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UAE now has minister for artificial intelligence Dubai

Last year the UAE got a Minister of Happiness, and now the country has a Minister of Artificial Intelligence – an acknowledgement by the Emirates that these are the technologies that are going to change the world. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President of the UAE and ruler of Dubai, announced the appointment of 27-year-old Omar bin Sultan Al Olama as the Minister of AI.

'Stolen Dali' painting recovered in Lebanon Beirut

A painting thought to be the stolen work of renowned Spanish artist Salvador Dali has been recovered by the Lebanese authorities. Four people were arrested for allegedly trying to sell on the picture, known as Portrait of Mrs Reeves. Police confiscated it from Cola neighbourhood of the capital, Beirut.



HRH Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa with Alistair Burt, UK's Minister of State for Middle East and North Africa at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday

UK to support Bahrain's reform initiatives: Burt

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Manama

The United Kingdom (UK) will continue to support Bahrain in its ambitious reform initiatives, said Alistair Burt, UK's Minister of State for Middle East and North Africa yesterday.

Burt, who is here to attend the 9th meeting of the UK-Bahrain Joint Working Group, met His Royal

Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister at Gudaibiya Palace. He said that the UK will extend all help to the Kingdom in this regard with particular focus on rule of law and human rights.

"UK and Bahrain have a close and special relationship which has flourished for more than 200 years. I am pleased to see so much commitment

from one of our key Gulf allies in further deepening our relationship, in line with the vision the Prime Minister outlined during her visit to Bahrain in December 2016," Burt said, referring to Theresa May.

"There is more work to be done, but I am proud to see UK expertise is continuing to make a real difference in its support to Bahrain," Burt said.

During the meeting, His

Royal Highness noted that the strategic partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the UK is based on strong historical foundations which has facilitated cooperation across a range of sectors as well as joint positions on various regional issues.

His Royal Highness welcomed Burt's visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain, highlighting that regular exchange visits reflect both countries' shared

commitment to increasing cooperation and reinforcing bilateral collaboration.

His Royal Highness also noted the UK's important role in maintaining regional stability, supporting international security and strengthening international cooperation to defeat terrorism and extremist ideologies. Both the leaders reviewed regional and international issues.

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Disarm, recognise Israel to join unity Govt: US to Hamas

Jerusalem

A top aide to US President Donald Trump said yesterday that an emerging Palestinian unity government must recognise Israel and disarm Hamas, following a landmark reconciliation deal signed last week, the BBC reported yesterday.

"Any Palestinian government must unambiguously and explicitly commit to nonviolence, recognise the state of Israel, accept previous agreements and obligations between the parties -- including to disarm terrorists -- and commit to peaceful negotiations," Jason Greenblatt, Trump's special representative for international negotiations, said in a statement.

"If Hamas is to play any role in a Palestinian government, it must accept these basic requirements," he added in the first detailed US response to last week's Palestinian unity deal.



Hamas members in Gaza (File photo)

The statement from Greenblatt was similar to the Israeli government's response this week in which it vowed not to

negotiate with a Palestinian unity government that includes Hamas unless the Islamist group agrees to a list of demands.

The demands included recognising Israel and renouncing violence.

Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas's Fatah movement signed a reconciliation deal with Hamas in Cairo a week ago aimed at ending a bitter 10-year split.

The Mahmoud Abbas-led Palestine Liberation Organisation has recognised the Israeli state, but Hamas has not and is blacklisted as a terrorist organisation by the United States and the European Union.

Israel and Hamas have fought three wars since 2008, and the Gaza Strip has been under an Israeli blockade for more than a decade.

Egypt has also kept its border with Gaza largely closed in recent years. Hamas has run the Gaza Strip since seizing it in a near civil war with Fatah in 2007 following a dispute over elections won by the Islamist movement.

Hamas slams US

Jerusalem

Palestinian movement Hamas accused the United States of "blatant interference" in Palestinian affairs yesterday after US President Donald Trump's envoy demanded they disarm and recognize Israel in any unity government.

"This is blatant interference in Palestinian affairs because it is the right of our people to choose its government according to their supreme strategic interests," senior Hamas official Bassem Naim told French Press Agency.

He accused Jason Greenblatt, Trump's special representative for international negotiations, of bowing to pressure from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's right-wing government.

"This statement comes under pressure from the extreme right-wing Netanyahu government and is in line with the Netanyahu statement from two days ago," Naim said.

Saudi scholars to vet teaching of Prophet to curb extremism

Riyadh

Saudi authorities have taken an "unprecedented" step to tackle Islamic extremism by setting up a council of scholars to vet religious teachings around the world, *The Guardian* reported yesterday.

A royal order issued this week by King Salman established a global body of elite scholars based in the holy city of Medina to root out and "eliminate fake and extremist texts".

The King Salman Complex will become a "trusted source of the correct and authenticate [sic] hadith", said an announcement from the Saudi ministry of culture and information. It described the move as an "unprecedented initiative".

Hadith are sayings, actions and pronouncements of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) that are additional and complementary to the Qur'an, and a source of guidance for Muslims.

The scholars would study hadith "with the purpose of eliminating fake and extremist texts and any texts that contradict the teachings of Islam and justify the committing of crimes, murders and terrorist acts which have no place in Islam, the religion



King Salman bin Abdulaziz

of peace," said the ministry's announcement.

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud has appointed Sheikh Mohammed bin Hassan al-Sheikh, a member of the senior scholars council, as chairman of the complex's scientific council. Members are to be appointed by royal decree.

The Saudi authorities have been worried about extremism,

both as a domestic threat and as a strain on its relations with the west, since 9/11, said Jane Kinninmont, a senior research fellow at Chatham House.

"They would say the accusations are out of date, but they know this issue is their achilles heel. The new leadership in Saudi cares much more about its image and PR than before and is genuinely trying to get to grips with extremism," she said.

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Bahrain reaffirms support to rights of Palestinians at UN



Jamal Fares Al Ruaie

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Bahrain has reiterated its support for the Palestinian cause and for the brotherly Palestinians to restore their legitimate rights and establish an independent state on June 4 1967 borders according to relevant International Legitimacy's resolutions, the Arab Peace Initiative and the two-state principle.

The Kingdom's position was presented in a statement delivered by the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom

of Bahrain to the United Nations, Jamal Fares Al Ruaie, at a general debate on the situation in the Middle East including the Palestinian cause.

The Kingdom has also called for immediate halt to all settlement activities which Israel is still practicing in a clear flagrant violation of international laws, UN Security Council resolutions; most importantly resolution 2334 that rejects occupational practices and repercussions.

AlRuaie welcomed the recent Palestinian reconciliation

aimed to end divisions and achieve national high interests. On Syria, the Permanent Representative affirmed the importance of pushing forward efforts to reach a political solution while preserving the country's territorial integrity, ending foreign interference, eliminating all terrorist organizations and providing security to all Syrians.

Regarding Yemen, he stressed the need to end the imposed control by the foreign-backed militias and seek a comprehensive political

settlement according to agreed references, topped by the Gulf Initiative with its executive mechanisms, the outcomes of the National Dialogue and UN Security resolution 2216.

These, he said, would put an end to all foreign interference and halt the ever-deteriorating humanitarian situation, from which the brotherly Yemeni people are suffering.

"Fighting terrorism of all forms and manifestations in the Middle East, irrespective of the motives, justifications or origins is a prerequisite factor

for security and stability in the region and beyond," he said.

The Permanent Representative explained that it was for those reasons that the Kingdom of Bahrain had praised the new US policies and its strong keenness to prevent Iran from spreading chaos and exporting terrorism to the region.

He concluded the statement by affirming Bahrain's intent to work side by side with the international community to confront challenges and secure a prosperous future for all the peoples of the region.

Warning against building rule violators

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Director-General of Civil Defence has asserted the importance to follow general safety standards of buildings and establishments to protect lives. He warned that violators would face legal action.

He said that the department continues to take legal steps against unlicensed establishments or properties with no safety certificates. He said that the recent fire cases in stores and warehouses were considered as violations of security and safety conditions, highlighting that the Civil Defence has the right to inspect violations by the Civil Defence law. He affirmed that penalties could be closing down buildings and jail terms.



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Shaikh Nasser praises royal patronage for BIDEC

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Royal Guard Commander and Head of the High Organising Committee of Bahrain International Defence Exhibition and Conference (BIDEC 2017) Brigadier Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa has said that the great success of the exhibition was the result of the royal patronage and keenness of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to follow up on all organizational procedures of the conference.

Brigadier Shaikh Nasser noted that success of the event had reasserted Bahrain's

status in the exhibition industry, in general, and the defence fairs, in particular. He hailed cooperation of the government, led by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, praising the directives of HRH the Premier to all ministries and government institutions to work in tune with the High Organising Committee of the exhibition to ensure success of the event.

He also commended the motivating support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy

Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, to avail of valuable ideas that contribute to boosting Bahrain's pioneering status on the world map as a key destination for defence technologies.

Brigadier Shaikh Nasser also commended the tremendous support of Commander-in-Chief of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa to BIDEC 2017 to ensure its success, pointing out the importance of the event in coordinating military and diplomatic efforts among many countries in

the defence field. He lauded the substantial efforts of Board of Trustees Chairman of Bahrain Centre for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (DERASAT) Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa and his constant follow-up on the organisational procedures and coordination with all parties in Bahrain and beyond to reach set up goals.

Brigadier Shaikh Nasser affirmed that Bahrain was the focus of the world as many news agencies, mass media and social media networks shed light on the major

international event which has boosted the Kingdom's international standing as a home to the military defence exhibitions industry. He noted that BIDEC 2017 represented an opportunity to exchange views and discuss the current security developments.

He added it is also a translation of the overall strategic political and diplomatic visions of the main alliances participating in the key international event, including mainly the Arab coalition to support legitimacy in Yemen, the Saudi-led Islamic Counterterrorism Alliance and the North

Atlantic Alliance.

Brigadier Shaikh Nasser pointed out that the exhibition provided an international venue for the advanced military defence industries to thrive and generated many investment opportunities to set up defence coalitions to protect the world and promote peace and security. He lauded interaction of the international exhibitors, the military and political delegations as well as the visitors, pointing out the role of the exhibition in invigorating many touristic and commercial sectors in Bahrain.

Preparations begin for BIC National Day Festival

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) has begun its preparations for this year's BIC National Day Festival with the support of Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

This event is scheduled to

take place from December 14 to 17 at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East" in Sakhir.

It is the Kingdom of Bahrain's biggest and most spectacular celebration.

The festival is being organised by BIC for the fifth successive year, and each time it keeps growing in popularity and attendance.

Set to be a part of the festivities

are a full shopping experience, corporate exhibition space, children's activities and a play area, cultural and musical performances, food and beverage outlets, concerts by major regional artists, and so much more.

With so much to offer, the festival is a perfect platform to showcase what the business community has to offer in a social atmosphere.

UK-Bahrain Working Group discusses reform progress

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Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Minister of Foreign Affairs, yesterday held discussions with Alistair Burt, UK's Minister of State for Middle East and North Africa. The meeting, held as part of the UK-Bahrain Joint Working Group discussed a wide range of issues including recent political and security developments in the Middle East, co-operation on key trade and investment opportunities, and co-operation and assistance on defence, security, education, science and innovation. Officials from Bahrain and the UK participated in the discussions.

The Working Group also discussed the progress on a number of Bahrain's reform initiatives, and its plans for the implementation of the

recommendations of the UN Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Welcomed

The UK welcomed the positive steps taken by the Government of Bahrain recently, including the introduction of new legislation on alternatives to detention, and a Unified Family Law that gives women and children across all communities extended rights under civil law.

He outlined UK's commitment to support the Government of Bahrain to build on its progress on reform and human rights issues such as the creation of the human rights oversight bodies and the development of effective and accountable justice institutions.

The UK-Bahrain Joint Working Group was



Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa with Alistair Burt

established in March 2013. It is a forum for discussing issues of mutual interest across the bilateral relationship, including regional and trade issues, with a focus on reforms and human rights.



