures for tendering the Busaiteen Coast Revamp Project.

In a statement, Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Essam bin Abdulla Khalaf said that based on the directives His

Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the ministry has coordinated with the Muharraq Municipal Council to revamp a number of coasts and sea fronts, including the Busaiteen Coast and Halat Bu Maher Revamp projects, within the sea fronts development projects in the Muharraq Governorate.

The minister asserted that designs and administrative

procedures have been completed, and the Busaiteen Revamp Project will be put out to tender next week, noting that the two-kilometre coast, covering more than 45,000 square metres, will be among the most important sea fronts in the governorate.

Regarding the Halat Bu Maher Corniche Revamp Project, the minister said that the Ministry will present the

local Municipal Council with the designs of the project before carrying on the necessary procedures, adding that the Works Ministry has coordinated with all the competent authorities to prepare the project ahead of its revamp. Khalaf asserted that the Capital Trustees' Board and municipal councils are partners to the Ministry in the decision-making process.

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My Opinion

Ahdeya Ahmed

Enough is Enough

What a relief when Saudi announces Enough is Enough... what a relief when the biggest Arab power stands up to Hizbollah and Iran and issues a stark warning and announces that they would not be allowed to do what they have been doing to us for decades.

Saudi through its foreign minister Adel AlJubeir said it this week loud and clear that the actions to be taken in the Middle East is a response to Iran aggression towards us.

For years Iran has been aggressive towards us and we all understand why our leaders and governments haven't been acting similarly.

When for decades you are wise, patient and understanding and your enemy takes it as weakness, there comes a time when you have to stand and announce that enough is enough.

Hizbollah and Iran both know that our leaderships' patience doesn't stem from weakness but from wisdom but they took advantage of this situation quite well and intervened in any possible manner in our internal affairs in an attempt to export their ideologies and eventually rule the region.

Iran and Hizbollah themselves know the power Saudi has and they themselves know Saudi has been capable of ending them decades ago but what kept it waiting is the simple fact. The wiser and stronger always acts in the most mature and wise manner but when the little kid exceeds its limits and creates chaos and wars and becomes a terrorist, it would be about time for the stronger to crush it. The little one isn't little anymore and needs to be crushed once and for all or go back to its senses and shape up. And I don't believe that terrorists have any senses to go back to.

Mr AlJubeir, as a foreign minister, will exert utmost effort to resolve this issue in the most diplomatic manner and that's what our leaderships always do and what proves that is how he urges Hezbollah, a subsidiary of Iran's Revolutionary Guard to disarm and become a political party for Lebanon to stabilize.

And we all know or can predict that a terrorist organization such as Hizbollah will not accept to be disarmed.

We as people might sound irrational but what we have seen too for decades has created so much anger that we do want to see an end to this party and Iranian threats against the region.

We have seen so many people die because of the actions and tag teaming of Iran's revolutionary guards with Hizbollah. Hizbollah is an arm of Iran that has to be cut off completely.

We as people say Enough is enough too because we are a generation that witnessed all the wars in the region and most recently what has been happening in Yemen and the numbers of lives lost due to the Iran aligned Houthis and the war there.

We have seen how our own soldiers have paid their lives and we seriously urge our leaders to bring an end to this and we will all support any actions you take and raise one slogan Enough is Enough.

Your allies Mr AlJubeir are leaders of our countries and we as their people say to you ...Enough is Enough.

We have also, as people, been understanding and didn't want the stability of the region to be disrupted but we have also reached the stage that we cannot take it anymore.

Bahrain has been the most affected country by the Iranian interference in our internal affairs and 2011 proved it.

And we all know that six years ago, hadn't it been you, Saudi, the main protector of the region, Iran through its turbans in Bahrain could have taken a bigger step forward.

That was a test that showed how an empty vessel makes the most noise. It is simple. Iran couldn't take one step further forward because they knew that they would never dare confront Saudi.

The small insect always remains to be a small insect and the giant remains to be giant and can crush the insect in seconds.....

It is time to stop disciplining the ill-mannered and crushing them remains to be the only choice. Enough is Enough.

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Children's Day Celebrated

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Manama

'Bahrain For All' in association with the Ministry of Interior celebrated Universal Children's Day at the Safra Girls School yesterday.

Brigadier Abdulla Al Zayed inaugurated the event. Samir Al Darabi, Director for United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), Bahrain, and officials attended the celebrations.

The event saw several activities for children to help better their lives, fight for their rights and help them achieve their full potential.

During the event, the children played a game 'Kids Take Over', depicting the roles of media personnel, politicians, businessmen and women, sportspersons and entertainers.

Another game was, 'Recycling Workstation', in which children were being informed about the importance of saving the environment and recycling articles of everyday use.

'Takeover Talent Time' gave children the opportunity to display their skills in the areas of dance, music and other art forms, with an idea to put the children on the world stage.

There were also special performances by children from Oman, Sudan, and Egypt while children of the Hidd Rehabilitation Centre for Special Needs enthralled the audiences with their performance.



Brigadier Abdulla Al Zayed presenting a memento to UNIC Director Samir Al Darabi

The ministry's band as well as a contingent from the Mounted Police attended the opening ceremony.

"We are grateful to the Ministry of Interior and the

United Nations Information Centre, the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation and the United Nations Development Programme for their support in organising the event," said 'Bahrain For All' founder, Nivedita Dhadphale.

"The right to play is a right recognized under the Convention of the Rights of the Child. So we made sure sports activities organized during the event gave ample opportunities to children to take part in their favourite games," she added.

"Today's celebration was significant in devoting all activities to promote the ideals and objectives of the welfare of the children of the world. Universal Children's Day offered each of us an



inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for children. Children of Bahrain and others demanded more respect to children who face abuse, poverty, child labour, wars and other breaches of their rights," said Samir Imtair Al Darabi.



Tubli Bay walkway to be open for public soon

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The long-awaited Tubli Bay Walkway will be officially opened for public soon, Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry has confirmed. Joint Municipal Services Director Ibrahim Al Jowder said that the first phase of Tubli Bay walkway was completed at a cost exceeding BD500,000.

The official pointed to the importance of coastal development and the establishment of marinas and sea fronts because of their great importance and key role in providing opportunities



The Tubli Bay walkway

for comfort and enjoyment of nature to citizens and residents. He explained that the project is located on an

area of 8,000 square meters and is expected to open during this month as work is currently underway on the

preparation of designs for the second phase. Al Jowder said that "the walkway extends along the sea front of more

than 400 meters with a distinctive view on the banks of Tubli Bay and extends along several green areas.

The ministry said that it is continuing its strategic plan to develop public coasts to serve as open and service sites for residents and visitors in all areas of the Kingdom in accordance with the directives of the Wise Leadership to promote sustainable urban development in various regions according to the country's economic and strategic vision.

DT News had reported that the walkway was paved in 2015, but facilities such as public restroom, electricity, lighting etc were not available.

Roads revamped in Riffa

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Manama

Roads Projects and Maintenance Director at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Sayyed Bader Alawi has said that the ministry has completed the revamp of Roads 2929, 2928 and 2930 in Block 929 in Riffa. The project was part of a plan implemented by the Ministry to revamp roads, increase safety levels on the roads network and accommodate citizens' and residents' needs.

The project serves 118 housing units. Alawi explained that revamp project started at Avenue 41 in Block 929, and extends to cover Roads 2929, 2928 and 2930. Works comprised of levelling, laying new asphalt, ground channels for future usage, painting of ground markings and signage.

By Invitation

Prof. Odeh Al-Jayyousi



Innovative cities: Bahrain as a model of excellence

Cities are designed to achieve many goals including the attainment of order, efficiency, and equity. Cities consume about 75% of world natural resources and 80% of energy. It is projected that by 2040, cities will contribute to 75% of global GDP. Cities were branded as digital, smart and innovative through harnessing information and communication technology to improve urban design and infrastructure systems to support economic, business, industrial, and cultural development. However, disruptive technologies like drones, self-drive cars, and robotics are shaping future cities. Emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and nano-technology are likely to define new form of the future city.

In the era of the Internet of Things, Bahrain is leading several models of innovations as manifested in its experience in e-banking, e-government, e-health, soil-less and smart agriculture as illustrated in the Peninsula Farms. The program of economic transformation in Bahrain and the support of SMEs by TAMKEEN is a good example of sound positioning and alignment between financial and social capitals. Bahrain innovative capability is manifested in its ability to attract a critical mass of experts, professionals, and scientists and to develop a sustainable funding in collaboration with private sector and civil society so as to develop an eco-system for innovation in many fields like manufacturing as in the case of ALBA, GPIC and BAPCO, service sector, and higher education and health.

The key question is what ranking Bahrain score in innovation at the global arena. The 2017 Global Innovation Index (GII) prepared by Cornell University and INSEAD reveals

that the top countries in innovation include Switzerland, Sweden and Netherland. Among the top ranking five Arab countries in GII in 2017 are UAE, KSA, Kuwait and Bahrain ranking 35, 55, 56, and 66 respectively out of 130 scale. It is noted that there is a gap between industrialized and developing nations which is reflected in the number of patents and expenditure on R&D. Besides, it is alarming to note that less than 1% of GDP is allocated to research and development in most developing countries.

Leading innovative countries are characterized as hosting global cities. Global cities are correlated with many attributes including investing in innovation, leapfrogging new business models, forming global networks and partnerships, and good governance models. In the Global City Index, Bahrain ranked 8 and Dubai ranked 2 which is a measure that reflects the quality of business culture, ICT infrastructure, think-tanks, banking systems, and logistics. Bahrain succeeded to qualify as one of the most efficient logistics centers which contributes to about 17% of GDP.

Driven by a mission to be a global innovative nation, Bahrain is investing in service and experience innovation in business, science, medicine, tourism, culture, and education sectors through adopting new business models. In essence, the innovative capability of Bahrain is underpinned by sound information and communication technology, green technologies, and innovations in infrastructure systems in water-energy-food technologies.

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Sponge Cola enthralls spectators

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Manama

A live concert by Sponge Cola, a Filipino rock band, yesterday at the Crowne Plaza Hotel was a huge success.

Over 1500 Filipino fans attended the concert hosted by Delmon Artistic Productions, who are known for conducting successful stage shows throughout the Middle East.

CEO of Delmon Artistic Productions Ahmed Ebrahim Abu Al Shouk told *DT News*, "The concert was a huge success not only in terms of the crowd turnover but also in terms of entertainment as the show went on till 2:00 am."

