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Trump names new  
national security advisor

Washington

President Donald Trump named US Army Lieutenant General H.R. McMaster as his new national security advisor yesterday.

Trump called McMaster, a career Army officer and prominent expert on counterinsurgency warfare, a "man of tremendous talent and experience."

## PM lauds Bahrain-Saudi ties

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Manama

His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has welcomed the outcome of the recent visit of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, to Saudi Arabia.

Commenting on the Crown Prince's visit, the Prime Minister lauded the joint agreement between the two nations to consolidate areas of bilateral cooperation in the economic, investment and security fields, hailing the timing and fruitful outcomes of the visit. He also lauded



HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa with HRH Crown Prince during the Cabinet meeting held at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday

the key role played by Saudi Arabia, led by the Custodian in supporting Bahrain and

enhancing the joint action of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

The statement came as the Premier chaired the weekly

Cabinet session, attended by HRH the Crown Prince, at the Gudaibiya Palace yesterday. HRH the Crown Prince

recently met the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, First Deputy Premier and Interior Minister, Prince Mohammed bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and the Deputy Crown Prince, Second Deputy Premier and Defence Minister, Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

The official Bahraini-Saudi talks was co-chaired by HRH Crown Prince and the Saudi Crown Prince. HRH Premier also lauded the successful efforts of the Saudi security authorities which led to the busting of four terror cells in Saudi Arabia.

(See also Page 3)

# Beware of cyber blackmail!

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Citizens beware! Security authorities in the Kingdom have warned of a new form of cyber crime - online blackmailing.

According to Interior Ministry's Anti-Cybercrime Directorate, social media users are lured by persons with accounts claiming to be Arab females and then leading them into indecent conversations to be blackmailed later. The directorate explained that the victims are blackmailed after they are filmed in inappropriate positions as the person on the other side of the screen threatens to expose the footage and share it on the web.

"Blackmailers would usually reach out to you claiming to be women from Arab countries with seductive display pictures on their accounts. They would

attempt to lure you into starting conversations with them. Then, they would request to switch to videoconferencing. Beware of them, don't give them your personal information and block them immediately," the directorate advised public on its official Instagram page.

A Bahraini victim recently shared his "terrifying" experience with DT News. The university student informed that he had received a friend request on Facebook from a girl claiming to be a Moroccan national.

"At first, we began chatting and then videoconferencing. We did this for a few months. By then, we developed some sort of a distant relationship. We completely exposed ourselves to each other through the camera," the victim told on condition of anonymity.

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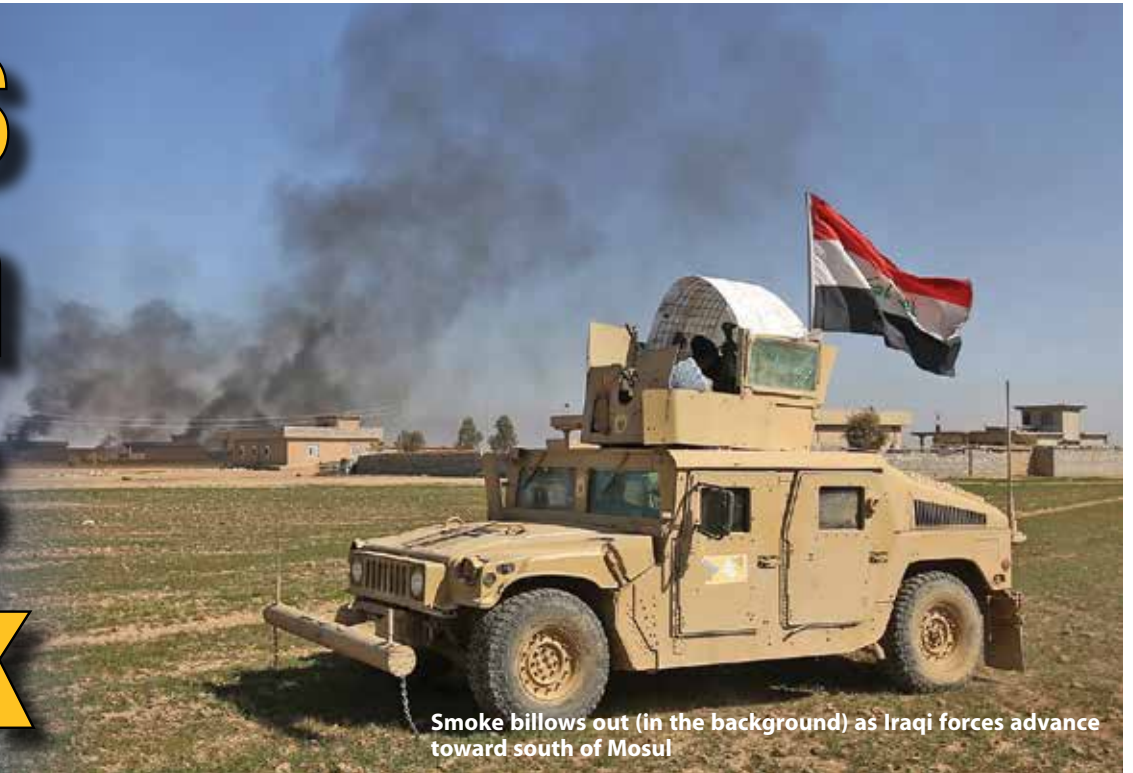
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# Iraq forces to take on Mosul's west bank



Smoke billows out (in the background) as Iraqi forces advance toward south of Mosul

## Aqrab Checkpoint

**Iraqi forces** backed by jets and helicopters battled their way towards southern Mosul yesterday and prepared to take on the Islamic State group's stronghold in the city's west bank.

The fresh push in the four-month-old operation to retake Mosul has sparked fears for 650,000 trapped civilians who risk being killed if they try to flee and starvation if they stay.

Federal police forces reached the Aqrab checkpoint on the highway from Baghdad, a spot that marks the southern entrance to Mosul.

"Today we are standing in Aqrab. It is very important because it is considered to be Mosul's southern gate," said Lieutenant General Haider al-Mtourey, of the federal police.

He said his forces faced many IS car bombs and suicide bombers as they advanced to within barely two kilometres (just over a mile) of the city limits.

Iraqi forces also secured a strategic area known as the Al-Buseif hills near Mosul airport, which lies on the southern approach to the city.

The assault launched on Sunday marks a new phase in the broad operation that began on October 17 to retake Mosul, Iraq's second city and the jihadists' last major stronghold in the country.

Its recapture would deal a death blow to the "caliphate" IS chief Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi proclaimed in the city in June 2014 but has been shrinking steadily for two years as anti-IS forces advanced. - (AFP)

## US-led coalition expects to stay in Iraq after Mosul

### Baghdad

**The commander** of the US-led coalition fighting the Islamic State group said yesterday he expected its forces would be allowed to stay in Iraq after Mosul is recaptured.

"I don't anticipate that we will be asked to leave by the government of Iraq immediately after Mosul," Lieutenant General Stephen Townsend said.

The US commander was speaking at a press conference in Baghdad wrapping up a brief visit by the new Pentagon chief, Jim Mattis.

"I think Iraq realises it's a very complex fight and they need the assistance of the coalition even beyond Mosul," said Townsend.

The coalition has more than 9,000 personnel in Iraq, more than half of them Americans. They are deployed in an advisory capacity but have sometimes been drawn into combat.

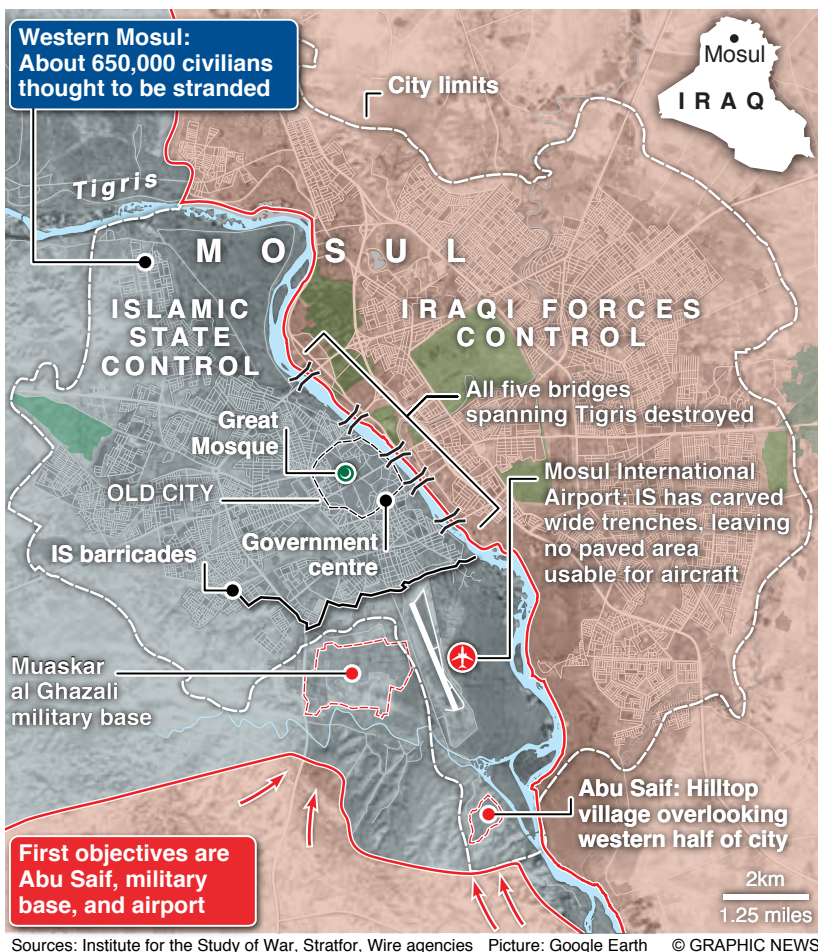
"This is a partnership," said Mattis, a retired Marine general who commanded troops during the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

"There's been a lot of rocky times out here but there is no

doubt from my discussions today the Iraqi people, the Iraqi military, the Iraqi political leadership recognise what they are up against and the value of the coalition," he said. - (AFP)



James Mattis (L) and Lieutenant General Stephen Townsend



Sources: Institute for the Study of War, Stratfor, Wire agencies Picture: Google Earth © GRAPHIC NEWS

## Experts to preserve heritage sites

### London

**As Iraqi** forces fight to take back Mosul from the Islamic State group, archaeologists trained by the British Museum are preparing for another battle -- trying to save what they can of the city's heritage.

One of the world's leading institutions for the study of ancient Iraq, the London museum has been training Iraqi experts for the past year in high-tech methods to preserve and document their history.

"Once the city is liberated, there will be an enormous plan of reconstruction of the Museum of Mosul," said Sebastien Rey, a

lead archaeologist from the Iraq Emergency Heritage Management Training Scheme.

"One of the participants of our scheme will be the first archaeologist to enter the museum and do an



Archaeological site of Nimrud

assessment of the destruction inside."

The programme is designed to "get people ready for the day" archaeological sites are taken back from IS control, said its director, Jonathan Tubb.

"We wanted to do something positive and constructive in the face of the most appalling destruction that had been going on."

Islamist militants in Iraq, Syria and Mali have targeted priceless cultural heritage sites.

The Mosul area, home to several archaeological sites including the ancient cities of Nineveh and Nimrud, is of special importance.



# PM lauds patriotic spirit



HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and HRH Crown Prince during the Cabinet meeting

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Manama

**H**is Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has reiterated Bahrain's complete solidarity with Saudi Arabia with measures it deems necessary to safeguard its security and stability. While discussing the Kingdom's celebrations of the anniversary of the National Action Charter at the Cabinet meeting, the Prime Minister hailed the citizens for their sincere patriotic spirit, extending thanks to them for the feelings

of loyalty to the nation.

## Cabinet decisions

HRH Premier has directed to make an inventory of the streets and neighbourhoods to address the frequent flooding. He has instructed the Ministerial Committee for Urbanisation and Infrastructure to identify the reasons that led to the damage inflicted by some infrastructure projects as a result of the heavy rain. HRH Prime Minister has commended the efforts made by the Ministry of Works,

Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning to deal with the rainwater from the streets, roads and neighbourhoods as quickly as possible.

Reviewing the Labour and Social Development Ministry's plans for 2017 and achievements in 2016, HRH Premier praised the ministry's efforts to organise special career expos to enable business owners to hire nationals. HRH Prime Minister also urged to intensify initiatives that would increase employment chances for job-seekers. The Cabinet has approved the creation of a

Directorate of Public Revenues Policies at the Finance Ministry. The directorate will replace the current Directorate of Economic Studies and Research, and will report to the Assistant Undersecretary, Public Revenues Development.

Recommended by the Civil Service Bureau, and included in the memorandum submitted by the Deputy Premier and Deputy Chairman of the Civil Service Council, the decision aims to consolidate plans to diversify sources of income.

# Escaped convict dies while resisting arrest

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**A**n escapee from the prison died yesterday in the Capital Governorate while attempting to thwart arrest.

Abdulla Al Ajouz, 22, succumbed to the wounds he suffered when he fell-down in Nuwaidrat.

The man had escaped the Dry Dock Detention Centre last year along with 16 other convicts.

Interior Ministry confirmed the incident yesterday, clarifying that "he fell while attempting to escape arrest and died in the hospital".

"He is sentenced to life for terror related cases that include murder, attempted murder and manufacturing of explosives," Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science General Director Colonel Abdalaziz Mayoof Al Rumaihi stated.

Colonel Al Rumaihi

explained that the incident occurred during two arrest operations in Nuwaidrat that resulted in the arrest of two wanted criminals.

"Ahmed Habib, 20, and Ahmed Mohammed, 27, who are involved in an assault case that injured three policemen and sheltering the escaped convict Al Ajouz, were arrested in the operation," he added.



Abdulla Al Ajouz

# First Russia-Bahrain inter-govt commission meeting today



The preparatory meeting held with members of the Russian economic delegation yesterday

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**T**he Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism held a preparatory meeting with members of the Russian economic delegation yesterday, in preparation for the first session of the Russian-Bahrain intergovernmental commission in trade, economic, scientific and technological cooperation, which will be held today at Ritz-Carlton. The meeting was attended by officials of both the countries. Officials

reviewed the deliberations on the first session of the commission and cooperation in trade, investment, banking, energy, agriculture and animal stock-raising, space and transportation.

The Russia-Bahrain Working Group on cooperation in the field of aluminum industry also held its third meeting yesterday. The Bahraini delegation was headed by Osama Alarrayedh, Undersecretary, Industrial Affairs while the Russian delegation was headed by

Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation Sergey Tsyb. The meeting was formed by the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Zayed R. Al Zayani and Russian Minister of Industry and Trade Denis Manturov. During the meeting officials explored cooperation in the field of marketing and prospects of setting up joint ventures in bauxite and alumina and investment opportunities in private sector.

# 'Don't send money to blackmailers'

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**"O**ne day a man called me, informed me that he possess inappropriate footage of me and threatened to post them online. Using the same account of the girl I was talking to, the man sent me proof of the footage he has and a list of all of my friends and family members on Facebook. He asked me to send BD100 to an address in Morocco so he would delete the videos," the victim added.

Helplessly, the victim wired

the money to the blackmailer and closed his account on Facebook.

## Block account and report

The directorate urged victims who fall prey to blackmailers to immediately follow certain steps.

"If you have been victimised by a similar situation, you should immediately block the account so you would prevent him/her from reaching to your friends' list. If the link to the video was shared with

you, report it immediately. Don't worry it will be removed. Don't send any amounts to the blackmailers under any circumstances, because they will continue blackmailing you. Finally, report the case to the directorate's hotline on 992," the directorate instructed.

Such cases could be reported by personal attendance at the directorate's headquarters in Adliyah on 17718888 or 992, or sending a message along with proof through What'sApp on +97332000367.

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# Crown Prince receives Kuwait National Assembly Speaker

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister received Kuwait's National Assembly Speaker, Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim, and the accompanying parliamentary delegation, at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday.

During the meeting, His Royal Highness hailed the historic ties that exist between Bahrain and Kuwait and resolved to pursue efforts to further strengthen the

relationship.

HRH Crown Prince also highlighted the commitment of His Majesty King Hamad and His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to expanding Bahraini-Kuwaiti ties, which reflect the long-standing relation between the two countries.

Speaking about broader cooperation efforts, HRH Crown Prince noted that both countries recognise the importance of aligning their efforts to achieve far-reaching GCC strategic goals and interests.

