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## 11th Hour

### Car blast kills two in Libyan capital

Libya

A car exploded yesterday in the Libyan capital near the Italian embassy killing two people who were inside the vehicle, security and medical sources said.

### 13 killed, 100 injured as Indian train derails

New Delhi

At least 13 people were killed and around 100 injured after an express train derailed in southeastern India in the latest disaster to hit one of the world's largest rail networks.

### Los Angeles women's march draws over half million

Los Angeles

More than half a million people flooded the streets of Los Angeles in one of the largest protests held yesterday against US President Donald Trump.

# Patient's safety first



Supreme Health Council Chairman  
Lieutenant General Shaikh Mohammed  
bin Abdullah Al Khalifa

## NHRA suspends thirteen doctors over medical negligence

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Manama

Bahrain's premier healthcare regulatory authority yesterday revealed stringent actions against 53 medical practitioners for medical negligence.

The move, intended to ensure high quality medical care, follows Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa's directives to tackle the growing rate of medical negligence in the Kingdom.

Voicing its strong resolve in this regard, National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA), which deals with the complaints related to healthcare in Bahrain, said it received 171 complaints against hospitals both in the private and public sector.

The authority put 24 doctors, 23 nurses and six assistants in the dock after it investigated into 57 complaints registered. 43 disciplinary actions were taken against the defaulters.

Thirteen doctors were suspended following the

probe, while 14 others were let off with warnings.

Revealing details of the probe during a press conference, NHRA CEO Dr. Mariam Al Jalahma said around 54 per cent of the complaints were against private healthcare institutions. Public hospitals closely followed with 46pc complaints. "Around 67pc of the complaints received were related to emergency, maternity, orthopaedic and dental," she added.

Twelve out of these cases were referred to the

disciplinary committees and one taken to the Public Prosecution.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Health Council Chairman Lieutenant General Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa said he has directed the NHRA to increase the working days of the disciplinary committee to prioritise complaints.

NHRA is also investigating alleged 'medical negligence in the recent death of two Bahraini children. Earlier, four-year-old Layla Khamees died in her father's arms at

Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC) while waiting to be treated. Another Bahraini boy Yousif Madan died on his way to SMC after initially being told he was fine by doctors at SMC. A third child Abdulla Mahmood Jassim who was 18-months-old also died of medical complications.

Parents of the children had accused SMC and health centres of medical negligence adding that their children's tragic death could have been avoided by the timely intervention of the concerned authorities.

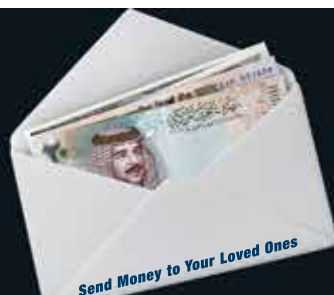
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# FURY

## concern

### over Trump Presidency

#### Washington

Women poured into Washington yesterday to express concern, anger and outrage over Donald Trump's assumption of office as the 45th US president in the "Women's March on Washington." Here are the views of some of the participants

Protesters march in Los Angeles

#### 'Furious'

Jennifer Behr, a fashion accessory designer from Brooklyn, arrived from Baltimore on a train packed with passengers wearing pink hats, one of the symbols of the protest.

"It's important we assert our majority and we have a large physical presence" to show President Donald Trump and the Republican majority in Congress "that they cannot railroad our country," said Behr, 42. "I am furious at Trump's treatment of women and how he talks about women," she said.

#### 'Great concern'

Lisa Gottschalk, a 55 year-old scientist, came from Pennsylvania to express her "great concern" about the new president. The protesters will "make sure to keep him honest and we'll stand up so that he doesn't do things that are unfair," Gottschalk said. The march "is a demonstration of our solidarity and our belief that America should be great and should look out for all people of all stripes."

#### Muslims not 'terrorists'

Norman was accompanied by her sister Barbara Hilton, 62, who wore a pink hat, the knitted caps marchers have adopted in a sly allusion to Trump's crude sexual references to women.

"The family of my husband are immigrants," said Hilton. "They are Muslim. Not one is a terrorist."

#### 'So against' Trump

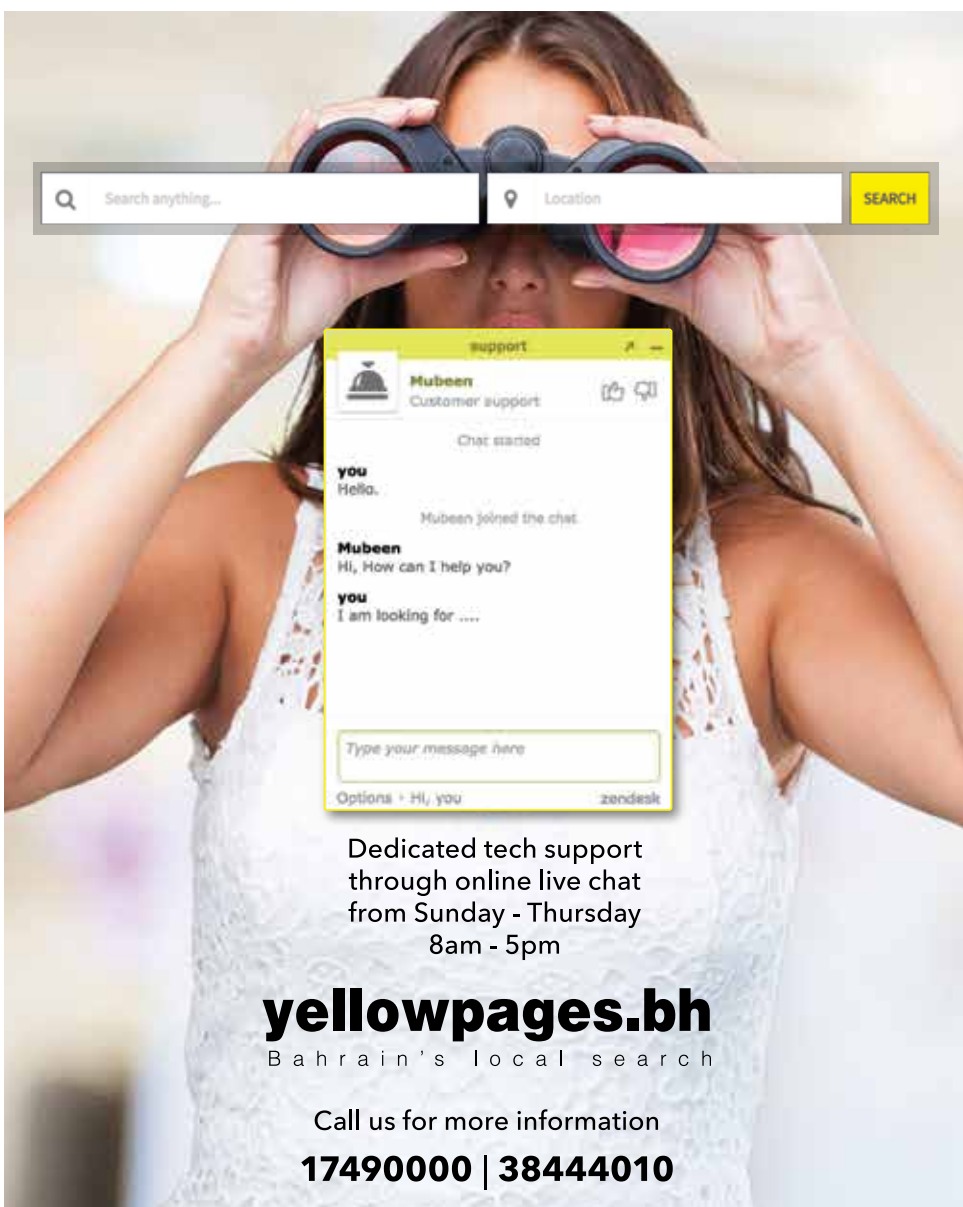
Kim Lee-Wilkins came from Maryland specifically to protest against Trump's efforts to repeal Obama's signature accomplishment, the Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare. But a lot more than that was at stake, she said. The 60-year-old African American said she fears a return to the ugly days of racial segregation. "Now we are going back to where we were in the 50s, and I am not going to stand for it," she said. Trump "doesn't stand for me, he doesn't stand for the majority of the people around here, so I am here to make a stand and my voice will be heard," she said.