The UK-Bahrain Working Group meeting held yesterday

New mosque opened at Zallaq

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A mosque named after late Salman bin Ahmed bin Khalifa Al-Ghatam was opened at Zallaq eskan.

Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (SCIA) Chairman Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalid Al-Khalifa inaugurated the new mosque, which can accommodate 600 worshippers.

The opening ceremony was also attended by SCIA Vice Chairman Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Khalifa. Sunni Endowments Council Chairman Dr. Shaikh Rashid bin Mohammed Al-Hajeri addressed the opening ceremony, on behalf of the patron.

Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al-Ghatam also addressed the opening ceremony of the mosque on behalf of his father Ibrahim bin Salman Al-Ghatam, founder of the mosque.

Road lanes closed

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In view of the expansion works on Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Causeway with Al Ghous Highway Junction in Muharraq, one lane has been closed for eastbound traffic leading towards Muharraq and two lanes has been provided for traffic movement, the Ministry of Works, Municipality Affairs and Urban Planning announced in consultation with the General Directorate of Traffic yesterday. Also, one right turn lane leading towards Arad and two left turn lanes has been provided for traffic movement leading to Busaiten. The gradual and partial road

closure came into force from yesterday 11:00 p.m. which will remain until October 22 at 05:00 a.m.

Kuwait Avenue

For road expansion works on Kuwait Avenue near Um Al Hassam Junction, the left lane has been closed for northbound traffic leading towards Manama and one lane has been provided for traffic movement, the Ministry of Works said.

The lane has already been closed from at 11:00 p.m. yesterday, which will remain in force until October 21 at 05:00 a.m. All road users are requested to observe and obey the traffic rules for safety of all.

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Is She Malala?

It was a strange coincidence.

I was reading the news that Malala Yousafzai got an admission into Oxford. And at the time of my reading it, I was actually travelling from London to Oxford.

It was on August 18. And before starting my journey, I had picked up 'Metro', which is a freely available newspaper in London's many public places.

Metro reported that Malala had earlier been given a conditional offer by Oxford; and that she has now aced in her A-Level exams, to qualify.

Today, my thoughts went back to that afternoon of August for two reasons.

Firstly, because I just read news about Malala again. And, this time, the news is that she is being angrily targeted, 'for wearing jeans' to her college.

Secondly, and more importantly, it is also because I came across an article on 'Newsweek' website (dated Thursday, 19 October 2017) titled: "Taliban in Pakistan Attacks Malala in Latest Issue of Women's Magazine"; a tirade against Malala's education itself.

Let us look at the 'dress' problem first.

What has bothered many people is that this young woman who began attending classes, at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford is not dressing up to their expectations.

An unverified picture of her - in skinny jeans and high-heeled boots - has been going viral on social media, with people making derogatory comments and vicious attacks.

Some have been so brutal in their criticism that they were even comparing her to some porn star.

According to UK's Daily Mail, one venomous message posted on Twitter and re-published in the Pakistani media said: 'That was the reason the bullet directly targeted her head long time ago.' And another said: 'Look at hypocrite Malala wearing pants! Is she even a Muslim?'

Oh, how quick we are to judge and condemn, and how low we are ready to stoop, in order to moralise on matters which don't concern us!

With our 'holier than thou' attitude, we are ready to lambast anyone who holds views contrary to our own.

If my opinion of a young woman's 'appropriate dress' is different from your opinion, just remember, I am always right, in all my opinions.

If I believe that your dress is western, and if I believe that, by donning it, you are betraying your eastern religion, culture, and country, just remember, I am always right, in all my beliefs.

This overshadows all other facts.

How does it matter if Malala was barely 13 when she boldly spoke up for girl's education? How does it matter that she was barely 14 when she was inhumanly shot at, by the Taliban?

She was 17 when she won the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize. She is now 20, as she begins her classes at Oxford.

So, can we just stop? And let that young woman live the way she wants to live? And dress the way she wants to dress?

No. We have to sit on our magisterial thrones pointing at her dress. And pointing her to a place where she must remain, if she must fit the mould we have made in our minds, for her!

The Newsweek article states that Taliban's English-language magazine entitled "Sunnat-e-Khaura", or the "Way of Khaura", attacks Malala with fierce words saying: "The one you call education is not right education; because you got it from kuffar"!

Maybe, it is. But, let us wish her success in the education she chose. Let us wish her strength to ignore vicious comments. And to keep on moving.

(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.)

Tillerson to travel to Saudi, Qatar, South Asia

Washington

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson will travel to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Pakistan, India and Geneva from October 20-27, the State Department announced yesterday.

State Department spokesperson Heather Nauert said that in Riyadh, Tillerson would take part in the inaugural Coordination Council meeting between the governments of Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Tillerson will also meet with various Saudi leaders "to discuss the conflict in Yemen, the ongoing Gulf dispute, Iran, and a number of other important regional and bilateral issues." The US top diplomat will then travel to Doha, where he will meet with Qatari leaders and US military officials "to discuss joint counterterrorism efforts, the ongoing Gulf dispute, and other regional and bilateral issues, including Iran and Iraq." Tillerson will then make his "inaugural visit to South Asia as Secretary of State, reaffirming the Administration's comprehensive strategy toward the region," Nauert affirmed.

She indicated that in



Rex Tillerson

Islamabad, Tillerson would meet with senior Pakistani leaders "to discuss our continued strong bilateral cooperation, Pakistan's critical role in the success of our South Asia strategy, and the expanding economic ties between our two countries." In

New Delhi, Tillerson will meet with senior Indian leaders "to discuss further strengthening our strategic partnership and collaboration on security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region," she noted.

Finally, in Geneva, Tillerson will meet with the office of

the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, International Organization for Migration, and the International Committee of the Red Cross "to discuss a number of the current global humanitarian crises." (KUNA)

Missing Pets



FENDI - Male Russian Blue, 4 yrs, spayed, microchipped, escaped over garden wall, wearing collar w/o name, Tubli (near Al Anwar shop), 5/11/16, BD400 REWARD. **39625885/33956008/ 36673636**



WIBER - Male Shih Tzu, age unknown, not wearing collar or ID tag, cleaning men reported he was seen near a villa - went around asking neighbors, believed he was STOLEN, Hamad Town (near Roundabout 5), 28/6/17. **33366097**



LUKAS - Male Persian, 7 mos, neutered, not wearing collar or ID, unsure how disappeared, Saar (near primary girls school/Collage University), 18/4/17. **33772520**



TINKER BELL - Female Shitzu mix, 3 yrs, spayed, black w white mark on chest/chin, wearing patterned collar, followed someone out, suspect STOLEN, behind St Christophers Junior School (by Twin Palms Riding School), 12/1/17. **39975151**



BLUE - Male Red Point Siamese, 1 yr, not wearing collar or ID, gate left open, may have been STOLEN, Saar (Almarkh 35 Ave/Cinema Saar), 19/1/17, BD50 REWARD, **35637527 or 35016599**



TOTO - Male Shitzu, 8 yrs, neutered, pet sitter walking three dogs off lead and Toto ran away, barks at men and other dogs, not wearing collar or ID, Saar (close to Geant Easy). 21/4/17, REWARD BD100 **33366234/35592368/34356018**

Afghan security forces stand guard at the site of a Taliban-claimed deadly suicide attack (file photo)

Taliban kill at least 43 Afghan troops as they storm base



Kabul

The Afghan Taliban stormed a military base in the south of the country killing at least 43 troops yesterday, the Defence Ministry said, with the militants saying they had killed 60.

Of 60 soldiers manning the base in the province of Kandahar, 43 were killed, nine were wounded and six were missing after the militants attacked in the middle of the night, the ministry said in a

statement.

At least 10 Taliban were also reported killed in the battle, which occurred in Maiwand, a district that neighbours volatile Helmand province.

The attack will underscore worries about the ability of the Afghan security forces to deal with a relentless insurgency which they have struggled to contain since most foreign troops left at the end of 2014.

U.S. President Donald Trump committed to an

open-ended military mission in Afghanistan in August despite criticism that it is no closer to peace despite billions of dollars in aid and nearly 16 years of U.S. and allied operations.

The attack began when a suicide bomber drove an explosives-laden American-made Humvee armoured vehicle, likely captured from Afghan security forces, into the gate of the base, an army official told *Reuters*.

That began an hours-long assault by Taliban gunmen, which was interrupted by a second Humvee breaking all the way into the base and detonating inside, he said.

The base itself was left in ruins, officials said.

Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, a spokesman for the militant group, said the attack began with a suicide car bomb followed by an assault that overran the base.

The militants had killed at

least 60 Afghan soldiers and wounded many, he said.

The Taliban have been waging an insurgency for a decade and a half in an attempt to overthrow the Western-backed government in Kabul and re-establish a fundamentalist Islamic regime.

The United States and its allies maintain thousands of troops across Afghanistan, including in Kandahar, to advise and assist Afghan

forces as well as conduct strikes against suspected militants.

When asked whether U.S. forces provided any support for the besieged Afghan base, a spokesman at the coalition military command in Kabul said: "We can confirm that U.S. forces conducted an air strike during an operation in the Maiwand district of Kandahar province, October 19, under counter-terror authorities." (Reuters)

100,000 Kurds flee Kirkuk since Iraqi army takeover

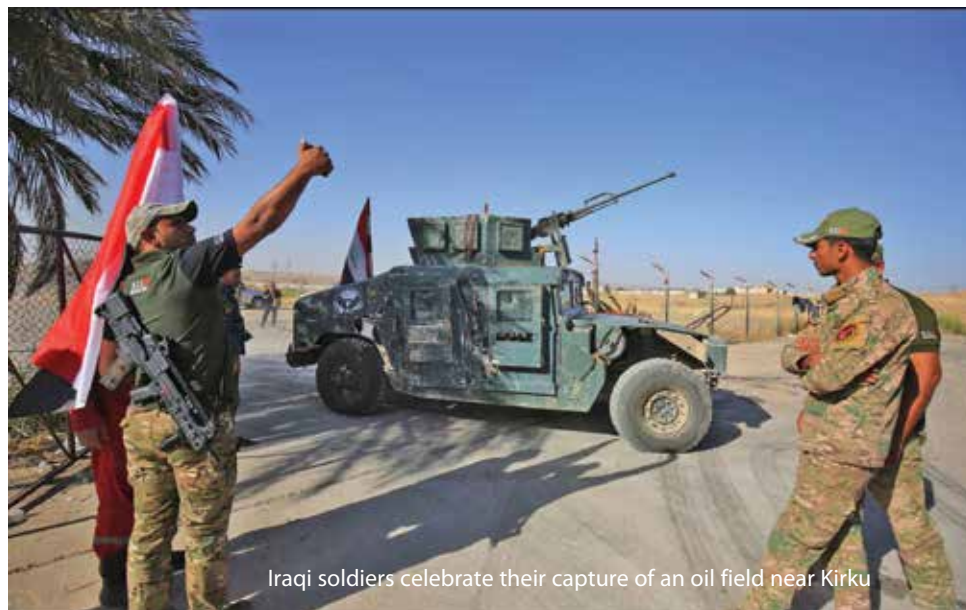
Baghdad

About 100,000 Kurds have fled the Kirkuk region for fear of persecution since Iraqi armed forces retook disputed territory after a Kurdish independence vote rejected by Baghdad, Kurdish officials said yesterday.

The United Nations voiced concern at reports that civilians, mainly Kurds, were being driven out of parts of northern Iraq retaken by Iraqi forces and their houses and businesses looted and destroyed, and urged Baghdad to stop any such abuses.

In the first incident of deadly violence, a Kurdish man was killed and six wounded by Iraqi security forces while protesting at the army's takeover of their town, Khanaqin, by Iraqi forces, local Mayor Mohammed Mulla Hassan said.

Kurdish troops had left Khanaqin, near the border with Iran, on Tuesday to avoid clashing with advancing Iraqi forces. Central government forces swept into Kirkuk, a multi-ethnic city of more than



Iraqi soldiers celebrate their capture of an oil field near Kirkuk

1 million people and the hub of a major oil-producing area, largely unopposed on Monday after most Kurdish Peshmerga forces withdrew rather than fight.

