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Muharraq Council lauds project implementation

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Muharraq Municipal Council has praised the implementation of Ghous Interchange Revamp Project and the project connecting Avenue 9 of Sheikh Isa bin Salman Highway (Phase 2) to Busaiteen, which aims to accommodate urban growth in Busaiteen and areas located north of Muharraq.

Tweet of the Day



Important day spent at Camp David with our very talented Generals and military leaders. Many decisions made, including on Afghanistan.

@realDonaldTrump

Today's Weather

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30 number plates up for grabs

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Auction firm Mazad has announced that it would put a selection of 30 special private vehicle number plates for electronic auction (e-auction). The e-auction, to be conducted in tandem with Arabian Auction, will open today at 6 pm and run until August 27. Those wishing to purchase the new numbers may participate in the e-auction through the website of "Arabian Auction"

<http://www.arabian.auction/> or through downloading the phone application of Arabian Auction. The Minimum bid is set at BD100.

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Bidders must pay 20pc of the minimum required bid for participation

20 per cent of the minimum required bid to secure participation. Payments can be made through either bank transfers or a valid credit card. A security deposit equal to 20 per cent of the auction's overall value shall be paid through the bank, by money transfer or by credit card

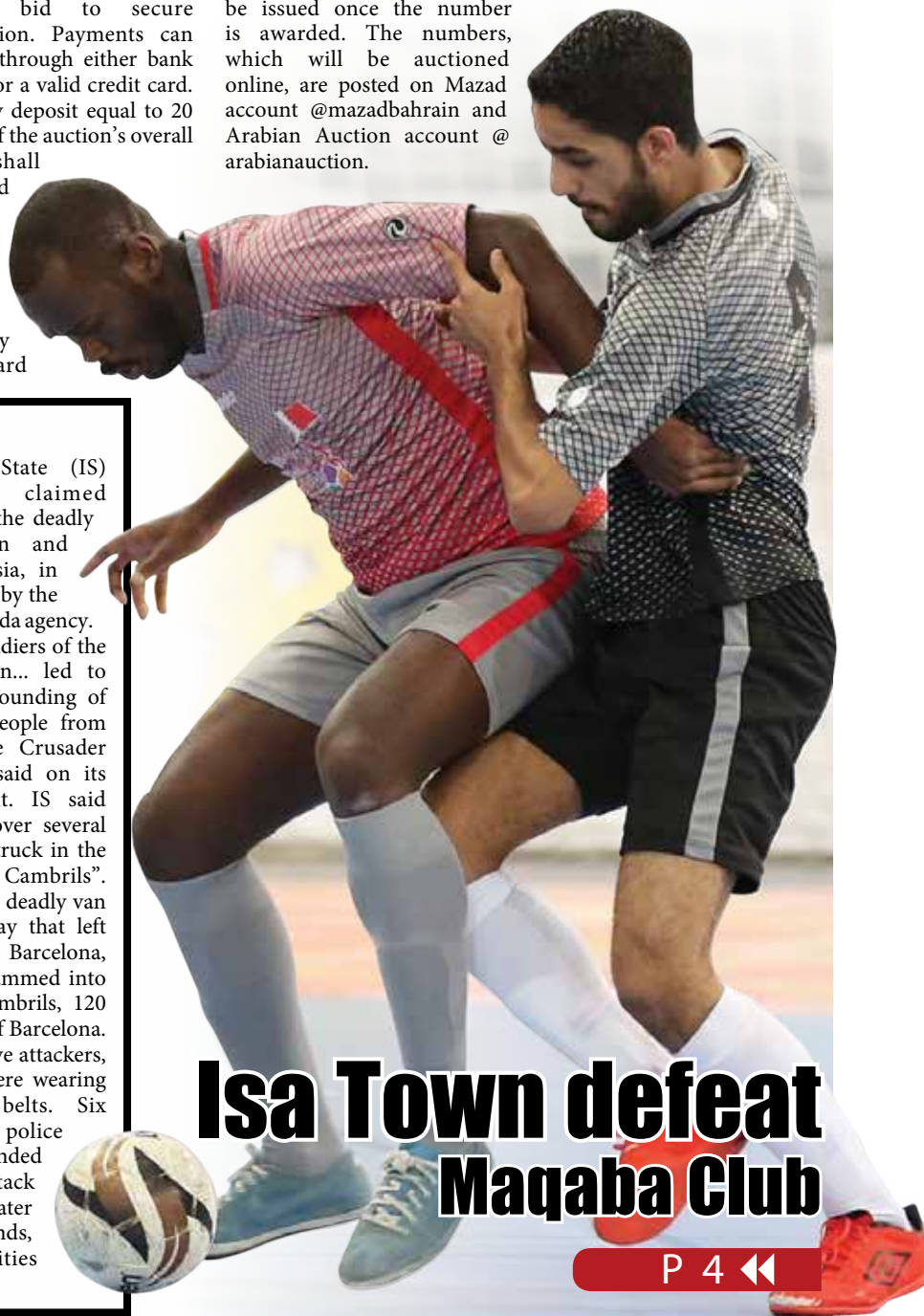
and a property deed would be issued once the number is awarded. The numbers, which will be auctioned online, are posted on Mazad account @mazadbahrain and Arabian Auction account @arabianauction.

IS claims attacks in Spain, Russia

Beirut
The Islamic State (IS) yesterday claimed responsibility for the deadly attacks in Spain and stabbings in Russia, in statements carried by the jihadists' propaganda agency. "Attacks by the soldiers of the caliphate in Spain... led to the deaths and wounding of more than 120 people from the states of the Crusader alliance," Amaq said on its Telegram account. IS said its fighters "ran over several Crusaders with a truck in the coastal town of Cambrils". Eight hours after a deadly van attack on Thursday that left 13 people dead in Barcelona, an Audi A3 car rammed into pedestrians in Cambrils, 120 kilometres south of Barcelona. Police killed the five attackers, some of whom were wearing fake explosive belts. Six civilians and a police officer were wounded in the second attack and one woman later died of her wounds, Spanish authorities said. -AFP



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**New Delhi**

At least 23 people were killed and dozens injured after an express train derailed in north India yesterday, officials said, as rescuers clambered across mangled carriages to pull passengers from the wreckage.

Emergency workers and crowds of local people rushed to the site where 14 coaches derailed near Muzaffarnagar district in Uttar Pradesh state, some 130 kilometres (80 miles) from New Delhi, the latest deadly disaster on the country's creaking rail network.

"Twenty-three people have died and 64 others are injured in the accident. Rescue and relief operations are continuing," G S Priyadarshi, Muzaffarnagar district magistrate, said.

A police officer at the accident spot said 50 people had been taken

to hospital.

Photographs and television footage showed twisted and upended coaches lying sideways as hundreds of people try to pull the passengers out.

"We are trying to take out the trapped people from the coaches," senior police officer Jitender Kumar said.

Another official said metal cutters and cranes were being used to reach inside the damaged coaches as the federal government rushed dozens of rescuers with specialised equipment and sniffer dogs to the spot.

"Scores of people have been safely evacuated from the coaches. Some dead bodies have also been recovered," fire and emergency officer Naresh Kumar said.

The train had left eastern Puri city on Thursday evening and was

scheduled to arrive in northern Hindu holy city of Haridwar on Sunday.

The accident is the latest disaster to hit India's most populous state. It comes just a week after dozens of children died at a hospital that had run out of oxygen there.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a tweet expressed sympathies with the families of those killed and assured all possible assistance.

India's railway network is still the main form of long-distance travel in the vast country, but it is poorly funded and deadly accidents often occur.

Less than a year ago 146 people died in a similar disaster in Uttar Pradesh after 14 carriages of a passenger train came off the tracks.

More than 2,000 passengers were on the train when it flipped off the rails that left over 150 injured.

In January nearly 40 people were killed when eight coaches and the engine of a passenger train derailed in the forest area of southern Andhra Pradesh.

A 2012 government report said almost 15,000 people were killed every year on India's railways and described the loss of life as an annual "massacre".

Modi's government has pledged to invest \$137 billion over five years to modernise the crumbling railways, making them safer, faster and more efficient.

His government has signed numerous deals with private companies to upgrade the network.

Japan has agreed to provide \$12 billion in soft loans to build India's first bullet train, with Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe expected to lay its foundation in September. (AFP)

Local residents look for survivors on the wreckage of train carriages after an express train derailed near the town of Khatauli in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh



Pakistan naval ship makes goodwill visit



Pakistan Ambassador Javed Malik, Captain Imtiaz Ali, Vice Admiral Kevin Donegan, Rear Admiral Naveed Ahmed Rizvi and other dignitaries cutting a cake on board PNS Alamgir

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Pakistan Naval Ship PNS Alamgir has arrived in Bahrain on a good-will visit. A special reception was organised on board the well-known naval ship PNS Alamgir as it arrived on a goodwill port call in the Kingdom commanded by Captain Imtiaz Ali.

Pakistani Ambassador Javed Malik welcomed guests that included diplomats, naval officers and members of the community. The reception was also a grand finale of a series of celebrations of Pakistan Independence Day that have been going on in Bahrain since

August 14. In his welcome speech the Ambassador highlighted the close maritime and defence cooperation between Pakistan and the Kingdom of Bahrain, and said that the visit by PNS Alamgir underscores the importance Pakistan attaches to its fraternal ties with the Kingdom, and its commitment to regional stability. The Ambassador highlighted that Pakistan Navy is a highly effective, efficient and integral part of the Armed Forces of Pakistan that is fully capable of keeping their maritime interests protected while also maintaining their

deterrence. Ambassador Javed Malik said that, Pakistan will continue to play its positive role in peacekeeping and ensuring regional stability. He also highlighted the significant role Pakistan Navy was playing in the Combined Task Force, and just a day ago on August 17, Pakistan Navy had assumed command of Combined Task Force (CTF-150) from France as part of the Combined Maritime Force (CMF) which is contributing towards peace and stability of the region.

Last week, the Pakistani frigate PNS Alamgir and the Australian frigate HMAS Newcastle

conducted a simultaneous replenishment at sea with the USNS Kanawha. This was followed by an opportunity to practice close in manoeuvres and improve interoperability. Both vessels are operating in the Gulf of Aden in direct support to CTF 150 and its counter terrorism mission.

PNS Alamgir is 453 feet long and displaces 4100 tons. It is propelled by 2 gas turbines on a single shaft and can achieve speeds in excess of 30 kts in 100 secs. Ship is well equipped for various national and multinational taskings. PNS Alamgir can carry two helicopters for multiple tasks.

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Isa Town defeat Maqaba Club



Action between Al Junoob and Arad

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Isa Town Youth Club defeated Maqaba Club 3-1 in the final match of Group 6 preliminaries of the Fifth Khalid bin Hamad Futsal League for Youth Centres, People with Disabilities and Girls (Khalid 5) at the Khalifa Sports City in Isa Town.

