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Take firm stance against Iran, Saudi asks Arab League

Cairo Saudi Arabia yesterday asked fellow Arab nations to take a "serious and honest" stand against Iran, saying that showing leniency toward Tehran would only encourage it to press on with its "aggression" and "meddling" in the internal affairs of Arab countries, the Associate Press reported yesterday.

Addressing a meeting of Arab foreign ministers in Cairo, Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir said the pan-Arab organization needed to

take a decision to be "non-compromising" in dealing with Iran.

He cited a ballistic missile fired by Iranian-backed rebels in Yemen earlier this month that was intercepted near the Saudi capital, Riyadh, as an example of how far Iran has gone with its aggressive policy in the region.

"Showing leniency toward Iran will not leave any Arab capital safe from those ballistic missiles," he said.

"We are obliged today to take a serious and honest

stand... to counter these belligerent policies so that we can protect our security," said Al-Jubeir.

The Saudi Foreign Minister said his country was targeted by a total of 80 ballistic missiles fired by Yemen's Iranian-backed Shiite militia since the Kingdom in 2015 led a coalition to fight them alongside the internationally recognized government there.

Saudi Arabia, he added, will not stand idly by in the face of Iran's "blatant aggression."

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Hezbollah controlling Lebanon: FM

Cairo

Foreign Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al-Khalifa yesterday said that Lebanon is under the "total control" of the Iran-backed Hezbollah.

"The Lebanese Republic, in spite of our relations with it as a brotherly Arab nation... is under the total control of this terrorist party," said Sheikh Khalid at the Arab League meeting called by Riyadh,



Shaikh Khalid

referring to Hezbollah. "Iran's biggest arm in the region at the moment is the terrorist Hezbollah arm," he said. (See also Page 5)

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11th Hour

GCC sociology forum

Manama

The 11th forum of GCC societies and leagues of sociologists will open here on Tuesday. Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan will patronize the event. The three-day forum will be held under the theme "Confronting Family Violence in the GCC states."

UN body to open office in Bahrain

Manama

The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law will open a regional office in Bahrain as a gateway to cover the Middle East and North Africa region. "The regional office will be the second of its kind as the first was opened in Seoul", said Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution Chief Executive Officer Professor Nassib G. Ziadé.

MP Jamal Dawood



Fee on foreign remittances proposed

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Manama

An MP has proposed imposition of a new fee on foreign remittances "as part of the ongoing efforts to save the Bahraini economy".

MP Jamal Dawood submitted the proposal to the House of Representatives' Speaker's office recently, instructing to impose BD1 fees on remittances below BD300 and BD10 for all

money transfers exceeding the amount of BD300.

"Because of the continually deteriorating economic conditions in the past few years, such as the drop in the international crude oil prices, Bahrain's economy has been impacted hard. This law, if implemented, would pump at least BD90 million into the state exchequer, helping it to recover from the effects of the oil price fall," Dawood told DT News yesterday, justifying his proposal.

"BD1 isn't a big burden on any expat's personal budget. The number of expatriates in Bahrain is close to one million now. This small amount taken from each one of them while remitting money abroad would surely contribute to the revival of the national economy," Dawood said.

When asked about the growing general feel of "being over-burdened by fees" among expatriates in Bahrain, the legislator said, "Citizens and residents should stick together

during these hard times to maintain the Kingdom's economic pain. All should support the economy and work to protect. These trifle amounts will not impact them much, but would greatly serve the national economy."

MP Dawood explained that the bill, as per the council's bylaws, would be referred to the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee and the Financial and Economic Committees in the council before the House could vote on it.

A similar proposal was passed by the council last year, despite several reservations from some MPs and the Central Bank of Bahrain. The previous proposal stipulated charging 0.5 to one per cent of each remittance made from Bahrain. However, it reached nowhere as the second branch of the Legislative Authority, Shura Council, rejected it. Recent data have showed that around BD2.5 billion is annually transferred from Bahrain by expatriate workers abroad.



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Bahrain's development on right track: Premier

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Manama

Bahrain is on right track to achieve more development and modernisation under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, said His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday.

"Despite the huge regional and global challenges at the economic and security levels, the government is more determined and resolved to achieve its goals of comprehensive development that serves the citizens most and foremost, and consolidate Bahrain's status at various fields and gatherings," said HRH Prime Minister while receiving senior state officials, Speaker of the Council of Representatives, former Speaker, MPs, businessmen, media and press figures as well as citizens.



HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa with Speaker of the Council of Representatives and others

Executive and Legislature, which has become a distinctive feature of Bahrain's political process, will strengthen the government's resolve and give it more support to boost growth and optimise achievements in light of a parliamentary, legislative and supervisory support that strengthens its policies towards improving performance and enhancing areas of economic development, HRH Premier said.

HRH Premier praised the Bahraini people's

characteristics of love and fraternity among its components, as well as acceptance of the other and commitment to cultural, religious and sectarian pluralism, which, he said, has entitled the kingdom to be distinctive in this field, stressing that these features have become one of the sources of the Bahraini society's strength and unity.

"Bahrain is strong with its citizens, men and women, who are connected by a united social fabric based on

solid bases of communication and love that reflect the authenticity and civilisation of its society," he said, noting that Bahrain will remain faithful to whoever supported the nation when it needed that.

The Prime Minister reiterated the government's keenness on providing the requirements of decent living for the citizens in various fields through a comprehensive vision aimed at ensuring high-quality services.

HRH Premier lauded the

role played by the members of the Legislative Branch, citing their major contributions to supporting the development process, and fruitful efforts to achieving the kingdom's progress and prosperity.

HRH Premier praised the honourable patriotic stances expressed by the members of the Council of Representatives and the Shura Council at various regional and international gatherings in defence of the kingdom's security and stability, hailing their keenness on informing

the world about the reality of the comprehensive development process currently witnessed by the nation across various sectors.

"Members of the Legislative Branch have proved, through their proposals and discussions, the extent of their keenness on fulfilling the aspirations of the citizens, as well as on supporting the kingdom's security and stability," he said, stressing the importance of strengthening the spirit of cooperation between the Executive and the Legislature to enrich the development process in the country.

HRH the Prime Minister lauded the key role played by the press and media personnel through their articles and visions aimed at enlightening the public opinion and raising social awareness on local and national issues.

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Won't launch nuke if Trump's order illegal: Nuclear General

Washington
The top U.S. nuclear commander has said that he would resist President Donald Trump if he ordered an "illegal" launch of nuclear weapons.

Air Force General John Hyten, commander of the U.S. Strategic Command (STRATCOM), told an audience at the Halifax International Security Forum in Nova Scotia, Canada that he had given a lot of thought to what he would say if he received such an order.

"I think some people think we're stupid," Hyten said in response to a question about such a scenario. "We're not stupid people. We think about these things a lot. When you have this responsibility, how do you not think about it?"

Hyten, who is responsible for overseeing the U.S. nuclear arsenal, explained the process that would follow such a command. As head of STRATCOM "I provide advice to the president, he will tell me what to do," he said in his remarks, retransmitted in a video posted on the forum's Facebook page.



John Hyten

"And if it's illegal, guess what's going to happen? I'm going to say, 'Mr. President, that's illegal.' And guess what he's going to do? He's going to say, 'What would be legal?' And we'll come up with options, of a mix of capabilities to respond to whatever the situation is, and that's the way it works. It's not that complicated."

Hyten said running through scenarios of how to react in the event of an illegal order was standard practice, and added: "If you execute an unlawful order, you will go to jail. You could go to jail for the rest of your life." The Pentagon did not immediately respond

to a request for comment on Hyten's remarks.

They came after questions by U.S. senators, including Democrats and Trump's fellow Republicans, about Trump's authority to wage war, use nuclear weapons and enter into or end international agreements, amid concern that tensions over North Korea's nuclear and missile programs could lead to hostilities.

Trump has traded threats with North Korea's Kim Jong Un and threatened in his maiden United Nations address to "totally destroy" the country if it threatened the United States. - Reuters

Retailers hoarding cigarettes ahead of duty hike

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Manama

Retailers are hoarding cigarettes in anticipation of a duty hike, leading to a sudden drought of the product in the local market.

According to officials, shops are storing but refraining from selling cigarettes to the public as the country is bracing for imposing taxes on tobacco products as well as energy and carbonated drinks.

Once imposed, the taxes will double cigarette prices in the market with an average of BD2 per pack, according to a recent study by the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives.

As the implementation of the new duty nears, cigarette stock has been decreasing in local shops, with some brands actually disappearing from markets' shelves.

It was officially confirmed yesterday that some vendors are refraining from selling the cigarettes, with the aim to make a few quick bucks once the duty is imposed, cashing in on the lower prices they bought their stocks (average of BD1).

Consumer Protection Directorate in Industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry yesterday announced that it has seized "21 stores that have been



An empty cigarette shelf in a local shop

proven to store and refrain from selling cigarettes to the public" and took the required legal and administrative procedures against, and referred their owners to the Public Prosecution.

"This action comes in the context of the directorate's legal obligation to prevent monopoly and collusion in accordance with the Consumer Protection Law 35 of 2012 and in particular Chapter 4 concerning competition and monopoly controls and violations," a statement issued yesterday by the directorate mentioned.

"Storing any product or refraining from selling it, attempting to exploit any emergency or exceptional circumstances will be legally addressed, in order to

prevent such practices that may extend to any strategic commodity. Such behaviours will not be tolerated," the directorate has stressed in its statement.

DT News reported last week that the country is one step away from imposing its first taxes, as both branches of the Legislative Authority approved a bill to join the unified GCC agreement on selective taxation.

The bill introduces 100 percent taxes on tobacco products and energy drinks, and a 50 percent tax on soft drinks.

It was passed on October 12 to the Government, which is expected to refer it to His Majesty the King for final ratification as a new law in the next few weeks.

Court rejects appeal of man who assaulted his ex-wife

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Manama

The Second High Criminal Court (court of appeals) yesterday rejected the appeal of a Bahraini man who was sentenced last month to one year of imprisonment for physically attacking his ex-wife.

As reported by DT News last September, the 52-year-old brutally attacked his 32-year-old Syrian ex-wife and mother of his five children at their home in Jebelat Habshi.

He reportedly punched her in the face several times, banged her head on the wall and beat her with a piece of tile on her head.

The woman was kept under medical observation for a couple of weeks, while her children were taken to Dar Al Aman shelter for Domestic Violence Victims.

She was diagnosed with concussion, hemorrhage and severe bruises and inflammations on the face and other parts of her body.



The social media grab of the woman who was assaulted by his ex-husband (File Photo)

According to the victim, she was attacked by her ex-husband following 10 years of marriage because "he wanted to marry a younger Bahraini woman who is an employee and will spend on him".

The case made a huge impact on the Bahraini society, raising more concerns over domestic violence in the Kingdom and the means to combat it.

Several authorities,

including Interior Ministry, Health Ministry, Labour and Social Development Ministry, the Supreme Council for Women and several NGOs, made immediate response and adopted the woman's case.

Northern Governorate Prosecution Head Mohammed Salah yesterday confirmed that the court rejected the man's appeal and upheld the previously issued verdict.

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Iran is the real threat to region: FM

DT News Network
Cairo

Iran poses a serious threat to the region, Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa told Arab League's extraordinary session yesterday, pointing out that the missile that targeted Riyadh was not the first attack on Saudi Arabia by parties operating in favour of Iran in the region such as the Houthis.

The meeting at the headquarters of the Arab League in Cairo was held to discuss ways to address Iranian interference in the internal affairs of Arab states.

The Foreign Minister added that the bombing of an

oil pipeline in the Kingdom of Bahrain was not the first attack, but comes as part of a series of long attacks that cost the Kingdom of Bahrain thousands security men and citizens, and all those crimes were perpetrated by Iranian agents in the region.

Shaikh Khalid warned that there is a serious escalation of Iranian practices in the region, which puts everyone in front of a great responsibility, which is the responsibility of maintaining Arab national security through the only mechanism, the mechanism of joint Arab action.