Iraqi forces also took back control of Kirkuk oilfields, effectively halving the amount of output under the

direct control of the semi-autonomous Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) in a serious blow to the Kurds' independence quest.

Baghdad's recovery of Kirkuk, situated just outside the KRG's official boundaries on disputed land claimed by Kurds, ethnic Turkmen and

Arabs, put the city's Kurds in fear of attack by Shi'ite Muslim paramilitaries, known as Popular Mobilisation, assisting government forces' operations in the region.

Nawzad Hadi, governor of Erbil, the KRG capital, told reporters that around 18,000 families from Kirkuk and the

Kurdistan asks int'l help to spur dialogue

Baghdad

The semi-autonomous Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) in northern Iraq welcomed yesterday a call by Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi for talks to resolve a crisis triggered by a Kurdish referendum on independence last month.

Abadi spoke on Tuesday, saying he considered the Sept. 25 referendum, in which Kurds voted overwhelmingly for independence despite

Baghdad's opposition, "a thing of the past". The day before, the Iraqi army retook the oil-producing Kirkuk area from Kurdish Peshmerga forces on his orders.

"It will not be possible to resolve the issues through military operations," the KRG cabinet said.

"(We have) asked the international community to help both sides start a dialogue to solve the outstanding issues based on the Iraqi constitution."

town of Tuz Khurmato to the southeast had taken refuge in Erbil and Sulaimaniya, inside KRG territory. A Hadi aide told *Reuters* the total number of displaced people was about 100,000.

Hemin Hawrami, a top aide to KRG President Masoud Barzani, tweeted that people

had fled "looting and sectarian oppression" inflicted by Popular Mobilisation militia.

U.N. relief officials said they had received allegations that 150 houses had been burned and 11 blown up in Tuz Khurmato and offices of Turkmen political parties in Kirkuk assaulted. (Reuters)

GPIC wins Arab CSR Award



GPIC (Large Business Category) Winner

Manama

The Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) has won the 2017 Arab Network for Corporate Social Responsibility Award for Partnerships and Cooperation.

The Award was announced in the presence of Ras Al Khaimah Civil Aviation Department Head Sheikh Salem Bin Sultan Bin Saqr Al Qassimi during its annual celebrations.

GPIC General Manager Manufacturing Fadhel Al Ansari received the Award on behalf of the Company to the applause of heads of companies and institutions working in the field of social responsibility, who were present during the event, held in Dubai.

GPIC President Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery said in a statement the Company's success is due to its outstanding efforts in social, environmental and

sustainable development. He said GPIC pays great deal of attention to its social role and responsibilities towards others and strives to adopt initiatives that reduce environmental damage resulting from operations as part of its pursuit of a clean industry.

"We are very pleased that we continue to win Awards in all fields, including in the field of social responsibility," he said. "The Company sees this as one of the pillars of its success."

Dr. Jawahery also praised the continuous efforts of Company employees, members of the Executive Management as well as the President and members of the employees' Labour Union who, he said, showed great dedication.

He said this latest Award confirms the Company's success and achievements on the integrity of its approach and the accuracy of its

strategic vision in the field of community service.

Dr. Jawahery praised the important role of the Arab Network for Corporate Social Responsibility in supporting and enhancing a commitment towards sustainable development of government institutions and private companies in the Arab world. He said the institution, launched in 2004, has now become one of the most important platforms for sustainable development and community service, and seeks to promote partnerships.

Dr. Jawahery highlighted the importance of corporate social responsibility and said it contributes to the promotion of job opportunities. He said GPIC attaches great importance to employee training programmes in all disciplines according to Bahrain's national industrial strategy as well as the integration of the principles

of social responsibility and sustainability.

He said the Company encourages its members to participate in activities that support all sectors of society in conjunction with its success on the economic front.

Arab Network for Corporate Social Responsibility President and CEO Habiba Al Marashi praised GPIC's leadership in the field and expressed confidence in its ability to continue on its path of success and in pursuing a sound scientific approach in its performance.

She said GPIC has the ability to develop appropriate mechanisms, strategies and plans to enhance its activities and its international standing. She added in a comment on the occasion that any serious change in the level of development requires the active participation of all sectors.

She asserted it is not possible

to meet the challenges in the fields of safety, development and environmental protection individually and the concept should be adopted by companies and institutions through a responsible approach to the community and clear social initiatives.

She spoke of the ideal role played by GPIC through its various programmes, which focus primarily on the development of the human element and the preparation of youth to succeed at the level of the local and global economy.

The Arab CSR Award, launched in 2008 with the support of the United Nations Global Compact, has generated tremendous response from companies in all sectors and organisations around the world.

They are also one of the most accurate Awarding systems in the world in terms of corporate social responsibility and sustainability. Now in its

10th year, the Awards received more than 881 applications from 13 Arab countries across 26 sectors.

The annual event brings together experts in the field of corporate social responsibility from prominent local and international organizations. It is also now witnessing a steady increase in corporate social responsibility leaders attending.

Several global and prestigious personalities in the field of corporate social responsibility, as well as representatives from 23 different countries concerned with social responsibility attended this year's function.

The event aims to bring together some of the best thinkers and actors from the Arab world and beyond in the field of social responsibility to discuss and update the latest issues and the most pressing issues in order to advance sustainable development.

Discovery of 50km cave raises hopes for human colonisation of moon

Scientists have fantasised for centuries about humans colonising the moon.

That day may have drawn a little closer after Japan's space agency said it had discovered an enormous cave beneath the lunar surface that could be turned into an exploration base for astronauts.

The discovery

Japan's Selenological and Engineering Explorer (Selene) probe made the discovery and it comes as several countries vie to follow the US in sending manned missions to the moon.



Large hollow

Using a radar sounder system that can examine underground structures, the orbiter initially found an opening 50 metres wide and 50 metres deep, prompting speculation that there could be a larger hollow.

This week scientists at the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (Jaxa) confirmed the presence of a cave after examining the hole using radio waves.



Cool Trends

Look out for resources

The chasm, 50km (31 miles) long and 100 metres wide, appears to be structurally sound and its rocks may contain ice or water deposits that could be turned into fuel, according to data sent back by the orbiter, nicknamed Kaguya after the moon princess in a Japanese fairytale.

Old lava tube

Scientists believe the cave, located from a few dozen metres to 200 metres beneath an area of volcanic domes known as the Marius Hills on the moon's near side, is a lava tube created during volcanic activity about 3.5bn years ago.

Boost lunar missions

The discovery will boost plans by several countries to send astronauts to the moon almost half a century after the Apollo 11 mission. *(theguardian)*

Airbus A330neo stages delayed maiden flight

Toulouse

Airbus staged the delayed maiden flight of its A330neo jetliner, an upgraded version of A330 series designed to buttress European sales against the latest model of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. The wide-bodied, long-distance jet took off from the planemaker's Toulouse headquarters under overcast skies, watched by executives from Airbus and Rolls-Royce, which supplies engines.



Cloud computing sees rapid growth at SAP

Berlin

SAP SE continues to see strong growth in its cloud computing business, official figures released by the software producer showed. Revenue in the cloud computing division of SAP grew by 22 per cent to 937 million euros (1.1 billion U.S. dollars) in the third quarter of 2017. By contrast, the firm's traditional business with the sale of software licenses only grew marginally.



"I set out a few weeks ago in Florence a very bold and ambitious agenda and vision for our future partnership between the EU and the UK at the heart of that remains co-operation on the key issues and dealing with the shared challenges that we face,"

Theresa May

British Prime Minister



Madrid set to override Catalonia's autonomy

Spain is moving to impose direct rule over Catalonia to thwart its push for independence, in a confrontation viewed with mounting alarm in European capitals and financial markets



► **Mariano Rajoy:** Spain's prime minister threatening to trigger **Article 155** of constitution to suspend autonomy, impose direct rule and call new regional elections

► **Carles Puigdemont:** Catalan president signed declaration of independence on Oct 10, but halted implementation to allow negotiations to take place

MEASURES ALREADY IMPLEMENTED

Madrid has taken control of Catalan public finances and deployed thousands of extra security forces.

Hundreds of companies – including region's two largest banks, **Sabadell** and **CaixaBank** – have moved headquarters out of Catalonia.

Spain passed decree on Oct 6 to make moving official base easier



CaixaBank

DETENTIONS

Spain's High Court has ordered leaders of two Catalan separatist organisations to be detained without bail on suspicion of sedition

Jordi Sànchez (1), head of Catalan National Assembly (ANC), and **Jordi Cuixart (2)**, head of Omnium Cultural, played leading role in disputed independence referendum of Oct 1



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High Court has also banned Catalan police chief, **Josep Lluís Trapero**, from leaving Spain and seized his passport pending investigation for sedition



Trapero is accused of failing to order Catalan police – **Mossos d'Esquadra** – to help Spain's Guardia Civil force tackle thousands of pro-independence protesters in Barcelona

Source: Stratfor, Reuters

Pictures: Associated Press, Getty Images

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Samsung adopts Google ARCore

Samsung and Google announced a partnership to bring Google's new ARCore framework to Samsung's line of Galaxy smartphones, uniting the two giants' augmented reality efforts as the market is starting to really crowd.

The news is a big boon for Google's ARCore, which Google announced earlier this year as a competitor to Apple's ARKit. It is effectively a software platform for building

out AR apps that make use of both advances in cloud software and on-device hardware to place digital objects into the real world.

Now, developers will be able to design ARCore apps that work on both Google Pixel devices and Samsung Galaxy devices, including the Galaxy S8 and Note 8.

Samsung was an initial launch partner for ARCore with the S8, but this is a more formal adoption of Google's

framework for any and all future devices, the company said today at the Samsung Developer Conference in San Francisco.

Samsung, which sells more phones than any other device manufacturer on the planet, has been a longtime ally of Google's in pushing the ubiquity of Android, and this partnership should extend the strength of Android into the AR market. (theverge)

OPEC seeking consensus on oil supply cut extension

Representative image

London

Oil producers are working to build consensus on extending their deal to reduce supplies, OPEC's secretary general said yesterday, with the potential for continuation throughout 2018 forming a basis for talks.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, plus Russia and nine other producers, are cutting oil output by about 1.8 million barrels per day (bpd) until March 2018 in an attempt to eradicate a supply glut that has weighed on prices.

The deal has supported prices, which are trading within sight of a two-year high, but an overhang of stored oil has yet to be fully eradicated and producers are considering extending the

deal at their next meeting on Nov. 30.

OPEC Secretary General Mohammad Barkindo, in a briefing with reporters yesterday, said that Russian President Vladimir Putin's suggestion this month that the deal could be extended to the end of 2018 were being taken "seriously".

Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih, the OPEC president, and Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak "are taking cue from the open statement of President Putin and engaging the rest of the participating countries ... to build consensus before Nov. 30", Barkindo said.

Reuters reported on Wednesday, citing OPEC sources, that producers are leaning towards extending the deal for a further nine

months, though the decision could be postponed until early next year depending on the market.

Barkindo said it wasn't yet clear if the decision would be made on Nov.30 and, asked whether another meeting could be held in early 2018, said that Falih and Novak would consult and decide.

"It's difficult to say at the moment what will be decided in November," Barkindo said.

"It will depend on a number of factors, chief among which is how far are we from achieving our objective of a convergence of supply and demand."

Falih and Novak are also talking to producers not currently participating in the supply cut, Barkindo added. (Reuters)

Did You Know?



Samsung's electronic ambitions began in 1970 with a black and white TV, mobile began in 1986 with a car phone.