#### 'Sad'

"It's upsetting to see what's happening," said Karine Bailly, a 35-year-old who works in communications and lives in the US capital.

Trump's inauguration, she said, is "not the version of America that we want to see. It's not just about America first, it's about the world first."

"To me it was a bit sad." (AFP)



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# 'Attackers wanted to sabotage Friday worship'

A picture of the Friday sermon inside the embassy posted to Instagram by Shaikh Fawaz.



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## Manama

**T**he group of individuals, who attacked the Bahraini embassy in London on Friday, intended to prevent worshippers from attending the Friday prayer held at the embassy premises, according to sources.

"The group of individuals gathered near the embassy to halt the work of diplomats and to prevent worshippers from attending the weekly Friday prayers. Some of the embassy staff interfered to stop them and move them away from the embassy," a source in the embassy told *Al Ayam daily*.

As reported yesterday, a video shared online showed the group

assaulting the embassy for the second time in less than a week. They closed the entrance of the embassy using steel chains before the embassy staff and British police removed it. Some of the individuals even verbally abused the staff.

"The embassy was not forcibly closed by the vandals and it resumed works regularly after the attackers were dispersed," the source said adding that the embassy is in the process of taking legal action against these groups.

The act was condemned by several politicians and rights groups who described the act as a violation to international pacts and agreements which instruct to protect diplomatic missions.



The attackers used steel chains to close the entrance of the embassy

Additionally, the Bahraini Ambassador to the UK Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa confirmed that a female British staffer sustained a back injury in the incident.

"I extend my concern to a valued staffer subjected to harassment when entering Embassy premises," he posted on his official *Twitter* page.

The ambassador asserted that the assault violates the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, which safeguards the security and protection of diplomatic missions.

It is a weekly routine for the Kingdom's embassy in London to receive worshippers from Arab and Islamic diplomatic missions for sermons on Friday.



## Asian man arrested with drugs worth BD236000

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### Manama

**A**n Asian man has been arrested with 288 capsules (around 2KG) of heroin and 19 capsules of Shabu, both worth around BD236000.

Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science General Director Colonel Abdulaziz Al Rumaihi said that the suspect

possessed the narcotics for drug dealing.

"Investigation led to identifying and arresting the suspect at his resident after a warrant was issued by the Public Prosecution. The narcotics were confiscated from his home," he said.

The General Director further added that legal proceedings are being taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

## Motorcyclists' safety campaign to continue till next month

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### Manama

**'Ridesafe'** a campaign to ensure the safety of motorcyclists will continue holding awareness activities as planned until the end of February 2017, said the Traffic Culture Director.

"Various awareness activities will be held during the

campaign at shopping malls, camping areas and on public roads to reach out to the largest number of road users," he said.

He added that the latest awareness activity, held in the camping area tackled ways of ensuring their safety of motorcyclists. Helmets and awareness publications were distributed during the activity.

## Nominations open for Insurance Award

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**T**he 13th Annual Middle East Insurance Forum (MEIF 2017) has called for nominations for the MEIF 2017 Awards.

Key criteria to be covered by the applicants are sustainable growth in Premiums and Profitability, market share, sound business model and strategy, expansion of distribution channels, range and quality of products and services, product innovation, IT innovation and local and regional expansion of operations.

Nominations and submission materials should be sent to FinMark Communications by February 5. Submission will be evaluated by The MEIF Awards Committee and each nomination will be rated based on the supporting documentation presented.

Shortlisted nominees will be informed in advance with the winner announced at the Awards Ceremony to be held on February 20 during MEIF 2017.

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## Women and the World

Meredith Ann O'Connell



### Making Feminism a Priority at the United Nations

**“Where are the women? Are they represented? Are they around the table?”** Swedish Foreign Minister Margot Wallstrom recently asked during a visit to the United Nations. Sweden has just started its 2-year term on the UN Security Council, and it is determined to make sure that women are involved in future peace processes as they are usually excluded from the table.

Despite having an entity entirely devoted to women's issues (UN Women), catchy slogans and the inclusion of gender equality as one of the new Sustainable Development Goals, the UN still grapples with putting gender equality into practice in its own organization. In October hopes for the first female Secretary-General were dashed when former Prime Minister of Portugal, Antonio Guterres, became the 8th Secretary-General. The UN's uneven support for women was also recently revealed in a news article by Devex, which reported that the World Food Programme, a UN entity, asked its staff not to attend the Women's Marches which took place across the world Saturday to highlight women's issues.