"Iran is not only fighting directly from its coasts, where it is conducting smuggling

operations and many other activities, but it has many arms in the region," Shaikh Khalid said, adding that Iran's biggest arm in the region is Hezbollah's terrorist wing, which is located in the Lebanese Republic, the Republic of Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic among other places.

"Iran is the great challenge to the Arab national security, which is exposed to a state that is trying to clearly overthrow and control countries, and does not hesitate to take any action to reach this goal," Shaikh Khalid said.

He pointed out that everyone bears responsibility, and that the Lebanese Republic, which is a brotherly Arab country

Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa addressing Arab League's extraordinary session in Cairo yesterday



that is loved and appreciated, is under full control of the terrorist Hezbollah, which is not only targeting acts within the borders of Lebanon, but crosses the borders to all Arab states.

"We must be clear in this regard, we do not talk about Arab differences, we talk about threats to us all, and if we do not take this issue seriously, we will be deficient," Shaikh Khalid said.

The Foreign Affairs Minister expressed hope that joint Arab action will be more effective in establishing security and stability in the region and in maintaining Arab national security.

Saudi calls for firm stance against Iran

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Arab diplomats said a Saudi draft resolution put forward to the Arab ministers is proposing a declaration of solidarity with the Kingdom and stating Arab support for actions it might take to safeguard its national security in the face of Tehran's policies.

The diplomats spoke on

condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

The Saudi draft also includes a warning to Iran against continuing its present policies in the region and orders Arab diplomats to request a meeting of the U.N. Security Council to discuss what it called Iranian

"threats," added the diplomats.

The draft appears to be in sync with Saudi Arabia's strong stance against Iran since the Houthis fired a missile on Nov. 4. Along with that attack, the resolution cited the bombing of an oil pipeline in Bahrain also this month as an example of Iran's threat to regional security.

Licenses suspended for lane violations

DT News Network
Manama

The General Directorate of Traffic has suspended the driving licenses of three motorists for emergency (yellow) lane related violations.

The directorate confirmed that the drivers were caught in November while improperly overtaking other vehicles using the yellow lane, and that their licenses were suspended for three months.

The directorate also clarified that the violating motorists were detected by cameras used by the directorate's operations room.

The new traffic law implemented in 2015 instructs



to suspend the licenses of drivers who cross 20 points in the traffic violations accumulating points system,

and that violators should pass an awareness course organised by the directorate before they could reclaim their licenses.

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Women Empowerment awards to be announced on Wednesday

Manama

The winners of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa Award for Bahraini Women Empowerment will be announced on Wednesday.

A ceremony will be held under the auspices of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and

Supreme Council for Women (SCW) to honour the 2017 winners.

The 5th edition will acknowledge the landmark strides achieved by Bahraini women in the public and private sectors and growing participation in the national development endeavour. Bahrain embarked on a wide-ranging strategy to empower

women and facilitate their economic integration to play their role in the development march on the basis of equal opportunities and bridge gender gaps.

Launched in 2006, HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa Award for Bahraini Women Empowerment has had a positive impact on institutions in the Kingdom

of Bahrain. According to latest statistics, the rate of women's participation in public sector enterprises increased by 11 per cent in ten years to top 49pc in 2016, up from 38pc in 2006.

As for the private sector, the rate of women's participation increased by 9pc to top 33pc up from 24pc of the overall workforce.

The rate of women's participation in the high managerial positions rose to 45pc, compared with 59pc for medium managerial positions. The number of sponsors of the award soared by 123pc to top 77 in 2016, up from 30 in 2006, which reflects the impact of the prize in promoting corporate culture to integrate women's needs and foster gender equal

opportunities.

The commitment to set up equal opportunities committees also soared from 38pc in 2011 to 95pc last year. The companies which took part in the contest or won the award achieved strides in incorporating the principles of equal opportunities and the integration of women's needs in their strategies.

Bahrain to participate in Universal Children's Day

Manama

The Labour and Social Development Ministry underlined Bahrain's annual participation in the celebration marking the Universal Children's Day and the World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse which are observed on November 19 and 20, in line with a recommendation by the United Nations General Assembly in 1954.

The event is considered as an opportunity to re-assert the need to prevent violence against children and provide them with a secure environment for their upbringing by shedding light on main programmes and challenges and taking the necessary procedures to protect the children's interest and promote their welfare.

In a statement marking

the occasion, the ministry underscored the great care given by Bahrain to children, citing measures taken to protect them and boost their well-being.

It stressed that thanks to the directives and support of Bahrain leadership, the kingdom has been able to make big strides in improving the children's conditions at all levels. It reiterated constant

keenness to protect the children's rights and preserve achievements in this respect.

It also pointed out the importance of bolstering social awareness through various mass media concerning the prevention of child abuse, emphasising the need to teach children how to benefit from social media networks and clarify the risks surrounding them.

72 participants in Bahrain's first speedcubing competition

Manama

The first Speedcubing Competition to take place in Bahrain, the Bahrain Open 2017, was inaugurated by Eman Hussain, Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry and Juzer Rupawala, the Regional Director of the Lulu Hypermarket on Saturday.

Held at the Ramli Mall, A'ali, the day-long event has attracted 72 participants who competed against each other to set a speed record in unscrambling the Rubik's Cube, a twisty puzzle of different colours that have to be aligned colour-wise in the

least possible time. The event is recognised by the World Cube Association (WCA), a non-profit organization that regulates all speedcubing competitions all over the world.

Participants represented at least 16 nationalities: Bahrain, India, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Argentina, Egypt, USA, New Zealand, China, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinian Territories.

The competition has 5 events: Rubik's Cube (3x3x3), 2x2x2, 4x4x4, 3x3x3 One-Handed, Pyraminx (a pyramid-shaped puzzle). Each competitor

got 5 attempts to solve the puzzle. The average was then calculated by eliminating the fastest and slowest solve. Competitors are then ranked based on their average.

The contest was for three kinds of WCA-recognised records: National Records, Continental Records, and World Records for both single and average times.

"Brain stimulation games such as this, is something Lulu Hypermarket always encourages. We are happy that this first Bahrain event was held in Ramli Mall," said Regional

Director Juzer Rupawala, "We invite other such organisations to join us and promote these mind-challenging games and activities throughout the Kingdom."

This Speedcubing event was organised by Aysha Jamsheer, the National Record holder for Bahrain in 4 events and Lester M. Santos, the WCA delegate for UAE. It is sponsored by Ramli Mall, Lulu Hypermarket, Bahrain Airport Services, Trass Group, Moyu Cubes, Rubik's Brand and Emirates Cube Shop.



Speedcubing competition held at Ramli Mall was inaugurated by Eman Hussain, Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry and Juzer Rupawala, the Regional Director of Lulu Group with other higher official of Lulu hypermarket and Ramli Mall.

Korean Food Festival "Taste of Korea"



Representative image

Manama

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea is hosting its first Korean Food Festival 2017 in the Kingdom of Bahrain under the title "Taste of Korea".

The Festival, organized collaboratively by Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Korea Foundation and Korea Agro-Fisheries & Food Trade Corporation, is to exhibit the variations of the Korean tasty cuisine and offer its guests a close up feel to the savoury taste of the most traditional Korean dishes.

"Taste of Korea" will take place at the Diplomat Hotel's Grand Ambassador Ballroom at 6pm on Thursday, November 23.

The Festival comes in line with the Embassy's program for the year of 2017 in promotion of the Korean culture in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and before that the Embassy organized a blockbuster dance performance at the City Center Mall where Bahraini audience enjoyed the hip moves of Korea's top B-boy band, Jinjo Crew.

Following the Food Festival, the Embassy will gear its wheel towards the closing show of the year; "Korean Movies Festival" which will take place at the Seef Mall's Seef I Cinema Complex, every Wednesday, throughout the month of December.

Search for missing sub fails to find any clues

Buenos Aires

A vast search by a multinational task force for an Argentinian submarine that went missing in the South Atlantic with 44 crew members four days ago has so far failed to provide any clues as to its possible location.

The hope that arose from seven failed satellite calls detected Saturday morning, which Argentina's defence ministry at first said could be from the missing submarine, is also dimming fast. The government said yesterday said it cannot confirm that the attempts came from the ARA San Juan.

"Regrettably, we have not yet had any contact with the submarine," Argentinian navy spokesman Enrique Balbi said yesterday morning. The satellite call attempts were registered between 9am and 3pm on Saturday, lasting between four and 36 seconds, but there was no voice contact. "There were seven attempts with a very weak signal that failed to connect," the officer said. "We are trying to squeeze that information to obtain some concrete data and a geolocation."

Argentina's defence ministry said it was working on tracing the location of the calls with



A picture of the Argentinian submarine ARA San Juan hangs on the fence of the Mar del Plata naval base, reading- 'Come on steel men. We will wait for you at home.'

an unnamed US company that specialized in satellite communications.

The families of the ARA San Juan's crew are deeply distressed, and urged the

government to clarify the situation. "We want the government to confirm if the calls were from the submarine," said Claudio Rodríguez, brother of crew member Hernán Rodríguez, who was travelling yesterday from his home in the western province of Mendoza to the submarine's home port in Mar del Plata to join other relatives gathering there in desperate search of news.

A total of 13 ships and six aeroplanes are braving strong winds and high waves over an area of 66,000 sq km (25,500 sq miles) more than 400 km (250 miles) east of the bay of San

Jorge off the coast of Patagonia in southern Argentina.

The Argentinian navy lost radio contact with the San Juan after its last scheduled transmission on Wednesday morning. It was on a 10-day voyage from Argentina's southernmost port, Ushuaia, to the naval base at Mar del Plata, 400km (250 miles) south of Buenos Aires.

Argentina's navy said it was not sure what happened to the submarine or why it lost contact but that it was now convinced the ship was beneath the surface and not adrift on choppy seas, as was previously thought. (*The Guardian*)

IS militants defeated in final stronghold



Syrian forces gestures as they carry the national flag near the border town of Albu Kamal.

Beirut

The Syrian army and its allies took complete control over Albu Kamal, Islamic State's last significant town in Syria, a military news service run by Hezbollah said yesterday.

The army had declared victory over Islamic State in Albu Kamal earlier this month but the jihadists then staged a counter-attack using sleeper cells hidden in the town.

Driving Islamic State from Albu Kamal means only a few villages along the Euphrates and patches of nearby desert, as well as isolated pockets in other parts of the country, remain in Syria of the caliphate it declared in 2014.

Most of the forces battling Islamic State in Syria and Iraq have said they expect it to go underground and turn to a guerrilla insurgency using sleeper cells and bombings.

Western intelligence agencies have said it will still be able to inspire attacks on civilians around the world.

"The Syrian Army and its allies in the axis of resistance have expelled Daesh from its last stronghold on Syrian soil," the Hezbollah news service reported.

The "axis of resistance" is used by those in it to describe the alliance of Iran, Syria and Shi'ite militias including Hezbollah.

The British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said on Sunday that most IS members withdrew from the town, with fighting continuing in the perimeter of Albu Kamal.

Islamic State's area of rule in Syria has crumbled this year under two rival military campaigns.

The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) alliance of Kurdish and Arab militias, backed by a U.S.-led coalition has driven it from much of its territory in the north, including its former Syrian capital Raqqa.

Syria's army and its allies have waged an offensive across central and eastern Syria backed by Russian air and missile power.

The two offensives have mostly avoided conflict with each other through communication between the United States and Russia. However, Syrian and Iranian officials have said that Damascus seeks to regain control over areas held by the SDF. (*Reuters*)

Palestine 'to cut US ties' over office

Ramallah

The Palestinians will freeze their ties with the US if it follows through on a threat to close the Palestine Liberation Organisation's office in Washington, a senior PLO official warned.

The surprise American move and Palestinian backlash came as US President Donald Trump seeks bargaining chips in his bid to broker an elusive Israeli-Palestinian peace deal.

Trump has a 90-day window to avert the closure if he deems progress has been made.

But PLO Secretary General Saeb Erekat said his organisation had officially told Washington that "we would put on hold all our communications with this American administration" if the office were closed.

The PLO, which the international community sees as representing all Palestinians, must have its permission to operate its premises in the American capital renewed every six months.