CURRENCIES EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.3037	0.3012
BANGLADESH	0.00048	0.00463
CANADA	0.3087	0.3055
DENMARK	0.0630	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0217
EURO	0.4533	0.4508
HONGKONG	0.04970	0.04930
INDIA	0.00601	0.00584
INDONESIA	0.00003017	0.00002855
IRAN TUMAN	0.000323	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000304	
JAPAN	0.00351	0.003440
JORDAN	0.5350	0.5354
KOREA	0.00038389	
KUWAIT	1.249	1.249
MALAYSIA	0.0918	0.0915
NEW ZEALAND	0.2689	0.2690
NORWAY	0.0495	
NEPAL		0.00364
OMAN	0.00395	0.98301
PAKISTAN	0.00371	0.00358
PHILIPPINES	0.00759	0.00735
QATAR	0.2831	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10058	0.10066
SINGAPORE	0.2825	0.2805
SOUTH AFRICA	0.02920	0.02910
SRI LANKA	0.00274	0.00246
SWEDISH	0.0495	
SWITZERLAND	0.3945	0.3915
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0017
TAIWAN	0.013100	
THAILAND	0.011580	0.011580
TURKEY	0.1094	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5051	0.5022
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102500	0.102840
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37790	0.37800
YUAN	0.056800	0.056800

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COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5738	0.3841	0.3362
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.0103	0.2909	0.2546
OMAN	0.3849	0.3778	0.3922	0.3433
QATAR	3.6420	3.5746	3.7106	3.2483
UAE	3.6730	3.6050	3.7422	3.2760
SAUDI	3.7500	3.6806	3.8207	3.3446

Banks lead Saudi stock surge; Dubai's DSI jumps



Dubai Banks led the Saudi Arabian stock market higher yesterday after Riyadh Bank reported better-than-expected earnings for the third quarter, while builder Drake & Scull jumped in Dubai.

Riyad Bank gained 6.2 per cent after reporting a 47.7 per cent year-on-year rise in third-quarter net profit to 1.08 billion riyals (\$288 million); analysts polled by Reuters had on average forecast 852.5 million riyals.

It was one of the first Saudi banks to report quarterly earnings -- Alinma Bank beat analysts' estimates slightly on Sunday -- so the news buoyed the sector in general. Eleven of 12 listed Saudi banks rose yesterday.

The Saudi stock index climbed 1.0pc. Petrochemical

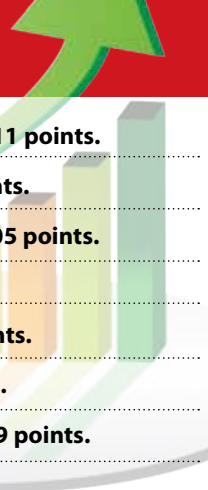
firm Saudi Kayan, which reported a rise in profit to 381 million riyals compared to analysts' average forecast of 129 million riyals, surged 5.0pc.

In Dubai, Drake & Scull, which has attracted renewed interest since it completed a capital restructuring early this month, gained 5.3pc to 2.01 dirhams in heavy trade. It has climbed by more than a third since early October.

In Abu Dhabi, Dana Gas added 2.7pc after saying its operations and production in Iraqi Kurdistan were continuing as normal, following the Iraqi military's retaking of some of the biggest oil fields from Kurdish Peshmerga forces.

Qatar's index rose 0.3pc as Qatar Islamic Bank gained 1.5pc after reporting a 10.9pc

Closing Bell



- SAUDI ARABIA added 1.0pc to 7,011 points.
- DUBAI climbed 0.8pc to 3,673 points.
- ABU DHABI edged up 0.1pc to 4,505 points.
- QATAR rose 0.3pc to 8,172 points.
- EGYPT gained 0.9pc to 13,721 points.
- KUWAIT rose 0.2pc to 6,633 points.
- BAHRAIN edged up 0.04pc to 1,279 points.
- OMAN fell 0.5pc to 5,067 points.

jump in third-quarter net profit, in line with analysts' forecasts.

In Egypt, the blue-chip index gained 0.9pc. Alexandria Flour Mills surged 10pc after announcing a 3.15 Egyptian pound cash dividend, to be paid to holders as of Nov. 6.

Electro Cable Egypt gained sharply for a second straight day, jumping 9.7pc to 1.02 pound in its heaviest trade since March 2014, and rising above technical resistance on the January and December peaks of 0.95 pound. (Reuters)



The Kingdom of Bahrain's national carrier, Gulf Air, in collaboration with Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the managing body and operator of Bahrain International Airport (BIA) and Gulf Aviation Academy (GAA) marked Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a series of events and activities that was held at the airline's Muharraq headquarters with the aim of providing attendees with valuable information regarding the disease and the means of prevention and management.

A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.
—Marcus Garvey



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West Virginia University opens civil engineering degree programme in Bahrain



Dr. Mona Al Balooshi, Assistant Secretary General of Evaluation & Accreditation, inaugurates West Virginia University Civil Engineering degree programme.

Manama

West Virginia University has opened Civil Engineering Degree Programme in Bahrain. Dr. Mona Al Balooshi, Assistant Secretary General of Evaluation & Accreditation, inaugurated West Virginia University Civil Engineering degree programme at the Royal University for Women campus in West Riffa yesterday. Fahad Al Zamil, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Royal University for Women and Mazin Jumaah, President of Royal University for Women welcomed the high level visiting delegation from West Virginia University, expressing their pride for being part of a promising collaboration and hopes to engage in further



William Roebuck, US Ambassador, speaks during the event

collaborations.

William Wilmoth, Chairman of the West Virginia University Board of Governors welcomed students, wishing them success in their academic endeavours. He

added that the West Virginia University degree programme in Civil Engineering hosted by Royal University for Women is a testament to the international reach of WVU and commitment to the

partnerships in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The students were also addressed by Dr. Gordon Gee, West Virginia University President who encouraged them to seize this opportunity

to gain expertise from the visiting professors and reiterated West Virginia University's dedication to fostering the ideal atmosphere in education.

The degree program, the first to be offered by West Virginia University in the Middle East started accepting applicants for the fall semester during the summer with students enrolling for academic year 2017/2018. Students enrolled in the program are registered as West Virginia University students and are eligible to earn a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

As part of the opening ceremony, William Roebuck, US Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain acknowledged the efforts of

both West Virginia University and Royal University for Women towards achieving this remarkable milestone.

The West Virginia University degree program in Bahrain hosted by Royal University for Women is offered in newly constructed facilities and classrooms with state-of-the-art laboratory equipment as well as benefiting from courses and labs instructed by faculty affiliated to West Virginia University. The West Virginia University program is co-educational and all students admitted to the program will enrol in a preparatory foundation semester in English and Mathematics. In addition, career support services are available to assist with job placement upon graduation.

Diwali Celebration at BIS



Highlights of the event

Manama

Diwali, the Indian festival of lights was celebrated Bahrain Indian School (BHAVANS). Special Assemblies were conducted to celebrate Diwali and spread the message of peace and prosperity.

The whole school was decorated with lanterns and 'diyas' to mark the occasion. Dance, speech and song on Diwali were the major attractions of Assemblies.

Sweets were distributed to staff members by School Director Ritu Verma who extended her best wishes to the students, parents and staff members on the festive occasion.





Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received a delegation from Salmaniya Rotary Club led by Ameera Ismael at the Riffa Palace yesterday. HRH Premier attached great significance to social activities and voluntary work in serving the community.



A mosque named... which accommodates...



Deputy Prime Minister HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa has received Youth and Sports Affairs Minister Hisham bin Mohammed Al Jowder the Honorary President of Bahrain Tennis Club, accompanied by Dr. Ali Mohammed Fakhro the chairman and directors of the club. They expressed their gratitude to, and appreciation of His Highness's patronage of the ninth edition of Bahrain's U-18 Youth Tennis Clubs Championship slated to be organized by the club on October 21-28.



BDF Commander-in-Chief Filed Marshal... & Sport Chairman, Bahrain Olympic Committee... Guard Commander Brigadier-General... The commander-in-chief congratulated...



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa paid an inspection visit to a BDF unit, where he was welcomed by its commander and a number of senior BDF officers. The commander-in-chief met with the unit's commander and senior officers, who briefed him about the unit's duties and capabilities, as well as advanced equipment and systems that enable it to perform the tasks assigned to it.



Southern Shaikh Khalifa visited a school, in the presence of the Director of Education Dr. Majid... They congratulated the girls of the Arab Reaction Al-Iman team, ranked first in the 2017 contest with 41,000 schoolgirls from different Arab...





The inauguration ceremony for the new Zallaq mosque, which can accommodate 600 worshippers, was held on Friday, October 20, 2017. The ceremony was presided over by SCIA Chairman Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalid Al-Khalifa. Other officials in attendance included SCIA Vice Chairman Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Khalifa and HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.



HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Committee President, Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) Chairman and Royal Society for the Handicapped (RSH) Chairman HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa at the BDF's General Command. HH Shaikh Nasser thanked HH Shaikh Khalifa on the success of the first edition of BIDE.



The Bahraini parliamentary delegation, led by the Speaker of the Council of Representatives Ahmed Al Mulla has concluded its participation in the 137th Assembly of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and related meetings, held in Saint Petersburg, Russia between October 14 and 18, with the participation of about 135 parliamentary delegations. The Speaker lauded the great role played by Bahrain's parliamentary delegation during IPU's Assembly, especially regarding its keenness on raising Arab issues.



A delegation of schools returned to Bahrain after taking part in HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum's Arab Reading Challenge. They were welcomed at Bahrain International Airport by Education Minister Dr. Majid bin Ali Al-Nuaimi, Al-Iman Schools board of trustees' chairman Ahmed Al-Zayed, Undersecretary for Resources and Services Dr. Mohammed Mubarak Juma'a and other officials and parents.

Governor HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al-Khalifa visited Al-Iman Schools' School on the occasion of the Arab Reading Challenge. HH Shaikh Khalifa congratulated Al-Iman Schools' School on its success in winning the title in the challenge, which attracted schools from different countries.



Under the patronage of the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister Essam Khalaf, and as part of events marking Global Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Ministry hosted a lecture on 'Breast Cancer Awareness.' The lecture was organized by the ministry's Communications Directorate and delivered by Chairman of the Bahrain Cancer Society, Dr. Abdulrahman Fakhro.



Southern Governor HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al-Khalifa announced the infrastructure development scheme for Zallaq village district 1056 as he held a meeting with Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister Essam Khalaf. The session which was held at the Southern Governorate was also attended by other officials from the ministry and governorate.



Kim Kardashian West @KimKardashian
 Hey guys! We're shooting our KUWTK Christmas Special! We do so much during the holidays, what did u want to see?



I fight my own fight: Adams

Los Angeles

Actress Amy Adams says she is not interested in sharing her views on the issue of gender inequality in Hollywood, and likes to "fight her own fight".

"I don't want to talk about my own experience because I fight my own fight and I feel comfortable doing that," Adams told *T* magazine while talking about gender pay inequality in Hollywood, reports dailymail.co.uk.

"There's not a lot of empathy out there for celebrities... I spent a lot more time educating myself about what women executives get paid," she added.

Adams says she began educating herself after the Sony hack in 2014 that revealed she and actress Jennifer Lawrence were paid much less than their male counterparts in "American Hustle." (IANS)



HEMSWORTH THANKFUL FOR WIFE'S SUPPORT

London

Actor Chris Hemsworth is thankful his wife Elsa Pataky has been supportive and allowed him to focus on his career.

The "Thor: Ragnarok" star has been married to Spanish actress Elsa Pataky for almost seven years and they have three children together.

Since they met in 2010, the former "Home And Away" hunk's film career has skyrocketed thanks to starring roles in "Avengers" blockbusters while his spouse has been happy to take a "supporting" role and step back from the spotlight, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

"A marriage is a partnership, and you both have to put aside your own individual wants and realise it's a mutual adventure," Hemsworth told US entertainment show "Extra."

(IANS)



Pitt eyeing Jolie's lookalike

Los Angeles

Actor Brad Pitt is reportedly eyeing his former wife and actress Angelina Jolie's lookalike Ella Purnell.

Purnell, 21, played the young version of Jolie's character in 2014's "Maleficent".

Pitt was so "blown away" by her work in "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" and "Churchill" that the 53-year-old "jumped at the chance" to work with Purnell via his production company, Plan B, for "Sweetbitter", reports variety.com.