HRH Crown Prince welcomed the visit of the delegation to the

Kingdom, stressing that the visit plays an important role in strengthening parliamentary cooperation. His Royal Highness stressed that increased intra-regional collaboration on parliamentary affairs directly supports the role of the legislature in advancing national development.

HRH Crown Prince emphasised Kuwait's continued support to the Kingdom. His Royal Highness went on to extend his wishes for continued development and prosperity on the occasion of Kuwait's upcoming National Day and Liberation Day.



HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa with Kuwait National Assembly Speaker, Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim

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## Middle East Insurance Forum-2017 kicks off



Abdul Rahman Al Baker  
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The 13th annual Middle East Insurance Forum (MEIF-2017), organised in partnership with the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), began at Gulf Hotel here yesterday, marking the start of a high-level industry gathering.

More than 400 global and regional insurance leaders and experts are attending the two-day forum, which was opened by Abdul Rahman Al Baker, Executive Director of Financial Institutions Supervision at the CBB.

Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) and Mark Cooper, General Representative of



Mark Cooper

the Middle East and Director of Lloyd's Limited, spoke on 'Current Challenges and their Implications on the Regional Insurance Industry - The Road Ahead,' at the forum yesterday.

The Forum focussed on 'The Role of Regulation; Current Issues and Challenges'; Mergers & Acquisitions in the Insurance Sector; and 'Introduction of VAT and its Implication in the Regional Markets' at yesterday's meeting.

The "Best Insurance Company in the MENA Region" was also honoured at the forum. RSA Insurance UAE won the award for best insurer, which recognizes extraordinary achievement in the industry among those servicing the GCC, MENA



Khalid Al Rumaihi and Levant regions with a minimum banking assets of \$15 million.

"We have witnessed the commencement of a successful year being crowned with multiple awards across the GCC and the wider Middle East. This continued success gives us the reassurance that our compass is pointing in the right direction when it comes to making everything better for the customer, together," said Chris Dooley, CEO RSA UAE and MD RSA Bahrain, receiving the award. This flagship event, spearheaded by the BB, is being held with the support and cooperation of the BIA and sponsored by Braxtone Insurance Management. The forum concludes today.

## Prisoner gets one year for assaulting cop

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The High Criminal Court has sentenced a jail inmate to one year's imprisonment for beating a police officer in Jau Prison. The incident happened

while the defendant was serving a jail sentence for a criminal conviction. The victim said that he was assaulted while trying to handcuff the accused man. "He pushed me to the ground, and used force to remove

the handcuffs while I wanted to tie him," the victim told prosecutors. The defendant said that it handed a mercy-sentence to the defendant, invoking Article 72 of the penal law.



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (as at 31 December 2016)

(Expressed in Bahraini Dinars)

	Shareholders			General takaful			Family takaful			Total		
	Restated		Restated	Restated		Restated	Restated		Restated	Restated		
	31 December 2016	31 December 2015	1 January 2015	31 December 2016	31 December 2015	1 January 2015	31 December 2016	31 December 2015	1 January 2015	31 December 2016	31 December 2015	1 January 2015
<b>ASSETS</b>												
<b>Cash and investments:</b>												
Statutory deposit	125,000	125,000	125,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	125,000	125,000	125,000
Cash and cash equivalents	1,114,232	1,274,697	974,239	5,331,443	3,114,638	1,033,981	1,162,428	847,819	1,371,043	7,608,103	5,237,154	3,379,263
Available-for-sale investments	2,428,308	2,420,460	3,116,834	773,056	958,361	910,079	1,485,205	1,735,654	1,103,519	4,686,569	5,114,475	5,130,432
Takaful and retakaful balances receivable	3,667,540	3,820,157	4,216,073	6,104,499	4,072,999	1,944,060	2,647,633	2,583,473	2,474,562	12,419,672	10,476,629	8,634,695
Due from retakaful companies in connection with outstanding claims	-	-	-	8,578,362	7,812,919	10,294,067	440,464	378,373	552,448	9,018,826	8,191,292	10,846,515
Deferred retakaful contribution	-	-	-	8,285,559	8,105,700	8,587,011	616,433	586,192	339,713	8,901,992	8,691,892	8,926,724
Deferred policy acquisition costs	-	-	-	2,702,966	2,075,252	3,741,314	327,386	84,912	-	3,030,352	2,160,164	3,741,314
Due from retakaful companies in connection with family takaful technical reserves	706,739	769,705	-	-	-	713,967	-	-	81,638	706,739	769,705	795,605
Property and equipment	2,272,525	2,351,551	1,977,987	-	-	-	1,707,505	1,625,398	1,454,661	1,707,505	1,625,398	1,454,661
Receivable from takaful funds	983,532	33,439	707,076	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,272,525	2,351,551	1,977,987
Other receivables and prepayments	332,488	86,999	127,598	104,982	67,230	54,762	10,936	9,632	6,526	983,532	33,439	707,076
Amounts due from related parties	654	585	962	-	-	-	-	-	-	448,406	163,861	188,886
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	654	585	962
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7,963,478</b>	<b>7,062,436</b>	<b>7,029,696</b>	<b>25,776,368</b>	<b>22,134,100</b>	<b>25,335,181</b>	<b>5,750,357</b>	<b>5,267,980</b>	<b>4,909,548</b>	<b>39,490,203</b>	<b>34,464,516</b>	<b>37,274,425</b>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY, PARTICIPANTS' FUND AND LIABILITIES</b>												
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>												
Share capital	6,250,000	6,250,000	6,250,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,250,000	6,250,000	6,250,000
Statutory reserve	519,727	480,066	480,066	-	-	-	-	-	-	519,727	480,066	480,066
General reserve	200,000	200,000	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,000	200,000	200,000
Accumulated losses	(679,213)	(1,036,159)	(280,787)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(679,213)	(1,036,159)	(280,787)
Investments fair value reserve	(23,543)	(74,368)	(241,217)	12,833	(35,792)	(192,271)	(33,041)	(37,293)	6,442	(43,751)	(147,453)	(427,046)
<b>Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent</b>	<b>6,266,971</b>	<b>5,819,539</b>	<b>6,408,062</b>	<b>12,833</b>	<b>(35,792)</b>	<b>(192,271)</b>	<b>(33,041)</b>	<b>(37,293)</b>	<b>6,442</b>	<b>6,246,763</b>	<b>5,746,454</b>	<b>6,222,233</b>
<b>Non-controlling interests</b>	<b>70,586</b>	<b>15,902</b>	<b>14,058</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,586</b>	<b>15,902</b>	<b>14,058</b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>6,337,557</b>	<b>5,835,441</b>	<b>6,422,120</b>	<b>12,833</b>	<b>(35,792)</b>	<b>(192,271)</b>	<b>(33,041)</b>	<b>(37,293)</b>	<b>6,442</b>	<b>6,317,349</b>	<b>5,762,356</b>	<b>6,236,291</b>
<b>(Deficit)/surplus in participants' fund</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,346,619)</b>	<b>(1,425,425)</b>	<b>(340,141)</b>	<b>1,209,357</b>	<b>1,060,272</b>	<b>918,338</b>	<b>(137,262)</b>	<b>(365,153)</b>	<b>578,197</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>												
Gross outstanding claims	-	-	-	11,004,805	12,116,302	11,923,718	733,691	732,458	388,223	11,738,496	12,848,760	12,311,941
Unearned contributions reserve	-	-	-	8,226,306	7,794,482	8,222,100	462,157	134,716	-	8,688,463	7,929,198	8,222,100
Unearned retakaful commissions	-	-	-	480,289	340,597	739,641	5,027	2,880	315	485,316	343,477	739,956
Family takaful technical reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,780,866	2,527,505	2,270,828	2,780,866	2,527,505	2,270,828
Retakaful/ takaful and other payables	567,550	535,361	-	5,675,492	2,750,330	3,658,042	581,770	817,740	1,176,676	6,824,812	4,103,431	4,834,718
Other liabilities and provisions	812,703	478,317	423,389	748,294	588,767	762,228	1,966	1,102	3,514	1,562,963	1,068,186	1,189,131
Employees' terminal benefits	245,668	213,317	184,187	-	-	-	-	-	-	245,668	213,317	184,187
Payable to shareholders	-	-	-	974,968	4,839	561,864	8,564	28,600	145,212	983,532	33,439	707,076
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,625,921</b>	<b>1,226,995</b>	<b>607,576</b>	<b>27,110,154</b>	<b>23,595,317</b>	<b>25,867,593</b>	<b>4,574,041</b>	<b>4,245,001</b>	<b>3,984,768</b>	<b>33,310,116</b>	<b>29,067,313</b>	<b>30,459,937</b>
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY, PARTICIPANTS' FUND AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>7,963,478</b>	<b>7,062,436</b>	<b>7,029,696</b>	<b>25,776,368</b>	<b>22,134,100</b>	<b>25,335,181</b>	<b>5,750,357</b>	<b>5,267,980</b>	<b>4,909,548</b>	<b>39,490,203</b>	<b>34,464,516</b>	<b>37,274,425</b>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (for the year ended 31 December 2016)

(Expressed in Bahraini Dinars)

	Restated	
	Year ended 31 December 2016	2015
<b>Net profit/(loss) for the year</b>	<b>403,291</b>	<b>(753,528)</b>
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Items that will or may be reclassified to statement of profit or loss</b>		
Net realised fair values gains/(losses) on available-for-sale investments	36,266	(108,313)
Unrealised fair values gain/(losses) on available-for-sale investments	14,559	275,162
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>50,825</b>	<b>166,849</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>	<b>454,116</b>	<b>(586,679)</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>		
Shareholders of the parent	447,432	(588,523)
Non-controlling interests	6,684	1,844
	<b>454,116</b>	<b>(586,679)</b>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (for the year ended 31 December 2016) (Expressed in Bahraini Dinars)

	Restated	
	31 December 2016	31 December 2015
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	2,060,992	3,140,155
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	261,957	(1,256,781)
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net Cash from/(used in) financing activities	48,000	(25,483)
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>2,370,949</b>	<b>1,857,891</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year	5,237,154	3,379,263
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>7,608,103</b>	<b>5,237,154</b>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (for the year ended 31 December 2016) (Expressed in Bahraini Dinars)

	Equity							Total equity
	Share capital	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Accumulated losses	Investments fair value reserve	attributable to shareholders of the parent	Non-controlling interests	
Balance at 1 January 2016 as previously reported	6,250,000	480,066	200,000	(1,036,159)	(74,368)	5,819,539	-	5,819,539
Effect of change due to consolidation	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,902	15,902
At 1 January 2016 - Restated	6,250,000	480,066	200,000	(1,036,159)	(74,368)	5,819,539	15,902	5,835,441
Profit for the year	-	-	-	396,607	-	396,607	6,684	403,291
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	50,825	50,825	-	50,825
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>396,607</b>	<b>50,825</b>	<b>447,432</b>	<b>6,684</b>	<b>454,116</b>
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	39,661	-	(39,661)	-	-	-	-
Increase in subsidiary capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,000	48,000
<b>At 31 December 2016</b>	<b>6,250,000</b>	<b>519,727</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>(679,213)</b>	<b>(23,543)</b>	<b>6,266,971</b>	<b>70,586</b>	<b>6,337,557</b>
Balance at 1 January 2015 as previously reported	6,250,000	480,066	200,000	(280,787)	(241,217)	6,408,062	-	6,408,062
Effect of change due to consolidation	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,058	14,058
At 1 January 2015 - Restated	6,250,000	480,066	200,000	(280,787)	(241,217)	6,408,062	14,058	6,422,120
Profit for the year	-	-	-	(755,372)	-	(755,372)	1,844	(753,528)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	166,849	166,849	-	166,849
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year - Restated</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(755,372)</b>	<b>166,849</b>	<b>(588,523)</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>(586,679)</b>
At 31 December 2015 - Restated	6,250,000	480,066	200,000	(1,036,159)	(74,368)	5,819,539	15,902	5,835,441

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS (for the year ended 31 December 2016) (Expressed in Bahraini Dinars)

	Shareholders		General takaful		Family takaful		Total	
	Restated		Restated		Restated		Restated	
	31 December 2016	31 December 2015	31 December 2016	31 December 2015	31 December 2016	31 December 2015	31 December 2016	31 December 2015
<b>Revenues</b>								
Gross contributions	-	-	19,057,866	18,120,156	1,867,284	1,525,957	20,925,150	19,646,113
Retakaful share	-	-	(6,239,023)	(5,309,514)	(633,336)	(469,269)	(6,872,359)	(5,778,783)
Retained contributions	-	-	12,818,843	12,810,642	1,233,948	1,056,688	14,052,791	13,867,330
Movement in unearned contributions	-	-	195,890	(1,248,449)	(84,967)	(49,804)	14,052,921	(1,298,253)
<b>Net earned contributions</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,014,733</b>	<b>11,562,193</b>	<b>1,148,981</b>	<b>1,006,884</b>	<b>14,163,714</b>	<b>12,569,077</b>
Net commission and other takaful income/(expenses)	-	-	1,373,142	1,671,061	150	(86,248)	1,373,292	1,584,813
<b>Total takaful revenue</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,387,875</b>	<b>13,233,254</b>	<b>1,149,131</b>	<b>920,636</b>	<b>15,537,006</b>	<b>14,153,890</b>
<b>Expenses</b>								
Gross claims settled	-	-	(19,113,915)	(16,606,370)	(931,962)	(533,624)	(20,045,877)	(17,139,994)
Claims recovered from retakaful and other parties	-	-	7,899,708	7,802,230	807,003	437,685	8,706,711	8,239,915
Net movement in outstanding claims	-	-	1,291,356	(673,894)	29,008	(97,755)	1,320,364	(771,649)
Net claims incurred	-	-	(9,922,851)	(9,478,034)	(95,951)	(193,694)	(10,018,802)	(9,671,728)
Transfer to family takaful technical reserve	-	-	-	-	(171,254)	(85,940)	(171,254)	(85,940)
(Charge) due to surrender of policies	-	-	-	-	(126,193)	(26,059)	(126,193)	(26,059)
Provision for impaired takaful receivables	-	-	79,131	(1,289,520)	(1,088)	(103,236)	78,043	(1,392,756)
<b>Total takaful expenses</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(9,843,720)</b>	<b>(10,767,554)</b>	<b>(394,486)</b>	<b>(408,929)</b>	<b>(10,238,206)</b>	<b>(11,176,483)</b>
Surplus from takaful operations before wakala fees	-	-	4,544,155	2,465,700	754,645	511,707	5,298,800	2,977,407
Wakala fees	-	-	(4,323,971)	(3,365,052)	(653,549)	(389,119)	(4,977,520)	(3,754,171)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) from takaful operations after wakala fees</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>220,184</b>	<b>(899,352)</b>	<b>101,096</b>	<b>122,588</b>	<b>321,280</b>	<b>(776,764)</b>
Wakala fees	4,977,520	3,754,171	-	-	-	-	4,977,520	3,754,171
Investment income	133,676	341,828	53,276	28,582	140,961	118,093	327,913	488,503
Mudharib share	48,559	26,096	(13,319					



# Saudi seeks death for suspect in Germans' shooting



**Riyadh**  
Prosecutors in Saudi Arabia are seeking the death penalty for a suspect accused of opening fire on German diplomats, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The two envoys escaped unharmed when bullets hit their car in Awamiya area three years ago, police said at the time.

A trial began yesterday in

Riyadh for the suspect, who was not named but could face the death penalty.

Almost a year after the shooting the interior ministry said it had arrested a suspect, Salem bin Abdullah bin Hussein, who was wanted for a number of violent crimes.

Sources reported that the man on trial before a court specialising in "terrorist" cases is accused of several offences.

These include attacking a diplomatic vehicle, attempting to kill police, participating in demonstrations, inciting sedition and causing sectarian strife.

The Germans' car was hit by fire from an automatic weapon which caused the vehicle to burn, it said.

The accused asked the court for one month to prepare his defence. -(AFP)

## Turkey puts 47 on trial for 'coup plot'



People accused of trying to assassinate Turkish President are escorted by security forces towards the courthouse

**Mugla**

One of the nearly 50 suspects in an alleged plot to assassinate Turkey's president admitted involvement in the botched July 15 putsch bid as the mass trial opened yesterday.

Forty-four suspects, mainly soldiers, are under arrest over the alleged plot to kill Recep Tayyip Erdogan, while three others still on the run are being tried in absentia at the court in the southern city of Mugla.