Palestinian foreign minister Riyad al-Malki said it was the first time since the 1980s that the State Department had refused to renew it.

Malki said Palestinian officials had received a letter from Washington "saying that the Secretary of State had not found enough reasons to keep the office open".

"This has not happened in the past, and we have



Donald Trump with Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas in Washington in May.

demand clarifications from the State Department and the White House," he said.

"They told us that there would be a meeting of senior legal experts on Monday. Then they would give a clear answer," he said, adding that Palestinian leaders would then meet to discuss their response.

A US State Department official cited "certain statements made by Palestinian leaders" about the International Criminal Court as the reason behind the non-renewal.

Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas, in his latest speech at the UN General Assembly, suggested taking the issue of Israeli settlements

to the ICC.

In 2015 Congress issued a resolution barring Palestinians from seeking to wield influence over the ICC regarding investigations into Israeli nationals.

Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas was "deeply surprised" by the State Department's move, his spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeina said in remarks carried by official Palestinian news agency Wafa on Saturday.

He said the decision "represents an unprecedented step in the history of the Palestinian-American relationship, and has dangerous consequences for the peace process and the

American-Arab relations."

It "represents a blow to attempt to build peace", he said.

The State Department official said Trump had 90 days to decide whether to waive the decision if he deems "the Palestinians have entered into direct, meaningful negotiations with Israel".

The peace process has been deadlocked since April 2014 following the collapse of indirect negotiations led by then US secretary of state John Kerry.

The office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the decision was "a matter of US law." (*AFP*)

DANAT's services in Jewellery Arabia

Manama

During the upcoming Jewellery Arabia tradeshow to be held under the patronage of HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister, visitors will be treated to a wide array of services the Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones (DANAT) offers its clients and the public alike.

Located in the Al Fanar hall for the duration of the show, in addition to complimentary consultation services, the DANAT exhibition will comprise of a jewellery and precious stone display, VIP lounge and history corner, as well as educational seminars conducted by its team of expert gemmologists.

Visitor consultations will provide consumers with a brief analysis of gemstones, pearls, and jewellery pieces.

Commencing on November 21, the five-day, massive jewellery affair is expected to attract traders, jewellers and enthusiasts from across the globe. DANAT's participation will enable it to play a vital role in enhancing the public's trust in jewellery in all its forms while further building its reputation as the preferred institute for third party natural pearl and gemstone verification services.



A renaissance necklace containing natural pearls and rubies

Commenting on the Institute's participation, DANAT's Chief Executive Officer, Kenneth Scarratt said, "Serving jewellery experts and customers through our verification and authentication consultations, we're excited to be showcasing a select collection of stunning jewels to be seen for the first time in Bahrain. These include a private collection of 15th Century Venezuelan pearls, Nacreous and Non-Nacreous natural pearls, Ethiopian emeralds, natural Bahraini pearl necklaces, a unique renaissance era necklace, a unique spinel and diamond ring designed by the late award winning designer James Currens and

a superb melo pearl, diamond and Montana sapphire brooch both from a private collection."

As part of its consultation services, the latest technologies will be used to distinguish, lead glass-filled rubies from authentic stones, and synthetic, lab grown diamonds from natural ones. Additionally, DANAT will accept items for formal testing and certification. These items will be transported to its state-of-the art laboratory each evening, using Secure Services.

On each day of the five-day event, five seminars will be offered by DANAT's team of experienced gemmologists including the

Research Director, Stefanos Karampelas who has published roughly 40 papers on gemmology in renowned scientific journals; Executive Director, Abeer Al Alawi, who has accumulated over 25 years' experience in the gemstone testing industry, in addition to other specialists including Vincent Pardieu from VP Consulting and Peter Balogh from the Prehistoric Foundation.

Lectures will focus on a wide range of topics including DANAT's pearl testing methods, Venezuelan pearls dating to the era of Christopher Columbus, new sapphire discoveries in Madagascar, and rubies from the new amphibole deposits.

Corporate Governance Workshop for Ithmaar Group Board



Ithmaar Group Chairman, HRH Prince Amr Mohammed Al Faisal (seated centre) with, seated from right, Members of the Board of Director Elham Ebrahim Abdulla Hassan, Abdelhamid Mohamed Boumoussa, Dr. Amani Khaled Boursesli and Abdulshakoor Hussain Tahlak and standing from right, Ahmed Abdul Rahim, Seamus Gillen, Members of the Board of Directors Abdulullah Ebrahim Al-Qassimi, Mohammed A. Rahman Bucheerei and Omar Abdi Ali

Manama

Ithmaar Group, which consists of Ithmaar Holding and its two wholly-owned subsidiaries, Ithmaar Bank, a Bahrain-based Islamic retail Bank, and IB Capital, a Bahrain-based Islamic Investment firm, commissioned the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) to deliver an interactive workshop for members of the Group's Board of Directors and Executive Management teams.

The workshop, which was designed to highlight the importance of good corporate governance while reinforcing Ithmaar's principles of high-quality governance, aimed to help protect and further grow shareholder value. The

workshop was delivered by Seamus Gillen, the founder and Director of Value Alpha Limited, a governance advisory service with significant experience in delivering such programmes.

Ithmaar Group Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Abdul Rahim, who stressed the critical importance of corporate governance, thanked BIBF Director, Dr. Ahmed Al Shaikh and the BIBF team for their arrangement of such an engaging workshop.

"The workshop allows members of our Board of Directors and Executive Management teams the opportunity to further reinforce their understanding of corporate governance principles," said Abdul Rahim.

Lulu to host World Week of Italian Cuisine

All the world loves a hearty pasta and the ingredients for a gourmet Italian meal are available right here in Bahrain at Lulu Group's six Hypermarkets.

Extraordinary Taste

In celebration of the World Week of Italian Cuisine, the region's largest retailer shall showcase the best of Italian products at "The Extraordinary Italian Taste", a week-long gastronomic festival of Italian cheeses, finest olive oil, pasta and desserts.

Italian support

The festival, supported by the Embassy of Italy in Bahrain and the Italian Trade Agency, shall be inaugurated by Italian Ambassador Domenico Bellato with the presence of Michelin star Chef Giuseppe Biuso from Sicily.

The inauguration, which is open to the public, shall take place at Lulu Hypermarket in Hidd on November 22 at 6 pm.

Cool Trends

Exhibitions

Along with food specials from Lulu's kitchens, guests shall also get a glimpse of Italian culture, engineering and style. There will be a mandolin performance of Italian music and a display of iconic Italian cars as well as Vespa scooters and class Ducati motorbikes.

Cookery contest

To enliven the festival, Italian food fans shall be invited to participate on 25 November at Lulu Hypermarket in Juffair in an Italian Pasta and Dessert cookery contest to be judged by three Bahrain-based Italian food experts, Michela, Martina and Daniela.

Cacio & Pepe

The experts will also give a demonstration of fine Italian cooking with secret tips. They have developed a new culinary approach which is a fusion of Bahraini spices and Italian ingredients under a brand Cacio & Pepe (Cheese & Pepper).



"It is well-known that Italian food is among the most popular in the world and Lulu Hypermarket has always brought the finest Italian products to customers here – cheeses, olive oil, herbs and a range of pasta, Italian rice and halal meats. We are delighted to showcase these with special promotions during Italian Week."

**Regional Director
Juzer Rupawala**

Italian Ambassador Domenico "Italian food is a distinctive character of Italian culture and lifestyle, widely appreciated throughout the world. In Bahrain there are very good Italian restaurants and people are well aware of the unique quality of our culinary tradition".

Italian Ambassador Domenico Bellato

"There will be sampling of classic Italian cheeses and ingredients, demonstrations on how to cook the best Italian meal by the three amazing lady chef consultants and also a feast from Lulu's talented chefs, of some of the favourite Italian foods." The cookery contest will focus on contestants' pasta and dessert skills and there are exciting prizes to be won. To participate, one just has to fill out a form and drop it at any Customer Service counter and bring the prepared dish to the Lulu Hypermarket in Juffair on Saturday, November 25th.

UK to have driverless cars by 2021: govt

London

British finance minister Philip Hammond is to announce £75 million (\$99 million, 84 million euros) funding for Artificial Intelligence and plans to put driverless cars on UK roads by 2021. Hammond will announce regulation changes to allow Britain's driverless car industry, which the government estimates will be worth £28 billion by 2035, to get cars on the road. (AFP)



US industry gears up to save NAFTA

Washington

The business world is mobilizing to convince the Trump administration to save the North American Free Trade Agreement, which corporate leaders say has benefited the world's largest economy. With ads proclaiming "NAFTA works for America" and study enumerating the dangers of withdrawing, trade proponents have taken their message to Capitol Hill.



I am increasingly confident that we will get a (Brexit) deal with the European Union that works for Britain and works for the EU."

-Philip Hammond,

British Finance minister



Al Salam Bank congratulates winners of "Danat Al Salam" October draw

Al Salam Bank-Bahrain, one of the pioneering Shari'a-compliant banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain, congratulated its "Danat Al Salam" 39 draw winners for the month of October with a combined prize pool of USD 87,500.

Winners

- ▶ Maryam Omran Jasim, won the sixth Gmash Grand prize of USD 50,000.
- ▶ Isa Saleh Ahmed won the Fusoos Grand prize of USD 10,000,
- ▶ Layla Mohamed Haji and Sabah Ahmed Ali won the Fusoos monthly cash prize of USD 5,000 each
- ▶ 35 winners won cash prize of USD 500 each.
- ▶ Hassan Al Najjar, Isa Town Branch Manager from Retail Banking department, handed over the cash prizes to the winners.

"Our aim is to empower our customers and help them accomplish their future goals on the investments made with the Bank. We would like to encourage our customers to increase their investments and get double chances to win when keeping their investments for a longer period in their Danat Al Salam savings account that will entitle them to an additional entry into the monthly draws."

Mohammed Buhijji,
Head of Retail Banking

"Danat Al Salam"

Danat Al Salam is a value-added savings scheme that helps our customers plan their needs be it save for their children's education, buy a family home, manage travel costs, secure their retirement and much more.

More opportunities

Danat Al Salam customers will have a chance to win our Third Al Dana Grand Prize "Villa" by continuing to invest in the savings scheme by the 2nd of December, which will be given away in January 2018 last draw.



(L-R) Hassan Al Najjar Isa Town Branch Manager of Retail Banking handing over the prizes during a ceremony to the winner Maryam Omar Jasim who delegated Karim Faisal to receive the prize on her behalf and Sabah Ahmed Ali (on the left).

Saudi to slap 5pc tax on fuel

Manama

Saudi Arabia plans to impose a 5 per cent value added tax on gasoline from January 1, 2018, the Saudi tax department said on one of its Twitter accounts.

The announcement on a special VAT Twitter account set up by the General Authority of Zakat and Tax came in response to a question from a Saudi citizen.

"The VAT rate of five per cent for petrol will be applied starting January 1, 2018," GAZT said.

The previous week the authority had indicated the local transport of passengers and goods within Saudi

Arabia, and associated services would be subject to the standard 5 per cent VAT rate, with businesses collecting the tax from travellers upon purchasing the travel ticket.

However, it said that the international transport of passengers and goods will be zero-rated according to the Unified VAT Agreement for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the VAT Implementing Regulations.

Separately the kingdom is also said to be working on a mechanism for fuel price increases that could take effect by the end of the year.

New details of the value added tax, set to be

implemented in both the UAE and Saudi from next year, are being revealed in both countries ahead of implementation.

All Arabian Gulf countries have committed to implement the Unified Agreement for Value Added Tax, but nations are moving at different paces of implementation, raising doubt about the possibility of a harmonious introduction of the levy. According to PwC each GCC state establishes its own separate national legislation with detailed compliance requirements and rules outlined in each respective legislation. (Agencies)

23rd DSF to begin from December 26

Dubai

Dubai is all set to celebrate the 23rd edition of Dubai Shopping Festival, from 26 December to 27 January 2018, providing visitors the opportunity to enjoy a rewarding shopping experience, as well as more chances to win prizes and entertainment for all the family.