The idea for the main march, in Washington, D.C., came out of the aftermath of the US Presidential Election and the World Food Programme thus felt that it was not appropriate for staff to attend. Although the organization's reasoning is understandable, the marches were not political and intended to promote gender equality. Ultimately the UN should be supporting women's initiatives, not telling its own employees—who are leaders in the development field—to ignore them.

Grassroots women's initiatives need encouragement and support in order to make their voices heard. The UN needs to practice what it preaches, as it sets an example for the whole world. If it cannot support gender equality in its own hallowed halls, then why should any country follow its advice?

The UN needs to make women a greater priority in both its internal and external agendas. Yet there is hope: Secretary-General Guterres has stated that he wants to fill half of the top positions under his command with women. And UN Women's Executive Board has just elected a new president for 2017, and this time a woman is taking the helm: Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, the United Arab Emirates' Ambassador to the UN. Advancing women's empowerment is one of Her Excellency's key focuses, and I wish her success in promoting UN Women's priorities within the United Nations and throughout the world.

*(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.)*

## Sports Arbitration Centre to be launched in Kingdom

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**T**he first of its kind sport arbitration centre to solve sports disputes in the GCC will be launched soon in Bahrain, the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) announced yesterday.

Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant general secretary and BOC general secretary Abdulrahman Askar

revealed this during a meeting with Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) member Dr Abdulla Al Hayyan of Kuwait in Seef.

He assured that the committee has reached the final stages to launch the GCC Sport Arbitration Centre, which has also been approved by Presidents' of National GCC Olympic Committees.

# Medical fees hike; Expats to feel the heat

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Manama

**T**he sudden hike in fees at government health centres and hospitals for expats might force low paid workers to turn to 'alternative treatment' which puts their health at risk, according to a social worker here.

The increased fees at government health centres and hospitals could be too big of a burden for low paid expatriates, said Migrant Workers Protection Society (MWPS) Chairperson Marietta Das.

"It is likely that these workers turn to alternatives such as home remedies or take advice from unqualified persons to treat their illness or they might decide not to seek treatment," she said.

Earlier the Health Ministry hiked the medical care cost for non-Bahrainis at public hospitals and health centres



Marietta Das

from BD3 to BD7. It also mentioned that expats will have to purchase their medications from private pharmacies.

According to her, this move will have many repercussions on the labourers.

"This is going to affect the low paid workers more than anyone. They will have to suffer as they cannot afford healthcare," she said.

"They are being paid a very low salary so it is impossible to pay this amount. Many are being paid BD150 or BD100

or less as it is in many cases. In such cases, how can they afford BD7 plus the additional charges including the payment to the pharmacy? It might end up costing BD20 to BD30 and many cannot afford that," she said.

Marietta Das warns that it is dangerous if these people seek home remedies and alternatives that could potentially harm them.

"However, if they are not able to afford healthcare they may feel that they are left without another choice. They might try something based on bad advice or they might take help from someone unqualified and this will harm them. Taking these sort of alternatives could make their illness worse, and we will have people with all sorts of untreated diseases," she added.

When asked if the employers should take up the responsibility of paying for healthcare expenses of the employees in such cases,

she said that it is not practical.

"It makes sense in theory but in practice, the employers may find a way around it. They may deduct the amounts from the worker's salary. The poor workers would be too afraid to protest or may not know his rights," she said.

Published in the Official Gazette, the decision stipulates that non-Bahrainis are obliged to pay BD7 for general medical consultancy. It is also mentioned that expats will have to purchase their medications from private pharmacies.

"Other services such as laboratory tests, X-ray, nursing, maternity and physiotherapy will be priced according to the approved prices at the ministry for each service," the resolution read.

Expats who work in the public sector and their dependents were however excluded from the decision.

## Boudegzdame wins 'ArabsMMA Submission Of The Year' award

Elias-Boudegzdame



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Manama

**B**rave Combat Federation fighter Elias Boudegzdame has been presented with the prestigious 'Arabs MMA 2016 Submission of the Year Award' with 61 percent of the fan voting for the fighter.

WBoudegzdame's submission at Brave 2 earned first the place beating around 10 submissions nominated from different regional promotions.

Boudegzdame's flawless submission win against Walel Watson in a little less than two minutes into the first round had impressed fans and judges of Brave 2.

"Elias is certainly one of the most talented prospects that we have. His submission win over a veteran

like Walel Watson sent a huge echo in the featherweight division and we are proud of his achievement. It is a reflection of his hardwork," President Mohammed Shahid said.

Abdulkareem Al Selwady, another Brave Combat Federation fighter came second for a dominant rear naked choke on his opponent Rami Aziz.





# Suicide blast, gunfight

Saudi police secure a neighbourhood where two men reportedly blew themselves up



A Saudi policeman secures a neighbourhood

## Riyadh

**T**wo suspects blew themselves up yesterday during a firefight with security forces in the Red Sea city of Jeddah and a third was arrested in another operation, the interior ministry said.

Security forces raided a suspected "terrorist" hideout used for making explosive belts and other devices in a southern district of Jeddah, a spokesman for the ministry said in a statement.

Two men holed up inside the premises shot at security forces, who returned fire, according to the statement carried by the official Saudi Press Agency.

The suspects refused to surrender and "blew

themselves up by detonating their explosive belts", it said, confirming an earlier statement by Jeddah authorities.

Pictures posted on Twitter showed a fire at the site of the shootout.

The interior ministry spokesman also said that a third suspect was arrested on Saturday in a security operation targeting another Jeddah neighbourhood.

The suspect, a Saudi national, is believed to have had links to the two men who blew themselves up.

He was arrested along with a Pakistani woman whom he identified as his wife, the spokesman said.

Earlier this month,

security forces shot and killed two suspected jihadists including an explosive belt maker during a police operation in the north of Riyadh. Both were Saudi citizens.

At the end of October, authorities said they had foiled a plot to bomb a football stadium in Jeddah during a football match and dismantled two "terrorist" cells linked to the Islamic State group.

## Two terrorists blew themselves up during a firefight in Saudi Arabia

Eight suspects were arrested in the operation, including two Pakistanis, a Syrian and a Saudi.

Since late 2014, IS has claimed a series of bombings and shootings against Shiites

in the Sunni-majority kingdom.