Onlookers heckled the accused as they stepped out of the buses

that took them from prison, shouting "we want the death penalty!".

The trial was taking place under the highest security with snipers posted on rooftops and helicopters circling overhead.

Erdogan, who was holidaying at a hotel in the upmarket Aegean resort of Marmaris with his family on the night of the

coup, has said the plot left him 15 minutes from death.

Turkish officials say the bid to kill Erdogan was a key part of the plan to depose the elected government they allege was masterminded by the US-based Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen and his so-called Fethullah Terror Organisation (FETO).

## Saudi starts hunt for solar, wind firms

**Riyadh**

Saudi Arabia ministry yesterday took the first step towards a goal of generating 9.5 GW of energy through solar and other renewable means.

It invited local and international firms to try to qualify for bidding on two projects. One is for 300 MW of solar energy to be built in Al-Jouf province and the second is for a 400 MW wind power development in Tabuk.

Government estimates say energy demand is expected to exceed 120 gigawatts by 2032.

"This marks the starting point of a long and sustained program of renewable energy deployment," said Khaled al-Falih, Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources.

## Heart of the Matter

Lamees Alhassar



## You were born with wings; why insist on walking through life?

We humans are a member of a privileged species that dominates all forms of life on planet Earth and the way things are shaping up we will doubtless be able to colonise and dominate other planets in the future. But we didn't start off like that. In the beginning we were little better than other animal life forms and in fact competed with them for food and shelter.

But humans had something that other species of animals did not have-a sense of our destiny, which told us that we are made for better things. In the past this sense of destiny or purpose changed us from savages to civilized beings and today we are pushing the frontiers of science with Artificial Intelligence and Robotics.

In spite of all that mankind has achieved and notwithstanding an even more glorious future that awaits us, many of us get bogged down in little things that do no credit to our true potential. In fact we are all sometimes guilty of missing the wood for the trees. We involve ourselves in petty ego clashes with our relatives, play silly one-upmanship games with our colleagues and in extreme cases even take the neighbors to court.

While it is true that everyone has the right to live their life the way they think fit, it would do well to remember one basic fact about human existence- You were born with wings; why insist on walking through life? There is a very old Eastern legend that demonstrates this fact beautifully. There used to be a very promising disciple under the tutelage of a hermit in the forest. One day the disciple took leave of his master, taking his permission to spend time in intense prayer.

He reappeared in front of his tutor many years later, looking quite pleased with himself. On being asked, as to what he had been up to all these years, and why he appeared to be so pleased with himself, the disciple proudly narrated his tale. Apparently he had prayed intensely to God for many years, who pleased with his devotion granted him a boon.

"And what did you ask for?", asked the teacher.

"To be able to walk on water," replied the pleased as punch student.

"After years of intense prayer, you asked for something, which a boatman would have helped you with for a penny?!"

The moral of the story is that one should set one's sights high in life. You will inevitably become what you want to be. This is not based on hearsay or any social conventions that one might follow, but on scientific fact. The human brain can be trained to function and perform the way one likes it to, as it is an amazingly malleable tool that can help us achieve incredible tasks.

If this were not so, would mankind be today thinking of traveling to Mars and back. This was something that used to be in the realm of science fiction barely a hundred

years back. But all these years there were bright scientists who first visualized what it would be like on Mars and then over the years as technology advanced, were able to corroborate many of their theories. The advent of space craft capable of traveling to Mars and actually lowering land-vehicle based probes on to its surface, pretty much opened the world of that planet to them! This is the extent to which the near savage that man once was, has advanced. How did this happen?

By broadening one's horizon beyond looking for food, shelter and mate. If anyone hasn't endeavoured to rise above their circumstances and striven for a nobler objective, they have only themselves to blame. Like Cassius says to Brutus, in Shakespeare's immortal Julius Caesar, "The fault dear Brutus is not in our stars; but in ourselves that we are underlings" Human beings are meant for a higher purpose than just sleeping, eating and procreating. That is why mankind always rebels if put under bondage, unlike most animals who will willingly be herded, if sufficient incentive and force is applied.

The famous psychologist, Abraham Maslow's needs hierarchy triangle ably demonstrates the unique nature of human motivation. At the bottom level of this triangle lie the basic physiological needs like food and sex. The next level is that of safety, where one wants to keep danger away from oneself. The next stage pertains to one's needs for love and a sense of belonging. After this comes the stage of ego and self-esteem. Last and on top of the pyramid comes the need for self-actualization or finding out the true reason behind one's existence.

All human beings are wired to achieve self-actualization and given a chance we will all go for it. However every so often we get stuck in one or two of the stages on account of our losing sight of the bigger picture. The thing is that in the case of most of us, we spend a lifetime at these stages without getting down to the task of doing what one is born to.

Take the case of someone who has a way with words and would like nothing more than write, but has been toiling away at a thankless job, because it provides security to the person and their family. Often that person will continue to toil away at their dreary job, even years after financial security has been achieved and their children have settled in their lives, out of force of habit or because of the fear of change.

Fear of change, timidity or just plain lack of ambition-there could be many reasons for one's not taking wings and flying. But the fact is that we all possess the ability and capability to do so if only we learnt to pick up and dust ourselves and prepare to soar into the bright sky. Maybe we need someone to remind us of what our true nature. I hope this article does just that.

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



### RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Directors of Trafco Group B.S.C. decided during their meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to recommend the distribution of cash dividend for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 to the Ordinary Equity Shareholders who are registered on the date of the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The proposed distribution is 17% of the paid-up capital equivalent to (17) fils per share and amounting to a total dividend amount of BD 1,309,594.

This recommendation is subject to the approval of the AGM and the Regulatory Authorities.

**Ebrahim Mohamed Ali Zainal**  
Chairman



# Bahrain, Russia for greater business ties

# Sad demise



Jawad Al Hawaj speaks at the event held to discuss ties between Russian and Bahrain business owners

**Manama**  
The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) hosted yesterday a Russian business delegation and mulled business opportunities with the local business owners and investors. The delegation was spearheaded by Vladimir

Dmitriev, the head of the Russian side of the Bahraini-Russian Joint Business Council and Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (RCCI). Commenting, vice-head of the Bahraini side of the Bahraini-Russian Joint

Business Council and board member Jawad Al Hawaj said, "We at the Chamber aim to empower the expansion of local businesses and investors by linking them with keen business owners and investors." "We are confident of the outcomes of these B2B meetings

in reinforcing ties between Russian and Bahraini business owners and stimulating joint businesses," he added. Meanwhile, the second vice-chairman of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry Abdulhameed Al Kooheji said that the business environment is fertile for

Bahraini-Russian joint businesses. He also emphasised that the business owners should be alert to unique and promising business and investment opportunities, given the economic developments and the increasing competition.



Kunjumon Shinoy  
DT News Network  
Manama

An Indian expatriate worker Cheruvathur Kunjumon Shinoy (45) died of heart attack yesterday. He was a tailor at a shop in Malkiya and has been working in Bahrain for the past 20 years. He is survived by wife Sandhya Shinoy and a 3-year-old child who are in India. "At around 4.20am today he told his roommates that he was not feeling well," said a colleague, adding that we called the ambulance immediately but could not be saved. Shinoy's body is kept at Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC) morgue.



## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2016

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016	2016	2015
	BD	BD
Sales	41,208,206	41,061,487
Cost of sales	(32,362,691)	(32,906,336)
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>8,845,515</b>	<b>8,155,151</b>
Storage income	620,615	522,865
Other operating income	187,313	121,667
Personnel costs	(3,475,577)	(3,374,620)
Selling and distribution expenses	(2,097,944)	(1,844,140)
General and administrative expenses	(1,226,460)	(1,152,728)
Depreciation	(385,048)	(366,204)
Direct operating costs - warehouse	(416,344)	(393,207)
<b>OPERATING PROFIT FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	<b>2,052,070</b>	<b>1,668,764</b>
Net investment income	895,205	663,014
Finance costs	(232,736)	(284,007)
Share of results of an associate	(131,736)	267,053
Exchange losses gains (losses) - net	12,942	(41,300)
<b>PROFIT OF THE GROUP BEFORE IMPAIRMENT OF AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>2,595,745</b>	<b>2,273,524</b>
Impairment of available-for-sale investments	(211,937)	(200,213)
<b>PROFIT OF THE GROUP FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>2,383,808</b>	<b>2,073,311</b>
of which profit attributable to non-controlling interests	(645,541)	(355,685)
<b>PROFIT FOR THE YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO TRAFCO EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS</b>	<b>1,738,267</b>	<b>1,717,626</b>
<b>BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (FILS)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AT 31 DECEMBER 2016	2016	2015
	BD	BD
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	8,486,084	8,712,667
Investment in an associate	1,980,860	2,361,453
Available-for-sale investments	9,484,699	9,855,448
	19,951,643	20,929,568
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories	8,848,812	7,710,893
Trade and other receivables	8,588,941	8,981,814
Bank balances and cash	958,362	637,345
	18,396,115	17,330,052
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>38,347,758</b>	<b>38,259,620</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Share capital	8,067,505	8,067,505
Treasury shares	(834,008)	(791,475)
Share premium	3,386,502	3,386,502
Statutory reserve	3,432,541	3,257,064
General reserve	1,265,000	1,215,000
Cumulative changes in fair values	4,988,510	5,550,024
Retained earnings - distributable	2,038,307	1,895,848
Retained earnings - not distributable	201,811	141,074
Proposed appropriations	1,359,594	1,285,510
<b>Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent</b>	<b>23,905,762</b>	<b>24,007,052</b>
Non-controlling interests	2,002,258	1,575,948
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>25,908,020</b>	<b>25,583,000</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Employees' end of service benefits	1,216,365	1,078,745
Loan from non-controlling interests	497,000	627,000
Term loans	229,188	616,450
	1,942,553	2,322,195
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	5,927,371	5,441,285
Import loans	3,069,844	2,927,426
Bank overdrafts	1,112,706	1,122,741
Term loans	387,264	862,973
	10,497,185	10,354,425
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>12,439,738</b>	<b>12,676,620</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>38,347,758</b>	<b>38,259,620</b>

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016	2016	2015
	BD	BD
<b>PROFIT OF THE GROUP FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>2,383,808</b>	<b>2,073,311</b>
<b>Other comprehensive (loss) income</b>		
Other comprehensive (loss) income to be reclassified to the consolidated statement of income in subsequent periods:		
Realised gain included in the consolidated statement of income upon disposal of available-for-sale investments (net)	(379,719)	(128,461)
Changes in fair value of available-for-sale investments (net)	(137,405)	418,760
Changes in fair value of associate's available-for-sale investments	(25,886)	(5,660)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(36,283)	3,884
<b>Other comprehensive (loss) income that will be reclassified to the consolidated statement of income in subsequent periods</b>	<b>(579,293)</b>	<b>288,523</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME OF THE GROUP FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>1,804,515</b>	<b>2,361,834</b>
of which total comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	(627,742)	(357,588)
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO TRAFCO EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS</b>	<b>1,176,773</b>	<b>2,004,246</b>

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016	2016	2015
	BD	BD
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Profit of the Group for the year	2,383,808	2,073,311
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	998,125	1,041,793
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(34,096)	(19,511)
Finance costs	232,736	284,007
Net investment income	(895,205)	(663,014)
Share of results of an associate	131,736	(267,053)
Impairment of available-for-sale investments	211,937	200,213
Provision for slow moving and obsolete of inventories	41,937	76,004
Allowance for impairment of trade receivables	132,577	92,326
Provision for employees' end of service benefits	171,039	162,480
Operating profit before changes in working capital	3,374,594	2,980,556
Working capital changes:		
Inventories	(1,179,856)	1,408,053
Trade and other receivables	260,296	(106,637)
Trade and other payables	560,527	635,356
Cash generated from operations	3,015,561	4,917,328
Directors' remuneration paid	(107,625)	(100,000)
Employees' end of service benefits paid	(33,419)	(85,494)
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>2,874,517</b>	<b>4,731,834</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(796,340)	(289,795)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	58,894	62,446
Purchase of available-for-sale investments	(659,357)	(172,345)
Proceeds from disposal of available-for-sale investments	657,490	221,536
Return of capital of available-for-sale investments	-	12,759
Dividends received from an associate	222,971	184,477
Dividends received	538,760	505,292
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>22,418</b>	<b>524,370</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Dividends paid	(1,202,566)	(1,255,682)
Term loans availed	-	750,000
Repayment of term loans	(862,971)	(782,318)
Net movement in import loans	142,418	(2,753,733)
Repayment of loans from non-controlling interests	(130,000)	-
Dividend paid to non-controlling interests	(201,452)	-
Finance costs paid	(232,496)	(291,006)
Purchase of treasury shares	(42,533)	(226,654)
<b>Net cash flows used in financing activities</b>	<b>(2,529,600)</b>	<b>(4,559,393)</b>
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>367,335</b>	<b>696,811</b>
Net foreign exchange translation differences	(36,283)	3,884
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	(485,396)	(1,186,091)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 DECEMBER</b>	<b>(154,344)</b>	<b>(485,396)</b>

**Non-cash transactions:**  
(i) Unclaimed dividends pertaining to prior years amounting to BD 32,944 (2015: BD 83,585) have been excluded from the movement of trade and other payables above.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016	ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT												
	SHARE CAPITAL	TREASURY SHARES	SHARE PREMIUM	STATUTORY RESERVE	GENERAL RESERVE	CUMULATIVE CHANGES IN FAIR VALUE	RETAINED EARNINGS - DISTRIBUTABLE	RETAINED EARNINGS NOT-DISTRIBUTABLE	PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS	TOTAL RESERVES	TOTAL TRAFCO'S EQUITY HOLDERS'	NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS	TOTAL EQUITY
<b>2016</b>													
Balance at 1 January 2016	8,067,505	(791,475)	3,386,502	3,257,064	1,215,000	5,550,024	1,895,848	141,074	1,285,510	13,344,520	24,007,052	1,575,948	25,583,000
Profit for the year - 2016	-	-	-	-	-	(561,514)	1,738,267	-	-	1,738,267	1,738,267	645,541	2,383,808
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-	(561,514)	(561,514)	-	-	(561,514)	(561,514)	(177,779)	(739,293)
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(561,514)	1,738,267	-	-	1,176,753	1,176,753	627,762	1,804,515
2015 Appropriations:													
- General reserve - 2015	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	(50,000)	-	-	-	-
- Dividends paid - 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,235,510)	(1,235,510)	-	-	(1,235,510)
2016 - Proposed appropriations:													
- General reserve - 2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	(50,000)	-	50,000	-	-	-	-
- Proposed dividend - 2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,309,594)	-	1,309,594	-	-	-	-
Purchase of treasury shares	-	(42,533)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(42,533)	-	-	(42,533)
Dividend paid to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(201,452)	-	(201,452)
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	-	175,477	-	-	(175,477)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer by a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	(60,737)	60,737	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2016</b>	<b>8,067,505</b>	<b>(834,008)</b>	<b>3,386,502</b>	<b>3,432,541</b>	<b>1,265,000</b>	<b>4,988,510</b>	<b>2,038,307</b>	<b>201,811</b>	<b>1,359,594</b>	<b>13,285,763</b>	<b>23,905,762</b>	<b>2,002,258</b>	<b>25,908,020</b>
<b>2015</b>													
Balance at 1 January 2015	8,067,505	(564,821)	3,386,502	3,083,650	1,165,000	5,263,404	1,661,336	116,884	1,222,097	12,512,371	23,401,557	1,218,360	24,619,917
Profit for the year - 2015	-	-	-	-	-	286,620	1,717,626	-	-	1,717,626	1,717,626	355,685	2,073,311
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	286,620	-	-	-	286,620	286,620	1,903	288,523
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	286,620	1,717,626	-	-	2,004,246	2,004,246	357,588	2,361,834
2014 Appropriations:													
- General reserve - 2014	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	(50,000)	-	-	-	-
- Dividends paid - 2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,172,097)	(1,172,097)	-	-	(1,172,097)
2015 - Proposed appropriations:													
- General reserve - 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	(50,000)	-	50,000	-	-	-	-
- Dividends - 2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,235,510)	-	1,235,510	-	-	-	-
Purchase of treasury shares	-	(226,654)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(226,654)	-	-	(226,654)
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	-	173,414	-	-	(173,414)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer by a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	(24,190)	24,190	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2015</b>	<b>8,067,505</b>	<b>(791,475)</b>	<b>3,386,502</b>	<b>3,257,064</b>	<b>1,215,000</b>	<b>5,550,024</b>	<b>1,895,848</b>	<b>141,074</b>	<b>1,285,510</b>	<b>13,344,520</b>	<b>24,007,052</b>	<b>1,575,948</b>	<b>25,583,000</b>



# FTV signs licensing agreement with Bushido

## Manama

**P**aris-based FashionTV (FTV) International has signed its first contract with Bushido Restaurant and Lounge to host exclusive events at the venue.