Organised by the Dubai Festivals and Retail Establishment (DFRE), an agency of the Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing (Dubai Tourism), the latest edition of DSF will feature a number of retail



promotions and sales offering unbeatable deals and discounts from a wide range of brands, as well as the opportunity to win amazing prizes from luxury cars and gold to cash at the daily mega raffles.

Unique experiences await families this DSF in line with the

three pillars of the festival - Shopping, Entertainment and Winnings - including concerts by international and regional stars, spectacular fireworks shows and a range of free-to-attend family-oriented activities in malls, and retail activations themed under Beauty & Perfume, Gold & Jewellery, and Apparel & Fashion platforms.

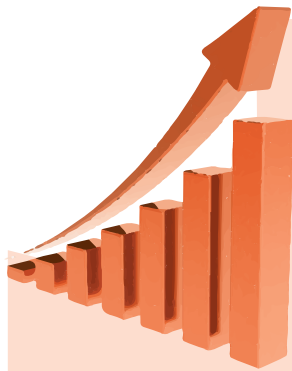
For more information: www.mydsf.ae or contact Dubai Tourism Call Centre + 971 600 555559

Did You Know?



Unlike traditional gas cars, Electric vehicles don't emit visible tailpipe exhaust. And 100 per cent electric cars don't even need a tailpipe! In addition to being shockingly quiet, you can actually get a physical sense of the environmental difference you are making.

Geopolitics weigh on region



BFC CURRENCIES EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2931	0.2907
BANGLADESH	0.00483	0.00459
CANADA	0.3022	0.2990
DENMARK	0.0630	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0218
EURO	0.4529	0.4504
HONGKONG	0.04970	0.04930
INDIA	0.00582	0.00584
INDONESIA	0.00003017	0.00002855
IRAN TUMAN	0.00010964	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000300	
JAPAN	0.00352	0.003450
JORDAN	0.5362	0.5354
KOREA	0.00039520	
KUWAIT	1.254	1.254
MALAYSIA	0.0929	0.0929
NEW ZEALAND	0.2621	0.2622
NORWAY	0.0481	
NEPAL	0.00395	0.00365
OMAN	0.98027	0.98340
PAKISTAN	0.00366	0.00358
PHILIPPINES	0.00761	0.00744
QATAR	0.10386	0.10381
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10065	0.10071
SINGAPORE	0.2829	0.2809
SOUTH AFRICA	0.02830	0.02820
SRI LANKA	0.00278	0.00246
SWEDISH	0.0481	
SWITZERLAND	0.3904	0.3873
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0018
TAIWAN	0.013100	
THAILAND	0.011690	0.011680
TURKEY	0.1039	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5075	0.5046
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102850	0.102870
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37790	0.37800
YUAN	0.056800	0.056800

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GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5738	0.3798	0.3344
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.1901	0.2877	0.2532
OMAN	0.3849	0.3820	0.3878	0.3414
QATAR	3.6420	3.6147	3.6695	3.2302
UAE	3.6730	3.6455	3.7008	3.2576
SAUDI	3.7500	3.7219	3.7783	3.3259

Closing Bell

SAUDI ARABIA fell 0.6pc to 6,872 points.

DUBAI fell 1.1pc to 3,423 points.

ABU DHABI dropped 1.1pc to 4,279 points.

QATAR edged up 0.02pc to 7,828 points.

EGYPT dropped 0.8pc to 13,742 points.

KUWAIT fell 0.7pc to 6,262 points.

BAHRAIN rose 0.2pc to 1,272 points.

OMAN lost 0.2pc to 5,097 points.

Dubai Middle Eastern stock markets generally fell yesterday, weighed down by geopolitics and concern about Saudi Arabia's anti-corruption crackdown, while Dana Gas shares sank in Abu Dhabi because of a British High Court ruling on its Islamic bonds.

The Saudi stock index fell 0.6 per cent. Among the biggest losers was Al Tayyar Travel, whose founder has been detained in the corruption probe; it sank a further 5.2pc, bringing its losses since the crackdown was announced two weeks ago to 31pc.

Kingdom Holding, whose chairman Prince Alwaleed bin Talal has also been detained, dropped 3.1pc.

But construction company Al Khodari rose 1.3pc after saying it had made a gross profit of 13.9 million riyals (\$3.7m) by auctioning off plant and machinery, and

would reflect that profit in its fourth-quarter earnings.

In Abu Dhabi, the index fell 1.1pc as Abu Dhabi National Energy Co slid 4.6pc in very thin trade and Dana, which is seeking to avoid redeeming its sukuk by declaring them invalid, dropped 4.2pc in heavy trade.

Dubai's index fell 1.1pc as Emaar Properties lost 1.2pc. On Thursday, it priced the initial public offer of shares in its unit Emaar Development at 6.03 dirhams per share, in the lower half of an indicative range of 5.7-6.9 dirhams set earlier this month.

Courier firm Aramex dropped 3.6pc to 4.55 dirhams, confirming a break below technical support at its September low of 4.75 dirhams. A double top formed by the March and July highs points down to around 4.20 dirhams.

In Muscat, Omantel dropped 1.2pc after credit rating agency Moody's

downgraded it to Baa3, one notch above junk status, from Baa2.

Moody's cited Omantel's purchase of a further 12.1pc stake in Kuwaiti telecommunications company Zain this month for \$1.35 billion; Moody's conceded Omantel was likely to achieve synergies through its tie-up with Zain but calculated that

the addition to its debt outweighed the projected increase in earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation.

In Qatar, real estate developer Ezzan Holding, downgraded to junk by credit rating agency Standard & Poor's last week, sank a further 1.9pc, bringing its losses this year to 56pc. (Reuters)



The British School of Bahrain announced a joint venture with BFC (Bahrain Financing Company) for a minimal fee of 1BD per transaction. Termly payments can now be made at any of BFC's branches across the Kingdom. Head of Administration, Nitin Kadam commented "We hope that this collaboration makes payment of tuition fees a simpler more convenient process for parents".

Climbing to the top demands strength, whether it is to the top of Mount Everest or to the top of your career.
-A. P. J. Abdul Kalam



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Forensic and Fraud Exam workshop



Under the patronage of Essa Mohammed Najibi, Chairman of the Executive Committee at Royal University for Women, the sixth annual Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination workshop was held at RUW in cooperation with West Virginia University, USA.

The workshop was held from November 13 to 15 at the Royal University for Women premises in Riffa.

The workshop witnessed the participation of approximately 40 participants from various sectors including the banking industry, law firms, IT firms, academics, and ministries.

The opening ceremony started with a welcome note from RUW president, Professor Mazin Jumaah, who thanked the participants for their participation and

reiterated the commitment of RUW to offer high quality workshops that benefit sectors of society while providing an opportunity to obtain a certification from West Virginia University in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Prof. Mazin hailed the continued cooperation between West Virginia University and RUW applauding the ties between both universities, which culminated with the launch of a West Virginia University Bahrain Campus earlier this academic year as well as joint workshops, and academic and student exchanges between the two universities.

The opening remarks was followed by a speech from Essa Najibi who commended the Royal University for Women for continuing to host annually such high

level workshops stating that it's a reflection on RUW's commitment to cooperating with the public sector and enhancing sectors in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The ceremony continued with a word from speaker Prof. Richard Dull, a veteran in the accounting fraud examination and detection field, Associate professor in the department of accounting in the College of Business and Economics at West Virginia University, describing the opportunity as a "great setting to introduce the fundamentals of fraud examination and a chance for the participants to learn financial investigative techniques using technology as well as explore case studies and acquire the necessary tools to combat fraud".

The workshop focused heavily on technology and provided an overview on how

to secure data in the current business information systems widely used today.

The ceremony concluded with a trophy awarding ceremony for the patron Essa Najibi, Chairman of the Executive Committee at Royal University for Women and the initiation of the first day of the workshop.

West Virginia University is a leader in forensic applications and education in accounting and fraud investigation, working with major government agencies and institutions including the White House and the Internal Revenue Service. West Virginia University also hosts the Institute for Fraud Prevention in the USA. The initiative is part of a strategic partnership between Royal University for Women and West Virginia University.

The only refuge

by Shemily P. John

poem

The enwrapped anointing warmth of protection
The shelter to reside and respire rhythmically
Let the whole world around rupture out into pieces

I am in the embracing coziness of love

There is only the patter of a mild heart beat
So soft and controlled
As to soothe me with such an ease
The caressing hold is so mild and tight
So that I am reaching the bosom of earnestness
which is pounding for me

Need to be the child
Fears and agonies unknown
The embedding fondness is divine
As soul can float and fly like an empty bubble

This is where the life ends and exits
World remains still or rotates, no matter
Peace! the dew of life, the sap of soul
Where I residue all my panting afflictions
down

With all the feebleness and the still draining
wounds of life

Defying terrors and anguishes tormenting
every moment

Real and exposed, unveiled and pure
I need to reside, clutching the passion with
utmost earnestness, with innocence ...
I want to rest in peace



Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) Alumni celebrated AMU Founder Sir Syed Ahmed Khan's bicentenary on Friday. Dr Nadeem Tarin, an eminent educationist and philanthropist from Riyadh, was the Chief Guest.



In recognition of International Education Week, November 13-19, the U.S. Embassy organized a series of sessions for students interested in using social media in enhancing their English language skills and in learning about studying in the United States. Information session topics included explaining the student visa application process and exploring resources that the education specialist at the American Embassy offers to students interested in studying in the United States.



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, at Al-Sakhir Palace. HM the King reviewed a number of local issues aiming to serve the national action process for the sake of Bahrain's progress and its people's prosperity.



Representatives Council Speaker Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al Mulla attended a meeting with Chairman and members of Bahrain Youth Pioneer Society. The Speaker stressed that Bahrain Parliamentary Training Centre would present parliamentary courses for Bahraini youngsters in cooperation with the youth societies to boost awareness of the parliamentary culture.



The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, received a delegation from the Republic of Egypt, who is taking part in the Injaz Al-Arab 11th Young Entrepreneurs Regional Competition. The Minister welcomed the delegation and expressed his confidence in the success of the competition, which will be held in the Republic of Egypt from November 19 to 21, with the participation of 14 teams of young entrepreneurs.



Southern Governor HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa attended a meeting with Works, Municipality Affairs and Urban Planning Minister Essam Abdullah Khalaf, in the presence of a number of officials. The Governor lauded the efforts of Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and his wise leadership which earned the government an advanced international development status.



Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa received a delegation from the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in the presence of Public Prosecutor Dr. Ali bin Fadhel Al Buainin. The Minister welcomed the delegation and expressed his confidence in the strong relations between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.



Southern Governor HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa visited the BDF Military Museum where he was received by Defence Affairs Ministry Undersecretary Major-General Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Khalifa, museum director Shaikha Maha bint Abdulaziz Al-Khalifa and other senior officers. The Governor hailed the honourable role of the BDF in defending the country and protecting national achievements.

As part of the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Bahraini Volley Ball Team, the Minister of Education, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, received a delegation from the Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in the presence of the Minister of Education, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, and other officials. The Minister welcomed the delegation and expressed his confidence in the success of the team.



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received Royal Family members, senior state officials, Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al-Mulla, MPs, business, media and press figures, as well as citizens, in the presence of former Speaker, Khalifa bin Ahmed Al-Dhahrani. The Premier praised the Bahraini people's characteristics of love and fraternity among its components.



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received in Cairo a team of Injazat, in connection with the Injazat competition being held in the Arab region. The delegation thanked the minister for patronizing the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Family Guidance Forum, which was organized recently by the Bahrain Young Ladies Association. They outlined the association's objectives and plans to serve women, enhance their cultural, education and social status and encourage them to participate positively in all development sectors.



Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani has received Turkish Ambassador Hatun Demirer. The minister commended the outgoing ambassador's efforts and contributions throughout her ambassadorial mission in bolstering the bilateral cooperation in various fields.



Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel Humaidan received Bahrain Young Ladies Association board members, led by chairperson Ibtissam Khamis. The delegation thanked the minister for patronizing the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Family Guidance Forum, which was organized recently by the Bahrain Young Ladies Association. They outlined the association's objectives and plans to serve women, enhance their cultural, education and social status and encourage them to participate positively in all development sectors.



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received Egyptian Attorney General Nabil Sadaq, in the presence of Justice Minister. The minister welcomed the Egyptian Attorney General and his delegation, expressing the friendship between both countries and peoples and their progress at all levels.



Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs Dr. Abdul Hussain bin Ali Mirza received Chairman Rami Khalifa of Solar One Company and Managing Director Faisal Khalifa marking winning Bahrain Award for Entrepreneurship 2017 in the category of emerging institutions. The minister congratulated Khalifa on winning the award, which reflects the company's efficiency and excellence in producing solar panels.



In celebration of its 70th year anniversary celebrations, the BKS is conducting an BKS-Optima International Volleyball Tournament from 26 November to 01st December 2017 at 8pm at BKS premises, said BKS President Ravi Pillai and General Secretary N.K. Veeramani in a press conference, at BKS Ravi Pillai Hall.



For the second time, the Bahrain Writers' Circle (BWC) members hosted their annual NaNoWriMo retreat at the NOVOTEL Bahrain Al Dana Resort. November is the month of NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month). Members of the Bahrain Writers' Circle come together spending an intensive time of writing in the inspiring surroundings of the beachside resort.



Kim Kardashian West @KimKardashian
My fragrances are now completely sold out!!! I'm working with my factory to bring you guys more product very soon! @KKWFRAGRANCE



Reaser hopes for 'Ouija..' sequel

New Delhi, India

Actress Elizabeth Reaser says she would like to see the story of horror film "Ouija: Origin of Evil" going forward.

"I hope so (the story goes forward). I don't want to give any spoilers. Anything is possible in the genre. It certainly sets for a sequel," Reaser said.

"I would love to be in it, and would love to see that even as an audience member," she added.

"Ouija: Origin of Evil", helmed by Mike Flanagan, narrates the story of a widow and her two daughters who accidentally summon a demon by an Ouija board, and how their life gets affected by it.

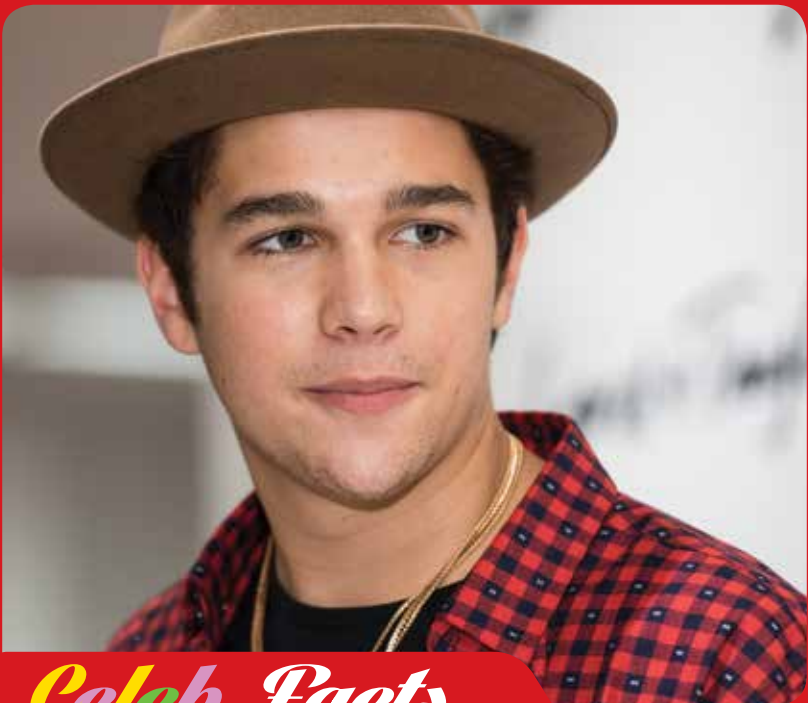
The film was aired in India on Sony PIX on Friday. It also stars Lulu Wilson, Annalise Basso and Alexis G. Zall. (IANS)

Ali to star in and produce 'Burn'

Academy Award-winning actor Mahershala Ali is set to star in and executive produce a crime thriller movie based on A J Wolfe's upcoming book 'Burn.'

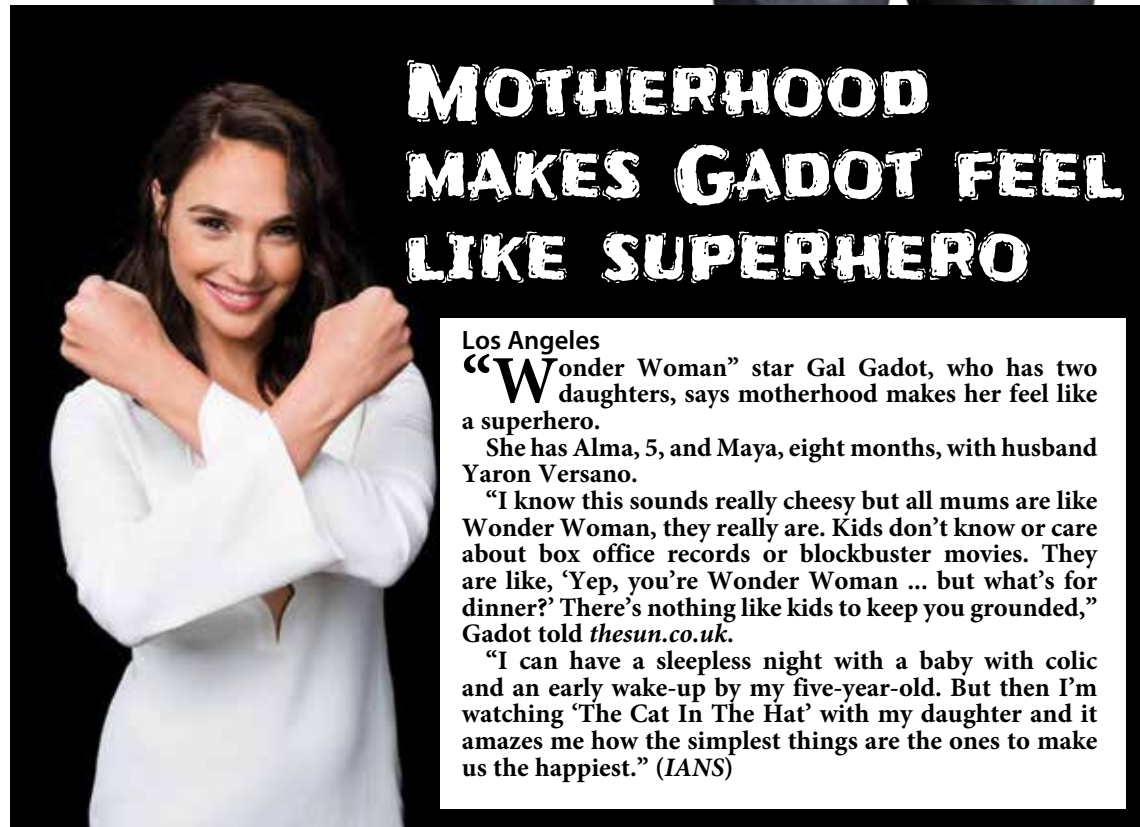
Reportedly, Fredrick Kotto, a former detective who has become a screenwriter, has been roped in to write the adaptation and will executive produce along with Ali and Tom Carter.

The book is a contemporary crime thriller and love story set in the world of organised crime. It follows a Northern California detective who destroyed a cartel while keeping his undercover life secret from his family. Paradigm is handling the publishing rights. (TOI)



Celeb Facts

One of Austin Mahone's biggest musical influences is Justin Bieber, and October 2011, he posted a video covering Mistletoe. (thefactsite)



MOTHERHOOD MAKES GADOT FEEL LIKE SUPERHERO

Los Angeles

"Wonder Woman" star Gal Gadot, who has two daughters, says motherhood makes her feel like a superhero.

She has Alma, 5, and Maya, eight months, with husband Yaron Versano.

"I know this sounds really cheesy but all mums are like Wonder Woman, they really are. Kids don't know or care about box office records or blockbuster movies. They are like, 'Yep, you're Wonder Woman ... but what's for dinner?' There's nothing like kids to keep you grounded," Gadot told thesun.co.uk.

"I can have a sleepless night with a baby with colic and an early wake-up by my five-year-old. But then I'm watching 'The Cat In The Hat' with my daughter and it amazes me how the simplest things are the ones to make us the happiest." (IANS)



Jaden flaunts gold grills in music video

Los Angeles

Actor-singer Jaden Smith has released the music video for his new track "Icon" in which he can be seen wearing golden grills.

In the video released on Friday, Jaden, who is rocking gold chains and grills, can be seen dancing on Hollywood hilltop while spitting lines about being on fashion magazine covers and starting his own record label, reports *aceshowbiz.com*.

In addition to the music video for "Icon", Jaden also released his debut album "SYRE: A Beautiful Confusion", which features 17 tracks including "Breakfast" and "Falcon". Jaden, son of actor Will Smith and actress Jada Pinkett Smith, took three years to finish the whole album. (IANS)



Isaac misses his late mother

Los Angeles

Actor Oscar Isaac says he finds life painful without his late mother Eugenie.

The "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" actor's mother died in February, a month before he and his long-term partner Elvira Lind got married and two months before the birth of their son Eugene.

Isaac says this shift in his life was dramatic, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.

"It happened in a very dramatic way. In a matter of three months my mother passed and my son was born, so that transition was very alive, to the point where I was telling my mom, 'I think you're going to see him on the way out, tell him to listen to me as much as he can,'" Isaac told *Esquire* magazine. (IANS)

Fashion tip of the week



(harpersbazaar.com)

Amber Heard, Elon not getting back together

Despite being spotted with one another earlier this week, actress Amber Heard and entrepreneur Elon Musk are reportedly 'not getting back together'.

According to a report, the meeting between former couple does not mark reconciliation for the pair.

"They sat next to each other, but were not affectionate. They seemed to have a somber conversation," a source said.

Whilst a second source added, "They're definitely not back together, but have seen each other a couple of times as friends."

This news comes after Elon admitted he was left 'hurt' after his split from the 'Justice League' actress. (TOI)



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Singer who was discovered on the reality show *Popstars: The Rivals*, on which she was placed in the group *Girls Aloud*, the group known for "The Promise."