"With our events, we are constantly looking to raise the bar high and thus we are looking forward to more concerts that will cater to the demands of the Filipino community in the Kingdom," Al Shouk added.

Sponge Cola is a Filipino rock band that is composed of Yael Yuzon on vocals, Gosh Dilay on bass, Erwin Armovit on guitars and drummer Tmac Cruz. The band, which is active in the Filipino music scene since 1998, has produced countless hits.



Sponge Cola concert

Empowering women in engineering sector

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Manama

In celebration of Bahrain Women's Day, the Federation of Women Entrepreneurs organised a panel discussion under the title "Women in Engineering, Achievements and the way forward" yesterday at the Capital Club.

The event organised in cooperation with the World Federation of Bahraini Business Women, Supreme Council for Women and Capital Club aimed to highlight the achievements of women in the field of engineering.

Along with a panel discussion, Bahraini women in the engineering sector were honoured under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King & Supreme Council for Women Chairwoman.



The panel along with officials from different organisations

The Panel discussion which was moderated by Zahraa Taher, Board member of Bahrain International Federation of Business & Professional Women (BPW) along with panellists Mazen Ahmed Al Omran, Managing Director (Mazen Alumran Consulting Engineers) & Chairman of Association of Engineering Offices, Bahrain, Huda Mirza Abbas

Alsaman, Director of Building Maintenance in Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Development, Bahija Mohamed Aldaylami, Advisor at Mainstreaming Women's Need in Development and Marjan Madara, Researcher, Public Speaker in Knowledge Economy and Innovation.

Alsaman stressed on the importance of holding such

seminars to identify the gaps and obstacles that prevent the empowerment of women engineers in Bahrain. She also pointed several important points which may lead to the success of women in the engineering sector and the need of having an open environment.

She further thanked all the partners especially the Supreme Council for

Women for its continuous support in empowering Bahraini women in all the sectors.

Al Omran told *DT News*, "It is a pleasure to be a part of an event where we can create a platform to support and empower women in the engineering sector."

"For every woman today with her mind and abilities, she can work as much as a man can,

as 30 per cent constitutes of women engineers in Bahrain. We believe that through initiatives like this we can train young aspiring engineers to become professionals. Further with a lot of questions that were being raised on if women in the Kingdom has what it takes to be an onsite engineer and filling that gender gap in the engineering sector," she added.

Hariri promises to return for Independence Day



President Emmanuel Macron with Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri

Paris

Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri arrived in France yesterday from Saudi Arabia, where his shock resignation announcement two weeks ago sparked accusations that he was being held there against his will.

Hariri is in Paris at the invitation of France's President Emmanuel Macron, who is attempting to help broker a solution to a political crisis that has raised fears over Lebanon's fragile democracy. Lebanese President Michel

Aoun said he had spoken by telephone to Hariri, who said he would be back in Lebanon for Independence Day celebrations on Wednesday.

Macron greeted Hariri warmly as he arrived for talks at the Elysee Palace hours after flying in from Riyadh with his wife.

Their eldest son Houssam joined the couple for lunch with Macron at the palace.

But the Hariris arrived in Paris without their younger children – Loulwa and Abdelaziz, born in 2001

and 2005 – who are staying in Riyadh “for their school exams”, a source close to the premier said.

“Hariri does not want to mix his children up in this affair,” the source said.

Hariri, who along with Saudi officials has repeatedly denied that he was being held under de facto house arrest in Riyadh, hammered home the message just before his departure.

“To say that I am held up in Saudi Arabia and not allowed to leave the country is a lie,”

he said in a Twitter post.

A source close to Hariri said the premier had held an “excellent, fruitful and constructive” meeting with the powerful Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman before he left.

Hariri, a dual Saudi citizen who has previously enjoyed Riyadh's backing, announced his resignation on November 4.

He said he feared for his life, accusing Iran and its powerful Lebanese ally Hezbollah of destabilising his country. (AFP)

Police to resume war on drugs if problem worsens, says Duterte

Manila

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said on Saturday that the police would reassume their lead role in implementing his war on drugs if the narcotics problem worsens and that nobody could stop his campaign, not even U.S. President Donald Trump.

The firebrand leader ordered the Philippine National Police (PNP) to withdraw from the campaign a few weeks ago amid unprecedented scrutiny of police conduct in the campaign, which has killed thousands of suspected drug users and peddlers.

“If human rights (advocates)

are thinking that Trump or whoever the human rights (advocates believe) can stop me, I'm sorry,” Duterte said in a speech at a business event in his hometown Davao City.

“The drug problem, if it becomes worse again, the police has to enter the picture. I want it eradicated if possible,”

he said.

The Philippines has drawn international criticism for the killing of 3,900 people in police anti-drugs operations over the past 15 months, but the police deny allegations by human rights advocates that many of the killings were executions. (Reuters)

People take to the streets as part of the protests against Mugabe



Party set to sack Mugabe, as Zimbabweans march on residence

Harare

Zimbabwe's ruling ZANU-PF party will meet on Sunday to dismiss President Robert Mugabe and reinstate the vice-president he dismissed, Emmerson Mnangagwa, two party sources told *Reuters* on Saturday.

The sources said a party central committee meeting scheduled for 10:30 am (3.30 am ET) would also dismiss 93-year-old Mugabe's preferred successor, his wife Grace, from her role as head of the ZANU-PF Women's League.

Mugabe's 37-year rule has been effectively at an end since the army seized control on Wednesday, confining him to his residence, saying it wanted to target the “criminals” around him.

Shortly after the sources revealed the meeting, a motorcade left Mugabe's official residence in the capital Harare to boos and jeers from onlookers, although a security said Mugabe was not inside.

Hundreds of thousands of people had flooded the streets of Harare singing, dancing and hugging soldiers in an outpouring of elation at Mugabe's demise, while others marched towards his residence.

In scenes reminiscent of the downfall of Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu in 1989, men, women and children ran alongside the armoured cars and the troops who stepped in this week to oust the only ruler Zimbabwe has known since independence in 1980.

Under house arrest in his lavish ‘Blue Roof’ compound, he has watched support from his ZANU-PF party, security services and people evaporate in less than three days.

Mugabe's nephew, Patrick Zhuwao, told *Reuters* the elderly leader and his wife were “ready to die for what is correct” rather than step down in order to legitimize what he described as a coup.

Tears of joy

Speaking from a secret location in South Africa, Zhuwao said Mugabe had hardly slept since the military took over but his health was otherwise “good”.

On Harare's streets, Zimbabweans spoke of a second liberation for the former British colony, alongside their dreams of political and economic change after two decades of deepening repression and hardship.

“These are tears of joy,” said Frank Mutsindikwa, 34, holding aloft the Zimbabwean flag. “I've been waiting all my life for this day. Free at last. We are free at last.”

Mugabe's downfall is likely to send shockwaves across Africa, where a number of entrenched strongmen, from Uganda's Yoweri Museveni to Democratic Republic of Congo's Joseph Kabila, are facing mounting pressure to step aside.

The secretary-general of Zimbabwe's War Veterans Association, Victor Matemadanda, called on those at an anti-Mugabe rally to march on Mugabe's residence, and live television footage showed hundreds of protesters marching in that direction.

“Let us now go and deliver the message that grandfather Mugabe and his typist-cum-wife should go home,” Matemadanda told the crowd in the Harare township of Highfield. (Reuters)

Ebdaa Bank to spread the culture of microfinance

Manama

Ebdaa Bank for Microfinance in Bahrain launched a series of practical steps aimed to spreading the culture of microfinance in the Gulf and the Arab world, in order to encourage more people with limited incomes to launch their own projects and increase their contribution to the development of the national economy and diversification. Especially in light of the challenges caused by low oil prices and declining growth rates.

Chief Executive Officer of Al Ebdaa Bank, Dr. Khalid Al-Gazawi, said that the Bank is launching a series of initiatives in cooperation with a number of banking, academic and civil society partners.

"This will contribute to the promotion of best practices and success stories in the field of microfinance projects. This project carries great benefits in terms of growth and expansion, generating employment, reducing the import bill and supporting sustainable development plans," he said.

Dr. Al-Gazawi pointed



Ebdaa Bank CEO, Dr. Khalid Al-Gazawi receiving ODB delegation

out that the Ebdaa Bank - Bahrain, by the direction of the Arab Gulf Programme for Development (AGFUND), held meeting with the officials of the Arab Open University in Beirut and discussed aspects of mutual cooperation in the interest of enhancing the academic level of the Bank's staff in Bahrain and to provide practical training for university students and graduates.

The CEO said the meeting discussed the possibility of introducing the employees of

Ebdaa Bank Bahrain into the distance education programs provided by the university in order to obtain a diploma in microfinance.

He added that Ebda Bank-Bahrain will support the Arab Open University in Beirut to develop its curriculum and add practical case studies.

The Bank will also register the university's curriculum in video and video formats on YouTube to be available to those wishing to master the basics and skills of microfinance

through learning. Remotely.

Dr. Al-Ghazawi expressed his confidence that this cooperation with the Arab Open University in Beirut will serve as a model for investing in modern technologies for distance communication in motivating young people in the Arab Gulf and the region to move to self-employment after providing them with the skills they need and introducing them to the best applications in the field of microfinance And entrepreneurship.

Aster Clinic holds Diet Exhibition for Diabetics



Dr. Mariam Al Hajeri inaugurating the exhibition.

Manama

To commemorate the World Diabetes Day which was on November 14, 2017, Aster Clinic organized Diet Exhibition for Diabetics at Gudaibiya branch yesterday

Dr. Mariam Al Hajeri, Vice President, Bahrain Diabetes Society who also holds the portfolio of Assistant Undersecretary for Public Health, Ministry of Health, inaugurated the exhibition. She said this year the focus is on Women and Diabetes. According to her 1 out of 6 to 7 pregnant woman suffers from Diabetes.

She said, "The Ministry of Health is rolling out a lot of program to tackle the issue of Diabetes in Women and also obesity in children as this is a risk factor for Diabetes."

Dr. Al Hajeri recalled, that as per the last available data 23% of male school children 24% of female school children in Bahrain are obese. These problems have to be tackled immediately to arrest the increasing load of diabetes.

Dr. Sunil Rathi, Specialist Internal Medicine said that

Medicines, Diet and Exercise have important role to play in managing diabetes. Only medicines can help to manage the disease up to 65 per cent.