FTV announced a grand comeback to the Middle East by establishing a regional hub for their dealings in the Middle East in Bahrain.

The licensing agreement was signed by FTV Vice President Romain Groselle Saint Gilles and General Manager of Bushido Restaurant, Daniel Edwiges in a press conference and reception.

The year-long joint venture will feature several events



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that promise to breathe sophistication back into the Kingdom's nightlife scene.

"We are sure that we will be

work in a symbiotic manner to create memorable events in Bahrain," said Edwiges.

Commenting on the same,

Saint Gilles said: "Every event will be aired on the worldwide TV network, which will showcase Bushido as epicenter of Bahrain's trendsetting parties," he added.

The debut event will witness the White Party- Edition II on March 30, featuring top models and entertainers from the crème de la crème of the fashion scene in Europe.

The lineup for the debut event includes the Secret Garden Show girls, Twins Project DJs from Russia, FTV Ambassador Marina Perdenenko, and a saxophonist. The party will be aired on FTV channels all over the world.



Sarah al-Suhaimi

## Women to head Saudi bourse, major bank

### Riyadh

**W**omen have been named to head Saudi Arabia's stock exchange and a major bank, the institutions announced.

Samba Financial Group said yesterday that Rania Mahmoud Nashar had begun work as chief executive officer.

The announcement came three days after the Saudi stock exchange, known as Tadawul, named Sarah al-Suhaimi as chairman of its board.

In a notice to the Saudi stock exchange, Samba said Nashar had almost 20 year's experience in banking and had followed an "executive career" programme at Samba.

Samba also said that Nashar was the first Saudi woman certified as an anti-money laundering specialist by a respected American association of experts who combat financial crime.

Her appointment as CEO

followed the resignation of general manager Sajjad Razvi for personal reasons.

Tadawul's Sarah al-Suhaimi is the CEO of NCB Capital, the investment banking arm of National Commercial Bank.

She was the first female head of a Saudi investment bank when named to that post in 2014, according to Bloomberg News.

It said she is expected to remain at the bank while leading Tadawul, the Arab world's largest bourse.

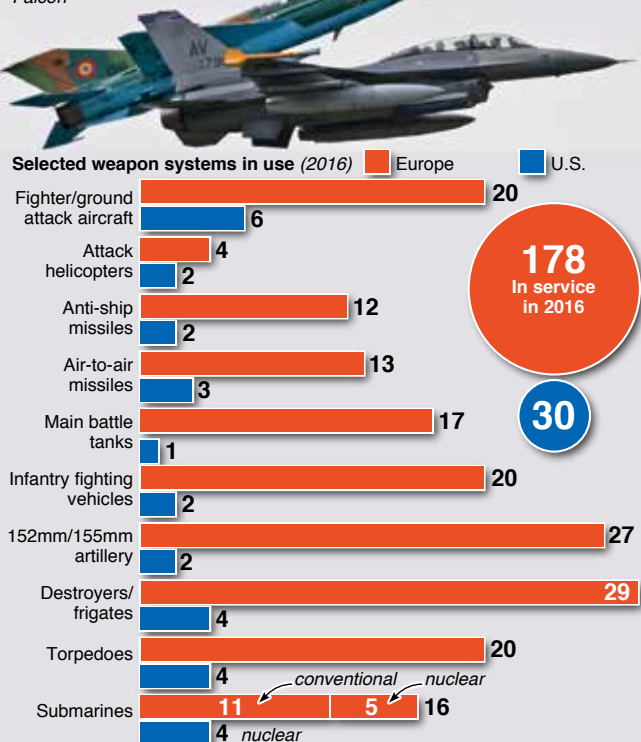
In the third quarter of last year the unemployment rate for Saudi females was 34.5 percent, compared with 5.7 percent for Saudi males, according to figures cited by the firm Jadwa Investment.

By 2020 the kingdom wants to boost the proportion of women in the job market to 28 percent from 23 percent last year. (AFP)

## EU defence coordination could cut costs

EU states could save almost €11 billion of their €220bn defence costs if they coordinated procurement, according to McKinsey analysts\*. Europe deploys 178 different weapons systems, compared to just 30 by the U.S.

Romanian MiG-21 Lancer manoeuvres alongside U.S. F-16 Fighting Falcon



\*Analysis by McKinsey & Company for Munich Security Report 2017

Sources: McKinsey, IISS Military Balance Picture: Associated Press © GRAPHIC NEWS

## KFH honours three employees in "Fursan Baytik"



Officials with award winners during the event

### Manama

**K**uwait Finance House - Bahrain has honoured three employees under the "Fursan Baytik" Employee Recognition Programme for their outstanding achievements during the fourth quarter of 2016. As part of the programme, each employee received a cash gift and a recognition certificate from the management team.

At the award ceremony held at the KFH-Bahrain headquarters, Abdulhakeem AlKhayyat, the Managing Director and CEO together with Executive Managers and Departments Heads presented the employees with their awards and certificates of appreciation.

The awarded employees were Rashid Khalid AlKhan for the 'Smart Performance', Abdulrahman Abdulla

Jassim for 'Leadership' and Mohammad Yasir Khan for 'Teamwork' Award Categories.

Yousif Al Hammadi, Executive Manager and Head of Human Resources at KFH-Bahrain commented: "We are pleased to have these employees join "Fursan Baytik" Programme and we shall continue to host this and similar employee Programmes in the long run."



# TRAFCO records BD1.74m net profit

Recommends cash dividend at 17pc to shareholders

## Manama

**T**RAFCO Group yesterday reported a net profit of BD1.74 million for the financial year ending 31 Dec 2016 against BD1.72m in the previous year. Total sales stands at BD41.21m against BD41.06m in the previous year.

Announcing the result, Ebrahim Zainal, the Group's chairman said the board has also resolved to propose a cash dividend at a rate of 17 per cent of the paid up capital to shareholders against 16pc for the previous year.

The last quarter of 2016 recorded total sales of BD10.13m against BD10.28m for the same period of previous year, while the net profit for this year was BD411k against BD290k for last year.

The Group's subsidiary companies did perform well in general, with the exception of Bahrain Livestock Company in which the Group has a stake of around 36pc.

Awal Dairy Company owned 51pc by the Group reported an 8pc growth in total sales to BD14.5m against last year BD13.4m. Net profit was



Ebrahim Zainal BD1.32m against BD0.73m in the previous year with higher GP, thanks to lower cost of raw material and packaging materials coupled with improvement in production and expansion of export market.

With regards to other subsidiary companies, the results were generally positive though limited. Trafco Logistics Company achieved a net profit of BD126k against BD73k the previous year. Metro Markets Company another wholly owned company that operates retail outlets for the group made a profit of BD53k on total

sales of BD2.8m.

As to Bahrain Water Bottling & Beverages Company which is fully owned by the Group, this year was a turn-around of profitability after many years of negative results. The company had a net profit of BD102k this year against a loss of BD44k in the previous year. The company's new 200 ml bottles of water under MARWA brand were well received by the consumers and the company has plans for expansion.

On the other hand, Bahrain Fresh Fruits Company, another wholly owned subsidiary booked a loss of BD116k due to reduced sales volume that resulted from discontinuation of one of its agency supplies and delays to replace with new products.

Bahrain Livestock Company in which the Group has a stake of around 36pc had a difficult year after the removal of Government subsidy on meat which was implemented on 1st October 2015. The company had to go into a complete management and operation reshuffling and based on a study performed by an international

business Consultants, it was decided that operation need to be shrunk, the slaughter house closed, and dealing in live animal to be discontinued. The company had to pay substantial compensation for retrenchment of a good number of the staff and start concentrating on import and distribution of chilled and frozen meat from different origins. In addition it intends to operate in added value activities in the meat sector to service the catering and other outlets. Due to all these drastic changes, reduced volume of turnover, and heavy cost of retrenchment the company suffered losses and the share of losses were consolidated in the group financials.

The Group investment portfolio achieved a net income for this year BD895k against BD 663k the previous year, including all trading profits and dividends received from its holdings in other companies. The 4th quarter of the year registered a net profit of BD273k in the portfolio against a profit of BD144k in the previous year.



## BAHRAIN FAMILY LEISURE COMPANY B.S.C.



### Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016 (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	2016	2015
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	350,429	466,296
Intangible assets	4,017	10,973
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5,909,241	5,954,607
	<u>6,263,687</u>	<u>6,431,876</u>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories	23,930	14,832
Prepayments and other receivables	150,373	66,729
Cash and cash equivalents	634,516	369,953
	<u>808,819</u>	<u>451,514</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>7,072,506</u>	<u>6,883,390</u>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Capital and reserves</b>		
Share capital	4,000,000	4,000,000
Statutory reserve	693,139	677,576
Capital reserve	68,245	68,245
Retained earnings	2,286,422	2,146,354
Treasury shares	(400,000)	(400,000)
<b>Total equity</b>	<u>6,647,806</u>	<u>6,492,175</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Employees' terminal benefits	63,322	53,581
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	361,378	337,634
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>424,700</u>	<u>391,215</u>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<u>7,072,506</u>	<u>6,883,390</u>

### Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2016 (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	2016	2015
Operating income	1,238,640	1,278,830
Operating costs	(1,059,249)	(1,107,117)
Operating gross profit	<u>179,391</u>	<u>171,713</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Staff costs	(75,797)	(131,856)
General and administrative expenses	(53,114)	(65,896)
Selling and advertising expenses	(46,169)	(69,858)
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	(14,122)	(20,273)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(6,949)	(10,152)
Directors' fees	(25,450)	(30,600)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>(221,601)</u>	<u>(328,635)</u>
<b>Loss before investment and other income/(loss)</b>	<u>(42,210)</u>	<u>(156,922)</u>
Investment and other income/(loss)	197,841	(909,151)
<b>Net profit/(loss) and other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>	<u>155,631</u>	<u>(1,066,073)</u>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share</b>	<u>Fils 4.32</u>	<u>Fils (29.61)</u>

### Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2016 (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	2016	2015
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Net profit/(loss) for the year	155,631	(1,066,073)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	119,977	129,195
Unrealised fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	45,366	1,145,466
Amortisation of intangible assets	6,949	10,152
Capital work-in-progress written-off	-	260
Interest income	(4,899)	(1,034)
Dividend income	(229,046)	(229,046)
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(3,050)	(49)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Inventories	(9,098)	6,335
Prepayments and other receivables	(83,647)	3,109
Trade and other payables	27,030	1,662
Employees' terminal benefits, net	9,741	(4,446)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>34,954</u>	<u>(4,469)</u>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,110)	(27,007)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	3,050	725
Interest received	4,899	1,034
Dividend received	229,046	229,046
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>232,885</u>	<u>203,798</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>267,839</u>	<u>199,329</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	318,018	118,689
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	<u>585,857</u>	<u>318,018</u>

### Statement of changes in shareholders' equity for the year ended 31 December 2016 (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	Share capital	Statutory reserve	Capital reserve	Retained earnings	Treasury shares	Total
At 31 December 2014	4,000,000	677,576	68,245	3,212,427	(400,000)	7,558,248
Net loss and other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	(1,066,073)	-	(1,066,073)
At 31 December 2015	4,000,000	677,576	68,245	2,146,354	(400,000)	6,492,175
Net profit and other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	155,631	-	155,631
Transferred to statutory reserve (Note 12)	-	15,563	-	(15,563)	-	-
At 31 December 2016	4,000,000	693,139	68,245	2,286,422	(400,000)	6,647,806


These financial statements, set out on pages 16 to 37, were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 20 February 2017 and signed on their behalf by:

Abdul Latif Khalid Al Aujan  
Chairman

Aqeel Raees  
Vice Chairman and  
Managing Director



### Did You Know?



CEO Jeff Bezos chose Amazon.com for two reasons: one, to suggest scale (Amazon.com launched with the tagline "Earth's biggest book store") and two, back then website listings were often alphabetical.



### CURRENCIES EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2959	0.2945
BANGLADESH	0.00510	0.00476
CANADA	0.2937	0.2906
DENMARK	0.0569	
EGYPT	0.0361	0.0219
EURO	0.4069	0.4048
HONGKONG	0.04983	0.04943
INDIA	0.00586	0.00575
INDONESIA	0.00002997	0.00002891
IRAN TUMAN	0.00010959	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000294	
JAPAN	0.003490	0.003420
JORDAN	0.5346	0.5351
KOREA	0.00037934	
KUWAIT	1.2580	1.242
MALAYSIA	0.087000	0.0869
NEW ZEALAND	0.2751	0.2737
NORWAY	0.0473	
NEPAL	0.00387	0.00035
OMAN	0.97962	0.97962
PAKISTAN	0.00365	0.00360
PHILIPPINES	0.00778	0.00753
QATAR	0.10381	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10061	0.26810
SINGAPORE	0.2702	0.2682
SOUTH AFRICA	0.03070	0.03060
SRI LANKA	0.00277	0.00251
SWEDISH	0.0454	
SWITZERLAND	0.3831	0.3805
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0123
TAIWAN	0.012600	
THAILAND	0.010970	0.010990
TURKEY	0.1093	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.4781	0.4752
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102800	0.102810
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37800	0.37805
YUAN	0.058500	0.0585

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### GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.4700	0.3768	0.3349
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.1416	0.2854	0.2536
OMAN	0.3849	0.3851	0.3847	0.3419
QATAR	3.6420	3.6438	3.6402	3.2350
UAE	3.6730	3.6748	3.6712	3.2626
SAUDI	3.7500	3.7519	3.7481	3.3310

# Profit-taking weighs on Gulf; Egypt drops



Representative picture. Courtesy of AMEInfo

### Dubai

**P**rofit-taking swept across most stock markets in the Middle East yesterday, with United Arab Emirates bourses particularly hard hit by slides in construction company Arabtec and energy business Dana Gas.

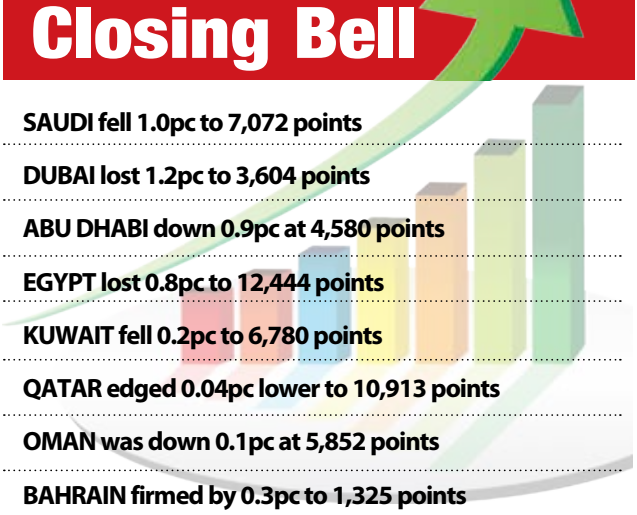
Dubai's Arabtec dropped by its 10 per cent daily limit to a five-year low of 0.90 dirhams, falling below technical support at its December 2015 low of 0.93 dirhams.

The company reported a week ago that its net loss had widened in the fourth quarter and that its board was seeking shareholder approval for a 1.5 billion dirham (\$408.4 million) rights issue.

The main Dubai index retreated 1.2pc, with 22 stocks declining and only four closing higher.

Abu Dhabi's index declined by 0.9pc on the back of a

## Closing Bell



- SAUDI fell 1.0pc to 7,072 points
- DUBAI lost 1.2pc to 3,604 points
- ABU DHABI down 0.9pc at 4,580 points
- EGYPT lost 0.8pc to 12,444 points
- KUWAIT fell 0.2pc to 6,780 points
- QATAR edged 0.04pc lower to 10,913 points
- OMAN was down 0.1pc at 5,852 points
- BAHRAIN firmed by 0.3pc to 1,325 points

net sellers of stocks, but by a much smaller margin than on Sunday, as the Egyptian pound held near Sunday's three-month high against the U.S. dollar. Foreign investors bought stocks heavily in the months after the currency was floated on Nov. 3, when the Egyptian pound depreciated. But the pound's rally in the past couple of weeks has made stocks more expensive for foreigners and encouraged some to book currency gains. (Reuters)

## 7 firms to list on Saudi's 'Nomu'

### Riyadh

**S**even companies will start trading in Saudi Arabia next Sunday on a parallel market designed to boost the role of small and medium firms, the bourse said on Monday.