American model Gigi Hadid in a Nina Ricci sheer pink lace bodysuit and floral maxi skirt, Prada slingback heels, and Messika white gold earrings

OUT & ABOUT

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FUEGO: ANTONIO GADES COMPANY



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

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

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



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

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

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DELIGHTS OF GASTRONOMIC ITALIAN-ARABIC FUSION

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



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

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

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

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

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

MARK YOUR Calendar

ART AT THE HARBOUR EXHIBITION "FROM BAHRAIN"

Date: Ongoing
Venue: Harbour Towers-West

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

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

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

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

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



ITALY-BAHRAIN MUSICAL FUSION HPQ QUARTET



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

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

HPQ Quartet and Aldo Gallone

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

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

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

DESIGN YOUR OWN DILMUNI SEAL



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

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

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

HALWA MAKING WORKSHOP

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

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

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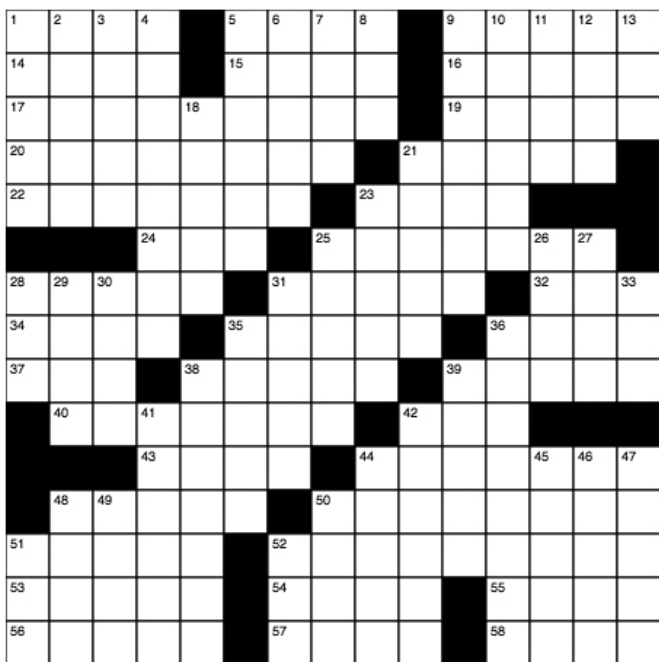
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Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



Short trips and long talks with your special someone are on the agenda today. You may decide to drive into the country, perhaps to visit quaint shops. A confusing call could come from an acquaintance this evening. The person won't seem to be telling you anything yet expect some kind of feedback.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



A lot of paperwork that you need to complete could have you nervous and stressed. You might experience some headaches. Don't sacrifice your well-being for this. You won't lose your focus if you have to put off some tasks until tomorrow. Calls or visitors could also get on your nerves. Turn off the phone and tell people you'll visit later.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Ideas you read could inspire you to develop some new ideas of your own. You might want to write these down or share them with others. Some of the ideas you explore might be unclear in some way, but you'll enjoy digging into them. The dark side of life might hold a special fascination for you now, too.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



The presence of children in your home could arouse your nurturing instincts today. You might want to read to them or tell them stories. Stay away from any particularly gruesome fairy tales. The atmosphere may be a bit gloomy, and the macabre may have too powerful an effect on them and you. In the evening, plan a private, intimate evening with your special someone.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Newspapers may bring knowledge of strange events that capture your imagination. You might want to learn more about the stories and similar events. Your mind is sharp enough to grasp it all, yet there will still be hidden elements that render it that much more fascinating. The human mind and its dark side might be especially interesting to you today.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



A heightened sense of ambition might have you developing your writing skills today. This could mean learning technical or creative writing. Either way, if you've been thinking about it, this is an excellent time to take a course or jump in and do it. Books on the subject as well as talks with those experienced in these matters could help.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



A letter or other communication serves as a sort of wake-up call today. A long-term goal is finally going to be reached. Your ambition should take on a new dimension, possibly going for a second career either in addition to or instead of the one you have. You might not be sure where you want to take it, but it's worth pursuing.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



A letter or call from someone you know who's ill and confined to the hospital or home might come today. You might decide to pay this person a visit. You may not know him or her well, but your humanitarian instincts are awakened. Take care of business that needs to be handled and then go see this person. You'll feel better for it.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



Letters and calls pertaining to your long-term goals or those of a group you're affiliated with could take up a lot of your time today. You might have to deal with paperwork at some point, and you might not understand some of it. Ask for help if you need it. You might not be familiar with the material, and the matters involved are too important to take a chance on getting it wrong.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



A lot of paperwork might need doing today. You'll feel mentally sharp and able to take care of it easily, though some of what needs to be done may momentarily elude you. Communications from neighbours or other acquaintances might seem suspect. You may feel they have their own agendas. Don't repeat anything you hear.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



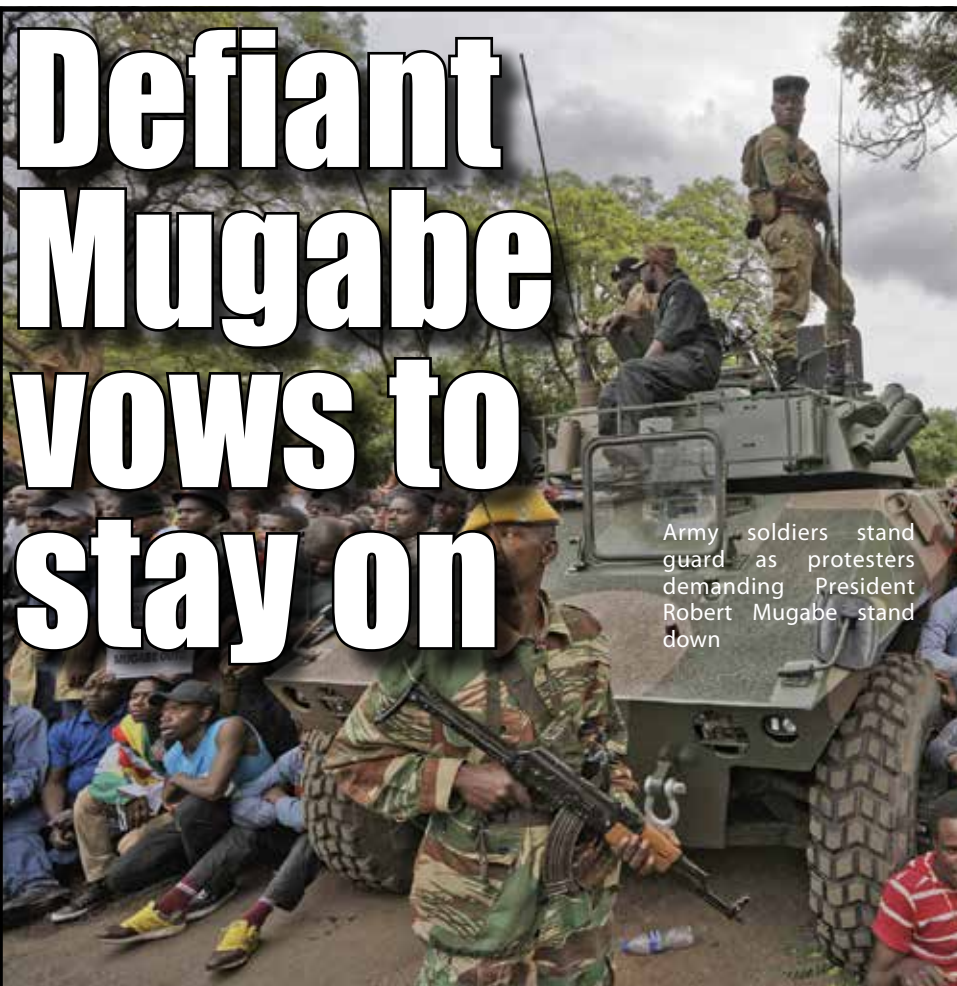
Recognition could finally come for hard work and goals reached. You're feeling very good about the situation. Your self-confidence and mental strength are high. You'll receive a lot of letters or calls, some from far away. Don't be surprised if you spend most of the day talking.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Information on psychology, particularly dreams, could capture your imagination. You could decide to collect as much information as you can. The dark side of the personality may be especially appealing. You'll remember anything you read or hear today, as your mind is particularly retentive. This includes financial trends and ways to increase your income.

Defiant Mugabe vows to stay on



Army soldiers stand guard as protesters demanding President Robert Mugabe stand down

Harare
Zimbabwe's ongoing crisis descended into outright chaos yesterday after president Robert Mugabe failed to announce his resignation as widely expected in a national address on live television.

Instead, in a rambling address, Mugabe offered no concessions to his critics, the tens of thousands who marched calling for his resignation or the army commanders who led the military takeover last week.

Instead, the 93-year-old autocrat said that "we cannot be guided by bitterness or revengefulness which would not makes us any better ... Zimbabweans" and said that he would preside over a special congress of the ruling Zanu-PF party scheduled for next month - suggesting he has no immediate intention of stepping down.

Mugabe said he believed that the military "operation" launched last Tuesday by army commanders was motivated by "a deep patriotic concern for the stability of the nation" which "did not amount to a threat to our well-cherished constitutional order".

"I am aware that many developments have occurred in the party, given the failings of the past, and anger they might have triggered in some quarters [but] I am confident that from tonight our whole nation will put shoulder to the wheel," Mugabe said.

Earlier in the day, the veteran leader, who has been

in power for 37 years, was sacked as leader of the Zanu-PF and told by 200 of the party's top officials gathered at an extraordinary meeting in Harare to resign as head of state or face impeachment when parliament reconvenes on Tuesday.

Emmerson Mnangagwa, the vice-president whose sacking 13 days ago led to the military takeover, was appointed interim leader of the party.

Mnangagwa is widely expected to take over from Mugabe as president.

The moves by Zanu-PF follows huge demonstrations in cities across the country on Saturday demanding Mugabe leave power. His refusal to go plunges the country into deep uncertainty.

The leader of Zimbabwe's influential war veterans said plans for impeachment would go ahead as scheduled. (*The Guardian*)

Key players in post-coup Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe's army appears to be lining up a government of national unity, headed by former deputy Emmerson Mnangagwa, as it negotiates the end of Robert Mugabe's 37 years in power

Possible posts	
<p>EMMERSON MNANGAGWA Lifelong Mugabe aide and 1970s liberation war veteran known as "The Crocodile"</p> <p>Mnangagwa's sacking as vice-president cleared path for Mugabe's wife, Grace to presidency and appears to have been trigger for army takeover</p>	<p>JOICE MUJURU Liberation war veteran alias "Spill Blood", formed own political party after being ousted as vice-president in 2014</p> <p>Mujuru's husband was General Solomon Mujuru, one of most feared men in Zimbabwe who died in 2011 in suspicious circumstances</p>
<p>GENERAL CONSTANTINO CHIWENGA Close ally of Mnangagwa has led Zimbabwe's national army since 1994</p> <p>Sanctioned in 2002 by EU and U.S., including travel ban and freeze on his foreign assets, which has been repeatedly extended</p>	<p>DUMISO DABENGWA Moscow-trained Dabengwa, nicknamed "The Black Russian", fought in 1970s anti-colonial struggle</p> <p>Dabengwa is leader of Zimbabwe's Zapu party - opposition to Robert Mugabe's Zanu PF</p>
<p>MORGAN TSVANGIRAI Head of <i>Movement for Democratic Change-Tsvangirai (MDC-T)</i> and main opposition leader in Zimbabwe.</p> <p>Tsvangirai, who has been abroad receiving treatment for cancer, is now back in Zimbabwe</p>	<p>TENDAI BITI Lawyer by training, Biti won international plaudits as finance minister in 2009-13 unity government that stabilised imploding economy</p> <p>He says he would be happy to reprise role if Tsvangirai was on board</p>

Sources: Reuters, BBC
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As Mugabe fails to resign, do you think he will be impeached?

Yes No Cant Say



"If in the eyes of the world they (the poor) have little value, they are the ones who open to us the way to heaven; they are our 'passport to paradise'. For us it is an evangelical duty to care for them ..."

Pope Francis

Rest in sight

'Butcher of Bosnia' faces war crimes verdict



UN war crimes judges will hand down a historic verdict against former Bosnian Serb army commander Ratko Mladic, blamed for steering Europe's worst atrocities since World War II.

6.6 magnitude quake strikes Pacific

An earthquake of magnitude 6.4 struck in the Pacific Ocean, 74 kilometres (46 miles) east of the Loyalty Islands, New Caledonia

Housing block fire kills 19 in Beijing

Nineteen people were killed in a fire in the outskirts of Beijing on the weekend, local media reported

French policeman kills three and himself

A 31-year-old French police officer shot three people dead before turning his gun on himself, in a killing spree sparked by a row with his girlfriend.

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US destroyer slightly damaged in collision

Tokyo
A U.S. guided-missile destroyer, USS Benfold, sustained minor damage when a Japanese tug drifted into it during a towing exercise off central Japan on Saturday.

"No one was injured on either vessel and Benfold sustained minimal damage, including scrapes on its side, pending a full damage assessment," a statement from the U.S. Seventh Fleet said.

"Benfold remains at sea under her own power. The Japanese commercial tug is

being towed by another vessel to a port in Yokosuka. The incident will be investigated," it said.

The incident, which occurred in Japan's Sagami Bay, marks the fifth time the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet in the Pacific has been involved in a crash.

The U.S. Navy announced a series of reforms this month aimed at restoring basic naval skills and alertness at sea after a review of deadly ship collisions in the Asia-Pacific region showed sailors were under-trained and over-worked. (*Daily Mail*)

US nuke deployment in Japan is a 50-year-old idea



Declassified documents dated 1967 show draft communiqués between US president Richard Nixon (right) and Japanese prime minister Eisaku Sato

Tokyo
The US government weighed its chances of convincing Tokyo in the late 1960s to allow the deployment of nuclear weapons on mainland Japan if an East Asia crisis broke out, declassified documents showed yesterday.