Saudi Arabia is a member of the US-led international coalition that has been battling IS jihadists in Syria and Iraq. -(AFP)

# Car bomb kills 11 at Syria-Jordan border camp

## Beirut

**A** car bomb blast killed at least 11 people at a camp for displaced Syrians by the border with Jordan on yesterday, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitor said.

The Britain-based group said the dead included a family of four, with the father, mother and two children killed in the blast on the outskirts of the Rukban camp.

Another four of those killed were fighters from local tribes in eastern Syria that have

battled the jihadist Islamic State group.

The monitor said the toll could rise further because a number of the injured were in serious condition.

Jordan's official Petra news agency, citing a military source, also reported the blast at the isolated makeshift camp, which houses around 85,000 Syrians according to the United Nations.

The source said 14 wounded people had been taken to a clinic in the border area for treatment, adding that no

decision had been taken yet on whether they would be transported to Jordanian hospitals.

The source said there were no Jordanian casualties.

Jordan closed its border in June 2016, halting aid deliveries to the camp, after a bombing claimed by the Islamic State jihadist group killed seven Jordanian soldiers.

Officials said at the time that the bomber had come from the camp and declared the border a closed military zone.

The decision prompted shortages at the camp, with rights group Amnesty International in October decrying "hellish" conditions for those seeking refuge there.

Aid has been delivered to the camp only twice since the border was closed, most recently in November, when the UN supplied food, hygiene kits and winter clothing.

The United Nations says there are more than 600,000 refugees from Syria in Jordan, a figure Amman puts at 1.4 million. (AFP)



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## Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry launches its Contact Center

In line with its strides to upgrade its services and meet the needs and aspirations of the private sector, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) announces launching a Contact Center, which will address all the enquires of the members and provide professional assistance.

The step comes in translation to the Chamber's strategy stressing on empowering and streamlining the private sector by expanding and upgrading the services offered.

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# Erdogan may stay in power till 2029



Recep Tayyip Erdogan

## Ankara

**T**urkey will hold a referendum this spring on dramatically expanding President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's powers after a parliamentary vote yesterday backed changes that could leave him in power until 2029.

The government insists the proposals to create an

executive presidency will ensure simpler and more effective leadership, but critics fear they will edge Turkey toward one-man rule.

Hours after the bill was approved, Erdogan said the "real (and) final decision" would be made by the people in a referendum, expected to be held in April.

Parliament approved a new 18-article constitution, which includes the presidency changes, in a final vote which saw 339 in favour and 142 against.

Each article was put to a vote in the 550-seat parliament, where the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) enjoys a comfortable

majority of 317 including the speaker.

At least 330 votes a three-fifths majority were needed to adopt the changes.

Speaking to supporters in Istanbul, Erdogan said he believed they would "move towards the future by working night and day" for the referendum campaign.

The bill would create an executive presidency for the first time in modern Turkey, giving the head of state the power to hire and fire ministers.

It would also abolish the post of prime minister for the first time, with the position to be replaced with a vice president, or perhaps several.

The bill would allow

parliamentary elections and presidential ballots to be held at the same time, with the draft giving November 3, 2019 as the poll date.

Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said the changes would allow for a "sole power that would be strong", meaning a more decisive approach to solving problems.-(AFP)

## Egypt working for talks between rival Libya authorities

### Cairo

**E**gypt is working to organise direct talks between the leaders of rival Libyan authorities contesting the war-torn country, its foreign minister said yesterday after hosting a regional meeting.

The UN-backed government in Tripoli has struggled to impose its authority contested by a rival administration in the east of the country.

"A political solution is the only way to resolve the crisis



Sameh Shoukry in Libya," Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry said yesterday before going into a

meeting with foreign ministers from Libya's neighbouring countries.

Following the meeting, attended by ministers from Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Niger, as well as UN envoy Martin Kobler, Shoukry announced plans to hold the direct negotiations.

"We are focusing efforts on bringing Libyan leaders together for a direct dialogue, to build confidence and trust," he said. -(AFP)

## Bodies of 2 firemen recovered after Tehran's high-rise building collapse

### Tehran

**R**escue teams recovered the bodies of two Iranian firefighters yesterday, two days after they were killed while tackling a blaze in Tehran's oldest high-rise.

They were among around 20 firefighters feared to have been killed when the 15-storey Plasco building collapsed on Thursday after a four-hour blaze while emergency services were still evacuating the tower.

One firefighter already died



Rescue team working at site in hospital from his injuries.

Smouldering fires and smoke have complicated the recovery effort as sniffer dogs have combed the

rubble.

Tehran's chief pathologist said the degree of the burns had made identification of the dead difficult. -(AFP)



Falconers monitor a falco during a hunting event held at the Al-Marzoum Reserve, 150 kms west of Abu Dhabi. (AFP)



# Face to Face

## Syria regime, rebels set for first meeting

### Astana

Syria's government and rebel fighters will on Monday sit down at the negotiating table for the first time in nearly six years of war, the latest diplomatic push to end the hostilities.

Hosted in the Kazakh capital Astana, the talks will see an opposition delegation composed exclusively of rebel groups negotiating with the regime of President Bashar al-Assad in an initiative sponsored by rebel backer Turkey and regime allies Russia and Iran.

Though the talks have been welcomed by all parties in the conflict, delegates from both sides are heading to Kazakhstan with apparently opposing ideas about the goals, with Assad insisting Thursday that rebels lay down their arms in exchange for an

amnesty deal.

Although Assad said the talks would prioritise reaching a ceasefire, Damascus has insisted it will seek a "comprehensive" political solution to the conflict that has killed more than 300,000 and displaced over half of the country's population.

The rebels meanwhile say they will focus solely on reinforcing a frail nationwide truce brokered by Moscow and Ankara last month.

### Who is attending?

Moscow said this week that the objective was to "consolidate" the ceasefire and involve rebel field commanders in the "political process" to end the bloodshed, creating a basis for a new round of UN-hosted negotiations in Geneva next month. Syria's UN ambassador Bashar al-Jaafari,

an experienced negotiator involved in past failed talks in Geneva, will head the regime delegation in Astana.

The United Nations' peace envoy for Syria, Staffan de Mistura, will also attend, alongside representatives of Russia, Turkey and Iran.

Mohammad Alloush of the Jaish al-Islam (Army of Islam) rebel group -- whose commander cousin Zahran Alloush was killed in an air strike claimed by the regime in December 2015 -- will lead a "military delegation" of around eight people.