The new market, called Nomu, "is an alternative trading platform with lighter listing requirements compared to the main market," the Saudi Stock Exchange, Tadawul, said on its website.

Nomu requires firms to have a market value of at least 10 million riyals (\$2.7m), a minimum of 35-50 shareholders, and at least 20 per cent of shares publicly owned.



Nomu requires firms to have a market value of at least 10m riyals

The stock exchange statement did not identify the seven companies to be initially listed.

But it said the second market "opens new investment possibilities for

listed companies in terms of diversifying funding resources to further increase growth and business development".

Firms listing on the main market must have a minimum capitalisation of 100m riyals, or 10 times that of the new platform.

Under Saudi Arabia's wide-ranging Vision 2030 plan to diversify the oil-dependent economy, small and medium sized firms are to contribute 35pc of gross domestic product, up from 20pc.

The Tadawul All-Shares Index, which has a capitalisation of about \$400bn, in 2015 opened to direct investment by qualified foreigners for the first time.

Under Vision 2030, the kingdom plans to float less than five percent of state oil company Saudi Aramco on stock markets, in the world's largest initial public offering. (AFP)



# Exclusive Prospecting Day Kanoo Motors



## Mercedesboss signs new deal

Stuttgart

Mercedes Formula One team boss Toto Wolff and Niki Lauda have extended their deals until at least 2020. Dieter Zetsche, chairman of the Daimler conglomerate that includes Mercedes, said that under them: "The results have exceeded our expectations." Mercedes, with Lewis Hamilton and the now-retired Nico Rosberg as lead drivers, have dominated the world championship since 2014.



## First in-car payment system

Jaguar and Shell have together launched their first in-car payment system that works via a Shell app at Shell service stations. The new Shell app is a part of a suite of the new model updates that arrive on the Jaguar XE, XF and the F-Pace. Drivers can use PayPal or Apple Pay using their car's touchscreen to pay at Shell service stations. And it makes even more sense for company car users as users can easily log journeys and receipts using the in-car touchscreen as well. An electronic receipt will be displayed on the touchscreen to confirm the transaction. A similar receipt will also reach the pump from the driver's email address.

# McLaren 570S and 570GT

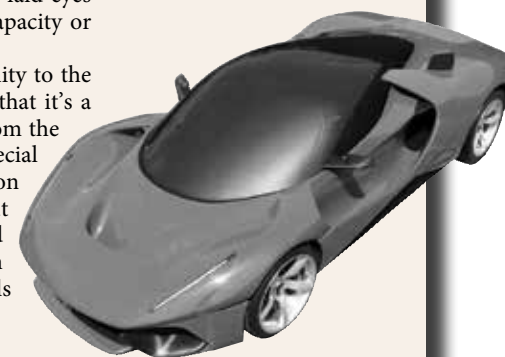
## Custom LaFerrari SP?

Ferrari has applied patent drawings for a new hypercar that appears to be based around the LaFerrari.

The one pictured in these files from the European patent office, never laid eyes on before in any capacity or form.

Given its proximity to the LaFerrari, guess is that it's a one-off creation from the Italian brand's Special Project (SP) division that churns out specially fabricated cars based on production models

for wealthy clients. Some of their most recent builds include the F12tdf-based SP275 RW Competizione and the 488 Spider-based J50. (Carscoops)



## Techrules Supercar design

The China-based Automotive R&D company has just released a new rendering, depicting a production-ready supercar scheduled to debut on March 7th at the Geneva

Motor Show. While certain details might be hard to spot, the image itself is meant to show how the company went about combining their proprietary Turbine-Recharging EV powertrain (TREV) with an aerospace-inspired design.

The concept is all about putting function before form as the modular design and technical elements are all meant to revolve around the centrally-positioned driver. (Carscoops)



## BMW to reveal facelifted i3

Engineers from BMW are out testing an updated version of the i3.

The electric hatch didn't generate the impact BMW had hoped when the vehicle was launched in 2014. It was cramped, compromised and didn't deliver the typical BMW driving experience, and its 81-mile range was also down compared to some rivals.

BMW in 2017 boosted the range to 114 miles with a new battery. However, this is considerably outmatched by

the similar sized Chevrolet Bolt EV whose range is 238 mi. Tesla's Model 3, which promises more than 200 mi, is also due this year, although new customers will have a long wait time due to thousands of pre-orders Tesla has to fill.



Manama

Kanoo Motors SPC, a leading high-end automotive retailer and the official distributor of McLaren in Bahrain, held an exclusive prospect day for selected clients.

The move was aimed at having an engaging one-on-one driving experience, giving them the chance to test the full capabilities of the McLaren 570S and 570GT in the controlled environment of the Bahrain International Circuit (BIC).

Over 30 guests took part in the event, titled Sports Series: The Drive, followed by open track activity for

McLaren car owners until midnight.

Kanoo Motors Head of McLaren Bahrain, Trevor Fletcher said: "We aim to elevate the brand's status in the Kingdom to the level it deserves. BIC events such as this one will play a major role in helping us strengthen this reputation and attract new clientele because they allow prospects t h e

chance to experience first-hand the level of McLaren's performance and craftsmanship with dedicated driving time with qualified McLaren driving instructors."

The more attainable and multi award-winning Sports Series was conceived to introduce McLaren DNA and performance credentials to the sports car segment. With a road-

biased nature, yet still honing race-derived technologies to offer supercar levels of performance, the new Sports Series provides enhanced all-round usability and promises an exhilarating and fun driving experience.

The 570S, which recently won the 2016 Motor Trend Best Driver's Car Award and the 2016 Auto Express Performance Car of the Year Award,

boasts an incredible 562bhp, incorporating a unique body styling, including the Sport Aero Pack with new rear diffuser, front splitter and side skirts, and an even more driver-focused chassis that further increases its appeal, while maintaining the day-to-day usability central to the Sports Series DNA.

Designed for the driver who wants an ultra-high performance car, yet still needs luxury touches, the McLaren 570GT's carbon-fibre chassis, lightweight aluminium body and twin-turbocharged 3.8-litre V8 engine contribute to an outstanding power-to-weight ratio, and its sleek, contoured nose and panoramic roof adds extra comfort and practicality to breathtaking performance.







His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received Speaker of Kuwait's National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanim and his accompanying delegation at Al-Safriya Palace yesterday. HM the King hailed deep-rooted relations and growing cooperation between the Kingdom and Kuwait. Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim also conveyed the greetings from the Emir of Kuwait, Shaikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to the King



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa attended a reception ceremony hosted by Kuwaiti Ambassador Shaikh Azzam Mubarak Al Sabah, marking the 56th anniversary of Kuwait's National Day and the 26th anniversary of the Liberation Day. The Premier commended strong fraternal ties binding Bahrain and Kuwait, stressing that both countries have been able to stand throughout their common history to shape a unique model of solid brotherly relations



Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Chairman Khalid Almoayed alongside his first Deputy Khalid Al Zayani, board member Ahlam Janahi, and CEO Dr. Khalid Al Ruwaihi recently received in Bait Al Tijjar the British MP and Chairman of the Bahrain All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Conor Burns. The meeting expressed pride in the deep-rooted relation between Bahrain and the United Kingdom and the 200-year long friendship, which have contributed to the flourish of business and trade between both friendly countries



The Bahrain Chapter of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, one of the largest professional bodies in Bahrain, conducted a seminar on the Indian Finance Budget (2017-18) at Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea and Spa, Bahrain. The seminar was supported by Securities & Investment Company (SICO)



Y.K. Almoayed employees, corporate appreciation to opening





Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa , at the Gudaibiya Palace yesterday. The two leaders stressed that government services should maintain their quality and efficiency whatever the challenges are, adding that the competent authorities should maintain a high level of readiness to deal with various circumstances in the best way



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received Speaker of Kuwait's National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanim and his accompanying delegation at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday in the presence of Parliament Chairman Ahmed Al Mulla. HRH the Premier praised Kuwait's unwavering support to Bahrain, stressing that those honourable stances will always remain a source of pride for the Kingdom



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Speaker of Kuwait's National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanim and his accompanying delegation yesterday. BDF Chief lauded the deep-rooted Bahraini-Kuwaiti relations, hailing the steady growth of bilateral ties, thanks to the support of the two brotherly countries leaderships



Shura Council Chairman Ali Saleh Al Saleh received Speaker of Kuwait's National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanim and his accompanying delegation yesterday. Al Saleh stressed strong and growing relations between Bahrain and Kuwait and the leaderships' keenness to further cement them in various fields, including the legislative one. The Chairman also praised the legislations of Kuwait's Assembly, wishing members of the assembly every success



The Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) provided 10 tonnes of Urea fertiliser to the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning as part of its programme to support Bahrain's farmers. This comes in implementation of the directives of Wife of His Majesty the King & Supreme Council for Women Chairwoman, HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa



YKA & Sons (YKA) hosted a lecture as part of Edmaj (CSR) program on Cervical Cancer awareness for its employees conducted by the Royal Bahrain Hospital. Mona Almoayyed, Managing Director at YKA, has expressed her appreciation towards the cancer awareness programs and wishing to raise awareness and prevent cases as such happen



Bahrain Malayali Business Forum (BMBF) Youth Wing felicitated the winners of Kairali TV awards including Subair Kannur, who won the award for social services





## Lindsay Lohan wants to star as Ariel

**A**ctress Lindsay Lohan expressed her wish to star as Ariel in the upcoming live-action remake of "The Little Mermaid". In a plea to Disney to cast her in her first major theatrical role since 2013 'Scary Movie 5', the 30-year-old actress and vocalist even pitched her sister Ali to sing the theme song, with Bill Condon as director in the studio's 1989 hit film remake.

"I will sing again, as #ariel #thelittlemermaid," Lohan wrote on *Instagram* with a side-by-side photo of her and the underwater princess. "@disney approve that #billcondon directs it along with my sister @alianamusic singing the theme song for the soundtrack," she added. "Also @kgrahamsfb plays Ursula," she said about her personal trainer. "Simply because, she is the best. Take one. @disneystudios." (TOI)



Khloé @khloekardashian  
 Sending my love to everyone who stood strong at #THON! You all inspire me! CONGRATS #FTK #BeatCancer

## Drake says he shouldn't win Grammys for rap

**R**apper-singer Drake has questioned the Recording Academics decision to classify "Hotline bling" under the rap category at the 2017 Grammy awards.

The 30-year-old recently appeared on an episode of a radio show for an interview that highlighted his struggles to be taken seriously as a black Canadian artist covering multiple genres, reports *ew.com*.

"I won two awards, but I don't even want them because it just feels weird for some reason. It just doesn't feel right to me. I feel almost alienated, or (like they're) trying to purposely alienate me by making me win rap awards or pacify me by handing me something and putting me in that category because it's the only place where you can figure out where to put me," he said. "I ever feel like an outsider, it's usually because I'm not American. That's when I feel like people are against me," he said. (IANS)



## Jolie addresses her 'difficult' split from Pitt

**A**ctress-filmmaker Angelina Jolie has opened up about her split from actor-producer Brad Pitt for the first time since filing for divorce last year.

In an interview with *BBC World News* in Cambodia, Jolie was asked about the split. She said that it had been a "difficult" time for her family, reports *people.com*. "I don't want to say very much about that, except to say it was a very difficult time and... and we are a family and we will always be a family, and we will get through this time and hopefully be a stronger family for it," she said.

Jolie, 41, was in Cambodia to promote her new directorial "First They Killed My Father." (IANS)



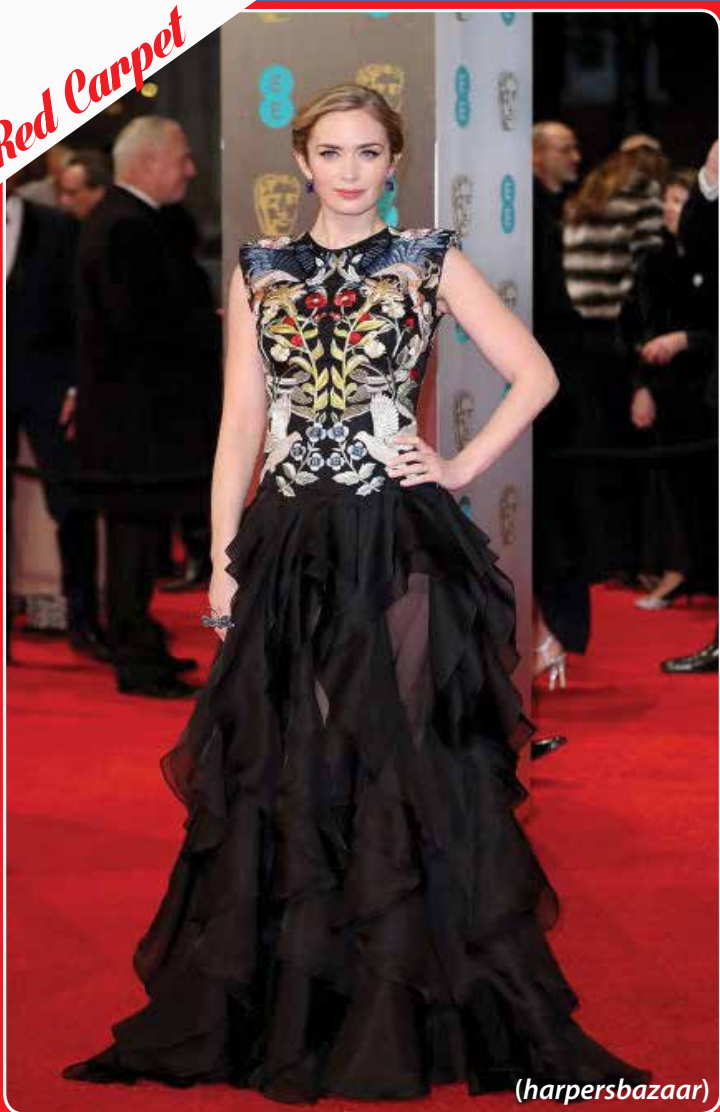
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February 21, 1987

Greene became known for her role as the prophesying vampire, Alice Cullen, in the *Twilight* saga. This role earned her over four Teen Choice Awards.



Red Carpet



(harpersbazaar)

British-American film and stage actress Emily Blunt in 2017 BAFTA Awards



Harry Melling flaunts weight loss

London Actor Harry Melling, best

known for playing chubby Dudley Dursley in Harry Potter films, recently showed off weight loss at a movie premiere.

Melling has everyone talking after hitting the red carpet looking different from Dursley - Potter's cousin, reports *mirror.co.uk*.

Melling, who was only 12 when he appeared in "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone", was clicked at the premiere of his new movie "The Lost City Of Z." (IANS)



Jovovich wanted daughter to avoid acting

Hollywood star Milla Jovovich has said she didn't

want her daughter to be an actress.

The 42-year-old, who began her career when she was just 11-years-old, was very proud when nine-year-old Ever featured alongside her in 'Resident Evil: The Final Chapter'. (TOI)

# Middleston played Eddie Redmayne's elephant



Actor Tom Hiddleston has said he played the role of fellow actor Eddie Redmayne's elephant in a school play.

The 36-year-old actor appeared on "The Graham Norton Show" where he shared it was one of his initial roles.

"I'm delighted to reveal that I played the front, right leg of the elephant that Eddie was riding on. We're holding a table with a cushion on top of it and also tablecloths over our faces because our bodies are the elephant," Hiddleston said laughingly.

He also said "The Theory of Everything" actor had made a name for himself even in their early days.

"He (Redmayne) was a great talent even then. He was a huge star and we were in a school production of A Passage to India by E M Forster," the 'Thor' star admitted. (TOI)

## MOVIES... COMING SOON... next week



### Junction 48

Director: Udi Aloni  
Stars: Tamer Nafar, Samar Qupty, Salwa Nakkara



### T2 Trainspotting

Director: Danny Boyle  
Stars: Ewan McGregor, Ewan Bremner, Jonny Lee Miller, Robert Carlyle



### Before I Fall

Director: Ry Russo-Young  
Stars: Zoey Deutch, Liv Hewson, Logan Miller, Jennifer Beals



### Table 19

Director: Jeffrey Blitz  
Stars: Anna Kendrick, Lisa Kudrow, Amanda Crew, Stephen Merchant



### My Scientology Movie

Director: John Dower  
Stars: Rob Alter, Tom Cruise, Paz de la Huerta, Tom De Vocht



# OUT & ABOUT

## HOW TO REACH US

"Out & About", a ready reckoner for the events taking place on the island, is published from Friday to Tuesday. To be included, please use one of the following: outandabout@dt.bh, or call 38444680.