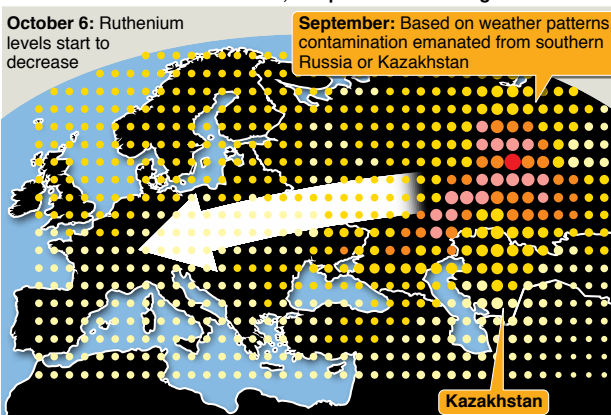
The idea, which was never proposed because it was apparently considered to have a "very slight" chance of being accepted, offers a look into how Washington

sought to expand its military footprint in the region after the second world war and the Korean war.

The atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki had left the Japanese public with a strong aversion to nuclear weapons, with the prohibition of the possession, manufacture and introduction into Japanese territory of the weapons - first outlined in 1967 - coming to form the core of the country's nuclear policy. (*Kyodo*)

Mystery radioactive cloud over Europe

Monitoring stations measured elevated levels of ruthenium 106 drifting across Europe between September 29 and October 6. Levels of the radionuclide have now fallen, and pollution is no longer detected



Source: Institute for Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety
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Common goal explores social responsibility



Mats Hummels (file pic)

Berlin

Mats Hummels, Juan Mata, Giorgio Chiellini and Julian Nagelsmann are among a growing number of footballers and coaches aware of football's social obligations and effect.

Joining the "Common goal" initiative the professionals from Germany, Spain, and Italy follow the dream, to improve life for young people around the world by donating at least one percent of their player's salary to football-related charity and education projects.

"This is the chance for football to make the world a better place and I want to be part of it," Bayern Munich defender and German international Hummels commented after he joined the Berlin-based initiative. Hummels said he has the feeling it could be done more to combine the rising revenues of football with a deeper meaning.

Footballers can choose from 127 projects in over 80 countries and regions supported by organizations such as UNICEF. Collaboration with the football associations, FIFA and UEFA and international companies is in progress.

Common goals claim projects benefit from 90 percent of the donations.

Common goal investigates the donor's views regarding projects and regions to address "his personal favours" as Griesbeck calls it. Over 2.5 million youngsters from South America to Asia currently benefit from the support. "We are uniting the world of footballers behind a shared commitment to giving back," Common goal says on its homepage.

It might be a coincidence that 2014 World Champion Hummels and Spanish 2010 World Cup winner and Manchester United professional Juan Mata increased the project's awareness just when transfer fees and salaries reached a new climax and football is facing discussions about unhealthy commercialism next to losing fans hearts and passion.

The Berlin-based initiative was found only a few months ago. The project founder, Juergen Griesbeck, went through hundreds of talks to promote what he calls "a social vision" of football and "an alliance that highlights the appeal and potential of what we are doing."

The pledged-based project is transporting football related values such as respect, fairness, team-spirit, and responsibility, Griesbeck emphasizes. "In recent years we have seen growing recognition of football's capacity to drive social development," Griesbeck said.

For many emerging countries and regions in Asia and around the world, it is helpful to support children education "to make

youngsters valuable a member of society," Griesbeck was quoted in a *Xinhua* interview.

Mata joining in on Aug. 4, 2017, had a domino effect as Hummels read about it as Juventus Turin professional Chiellini did follow by the German Bundesliga's youngest coach, 30-year-old Nagelsmann, Serge Gnabry (both TSG Hoffenheim) and VfB Stuttgart left-back Denis Aogo, who even donates two percent of his salary.

"For long I have been looking for how to use the power of football for social impact. I hope our example of donating has a snowball effect and many others join in," Nagelsmann commented.

While Nagelsmann prefers projects in Germany and Europe to "have the chance to be around despite working six and a half days a week", Mata is more internationally orientated and travelling around Mata the world to support projects.

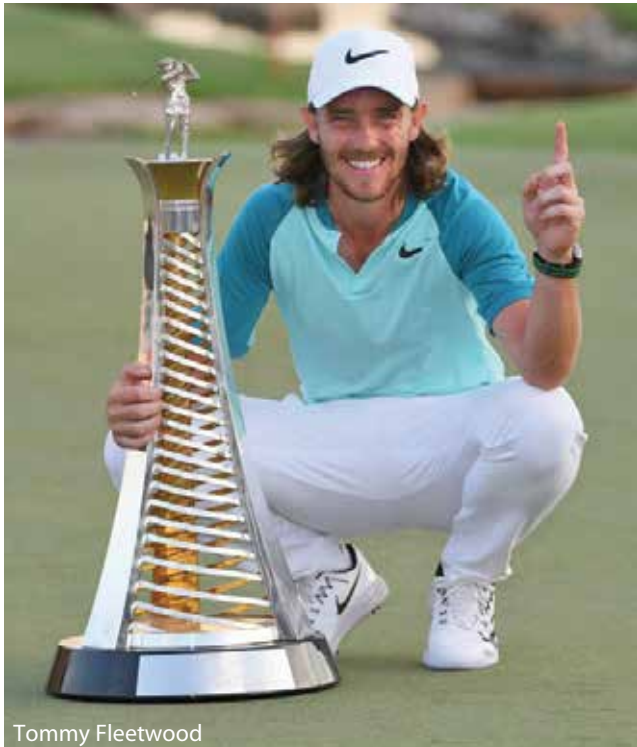
"To see the poverty and the hard life of many young kids made me speechless," Mata said. "Football gives young people experience for life."

Common goal's general attempt is to gain investments of one percent of football's yearly revenues to charity, which is approximately up to 30 billion US dollars. A footballer earning one million euro per year donating 2 percent of his salary would invest 20,000 euros annually.

Juergen Griesbeck said his dream is to change the life of 100 million youngsters around the world until 2030. Now his desire is shared by football stars like Hummels, Mata, Chiellini, and Nagelsmann. (*xinhua*)



Fleetwood clinches Race to Dubai crown



Tommy Fleetwood

Dubai
Tommy Fleetwood beat fellow Englishman Justin Rose to the Race to Dubai title as Spain's Jon Rahm won the season finale Tour Championship in Dubai.

Rose, 37, needed an eagle on the 18th to overtake Fleetwood in the standings but could only make a birdie to card a 70 and finish 17 under in tied fourth.

Fleetwood, 26, shot a modest closing 74 to end on 11 under but his tie for 21st was enough to clinch the money list.

Rahm's 67 saw him win by one from Shane Lowry and Kiradech Aphibarnrat.

Rose, who was aiming for a third successive victory after back-to-back wins in China and Turkey, had a one-shot lead overnight and led for much of the final day before dropping shots on the 12th, 14th and 16th.

The Olympic champion was then in a bunker on the 17th but splashed out to within inches of the hole and rescued a par that kept alive his chances of a second order of merit triumph. He then gave himself a long look at an eagle on the last but couldn't hole the monster putt that would have given him the money list title. (BBC)

Sports achievers to be rewarded: BOC

DT News Network
Manama

Bahrain's sports achievers will be rewarded for their achievements in their respective sports competitions, the Bahrain Olympic Committee announced yesterday.

The decision was declared by HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman, and BOC President, who ordered to honour sports achievers in recent sports events.

Shaikh Nasser expressed gratitude to HM the King for his support to Bahraini athletes in all sports.

On his part, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports deputy general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee general secretary Abdulrahman Askar extended his appreciation to



Abdulrahman Askar the Bahrain leadership for its continued support to the sports sector.

Askar added that the committee has already started the inventory procedure for Bahrain sports achievers and distribute the rewards soon in accordance with the standards of the incentive regulations used by BOC.

Rahul, Shikhar Dhawan carry India into lead

Kolkata, India

Openers **KL** Rahul and Shikhar Dhawan capitalised on vastly improved batting conditions, both overhead and underfoot, to lead India's recovery on the fourth day in Kolkata. After Rangana Herath's third Test fifty had bulked up Sri Lanka's lead to 122, there was only one likely winner in the game. But then after Dhawan struck a 116-ball 94 and Rahul hit an unbeaten 73, there would be none it seemed.

Mohammed Shami, on his home ground, rattled through Sri Lanka's middle order to finish with four wickets, while Bhuvneshwar Kumar added two wickets on the fourth day to return 4 for 88 in bowling Sri Lanka out for 294. With Umesh Yadav also taking two wickets, this was the third time India's seamers took all ten wickets in a Test innings at home, and the first such instance since 1983-84.

Rahul and Dhawan then replied with aggression that has typified their recent Test run. Sunny overhead conditions and a surface that seemed to have settled down helped drastically.

On most pitches, a slightly fuller-than-good length is ideal. But Lahiru Gamage



India's Lokesh Rahul plays a shot

bowled on either side of that, dishing out three half-volleys to Rahul in his first over, which were punched for three boundaries through mid-off. He compensated with a shorter length thereafter, erring in Dhawan's wheelhouse, who cut and pulled gleefully.

Dinesh Chandimal was quickly forced to turn his spinners. With no turn, it played nicely into the openers' hands. Rahul nudged and nudged, opening and closing

the bat face to accumulate runs, while Dhawan was more expansive, often using his feet to loft the ball straight.

Herath, more often than not Sri Lanka's second-innings star, was taken apart. In 29 overs, India had wiped out their deficit, and undone more than three days of diligence from Sri Lanka.

With Dhawan on 94 and the light fading, he committed the only two mistakes of his innings off the same delivery.

He drove loosely at Dasun Shanaka, but an inswinger found his inside edge. He reviewed immediately, and replays showed a sharp spike as ball passed bat. India finished the fourth day at 171 for 1, with a lead of 49. (espnricinfo)

results:

India 171 for 1 (Dhawan 94, Rahul 73*) and 172 lead Sri Lanka 294 (Herath 67, Bhuvneshwar 4-88, Shami 4-100) by 49 runs

Australia 'see things they like' in England

London

Australia have seen "a couple of things they like" in England's Ashes warm up games, says coach Darren Lehmann.

The tourists have played three matches before Thursday's first Test in Brisbane, only taking one wicket on Saturday against Cricket Australia XI.

And Lehmann says England have shown flaws that Australia will look to exploit.

"They have been solid," said Lehmann. "But we'll certainly target some players in that regard."

England hold the urn after a



Darren Lehmann (file pic)

3-2 win on home soil in 2015, but were whitewashed 5-0 on their last trip down under in 2013-14. On that tour, a side captained by Alastair Cook were blown away by the pace of Mitchell Johnson, who took 37 wickets in the series.

Australia's pace attack will this time be led by Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins - both capable of bowling in excess of 90mph - and the visitors are once again likely to be tested by a barrage of short-pitched bowling.

"England have been solid and are preparing for whatever they expect us to do," said Lehmann. (BBC)

Watford ease to victory

London
David Moyes failed to inspire West Ham as their Premier League woes deepened with defeat in his first match in charge at Watford.

The Moyes era got off to the shakiest of starts when the home side took the lead in the first threatening attack of the game at Vicarage Road.

West Ham failed to deal with a cross from the left and, when the ball fell to Andre Gray, his mis-hit was finished off by midfielder Will Hughes for his first Premier League goal with 11 minutes gone.

The Hammers tried to hit back but Andy Carroll directed a tame header straight at home keeper Heurelho Gomes.

After 22 minutes, with West Ham beginning to put together some better possession, Watford broke but the referee waved away penalty appeals as Richarlison stumbled under a challenge from Pablo Zabaleta.