They will be backed by nine legal and political advisors from the opposition High Negotiations Committee (HNC) umbrella group.

But key rebel group Ahrar al-Sham said it would snub the Astana talks over ceasefire violations and ongoing

Russian air strikes on the country.

Ahrar al-Sham nonetheless said it would support decisions

taken by other rebel groups represented at the talks if they were "in the interest of the nation".

The talks, which could last days, come a month after the Syrian regime, bolstered by its allies, took full control of second city Aleppo from rebels in its biggest victory in more than four years of fighting.

With stakes high and outcomes unclear, the Syrian opposition is wary that the regime could use the rebel groups' inexperience in political talks to its advantage in Astana, a European diplomatic source said.

### US represented

The United States under new President Donald Trump will also be represented -- with the US ambassador to Astana taking part.

A key negotiator in previous ceasefire agreements, Washington was last month sidelined from sponsoring the nationwide truce brokered by

Russia and Turkey.

After overcoming a rift in relations following Turkey's downing of a Russian warplane in Syria in November 2015, the two countries this week conducted their first joint strikes against Islamic State group targets in an operation Moscow hailed as "highly effective".

The talks to be hosted in Astana is backed by Turkey, Russia and Iran

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said in an interview aired Saturday on Russian state television that deals

that could help end the conflict in Syria were "unlikely" to be struck in Astana because "too many parties are involved in the process."

Iran, the talks' third sponsor, will be represented by Deputy Foreign Minister Hossein Jaber Ansari, the country's Isna news agency reported.

France, Britain and the European Union will also send their ambassadors as representatives at the talks. (AFP)

## Top French jihadist held after return from Syria

### Paris

A high-profile French jihadist was charged with terrorist offences and remanded in custody yesterday, a day after being transferred to France from Turkey, where he had turned himself in to authorities.

Kevin Guiavarch, a 24-year-old who converted to Islam 10 years ago, was one of the UN's most wanted jihadists and had been placed on a blacklist in 2014.

Suspected as being one of the major Islamic State group recruiters attracting young French people to join the jihadist cause in Syria and Iraq, Guiavarch rubbed

shoulders with some of the perpetrators of the November 2015 Paris attacks while living in Raqqa, IS's de facto capital.

The former church choirboy, who was raised by a single mother in Brittany, now claims to be "reformed" -- though he has also told French author David Thomson, who wrote a book about returning jihadists, that he left IS because he was afraid of dying.

He spent four years in Syria amongst jihadists, first with former Al-Qaeda affiliate the Fateh al-Sham Front, and then IS.

He quit Syria in June 2016 with his four French wives

and six children, and went to Turkey where they were all arrested.

All four wives had already been deported to France.

Guiavarch, who had been the subject of an international arrest warrant, arrived in the French capital on Friday night before on Saturday being charged with association of a criminal terrorist organisation and financing terrorism, the Paris prosecutor said.

French authorities will now try to determine whether Guiavarch is truly reformed or part of a sleeper cell aiming to carry out attacks in France at a later date. (AFP)

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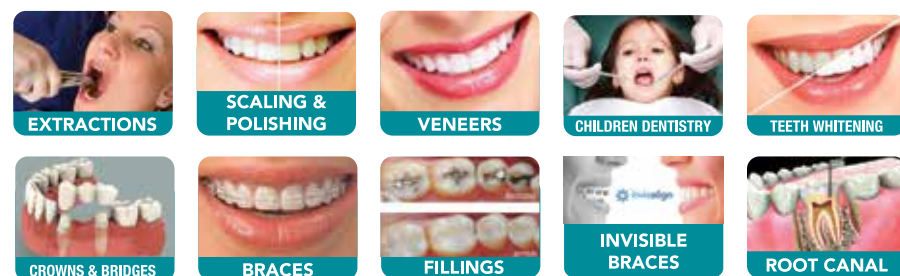


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# Russia cuts oil output by 100,000 bpd

Alexander Novak

## Moscow

**R**ussia has cut its oil production by some 100,000 barrels a day, Energy Minister Alexander Novak said yesterday ahead of a key meeting in Vienna.

Under a landmark deal in November last year, the OPEC oil cartel agreed to reduce production in order to boost prices.

Non-OPEC countries -- notably Russia, but not the United States -- followed suit and agreed in December to make cuts.

Both deals boosted oil prices by around 20 percent to above \$50 per barrel, but gains have been capped by unease about implementation and rising US shale production thanks to the higher prices.

A committee to monitor compliance with the deals is scheduled to meet in Vienna later Saturday.

Russia has previously pledged to cut its daily



Russian oil companies are working "ahead of schedule" to make the agreed cuts production by 300,000 barrels in the first half of 2017.

"We have reduced (production) by an average of 100,000 barrels per day (bpd)," Novak said, in remarks carried by RIA Novosti news agency.

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working "ahead of schedule" to make the agreed cuts, said Novak, who is set to attend the compliance committee meeting.

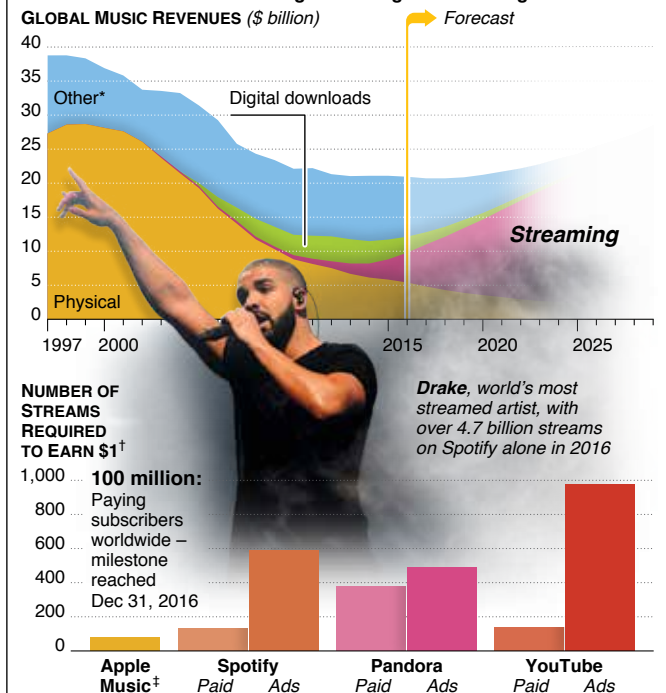
He will also meet Saudi Energy Minister Khaled al-Falih, a government spokesman said, according to

Ria Novosti.