The man of the match was Hamad Abdulla of the Isa Town team.

In Group 7 action, Zallaq edged out Saar Club 2-1 with Atiya Mohammed the man of the match for the victors, while Al Junoob and Arad bid farewell to the competition with a thrilling 6-6, with Al Junoob's Mohammed Al-Ameer adjudged as man of the match.

Group 8 saw Hamad Town defeat Al Eker Club 7-3 to advance to the Round of 16 with Hussain Kazerooni of the winners nominated as the man of the match.

In another match, Bu Quwah inspired by man of the

match Mohammed Jawad also advanced to the next round after winning 3-1 against Al Maameer, who have been eliminated despite great support from its supporters.

The 16 qualifiers for the knockout stage have now been finalised and the next round gets underway tomorrow.

Meanwhile, competition in the disabled category begins today from 5pm with the participation of eight teams divided into two groups of four, playing six matches.

This tournament is being played under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and Honorary President of Bahrain Sports Federation for Disabilities and organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs and the Media Office of Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, under the slogan #Generations_Meeting.



The organising committee honouring the participating teams



Action between Bu Quwah and Al Maameer



Action between Isa Town and Maqaba



The organising committee honouring the participating teams



Hamad Abdulla receives man of the match award

Women and the World

Meredith Ann O'Connell



Justice for Survivors of Sexual Assault

It has been a summer of progress and justice for women in the Middle East. In the past two months not one but three countries have decided to do away with laws that allowed rapists to escape punishment by marrying their victims. In July, Tunisia passed several laws protecting women from violence, along with abolishing their "marry the rapist" law. In the beginning of August Jordan's lower house of Parliament decided to revoke a similar law; this week, Lebanon's Parliament repealed Article 522 which had dismissed charges if rapists married their victim.

These countries join several others in the Middle East and around the world that have chosen to repeal laws that allow rapists avoid punishment for their crime. Back in 1999, Egypt got rid of its Article 291: now all those convicted of rape are handed 25-year prison sentences. In 2014, Morocco amended its Article 475 after intense international attention following the suicide of a young girl who was forced to marry her rapist. Other countries are debating repealing or amending similar laws in their efforts to protect women and insure justice.

Most crimes do not come with a convenient "window of escape," or "Get out of Jail Free" card that washes the criminal of the crime. If one commits a crime, then they are tried and punished accordingly. While the marrying of a rapist to his victim entails the consent of the victim and/or her family, the fact remains that many times the girls and women involved do not truly consent to such an arrangement as societal and family pressure usually plays a large role.

No woman wants to spend the rest of her life with a man who raped her. "Marry the rapist" laws re-victimize survivors of rape over and over again. Forced to live with her attacker, the woman must subsequently relive the trauma of the attack. In addition to mental abuse their rapist may physically abuse or rape them again, forcing the woman to live in a constant state of fear and anxiety from which she cannot escape.

"Marry the rapist" laws allow rapists to escape their crime. Yet while they go free, the women they have harmed are condemned to living in a prison. They do not receive justice. Abolishing these laws protects survivors' dignity as well as their mental and physical health. Abolishing these laws further underlines the fact that rape is a crime and it will be treated as such.

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

Cookery contest today

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As part of the Onam celebrations, 4PM News in association with Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) Ladies Wing will be organising 'I-Cook Live' a cookery competition at the BKS auditorium in Segaya today. Twenty contestants will be participating in the event which will begin at 6.30pm. The participants have to prepare a non-vegetarian main course and a sweet dish for the competition. The ingredients will be provided by the organisers. Chefs from prestigious hotels in Bahrain will be the judges for the contest. Winners and participants will get attractive prizes. There will be other

Twenty contestants will be participating in the cookery contest which will begin at 6.30pm

entertainments programmes and prizes for audience as well. The event is mainly sponsored by Click On. Other sponsors are: Al Osra Group, VMB Traders, Muhammed Fakhroo and Brothers WLL, Saras, Sanford, Hot Pack and Green Way Trading. For registration and more details contact coordinator Mohini Thomas(39804019) or Shijith (38444687).

3 youths to take part in Land Rover 4x4 World Finals



From Left: Yakim Dondi, Robert Dewar and Ahmed Khan

High school students Ahmed Khan, Yakim Dondi and Robert Dewar will be representing Bahrain in the Land Rover 4x4 in Schools competition to be held in the UAE in December. The youngsters, all of whom are 17, will be participating in the finals. The trio will be the first to represent Bahrain in the annual competition which requires participating teams to build a radio-controlled vehicle. Ahmed told DT News that he is expecting a tough competition but are hopeful of bringing the top prize to Bahrain. Excerpts from an interview with Ahmed.

How did you get selected for the competition?

Two of us (myself and Yakim) have already competed in the F1 in Schools World Finals in Singapore in 2015. F1 in Schools is very similar to 4x4 in Schools and the organisers of both competitions are the same. Due to this previous experience of ours, we inquired the possibility of participating in the 4x4 in Schools World Finals. Since there's never been a Bahraini representative, we were directly invited and we hope that we can encourage other students of participating in this competition from next year.

Please explain how the competition works

The Land Rover 4x4 in Schools Technology Challenge requires students to build a radio controlled four-wheel drive (4x4) vehicle to the specifications provided by the International Rules Committee. It must

successfully navigate and complete obstacles on an off-road test track which is just as demanding as a real off-road situation. The vehicle must emulate the capabilities of a full size 4x4 vehicle. The National Champions from each country are then invited to compete at the Land Rover 4x4 in Schools World Finals. The car is not the only aspect of the competition as we have to make presentations, a pit display and portfolios which all have a weight-age to the overall points in crowning the World Champion.

How challenging is this project?

It is very challenging considering that we have to create a 4x4 car on our own along with organizing all the other things needed for this challenge. It would be much easier if we had the funds as we would be able to buy products which would make the process of manufacturing and designing much easier,

along with increasing our chances of propelling Bahrain's name at the World Finals in Abu Dhabi this December.

Why did you decide not to take help from a mentor before participating in this?

Since we already have profound experience in a project which is similar to this, we think that we can work on our own and be able to create a car which will be competitive enough to challenge the other teams at the World Finals. We also want to relinquish the chance to do something challenging on our own and to help increase our engineering knowledge through our own pathways.

Explain your role for the project and that of Yakim and Robert

Yakim is the car manufacturer and engineer. He is in charge of designing the full car and assembling it. Robert is the

graphic designer and logistics manager, which means that he organises the trip, and helps with the design of the car.

How much sponsorship money do you need?

We are currently looking at a budget of BD1500, whereas the minimum we are looking to raise is about BD1200. We already have secured about BD400 of the funds, but we still need a vast amount to cover the costs. Our sponsorship package includes: information and logos of the sponsor in the newspaper, logo on our website, logo on our shirts which we will wear at the world finals across 5 days in Abu Dhabi, logo on our car, logo on our pit display, exposure to thousands of individuals based in the Middle East and around the world. So far, we have sponsors in the form of Mathay Bullens (Belgian company) and Saltid (Bahrain based company).

Port permit to enhance competitive edge: GPIC



GPIC President, Dr Abdulrahman Jawahery with other officials during a photocall

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A two-year licence obtained by the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) to operate Urea port proves the company's desire to maintain a competitive edge in the market, said a top GPIC official yesterday.

GPIC Managing Director, Ibrahim Al Musaitir said this while receiving the licence documents from President, Dr Abdulrahman Jawahery during a visit to the GPIC complex.

GPIC received the two-year licence to use and manage the Urea port after satisfying all the criteria set by the Bahrain Maritime Code in maintaining the safety of sailing and protecting the

marine environment, the company said in a statement.

"This was a testimony to the GPIC's professional approach, performance, the management's desire to meet all requirements of the production processes and to maintain GPIC's competitive edge," said Al Musaitir.

GPIC exports Urea to various international markets through an own port, built according to the highest international standards. Assistant Undersecretary for Ports and Maritime Affairs Badr Hood Al Mahmoud handed over the licence documents to GPIC recently during a special visit to the GPIC complex.

Bahrain has over 40 private berths that offer multiple

services, activities and serves a variety of industries including manufacturing, marine infrastructure, construction and shipping. These facilities are concentrated in the main industrial areas of Bahrain, including North Sitra Industrial Zone, Mina Salman Industrial Zone, Salman Industrial City and Ras Zuwaid.

The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications as the maritime industry regulator, supervises licences and registration of ships, users and operators of ports and private berths. It also exercises strict control over the entry of facilities under the supervision of port and maritime affairs.

China cracks down on foreign spending sprees in sports clubs

Beijing

China is to restrict foreign investments in sports clubs, real estate and entertainment and is banning investment in pornography and "unauthorised" military technology.

The new rules were announced Friday by the government which had previously encouraged overseas spending sprees, but then warned late last year of "irrational" acquisitions amid fears that powerful conglomerates were racking up dangerous debt levels.

The announcement came days after British football

club Southampton said it had entered into a partnership with Chinese businessman Gao Jisheng, with reports saying he and his family had paid \$259.5 million for an 80 percent stake.

"Foreign investments that do not conform to China's efforts towards peaceful development, mutually beneficial cooperation and to macroeconomic regulation are subject to restriction," said the government, adding it wanted to "prevent risks".

Chinese firms will no longer be able to invest in conflict zones and places that do not have diplomatic ties with China.

High-profile Chinese deals in recent years have grabbed the limelight including Fosun's takeover of Club Med, HNA's stakes in Deutsche Bank and Hilton hotels, Anbang's purchase of New York's historic Waldorf Astoria, and Wanda's control of Hollywood studio Legendary Entertainment and 20 percent of the Atletico Madrid football club.

But authorities now appear to be concerned about the influence of these conglomerates, their mazes of subsidiaries and debt, and their capacity to trip up the Chinese economy. (AFP)

Death toll in SLeone disaster reaches 441

Freetown

The death toll from a mudslide and flooding that struck Sierra Leone's capital Freetown has reached 441, the government said yesterday.

"Four hundred and forty-one corpses (were) buried as at yesterday," the deputy minister of information and communication, Cornelius Deveaux, said, adding that the number of missing was "still being calculated."

A tally of deaths, issued on Friday by the Red Cross, stood at more than 400, with around 600 others listed as missing.

At Connaught Hospital, morgue worker Mohamed Sinneh Kamara gave a slightly higher toll than the minister's.

"We buried 50 more bodies on Friday. We have so far buried 450 corpses," he



A child receives a bag of supplies from disaster relief volunteers

said. "Most of the bodies were found decomposed and families were not allowed to identify (them)."