### SUSHI ART | WU RESTAURANT

**Date:** 21 Feb 7 pm – 11 pm  
**Venue:** ART Rotana- Muharraq

Dive into our all you can Sushi ART concept every Tuesday at WU Restaurant and Lounge nestled right by the beach at ART Rotana. Indulge your sushi cravings with our all you can eat and drink Sushi ART promotion and feast your senses on a fresh Sushi center stage filled with a plethora of sumptuous Maki, Sashimi and more delicious favorites! Enjoy selected beverages throughout the evening plus a set menu of hot dishes delivered to the table for you and your guests to share.

### WALKING TOUR OF MUHURRAQ - PEARL TRAIL

**Date:** 22 Feb 9 am – 11 am

**Venue:** Muharraq- Muharraq

Explore Bahrain's Pearling Trail in Muharraq (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and follow in the footsteps of Bahrain's pearl divers during much of Bahrain's history until the early 1930s. For part one, our journey starts at Siyadi House and ends at the House of Coffee.

### LECTURE: PRESERVING CULTURAL HERITAGE DURING TIMES OF CRISIS IN THE ARAB WORLD

**Date:** February 22, 6.30pm

**Venue:** Bahrain National Museum - Auditorium

During periods of crisis, physical structures and administrative mechanisms in place to safeguard cultural heritage are often dismantled or destroyed. Due to declining State authority, archaeological, historic and artistic treasures are threatened by direct damage, looting,

## HIGHLIGHT

### MAKE YOUR MOMMA PROUD LIVE

**Date:** 3rd March 2017, 6.30pm

**Venue:** The Indian School Ground, Isa Town

One of the biggest and well-known music bands in the Philippines is coming to Bahrain exclusively for Modern Exchange customers. Make Your Momma Proud known popularly as M.Y.M.P will be performing live on March 3 at the Indian High School Ground, Isa Town.

M.Y.M.P., an acoustic band from the Philippines consists of five members. It is a tribute to lead singer Chin Alcantara's mom. She saw him start with the guitar but never got to see him play professionally. They have rose to stardom through the release of their soulful albums many of which has been certified as Platinum. It is MYMPs first performance in the Kingdom and promises to be a mesmerizing experience for the Filipino community. The process of getting a pass for this exciting program is quite simple. Do a transaction of any amount to the Philippines from Modern Exchange before 03rd of March and get a free pass for the event.



abandonment and neglect. Such detrimental conditions affecting cultural heritage are heightened and challenge preservation initiatives needed to administer critical first aid measures.

The preservation of cultural heritage during times of ongoing conflict may seem superfluous, even inappropriate, amidst heavy death tolls. However, its use in post-crisis recovery is globally regarded as valuable assets that can and should be utilised for long-term cultural, social and economic development.

### FILM: KING CORN

**Date:** Wednesday 22nd February 2017, 7pm

**Venue:** Bahrain Cinema Club, Juffair  
King Corn is a feature documentary about two friends, one acre of corn, and the subsidized crop that drives our fast-food nation. In the film, Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis, best friends from college on the east coast, move

to the heartland to learn where their food comes from. With the help of friendly neighbors, genetically modified seeds, and powerful herbicides, they plant and grow a bumper crop of America's most-productive, most-subsidized grain on one acre of Iowa soil. But when they try to follow their pile of corn into the food system, what they find raises troubling questions about how we eat—and how we farm.

### MAGIC UNLIMITED IN BAHRAIN

**Date:** 23 Feb 6 pm - 25 Feb 9 pm

**Venue:** The Cultural Hall- Manama

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The participants with mental and physical challenges will be supported in their race by students, volunteers from private schools, and adult volunteers; including many from the American Forces based in Bahrain. Included in the other race events are a 2k,

3k, 5k and 8k race for able-bodied participants of various ages. There is also a 3k walkathon for those who like to take things a little easier, such as families with pushchairs or strollers. Children ages 6-12 can enter the 2k race, ages 13 and up can enter the 3k, 5k and 8k races. All ages can walk in the walkathon. Spectators are welcome and are not charged. Register online at [www.adnanevents.org](http://www.adnanevents.org) till 23rd February 2017.



## HIGHLIGHT

### 2017 CHERRY TREE TROT RACE

**Date:** Saturday, 11th of March, 2017

**Venue:** Bahrain International Circuit (BIC)

The Cherry Tree Trot (CTT) is a day of fun and races sponsored by the American Women's Association (AWA). It is one of the oldest and highest profile charity events in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The CTT is organized to raise money for over 35+ Bahraini charities supported by AWA. The high profile event is held every two years. It is also a fun day out for participants who are mentally and physically challenged, with the primary event being a 2k race designed especially for them. There are three categories: 1) Adults (over 18 years of age), 2) Children and 3) People in Wheelchairs.

### THE SECRET POLICE LIVE IN CONCERT

**Date:** 23 Feb 9 pm - 24 Feb

11:30 pm

**Venue:** The Gulf Hotel Bahrain Convention & Spa- Manama

THE SECRET POLICE Live in Concert back from the UK by popular demand at Sherlock Holmes!! Thursday 23 Feb, 2017 starting at 9:00pm and Friday 24 Feb, 2017 starting at 12:30pm.

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### TRUFFLE DINNER AT CUT BY WOLFGANG PUCK

**Date:** 24 Feb 7 pm – 11 pm

**Venue:** Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay- Manama

The black truffle is undeniably the culinary world's most appreciated jewel. Wolfgang Puck Executive Chef Brian Becher is eager to welcome the black truffle back to his kitchen to create a one-of-a-kind dinner menu on February 24, from 7:00 pm at celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck's American steak restaurant CUT.

### MONDAY NIGHT BOOKCLUB

**Date:** 27 Feb 7 pm – 8 pm

**Venue:** Words BookstoreCafé-Jannusan

The Women by T.C. Boyle. T.C. Boyle's dazzling new novel turns his fictional sights on the colorful and outlandish Frank Lloyd Wright. Boyle's incomparable account of Wright's life, as told through the experiences of the four women who loved him, blazes with his trademark wit and inventiveness. There's the Montenegrin beauty, Olgivanna Milanoff, the passionate Southern belle Maude Miriam Noel, the spirited and tragic Mamah Cheney, and his young first wife, Kitty Tobin. Boyle deftly captures these very different women and in doing so, creates a gripping drama about marriage, the bargains men and women make, and the privileges and pitfalls of genius and fame.

### NOCTURNE FOR PIT ORCHESTRA

**Date:** March 9

**Venue:** Bahrain National Quarry

A sound live performance involving the laborers of the Bahrain National Quarry. A project by Ilaria Lupo in collaboration with Rabih Beaini, and the participation of Hasan Hujairi.

## MARK YOUR Calendar



### BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL GARDEN SHOW

**Date:** February 22, and will be open to the public from the 23rd to the 26th of February 2017

**Venue:** Bahrain International Convention & Exhibition Centre

This year's Bahrain International Garden Show will feature the latest agricultural innovations in utilizing limited resources to create small gardens or green spaces in order to achieve agricultural development and sustainability. To achieve this goal, the theme of the show is "Compact Gardens", with the University of Bahrain designing a special display, demonstrating unique ideas in utilizing limited spaces to easily create compact gardens. A section in the exhibition has been allocated to showcase pictures of local homes and buildings with creative ways to introduce different plants and flowers that are suited to limited spaces and our climate. Another section has been allocated to showcase practical ideas and solutions for designing small spaces in residential areas such as balconies, roofs, and exteriors, focusing on the positive impacts of limiting pollution, beautifying residences, and providing fresh produce for the owners' needs, said National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD) Secretary-General Shaikha Maram bint Isa AlKhalifa.



### OPERA: "ANTAR WA ABLA"

**Date:** 25th February, 8:00pm

**Venue:** Bahrain National Theatre

Experience one of the most important theatrical productions in the Arab world, "Antar Wa Abla", and learn why it has won such widespread popularity and acclaim since its debut in July 2016 in Beirut in commemoration of Arab Tourism Day. This historical opera, produced by Opera Lebanon, showcases pre-Islamic literature and poetry, Arab heritage, and timeless stories that address important social and human issues through relatable characters in exceptional circumstances.



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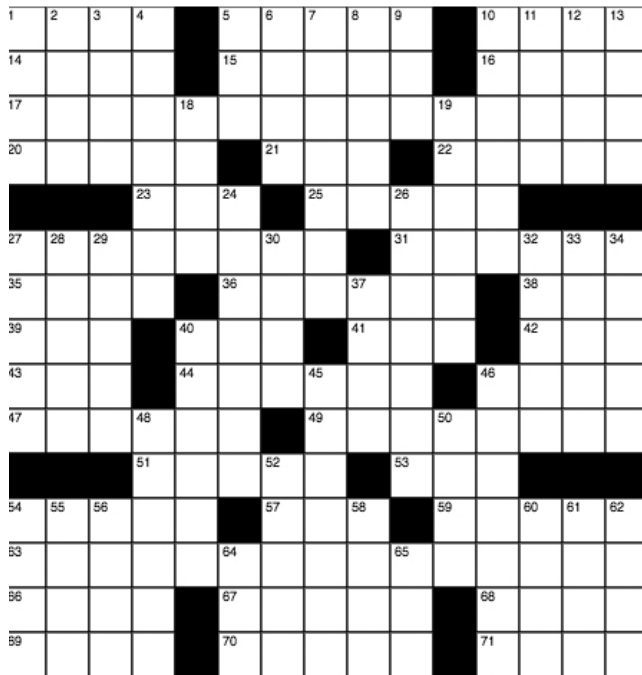
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**Across**

1- Big birds;; 5- Leading;; 10- "South Park" kid;; 14- Waterproof cover;; 15- Quit;; 16- Marsh growth;; 17- Naive;; 20- Senseless;; 21- Carnival site;; 22- Japanese dog;; 23- Sun. delivery;; 25- Wipe out;; 27- Noble woman;; 31- Muscle;; 35- Decorative pitcher;; 36- Pound steadily;; 38- Man-mouse link;; 39- \_\_\_-relief;; 40- Hung. neighbor;; 41- 007 creator Fleming;; 42- Law enforcement agency;; 43- Lode load;; 44- Fuel oil;; 46- Profit;; 47- Gasoline;; 49- That which a person owns;; 51- Provide;; 53- Boy king;; 54- Michelangelo masterpiece;; 57- Biol. or chem.;; 59- Hub-to-rim lines;; 63- Direct;; 66- Yours, in Tours;; 67- Aired again;; 68- Sunburn soother;; 69- Kit item;; 70- Make a speech;; 71- Hankerings;;

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



**Down**

1- Needle case;; 2- Jazz flutist Herbie;; 3- Bear in the sky;; 4- Underwriter;; 5- Rhine whine;; 6- One who has something coming?;; 7- Least difficult;; 8- Mary of "The Maltese Falcon";; 9- Agnus \_\_\_;; 10- Mythical sea monster;; 11- Abominable Snowman;; 12- Internet writing system that popularized "pwn3d" and "n00b";; 13- Icelandic epic;; 18- Hammer end;; 19- Barracks;; 24- Reconstruct;; 26- Pigged out;; 27- Jazz genre;; 28- Alert, knowing;; 29- Bowling alley button;; 30- Manuscript enc.;; 32- To this point;; 33- Planet's path;; 34- Coming down;; 37- Wedding cake feature;; 40- Title of reverence for God;; 45- More than one continuum;; 46- Escape;; 48- Sell directly to the consumer;; 50- Run smoothly;; 52- Doorkeeper;; 54- H.S. junior's exam;; 55- Sock \_\_\_ mel;; 56- Switch ending;; 58- \_\_\_ first you don't...;; 60- Roy's "singin' pardner";; 61- Golf club which can be numbered 1 to 9;; 62- Mid-month times;; 64- Miracle-\_\_\_ (plant food);; 65- Washington bill;;

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**How to play:**

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

## Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



Today's a good day to ground your fluctuating emotions. Step back from the drama you create and evaluate your inner state. Are you fooling yourself into thinking everything's OK when it really isn't? Be honest with your highest truths and ground yourself back in reality. Write down your thoughts.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Things may be calm today. You might not be your boisterous self, but that could be a good thing. Use the sobering energy to evaluate your emotions and honestly look at your relationships. Are you getting the respect you deserve? Perhaps you need to tell some people that their words or actions aren't OK. Meanwhile, get things done.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Today is a great day for you. Everything is flowing your way as more pieces of the puzzle fall into place. Your fluctuating emotions are grounded and calm, letting you stand back and evaluate your true inner state. Have you been giving yourself the attention you deserve? This is your day. Get things done. You can accomplish quite a bit using this astral energy.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Someone or something may spur you on today. You may feel a nagging impulse to get up and do something. Follow that instinct and stop moaning about staying in bed. The practical truth may be sobering, but as you know, balance is key. Bring equilibrium to the situation by taking a good, honest look at your emotional state.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Bite the bullet and get it done. Finish the projects and get the lingering odds and ends out of your way. There are stable energies today that will bring a practical breath of fresh air to any situation. Take a step back from the swirling winds and observe your inner self. Realize how your actions and emotions affect others.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



Today might not be as lighthearted and free-spirited as you'd like, but don't sweat it. Work with the grounded energy of the day to complete tasks that have been wearing on you for a while. Take a step back from the drama in your life and observe your emotions from a loftier viewpoint. Realize how your actions have been affecting others.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Today is a fantastic day for you. Things are naturally flowing your way. You can accomplish a great deal. There are few hurdles in your way, perhaps none. You're well disciplined about your time and what's needed to get the job done and how to meet your goals. Your emotions are especially calm and stable, giving you the opportunity to observe and evaluate them from a neutral viewpoint.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



There's a conservative air today that doesn't fit well with your erratic, unconventional nature. Things might pop up to remind you that you should be a bit more disciplined in your approach. Your thoughts and emotions are perhaps a bit less controlled than usual, so take this time to become centred and evaluate the truth. Today is a good day to focus.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



Something is tugging you back down to reality. Your mind has tended to be in the clouds lately, but now you need to ground your emotions and realize that you operate on a physical plane, too. Your emotions are stable for now, affording you a chance to step back and evaluate how you've been treating yourself. Make sure you give yourself the attention you deserve.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



There's a conservative veil over your emotions. Issues from the past might arise and rub you the wrong way. You move onward and upward by nature, ploughing ahead without thinking of the consequences. Today you might be a bit more sober than usual. Look at what's worked in the past in terms of keeping your fiery emotions intact. Try not to resent the past but learn from it.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



Today is fantastic for tuning in to your inner self. You will have a level, grounded mind from which to make conscious evaluations of your emotional state. Trust your instincts and make realistic plans for the future. You're especially disciplined today, and you have a keen sense of what your goals and objectives are. Use this grounded energy to get things done.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



You may feel a bit weighed down today, and perhaps more reserved than usual. Someone may be raining on your parade, but don't let it get you down. Use the grounded energy of the day to get things done. You have your hands full with many tasks, so sit down and bring them to completion.



# Footage shows Kim attack

A screencapture showing Kim Jong-nam (in circle) talking to airport staff and explaining the attack on him



## Footage appears to show Kim attack in airport as diplomatic row deepens

**Kuala Lumpur**  
North Korea and Malaysia yesterday locked horns over the investigation into the killing of leader Kim Jong-Un's brother, as footage emerged of the moment he was fatally attacked in a Kuala Lumpur airport.

CCTV footage aired on Japanese television yesterday gave the first glimpse of the moment Jong-Nam was attacked.

The dramatic film shows two women approaching a portly man identified as Jong-Nam with one of them grabbing him from behind and appearing to push a cloth in his face.

The man is then seen talking to airport staff and apparently explaining to them

what had happened, gesturing to his head.

The staff then lead him to the airport clinic.

Photographs showing a man slumped in a chair at the clinic, consistent with the CCTV images of the attack, were published in the Malaysian press over the weekend.