The Gynaecologists of Aster Clinics, Dr. Rajeswari and Dr. Nazma mentioned about the Gestational Diabetes screening for pregnant women which is being done in Aster Clinics. Dr. Manoj Shrivastava, Ophthalmologist conducted a free eye check up for diabetes patients so that any damage to vision, due to diabetes, can be arrested.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Al Hajeri, said that private healthcare establishments like Aster should come up more and more in these kind of initiatives and work jointly with Bahrain Diabetes Society so that together everyone can help control Diabetes in Bahrain.

She also thanked the community members and staff of Aster who prepared the menu for the diet exhibition.

The next Diet Exhibition for Diabetes is scheduled on November 25, 2017 at 10am in Aster Clinic in Sanad, Riffa.

Google Glass returns from the dead as tool to help kids with autism

Those who declared Google Glass a failure perhaps spoke too soon as it is now resurfacing as a tool to help children with autism improve their social skills.

"Empower Me" for autism

A company has developed a system for autism that runs on Google Glass, including the newly released Glass Enterprise Edition. Brain Power, the developer of neuroscience-based augmented reality, launched the "Empower Me" system earlier this month.

For teaching purposes

The Empower Me system is a digital coach that runs on smart-glasses, to empower children and adults with autism to teach themselves social and cognitive skills.



Heads-up, hands-free

The company said that it is using the Google Glass as a platform because tablets or phones require looking down. But the wearable platforms help people keep heads-up and hands-free during social interactions.

Aiding emotional understanding

Autism spectrum disorder is characterised by impaired social interaction, communication and sensory sensitivities. The system features a suite of apps. One such app, Emotion Charades, teaches the user to identify emotions, and understand them.

How it works

Users look through the private screen on their smartglasses and see emojis on either side of their partner's face. They select which one they think matches the facial expression with a spoken command or a subtle head tilt. A software detects emotions and voice commands using Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the head tilt via accelerometer data.

Helps to focus

Besides aiding emotional understanding, Empower Me also features apps designed to target attention to social cues, including the ability to focus on face and eye regions when it is desirable to do so.

"Empowering people is my passion. Technology is often blamed for pulling people apart, but my goal was to use technology, and science, to bring people even closer than they ever might have been, and to unlock the immense power of their unique brains,"

-Ned Sahin, Brain Power CEO,

EU cuts funding to Turkey

Brussels

An EU 2018 budget deal was announced yesterday that cuts funds destined to Turkey, citing doubts about Ankara's commitment to democracy and human rights.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel had led calls for a cut to the funds, which are linked to Turkey's stalled bid to join the bloc, following mass-scale arrests in the country since the failed July 2016 coup. (AFP)



Rare Tintin drawing fetches \$500,000

Paris

A rare India ink drawing of young reporter Tintin and his faithful dog Snowy has been sold for almost \$500,000 (£380,000) at auction in Paris. The picture from the 1939 comic album King Ottokar's Sceptre was among items by Hergé, the Belgian artist who created Tintin, to go under the hammer. An original strip from the book The Shooting Star fetched \$350,000.



"Ninety-eight percent of the number of pass-throughs have \$500,000 or less of income ... those people will get substantial reductions."

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin about Republican tax plan.



Airbus to test "flying car"

Airbus claims a ride in its self-piloted electric aircraft, being developed by its Silicon Valley arm, will be as cheap as taking a regular taxi

VAHANA FLYING TAXI

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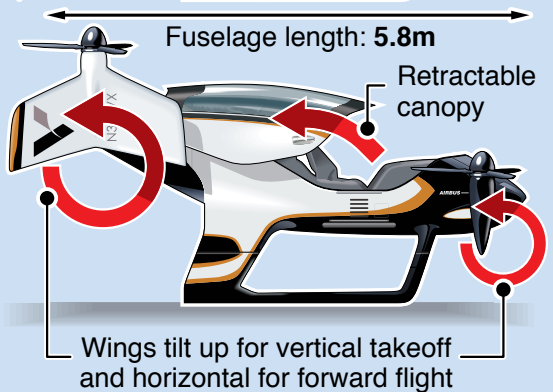
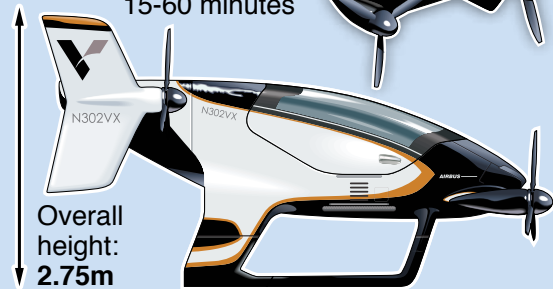
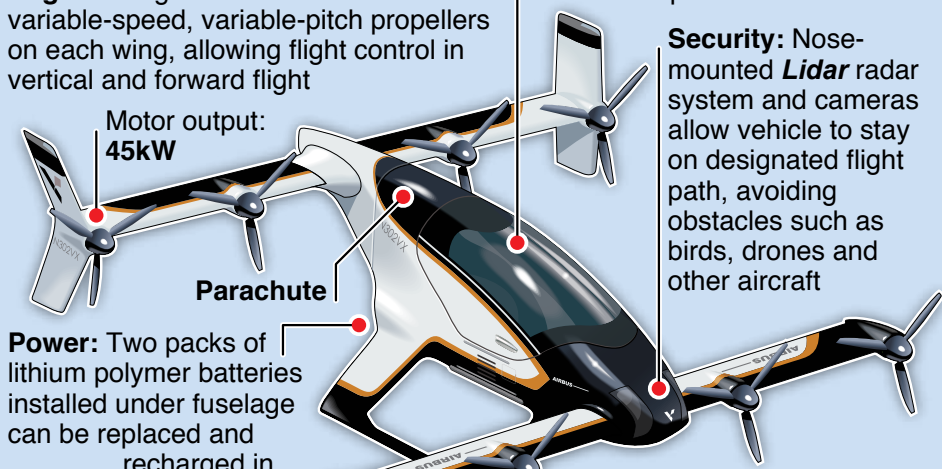
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Parachute

Power: Two packs of lithium polymer batteries installed under fuselage can be replaced and recharged in 15-60 minutes

Cabin: Single passenger only. Two-seater planned for 2020

Security: Nose-mounted Lidar radar system and cameras allow vehicle to stay on designated flight path, avoiding obstacles such as birds, drones and other aircraft

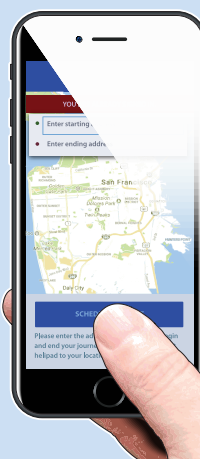


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Max. take-off weight	725kg
Maximum speed	175km/h
Range	100km
Cost	\$1.50-\$2.50 per mile

Customer uses smartphone app to summon Vahana at nearby helipad

On-board computer clears flight path with air traffic control before transporting passenger autonomously to destination



Sources: Airbus A3, www.vahana.aero

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CBB issues directives on B-REITs

The move will enhance REITs framework in Bahrain

Manama

The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) has issued directives related to Bahrain Domiciled Real Estate Investment Trusts (B-REITs), as part of its commitment to further enhance the REITs framework in the Kingdom of Bahrain under Volume 7 of CBB Rulebook that governs the rules and regulations of Collective Investment Undertakings (CIUs).

In a nutshell, REITs are CIUs that acquire and operate income generating local and foreign real estate properties, either directly or indirectly and hence, allowing all types of investors to obtain exposure to the real estate market in the Kingdom.

The new CBB directives

will encompass retail investors as part of the target investors who are allowed to invest in Bahrain Domiciled REITs.

Such removal of the previous restriction on the type of investors in REITs, will allow all types of investors including high net worth, institutional and retail investors to benefit from the attractive characteristics of REITs, such as higher liquidity for listed REITs, regular distribution of cash dividends and high transparency.

Moreover, since REITs are tradable instruments, such changes to the directives will also make it more feasible and practicable to list B-REITs on the Bahrain

Bourse and other licensed exchanges.

Abdul Rahman Al Baker said, "Overall, REITs have become an important addition to the real estate investment landscape in the last few years for both retail investors and the large institutional investors; reflecting the increased growth, maturity, transparency and sophistication of the local, regional and global real estate markets".

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

Germany bans sales of children's smartwatches

Berlin

Germany's telecoms regulator has banned the sale of "smart watches" that can be used by parents to check on their children, saying the devices violated Germany's strict surveillance laws.

The Federal Network Agency said it had already taken action against several firms that sell the watches online but did not name them.

It urged parents to destroy the watches, which are widely

available on the German market and target children between the ages of 5 to 12.

"Via an app, parents can use such watches to secretly listen to a child's environment. They are to be seen as a prohibited transmitter," Jochen Homann, president of the agency, said in a statement. "Our investigation has also shown that parents have used the watches to listen to teachers in the classroom."

The decision follows the agency's decision in February

to ban distribution of a talking doll, saying its software could be hacked to reveal personal data.

The agency's actions reflect growing concerns about the security and privacy risks associated with the exploding number of smart gadgets.

Surveillance is a particularly sensitive issue in Germany where East Germany's Stasi secret police and the Nazi era Gestapo kept a close watch on the population.

The agency said the

watches in question include a sim card and offer a limited telephone function which can be controlled via an app, similar to baby monitoring devices.

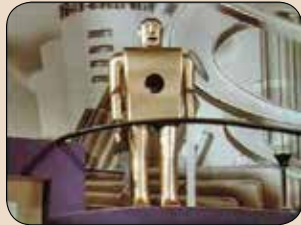
By programming the watches to call a telephone number, they can be used to secretly listen to conversations, an act that is prohibited under German law, the agency said.

It urged schools to be vigilant about the use of such smart watches. (Reuters)



Representative image

Did You Know?



Elektro was the first humanoid robot. It was built in 1939 by Westinghouse. It was seven feet tall and had a vocabulary of 700 words.