He added: "We're receiving calls from disaster-hit communities every three to four hours about a corpse found in a drainage or under a collapsed building."

Three more bodies were found in a search for survivors in the Regent district, the emergency services said.

Lebanon begins offensive against IS

Beirut

Lebanese troops yesterday launched an offensive against the Islamic State group on the country's eastern border with Syria, seeking to drive the jihadists from a long-time stronghold.

The operation came as IS faces multiple military attacks on territory it controls

in both Syria and neighbouring Iraq, where it lost the city of Mosul in July.

Militants have long been active in mountainous eastern Lebanon near the border with Syria, where a bloody civil war has raged since 2011.

In 2014, jihadists invaded the border town of Arsal, capturing 30 Lebanese soldiers and police. Security forces in the region have since come under regular attack.

"In the name of Lebanon, in the name of kidnapped Lebanese soldiers,



Lebanese army spokesman Ali Kansa (L) gestures during a news conference at the Ministry of Defense in Yarze east of Beirut

in the name of martyrs of the army, I announce that operation 'Dawn of Jurud' has started," army chief General Joseph Aoun said Saturday.

He was referring to two mountainous border areas -- Jurud Ras Baalbek and Jurud al-Qaa -- where IS has been active.

"The army is confronting the Daesh terrorists to chase them out and recover territory," army spokesman General Ali Qanso said, using an Arabic acronym for IS.

'Know your limits'

Erdogan warns German foreign minister

Istanbul

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan yesterday told German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel to "know your limits" after he vehemently criticised the Turkish leader for interfering in Germany's upcoming elections.

"He knows no limits! Who are you to talk to the president of Turkey? Know your limits. He is trying to teach us a lesson... How long have you been in politics? How old are you?" Erdogan said in a bitter personal attack on Gabriel.

Erdogan had a day earlier caused consternation in Berlin by urging ethnic Turks in Germany to vote against both parties in Chancellor Angela Merkel's ruling coalition in the September 24 legislative elections.

Gabriel condemned Erdogan's comments as an "unprecedented act of interference" in Germany's sovereignty.

"Of course they got uncomfortable. They all started jumping up and down," remarked Erdogan in a speech to supporters in the southwestern province of Denizli.

Erdogan repeated his

controversial call to ethnic Turks eligible to vote in the German elections not to cast their ballots for Merkel's Christian Democratic Union (CDU), their coalition partner the Social Democratic Party (SPD) or the Greens.

"Teach them (the three parties) a lesson in the German elections. They are waging a campaign against Turkey. Vote for those who don't have enmity towards Turkey."

He added: "It's not important for us whether Germany opens its doors to us or not. We have enough doors."

"We will go to countries that have opened their doors and we will open our doors to them," said Erdogan.

Analysts estimate that some 1.2 million people of Turkish origin will have the right to vote in the September polls as German citizens. (AFP)



President of Turkey and Chairman of the Turkey's ruling Justice and Development Party (AK Party), Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Turkey kills IS suspect, detains 4 'planning attack'

Istanbul

Turkish security forces yesterday killed one suspected member of the Islamic State (IS) extremist group and detained four more said to have been planning a bomb attack in the country, local authorities said.

Turkish forces in the southern Hatay region bordering Syria stopped a vehicle carrying five suspected IS members after receiving intelligence "they had come to our country to carry out a bomb attack", the regional governor's office said.

It said that four of the suspects gave themselves up but security forces opened fire on the fifth individual after he failed to heed warnings to surrender and attempted to attack them.

Identified as a Syrian national,



Representative picture

he later died in hospital despite efforts to save his life, the statement said.

The nationalities of the four detained suspects were not made clear.

The statement said intense investigations were continuing into the incident but did not say

if any explosives were found in the vehicle.

Turkey was hit by a succession of attacks in 2016 that left hundreds dead in the bloodiest year of terror strikes in its history.

The attacks were attributed to IS jihadists as well as the outlawed

Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) who have battled the Turkish state in an insurgency lasting more than three decades.

In one of the bloodiest strikes, a jihadist gunman opened fire on an elite nightclub in Istanbul just 75 minutes into New Year's Day in 2017, killing 39 people, mainly foreigners.

There has since been a lull in similar attacks, but tensions remain high and Turkish police launch raids almost daily against suspected IS cells across the country.

A 24-year-old Turkish police officer was stabbed to death in Istanbul last weekend by a suspected IS member who had been arrested on suspicions he was planning a suicide attack.

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GSO to boost consumer protection and economy

AGU signs deal with GCC Standardisation Organisation

Manama

GCC Standardisation Organisation (GSO) has contributed to increasing the efficiency of the GCC states' economies and ensuring the safety and well-being of citizens, said a top AGU official yesterday.

"This is more evident especially at the present time where economic and political blocs require special attention to the issues of standardisation and quality in products and services," said President of Arabian Gulf University (AGU), Dr Khalid bin Abdulrahman Al Ohali.

Al Ohali said this while signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on behalf of AGU with the GCC Standardisation Organisation (GSO) to assist various



Officials during the signing ceremony

standardisation activities in the GCC countries.

The deal is aimed at spreading the standardisation culture and protect consumers, environment and public health via relevant education, studies and research. The signing ceremony was held at AGU's premises in Bahrain.

"It's a step forward towards bolstering collaboration ties with specialised organisations in the GCC region," added Dr Al Ohali

Nabil bin Amin Al Mulla, President of GSO, who signed the MoU on behalf of the Organisation, affirmed that the deal aims at assisting the

GCC to achieve its objectives specified in its Articles of Association and the Gulf Economic Agreement and the GCC Customs Union to standardise the various standardisation activities in the GCC countries.

Al Mulla said that the signing of this agreement with

AGU is a real activation of the motto of the Organisation "A Sustainable Partnership" which aims to build relations and achieve integration with long-standing scientific and academic bodies.

"This agreement aims to establish a framework for training and capacity-building

in the field of standardisation in the GCC region in cooperation with the Centre for Training and Continuing Education at AGU. It will contribute to spreading the culture of standardisation and specifications and quality for both traders and consumers," said Al Mulla.

'Lego emergency' yields hundreds of toy bricks for Italian hospital

A pediatric cancer hospital in northern Italy thanked supporters online after a desperate and unusual appeal for toys earlier in the week yielded hundreds of boxes of Lego building boxes.

"What a pleasure to see a child able to choose and give him what he wants," read the Facebook post from the Ageop Ricerca association in Bologna. "Thank you world".

Lego emergency

The group -- which has been involved in research, funding and support for cancer patients and families at the oncology department of Sant'Orsola hospital in Bologna for 35 years -- appealed to its Facebook community Sunday as it faced a shortage of toys for its young cancer patients.

"At any age, building a car, robot or space shuttle is always a wonderful way to pass the time and allow the spirit to travel," Ageop director Francesca Testoni wrote. "Can you help us?"



500 boxes in 3 days

The hospital's young patients could only play with new and unopened toys for hygienic reasons. Within three days, the hospital received 500 boxes of new Lego building bricks, which she said is the most requested toy.

Fitch upgrade Greece debt, sees improvement

Washington

Credit rating agency Fitch upgraded Greece's debt by a notch. "Fitch believes that general govt debt sustainability will steadily improve, underpinned by ongoing compliance with the terms of the European Stability Mechanism," the agency said. It also cited "reduced political risk, sustained GDP growth and additional fiscal measures legislated to take effect through 2020."



Opioid drug maker settles US lawsuit

Chicago

Opioid drug maker Insys agreed to pay \$4.5 million to end a lawsuit in which it was accused of deceptive marketing, one of the first settlements of civil suits that drug manufacturers face over a US overdose epidemic. The lawsuit was brought by the state of Illinois -- among the hardest-hit regions dealing with rising overdose deaths stemming from addictive opioid painkillers.



What we watched this last week in Charlottesville and the reaction to it by the president of the United States concern all of us as Americans and free people. The presence of hate in our society was appallingly laid bare as we watched swastikas brandished on the streets of Charlottesville and acts of brutal terrorism and violence perpetrated by a racist mob."

- James Murdoch,
Chief Executive of 21st Century Fox

TIPS to ensure cyber security

No matter how effective—or expensive—the security tools protecting your network are, there's no way to predict the damage caused by a single careless user. To help out we've compiled a list of things users should be thinking about whenever they're using the Internet.

Practice good password management. Use a strong mix of characters, and don't use the same password for multiple sites. Don't share your password with others, don't write it down, and definitely don't write it on a post-it note attached to your monitor.

Never leave your devices unattended. If you need to leave your computer, phone, or tablet for any length of time—no matter how short—lock it up so no one can use it while you're gone. If you keep sensitive information on a flash drive or external hard drive, make sure to lock it up as well.

Back up your data regularly, and make sure your anti-virus software is always up to date.

Be sure to monitor your accounts for any suspicious activity. If you see something unfamiliar, it could be a sign that you've been compromised. (Cisco Umbrella)



Be conscientious of what you plug in to your computer. Malware can be spread through infected flash drives, external hard drives, and even smartphones.

Watch what you're sharing on social networks. Criminals can befriend you and easily gain access to a shocking amount of information—where you go to school, where you work, when you're on vacation—that could help them gain access to more valuable data.

Offline, be wary of social engineering, where someone attempts to gain information from you through manipulation. If someone calls or emails you asking for sensitive information, it's okay to say no. You can always call the company directly to verify credentials before giving out any information.

US launches formal trade investigation into China

Washington

The United States on Friday formally launched a trade investigation into China's intellectual property practices and forced transfer of American technology, which President Donald Trump had called for this week.

"On Monday, President Trump instructed me to look into Chinese laws, policies, and practices which may be harming American intellectual property rights, innovation, or technology development," US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said in a statement. "After consulting with stakeholders and other government agencies, I have determined that these critical issues merit a thorough investigation."

Foreign companies have long complained about

Beijing's failure to protect know-how and patents, and in some cases forcing firms to share information with domestic partners as the price for doing business in the



Donald Trump

massive Chinese market.

But they also have been timid about pressing too hard for their governments to take action, for fear of losing access to China. But "Washington will turn a blind eye no longer," Trump insisted on Monday.

"We will safeguard the copyrights, patents, trademarks, trade secrets and other intellectual property that is so vital to our security and to our prosperity," he said.

America, he added, will no longer tolerate Beijing's "theft" of US industrial secrets.

Lighthizer is launching the investigation under Section 301 of US trade law, which addresses intellectual property.

Beijing this week fired back, warning that "everybody will lose" in the event of a trade war between the world's two largest economies.

Japan launches satellite for building better GPS system

Tokyo

Japan yesterday launched the third satellite in its effort to build a homegrown geolocation system aimed at improving the accuracy of car navigation systems and smartphone maps to mere centimetres.