The diplomatic confrontation between the two countries gathered pace yesterday when Malaysia recalled its envoy to North Korea and summoned Pyongyang's ambassador Kang Chol for a dressing down. But an unbowed Kang hit back.

"It has been seven days since the incident, but there is no clear evidence on the

cause of death and at the moment we cannot trust the investigation", he said.

The Malaysian response to the ambassador was equally blunt, with Foreign Minister Anifah Aman saying North Korea's complaints were based on "delusions, lies and half-truths".

Pyongyang has also criticised Malaysia for carrying out a post-mortem examination without North Korean permission, a complaint Kuala Lumpur said was groundless.

Seoul has pointed the finger at Pyongyang for the attack, citing a "standing order" from the leader to kill his sibling and a failed assassination bid in 2012 after he criticised the regime. -(AFP)

# South Sudan suffering 'man-made' famine

**Juba**  
South Sudan yesterday declared famine in some parts of the country, with more than three years of war leaving nearly five million hungry in what aid groups called a "man-made" tragedy.

Isaiah Chol Aruai, chairman of South Sudan's National Bureau of Statistics, said some parts of the northern Greater Unity region "are classified in famine, or risk of famine".

Aid agencies said 100,000 people were affected by the famine, which threatened another one million people in the coming months.

"A formal famine declaration means people have already started dying of hunger. The situation is the worst hunger catastrophe since fighting



A boy, who suffers acute malnutrition in South Sudan

erupted more than three years ago," said the statement by the World Food Programme (WFP), UN children's agency UNICEF and the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO).

South Sudan, the world's youngest nation, was engulfed by civil war in 2013.

An August 2015 peace deal was left in tatters when fighting broke out in July last year.

## #PollToday



Do you think the waste management system of Bahrain is efficient?

Yes  No  Can't Say



Today it is my privilege on behalf of President Trump to express the strong commitment of the United States to continued cooperation and partnership with the European Union

Mike Pence  
US Vice President

## Rest in sight

Norway Nobel Committee chairwoman dies aged 65



Kaci Kullmann Five, the chairwoman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee has died yesterday, aged 65 after a long illness.

Philippine bus crash kills 13 students on trip

Thirteen Philippine college students on a camping holiday and a bus driver were killed and dozens injured yesterday when their bus slammed into an electricity post.

Pirates kill Vietnamese sailor, kidnap six others

Pirates have attacked a Vietnamese cargo ship off the southern Philippines, killing one seaman and abducting at least six others in a region notorious for such attacks.

Sri Lanka arrests army spies over editor's murder

Sri Lankan police have arrested five military officers of assassinating a newspaper editor and orchestrating attacks on other journalists under the former regime.

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# Roddrigo Duterte ordered murders: ex-police aide

Manila

**Philippine President**  
Rodrigo Duterte ran a death squad that killed many people, including a journalist and a pregnant woman, when he was mayor of a southern city, a retired policeman who claimed to be part of the group said yesterday.

Arthur Lascanas, sitting alongside three prominent human rights lawyers, broke down in tears as he listed a series of murders in Davao city that he alleged Duterte ordered either to eliminate critics or fight crime.

Lascanas said he even killed his two brothers, who were involved in drug trafficking, due to "blind loyalty" to Duterte as well as cash rewards.

In one of the most chilling accounts, Lascanas said



Arthur Lascanas

he and other policemen abducted a suspected kidnapper but also took his seven-month pregnant wife, his four or five-year-old son, his son-in-law and two house helpers.

"In this case they killed the entire family in front of me, using a calibre .22."

He said Duterte also paid him and other policemen three million pesos (\$60,000) for killing in 2003 prominent radio broadcaster Jun Pala, a critic of the then-mayor.

# Israeli PM Netanyahu on historic Asia trip



Benjamin Netanyahu

Sydney

**Benjamin Netanyahu** will become the first Israeli Prime Minister to visit Australia tomorrow on a historic Asia trip that also includes Singapore, but faces protests Down Under.

The right-wing Israeli leader will meet with

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in Sydney.

But a group of 60 business leaders, academics, members of the clergy and former politicians signed a letter released yesterday saying that Australia should not welcome Netanyahu, claiming his policies "provoke, intimidate and oppress" the Palestinians.

"Israel continues to defy all United Nations calls for it to comply with international law in respect of its illegal settlement building, and its treatment of the indigenous Palestinian population," the letter reads.

# Hitler's phone sells for more than \$240,000

Washington

**Adolf Hitler's** personal telephone, which the Fuehrer used to dictate many of his deadly World War II commands, sold at auction yesterday for \$243,000, the US house selling it announced.

Originally a black Bakelite phone, later painted crimson and engraved with Hitler's name, the relic was found in the Nazi leader's Berlin bunker in 1945 following the regime's defeat.

The auction house Alexander Historical Auctions, which did not reveal the winning bidder's identity, had estimated its



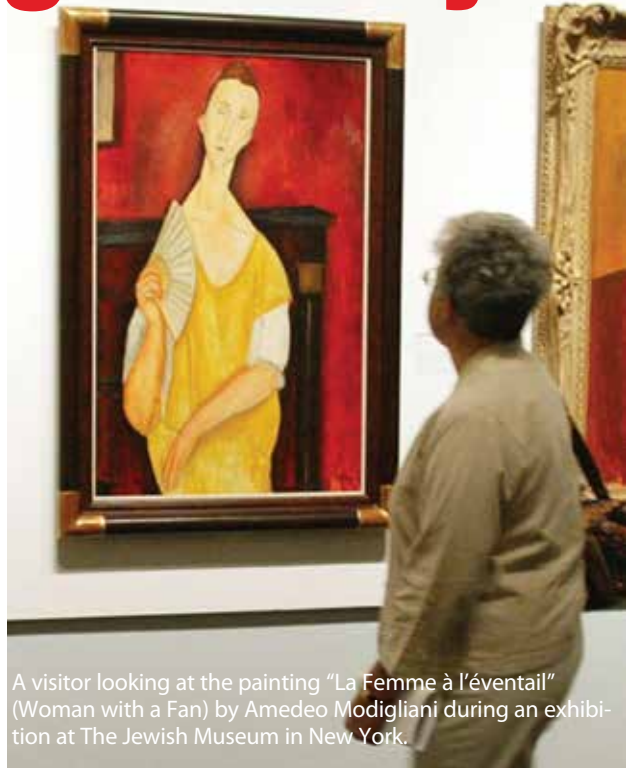
worth between \$200,000 and \$300,000. The starting bid was set at \$100,000.

Alexander House dubbed the phone -- which Hitler received from the Wehrmacht, Nazi Germany's armed forces -- as "arguably the most destructive 'weapon' of all time, which sent millions to their deaths."



# \$100m Paris art heist

## 'Spiderman' goes to jail



A visitor looking at the painting "La Femme à l'éventail" (Woman with a Fan) by Amedeo Modigliani during an exhibition at The Jewish Museum in New York.

**Paris**  
A thief nicknamed "Spiderman", who stole five masterpieces from a top Paris museum, was sentenced to eight years in prison yesterday for one of the most daring art heists in recent years.

Vjeran Tomic and two accomplices were also fined a whopping 104 million euros (\$110m) over the theft of five paintings by Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Georges Braque, Ferdinand Leger and Amedeo Modigliani from the Musee d'Art Moderne in 2010.

The artworks, which were estimated by the City of Paris to be worth 109m euros, are still missing.

Tomic, 49, was arrested in May 2011 and admitted carrying out the heist.

Two accomplices -- a 61-year-old antique dealer accused of ordering the heist and a 40-year-old watchmaker who hid the paintings for a while -- were given sentences of seven and six years respectively.

Tomic was accused of cutting through a padlocked gate and breaking a window to get into the

gallery, one of the most-visited museums in the French capital.

Three guards were on duty that night, but the paintings were only found to be missing from their frames the next day.

The museum's alarms had been awaiting repair for several weeks.

Tomic told police he had come for Leger's "Still Life with Candlestick" from 1922, not thinking he would also be able to steal another four.

The other works stolen were Picasso's cubist "Dove with Green Peas" from 1912 -- alone worth an estimated 25 million euros -- Matisse's "Pastoral" from 1905, Braque's "Olive Tree near Estaque" from 1906, and Modigliani's "Woman with a Fan" from 1919.

All but the Modigliani were hung in the same room in the museum, which is home to more than 8,000 works of 20th-century art.

### 'Liked' the paintings

Tomic, a master burglar, said he took all five paintings because he "liked" them.

Athletically built and 1.90 metres (six foot 2 inches) tall, he had gained his nickname by clambering into posh Parisian apartments and museums to steal valuable gems and works of art.

Prosecutors claim he was spotted by a homeless man as he roamed around the museum in the days leading to the theft.

Police arrested him after receiving an anonymous tip and tracking his mobile phone.

There has been a spate of art thefts in Europe in recent years.

The most recent, in 2015, involved the theft of five paintings worth 25 million euros by renowned British artist Francis Bacon in Madrid.

Spanish police arrested seven people last year suspected of being involved in that theft. -(AFP)



Representative picture

# Uber launches sexual harassment investigation

### San Francisco

Uber chief executive Travis Kalanick has announced an "urgent investigation" at the ride-sharing company after a former employee wrote a blog post yesterday alleging sexual harassment and sexism at the firm.

"What's described here is abhorrent and against everything we believe in. Anyone who behaves this way or thinks this is OK will be fired," Kalanick said on Twitter.

"I've instructed our (Chief Human Resources Officer) Liane Hornsey to conduct an urgent investigation. There can be absolutely no place for this kind of behavior at Uber."

Susan Fowler, an engineer who worked at Uber until the end of last year, said her manager made sexual advances shortly after she joined the company at the end of 2015.

She said she complained to more senior managers and the company's human resources department, but was told that it was the man's "first offense" and that they wouldn't feel comfortable punishing a "high



Representational image

performer." Fowler said she was given the choice of joining another team, or staying in her position with the possibility of receiving a poor performance review from her manager.

Other the next few months, Fowler said she met other women engineers at the company who said they had also experienced similar harassment, including alleged

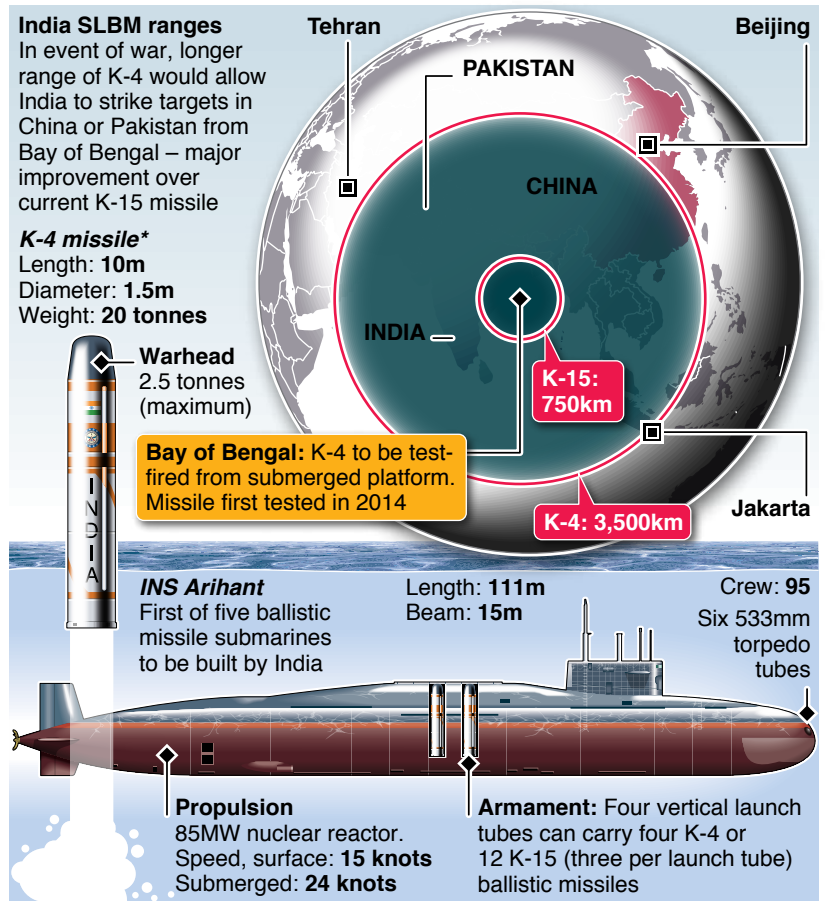
inappropriate behavior from her previous manager.

After lodging various complaints of what she considered inappropriate behavior, Fowler said she was told by her manager that she was "on thin ice" for reporting his boss to human resources.

The HR department, meanwhile, told her that she might be the problem, not the men she was reporting. -(AFP)

## India to test new nuclear missile

India is set to conduct a test launch of its new K-4 submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) as it seeks to develop a retaliatory nuclear strike capability against both China and Pakistan







# New look Nasser 10 on way



## Manama

**T**he Nasser 10 Ramadan Tournament will be different in all aspects this year, by holding many events and tournaments accompanying football.

This was announced by HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee.

He said, "The Nasser Sports Tournament will complete its first decade in the holy month of Ramadan. Since its launch, we had paved a clear path for its growth and development as a

distinct national project that contributes significantly to the advancement of sports in the Kingdom, and the discovery of more sporting talent capable of joining clubs and national teams, which became evident through the outputs of this tournament."

Shaikh Nasser further added, "The Nasser Sports Tournament has reached the tenth edition and must offer something new this year. We directed the tournament's organising committee to hold early and continuous meetings in order to thoroughly study those ideas and proposals that had been presented, and to settle on a group of sports competitions that enrich

the tournament in its first decade."

The High Organising Committee of the tournament held a meeting headed by Tawfiq Al Salehi, Head of the Committee, in the presence of Hassan Ismail, Deputy Head of the Organising Committee, representative of the Bahrain Football Federation; Ali Majed, Tournament Director; Tariq Al Arabi, Managing Director of Club Affairs, Representative of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs; Hisham Al Balushi, Director

of Sports Federations at the Bahrain Olympic Committee, Representative of the Committee; Fawaz Shamsan, Head of Bahrain TV sports Channel, representative of television; Hussain Alderazi, Head of Media Committee; Hamad Ali Hussein, Head of the Committee of Ceremony and Closing; Isa Thawadi, Head of Stadiums and Services Committee; Yusuf Budaheh, Head of the Stadium Organising Committee, and Ibrahim Al Zayani, General Coordinator and Secretariat.

# Anshuman wins Under 14 title

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**I**ndian Anshuman Sonawane defeated Italian Alessandro Bellato in straight sets 6-4, 6-2 to clinch the Boys 14 years and under singles category yesterday in coolish conditions on tenth and penultimate day of the 22nd Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK) Juniors Open Tennis Championship 2017 at the Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) premises in Juffair.

The opening set began with Anshuman winning the opening service game and this trend continued with the first five games all with serve as Anshuman led 3-2, then won a break of serve for a 4-2 lead.

Alessandro who is the son of Italian Ambassador to Bahrain, Domenico Bellato then won back a break to narrow the deficit to 3-4, but the next three games ended up with breaks of serve as Anshuman clinched the opening set.

In the second set, Anshuman raced to a 4-0 lead thanks to a couple of service breaks and also taking advantage of Alessandro conceding too many double faults and a weak second serve.

Alessandro had a brief glimpse of hope when he broke his opponent in the fifth game, but just like the first set the final games all ended in service breaks as Anshuman triumphed and claimed the

title. On the way to the final, Anshuman came from a set down to defeat Mohammed Khalid 4-6, 6-1, 10-7 in the quarter finals and then beat top seed Issa Al Esa again coming from a set down to win 3-6, 6-4, 10-8, while Alessandro progressed thanks to a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Sulaiman Al Gosaibi in the Round of 16, then advanced against top seed Ali Sharif after he retired with the score 4-0 in the quarter final and then receiving a walkover win over Mohammed Al Khan in the semi-finals.

This championship which concludes today with four finals has been held under the patronage of BBK Chief Executive Officer, Reyadh Yousif Sater featuring around 60 players in three boys and two girls age categories and two Unisex categories with 90 players in the fray.

**Today's schedule: (3.45pm):**

**Unisex 8 years and under:**

(1)Riyaan Ahmed vs (2)Joshua Jacob.

**(4pm): Unisex 10 years and under:**

(1)Tristan Manners vs (2) Rushikesh Sonawane.

**Girls 14 years and under:**

(1)Sophie De Boers vs Maya Bseisu.