"We are doing all we can to participate in the implementation of the agreement" reached with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and non-cartel members, Novak added.

## Streaming set to revive music industry

Streaming revenues are set to soar over the next decade, allowing the music business to emerge from its generation-long recession



## Trump says US may exit NAFTA unless it gets "a fair deal"

### Washington

**P**resident Donald Trump announced yesterday he will demand renegotiation of the free trade agreement linking North America's economies, and will abandon the pact unless the US gets

"a fair deal." The statement on the White House website, posted less than two hours after Trump took the oath of office, said the new administration will seek to change the terms of the 23-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with Canada and Mexico.

Trump condemned NAFTA on the campaign trail, claiming it had contributed to job losses, lost manufacturing and economic decline, and threatened to impose big tariffs on imports from Mexico.

"President Trump is committed to renegotiating NAFTA," the White House said.



Donald Trump

## Iceman Oetzi's last meal was 'Stone Age bacon'

**Oetzi the famous "iceman" mummy of the Alps appears to have enjoyed a fine slice or two of Stone Age bacon before he was killed by an arrow some 5,300 years ago. Mummified in ice, he was discovered by two German hikers in the Oetztal Alps, 3,210 metres (10,500 feet) above sea level.**

### Dried goat meat

His last meal was most likely dried goat meat, according to scientists who recently managed to dissect the contents of Oetzi's stomach.



The tasty snack is thought to have come from a wild goat in South Tyrol, the northern Italian region where Oetzi roamed around and where his remains were found in September 1991.

"We've analysed the meat's nanostructure and it looks like he ate very fatty, dried meat, most likely bacon,"

German mummy expert Albert Zink said at a talk in Vienna late Wednesday.



### Violent death

He suffered a violent death, with an arrow severing a major blood vessel between the rib cage and the left shoulder blade, as well as a laceration on the hand. As part of their latest discoveries, Zink's team also found that Oetzi had an ulcer-inducing bacteria and may have suffered from stomach aches.

### Died around 45

Scientists have used hi-tech, non-invasive diagnostics and genomic sequencing to penetrate his mysterious past. These efforts have determined Oetzi died around the age of 45, was about 1.60 metres (five foot, three inches) tall and weighed 50 kilos (110 pounds).

But for all his parasites, worn ligaments and bad teeth, he was in "pretty good shape", Zink wrote in the renowned US magazine Science earlier this month.





## UK's former FM joins BlackRock

Former British finance minister George Osborne will join BlackRock, the world's largest fund manager, as a part-time advisor from February 1. "George has a unique and invaluable perspective on the issues that are shaping our world today," said BlackRock chief executive and chairman Laurence D. Fink. Osborne resigned from the British government following the referendum vote to leave the European Union.



## Brexit leader Farage to join Fox News

Nigel Farage, who led Britain's vote to leave the European Union, has agreed to become a contributor to US-based Fox News, the network said Friday. The former head of the UK Independence Party "will offer political analysis" for Fox News Channel and Fox Business Network, a statement said. Farage has been closely aligned with Donald Trump and last month visited the president-elect at Trump Tower in New York. He campaigned on behalf of Trump last year.



As an entrepreneur, I try to push the limits. Pedal to the metal"

Travis Kalanick,

Uber.

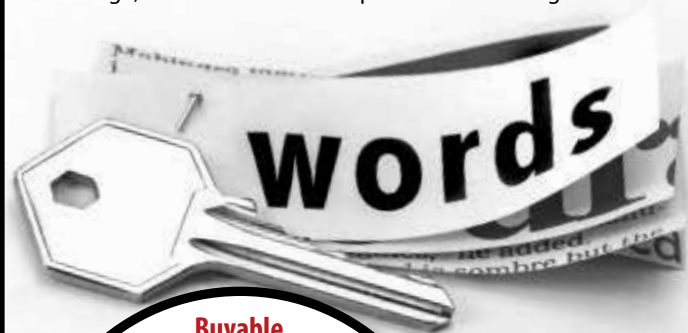


## Tips On Pinterest For Business

**Pinterest is the second fastest growing social network behind Snapchat, and it is true that Pinterest does drive sales. Pinterest is more than just a place where you create "inspiration". Just like Facebook, Pinterest have a "Pinterest for business" section where you can SELL your products. Here are some tips on Pinterest for Business:**

### Keywords

The great thing about Pinterest is that Google LOVES it, and because of this, you must start utilising the descriptions of your visuals. Think about your business, and use keywords that describe the image, but are also research-proven to drive targeted traffic.



### Buyable Pins

Did you know that you can buy a product INSIDE of Pinterest, without having to leave the platform? Pinterest's Buyable Pins is a great way to showcase your products. There is now a search section inside of Pinterest where you can find ONLY pins that are "buyable" and you should be utilising this as a part of your Pinterest for business strategy.

### Create collaboration boards

Whilst it's great to have your own Pinterest boards that other people can look at, you should also look at creating boards where you audience can collaborate with you. The more you do this, the more likely YOU are to be invited into other boards as a collaborator.

### Consistency

For Pinterest to give you the results that you are looking for, you need to be consistent. This means that you must post every day, and not just once a week. Don't only add your own pins, re-pin as well.

### Promoted Pins

How much do you know about Promoted Pins? These are a way to organically promote your pins to your audience. This is similar to boosting a post inside of Facebook, and can have three goals; awareness, engagement and traffic. I have been using Pinterest ads for quite some time, and find them effective in reaching my audience members who actively engage inside of Pinterest.



### Make your website mobile-friendly

If you are looking to drive traffic to your website from Pinterest, you need to get "mobile-friendly". Studies suggest that 75% of Pinterest usage takes place on a smartphone so if you want to convert your Pinterest views into website views, make sure you are user-friendly. (Business2community.com)

Accuses tech giant of overcharging 'billions of dollars'

# Apple lock horns with Qualcomm

## San Francisco

Apple on Friday sued Qualcomm, accusing the California chipmaker of abusing its market power to demand unfair royalties, echoing charges filed days earlier by US antitrust regulators.

Tech giant Apple said in the court filing that it has been overcharged "billions of dollars" by its chipmaking partner's "illegal scheme."