An H-IIA rocket blasted off at about 2:30 pm (0530 GMT) from the Tanegashima space centre in southern Japan, according to the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). The rocket successfully released the "Michibiki" No.3



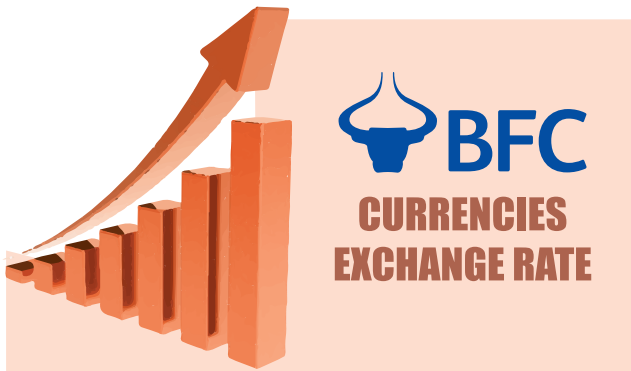
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satellite about 30 minutes after launching. "The rocket flew as planned, and the agency confirmed that the Michibiki

No.3 was released with no abnormalities 28 minutes and 37 seconds after the launch," an official statement said.

Forget oil, Russia goes crazy for cryptocurrency

Marinichev is one of Russia's leading crypto-businessmen



COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.3079	0.3043
BANGLADESH	0.00478	0.00467
CANADA	0.3076	0.3033
DENMARK	0.0627	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0217
EURO	0.4531	0.4489
HONGKONG	0.04968	0.49280
INDIA	0.00595	0.00592
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QATAR	3.6420	3.5276	3.7601	3.3218
UAE	3.6730	3.5577	3.7921	3.3501
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Moscow

Standing in a warehouse in a Moscow suburb, Dmitry Marinichev tries to speak over the deafening hum of hundreds of computers stacked on shelves hard at work mining for crypto money.

"The form of currency we are used to is about to disappear," predicts the 42-year-old entrepreneur, who also works as President Vladimir Putin's adviser on internet matters.

Marinichev is one of Russia's leading crypto-businessmen at the helm of operations in this facility larger than a football pitch located in a former Soviet-era car factory, which collects virtual money on the accounts of its clients.

Individuals, or firms like Marinichev's, provide the computing power to run the so-called blockchain which records the world's virtual money transactions. In return for providing that service they receive virtual money, of which bitcoin is the most popular, as payment -- a process bitcoiners call "mining".

Mining farms like this represent a growing craze in Russia for bitcoin and other virtual currencies not backed by governments or central banks that are increasingly used for goods and services on the internet.

The hunt for virtual currencies is accessible "to anyone who may be hardly familiar with computer science," Marinichev said.



Russia's crypto-businessman Dmitry Marinichev

"It's no more complicated than buying a cellphone and connecting to a network."

The practice has become so popular in Russia that computer stores in the country have run out of graphic and video cards developed for gamers but are used by bitcoin miners to boost the processing power of their home computers.

Marinichev this week unveiled a more sophisticated setup, inviting investors to pitch in \$100 million to join a mining club and develop a Russian mining chip called Multiclet through his startup.

Benefit of long winters

"The explosion of virtual currency value has made mining profitable enough to make it a professional activity," said Sergei, a 29-year-old computer scientist who runs half a dozen graphics cards plugged

into the electrical grid of the company where he works. "Others cut into the municipal electrical cables."

Russia has a competitive advantage as an environment for mining, as Marinichev points out in a brochure for prospective investors: electricity here costs just 1.3 US cents per kilowatt hour while long winters save money on cooling systems.

'Not an absolute evil'

Authorities in Russia were long suspicious of virtual money but have now come to recognise it as a force. A new bill is set to be debated this autumn which aims to regulate the possession and creation of crypto currency in the country. The legal foundation for virtual money has so far been non-existent in Russia and it is associated with illicit activities like hacking and used to purchase drugs on the dark web.

"There is now an understanding at the highest level in the country that virtual currencies are not an absolute evil but a possible good, especially for the economy," said Marinichev.

Putin in early June even held a meeting at an economic forum with Buterin, the 23-year-old creator of ethereum, who lobbied the Russian president to expand the currency's use in Russia.

Last year, Russia's largest banks tested the platform for some of their transactions. The country's central bank even pondered development of a "national virtual currency". (AFP)



Russia's crypto-businessman Dmitry Marinichev's virtual currencies mining farm operates in a former Soviet-era car factory warehouse in Moscow

Militias prepare for battle in America's South

Chris Hill, founder of the Georgia Security Force III% militia, loading a rifle during a field training exercise in Jackson, Georgia



Chris Hill (R), founder of the Georgia Security Force III% militia, waiting with members to practice sparring during a field training exercise in Jackson

Each month, Chris Hill gets together with friends to spend a few days in a remote forest in Georgia, deep in the heart of the American South.

They trade stories over a campfire, feast on barbecue food -- and practice raids with semi-automatic rifles in case the government decides to come for their weapons.

Dressed in combat fatigues and armed with military-grade weapons, the twenty or so members of the "Georgia Security Force" have gathered on a scorching hot weekend to conduct patrols, fire live rounds and carry out an assault on a mock-up house.

"I'm prepared for civil war, civil unrest, EMP (electromagnetic pulse) attack from North Korea, Russia, invasion from a foreign government, my own government turning its guns against the people in an effort to disarm," says Hill, a 42-year-old paralegal who prefers the moniker "General Bloodagent" when leading the group he founded in 2008.

His is one of an estimated 165 armed anti-government

militias currently operating in the United States. Their exact goals vary, but they are largely united by a distrust of government, a strong belief in individual liberties such as the right to bear arms, and, since last year's presidential campaign, an affinity with Donald Trump.

A 'family'

Members come from near and far, though few maintain the beefy physiques seen in the soldiers they admire.

Confederate flags -- controversial symbols associated with the racism of the Old South -- are draped around the camp, as are black flags bearing the Arabic for 'infidel.'

Rooster and Yvette DiMaria, a married couple who signed up recently, regularly journey from the neighboring state of South Carolina to be with what they refer to as their "family."

For Rooster, the attraction lies in "being around like minds who all believe in the same thing, in the Constitution, they believe in

Christianity and doing the right thing."

His wife, Yvette, is the only woman in the militia this weekend, and maintains a perfect manicure as she unloads rounds from her assault rifle.

Both were disillusioned by politics until Trump announced his candidacy last year, and Yvette says she often found herself derided by her peers who called her views racist and homophobic.

"Instead of being at my home and griping about it, not doing anything, I joined a movement where I'm now out in the open. I can voice my opinion," she explained.

"I have people that want to hear it and I have people that say I identify with her. I'm a wife, I'm a mother, I'm an American patriot, I'm a Christian, I'm a business woman, and I can identify with her."

Trump country

Militias frequently provided security during Trump's campaign rallies, to counter any possible protests by

themselves," said Gallagher.

Carol Gallagher, a professor at American University in Washington DC, explains that many ultra-conservatives who had given up on mainstream politicians were attracted to the New York billionaire's tough rhetoric on undocumented immigrants and US jobs going abroad.

"The typical person who's in the militia movement is white working class, they're not obviously poor but they have kind of a low paying job and for them Trump is attractive," she said.

Some are survivalists, preparing for a dystopian future bereft of modern amenities, while others believe in hard right politics, including at times white supremacism.

"If you go back at American history these armed militia groups have been with us since the very beginning, and part of it has to do with when people came here, there weren't established police forces, there weren't established military forces so people created their own militias to protect

Growing threat?

These days, however, they are seen as extremist movements and are on the radar of law enforcement agencies like the FBI.

According to research carried out in 2016 by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), an anti-extremism non-profit group, 623 anti-government groups operate in the United States, including the 165 militias.

And the shocking killing of a protester in violence surrounding a "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Virginia on August 12 has brought renewed attention to ultra-conservative forces -- whether they identify as Neo-Nazis, the Ku Klux Klan, the Alt-Right or simply call themselves a "Patriot militia" like the Georgia Security Force.

Asked whether any GSF members were at the event or provided security, Hill said, "No comment."

Famous alumni of the militia movement include

Timothy McVeigh, who was executed for killing 168 people when he blew up a federal building in Oklahoma City in 1995, hoping to spark a revolution.

Hill insists that will never happen with his followers, and anyone showing even a hint of what he sees as radicalism will be kicked out.

Yet within his group, ideas that for many would constitute extremist thought are allowed to flourish -- and these days Muslims are the prime target. Chandler Wolf, a 22-year-old former soldier, describes Islam as a "sick, mental illness" that should not be permitted to take root in the United States.

For Ryan Lenz, a senior reporter for the SPLC, views like these come as no surprise.

"These groups are defined by ideologies that undermine the rule of law of the United States and furthermore are born from a garden of extreme conspiracy theories," he says. "It's not a matter of if they lead to violence, we know they do. It's a matter of when." (AFP)



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza yesterday received the newly appointed Jordanian Ambassador Rami Saleh Al Adwan and praised the brotherly relations between the two countries.



Pakistan Club celebrated the 70th Independence Day of Pakistan at their pro



Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company's (GPIC) Managing Director, Ibrahim Al Musaitir, in the presence of GPIC's President, Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery, members of the Executive Management and Vice President of the Workers Union, presented a certificate and appreciation award to Jamal Jassim Malallah from the Maintenance Department, nominated as Employee of the Month for April 2017



National Institution of Human Rights (NIHR) Chairman Said b... Union Federation (Al-Hurr) led by Executive Council Chairma... memorandum of understanding and hold joint meetings to c... (Al-Hurr). The meeting was attended by NIHR Vice Chairman Ak... Khoury, committee member Dr. Aisha Mubarak and legal resear



Kerala Catholic Association (KCA) held the finale of their summer camp on Friday at the KCA VKL Auditorium. Pancily Varkey, General Manager of BFC, was the Chief Guest of the evening



Rotary Club of Salmaniya held a regular meeting at the Golden Tulip Hotel. Guest speaker was Mohamed AlAsfoor who spoke on "Sickle Cell Challenger".