"Sweetbitter" is based on a novel about a New York City waitress.

"Brad had Ella in mind from the get-go. He went out of his way to cast her. Ella is incredibly flattered by all the attention she's getting from Brad. She's told friends he's always been her No. 1 celebrity crush," said a source. (IANS)



STARRY
 Birthday
 Viggo Mortensen

October 20, 1958

Best known for his portrayal of Aragorn in *Lord of the Rings*. He earned an Academy Award nomination for Best Actor for his role in the 2016 film *Captain Fantastic*.



Hamm wants to settle down with Dakota

Los Angeles

Actor Jon Hamm is reportedly keen to settle down with actress Dakota Johnson, but she is not sure if she is ready for the commitment.

The former "Mad Men" star has been dating the "Fifty Shades of Grey" actress for a few months and now Hamm, 46, who has been single since his split with long-term partner Jennifer Westfeldt in 2015 after 18 years. According to a source, he is keen to take things to the next level, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.

"Jon thinks the world of Dakota and seems to be quite taken with her. He's been pursuing her and has been really enjoying her company. It's still early days but Jon has made it clear that he wants to settle down with someone soon. He has been actively looking

for a girlfriend because he absolutely hates being single," the source told *Grazia magazine*. (IANS)

Swank to star in 'I am Mother'

Two-time Oscar winning actress Hilary Swank has finally signed his next project.

Reportedly, the actress will be next seen in 'I Am Mother', the Australian sci-fi thriller from director Grant Sputore.

Swank joins Clara Rugaard in a unique mother-daughter story.

The movie centres on a teenage girl (Rugaard) raised underground by a robot mother designed to repopulate the earth following an extinction event. Their unique bond is threatened when a blood-drenched stranger, played by Swank, is taken in by the teen, only to find herself at odds with her gear-and-piston parent.

Overnight, the stranger casts doubt on the mother's claims about the outside world and begins to unravel the fabric of their insular family. Unsure whom to trust, the girl begins to probe into mother's dubious nature and uncovers the truth of her greater mission. (TOI)

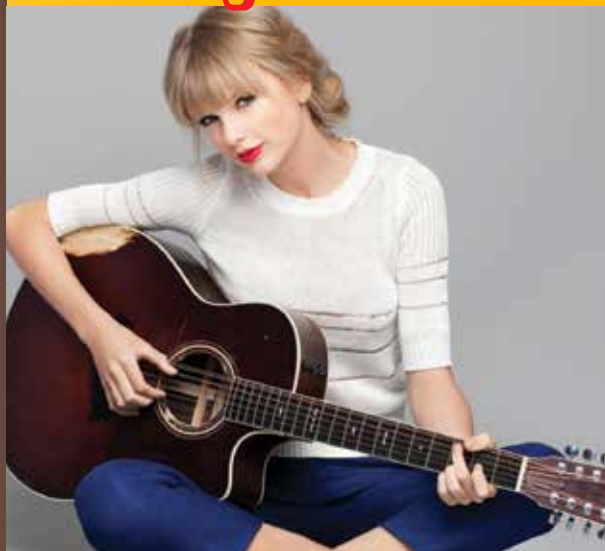


Josh Brolin almost turned down 'Deadpool 2'

Hollywood heavy-weight Josh Brolin, who will be next seen in 'Deadpool 2', has revealed that he would not be in the sequel of 2016 hit movie if it wasn't for his wife.

Reportedly, the 49-year-old actor has revealed that he was not going to commit to 'Deadpool 2' because of his role in 'George and Tammy' until his spouse, Kathryn Boyd. While giving an interview, Brolin said, "We were supposed to do 'George and Tammy' but that fell through." (TOI)

Now you know it



American singer-songwriter Taylor Swift says Shania Twain is her biggest musical influence, however she's also 'devoted' to Britney Spears. (thefactsite)

TOP 10 Songs this Week



1. Bodak Yellow (Money Moves) **Cardi B**



2. Rockstar **Post Malone Featuring 21 Savage**



3. Mi Gente **J Balvin & Willy William Featuring Beyonce**



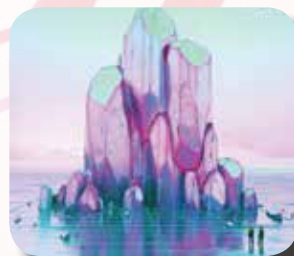
4. 1-800-273-8255 **Logic Featuring Alessia Cara & Khalid**



5. Look What You Made Me Do **Taylor Swift**



6. Feel It Still **Portugal. The Man**



7. Thunder **Imagine Dragons**



8. Sorry Not Sorry **Demi Lovato**



9. Despacito **Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee Featuring Justin Bieber**



10. Unforgettable **French Montana Featuring Swae Lee**

(billboard)

OUT & ABOUT

HOW TO REACH US

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WIND DOWN WEDNESDAY

Date: Wednesday, October 25th from 7pm
Venue: Four Seasons

Fall into Winter Blue Moon Lounge Tasting Series. Join us on a once a month whistle-stop tour visiting some of the world's greatest regions for production. Tastings to emphasize the importance of place as it is expressed through the clarity of great bottles and superlative winemaking. This one hour long tasting seminar, starting at 7pm, will feature four wines for you to taste and discuss in an educational yet informal setting in our beautiful Blue Moon Lounge.

THE 26TH BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Date: 19 - 28 October 2017
Venue: Multiple Places

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

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

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

FUEGO: ANTONIO GADES COMPANY



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

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

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



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

Since 2008, the Dilmun Bioarchaeology Project has been studying and publishing the collections from Peter B. Cornwall's 1940-41 expedition to Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, which now reside in the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology at UC Berkeley. Cornwall excavated at least 24 burial mounds in the northern and western parts of Bahrain Island, and conducted surface survey at several archaeological sites in the al-Hasa region of Saudi Arabia. He drew on these materials to argue that the Bronze Age polity of Dilmun had been located in that region. By documenting and analyzing the skeletal remains and artifacts collected by Cornwall, our team hopes to add to anthropologists' understanding of how life was experienced and death commemorated in Dilmun. Preliminary findings have been published in academic and public-orient-

ed peer-reviewed journals. We also mounted a touring museum exhibit entitled "From Death to Life in Ancient Bahrain" that features the facial reconstructions of two Early Dilmun people. Recently, we launched a new phase of the project in which AMS radiocarbon dating and stable isotope analysis are confirming the dates of the Bahraini burial mounds and shedding light on the residential mobility and dietary practices of the people buried in them. We look forward to sharing the results of our research with the audience at the Bahrain National Museum.

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ROMEO & JULIET



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

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

Verona, Italy, and includes a bustling marketplace that erupts into a violent sword fight, and a lavish ball held in an elegant mansion.

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

40 RULES OF LOVE



Date: 22 October 2017, 8:00pm
Venue: Cultural Hall

An musical adaptation of the famous novel of 40 Rules of Love by Elif Shafak and presented by the Modern Theatre Ensemble from Egypt which follows the journey of faith of the novel's two main characters, Jalal al-Din al-Rumi and Shams al-Din Tabrizi. Free Admission. Minimum age 8 years and above.

DAR AL MUHARRAQ

Date: 21 & 28 October 2017, 8:00pm

Venue: Dar Al Muharraq

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Date: 25 October 2017, 8:00pm
Venue: Cultural Hall

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ARABIAN MEMORIES OF SICILY

Date: 22 October 2017, 7:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Museum

For almost three centuries, Sicily has been a flourishing Arabian domain, including figurative, architectural, landscaping and linguistic signs. From the prosperous union among several people, Sicily obtained a linguistic primacy in creating the literary Italian language. It was in the courts of Sicily that the sonnet was created, and it later became the poetic composition for excellence of the Tuscan Dolce Stil Novo. All memories about a past of which - as History teaches - future can't do without. This Lecture is by Prof. Patrizia Torricelli, Full Professor of Glottology and Linguistics, Dpt. Ancient and Modern Civilizations, Head of Language Center of the University of Messina (CLAM), University of Messina.

MOVIE NIGHT: VICERÈ



Date: 23 October 2017, 7:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Museum

Vicerè is a 2007 Italian historical drama film directed by Roberto Faenza, based on the novel written by Federico De Roberto.

In the mid 1800's, in the last years of the Bourbon reign in Sicily, and on the eve of Italian reunification, the funeral of Princess Teresa brings together the members of the Uzeda family, descendants of the Viceroy of Spain. Uzeda, a Sicilian family faithful to the Bourbon kings, with the Unification of Italy in 1861 and the rise to power of Giuseppe Garibaldi and Vittorio Emanuele II, begins to lose his power, although Sicily remains in the hands of Prince Giacomo (Giacomo Uzeda). Through Little Consalvo, the last heir to the Uzeda dynasty, the mysteries, intrigues and complex personalities of the other family members - all prey to grand obsessions and passions, are brought to light. The Uzeda fight over the inheritance of the Princess who has just passed away, each searching to satisfy his or her desires. Consalvo grows up in a family always at war, ruled over by a domineering father whom the boy desperately seeks to break away from; but in order to survive, he becomes just like the other Uzeda. Free Admission.

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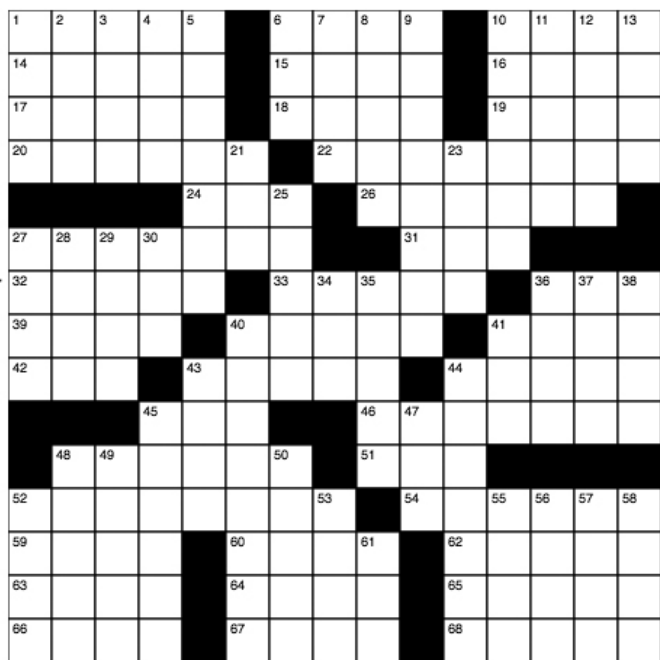
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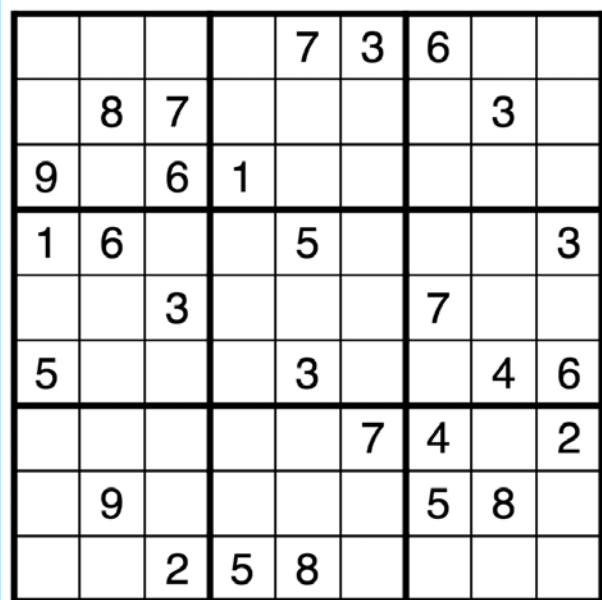
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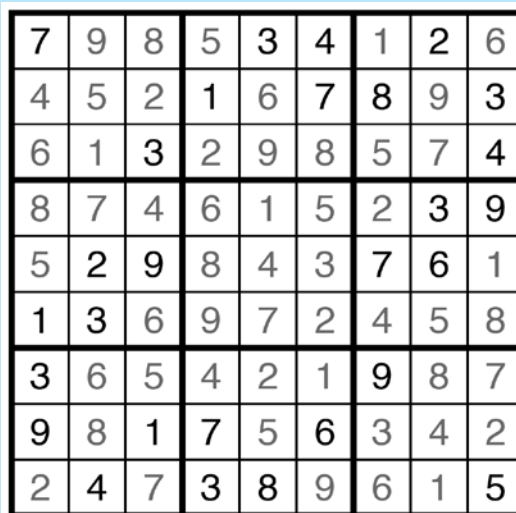
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



You're feeling especially sensitive today. Your intuition is operating at a very high level. With people wearing their hearts on their sleeves now, it's very easy to tap into others' emotions. You and your mate are especially in sync, which will make for a wonderful evening. Take advantage of the aspects.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



You're in a fun and festive mood with today's planetary aspects. Tonight you should plan a house full of people, because you're going to need an audience. Your flair for drama is working overtime. You'll have jokes to tell and anecdotes to pass on. Your guests will appreciate the free floorshow!