The company also claimed Qualcomm owes it a billion dollars but is refusing to pay in retaliation for the iPhone maker's cooperating with South Korean antitrust regulators looking into the chipmaker's actions in that country.

"For many years Qualcomm has unfairly insisted on charging royalties for technologies they have nothing to do with," Apple said in an email statement.

"To protect this business scheme Qualcomm has taken increasingly radical steps, most recently withholding nearly \$1



Apple CEO, Tim Cook billion in payments from Apple as retaliation for responding truthfully to law enforcement agencies investigating them."

Qualcomm rejected Apple's claims at baseless, contending the iPhone maker "intentionally mischaracterized" agreements as well as the value of the company's technology.

"Apple has been actively encouraging regulatory attacks on Qualcomm's business in various jurisdictions around the world... by misrepresenting facts and withholding

information," Qualcomm general counsel Don Rosenberg said in a statement.

"We welcome the opportunity to have these meritless claims heard in court."

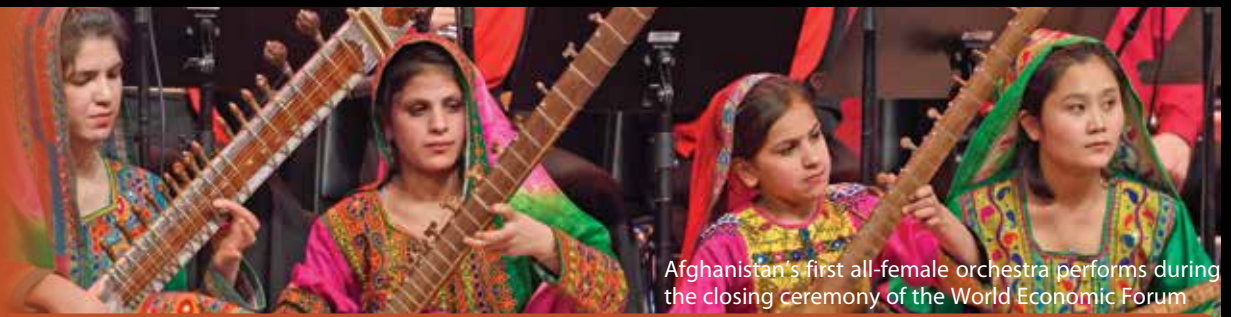
The suit charges Qualcomm of building a business model on using its rights to older, legacy technology considered telecommunication industry standards to raise royalties when Apple innovates with features such as TouchID fingerprint recognition or digital wallets in mobile devices.

"Despite being just one of over a dozen companies who contributed to basic cellular standards, Qualcomm insists on charging Apple at least five times more in payments than all the other cellular patent licensors we have agreements with combined," Apple said.

Apple relies on Qualcomm for chip-based modems that enable iPhones and iPads to communicate with telecommunication networks.

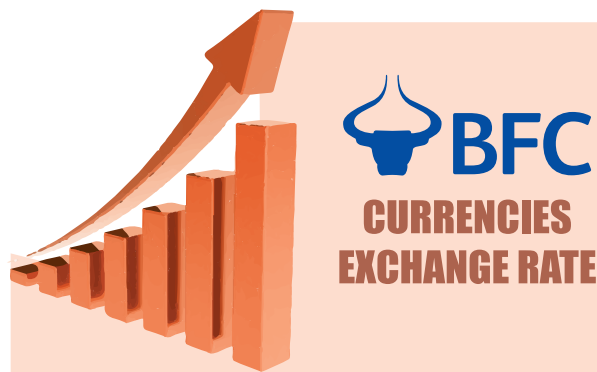


# Davos debate



Afghanistan's first all-female orchestra performs during the closing ceremony of the World Economic Forum

## key themes this year



COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
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BANGLADESH	0.00523	0.00478
CANADA	0.2893	0.2862
DENMARK	0.0573	
EGYPT	0.0361	0.0219
EURO	0.4112	0.4091
HONGKONG	0.04983	0.04943
INDIA	0.00620	0.00565
INDONESIA	0.00002997	0.00028830
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IRAQI DINAR	0.000294	
JAPAN	0.003450	0.003380
JORDAN	0.5365	0.5351
KOREA	0.00037148	
KUWAIT	1.2580	1.249
MALAYSIA	0.087500	0.0869
NEW ZEALAND	0.2756	0.2742
NORWAY	0.0470	
NEPAL	0.00406	0.00347
OMAN	0.97962	0.97962
PAKISTAN	0.00377	0.00360
PHILIPPINES	0.00783	0.00757
QATAR	0.10381	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10061	0.10066
SINGAPORE	0.2686	0.2666
SOUTH AFRICA	0.02930	0.02920
SRI LANKA	0.00279	0.00252
SWEDISH	0.0455	
SWITZERLAND	0.0385	0.3823
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THAILAND	0.010900	0.010860
TURKEY	0.1076	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.4757	0.4728
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	0.4647	0.3746	0.3296
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.6526	0.2837	0.2496
OMAN	0.3849	0.3874	0.3825	0.3365
QATAR	3.6420	3.6653	3.6188	3.1844
UAE	3.6730	3.6965	3.6496	3.2115
SAUDI	3.7500	3.7740	3.7262	3.2788

Davos

The global elite wraps up its talkathon in the Swiss ski resort of Davos on Friday -- around the same time as Donald Trump enters the White House on a wave of anti-elitist anger.

Here are five key themes from this year's World Economic Forum, which gathers movers and shakers from business, politics, academia and showbiz every year for a week of earnest debate and extravagant partying.

### China: globalisation's new saviour?



Alibaba Group Founder and Executive Chairman, China's Jack Ma

China's President Xi Jinping emerged as an unlikely capitalist hero as Davos kicked off Tuesday, with a staunch defence of globalisation that stood in stark contrast to the protectionist Trump.

The first Chinese supreme to address Davos, Xi said there was "no point in blaming economic globalisation for the world's problems" at a time when anger over the downsides of open borders has triggered political revolts in the US, Britain and beyond.

The message won glowing praise from Davos delegates -- though the irony of the communist leader's new

status as a capitalist darling was not lost on observers, and China hands noted that his mantra of openness clashed with his government's repressive actions at home.

China's growing thirst for foreign acquisitions was also on display in Davos. The country's richest man Wang Jianling and internet billionaire Jack Ma both expressed an interest in further investments in Hollywood and elsewhere.