BFC CURRENCIES EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2931	0.2907
BANGLADESH	0.00483	0.00459
CANADA	0.3022	0.2990
DENMARK	0.0630	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0218
EURO	0.4529	0.4504
HONGKONG	0.04970	0.04930
INDIA	0.00582	0.00584
INDONESIA	0.00003017	0.00002855
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IRAQI DINAR	0.000300	
JAPAN	0.00352	0.003450
JORDAN	0.5362	0.5354
KOREA	0.00039520	
KUWAIT	1.254	1.254
MALAYSIA	0.0929	0.0929
NEW ZEALAND	0.2621	0.2622
NORWAY	0.0481	
NEPAL	0.00395	0.00365
OMAN	0.98027	0.98340
PAKISTAN	0.00366	0.00358
PHILIPPINES	0.00761	0.00744
QATAR	0.10386	0.10381
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10065	0.10071
SINGAPORE	0.2829	0.2809
SOUTH AFRICA	0.02830	0.02820
SRI LANKA	0.00278	0.00246
SWEDISH	0.0481	
SWITZERLAND	0.3904	0.3873
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0018
TAIWAN	0.013100	
THAILAND	0.011690	0.011680
TURKEY	0.1039	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5075	0.5046
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37790	0.37800
YUAN	0.056800	0.056800

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BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5738	0.3798	0.3344
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.1901	0.2877	0.2532
OMAN	0.3849	0.3820	0.3878	0.3414
QATAR	3.6420	3.6147	3.6695	3.2302
UAE	3.6730	3.6455	3.7008	3.2576
SAUDI	3.7500	3.7219	3.7783	3.3259



Choe Ryong Hae

China, North Korea envoys talk up ties

Beijing
Traditional friendship between China and North Korea represents “valuable wealth” for their people, China said after its special envoy met a high-ranking North Korean official, but there was no mention of the crisis over North Korea’s weapons.
 Song Tao, who heads the ruling Chinese Communist Party’s international department, is visiting Pyongyang to discuss the outcome of the recently concluded Communist Party Congress in China, at which President Xi Jinping

cemented his power.
 In a brief statement dated Friday but reported by Chinese media on Saturday, the international department said Song, who is there representing Xi, reported to North Korean official Choe Ryong Hae the outcome of the congress.
 Song and Choe also talked about relations between their parties and countries, the department said.
 “They said that the traditional friendship between China and North Korea was founded and cultivated by both countries former old leaders, and is

valuable wealth for the two peoples,” it said.
 “Both sides must work hard together to promote the further development of relations between the two parties and two countries to benefit their two peoples.”
 The department made no mention of North Korea’s nuclear or missile programs, which are strongly opposed by China.
 The North’s official KCNA news agency said Song informed Choe about China’s 19th National Congress “in detail”, and stressed China’s stance to steadily develop the traditionally friendly

relations between the two parties and countries.
 Song arrived on Friday but it is not clear how long he will be in North Korea.
 China has repeatedly pushed for a diplomatic solution to the crisis over North Korea’s development of nuclear weapons and missiles to carry them, but in recent months it has had only limited high-level exchanges with North Korea.
 The last time China’s special envoy for North Korea visited the country was in February last year. (Reuters)

Robots to take over 6,000 jobs by 2021: Nordic bank

Oslo
The Nordic banking giant Nordea has announced it would shed 6,000 jobs during the next four years. One of its reasons is replacement of human positions with “robots”.
 Nordea has around 32,000 employees. CEO Casper von Koskull explaining the layoff in a statement said “need to cut costs” and “improvement in efficiency” were key factors, Xinhua reported.
 The layoffs include 2,000 outsourced consultants. How the sackings would be distributed in the Nordic area was not specified.
 Nordea said it was introducing “robots” that respond to customer questions online.
 One such robot in Norway has already begun working in September and has already



A humanoid robot works with employees on an assembly line at a factory
 responded to 10,000 questions previously handled by staffers.
 In Finland, robot service begins in December. Von Koskull said “artificial intelligence” will improve customer experience.
 Some jobs described as “routine” will be transferred to Poland. Salary levels in Finland and the other Nordics are higher than in Poland.
 The news came two days after Nordea announced it

had begun cooperation with Apple-pay, now available in the Nordic area.
 Analysts have pointed out that after a couple of years Apple and comparable companies could be severe competitors to traditional banks.
 After a change of legislation next year, banks in Finland must allow access to a customer’s account to outside services, if the customer permits.
 The media here noted that Nordea’s announcement brought recollections of the 1990s. During that decade the number of jobs in banking in Finland reduced from 55,000 to 25,000 employees.
 The Nordea employee union received the news “with dismay as the bank is very profitable now”. (IANS)

Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious.
-Stephen Hawking



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Green Wave Campaign in schools

The Gulf Petrochemical Company (GPIC) has started the third part of its green drive in support of the Green Wave initiative of the United Nations Environment Programme.

The project, which runs in co-operation with the Ministry of Education, takes place as student agricultural campaigns in Bahrain's public schools.

During the campaign, the company supplies schools with tree saplings to be planted in the school yard, as its contribution towards supporting the development of the environment and increasing the green area in all facilities and institutions.

GPIC's Agri-Nutrients Committee has been visiting the schools and planting fruit trees in cooperation with the students. The Committee members also train the students on the correct steps and supervise the greening of the school gardens.

Company President Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery said the project promotes a culture of biodiversity and awareness of the importance of agriculture and afforestation, especially among young people.

He said GPIC has always supported this annual event in cooperation with the Ministry of Education since



AL Muharraq Primary Girls School



Al Safa Primary Girls School

schools are the ideal place for young people to familiarize themselves with the need and the importance of caring for the environment, and how to plant trees as well as generate an interest in increasing green

area in Bahrain.

Dr. Jawahery thanked the ministry for its co-operation and said the Ministry had assisted in choosing the schools where saplings are planted and made all the

necessary arrangements. He said the company had this year provided 2,000 seedlings of Bahraini fruit trees to 50 schools.

He also thanked the Chairman and members

of the Agri-Nutrients Committee for their efforts in providing the saplings and in implementation of the project. He said such environmental initiatives would contribute to raising

awareness among young people on the importance of respecting and preserving the environment.

He said the GPIC Board of Directors is keen to support sustainable development issues and encourages partnerships in a number of programmes and events that support the development of the agricultural sector.

The President said the company regards environmental support as one of its main programmes of work. He added the GPIC is committed to protecting the environment while playing a leading role in working on the sustainability of its surroundings and implementing several environmental projects within its industrial complex.

The Green Wave project is aimed at promoting the environment by planting as many trees as possible by involving young people of all ages.

The campaign attracts a number of specialists in agricultural sciences who introduce students to the importance of agriculture and concentrate on increasing local crop production to contribute to the development of the national economy, reducing air pollution and raising the environmental balance.

ISB Parent App released

A handy new app has been released for parents and students in the Indian School Bahrain. The Indian School Bahrain Parent App is now available for downloading on iPhones or Android mobile phones. The App provides the parents with announcements, news, circulars, emails and SMS with notification when received.

The ISB parents can log in with the same username (Membership ID which is available on the fee receipt) and password as you login to the desktop version of the Parent Portal from the website. If they don't have the password the parent has to login to the parent portal from the

website (www.indianschool.bh) and click on the get/forget password link to follow the instructions and an email will be sent to the registered email with the school by the parent earlier.

The mobile version of the parent portal has most of the features of the desktop version of the portal.

"Our new ISB app has been developed with a focus on delivering even more effective communications with our key stakeholders," said ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan.

"This is the latest method we can offer parents and students to keep right up-to-date on school information. As we continue work on our

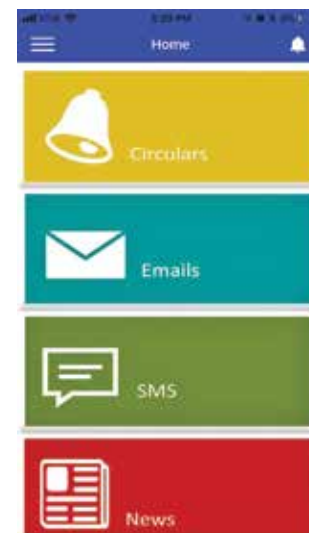
strategic goals of parental and community engagement, along with innovative use of technology, this will be a terrific asset for our communications," he said.

The Indian School Bahrain Parent App is directly linked to school portal, so once content is published in the parent portal it automatically is pushed to the mobile app as well. "This creates a more efficient method for our staff to deliver messages and information out to parents, and students," said Saji Antony, EC Member IT.

The new app is easily downloadable to iPhones and Androids by searching on either for "Indian School Bahrain".

Parents have hectic lives as well, and the ISB phone app helps keep parents up-to-date about their child's development at the push of a button. Here are some features of the Indian School Bahrain Parent App.

- The first would be the student profile with the basic details.
- School Calendar with list of events during that month
- Progress Card of the child right from when the child joined the school
- Fee payment related information will be available to help you keep track of any dues
- Communication with the class teacher (Presently in testing mode).
- Photo Gallery with photos



from different events including award ceremonies etc.

- A link to the school website Many more options are on the way on the mobile like daily attendance, study materials (now available on the desktop

version of parent portal) etc.

For further information please email to it@indianschool.bh Website: <http://www.indianschool.bh>



Under the patronage of the newly-appointed US Ambassador Justin Siberell, the American Women's Association held the annual Snowflake Craft Fair at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel, Manama yesterday. T



President of the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) Maria Khouri received a delegation from Bahrain Federation for the Disabled, led by Fethi Abdulrahman Matar. The meeting was attended by NIHR Vice President Abdullah Al Derazi, Head of the Economic, Social and Cultural Committee Dr. Aisha Mubarak and member of the committee Hamid Hussain. NIHR President hailed the delegation's visit, lauding the efforts of the federation's Board of Directors to achieve its humanitarian goals.



The National Institution of Human Rights (NIHR)'s president Maria Khouri met with James Liner, representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to the Kingdom of Bahrain. The meeting focused on strengthening the culture of human rights, developing the skills and capacities of



The Geoinformatics Department of the College of Graduate Studies at Arabian Gulf University (AGU) is implementing a research project to estimate the amount of carbon in the mangrove environment in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The research team visited Ras Sanad Reserve to determine the optimum location to sample mangrove plants, using advanced devices for field data readings using to measure the area, size of the plant mass and to record the electromagnetic spectrum fingerprint of the various surface landmarks of the area studied by the research project.



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The Ambassador officially opened the one-day exhibition.



Houry has received the International Committee of the Red Khoury praised the ICRC's role of consolidating and spread- of workers in this field.



Public Prosecutor Dr. Ali bin Fadhl Al-Buainain received Egyptian Attorney General Nabeel Sadiq and the accompanying delegation, who arrived yesterday evening in Bahrain. The meeting was attended by Senior Attorney General Ahmed Al-Dosari and Attorney General Osama Al-Oufi. They will hold talks on exchanging expertise, building competences, as well as the institutional and judicial achievements achieved by the Public Prosecution in Bahrain.



Visitors enjoyed live entertainment shows held on the sidelines of the FIA WEC Bapco 6 Hours Bahrain organised at Bahrain International Circuit.