Carroll was booked for a 27th-minute push on Richarlison, with Watford's Miguel Britos following him into the book for a clumsy foul,



Will Hughes gave Watford the lead with his first goal for the club (Picture courtesy: theguardian)

but the home side cleared the free kick.

As the game passed the half-hour, Watford threatened a second when Joe Hart blocked

from Richarlison but the ball fell to Kiko Femenia, who fizzed his angled effort just beyond the far post.

With two minutes of the half

left the Hammers thought they had equalised, only for Gomes to thwart Cheikhou Kouyate from close range before Hughes sent an ambitious volley over at

the other end.

Gomes was at it again as his outstanding double save thwarted a header and follow-up shot from Marko

Arnautovic in stoppage time, and there was still time for Richarlison to drag narrowly wide at the other end.

Gray fired a first-time strike wide from another Femenia cross as Watford started the second half brightly, but West Ham should have levelled when Kouyate, unmarked in the area, scooped over.

Hughes set up Abdoulaye Doucoure, whose first-time strike from 25 yards curled wide of the post with Hart rooted to the spot, and then a Hughes effort was deflected into the West Ham keeper's arms as the Hornets stepped up the pace.

As the hour approached, Gray's shot deflected wide and Hart made an excellent save when Adrian Mariappa headed a Hughes cross goalwards.

Four minutes later, Watford doubled their lead as Richarlison, played into space on the left by Hughes, cut in and shot low into the corner via the fingers of Hart, who could have done better. (espn.in)

Cavani nets brace as PSG hammer Nantes



Paris St Germain's Edinson Cavani (C) vies for the ball

Paris
Edinson Cavani maintained his prolific goalscoring form with two more as Paris St Germain beat Nantes 4-1 to extend their lead at the top of Ligue 1.

Cavani broke the deadlock late in the first half and struck again in the second, either side of efforts from Angel Di Maria and Javier Pastore as PSG moved six points clear of closest rivals Monaco.

Prejuce Nakoulma replied for Nantes on the hour mark, but there appears to be no stopping Unai Emery's side as they stretched their unbeaten league start to 13 matches.

Uruguay international Cavani has scored 19 goals in 16 appearances in all competitions for PSG this season.

He opened the scoring seven minutes before the interval, finishing low into the bottom corner from inside the penalty area after being set up by Pastore.

Di Maria netted a brilliant second goal for PSG four minutes later when he struck from an unlikely angle outside the area following a corner.

The Argentinian was denied a second by Ciprian Tatarusanu's fine save early in the second half before Nakoulma's close-range finish reduced the deficit for Nantes.

PSG regained their two-goal advantage five minutes later when Pastore rifled a shot into the top corner from the right edge of the area.

Further pressure from the home

side was rewarded in the 79th minute when Cavani grabbed his second, applying another emphatic finish from inside the area to wrap up another comfortable win for his side.

Cavani went close to his hat-trick when forcing Tatarusanu into another excellent save three minutes later and Neymar was inches away from adding a fifth goal with an angled shot from the edge of the area.

PSG looked capable of scoring with every attack. Cavani saw another effort well saved by Tatarusanu and substitute Giovanni Lo Celso's shot flew inches wide in the closing stages.

Although a fifth goal eluded them, PSG have scored 17 goals and conceded just one in their last four matches in all competitions. (espn.in)

Champions League 2017-18

MATCHDAY 5: NOV 21 Head-to-head W D L

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Maribor SVN	0 1 0	Sevilla	0 7
Sevilla ESP	1 1 0	Spartak	3 5
Liverpool ENG	1 1 0	Maribor	-13 1
GROUP F			
Man City ENG	1 0 0	Man City	9 12
Feyenoord NED	1 0 0	Shakhtar	2 9
Napoli ITA	0 0 1	Napoli	-2 3
Shakhtar UKR	0 0 1	Feyenoord	-9 0
GROUP G			
Monaco FRA	0 1 0	Besiktas	5 10
Leipzig GER	0 1 0	Porto	2 6
Besiktas TUR	1 1 3	Leipzig	-3 4
Porto POR	1 1 3	Monaco	-4 2
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APOEL CYP	0 0 3	Tottenham	7 10
Real Madrid ESP	0 0 3	Real	3 7
Dortmund GER	3 0 0	Dortmund	-4 2
Tottenham ENG	3 0 0	APOEL	-6 2

Mohamed Salah Liverpool

Excelling on return to English Premier League after failing to make impression at Chelsea in 2014

ATTACKING THREAT: Liverpool travel to Sevilla, with trio of Salah, Firmino and Coutinho guiding Reds to Last 16 berth for first time since 2009

Most shots on target:

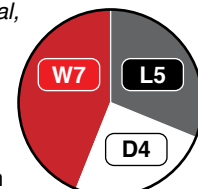
Liverpool	Most by individual: Salah (10)	37
Real	Ronaldo (13)	33
Bayern	Lewandowski (8)	32
Man City	Aguero (6)	28
PSG	Neymar (8)	27

Sources: UEFA, Gracenote

Picture: Getty Images

RIVAL NATIONS: Liverpool aiming to end streak of three defeats in Spain – losing 1-0 each time to Villarreal, Real and Atletico

Away against Spanish opposition



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Alonso turns rookie for test with Toyota

Manama

Double Formula One world champion Fernando Alonso turned rookie for a day yesterday when he tried out Toyota's world endurance championship car in a test that could lead to a Le Mans 24 Hours entry next year.

The 36-year-old McLaren driver completed 113 laps of the Bahrain International Circuit in the TS050 hybrid for a total distance of 611km.

The end-of-season test came a day after Toyota won the Six Hours of Bahrain race at the track.

"It was a great day. Testing an LMP1 (Le Mans top tier) car is always a nice thing for any racing driver because these cars are amazing to drive," Alonso said in a Toyota statement.

"They are very consistent throughout a stint which is a positive thing. I have wanted to test a car like this for a long time now and today I could achieve that so I am happy," added the Spaniard.

Alonso, who will be racing in Formula One's Abu Dhabi season-ender next weekend, posted a best time of one minute 43.013 which compared to a 1:42.38 set by Toyota regular Mike Conway.

The Spaniard had visited Toyota's Cologne factory in Germany on Nov. 7 for a seat fitting and simulator session.

McLaren are partnered by Honda, Toyota's big domestic auto industry rivals, but that relationship will terminate at the end of this season -- leaving Alonso free to race for Toyota at Le Mans without contractual problems should he secure a drive.

Le Mans in June does not clash with any Formula One commitments.

Toyota have yet to confirm their continuation in the endurance championship, with champions Porsche pulling out, but are expected to stay as favourites to win Le Mans.

Alonso, who competed in this year's Indianapolis 500, has set his sights on completing the so-called Triple Crown of motorsport.

The feat, only achieved by the late British driver Graham Hill, involves winning Indianapolis, The Le Mans 24 Hours sportscar car and the Formula One world championship. (Reuters)

Fernando Alonso (file pic)

Hamilton warned Vettel about 'disrespect'



Lewis Hamilton (L) with Sebastian Vettel (file pic)

London

Lewis Hamilton has revealed what he said to Sebastian Vettel after their clash at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix earlier in the season.

Vettel accused Hamilton of brake-testing him during the Safety Car period in Baku and responded by driving up alongside the Mercedes and hitting his car from the side.

Hamilton's data showed no evidence that he did force a collision between the two rivals and Vettel was given a 10-second stop/go penalty which some thought was a little lenient.

Hamilton and Vettel spoke to each other about the incident after the race, with the Brit warning Vettel not to disrespect him again.

"When I spoke to him later, I was like 'that's a sign of disrespect, so don't ever disrespect me like that again otherwise then we will have

problems,'" said Hamilton when discussing his reaction.

"I've never done that to someone. I don't even know what he was thinking to have done... I've never been in a position like that. 'I guess people react differently under certain pressures.'"

Hamilton said that the incident could have easily distracted him from his "ultimate goal" of winning the World Championship but he was not prepared to let Vettel do that.

"I think there's different ways in which you can handle things," added Hamilton.

"I knew what I was there to do and I wasn't going to let anything distract me from doing that.

"I wasn't going to let myself say something or react in a way that's going to cause some negative swirl which is going to steer me off course from my ultimate goal. (planetf1)

We should have a strong car in Abu Dhabi, says Ricciardo

London

Red Bull Racing driver Daniel Ricciardo is hoping he can repeat his feat of breaking his podium duck in Japan, at the 2017 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix season finale, this coming weekend.

"Yas Marina has actually been one of my favourite tracks over the years. It's been a bit like Suzuka for me though, a track that I've always enjoyed and gone well on but not quite reached the podium at.

"I broke that trend in Suzuka this year so hopefully I can do the same in Abu Dhabi."

The Australian enjoys driving at the Yas Marina Circuit, with its end of season vibe, and eerie twilight setting making it a special event.

The only beef the Red Bull driver has with the

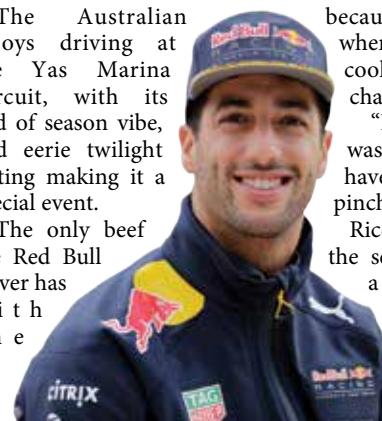
race weekend, is that the practice sessions all take part during the day but they race in the evening, which means the data they collect is not particularly representative, and so you cannot really read anything into performance.

"It's a fun track to drive, I like the twilight thing and I guess because it's the end of the season it's even more enjoyable.

"We practice in the daylight but race at twilight which makes things more challenging. You generally don't look too much into the sunlight sessions because in the evenings, when it counts, the track cools down and the car changes so much.

"I wouldn't say they are wasted sessions but you do have to take them with a pinch of salt."

Ricciardo is hoping to end the season on a high with a win in Abu Dhabi, and feels they should definitely have the car to do that. (thecheckeredflag.co.uk)





Real-Atleti derby ends goalless

Madrid

Atletico Madrid and Real Madrid shared a rare goalless draw in the first derby at the Wanda Metropolitano in a result that will have delighted league leaders Barcelona.

The last time a La Liga clash between the two capital clubs finished 0-0 was back in 2005, and since then only one of 39 meetings between the rivals in all competitions had failed to produce a goal -- the 2014-15 Champions League quarterfinal first leg.

But defences ruled the roost at Atletico's impressive new 68,000-capacity home ground, which provided an electric atmosphere to a match that failed to spark.

Local bragging rights might have been shared between the two arch-rivals, but it will be Barca wearing the smiles tonight as they now boast a 10-point advantage over their two likeliest title challengers.

It may not quite be an unbridgeable gap, with only 12 games gone, but it is firmly advantage Barca.

The Catalan outfit turned up the heat on the Madrid sides earlier in the day by beating Leganes 3-0 and that pressure, combined with the usual tensions involved with a derby, looked to inhibit both sets of players rather than inspire them as the first half passed with precious few goalmouth incidents.

The clearest chance of the opening period -- indeed the whole match -- actually arrived inside the opening three minutes when Atletico looked to capitalise on a loose pass by Marcelo, only for Angel Correa to dink wide with only Kiko Casilla to beat.

Real looked the more likely scorers after that, with Toni Kroos firing into the side-netting following good link-up play with Cristiano Ronaldo, who soon after saw a free-kick turned wide by Jan Oblak after bouncing awkwardly in front of the Atletico keeper.

Sergio Ramos also had a half-chance but could not direct his near-post header on target in the 35th minute. Ramos was left with a bloody nose in that incident after Lucas Hernandez's boot connected with his face and, while the Spain international was able to continue for a while, he was replaced at the interval.

Opportunities were again at a premium in the second half until the game opened up a bit in the closing stages, which included a number of rejected penalty appeals and several openings. The best of them fell to Atletico in the 78th minute, when good work by Fernando Torres put his fellow substitute Kevin Gameiro in on goal. (*espn.in*)



Atletico Madrid's Juanfran and Real Madrid's Karim Benzema vie for the ball