**(5pm): Boys 18 years and under:**

(1)Yousef Ashraf vs (2)Hamad Abdul A'al.

# Bowling: GPIC in second place



GPIC team

## Manama

**G**PIC (34 points, 16,550 pins) stayed in second place following their 6-2 victory against Banagas (22, 16,502) in the seventh week of matches of the Bahrain Industrial Bowling League at

the Fun Land Bowling Centre in Manama.

Top scoring for GPIC was Jassim Ebrahim (234) high game and (642) high series and for Banagas it was guest player Raed Ahmed (244) game (668) series. Batelco (36,

16,554) remained top of the standings after a 6-2 victory against Tatweer (20, 15,764) with top scorer for Batelco being Ahmed Al Khaja (258) game and (688) series and for Tatweer Mazen Al Zayed (249) game and (655) series.

## Other scores (bowler, game, series):

1) Ministry of Interior team (Emerson Gotiencio, 246, Ahmed Al Maleki, 671)  
bt Pioneers (Talal Yousif, 237, Abdul Latif Hassan, 643) 6-2.

2) Gulf Air (JM Vilianueva, 269, 721)  
w/o Electricity and Water Authority 8-0.

Bye: Bapco.

## Standings (points, pins):

1)	Batelco	(36, 16,584)
2)	GPIC	(34, 16,550)
3)	Mol	(30, 16,198)
4)	Banagas	(22, 16,502)
5)	Bapco	(22, 15,863)
6)	Gulf Air	(22, 15,698)
7)	Pioneers	(20, 15,896)
8)	Tatweer	(20, 15,764)
9)	EWA	(18, 15,659)

## Tonight schedule:

Pioneers	vs	Gulf Air,
GPIC	vs	Batelco,
Mol	vs	Bapco,
Tatweer	vs	EWA
Bye: Banagas.		



Anshuman Sonawane

# BOC management course ends

## Manama

**A** course in sports management, organised by the Bahrain Olympic Committee's (BOC) Sports Training and Development Centre (STDC), came to a close on Thursday at the centre premises in Juffair.

It was attended by 24 administrators representing 11 sports federation - handball, volleyball, table tennis, gymnastics, football, mind sports, sports for disabilities, basketball, weightlifting, swimming and sports for all.

The six-day course was

run by director of the STDC Nabeel Taha, who spoke on a number of subjects including the Olympic movement, international federations, Olympic Games, Olympic principles and values.

Mahmood Al Shaikh, Ahmed Hafed, Mohammed Lori, Hasan Abdullatif, Nawaf Abdulrahman and Rami Al Murbati, were other spokesmen who brought other subjects on the course agenda.

The course was supervised by Saeed Al Aradi, the STDC specialist and veteran coach.



**Bangalore**

England players attracted megabucks bids in the Indian Premier League auction Monday, with all-rounder Ben Stokes setting a new record for a foreigner by joining the Rising Pune Supergiants for more than \$2 million.

England pace bowler Tymal Mills was the big surprise as he went to the Royal Challengers Bangalore for \$1.8m, even though he has only played four Twenty20 internationals.

The winning bids for Stokes and Mills dwarfed the \$300,000 shelled out by the Kings XI Punjab to secure the services of England's limited-overs captain Eoin Morgan for the T20 tournament, which begins in April.

Stokes attracted multiple bids from the rival franchises competing in the eight-team tournament before the gavel finally came down after Pune put in a bid of 145m rupees (around 2.16m US dollars).

The winning bid shattered the previous record paid for a foreign player, which was set in 2014 when the Delhi Daredevils shelled out 90m rupees for former England captain Kevin Pietersen.

But it is still short of the 160 million rupees that the Royal Challengers Bangalore paid for the Indian batsman Yuvraj Singh in 2015.

While a percentage of the auction fee goes to the player's national board, Stokes, England's newly anointed Test vice-captain, is now in line to make more in just seven weeks than he would in a whole year of cricket for the England

# Stokes sold for record \$2.16m at IPL



England's Tymal Mills

team. It was not immediately clear whether Stokes will play the whole tournament or leave towards the end, which would result in a reduced pay cheque, as England are due to play two ODI matches against Ireland in May.

Pune coach Stephen Fleming admitted it was something of a "gamble" to pay so much for a player with a history of injury problems, but that Stokes will add extra flair to a team that already has Australia captain Steve Smith and ex-Indian skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni in its ranks.

**Afghan first**

While Stokes had been expected to attract big bids, the fee for Mills was unexpected but underlines his form on England's recent tour of India, when he was his side's most economical fast bowler.

Bangalore have no shortage of batting talent with Indian skipper Virat Kohli and South Africa's AB de Villiers already on board.

But Mills' signing should address the lack of a top-quality fast bowler for last year's beaten finalists.

Other players to hit

the jackpot included New Zealand seamer Trent Boult and South Africa's Kagiso Rabda who were both sold for around 50 million rupees each for Kolkata Knight Riders and Delhi Daredevils respectively.

The auction also saw the first Afghan players to be signed up to the tournament, with Rashid Khan and Mohammad Nabi going to Sunrisers Hyderabad for 40 million and three million respectively.

While most of India's big name players are already attached to franchises, several

newcomers bagged lucrative deals such as Karn Sharma (Mumbai Indians - 32 million rupees) and T. Natarajan (Kings XI Punjab - 30 million rupees).

The IPL, which was first held in 2008, begins on April 5 and runs until May 21. (AFP)



Ben Stokes playing a shot

## Merida merchandise on sale

**Manama**

Fans of the Bahrain Merida Pro Cycling Team can now buy the official apparel and merchandise of the team online, thanks to the collaboration with All4cycling.com, which is a benchmark for cycling lovers due to the large variety of items available.

To access the page reserved to the team, visit the official website [www.teambahrainmerida.com](http://www.teambahrainmerida.com), click in the button "SHOP" in the list at the top and be automatically redirected to the official store of BAHRAIN MERIDA Pro Cycling Team.

Fans of the team, that is lead by captain Vincenzo Nibali, can find a large variety of authentic items, identical to the apparel worn by pro cyclists: the official Sportful racing kit, accessories like the Rudy Project gold helmet and



A screen shot of the webpage displaying Merida merchandise sunglasses, lifestyle clothing by Joma and merchandising with special gadgets like a pin with the team logo and the original jersey shaped cushion.

Entering the store, fans can immediately and easily access different segments and see new items and offers. On the first page are the special offers, so you won't miss steep discounts and get your dream products to distinguish yourself during riding or free time.

Inside [All4cycling.com](http://All4cycling.com) you can find terms of sale and details to proceed to the purchase safely and with the guarantee of originality for all products.

## Alpha Fire thrash Sprite

**DT News Network Manama**

Alpha Fire Bahrain overwhelmed Sprite CC by 132 runs in the latest matches of the BCL 25 Overs Golden League at the Busaiten Grounds in Muharraq.

Batting first, Alpha Fire scored 190 for eight in 25 overs with the main scorers behind Ruvinda Kelly (53) and Ruvina (34) with Aswaq (three for 39) the best of the bowlers.

Sprite were then bowled out for a measly 58 with Zeeshan (12) the only one offering resistance as Lalith (three for six) emerged as the pick of the bowlers.

In another match, Fateh Curtain beat Kordal CC by five wickets with the latter dismissed for just 111 as Ali (35) top scored and Nadeem (three for 33) being the best of the bowlers.

In reply, Fateh Curtain reached the target scoring 113 for five in 18.1 overs thanks to fine knocks by Arslan (34) and Zahid (27) with Farzan (two for 17) the best of the bowlers.



Ruvinda Kelly

### Other results:

- 1) **Safetech Matrix** 178/8 in 25 (Priyesh 48, Jegan 44, Slok 2/21) bt **Young Blaster** 78/10 (Siddharth 21, Arun 4/13, Nithin 3/19) by 100 runs.
- 2) **Union Group** 126/10 (Javed 25, Irshad 3/22, Shafi 2/21) bt **Rock Star** 112/9 (Deepu 21, Sadkath 21, Touseef 2/9) by 14 runs.
- 3) **Tornado A** 66/8 in 16.1 (Nithin 19, Vijayn 3/14) bt **Friends XI** 65/10 (Vijayan 12, Gigin 4/6) by 2 wickets.
- 4) **Tornado Riders** 130/10 (Vijesh 44, Manu 34, Sanju 3/9) bt **Rising Star** 105/10 (Sanju 20, Manu 4/19, Ashok 3/14) by 25 runs.
- 5) **Royal Blaster** 65/1 in (Manas 34no) bt **Karnataka Strikers** 64/10 (Pradeep 24, Mahbub 5/16, Joby 4/15) by 9 wickets.
- 6) **Bulls** 174/9 in 25 (Sanjay 31, Chandrasekar 30, Aamir 3/31) bt **GT Abdulaal** 46/10 (Aamir 16, Joel 5/3, Vinoy 3/9) by 128 runs.
- 7) **Riffa Arabian Oryxes** 262/7 in 25 overs (Salman 64, Irfan 45, Imran 30) bt **SNB** 124/10 (Fateh 27, Ashiq 5/24, Riaz 3/29) by 138 runs.
- 8) **Muharraq Eagles** 172/10 (Ahmed 29, Waqas 28, Sanjay 4/12) bt **Thunder Bolt** 150/8 (Dhawal 48, Waqas 3/19, Imran 3/26) by 22 runs.
- 9) **Titans** 103/8 in 23.1 (Zeeshan 35, Juzer 3/17) bt **Lions XI** 102/10 (Mahir 23, Rameez 3/19 Shiji 3/30) by 2 wickets.
- 10) **G4S Legends** 94/6 in 19.1 (Prashanth 33, Sameer 2/17) bt **BMMI** 93/10 (Samar 19, Arif 4/30, Manu 2/6) by 4 wickets.



# 1900s Man City

## Monaco moment

### Manchester

**A** hotly anticipated staging post in Manchester City's Pep Guardiola era arrives today when Monaco visit the Etihad Stadium in the first leg of the Champions League last 16.

Guardiola was appointed to take City to the next level on the European stage and he has already masterminded a stirring 3-1 win over his former club Barcelona in the group phase.

But Monaco have been rampant this season, powering to the Ligue 1 summit with a tally of 76 goals that is unsurpassed in Europe's five major leagues, and Guardiola is keenly aware of the danger they pose.

"My impression against PSG and from what I've seen is they're a really strong team," he said recently of Leonardo Jardim's side, puffing out his cheeks for effect. "They score a lot of goals, they are physical. We have to go to the gym in the next days!"

Guardiola and his assistant Mikel Arteta watched Monaco's game at Paris Saint-Germain last month, when a 92nd-minute equaliser from Bernardo Silva rescued a 1-1 draw.

Another Silva equaliser secured another 1-1 draw in Monaco's last outing, at Bastia on Friday, but in the main they have encountered scant resistance in the French top flight this season.

Monaco have averaged 2.92 goals per league game, scoring four or more on no fewer than 10 occasions, and have already prevailed on English soil, winning 2-1 at Tottenham Hotspur in the group stage.

Three successive wins have lifted City to second place in the Premier League table, eight points below leaders Chelsea, but they remain a work in progress.

It is just over a month since their scarring 4-0 defeat at Everton -- their fifth defeat of the campaign -- and Guardiola's selection decisions continue to raise eyebrows.

Claudio Bravo, signed amid great fanfare to replace Joe Hart, has been

axed after a string of weak displays, meaning Willy Caballero, City's nominal third-choice goalkeeper in August, is now the number one.

What City's defensive configuration will be against Monaco, meanwhile, is anyone's guess. A rotating cast of full-backs has seen midfielder Fernandinho fill in on both flanks of the defence of late, while Aleksandar Kolarov continues to flit between left-back and centre-back.

Jesus's absence has allowed Sergio Aguero to reclaim his place up front, although he was unable to find a way past the Huddersfield Town defence in Saturday's 0-0 FA Cup fifth-round draw. While uncertainty abounds regarding City's best XI, Jardim's Monaco team largely picks itself.

The trip to Manchester will have special significance for Radamel Falcao, who has rediscovered his shooting boots after two dismal years on loan with Manchester United and Chelsea.

'El Tigre', 31, no longer bites with the force of his Porto and Atletico Madrid days, but, aided by a customised playing schedule, he has scored 22 goals in just 28 games. "I manage him differently to the others," says Jardim. "Because he's a top-level player. I said at the start of the season that I was sure he'd succeed. Quality is permanent."

City are favourites to progress, but as PSG's 4-0 evisceration of Barcelona last week showed, France's top clubs are no longer content to make up the numbers in the League. (AFP)

## of truth

## US athletes unveil abuse by doctor

### New York

**T**hree former US national team gymnasts detailed sexual abuse allegations against former national team doctor Lawrence Nassar in a report Sunday on CBS television's 60 Minutes.

Jamie Dantzscher, a member of the 2000 Sydney Olympic US bronze medal squad, was joined in coming

forward publicly by Jessica Howard, the US national rhythmic gymnastics champion from 1999 through 2001, and Jeanette Antolin, a US team member from 1995 to 2000.

Dantzscher was first seen by Nassar at age 13 after she earned a spot on the US junior national team but complained of back pain.

## Barca boos unhelpful: Enrique

### Barcelona

**B**arcelona boss Luis Enrique labelled harsh treatment dished out to his players by Barca fans nonsensical as the Spanish champions squeezed past Leganes 2-1 on Sunday.

Following a 4-0 thrashing at the hands of Paris Saint-Germain in midweek, Barca needed a last minute Lionel Messi penalty to see off a Leganes side without a win since November and on their first ever league visit to the Camp Nou.

Messi had given Barca a fourth minute lead, but jeers rang around the Camp Nou when Unai Lopez levelled 19 minutes from time.

"As a fan, booing a player of your own team for me makes no sense," said Enrique.

Much-criticised midfielder Andre Gomes received the brunt of the boos as he was replaced 10 minutes from the end.

"What can clearly help the team and the players is the support that we saw from the majority of the fans throughout the game and especially in the final minutes," added Enrique.

"That is what makes us stronger. Andre's case annoys me."

However, the Barca boss said he had no such problem with criticism directed his way.

"I am the coach and after the result and performance we saw in Paris it is logical.

"I accept any criticism, but those on the pitch need to be in the best state possible.

"The games are difficult enough as they are. If you add this on top of it, I don't think it helps."

Victory ensured Barca moved back up to second in the table and to within a point of Real Madrid, who still have two games in hand.

Barca face a much stiffer test next weekend when they travel to Atletico Madrid, but Enrique highlighted the psychological importance of getting the three points despite a poor display.



Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi lies on the field

Manchester City's Spanish manager Pep Guardiola





# Federer wants Rafa as partner

## Prague

**R**oger Federer revealed yesterday he wants to join forces in doubles with arch rival Rafael Nadal at the inaugural Laver Cup this year.

The Swiss tennis great made the confession at the unveiling of the new tournament scheduled for Prague in September which will pit a Bjorn Borg-captained European team against John McEnroe's rest of the world.

Federer, who beat Nadal in an epic five-set Australian Open final last month, admitted on Monday: "I've always wanted to play with Rafa... just because our rivalry has been so special.

"I've seen his wicked forehand go past me too often!"

The new addition to the tennis calendar is named after Rod Laver, the last man to achieve the calendar Grand Slam in 1969.

"Rod Laver wants us to represent our part of the world with pride and play our best and win for our teammates. We will play to our best possibilities," Federer, 35, told the media launch in Prague.

Federer, the world number nine, is due to figure with sixth-ranked Nadal at the September 22-24 event.

The Laver Cup will be held every year except in an Olympic season, with four matches each day -- three in singles, one in doubles.

Each team comprises six players -- four based on the ATP singles rankings after Wimbledon and two picks by the captains, Borg and McEnroe.

Federer refused to see Team Europe as a clear winner, although it currently has 17 players in the top 20 of the ATP rankings.

"I think Team Europe are going to be big favourites but because of the setup of the Laver Cup I think the margins are always going to be very slim," said Federer.

Before talking to journalists, the Swiss star played the Czech Republic's number one Tomas Berdych on a boat on the Vltava river in Prague's historic centre on a chilly Monday morning.

Berdych, ranked 14th in the world, said their game under the picturesque Charles Bridge was "a very nice opportunity to show Roger a little bit of the town."

"We were joking we should do this every day," said Federer.

"I thought it was very particular, very unique -- it was definitely a privilege," he beamed before confessing: "It was a bit windy though." (AFP)



File picture showing Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer following a match