An informative workshop for all the teachers was organized at Bahrain Indian School on November 11 by the school counselor Lalita Andrade. The workshop focused on the aspect of stress & depression, its symptoms, ways to overcome it and to change one's attitude to various aspects of our own lives.

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Ellen DeGeneres @TheEllenShow
Compassion, social intelligence, decisiveness, patience, wisdom. These are all qualities found in elephants and not found in the people allowing them to be killed for trophies. #NotUs



Franco in talks for 'X-Men' spin-off

London
James Franco is reportedly in talks to join the "X-Men" universe as James Madrox aka Multiple Man.

The 39-year-old actor is in negotiations to play Multiple Man in a new standalone movie being developed by producer Simon Kinberg - who is currently working on 'X-Men: The Dark Phoenix', *The Hollywood Reporter* said.

The film will reportedly be penned by « Wonder Woman » scribe Allan Heinberg and will be produced by Kinberg under his Genre Films label and Franco's Ramona Films.

Franco won't be the first actor to bring the character to the big screen with Eric Dane playing him in 2006's « X-Men: The Last Stand » which was directed by Brett Ratner and written by Kinberg. (IANS)

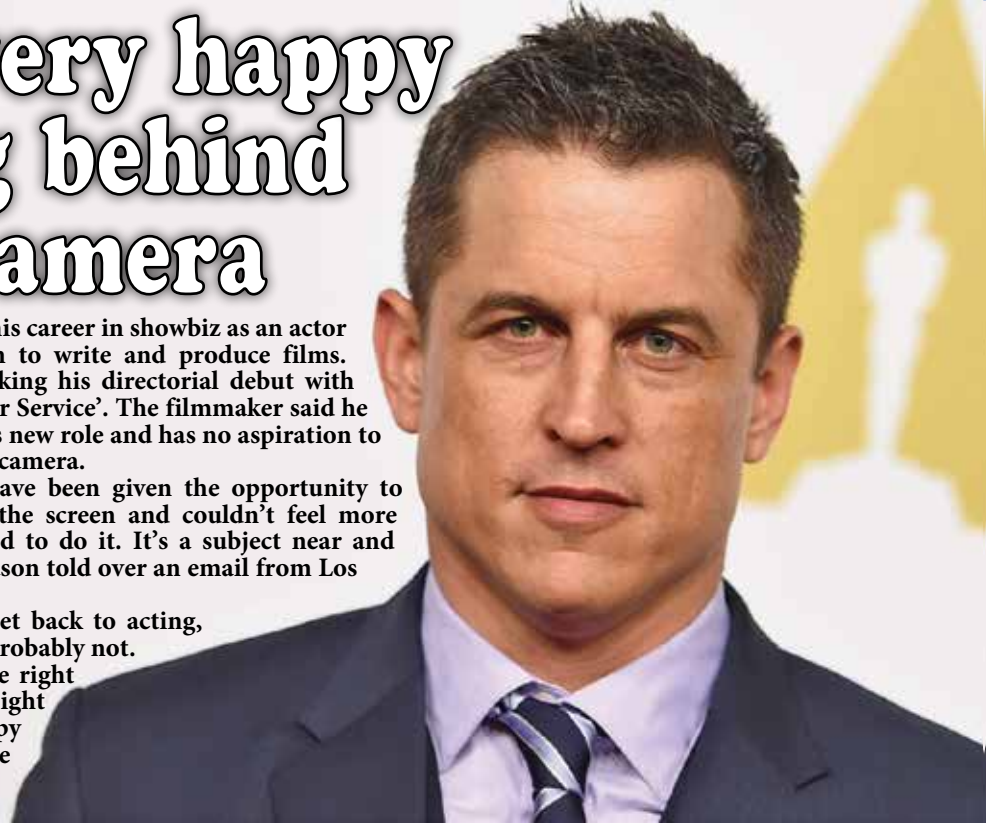


I'm very happy being behind the camera

Jason Hall started his career in showbiz as an actor and then went on to write and produce films. Now, he will be making his directorial debut with 'Thank You For Your Service'. The filmmaker said he feels qualified for his new role and has no aspiration to come in front of the camera.

"I'm thrilled to have been given the opportunity to bring this story to the screen and couldn't feel more prepared or qualified to do it. It's a subject near and dear to my heart," Jason told over an email from Los Angeles.

Asked if he will get back to acting, Jason said: "Ha ha. Probably not. If I couldn't find the right type for a part -- I might -- but I'm very happy being behind the camera." (TOI)



KATY PERRY BANNED FROM CHINA?

Shanghai
American singer Katy Perry has reportedly been banned from China over a dress and cannot perform at Victoria's Secret show.

The singer was said to be appearing at the fashion show which will take place on Monday.

According to sources, Perry initially thought she would be able to gain access to the country but Chinese authorities rejected her visa application after discovering she wore a sunflower dress during a performance in Taipei in 2015, reports *mirror.co.uk*.

Her outfit caused widespread outrage because the sunflower had been adopted the year before by anti-China protesters. She also waved the Taiwanese flag during the concert.

The fashion show has been held all over the world, but this will be its first time in China.

Perry isn't the only one who is having problems entering the country, as model Gigi Hadid has also had to pull out. (IANS)





HOWARD FOUND 'SOLO: A STAR WARS STORY' CHALLENGING

Veteran filmmaker Ron Howard has revealed that he really enjoyed the challenge of making a 'Star Wars' movie and relished every aspect of the job.

According to a report, in an interview, the 63-year-old filmmaker shared that initially when he took the director's chair from Phil Lord and Chris Miller, he felt a lot of pressure taking over the reins of the upcoming Han Solo prequel.

Howard noted, "Those are challenging projects.

And they take, you know, a lot of very talented people's energy to try to live up to the legacy of 'Star Wars' and everything that it means. Of course, no spoilers coming from me but I had a great experience." (TOI)

Nicki Minaj feels invincible

Los Angeles

Rapper Nicki Minaj says the support from her fans makes her feel invincible.

"I have a loyal fan base who never leaves. And all they do is motivate me and believe in me and fight for me. So anything that even seems negative has only made me even more of a magical unicorn," Minaj told *Paper* magazine, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

She added: "I feel this year I have never been stronger, I have all my super powers back. I've never felt this powerful, as a woman, as an emcee -- I've never felt this invincible."

The "Swalla" rapper believes many people have been waiting for her to fail or have a "nervous breakdown" but she believes keeping a close circle of long-term friends around her means that will never happen.

Minaj, 34 finds strength in knowing she's been a good person throughout her life. (IANS)

I KNEW HE WAS SLEAZY: AFFLECK ON WEINSTEIN

Los Angeles

Actor-filmmaker Ben Affleck says he knew that Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, who is in the midst of a sexual misconduct scandal, was sleazy.

"I knew (Weinstein) was sleazy and kind of a bully, but unfortunately, that wasn't that uncommon," Affleck said on the "Today" show on Friday, reports *variety.com*.

He explained that, as a 24-year-old newcomer to Hollywood who "had never made a movie", he did not understand how the business worked and what behaviour was deemed acceptable. Affleck shared his first Academy Award win with actor Matt Damon for their "Good Will Hunting" screenplay. (IANS)



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Adam Driver

November 19, 1983

Best known for playing Kylo Ren in *Star Wars* and Adam Sackler on the hit HBO series *Girls*. His other notable film roles include *Inside Llewyn Davis*, *Frances Ha*, and *This is Where I Leave You*.

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FUEGO: ANTONIO GADES COMPANY



Date: 1 December 2017, 8:00pm
Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

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

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



Date: 16 December 2017, 8:00pm
Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

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

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DELIGHTS OF GASTRONOMIC ITALIAN-ARABIC FUSION

Date: 23 November 2017, 7:00pm
Venue: Bahrain National Museum



On the occasion of the Week of Italian Cuisine in the World, the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities in collaboration with the Embassy of Italy in the Kingdom of Bahrain will outline the common roots in food culture between Italy and Arab countries. One-star Michelin Chef Giuseppe Biuso and his Sous-Chef Fabio Falsetti together with the talented Bahraini Chef Bassam Alalawi will inspire the audience with a live cooking demonstration and food-tasting in celebration of the Italian-Arabic historical link.

Chef Giuseppe Biuso is the Executive Chef of the Therasia Resort in Vulcano, Italy, as well as responsible for the restaurant "Il Cappero", who was just last year reconfirmed the Michelin star, thus crowning his dream of becoming part of the prestigious guide.

Chef Fabio Falsetti graduated as "Maestro di Cucina Italiana" from ALMA La Scuola Internazionale di Cucina Italiana (International Italian Culinary School) and won in 2005 the Italian National Award 'Giovani Talenti' (Young Talents), and earlier this year joined Chef Biuso in 'Il Cappero' Therasia Resort Isola di Vulcano.

Chef Bassam Alalawi introduces himself as a self-taught Chef, and Polymath. His interests are not exclusive to Food & Cuisine but rather supplement the field. As the owner of Darseen Café he approaches cooking with an eclectic & modern twist to contemporary flavors, focusing more on the coming together of beautiful combinations, that might not be seemingly obvious, to create soulful food.

Together, the Italian duo along with Bahrain's very own talent will surely be impressing the crowd with their multi-cultural collaborative feast.

MARK YOUR Calendar

ART AT THE HARBOUR EXHIBITION "FROM BAHRAIN"

Date: Ongoing
Venue: Harbour Towers-West

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

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

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

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

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



ITALY-BAHRAIN MUSICAL FUSION HPQ QUARTET



Date: 24 November 2017, 8:00pm
Venue: Bahrain National Museum

The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, in collaboration with the Embassy of Italy in the Kingdom of Bahrain and Gulf Petrochemical Industries Co. (GPIC), is hosting a vibrating string instruments concert that will showcase not only famous Italian pieces but will merge mandolins, classic guitar and the Arab oud. HPQ Quartet with tenor Aldo Gallone and talented Iraqi Oud player Saad Mahmood Jawad will be combining their talents for an unforgettable musical evening. The concert aims at being a starting point for a closer collaboration between Italian and Bahraini/Arabic artists who share the same love for music and their cultural and artistic heritage.

HPQ Quartet and Aldo Gallone

mean to speak about the only plec-trum Quartet in the South of Italy, the most famous Italian quartet in the world. HPQ and Aldo Gallone share the purpose of studying and playing the original repertoire written for the mandolin and other instruments. The HPQ is formed by Antonio Schiavone (mandolin), Roberto Bascià (mandolin), Sergio Vacca (mandòla), Vito Mannarini (guitar) and Aldo Gallone (tenor), and are all maestros who graduated from the State Music School "Nicolò Piccinni" in Bari, Italy.