...mises. Above, Pakistan Ambassador Javed Malik during the celebration. Right, the Ambassador presenting a memento to BCCI member Sajid Shaikh



... Mohammed Al Faihani received a delegation from Bahrain Free Labour Union Federation led by Yaqoob Mohamed Youssef. The two sides discussed a proposal to sign a MoU to discuss complaints forwarded to the Bahrain Free Labour Union Federation. Presenting the proposal were: Economic, Social and Cultural Committee chairperson Maria Youssef, researcher Amani Al-Haddad



Works Affairs Undersecretary of the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning Ahmed Al Khayyat received a delegation led by MP Ahmed Abdul Wahid Qarata, representative to the Capital Governorate's 2nd Constituency. During the meeting, Qarata raised a number of requests, including constructing speed humps along Road 1122 in Block 311, changing traffic signals at entrances and exits upon the request of residents of Block 311 and removing the pavement parallel to a restaurant in Gufool in Block 321



Kerala Catholic Association (KCA) Volleyball Wing bid farewell to Thomas K Joseph (better known as Kuwait Joy) who was instrumental in organising volleyball tournaments in the Kingdom and served as Sports Secretary of KCA

CELEBS

Liam @LiamPayne
 You have outdone all my dreams I dreamt from my bedroom when I started this as a 14 year old boy I never expect to come this far thank you



Jenkins in final talks to direct 'Wonder Woman 2'

Los Angeles Director Patty Jenkins is in final talks to helm the sequel of "Wonder Woman".

In talks with Warner Bros, Jenkins is close to signing a deal with the studio to step back into the director's chair, reports aceshowbiz.com.

While "Wonder Woman 2" was officially confirmed at the Comic-Con, Jenkins' involvement beyond writing a treatment for the sequel was not confirmed until now.

Jenkins is in negotiations about her salary after "Wonder Woman" became a hit which is also the reason why the deal is getting delayed.

"Wonder Woman 2" is set for a December, 2019 release.

Geoff Johns is providing the screenplay for the film while Gal Gadot is set to return as Diana Prince. (IANS)

Social media trolls are cowards

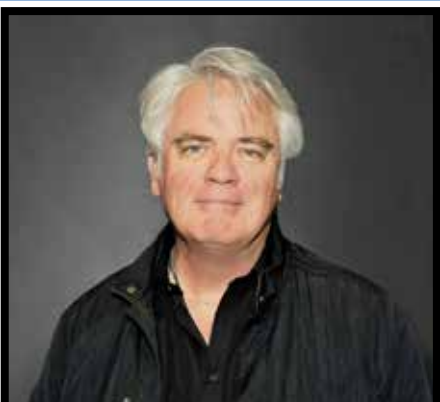


London Singer Frankie Bridge feels that people who troll others over social media are "cowards".

Bridge has previously been subjected to harsh criticism on social media platforms like Twitter, and she believes the general public is unaware of the severity of the problem, reports dailymail.co.uk.

"I was really surprised that people weren't aware that this goes on. I find it a really important subject. Social media is massive, it can be an amazing platform, but some people use it in the wrong way," Bridge said on TV show "Lorraine".

Frankie is trying to put a spotlight on the issue through a new TV documentary called "Celeb Trolls: We're Coming To Get You". (IANS)



Harney to star in 'Widows' cast

Orange is the New Black actor Michael Harney has been cast in Steve McQueen's crime thriller 'Widows'.

The 61-year-old star has joined Liam Neeson, Robert Duvall, Viola Davis, Michelle Rodriguez, and Colin Farrell in the film from New Regency and 20th Century Fox. The movie follows surviving widows who come together to try to finish a failed heist job after their partners are killed during a robbery.

Harney will play Sgt Fuller, a corrupt cop involved in a conspiracy. (TOI)

'Predator' actor Sonny Landham dies

Los Angeles Actor Sonny Landham, who appeared in "Predator" and "48 Hrs", is no more.

He died from congestive heart failure on Thursday in Lexington, Kentucky. He was 76, reports variety.com.

The actor, who was part Seminole and part Cherokee, was best known for portraying Native American tracker Billy Sole in Arnold Schwarzenegger-starrer "Predator" in 1987. However, he did not appear in the film's sequels.

Landham's early work in the 1970s included several X-rated films, but after appearing in Walter Hill's 1979 street-gang thriller "The Warriors", Landham often portrayed the tough guy in 1980s films including roles in "Action Jackson" and "Lock Up". (IANS)



STARRY Birthday Andrew Garfield

August 20, 1983

Actor best known for playing Spider Man in the 2012 blockbuster *The Amazing Spider Man* and in its 2014 sequel, *The Amazing Spider Man 2*. He earned BAFTA and Golden Globe nominations.



Coyle cast in 'Mary Queen Of Scots'

Veteran British actor Brendan Coyle has come on board Saoirse Ronan-starrer 'Mary Queen Of Scots'.

The 54-year-old star has also joined Margot Robbie, Guy Pearce, Jack Lowden, Joe Alwyn, Martin Compston and David Tennant in the period drama, which is currently being shot in England and Scotland.

The film will be directed by the first-time feature filmmaker Josie Rourke.

It explores the turbulent life of the charismatic Mary Stuart, Queen of France at 16 and widow at 18 who defies pressure to remarry.

'House Of Cards' creator Beau Willimon adapted the screenplay based on John Guy's biography 'My Heart is My Own: The Life of Mary Queen of Scots'.

Producers are Tim Bevan, Eric Fellner, and Debra Hayward. Focus has worldwide rights and will release the film in the US, while Universal Pictures International will distribute internationally. (TOI)



Jaime King joins 'Ice Cream in the Cupboard'

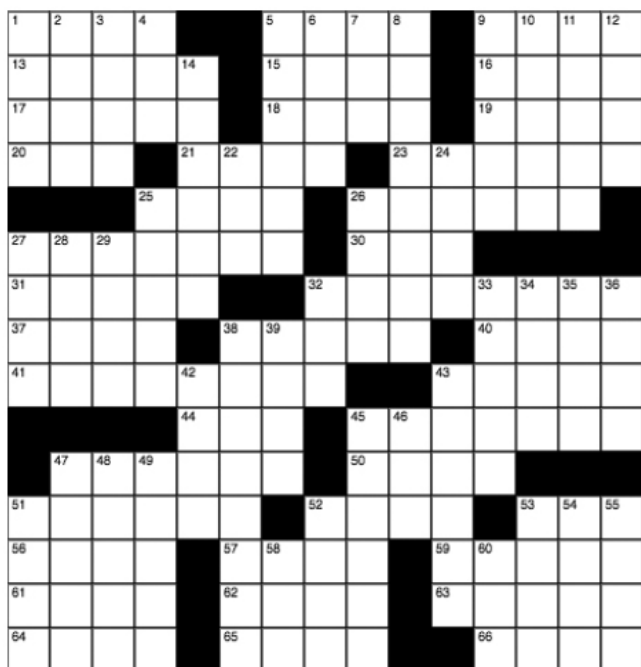
'Sin City' actor Jaime King has been cast in an upcoming indie drama 'Ice Cream in the Cupboard', adapted from Pat Moffat's book of the same name.

Drew Pollins is directing the drama, which is currently being shot in LA. The book tells of a couple's broken life when the wife is diagnosed with early Onset Alzheimer's. Claudia Ferri and Dana Ashbrook are playing the couple, while King is playing a neurologist that tries to help the duo. (TOI)



Musicians Christopher Louis, Leon Outlaw Jr., Terence Thomas, Malik Knighten and Tre'Von Waters of Next Town Down arrive at the 2017 Black Music Honors at Tennessee Performing Arts Centre yesterday in Nashville, Tennessee (AFP)

CROSSWORD



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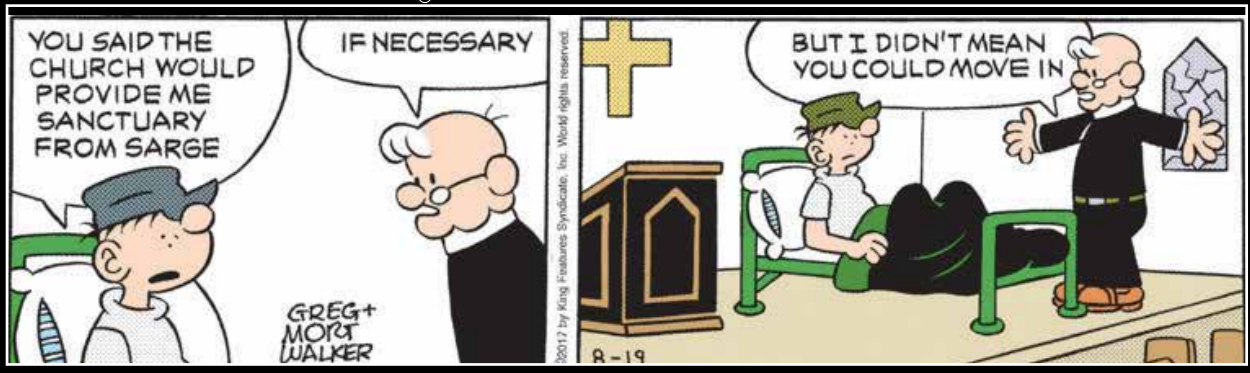
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



You're feeling altruistic today. You're eager to do what you can for others. You can now put into action all those lofty visions of volunteering for a worthy cause. It's time to do some real work. You'll be astonished at how great it feels to make a direct contribution.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Children are highlighted today, either yours or someone else's. You could be in one of the healing professions. If you're a nurse or doctor, you may have the opportunity to make a big difference in the life of one of your patients. If you're a parent, see if you can spend extra time with your children. You will all benefit from some quality time together.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



You have a generous spirit. And today you're feeling particularly altruistic. Finally, you have a chance to help your fellow man in a very real, direct way. Forget about big goals and lofty visions. Don't try to set out to eradicate world hunger. You can go down to a local shelter and help cook a meal for a few dozen people. The personal contact will do you good.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



This may be an intense day, especially if you follow your instincts and say what needs to be said to loved ones. There may be some unresolved issues at home. Do you and your siblings need to address them? If so, today is the day. You can expect some emotional reactions. This will be draining at first but ultimately therapeutic.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



This is just the kind of day you like- intense and supercharged, just like you! It seems there's a deadline coming up, or a time-sensitive project. You'll have a lot to do and not a lot of time in which to do it. This is when you're at your most productive. Just remember to drink plenty of water and eat. Even superheroes need fuel in order to accomplish their heroics.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



You're an organized, disciplined person. No one who knows you would disagree. But there are times when you need to loosen up a bit, and this is just such a time. Forget about work, chores, and all your daily obligations. You've been working too hard lately. Live a little. Take a holiday. Don't think of this as being irresponsible. Think of it as being human!

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Today you may have to make some important decisions. You're demanding of your friends and loved ones. Have you ever thought about why? It's possible that you demand more of them than you do of yourself, and that doesn't seem fair, does it? Today insight and inspiration will show you how you can rectify this. Lower your standards for others or raise your standards for yourself.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



You may be thinking about everything you need to do to improve your work situation. You've made your demands clear, but no one seems to be paying attention. Maybe you've approached the wrong people. This could be just the excuse you've always needed to become your own boss. You have creativity and sound business ideas.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



You're sensitive, and impressionable. You may not appreciate the intense atmosphere building, but it may be just what you need to get motivated. Yes, you're about to face a lot of pressure, but you can handle it. No more planning, no more delays, no more staring off into space. Buckle down and get your work done. You can fantasize during your free time.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



It's one thing to stick to your guns, another altogether to do so without considering the views of others. People may resent this stubbornness. Today you're encouraged to take a good look at yourself. Practice listening rather than speaking and you may be amazed at what you learn. Other people have opinions, too. Some of them are valid. Imagine that!