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



This is a good day for meditation. You've probably been trying to distract yourself from unresolved issues through shopping or eating. Try taking some time today to think about what's really bothering you. It would do you some good to get outside and connect with nature. Try taking a long walk in a park.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Your creativity is at a peak, though you may not be aware of it due to your focus on your work and social life. But don't be surprised if you have a vision, seemingly from out of the blue. You'll likely feel inspired to stop what you're doing and paint or write. Excuse yourself and spend some time alone with your muse. You'll be delighted with the results.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Try to be careful of missing the forest for the trees today. You may be concentrating on a detail in your personal or professional life that isn't as crucial to the big picture as you think. This kind of obsessive thinking is probably keeping you from progressing. Let it go. Sometimes it's necessary to sacrifice a battle in order to win the war.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



You might feel as though your head is in the clouds today. After the frantic pace you've kept up at work, your mind has decided to take some time off. People may have to repeat questions several times before you respond. They'll think you're funny, and so should you. Try to relax and have fun in your dizzy state!

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Expect to hear from people you haven't heard from in some time. Make a cup of tea and savour every correspondence. You could feel nostalgic for the "good old days" when life seemed simpler and more of your friends were nearby. Pick up the phone and give one of them a call. Your old pal will be delighted to hear from you.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Try to be extra patient and affectionate toward your loved ones today. A child, lover, or pet needs some of the special attention and reassurance that only you can provide. Try to make this a priority over professional obligations. Remember that your loved ones are the most important things in your life. When you need them, they'll always be there for you!

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



Your intuition is quite high right now, enabling you to accurately tune in to others' hopes and dreams. This can be a bit tricky in a social situation, however. Someone could be saying one thing when you know they're thinking something else! Don't dwell on other people's thoughts too much. Instead, direct your thoughts to how happy you are now.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



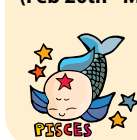
It's likely that you've been feeling the urge to exercise your imagination. As much as you enjoy your profession, there isn't much chance to stretch your mind and show your creative visual side. With some time off, you could pick up paints and brushes or pen and paper and begin an art project of some kind. With all the house guests and visitors dropping by, expect encouragement!

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



This is a good day to let go. If someone has hurt or disappointed you, it's time to forgive and move on. Holding a grudge isn't going to get you anywhere. In fact, it's probably eating away at your heart and keeping you from moving ahead in other areas. If things are meant to work out with this person, they will. If they don't, it isn't meant to be.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Resist the urge to go on a shopping spree today. You're likely to make impulsive purchases. You may be trying to fill a void or compensate for another area of your life that isn't going as well as you'd like. Try instead to do a little meditation and bring the real problem into clearer focus. Take a walk or do some yoga. It will do your spirit more good than the mall.

Call for fresh Catalan polls

Spanish National Police clash with pro-referendum supporters in Barcelona

Madrid
Spain appeared to offer Catalonia's separatists a last-minute way out of their standoff with the central government on Wednesday, suggesting fresh elections in the region could resolve the country's worst political crisis in decades.

Hours before Catalan president Carles Puigdemont faces a 10:00 am (0800 GMT) Thursday deadline to say whether or not he is declaring independence, a government source said that elections "could be considered a return to legality".

The government had earlier warned Puigdemont that unless he backs down, Madrid will start proceedings to take direct control over the semi-autonomous region.

With its own language and

culture, Catalonia is proud of its autonomy but its 7.5 million people are deeply divided over independence.

There are fears that moving to impose direct rule could inflame tensions in a crisis that has already sparked huge street rallies, prompted hundreds of companies to decamp to other parts of Spain, and rattled EU neighbours.

Spain has been in limbo since Catalonia held a banned independence referendum on October 1, which prompted a heavy police crackdown that drew international condemnation.

Puigdemont issued a cryptic "suspended" declaration of independence following the vote, saying he wanted time for talks with the central government

-- a prospect Madrid has rejected.

"All I ask of Mr Puigdemont is that he acts with good sense," Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy told parliament Wednesday as the government threatened to trigger Article 155 of Spain's constitution, a never-before-used provision that would allow it to suspend Catalan autonomy.

But there were increasing indications that elections are being considered as a way to steer clear of these uncharted waters.

Elections sanctioned by Madrid -- unlike the referendum, which the Constitutional Court ruled illegal -- would allow Catalan voters to have a say on how to move forward. (AFP)

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Pakistani anti-corruption court indicts Nawaz Sharif. Do you think the former Pakistani PM is guilty of his charges?

Yes No Cant Say



"The recent sanctions package adopted by the U.S. Congress was openly designed to push Russia out of European energy markets and to force Europe to switch to more expensive liquefied natural gas from the United States, even though the volumes there are not yet sufficient,"

-Vladimir Putin
Russian President

Rest in sight

Fire breaks out at Indian highrise building



A major fire broke out at a highrise office building in the eastern Indian city of Kolkata.

Flood, landslide fatalities in Vietnam surge to 77

Flash floods and landslides triggered by heavy rain in Vietnam's northern and central regions since early last week have killed 77 local people.

4.5 tons of drugs seized in southern Albania

Some 4.5 tons of cannabis sativa were seized by Albanian police in a village in Vlora, a coastal city in southern Albania

15 injured in blast in SW Pakistan

At least 15 people were injured as a blast hit Pakistan's southwestern Balochistan province.

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North Korea threatens 'unimaginable' strike on US

Seoul
North Korea has threatened to launch an "unimaginable" strike on the US, accusing the Trump administration and its South Korean "puppet" allies of seeking to "ignite a war on the Korean peninsula at any cost".

The statement released by the *Korean Central News Agency*, Pyongyang's official's mouthpiece, predicted "imminent catastrophic disaster" in the region.

Using typically hyperbolic

language, it vowed to "mercilessly smash the war frenzy of the US and South Korean puppet warmongers to get rid of the abyss of ruin through dangerous war gambling and inflict the most miserable death on the invaders."

The threat came in response to joint US-South Korea military drills in waters east of the Korean peninsula involving the USS Ronald Reagan, a nuclear powered aircraft carrier. (*The Independent*)

Manhunt in Maryland shooting ends with arrest



Police investigate the scene of a shooting in Delaware

Washington

A man with a lengthy criminal past who showed up for work at a countertop company on Wednesday and shot five of his co-workers has been arrested, authorities said. Three of them were killed and two critically wounded.

Less than two hours later, Radee Labeeb Prince drove to a used car lot about 55 miles (90 kilometers) away in Wilmington, Delaware, and opened fire on a man with whom he had "beefs" in the past, wounding him, police said.

The shooting rampage set off a manhunt along the Interstate 95 Northeast corridor. Police cruisers were stationed in medians, and overhead highway signs displayed a description of Prince's sport utility vehicle and its Delaware license plate. The FBI assisted state and local authorities in the manhunt.

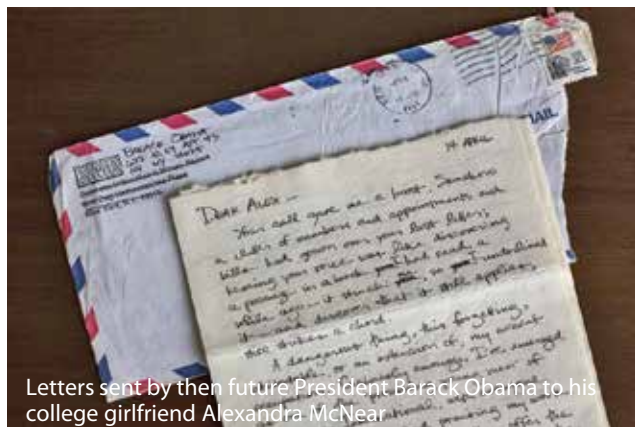
Prince was "apprehended a short time ago in Delaware by ATF and allied law enforcement agencies," the Harford County Sheriff's Office in Maryland tweeted Wednesday night. (AP)

Obama's love letters to college girlfriend made public

New York
Letters written by former U.S. President Barack Obama in 1980s to his college girlfriend were made public yesterday by a private research university, revealing a young man grappling with his place in the world.

The nine full letters, sent by young Obama to Alexandra McNear, are now part of the collection of the Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library at Emory University in metropolitan Atlanta, the southeastern U.S. state of Georgia, according to an article titled "Love, Barack" by Laura Douglas-Brown, posted Thursday on the Emory's website.

The 30 pages of letters are available to scholars and students by appointment, and there will be an opportunity to view facsimiles of the letters



Letters sent by then future President Barack Obama to his college girlfriend Alexandra McNear

on Friday, from 2pm to 4pm in the Woodruff Commons of the Rose Library, it said.

Beautifully composed, the letters "reveal the search of a young man for meaning and identity," Rosemary Magee, Rose Library director was quoted as saying. "While intimate in a philosophical way, they reflect primarily

a college student coming to terms with himself and others."

"In fact, they show the same kind of yearnings and issues that our own students face - and that students everywhere encounter," Magee said. "Thus they will serve as sources of both inspiration and reassurance to people of all ages and backgrounds." (*Xinhua*)

Iran says missile programme will accelerate

Ankara

Iran's elite Islamic Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) said on Thursday its ballistic missile programme would accelerate despite U.S. and European Union pressure to suspend it, the semi-official Tasnim news agency reported.

In a significant U.S. policy shift on Oct. 13, President Donald Trump disavowed Iran's compliance with a landmark 2015 nuclear deal and launched a more aggressive approach to the Islamic Republic over its missile development activity.

"Iran's ballistic missile programme will expand and it will continue with more



Representative image

speed in reaction to Trump's hostile approach towards this revolutionary organisation (the Guards)," the IRGC said in a statement published by

Tasnim.

The Trump administration has imposed new unilateral sanctions aimed at impairing Iran's missile programme. It

has called on Tehran not to develop missiles capable of delivering nuclear bombs. Iran says it has no such plans.

Tehran has repeatedly pledged to continue what it calls a defensive missile capability in defiance of Western criticism.

"Trump's anxiety and trembling voice in his speech was a sign of beginning of the era of failure for America's hegemony," Tasnim quoted IRGC chief commander Mohammad Ali Jafari as saying. "Boosting Iran's defence power remains our top priority."

Iran has one of the most advanced ballistic missile programmes in the Middle East, viewing it as an essential

precautionary defence against the United States and other adversaries, primarily Gulf Arab states and Israel.

"Imposing cruel sanctions against the Guards and hostile approach of the rogue and brute (U.S.) president shows the failure of America and the Zionist regime's (Israel) wicked policies in the region," the Guards statement said.

Signalling no respite in tension in the Middle East, where Shi'ite Muslim Iran has waged a long proxy war with U.S.-allied Sunni Muslim Saudi Arabia, the Guards also vowed to continue confronting the United States and Israel.

"More decisive and stronger

than ever, the Guards will continue to defend Islamic Iran and its interests," the statement said, alluding to the Quds force, the Guards' overseas arm that operates in Iraq, Syria and Yemen among other places.