Saad Mahmood Jawad, also known as Fares Al-Oud, is originally Iraqi, but has spent most of his years in the Kingdom of Bahrain, teaching and performing. He graduated with "Excellence" from The Music Institute, Baghdad, 1997 - and has been performing around the world ever since.

HPQ Quartet with Tenor Aldo Gallone and Saad Jawad are preparing for an undoubtedly memorable musical evening.

DESIGN YOUR OWN DILMUNI SEAL



Date: 25 November 2017, 11:00am
Venue: Bahrain National Museum

Children will learn about the function and uses of the stamp seals during the Dilmun Period in Bahrain during a guided visit to the newly opened exhibition "The Stamp Seal: Hallmark of Dilmun and its Hidden Art" at the Bahrain National Museum. Each participant will create and design his/her own seal and get inspired by the designs and motifs used by the Dilmun people to personalize their seals 5000 years ago.

This workshop is for kids from 6-10 years old, book your seats and register today!. The workshop will be held on 25 November 2017, and will be re-scheduled every month during the current exhibition

HALWA MAKING WORKSHOP

Date: 25 November 2017, 04:00pm
Venue: Bahrain Fort Museum

Bahraini Halwa is one of the most special traditional desserts in the arabian gulf, this tradition dates back more than one and a half century. The tradition of the Halwa making passes from a generation to the next. Join us in this workshop to learn the secrets of this tradition and to learn how to make the original Bahraini Halwa.

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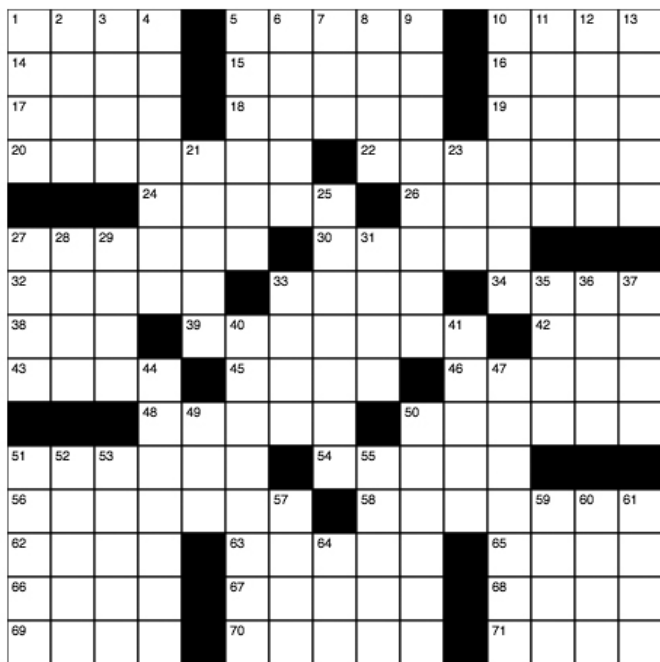
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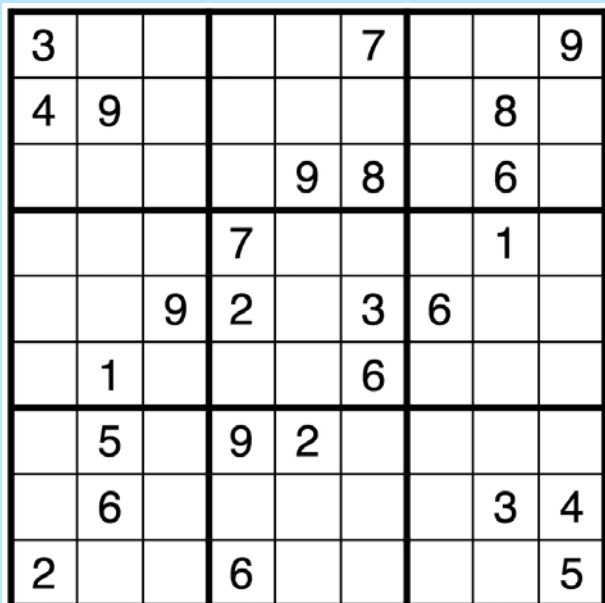
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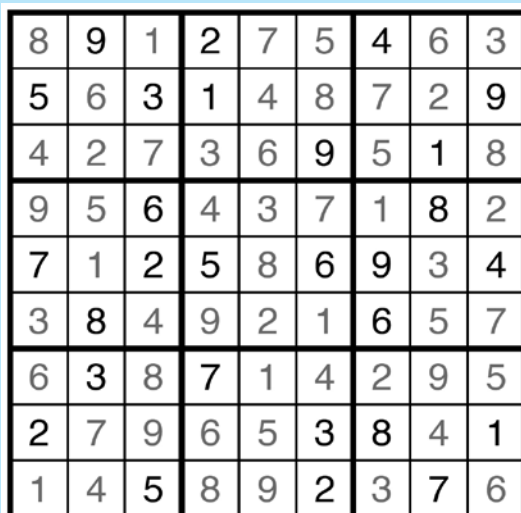
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Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



Love, affection, and romance seem to be all around you. Strong unity with close friends, family members, and your romantic partner may well up throughout the day. You can also expect a rush of imagination and artistic inspiration, perhaps generated by the support of those around you.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Strong psychic impressions about absent friends or family members may come to you today. All are apt to be positive, though you might find it disconcerting. You might even think it more so if you learn your intuition was right! This tendency may continue for a while. Your sensitivity to others' thoughts and feelings is increasing.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Today you could intuit powerful feelings of affection from someone you might be romantically attracted to. You could feel a rush of exhilaration from this experience before your sceptical side kicks in to say it's all wishful thinking. A little scepticism is healthy, but don't let it overpower your positive impression.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Your kindness and good manners could pay off today. Someone who respects you a great deal might offer you an opportunity to advance that increases your income. You may have known this person for a long time, and the two of you work well together. This opportunity should be welcome and not intimidating. Go for it! If you do, the future will be rosy.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Love and romance are going marvellously well today. If you're attached, affection continues to grow between you and your partner. A strong sense of unity could lead to a firm commitment. If you aren't currently involved, don't be surprised if someone you like but don't know well suddenly seems attracted to you.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



You tend to be intellectually inclined. Today you might put some of your knowledge to work in a creative way. Your intuition and imagination are working overtime. If you've been thinking about starting a new project, this is the day to do it. The only downside is that you could get so obsessed with your work that you can't concentrate on anything else.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



A loving, supportive letter or call from a close friend could be just what the doctor ordered today. You may feel overworked and a little pessimistic about any plans you've made. Your friend should lift your spirits and motivate you to push on ahead in spite of whatever obstacles you encounter. Remember this kindness.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Today you may come up with some attractive new ideas to advance your career and increase your income. The only question is whether or not you can follow through. Some of them may be workable and some may not, but if you're serious, you should do some research to figure that out. The future looks good if you take the necessary steps to turn your ideas into reality.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



Today you might experience a rush of spiritual insights. Whatever comes to you seems clear and right, and it could inspire music, poetry, or painting. The only problem might be that these insights may disappear if you don't write them down right away. Visions from the other side can be ephemeral. If you like what's coming to you, keep a record of it. You'll be glad you did.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



Today you could receive some unexpected good news regarding the impending arrival of money that you've anticipated for a long time. This will be very welcome news and worthy of a celebration, although you still might not believe it. Believe it! Your long wait is over. Now you have to resist the temptation to spend it all in one place.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



A social event today could put you in contact with some old friends who mean a great deal to you. The occasion will be very warm and friendly, though you may feel a little subdued. Never mind! Sometimes companionable silence is preferable to forced talk. Just bask in the presence of cherished companions and listen to what others say.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Working closely with someone might bring up some strong, warm affection between you. It may or may not be a romantic attraction, but if it is, don't read too much into it now. The situation is creating the emotions. There's the chance that the attraction could pass by tomorrow. But you've probably found someone with whom you can collaborate harmoniously.

Trump reverses elephant trophy ban

Washington

President Donald Trump has dramatically reversed his decision to repeal the elephant trophy ban after a public outcry.

He tweeted late Friday that he will uphold a ban on importing trophies of elephants hunted and killed in Zimbabwe, pending further review.

The move went against his own administration's decision from Thursday, which sparked a huge public backlash.

'Put big game trophy decision on hold until such time as I review all conservation facts. Under study for years. Will update soon with Secretary Zinke. Thank you!' Trump tweeted.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said the pair came to the decision after they 'talked and both believe that conservation and healthy herds are critical.'

Just hours before, Trump's spokeswoman Sarah Sanders



Donald Trump, Jr. is pictured holding the tail of an elephant he shot

had defended the US Fish and Wildlife Service's move to end the 2014 ban initiated under Trump's predecessor Barack Obama.

The service said Thursday that it would begin issuing permits to import 'sport-hunted trophies from elephants hunted in Zimbabwe' between January

21, 2016 and December 31, 2018.

Zambia would also have been covered under the revised rule.

The move was met with a barrage of criticism from animal rights groups and activists.

It also came on the same day that the US State Department presented to Congress its first annual report on wildlife trafficking which, it said, 'remains a serious transnational crime.'

French screen legend and animal rights activist Brigitte Bardot added her voice to the growing chorus of criticism, slamming Trump as 'unfit for office' after his administration's 'shameful actions.'

'No despot in the world can take responsibility for killing off an age-old species that is part of the world heritage of humanity,' Bardot said in a letter to Trump, released through Fondation Brigitte Bardot. (*Daily Mail*)

#PollToday



Do you think Mugabe's rule had come to an end and will be forced to quit soon?

Yes No Cant Say



"Russia is wasting our time. Russia will not agree to any mechanism that might shine a spotlight on the use of chemical weapons by its ally, the Syrian regime"

Nikki Haley
US ambassador

Rest in sight

Search stepped up for missing submarine



Argentina's military were continuing the search for the submarine ARA San Juan, which has been missing with 44 crew aboard for days.

SL arrest 19 after Buddhist-Muslim clash

Sri Lankan police arrested 19 people after a clash between "extremists" from the majority Buddhist and minority Muslim communities in which four people were injured.

Strong earthquake rattles Tibet

An earthquake of magnitude 6.3 struck a remote part of Tibet, but there were no immediate reports of significant damage or injuries.

Maduro offers to help Trump fight drugs

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, whose top political allies have been accused by Washington of dealing in illegal narcotics, offered to help US President Donald Trump in fighting the drug trade.