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



Today you may be confronted with one of the harsher aspects of your personality. It can be a bit of a shock when such a thing happens. It may be that your temper flares or you wrestle with feelings of jealousy. You're normally on top of your emotions, and losing control in any way is upsetting. Don't fret. You're human like everyone else.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Today you won't feel quite like your usual upbeat self. There's nothing to be concerned about. It's just that you have a lot to do and can't help but be focused on it. You certainly are conscientious! See if you can't get out for some fun after you've finished your tasks. You've earned a break.

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Barcelona under

Beirut

Barcelona's authorities came under fire yesterday for failing to put up security barriers at the seaside city's main tourist thoroughfare, Las Ramblas, the site of a deadly jihadist attack two days ago.

An outcry has erupted on social media and in the

press about the absence of bollards -- short concrete posts designed to stop vehicles from driving onto sidewalks, with some people even demanding the mayor's resignation for ignoring police recommendations for such preventive barriers.

But Ada Colau, the mayor

of Barcelona, Spain's most popular tourist destination, hit back, arguing that "it's not the right place to talk today about what could have been avoided by placing bollards at Las Ramblas."

"The perpetrators of the attack wanted to kill and if they were unable to enter Las

Ramblas, they would have done so elsewhere, and we can't put security barriers all over a city like Barcelona," she said.

City officials also said that such decisions are adopted in conjunction with regional and state authorities.

Although Spain's interior

ministry had recommended that cities erect security barriers at crowded places, the tripartite security council of state, regional and city authorities had decided against them for Las Ramblas.

"There's already a lot of structures -- trees, benches, kiosks, street-lamps -- and

adding more would hinder the access of emergency vehicles," a spokesman for local authorities said.

With Spain's terror threat level at four out of a maximum five, Barcelona had ramped up security at concerts and festivities.

'No sign of radicalisation': father



Spain's Queen Letizia visiting victims of the Barcelona attack at the Hospital del Mar in Barcelona

Melouiya

Residents of Melouiya, a village high in Morocco's Atlas Mountains, are in shock at the news two of their sons were implicated in terror attacks in Spain.

A traditional tent set up on a rocky patch of ground near the rough stone house of the Oukabir family, originally intended for a wedding reception, has been turned into a funeral tent.

"Joy has given way to sadness and pain," said Abderrahim, in his forties, an uncle of the Oukabir brothers.

Driss Oukabir, 27, was arrested in the Spanish town of Ripoll on Thursday just hours after a van sped into crowds on the busy Las Ramblas avenue in central Barcelona, leaving 13 people dead.

His brother Moussa, 17, was one of five "suspected terrorists" shot dead after knocking down pedestrians in the Catalan seaside resort of Cambrils in a second attack in the early hours of Friday.

"We are in shock, completely distraught", said the father of the two young men, Said, with

tears in his eyes.

With an athletic build and a baseball cap on his head, he was surrounded by family members, neighbours and friends who had come to offer their condolences.

"Spanish police called Moussa's mother who is in Spain to tell her that he was dead," he said shortly before the official announcement by police on Friday night.

The twin terror attacks left 14 people dead and some 120 wounded. "We are simple, peaceful people. We don't know anything about radicalism or terrorism," another resident said.

'Nice boy'

The economy of the impoverished, mostly Berber-speaking region is based mainly on farming, herding and money sent home by family members working in Europe.

Said Oukabir left to try his luck on the other side of the Mediterranean in the 1990s.

With his son Driss, who was 10 at the time, he headed for the province of Girona in

Catalonia.

Moussa, who would have celebrated his 18th birthday in October, was born in Ripoll, a Spanish town of around 10,000 people about 100 kilometres (60 miles) north of Barcelona.

The family have since lived between Spain, Melouiya and another Moroccan town, Aghbala.

The news that the two brothers were implicated in the Spain attacks shocked relatives, who said they had no idea the pair had been radicalised.

"The whole region is in shock," Moussa's uncle said. "He was gentle, always smiling, he didn't smoke or drink."

Said said his sons had shown no sign of radicalisation.

"They lived like the young people of their age, dressed like them," said their father, who was called in by Moroccan police early on Saturday.

"Moussa was a nice boy who didn't hurt anyone."

"He was attending classes and was going to take his high school exams next year. He recently started praying... but it stopped there."

He said the young man,



Omar, 4 year-old, holds a message reading "I a Muslim, not a terrorist"

who has three sisters, had "doubtless" been manipulated.

A cousin said Moussa "loved playing football, having a good time, chatting up girls".

He travelled to Morocco almost every year for the summer holidays and was expected back last Tuesday, the

cousin said.

"The last few months, he started to become interested in religion. He used to go to a mosque in Ripoll. Maybe that's where he was brainwashed," he said, adding that the brothers' parents had recently divorced.

Their father said that Driss,

the older brother, had "left school early to work honestly and earn a living".

"Today he is between the hands of God and the police. He is under investigation. I hope they will say he's innocent. I don't want to lose both my sons." (AFP)

fire over assault

Seven hurt in knife attack in Russia

Moscow

A man stabbed seven people on the street in Russia's far north Saturday before being shot dead by police but investigators said that his motive was most likely not terrorism.

The incident took place yesterday morning in the city of Surgut, where the man "carried out attacks on passers-by, causing stab wounds", said Russia's Investigative Committee which probes major crimes.

It said armed police called to the scene had "liquidated" the attacker.

Regional officials said seven people were taken to hospital and on Saturday afternoon, four remained in a serious condition while one was stable and two were discharged.

The regional interior ministry told Interfax news agency that the theory that the incident was "a terrorist (attack) is not the main one."

The Investigative Committee said it had

established the man's identity, saying he was a local resident born in 1994, and that they were looking into "his possible psychiatric disorders."

Investigators opened a criminal probe into attempted murder and Committee chief Alexander Bastykin has taken the incident under his personal control.

Russian television said the victims were aged between 27 and 77 and include two women.

Busy area

Regional police said officers fired warning shots at the scene before firing at the suspect who was wearing a balaclava.

YouTube footage shown on Russia's Ren TV television showed a black-clad man lying on a pedestrian walkway with a policeman kneeling on his back as sirens wailed.

Channel 5 showed video footage of a sniffer dog being deployed to check the body and a photograph of a young man

bleeding heavily slumped over a bench.

State news agency TASS said the city's largest shopping centre was evacuated after the stabbings, citing its director, and police posted a video of the attack site, showing it to be an area busy with traffic and blocks of flats.

The city lies some 2,100 kilometres (1,330 miles) northeast of Moscow in the oil-rich Khanty-Mansi region.

The region's governor was flying out to the city to hold a meeting with investigators, authorities said.

And the regional government moved to curb panic in the city, insisting the situation was "under control" and calling for calm.

It also urged both residents and the media to "use reliable information in assessing the situation until all the circumstances are established."

Writing on Twitter, opposition leader Alexei Navalny questioned the authorities' treatment of the incident.

"Someone runs round with a knife and tries to kill as many people as possible. What is that, if not a terrorist attack?"

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A young Muslim girl holds a message reading "First of all we are human. Islam is peace"



People pay tribute to the victims of the Barcelona attack on Las Ramblas boulevard in Barcelona

New bishop brings hope to Syria



Syriac Orthodox Patriarch Mar Ignatius Aphrem II (L) stands behind Hasakeh's newly appointed bishop Maurice Amseeh (C) during his inauguration at the Saint George Cathedral in Syria's northeastern city of Hasakeh

Hassake

Syriac Orthodox Christians in Syria's northeastern city of Hasakeh celebrated the inauguration of the community's new bishop on Saturday, four years after the last one left the country.

Six years of conflict have ravaged Syria and displaced more than half of its population, including millions who have become refugees.

Christians in some parts of the country have been particularly targeted by the jihadists of the Islamic State group, who have torn down and desecrated churches and Christian icons.

In the Saint George Cathedral in Hasakeh city, worshippers said Archbishop

Maurice Amseeh's arrival was a sign that their community remained resilient despite the war.

"It's true that many have left, but we're still here, and what happened today is the proof that we're still here in this country and that we will stay," said 23-year-old student Jenny Hakop.

Congregants ululated as Amseeh walked down the aisle, dressed in white and blue robes richly embroidered with gold thread.

"To have a flock without a bishop is difficult, it loses its way," said Georgette, a 37-year-old schoolteacher, expressing the hope that Amseeh would help revitalise the church.

Amseeh's official mandate

extends to the Syriac Orthodox community throughout the Jazeera and Euphrates region, including neighbouring Deir Ezzor province, which remains largely under IS control.

"As soon as Deir Ezzor is freed from terrorism, I will make a blessed trip there to start rebuilding both buildings and people," he said.

Much of Hasakeh province and Hasakeh city are under the control of a Kurdish "autonomous administration" with smaller parts of both controlled by the central government.

Among the pictures and bunting adorning the church exterior on Saturday was a large poster of President Bashar al-Assad. (AFP)

Italy expels Moroccans, Syrian as fears mount

Rome

Italy said yesterday it had deported two Moroccans and a Syrian on security grounds, lifting to 202 the number of potentially dangerous Islamists expelled since January 2015.

The announcement came as security was raised after vehicle attacks in Barcelona and elsewhere, and a widely-reported warning from the Islamic State group that Italy is next on its hit list.

The latest individuals

deported included a 38-year-old Moroccan said to have been radicalised while in prison for minor crimes.

His status was bumped from medium to high risk after he and other prisoners were seen enthusiastically celebrating the Stockholm truck attack.

The Syrian, who also operated under a false Tunisian identity, was arrested in 2015 for involvement in illegal immigration and placed under house arrest at a centre for

asylum seekers in southern Italy. There, he was caught celebrating the attack in May that killed 22 people at a concert in Manchester.

The suspect, whose age was not released, had managed to avoid the fate of two previous expulsion orders issued in 2011. The third man expelled was a 31-year-old Moroccan.

The interior ministry said all three had been flown back to their respective countries of origin.

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The Islamic State jihadist group claimed responsibility for attacks in Spain and Russia. Experts, however, are down playing the possibility. Do you believe the attacks have anything to do with IS?

Yes No Cant Say



To me, the economic war with China is everything. And we have to be maniacally focused on that."