Trump's hardened Iran stance has united officials behind the IRGC.

"Today, Iranians, boys, girls, men, women, are all IRGC. Standing firm with those who defend us and the region against aggression and terror," U.S.-educated Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif wrote on his twitter account after Trump's speech. (Reuters)

Xi Jinping delivers a report to the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC)



Xi declares 'new era' for China as party congress opens

Beijing

President Xi Jinping declared China is entering a "new era" of challenges and opportunities on Wednesday as he opened a Communist Party congress expected to enhance his already formidable power.

Xi told some 2,300 delegates at the imposing Great Hall of the People that the party must "resolutely oppose" any actions that undermine its leadership as it steers a course through a high-stakes period in its development.

"The situation both domestic and abroad is undergoing profound and complex changes," said Xi, who is expected to secure a second five-year term as general secretary and stack leadership positions with loyalists during the twice-a-decade congress.

"China's development is still in a stage of important strategic opportunities. The prospects are bright, but the challenges are also severe," he said in a marathon speech that exceeded three hours and

was met by waves of applause. "Socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era."

Speaking in front of a massive hammer and sickle, Xi touted his nationalistic "China dream" slogan, vowed to open the economy, promised to win the fight against poverty, and warned he would continue a "zero tolerance" campaign against corruption.

"Every one of us in the party must do more to uphold party leadership and the Chinese socialist system and resolutely oppose all statements and actions that undermine, distort or negate them," he said.

Considered China's most powerful leader since Deng Xiaoping or even Mao Zedong, Xi could use the congress to lay the foundation to stay atop the 89-million-strong party even longer than the normal 10 years, according to analysts.

That would break the unwritten two-term limit accepted by his immediate

predecessors Jiang Zemin and Hu Jintao -- who were by Xi's side at the congress -- and end the era of "collective leadership" aimed at preventing the emergence of another Mao.

Another signal of Xi's rise to the pantheon of Chinese leadership would be if his name is added to the party constitution, an honour that has only been bestowed upon modern China's founder, Mao, and the father of economic reforms, Deng.

'Tigers and flies'

Potential rivals have been swept aside under Xi's vast anti-corruption drive, which punished 1.3 million Communist Party officials over five years.

Xi said the campaign has been "unswervingly fighting against 'tigers', 'beating flies', 'hunting foxes'" -- terms used for lower- and higher-ranking officials, as well as those who have fled abroad.

His rise has also been marked by a relentless crackdown on dissent, with

authorities even refusing to free Nobel peace prize laureate Liu Xiaobo as he lay dying of cancer in July.

On other fronts, Xi touted efforts to complete the army's modernisation by 2035 and build artificial islands in the disputed South China Sea

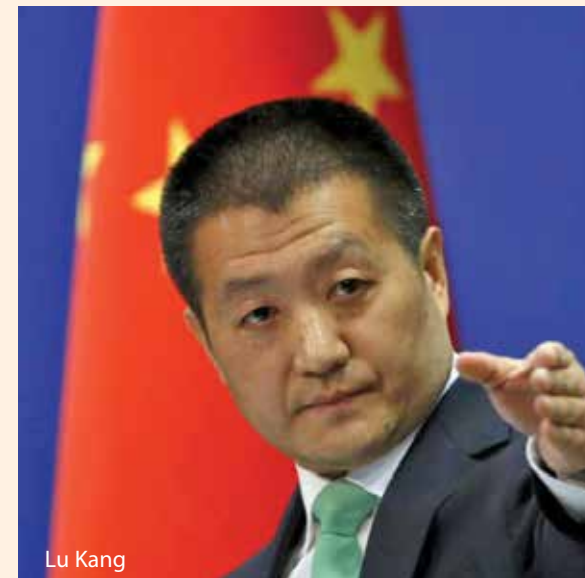
In a stern warning to self-ruled Taiwan, which Beijing considers a rebel province, Xi said China has the "ability to defeat separatist attempts for Taiwan independence in any form".

Xi, who has championed globalisation in the face of President Donald Trump's "America First" policies, vowed to further open up China's economy.

Foreign companies complain that Xi's words have not been backed by deeds, as the state retains control over the economy.

US and European firms report being barred from certain sectors and forced to share their technologies with local competitors. (AFP)

US should shed bias: Chinese official



Lu Kang

Beijing

China today asked the US to shed its "biased views" and work with Beijing to uphold the momentum for a steady and sound relations, a day after the top American diplomat lashed out at the Chinese model of funding infrastructure projects and developmental activities.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang also said that Beijing is "happy" over the development of ties between India and America as long as they are conducive to regional peace.

In a major India-policy speech yesterday, US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson had highlighted the need for collaborating with New Delhi on offering alternative model of financing infrastructure projects and economic development to that of China whom he described as "predatory economics".

He had lashed out at the Chinese model of funding infrastructure projects and developmental activities, saying it does not create jobs and results in enormous level of debt.

Playing down Tillerson's criticism of China and his remarks to deepen ties with India, Lu told reporters here that the US should take more objective look at China's development.

"China steadfastly upheld the international order with the UN at the core and based on the purposes and principles of UN charter we will firmly uphold the multilateralism yet we will also firmly safeguard our own interests and rights," he said while responding to a question on Tillerson's remarks.

The US diplomat had branded China a "predatory rule breaker" specially in the South China Sea and leaving countries in debt.

China hopes that Washington can look China's development in an "objective way" as well as China's role in the international community, Lu said. (PTI)

BIC open track tonight



Action from the previous race

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) comes alive under the stars tonight with an Open Track Night for cars.

Open Track is one of the most popular and highly subscribed events at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East", and this weekend's event is expected to attract car enthusiasts from all over Bahrain as well as

from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman and the UAE.

Those taking part will be able to enjoy a drive around BIC's 2.55-kilometre Inner Track under BIC's state-of-the-art floodlighting system.

Today's action will be held from 4pm until 11pm.

Guests will be able to choose between taking part for the whole night at BD105. They can also choose a drive for half the night at BD75,

and a single session drive at BD40. Friends or family members who would like to accompany a participant as a passenger in their car may do so at an extra fee.

Today's Open Track for cars will be run to the highest of international safety standards, although participants will still be able to push their vehicles to their very limit. All those taking part in the Open Track must first bring

their cars for scrutineering before being allowed to move forward. They must also own a valid driver's licence and must be wearing appropriate clothing along with closed-toe footwear.

Discounts are available for all those who book their participation in advance. Registration can be done online at www.bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.

De Villiers finds sweet spot on S. Africa return

Paarl, South Africa

AB de Villiers feels he is hitting the ball as sweetly as he ever following his recent break from the South African side, an ominous sign for bowlers ahead of a busy season across all three formats.

South Africa were given a glimpse of what they have been missing as De Villiers flayed Bangladesh's attack with stunning ease on his way to a career-best one-day international score on Wednesday.

He smashed 176 from 104 balls, including seven towering sixes, as South Africa sealed the three-match series with a game to spare following a 104-run victory.

"I'm hitting the ball as well as ever and it felt that way out there, I could feel the ball coming off really well," he told reporters. "It's just nice to contribute."



AB de Villiers (file pic)

De Villiers had been on a self-imposed exile from the side, but announced last month he would be available again in all three formats as South Africa prepare to

welcome India and Australia for respective test series in the coming months.

"I just needed a couple of months away with the family, which I got," he said.

"I watched all the games the guys played and I've been in contact with them. It felt like I never really left, but I did miss being on the park and playing," (Reuters)

IMMAF 2017: Cutmen confirmed



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International Mixed Martial Arts Federation has announced the final list of internationally certified Cutmen, who are confirmed for the World Championships held in Bahrain.

2017 IMMAF World Championships will take place at Khalifa Sports City Arena from 12 to 19 November, as part of Brave International Combat Week.

Bahrain is the only nation other than the United States of America to host the World Championships for Amateur Mixed martial Arts. Fighters are expected from approximately 40 nations during the week.

Cutmen ensure the safety of the athletes during the bout and tend to the fighter between the rounds. Throughout the

world championships the cuts team will be supervised by Joseph Clifford and the longest serving cutman to the UFC, Bob Plant. The team will also be responsible for athlete hand wrapping.

Nine global graduates of official IMMAF certification have been selected from across six IMMAF member nations.

Cuts team selection for the 2017 IMMAF World:

Nicola Vicarey – UK
Jessica Isacson – Ireland
Deborah O'Sullivan – Ireland
Liam Bowes – Ireland
Syarul Afidah – Malaysia
Afidah Yusof – Malaysia
Angelo Tarantini – Italy
Paulo Benedito – Portugal
Jose Genaro – Mexico

Supervisors

Bob Plant – UK
Joseph Clifford – Ireland

CBA Division D: Indian Super Kings beat GT Abdulaal

Manama

Indian Super Kings defeated GT Abdulaal by 2 wickets in CBA Division D match.

GT Abdulaal, who went to bat first, scored 83/9 in 20 overs. Indian Super Kings scored 84/8 in 16.3 overs, with Shiva becoming the top scorer with 34 runs.

In other matches:

Alpha Fire Bahrain 128/7 in 18.4 overs (Dilian 39, Rafeeq 3/27) beat Bharath Legends 127/4 (Deepu 52, Rovinder 2/20) by 3 wickets.

Bulls 89/5 in 10.5 overs (Sunil 29, Sharyar 3/22) beat Young Blaster 86/10 (Shlor 36, Binoj 3/23) by 5 wickets.

Masters CC 144/6 (Faisal 41, Nishad 46, Saneesh 3/25) beat Rangers 110/8 (Basheer 29, Jibin 38, Sakir 2/2) by 34 runs.

Bahrain Indian Challengers 128/10 (Mustafa 34, Rajesh 26, Sanjeev 3/17) beat Hempel Paints 68/10 (Kashif 10, Rajesh 3/19) by 60 runs.

ALghad Cargo 124/8 (Anil

25, Salman 3/24) beat Arabian Oryxes 109/5 (Taha 31, Zafran 31, Jerin 2/17) by 15 runs

Mudabar 54/3 in 10 overs (Hasham 24, Zeeshan 1/14) beat Azeem CC53/10 (Bilal 20, Rahil 3/5) by 7 wickets

Asma 182/6 (Sohaib 59, Abhi 3/15) beat Matrix 102/10 (Jagan 57, Ranjith 5/26) by 80 runs

Liaison 114/9 in 19.2 overs (Saad 21, Hamza 2/15) beat Bassali Tigers 112/6 (Hamza 29, Riaz 2/18) by 1 wicket.

Zayani Motors 132/8 in 19.2 overs (Saqr 38, Waziq 22, Raji 4/23) beat Tornado Riders 131/10 (Manu 50, Imrar 3/17) by 2 wickets.

Pak Hawks 98/3 in 12.1 overs (Waseem 44, Aqeel 34, Kartik 2/18) beat Lantern Lions 96/9 (Kalpesh 19, Tayyeb 2/12) by 7 wickets.

Shafiq Glass 119/5 in 19.1 overs (Naem 56, Faisal 2/29) beat Spartans 118/8 (Atif 39, Yasir 3/13, Nabeel 3/22) by 5 wickets.

Kremlin Cup



Daria Kasatkina (file pic)

Kasatkina strides past Sasnovich

Moscow

Daria Kasatkina beat Aliaksandra Sasnovich in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, to make her way into the semifinals of the Kremlin Cup.

It was a match in which neither player held very often, struggling to make their first serves count.

"I am glad I managed to close out the first set and closed out that match," Kasatkina said via a translator on court afterwards.

The Russian made a brilliant start, securing a double break to race to a 4-0 lead, but Sasnovich was dogged and got herself on the board with a break of her own.

Kasatkina looked unstoppable on her opponent's serve, breaking once more to give herself the opportunity to serve out the first set.

But the Belarusian took the third of three break points and then held

serve to close the gap – and broke once more to keep herself in it.

Kasatkina clung on, though, as she used her forehand brilliantly and benefited from a Sasnovich double fault to break to love and take the set 6-4.