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Surgeon claims human head transplant a success

New Delhi

In a bizarre 18-hour operation, a team lead by Dr Xiaoping Ren of Harbin Medical University in China allegedly carried out what is being termed as the world's first human head transplant on a corpse, reported *The Telegraph*.

As per the report, through the operation, the team was able to successfully connect the spine, nerves and blood vessels of two people.

Only last year, Dr Ren had successfully grafted a head onto a monkey's body, the report said.

An Italian professor

at the Turin Advanced Neuromodulation Group, who has been working with the team behind the head transplant, told *The Telegraph* that they would eventually perform the operation on a living human paralysed from neck down. In a statement, professor Sergio Canavero claimed that the electrical stimulation of the nerves highlighted that the operation on the corpse had been successful.

Canavero also said that the details of the surgery are likely to be released in a few days by a surgical journal. (*The Indian Express*)

Coffee drinkers in London fuelling green bus initiative



London red buses

London

London's caffeine habit could soon provide an eco-friendly energy kick to its buses, including its iconic red double decker.

Some 6,000 litres of oil extracted from ground coffee waste will be added to fuel tanks of the city's transport authority on Monday - enough to power a bus for a year.

Behind the stunt is British start-up Bio-bean, which has been developing fuel from coffee waste grounds for four years, with financial and

technical help from energy giant Royal Dutch Shell.

Londoners consume an average of 2.3 cups of coffee a day, contributing to 200,000 tonnes of mineral-rich coffee waste over the course of a year, according to data cited by Bio-bean.

"Instead of sending a tonne of waste coffee grounds to landfill... we collect it, recycle it and turn it into a renewable fuel which is then used to replace further conventional fuels," Bio-bean founder Arthur Kay said at a recent presentation. (*AFP*)

India's Manushi Chhillar wins Miss World crown

Sanya, China

India's Manushi Chhillar yesterday won the coveted Miss World 2017 title at a glittering event, ending 16 years of drought for India at the international pageant.

Priyanka Chopra was the last winner from India in 2000.

Chhillar, 21, looked emotional as the crown was placed on her head by Miss World 2016 winner Puerto Rico's Stephanie Del Valle. She competed against 108 contestants from various countries at the pageant.

Miss Mexico Andrea Meza was announced the first runner up, while Miss England Stephanie Hill was declared the



Manushi Chhillar

second runner up at an event held at Sanya City Area.

Manushi Chhillar, born to doctor parents from Haryana, studied at St. Thomas School in Delhi and Bhagat Phool Singh Government Medical College

for Women in Sonapat.

In an interview during her grooming, she said, "The only thing I believe is certain in life is uncertainty, and this is what is amazing about the pageant." (*IANS*)

Couple shot in church meeting about gun safety

Washington

Aman accidentally shot himself and his wife during a meeting about gun safety at a Tennessee church.

The couple, who are in their 80s, were discussing gun protection at a social meeting held at the First United Methodist Church in Tellico Plains when the incident occurred.

"Well, I've got my gun on me," said the 81-year-old man, police say, before he pulled out his 380-calibre Ruger handgun and removed

the magazine.

He put the magazine back in and put the gun away, but forgot it was loaded when a person later asked to see it.

The military veteran then pulled the trigger, with the bullet slicing his palm and penetrating his wife's abdomen and exiting her right side.

Both were treated at hospital for non-life-threatening injuries and are reported to be in a stable condition. (*The Telegraph*)



Salah brace lifts Liverpool

Mohamed Salah celebrates scoring his second goal for Liverpool (Picture courtesy: theguardian)

London

A virtuoso performance from Mohamed Salah ran Southampton ragged as his two goals inspired Liverpool's 3-0 win at Anfield and fired the Egyptian to the top of the Premier League scoring charts.

His summer arrival for £38 million, at the time a club record, was questioned by critics after his disappointing spell at Chelsea but on this form he is looking an absolute bargain.

Both his first-half goals had a touch of class and his constant threat had visitors backpedalling for 80 minutes

before his departure to a standing ovation - by which time Philippe Coutinho had added the third goal.

Having edged one ahead of the likes of Harry Kane and Sergio Aguero, both strikers, Salah is racking up some impressive numbers.

The 25-year-old's double took him to nine goals in his first 12 Premier League matches, breaking the club's previous best held by Robbie Fowler - the man affectionately hailed as God by the Kop for his goal-scoring exploits.

Salah's overall statistics are

Other scores:

Arsenal	2	Tottenham	0
Burnley	2	Swansea City	0
Crystal Palace	2	Everton	2
Leicester City	0	Manchester City	2
Chelsea	4	West Bromwich	0

equally impressive with 14 goals, all from open play, in 18 matches and three assists. Last season Philippe Coutinho was the club's leading scorer with 14.

And this from a winger whose finishing has, at times this season, still been criticised.

But Liverpool are far

from a one-man team as with Salah on one wing, the equally-pacy Sadio Mane on the other, Roberto Firmino running the channels as the nominal centre-forward and Coutinho pulling the strings in midfield Jurgen Klopp's team have all the ingredients to be devastating.

As they approach a critical

part of the season everything appears to finally be aligning for Liverpool having overcome most of their injury problems - albeit defender Joel Matip missed this game with a thigh problem - with the fit-again Adam Lallana not even able to make the bench against his former side.

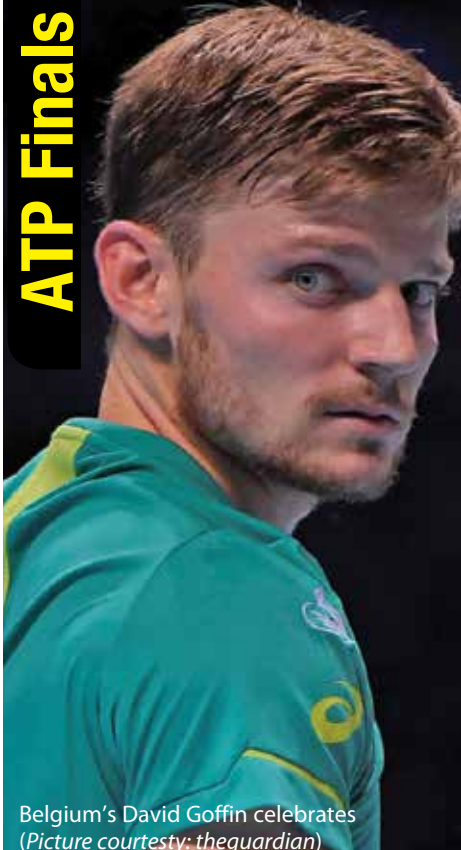
Many inside Anfield would have been closely watching Saints centre-back Virgil van Dijk, the man Klopp believes is the missing link for his defence, but it quickly became apparent there was more compelling action on Liverpool's flanks.

The defender's mis-control

almost put Trent Alexander-Arnold in for the first goal early on before Salah, who had already volleyed wastefully wide, ended his club's 459-minute goal drought against Southampton with a superb curling effort from Georginio Wijnaldum's lay-off just past the half-hour.

His second was just as brilliant. Van Dijk half-heartedly and somewhat inexplicably stepped forward with Coutinho on the ball and the Brazil international's outside-of-the-foot pass allowed Salah to run in behind and clip past Fraser Forster. (espn.in)

ATP Finals



Belgium's David Goffin celebrates (Picture courtesy: theguardian)

Goffin ends Federer's season

London

David Goffin mounted a spirited fightback to stun six-time champion Roger Federer and reach the final of the season-ending ATP Finals in London.

The Belgian seventh seed, 26, came from a set down to win 2-6 6-3 6-4, his first victory in seven attempts against the 19-time Grand Slam champion.

"I have no words. I cannot describe how I'm feeling - so much joy, so much happiness," said Goffin.

Grigor Dimitrov will face Jack Sock in the second semi-final.

Britain's Jamie Murray and Brazilian Bruno Soares take on

defending champions Henri Kontinen and John Peers in the doubles semi-finals at the O2 Arena.

Federer, 36, went into the semi-final with a 6-0 record against Goffin, whose resistance appeared to have been broken after only seven minutes.

Goffin battled gamely to cling on in his opening service game but Federer took it on the fifth break point and went on to dominate the set. Two rasping backhand winners down the line helped the Swiss to a second break at 4-1 and the set was wrapped up in little over half an hour.

The match turned early in the second set, when Goffin swung a cross-court forehand into space

vacated by Federer to edge 2-0 ahead. What at first appeared to be an exercise in damage limitation grew into an increasingly potent threat as Goffin's serve subdued Federer, who fired a forehand into his only break point in the set.

When Goffin broke in game three of the decider, helped by a beautiful backhand up the line, his belief spread to the 17,000 spectators, thrilled by this unexpectedly tight contest.

A surprisingly flat Federer could not muster another challenge as Goffin served out in style to reach the biggest final of his career and guarantee a new champion on today night. (BBC)



Roger Federer (file pic)

Athlete Ali Isa snatches grand prize



Winners celebrate on the podium

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Athlete Ali Isa snatched the grand prize of the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) Showjumping Championship's opening round, posting a time of 41.04 seconds, which is held under the patronage of HH Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Supreme Council for Environment, President of the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation.

Season opener featured a line-up of events designed for different categories, but Isa comfortably triumphed in the round's main event, leaving second place to Jalal Jaffari

who was four seconds behind. Coming in third was Ahmed Akbar who clocked in 45.56 seconds.

Mayoof Al Romaihi has continued his strong showings, winning the open amateur competition, while Ali Isa came second in this competition. The winner finished the race in 28.66 seconds, nearly one second ahead of the second place winner. Yousif Mousa finished third in 30.76 seconds.

Meanwhile, veteran Bahrain athlete Sami Ghazwan grabbed the title of the time trial competition, posting a time of 41.66 seconds, nearly 4 seconds ahead of second-placed Fadel Al Haddad. Ahmed Akbar came third in 55.33 seconds.

Nibali, Gaviria to begin 2018 season



Vincenzo Nibali (file pic)

London

The organisers of the Vuelta a San Juan have revealed the teams and stages for the 2018 race, with Vincenzo Nibali again expected to lead Bahrain-Merida and Fernando Gaviria named as part of the of the Quick-Step Floors team for the early-season stage race in Argentina.

The Vuelta a San Juan will be held between January 21-28 and so offers a less-intense alternative to the WorldTour category Tour Down Under (Jan 16-21) and a warmer weather option to a European start to the season.

The race organisers have

managed to attract the presence of seven WorldTour teams, five Professional Continental teams, seven Continental teams and seven national teams including Italy, Cuba, Colombia and Argentina.