Steve Bannon, former chief strategist of the US President

Rest in sight

China snubs 'Little Olympics' ceremony in Taiwan



China boycotted the opening ceremony of the World University Games hosted by Taiwan yesterday.

Two dead in Austria as storm wrecks marquee

Two people were killed in Austria and 120 injured, 20 of them seriously, when an "extreme" storm wrecked a large marquee.

Man stabbed to death in Germany after row: police

One man was killed and another injured in a stabbing following an argument in the western German city of Wuppertal on Friday.

Trumps to skip Kennedy Center arts awards

Donald and Melania Trump will skip festivities for this year's Kennedy Center Honors, one of America's top awards in the arts, to allow the events to go ahead without "political distraction," the White House said yesterday.

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6 dead as militants battle pro-IS group in Philippines



A man cries after seeing the body of his relative, an alleged drug dealer killed during a police anti-drug operation, in Manila

Datu Salibo

The Philippines' largest Muslim militant group has launched a deadly offensive against a splinter faction that has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group, police said yesterday.

The fighting between the two groups began about two weeks ago in the marshy farmlands around the southern town of Datu Salibo on Mindanao island, regional police spokeswoman Tara Leah Cuyco said.

Clashes between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front

(MILF) and its offshoot, the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), took place on Friday and Saturday, with six fighters from the original group killed.

"The MILF is trying to force the BIFF out of the area. They do not want any trouble," Chief Inspector Cuyco said.

A MILF guerrilla leader told a video journalist working for AFP on Saturday: "We do not want them here. It's an order from the higher-ups."

South Korean arrested for duping Thais into sex trade

Bangkok

A South Korean man accused of duping over 20 Thai women into forced prostitution in his home country has been arrested in Bangkok, an officer said yesterday.

Kim Hyoung Joon, 39, is believed to be part of a transnational gang funnelling Thai women into the sex trade in South Korea, and his arrest follows efforts by Bangkok and Seoul to dismantle the group.

Thai police said Joon promised women jobs as masseuses in South Korea.

But upon their arrival they

were instead forced into sex work by pimps who seized their passports and blocked any attempts at escape.

"More than 20 women have been lured by this gang over the past two to three years," said Songsak Raksaksakul, the deputy director of Thailand's Department of Special Investigations (DSI).

"Most of the victims are between 25 and 40 years old," he added. "Pimps monitored them all the time."

Joon was arrested at his Bangkok apartment on Thursday and charged with human trafficking.

Nigeria's Buhari home after 100-day treatment in London

Abuja

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari returned home on Saturday after spending more than 100 days in London receiving treatment for an undisclosed illness.

His plane touched down around 4:35 pm (1535 GMT) at the international airport in Abuja, an AFP correspondent said.

Wearing a black caftan with a cap to match, the

74-year-old left the aircraft unaided and was met by Vice President Yemi Osinbajo and other senior government officials, including ministers, security chiefs and state governors.

He took a salute to the military guard of honour before he was driven in a convoy to the presidential villa. An enthusiastic crowd of supporters were at the airport and lined the roads to welcome Buhari back.

Bahrain beaten by USA 3-1

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Manama

Hosts Bahrain under coach Yousuf Khalifa Alasbool were defeated 3-1 (28-26, 25-19, 20-25, 25-23) in its second Pool A match last night against the USA coached by Samuel Shweisky in the 2017 FIVB Volleyball Boys' U19 World Championship at Shaikh Isa Sports City in Riffa.

The first set action was tightly contested with the score at 13-12 halfway through the set, it was evenly balanced and tied with the scores at 16-16, 20, 24, 25 and 26, before two unanswered points gave the American youngsters the first set.

In the second set, Bahrain held the early lead at 11-9, but the US surged into a 16-14 lead and 23-19 before wrapping up the set for a 2-0 set match lead.

The third set saw the Bahrainis recover from an early 7-5 deficit to dominate at the halfway point at 12-10 and therefore go on to maintain its lead to stay in the match.

Fourth set action began with the USA dominating at 7-3, but Bahrain started to claw back and levelled at 14-14, it was still level

at 17-17, however three unanswered points gave the Americans a 21-18 lead, again the Bahrainis fought back to level at 23-23 only for two unanswered points to give the US a hard fought victory.

Bahrain have a rest day today and resume tomorrow night at 7pm when they take on Puerto Rico and complete their pool matches against Tunisia at the same time on Tuesday. In the other Pool A match, Egypt defeated Puerto Rico 3-1 (29-27, 25-20, 23-25, 25-17) for its first win thanks to Youssef Hamdy Awad (19 points) and Yousef Hafez Elsirgany (15), while top scoring for Puerto Rico were Pedro Molina (16) and Johan Leon (14).

Brazil caused a big surprise in Pool B when they beat the defending champions Poland 3-1 (22-25, 25-13, 25-18, 25-22) thanks to inspired play by middle blocker Guilherme Dos Santos (16) and Welinton

Oppenkoski (15) who top scored, while for Poland it was Remiglusz Kapica (14) and Bartosz Firszt (13) being their main scorers.

In the other Pool B match, France made it two wins from two with a comfortable 3-0 (25-19, 25-23, 25-14) victory over Cuba.

Top scoring for France was Celestin Cardin (16) and Remi Bassereau (15) and for Cuba being Rey Isaac Quesada (11).

Other scores:

Pool C: Turkey (Adis Lagumdzija, 15) bt Chile (Vincente Mardones, 10) 3-0 (25-14, 25-19, 25-19). Argentina (Juan Barrera 13, Luciano Palonsky 12) bt Russia 3-1 (20-25, 25-13, 25-23, 26-24).

Pool D: Czech Republic (Marek Satola 17, Jan Svoboda 10) bt Mexico (Raymond Zamora 12) 3-0 (28-26, 25-16, 25-17). Iran bt Italy 3-2 (25-16, 23-25, 23-25, 25-19, 15-12).

Today's Schedule:

1pm: Pool B: Cuba vs Poland. Pool C: Argentina vs Chile
3pm: Pool B: Japan vs France. Pool C: South Korea vs Turkey
5pm: Pool A: Puerto Rico vs USA. Pool D: Iran vs Mexico
7pm: Pool A: Tunisia vs Egypt. Pool D: China vs Czech Republic



Action from Czech Republic v Mexico match



Highlights from the matches



McIlroy confirms he'll return for FedEx Cup opener

Los Angeles

World number four Rory McIlroy is in the field for next week's Northern Trust Open, first event of the US PGA's FedEx Cup playoffs won by the Northern Ireland star last year.

McIlroy had indicated after a disappointing 22nd-place finish in the PGA Championship that he might sit out the rest of the year.

He said the effects of a broken rib suffered early in the season continued to hinder his practice and had led to back spasms.

But the 28-year-old decided to take a stab at defending his FedEx Cup crown after meeting with fitness adviser Steve McGregor in Belfast, the Daily Telegraph reported.

McIlroy won the second playoff event and the Tour

Championship to clinch the FedEx Cup last year.

Just like last year, he has not won a title prior to the playoff series.

This season's series opens with the Northern Trust in New York next week, followed by the Dell Technologies Championship in Boston a week later.

After a week off, they series resumes with the

BMW Championship before the top 30 in the FedEx Cup standings advance to the Tour Championship.

McIlroy seemed confident he would be playing through the BMW Championship when he posted a note to fans on Twitter on Friday -- urging them to enter a contest to win a chance to play 18 holes with him at the tournament in Illinois. (AFP)



Dortmund triumph



Dortmund's Marc Bartra (L) and Wolfsburg's Daniel Didavi vie for the ball

Berlin

American teenager Christian Pulisic scored and created a goal as he replaced Barcelona target Ousmane Dembele to spark Borussia Dortmund to a 3-0 win over Wolfsburg yesterday.

The 20-year-old Dembele has attempted to force Dortmund into selling him to the Spanish giants by boycotting training and, having been suspended indefinitely, missed his side's opening game of the new German league season.

Dortmund's director of sport Michael Zorc confirmed Dembele will be sold to Barcelona in this transfer window if they meet Borussia's price, reportedly set at 130 million euros (\$152m). Pulisic only turns 19 next month, but the US international was

superb in Wolfsburg as he deputised for Dembele on the right wing.

He drilled home Dortmund's first goal on 23 minutes in a move involving Mario Goetze, back in the Borussia line-up after seven months out with a metabolic disorder.

Dortmund doubled their lead when ex-Barcelona defender Marc Bartra curled in a stunning strike on 27 minutes.

The centre-back, who was badly injured in the April bomb blast targeting the Dortmund team bus, celebrated by kissing the black armband that players on both teams were wearing in support of the victims of this week's Barcelona terror attack. Pulisic then capped a brilliant performance with a pass to put Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang

behind the Wolfsburg defence for the third goal on 60 minutes.

"I can only be happy with the game and the result," said new Dortmund coach Peter Bosz after his first Bundesliga game.

The Dutchman singled out Goetze for praise after the attacking midfielder played the first hour as he rebuilds his fitness after a long lay-off.

"It was obvious that Mario Goetze is an extraordinary player and will be very important for us," said Bosz.

Dortmund top the fledgling table for the time being after defending champions Bayern Munich beat Bayer Leverkusen 3-1 on Friday through goals by new signings Niklas Suele and Corentin Tolisso, and a Robert Lewandowski penalty. (AFP)

Neuville crashes out of German Rally

Saarbrücken

World championship leader Thierry Neuville crashed out of the Rally of Germany with a broken suspension yesterday as Estonia's Ott Tanak underlined his iron-grip on the race.

After 17 of the 21 stages, Tanak holds a commanding 21.4 seconds lead over Norway's Andreas Mikkelsen, while the Estonian's Ford team-mate Sebastian Ogier is third at 29.6 behind going into the final day.

Tanak took two of the stages on Saturday morning while Spain's Dani Sordo claimed a hat-trick of three straight wins on the Panzerplatte arena



Belgium driver Thierry Neuville

which had dried out after Friday's heavy rain had left the drivers battling mud.

"All okay - it's been a clean day,

no mistakes and the other guys have made some. I think we have a good margin. For the moment it looks okay, I don't see any reason to worry," said Tanak.

France's Ogier, the four-time world champion, is set to leave Germany as the overall leader in the world championship after Belgium's Neuville finished the morning's ninth stage speed test with the rear left wheel hanging off his Hyundai i20.

Neuville, who was third overall at that point, and Ogier are tied at the top of the standings, so the Belgian's early exit gives Ogier the opportunity to regain the overall lead. (AFP)

England hammer Windies in 1st Test



England's James Anderson (2nd R) celebrates with teammates

Birmingham

England hammered the West Indies by an innings and 209 runs as the inaugural day/night Test in Britain ended inside three days at Edgbaston yesterday.