The pair exchanged breaks at the start of the second set, but after that the Russian took command, using her brilliant forehand to force her opponent into errors.

Kasatkina will next face Irina-Camelia Begu, who beat qualifier Vera Lapko, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 – but she did not know her opponent until later in the day, and immediately after the match she said whoever she faced she would need to improve her game.

"I need to be playing more aggressively because these are very powerful girls," admitted Kasatkina. (*wtatennis*)

Tsonga opens Antwerp campaign



Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (file pic)

Antwerp

Second seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who is bidding to capture his 16th ATP World Tour title this week, moved into his eighth quarter-final this year by beating fellow Frenchman and qualifier Kenny De Schepper 6-4, 6-3 in 88 minutes at the European Open.

Tsonga, who is 30-13 on the season, will next face another compatriot, 35-year-old Julien Benneteau. Tsonga has already lifted silverware in 2017 at the ABM AMRO World Tennis Tournament in Rotterdam, the Open 13 in Marseille and the Open Parc Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Lyon in Lyon.

Fourth seed and last year's finalist Diego Schwartzman needed one hour and 41 minutes to beat #NextGenATP American Ernesto Escobedo 6-3, 7-6(5) for a place in the quarter-finals against fifth-seeded Spaniard David Ferrer or Steve Darcis of Belgium. Escobedo is No. 11 in the Emirates ATP Race To Milan with 497 points, attempting to qualify for next month's Next Gen ATP Finals.

Greek qualifier Stefanos Tsitsipas booked a spot in his first ATP World Tour quarter-final on Thursday when leading Ivo Karlovic of Croatia 7-6(4), 5-6. Karlovic retired after injuring his left ankle while serving.

Tsitsipas will now challenge top-seeded Belgian and Nitto ATP Finals contender Goffin or American Frances Tiafoe, who is bidding to qualify for the Next Gen ATP Finals. (*atpworldtour*)

Kevin Anderson enters Stockholm Open quarter-finals

Stockholm

South African Kevin Anderson stepped up his bid yesterday for one of the four remaining places at the Nitto ATP Finals when he knocked out South Korean Hyeon Chung 6-3, 6-2 for a place in the Intrum Stockholm Open quarter-finals. The second seed struck 18 aces and won 28 of his 32 first-service points to improve to a 32-18 mark on the season.

"In the beginning I felt I was hitting the ball great and I was creating opportunities," said Anderson. "He was hanging in there and it took me quite a few attempts to break serve. He defends so well and is a great athlete, so for me to come off the court with that scoreline feels good."

He will next face Spaniard Fernando Verdasco.

Anderson is at No. 12 in the Emirates ATP Race To London with 2,450 points – 155 points behind ninth-placed Pablo Carreno Busta of Spain, who sits in the final qualification berth for the



Kevin Anderson (file pic)

season finale, to be held at The O2 in London from 12-19 November. Chung is No. 8 in Emirates ATP Race To Milan for a spot at next month's inaugural 21-and-under Next Gen ATP Finals with 760 points, having been overtaken by Russian Daniil Medvedev (772 points) who won

today at the VTB Kremlin Cup. Medvedev knocked out Carreno Busta in Moscow.

Fifth-seeded German wild card Mischa Zverev will take on top seed and 2013 champion Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria or Polish qualifier Jerzy Janowicz after he moved past Viktor

Troicki 6-2, 6-3.

Elsewhere, seventh-seeded Japanese Yuichi Sugita recorded his 22nd match win of a career-best season by knocking out 2009 champion Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 in one hour and 49 minutes. (*atpworldtour*)

Nick Kyrgios ends 2017 season

London

Australian Nick Kyrgios will not play again this season because of a recurring hip injury.

The 22-year-old world number 20 originally suffered the problem at Queen's in June.

"I am shutting down my season to make sure I can rehab and prepare as best as I can for the Australian summer," Kyrgios said in a statement on *Twitter*.

"Unless I want this to escalate into an injury that requires surgery, I need to listen to my body and my team."

The injury prematurely ends a season that been blighted by indiscretions.

Earlier in October, Kyrgios was fined \$10,000 (£7,573) for unsportsmanlike conduct after he quit his first-round match at the Shanghai Masters because he lost the first set on a tie-break against Steve Johnson.

That incident came two days after he lost to Rafael Nadal in the final of the China Open after becoming frustrated by a line call in the first set.

"This year hasn't been as successful as I would have liked, especially at the Slams," he said.

"It's no secret that I have had some sad moments to deal with away from the court which have added to my disappointments throughout the year." (*BBC*)



Nick Kyrgios (file pic)

Chelsea-Roma draw in thriller

London

Eden Hazard and Edin Dzeko each scored twice as Chelsea rescued a thrilling

3-3 draw with Roma to stay top of Champions League Group C.

Chelsea had surrendered a two-goal lead to trail 3-2 with 20 minutes remaining after former Manchester City striker Dzeko's quick-fire double.

But Hazard headed in to prevent Antonio Conte's side slipping to a third

straight loss for the first time under the Italian's stewardship.

Hazard's first goal of the season followed David Luiz's opener but Aleksandar Kolarov halved the deficit before Dzeko's delightful volley and free header within seven second-half minutes.

Chelsea were second best, but Hazard headed in Pedro's cross to give the Blues seven points ahead of the trip to the Eternal City on Oct. 31.

The Blues were seeking a response to successive Premier League losses to Manchester City and Crystal Palace which have left the champions nine points adrift ahead of Saturday's fixture with Watford.

The Blues did not get the win they craved, but will have been boosted by the way they fought back after ceding the initiative to Roma.

Chelsea marked their Champions League return

after last season's European absence with a 6-0 win over Qarabag and followed that up with an impressive display in winning at Atletico Madrid.

A draw in Baku between those sides earlier on Wednesday gave Chelsea added incentive. Beat Roma here and they would have one foot in the knockout stages with three group games to play.

If only it were so simple. Luiz's deployment in midfield, with N'Golo Kante out injured, provided balance, while striker Alvaro Morata made a welcome return from his own hamstring injury, but Roma were better throughout.

Morata spurned an early chance, shooting straight at Alisson.

Diego Perotti shot over before Luiz struck against the run of play.

The Brazilian roamed forwards and, when his attempted pass to Morata was returned to him off Federico Fazio, he curled the ball in first time from 25 yards.

Roma's best fell chance fell for Radja Nainggolan, who momentarily escaped Luiz's attentions and ghosted down the Chelsea left.

Thibaut Courtois saved smartly and, soon afterwards, Chelsea doubled their lead.

Hazard fed Morata, whose shot looped up off the outstretched foot of ex-Tottenham defender Fazio and Hazard despatched the ball with ease. (espn.in)



David Luiz(L) of Chelsea competes



Lewis Hamilton (file pic)

Austin

Lewis Hamilton dismissed talk of him wrapping up a fourth world title at the United States Grand Prix this weekend as "silly".

The 32-year-old Briton can claim the 2017 crown if he is triumphant for Mercedes and nearest rival Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari fails to finish in the top five in Sunday's race at the Circuit of the Americas.

"Honestly, I don't know, all of the talk of a championship win here is silly really -- Sebastian won't have the same difficulties and he will be very quick.

"For me, it (the title) will be done in the last four races so my focus here is on winning.

"I don't mind if it is done here or at the last race, but the most important thing here is to win, in the midst of all that is going on in the country and that is a priority for me -- and you know what I am talking about."

Hamilton declined to

elaborate on his plans or the significance of his comments about why winning is such a priority for him. He suggested that a member of the media audience understood, without explaining.

When he was asked directly if he intended to take a knee in support of the protests by NFL players against racial injustice and police brutality, he distanced himself from some of his earlier comments on the subject.

"I've not given that much thought," he said, adding that when he had referred to a "gentleman at the front" who understood his thinking he was not considering the protest action. "I've worked hard to be here today and I have feelings about the whole situation, but at the moment I have no plans to do anything."

He added that if he was not to win the title in the United States, he would be happy to win it in Mexico, Brazil or Abu Dhabi. (AFP)

Alonso staying at McLaren in 2018



Austin

Double world champion Fernando Alonso will stay with McLaren in 2018, the team said yesterday in a long-expected announcement that finally ended one of the sagas of the Formula One season.

McLaren did not say whether the new contract extended beyond next year.

The Spaniard has endured a miserable three years with the British-based former world champions and had refused to commit to staying until he felt they could provide him with a competitive car. McLaren have gone some way towards answering those doubts by ending a troubled partnership with Honda and switching to Renault engines in 2018.

"It's fantastic to be able to continue my relationship with everybody at McLaren. It was always where my heart was telling me to stay, and I really

feel at home here," the Spaniard said in a team statement at the U.S. Grand Prix.

"McLaren has the technical resource and financial strength to be able to very quickly win races and world championships in F1," added the 36-year-old, who won his two championships with Renault in 2005 and 2006.

"Although the last few years have not been easy, we have never forgotten how to win, and I believe we can achieve that again soon."

Alonso has not been on the podium since 2014, when he was with Ferrari. His last win was in Spain in 2013, again with the Italian team.

McLaren are currently ninth overall, out of 10 teams, and the season ranks as the worst of Alonso's career with the exception of his debut year with now-defunct tail-enders Minardi. (Reuters)



Bayern breeze past Celtic

Munich

Celtic discovered Bayern Munich are still very much a European force as the Hoops suffered a 3-0 drubbing in their Champions League clash at the Allianz Arena.

The German giants had replaced Carlo Ancelotti with Jupp Heynckes following their 3-0 Group B defeat by Paris St Germain last month but any thoughts of demise were swept away as skipper Thomas Muller opened the scoring in the 17th minute before right-back Joshua Kimmich nodded in a second before half-time.

Mats Hummels headed in a third six minutes after the break and the Bundesliga champions were unfortunate their dominance was not properly reflected in the scoreline.

Celtic's 3-0 win away to Anderlecht in September means they are favourites to at least end up with a Europa League place after Christmas but they were simply outclassed by the Bundesliga side.

And after losing 5-0 to Paris St Germain in their opening fixture, it is clear they still have a way to go to compete with the big boys on the Champions League stage.

Bayern's magnificent stadium was packed with 72,000 fans, more than 4,000 of whom were Celtic supporters making themselves heard high up in the stands.

The Parkhead followers and their heroes were relieved in the sixth minute when the linesman flagged when Thiago Alcantara had the ball in the net from a Robert Lewandowski cut-back, perhaps ruling the ball had already gone behind for a goal kick, although television replays showed that was not conclusive.

A tug on the Poland striker's shirt inside the box by Mikael Lustig moments later went unpunished by Russian referee Sergei Karasev but the Parkhead defence was soon breached.

Craig Gordon did brilliantly to parry Lewandowski's close-range header from a Kimmich cross but the unmarked Muller was on hand to fire the loose ball high into the net.

Gordon but had no chance with Bayern's second just before the half-hour mark, when Kingsley Coman beat Cristian Gamboa again down the left and crossed for Kimmich to loop a header in from 14 yards.

Moments later, Gordon saved a powerful Lewandowski drive with his left elbow and there was a feeling of doom for the Scottish champions.

Bayern's third goal was simplicity itself as defender Hummels beat Scott Brown to head in Arjen Robben's corner from the right.

It was hard going for Scotland's treble winners.

On the hour-mark Gamboa cleared a Robben header off the line, after Kimmich had fired in Bayern's 10th corner of the night, before Lewandowski guided a David Alaba cross into the net from six yards only for the offside flag to be correctly up for offside.

In the 64th minute Brendan Rodgers brought on Moussa Dembele and Tom Rogic for Leigh Griffiths and Stuart Armstrong but Bayern kept the pressure up with Gordon making saves from Robben and Lewandowski.

At the other end, as the Glasgow side rallied late on, Bayern goalkeeper Sven Ulreich beat away a Scott Sinclair drive before Hummels cleared Rogic's drive from the rebound. *(espn.in)*



Bayern Munich's Thomas Muller (front) controls the ball