The seven WorldTour team are Bora-Hansgrohe, Lotto Soudal, Movistar, Quick-Step Floors, Trek-Segafredo, UAE Team Emirates and Bahrain-Merida.

The Professional Continental teams invited are Androni-Sidermec, the Israel Cycling Academy, Caja Rural, Wilier Triestina and UnitedHealthcare. (cyclingnews)

SL well-placed to take lead

Kolkata, India

Lahiru Thirimanne and Angelo Mathews compiled contrasting fifties and shared a 99-run partnership that put Sri Lanka in the ascendancy of the Kolkata Test, cutting their deficit to just 7 by stumps on the third day.

They were united with the score on 34 for 2 but neither batsman chose to counterattack considering the plausibility of one delivery beating their defenses. They left well and allowed themselves to be beaten several times by playing the line, not pushing their hands too far in front of them. Soon, India's seamers erred, looking for more than was required, with half-volleys and short and wide offerings and the

boundaries flowed.

Just like for Sri Lanka, India's seamers generated lateral movement from the outset. Bhuvneshwar Kumar produced swing both ways, while Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav used seam off the pitch. In addition to the two early wickets, they found a couple late in the day to ensure they didn't fall too far behind.

Despite sufficient movement, Sadeera Samarawickrama, promoted to open, batted fluently. Displaying a compact technique and languid elegance, he struck three fours on either side of the wicket in his 23. But continuing to hit through the line with

the ball hooping just enough was an approach fraught with risk. Bhuvneshwar duly found his outside edge as he played away from his body.

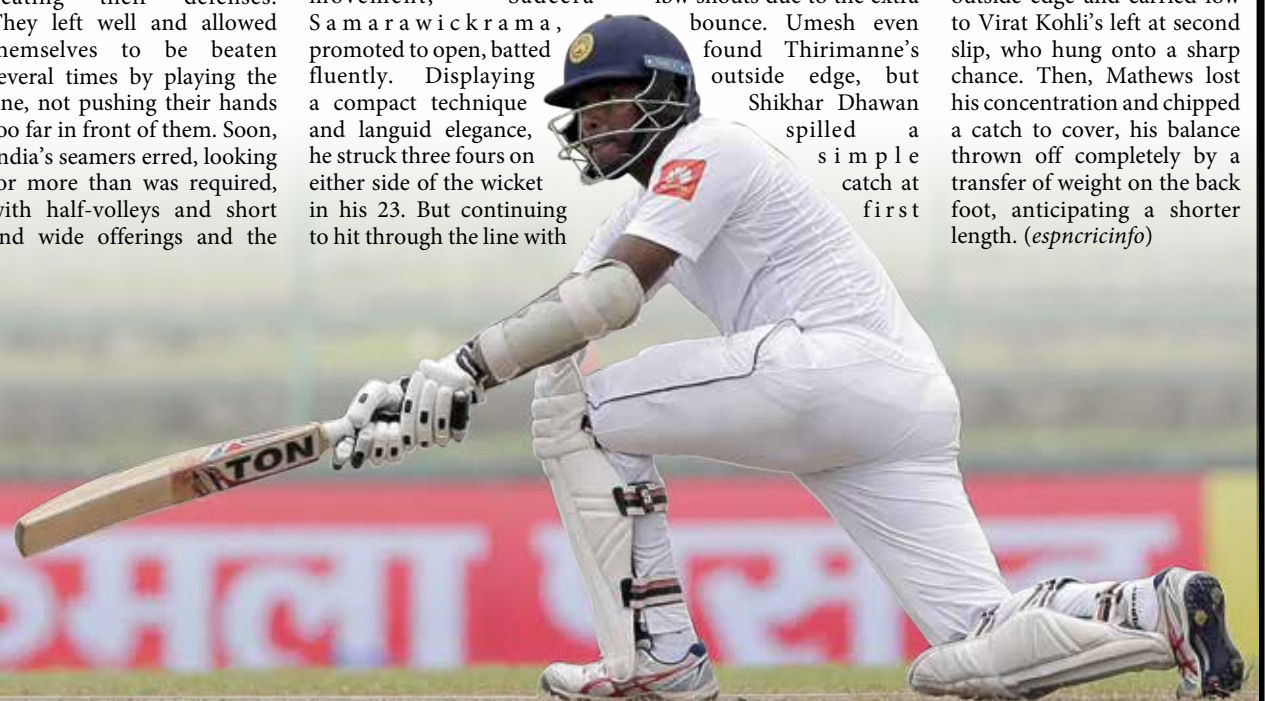
Thirimanne and Mathews then swung the game in Sri Lanka's favour. Still on this surface, they needed luck. Bhuvneshwar kept penetrating Mathews' inside edge, hitting him on both pads. A shorter length, though, meant he survived lbw shouts due to the extra bounce. Umesh even found Thirimanne's outside edge, but Shikhar Dhawan spilled a simple catch at first

BRIEF SCORE

Sri Lanka 165 for 4 (Mathews 52, Thirimanne 51, Dickwella 14*, Chandimal 13*) trail **India** 172 (Pujara 52, Lakmal 4-26) by 7 runs

slip.

Just after tea though, Umesh hit rhythm and cranked up the pace. An inswinger from around the wicket held its line, took Thirimanne's outside edge and carried low to Virat Kohli's left at second slip, who hung onto a sharp chance. Then, Mathews lost his concentration and chipped a catch to cover, his balance thrown off completely by a transfer of weight on the back foot, anticipating a shorter length. (espnricinfo)



Sri Lanka's Angelo Mathews plays a shot (file pic)

Hamza, Murtaza Ali make Bahrain proud

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Bahraini MMA athletes Hamza Mohammadov and Murtaza Talha Ali won gold to make Bahrain proud on the final day of the 2017 IMMAF competition.

After an exciting Bantamweight match that lasted three rounds, Hamza Mohammadov won against his opponent Olzhas Moldagayliv of Kazakhstan. He went into the match with high expectations on him after great showings in the previous stages of the competition.

The match started with Mohammadov attempting several take downs. At the fourth minute he finally succeeded, he capitalized the chance by delivering a number of blows. He had yet another successful take down in the second round. He continued his domination in the third round as he succeeded in another take down and dealt his opponents with a number of blows. The series of strikes caused significant damage and the match ended with that.

Murtaza Talha Ali became the second Bahriani to win a gold medal when he defeated Pavel Pahomenko of Belarus in the Light heavyweight. The match lasted three rounds with Pahomenko proving to be a strong opponent. In the second round a strike from Ali caused a significant cut to his opponent face. Following an intense third round of grapple exchanges, Ali was announced the winner via unanimous decision.

The other medals that were awarded to Bahrain was to Hussain Abdulla and Abdulmanap Magomadov who were presented with the bronze medal in the flyweight division and feather weight division respectively. In the female category Fatema Bureshaid won a bronze medal.

The other gold medal winners are Serdar Altas of Sweden won in the flyweight division, Delaunay Georgiev of Bulgaria won in the featherweight division, Quitin Thomas of USA in the lightweight division. In the female category, Manon Fiorot of France won in the Bantam weight division, Michele Oliveria of Brazil won in the flyweight division and Fabiana Giampa of Italy won in featherweight division.

The IMMAF competition was held at Khalifa Sports City Arena, as part of the Brave International Combat week. The final day of IMMAF marked the conclusion of the combat week.



Murtaza Talha Ali throws a punch in the final



Shaikh Khalid celebrates with Hamza Mohammadov



ABDULLA, MAGOMADOV WIN BRONZE MEDAL FOR BAHRAIN AT IMMAF CHAMPIONSHIP

Georgiev celebrates his victory



Highlight from the championship

WEC Bapco 6 Hours of Bahrain Toyota triumph

Manama

The stars were out yesterday at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir, but none shone brighter than Toyota Gazoo Racing in winning this year's hugely exciting FIA WEC Bapco 6 Hours of Bahrain.

Sebastien Buemi was behind the wheel of Toyota's no. 8 TS050 Hybrid as it crossed the finish line for the final chequered flag of the 2017 FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC).

Buemi shared duties in the car with teammates Anthony Davidson and Kazuki Nakajima, and they completed the endurance challenge with a total of 199 laps around BIC's 5.412-kilometre track. They enjoyed an incident-free race, allowing them to take over as leaders in the first hour and never looking back.

It was the third successive victory for the in-form trio as they end this year's WEC campaign with five wins in all.

World champions Porsche followed in second and third place, respectively. The double podium was a fitting farewell to the team in what was their final race in the WEC's Le Mans Prototype (LMP) category. The German manufacturers announced previously that they would be withdrawing from the series' premier class at the season's end.

Their no. 2 drivers' title-winning 919 Hybrid of Timo Bernhard, Earl Bamber and Brendon Hartley were the overall runners-up. They were one lap behind the winning Toyota but were also 46.641 seconds ahead of Porsche teammates and pole-sitters Neel Jani, Nick Tandy and Andre Lotterer, who had to settle for third.

Toyota's no. 7 challenger driven by Mike Conway, Kamui Kobayashi and Jose Maria Lopez was classified fourth overall, three laps behind their top-ranked teammates. They completed the overall classification in



Winners celebrate on the podium the LMP1 class.

Meanwhile, Bruno Senna led Vaillante Rebellion to first place in the LMP2 class. Sharing the duties with Julien Canal and Nicolas Prost in their Oreca 07-Gibson, Senna helped his team finish with a total of 186 laps. They were joined on the podium by the Jackie Chan DC Racing trio of Ho-Pin Tung,

Oliver Jarvis and Thomas Laurent who were second in their Oreca 07-Gibson, and third-placers Mathias Beche, David Heinemeier Hansson and Nelson Piquet Jr in the other Vaillante Rebellion challenger.

In the LMGTE Pro category, Sam Bird and Davide Rigon steered their Ferrari 488 GTE to a fine win

with a total 175 laps. They were followed by AF Corse teammates James Calado and Alessandro Pier Guidi.

The Aston Martin Racing trio of Pedro Lamy, Mathias Lauda and Paul Dalla Lana triumphed in the LMGTE Am category.

Bapco Deputy CEO Ebrahim Taleb presented Toyota Gazoo Racing for the

overall winners' trophy. FIA World Motorsport Council Member, Commission Internationale de Karting President and Bahrain Motor Federation President Shaikh Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa, BIC Chairman of the Board Arif Rahimi, and FIA President of the Endurance Commission Sir Lindsay Owen Jones were present.



Highlight from the championship