West Indies, following on, were bowled out for 137 in their second innings as they lost 19 wickets in total during the day's play.

Victory gave England a 1-0 lead in a three-match series that continues with the second Test at Headingley starting on Friday.

England had established a commanding position thanks to Alastair Cook's 243 and the opener's stand of 248 with captain Joe Root (136) as the some side piled up 514-8 declared.

West Indies slumped to 168 all out in reply, with only Jermaine Blackwood (79 not out) offering

much resistance.

Root enforced the follow-on, with West Indies 346 runs behind, and the tourists promptly collapsed again.

Stuart Broad took three wickets for four runs in 11 balls, including two in two, as he surpassed Ian Botham's tally of 383 Test wickets and moved into second-place in England's all-time list behind longstanding new-ball partner James Anderson. (AFP)

BRIEF SCORE

England 514-8 dec (A Cook 243, J Root 136, D Malan 65; R Chase 4-113) beat West Indies 168 (J Blackwood 79 no; J Anderson 3-34) and 137 (S Broad 3-34) by an innings and 209 runs

US maintain 3 point Solheim Cup lead

Los Angeles

Cristie Kerr set a US Solheim Cup record with her 19th career point as the Americans split yesterday's four foursomes matches with Europe to maintain a three-point lead in the match-play showdown.

Kerr and Lexi Thompson beat England's Jodi Ewart Shadoff and Germany's Caroline Masson 5 & 3 in the first match of the morning, as the US picked up where they left off in the wake of a sweep of Friday afternoon's fourball matches.

Paula Creamer and Austin Ernst beat England's Mel Reid and Dane Emily Pedersen 5 & 3 before Europe hit back with wins in the last two foursomes.

Swede Anna Nordqvist and Georgia Hall beat Stacy Lewis and Gerina Piller 2 & 1, while Scotland's Catriona Matthew and Karine Icher of France notched a 2 & 1 win over Danielle Kang and Michelle Wie.

Heading into the afternoon fourball matches, the US led the



Cristie Kerr

Ryder Cup-style competition 7 1/2 to 4 1/2.

Kerr passed US captain Juli Inkster for the most points in American Solheim Cup history.

For the second straight day, Kerr and Thompson won the first hole to grab a 1 up lead over their European opponents. (AFP)

Muguruza enters Cincinnati final



Garbine Muguruza of Spain returns a shot

Cincinnati
Reigning Wimbledon
 Garbine Muguruza trounced top-ranked defending champion Karolina Pliskova 6-3, 6-2 yesterday to reach the final of the WTA and ATP Cincinnati Masters.

The sixth-ranked Spaniard reached her first US event final by flipping the script in a rematch of their 2016 Cincinnati semi-final.

"I'm just happy to be in the final," said Muguruza. "I was hoping to get it and my concentration was really good. Very happy with this win."

Muguruza advanced to Sunday's final against the winner of a later match between Romania's second-ranked Simona Halep and 151st-ranked US wildcard Sloane Stephens.

Halep would overtake Pliskova and claim the world number one ranking for the first time in her career by winning the Cincinnati crown. Pliskova had won six matches in a row over Muguruza since losing their first meeting in the first round of the 2013 French Open.

"I lost to her so many times, I figured out something was

going wrong," Muguruza said. "I worked hard on beating these kinds of opponents. I returned well. My shots were there. It was a gorgeous day."

Last month, Muguruza won her second Grand Slam after the 2016 French Open and her fourth career title on the All-England grass. Pliskova, last year's US Open runner-up, sought her fourth title of the year after Brisbane, Doha and Eastbourne. Serena Williams from 2014 and 2015 remains the only back-to-back Cincinnati women's winner. Muguruza, her left thigh

bandaged, blasted a backhand winner on her fourth break point to take the opening game of the match and broke again on another backhand winner to take the first set after 36 minutes.

Pliskova was denied on three break points in the second set's opening game, the only ones she faced in the match, and Muguruza broke to 4-2 with another backhand winner.

In the final game, Pliskova saved four match before sending a forehand wide to surrender the break and the match after 79 minutes. (AFP)

Football Results

English Championship

Aston Villa	4	Norwich	2
Bolton	1	Derby	2
Bristol City	0	Millwall	0
Fulham	0	Sheffield Wednesday	1
Ipswich	2	Brentford	0
Nottingham Forest	2	Middlesbrough	1
Preston	1	Reading	0
QPR	2	Hull	1
Sheffield United	1	Barnsley	0
Wolves	1	Cardiff	2
Sunderland	0	Leeds	2

English Premier League

Bournemouth	0	Watford	2
Burnley	0	West Brom	1
Leicester	2	Brighton	0
Liverpool	1	Crystal Palace	0
Southampton	3	West Ham	2
Stoke	1	Arsenal	0

German league:

Hoffenheim	1	Werder Bremen	0
Hertha Berlin	2	Stuttgart	0
Hamburg	1	Augsburg	0
Mainz	0	Hanover 96	1
Wolfsburg	0	Borussia Dortmund	3
Schalke 04	2	RB Leipzig	0

Scottish Premiership:

Aberdeen	2	Dundee	1
Hibernian	1	Hamilton	3
Kilmarnock	0	Celtic	2
Motherwell	2	Ross County	0
Rangers	0	Hearts	0
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Farah bids to give memorable farewell



London

British athletics great Mo Farah will hope his final track race on home turf on Sunday will have a happier ending than last Saturday's world 5,000 metres final.

The 34-year-old, who will compete in the 3,000 metres at the Diamond League meeting in Birmingham, produced a courageous performance just falling short of overhauling Ethiopian Muktar Edris.

That defeat, his first since the 10,000m in the 2011 world championships, ended a remarkable run of global titles in which he upset the Kenyan/Ethiopian hegemony in distance races and included achieving the 5,000/10,000 double in successive Olympics.

Farah, who came to England aged eight with his mother and two of his brothers after a long trek from war-torn Somalia, is assured of a warm reception from the spectators if not from the press at whom he fired a blast after his 5,000m defeat.

His relations with large parts of the British media have deteriorated over the years because of his association with controversial coach Alberto Salazar. (AFP)

BMC win opening stage of Vuelta

Nîmes

BMC Racing emerged victors from yesterday's team time trial as the Vuelta a Espana got underway under heightened security measures following two terrorist attacks in northeastern Spanish region of Catalonia.

For just the third time the Vuelta started outside Spain in the southern French city of Nîmes as American team BMC beat out Quick-Step Floors and Team Sunweb by six seconds in a time of 15mins 58secs for the 13.7km route with Australian Rohan Dennis taking the leader's red jersey.

Pre-race favourite Chris Froome's Sky team finished fourth a further three seconds back, but that was still enough for Froome to gain some early ground on his rivals in the general classification.

The threat of terror overshadowed the start of cycling's third Grand Tour of the season after 13 people were killed when a van ploughed into packed crowds on Barcelona's famous Las Ramblas on Thursday.

Attackers struck again in the early hours of Friday morning in Cambrils, 120 kilometres south of



BMC Racing Team competes during the first stage

Barcelona, where a car rammed into pedestrians, killing one person.

After two more stages in France and the tiny Principality of Andorra, the race enters Spain on Tuesday in Tarragona, just 20 kilometres along the Mediterranean coast from Cambrils.

However, the race got off to a gentle start in picturesque surroundings with the short

course still enough for Froome to take an early advantage.

The four-time Tour de France winner is aiming to become just the third rider after Frenchmen Jacques Anquetil (1963) and Bernard Hinault (1978) to win both the Tour and Vuelta in the same year. Orica-Scott led by British twins Adam and Simon Yates were nine seconds back on Sky in fifth. (AFP)

Results

Vuelta a Espana stage 1

1. BMC Racing Team (USA) 15mins 58 secs
2. Quick-Step Floors (BEL) at 0:06 secs
3. Team Sunweb (GER) s.t.
4. Team Sky 0:09.
5. ORICA-Scott (AUS) 0:17
6. BORA-hansgrohe (GER) 0:21
7. Lotto Soudal (BEL) 0:24
8. Movistar (ESP) s.t.
9. Bahrain Merida (BAH) 0:31
10. Katusha-Alpecin (SUI) 0:33



Lukaku gives Man Utd dream start

Swansea

Manchester United maintained their dream Premier League start as goals from Eric Bailly, Romelu Lukaku, Paul Pogba and Anthony Martial secured a 4-0 victory at Swansea City yesterday.

Having put West Ham United to the sword with another 4-0 win in their opening game of the new campaign, United looked like being made to settle for a narrower scoreline for much of the game in South Wales.

But after they had claimed the lead at the end of a tight first half through Bailly's first goal for the club, they netted three times in a stylish five-minute spell late in the game to give the scoreline an emphatic look.

It meant maximum points, eight goals and two clean sheets in their opening two games for Jose Mourinho's side. Swansea were aggrieved that Pogba remained on the field to score after escaping a second yellow card for a foul on Martin Olsson late in the first half.

But manager Paul Clement saw his side implode worryingly once Lukaku

bagged United's second goal and his third in two games for his new club 10 minutes from full-time.

There was a scare for United in the third minute as Jordan Ayew burst forwards for Swansea, cut in from the left and mishit a cross that grazed the visitors' crossbar.

Mourinho's men broke almost immediately when Lukaku seized on an errant pass and raced towards goal, but his initial shot was blocked and his follow-up effort curled wide.

The woodwork then came to Swansea's rescue as the lively opening continued with Juan Mata's free-kick from the right headed against the crossbar by Phil Jones.

United's frustration was highlighted on the half-hour when Marcus Rashford sent an ambitious long-range effort straight at home goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski.

Pogba was walking a tightrope when, moments after being booked for a cynical foul on Tom Carroll, he tripped Olsson and received what appeared to be a final warning from referee Jon Moss.

The visitors ought to have led nine minutes before the interval when Swansea failed to clear a simple high ball. Rashford collected it and raced clear, but sent a tame effort straight at Fabianski. United finally claimed the lead on the stroke of half-time as a corner from the left was headed by Pogba and forced onto the crossbar by Fabianski, with Bailly reacting quickest to poke home the rebound.

After a low-key opening to the second half, Rashford cut in from the left and tried his luck with a right-foot effort but Fabianski gathered the ball after an initial fumble.

Swansea pressed through the lively Ayew and one run from the Ghanaian allowed Leroy Fer a shooting chance, only for him to lift his effort well over the bar.

Tammy Abraham should then have tested United goalkeeper David de Gea, but he headed wide from a decent cross by Olsson.

Lukaku doubled United's lead on 80 minutes when he finished coolly after a neat pass from Henrikh Mkhitaryan. (AFP)



Manchester United's Eric Bailly (L) celebrates with Romelu Lukaku



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Manchester United players celebrate