### Getting down to business on Brexit



British Prime Minister Theresa May

British Prime Minister Theresa May headlined Thursday, with business leaders flocking to hear further details of her Brexit plan.

May pronounced Britain "open for business" despite her announcement that she plans to exit the EU single market, promising a mass of ambitious trade deals with partners around the world.

Anxious executives in Davos said they were relieved to have a little more clarity on how Brexit might affect business -- but they said the devil will be in the details of the divorce negotiations.

### Tackling the populist revolt



US philanthropist Bill Gates, of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (R) gestures next to Guinean president Alpha Conde

After a year in which US and British electorates lashed out at out-of-touch elites, the cream of that elite did plenty of head-scratching over the reasons for the revolt and what can be done about it.

The official theme of this year's meeting was "responsive and responsible leadership", with the growing rural-urban divide in Western countries up for discussion along with how to appease the "squeezed and angry" middle class.

"It's a mistake not to recognise that the middle class in my country and in others is concerned that the government is not fighting for it," said ex-US Treasury secretary Lawrence Summers.

### Robots are coming for your jobs

Others spent the week laying preparations for the "Fourth Industrial Revolution" -- technological advances such as artificial intelligence that are predicted to change our lives hugely in the decades to come, notably the way we work.

After industrial robots put paid to many manufacturing jobs in the West, experts now predict the loss of millions of white-collar jobs that machines will be able to perform -- and are urging governments to wake up to the challenge.

"There's insidious insertion of automation in a lot of different domains," said Missy Cummings, a robotics expert at Duke University, naming driverless cars as just one technology that will revolutionise our lives.

"The reality is we can't just keep our head in the sand like an ostrich." (AFP)



Experience taught me a few things. One is to listen to your gut, no matter how good something sounds on paper. The second is that you're generally better off sticking with what you know. And the third is that sometimes your best investments are the ones you don't make.  
— Donald Trump



## MATTHEW STOKES WINS BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL GEOGRAPHIC BEE

### Moves One Step Closer to \$50,000 College Scholarship



Mr. Lucas-Geo Bee Guest Speaker Wed.18 Jan.'17



Geo Bee Winners



Geo Bee Contestants -Practice Sessions



Geo Bee Participants

#### Manama

Matthew Stokes, a 4th grade student at Bahrain School, won the school competition of the National Geographic Bee on Wednesday, January 18, and a chance at a \$50,000 college scholarship. National Geography Bee sponsors Mrs. Ann Davis and Dr. Ana Maria De Alvaré commented: "Bahrain School participants performed admirably in

front of their parents and peers". Mr. Jean-Baptiste Lucas, CEO of Garmco inspired our students with his love for geography at the competition.

The school's Bee, at which students answered questions on geography, was the first round in the 29th annual National Geographic Bee. The school champions, including Matthew, will take a qualifying test; up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in

each state will then be eligible to compete in their State Bee on March 31, 2017. The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state winners to participate in the Bee national championship rounds May 15-19, 2017. The first place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society

including a subscription to National Geographic magazine, and a National Geographic Expeditions trip to the Galápagos Islands, courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. The national finals will air on May 19 at 8 p.m. EST on the National Geographic Channel, Nat Geo WILD, and PBS stations. Check local listings for dates and times.

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Minister of Education , Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi honoured students with special needs who achieved top grades in their classes and student activities



Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) general secretary Abdulrahman Askar, after a meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Health Supreme Council for Youth and Sports at the BOC premises in Seef, urged all relevant authorities to work together to implement the Supreme Council's plan to promote a healthy lifestyle







Minister of Housing, Basim Alhamer received MP Jamal Bu-Hussan and reviewed the housing dossier and initiatives addressing citizens' housing needs. The Minister was briefed on the housing projects implemented by the Housing Ministry in Muharraq Governorate during the current year



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Cabinet Affairs Minister Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al-Mutawa yesterday received journalist Eman Marhoon who presented a copy of her Master's dissertation in business management from the University of Bahrain. He also received researcher Suha Akram Al-Khazraji who presented a copy of her MA thesis in media and public relations from Ahlia University under the theme "Role of TV in information the public opinion about human rights". The Minister congratulated the two graduates, commending their efforts in conducting their academic MA dissertations.



Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons, exclusive distributor of Renault in the Kingdom held the official opening of the new Renault showroom in Sitra yesterday under the patronage of Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons Chairman Farouk Almoayyed, French Ambassador Bernard Regnauld Fabre, and Renault Middle East Managing Director Marwan Haidamous



Guangzhou Chinese musical band performed at the Cultural Hall yesterday as part of the ongoing cultural cooperation between Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) and the Chinese Embassy in the Kingdom



Bahrain Tamil Mandram and the Indian Club celebrated the Tamil Harvest Festival Pongal 2017 on January 19 and 20 at the Indian Club in Gudaibiya. More than 600 people attended the function





@AngelinaJolie  
Thank you Obama for being a source of inspiration, hope and change. I have always been proud to call you my president.



## Melania Trump stuns fashion stakes



**F**irst Lady Melania Trump stunned fashion watchers by donning a sleek, off-the-shoulder cream dress with a daring thigh-high slit to dance with President Donald Trump at the inaugural balls.

Her column dress, finished with a sculpted ruffle that cascaded down the front of the gown and cinched at the waist with a red ribbon, won praise for being fresh, modern, elegant and yet understated.

She won rave reviews for her look and originality in choosing in Herve Pierre a New York-based designer who last year struck out on his own after working as creative director for famed label Carolina Herrera.

Her pick is likely to boost sales and publicity for the relatively unknown Pierre. - (AFP)

## Anne Hathaway in talks to star in 'Nasty Women'



**A**ctress Anne Hathaway is in talks to star alongside Rebel Wilson in 'Nasty Women,' a remake of 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels'.

The actress will play dueling scam artists competing to con a naive tech prodigy out of his fortune. 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels' directed by Frank Oz was released in 1988. Jac Schaeffer,

who also penned her upcoming film 'The Shower', has written the screenplay. (TOI)

## Donald trump was obsessed with me



**A**ctress Kristen Stewart says US President Donald Trump was earlier 'obsessed' with her.

Trump had in 2012 commented on Stewart's personal life. "He was mad at me a couple years ago, really obsessed with me," Stewart told.

"I can't even understand it. It's such far-out concept that I don't want to believe that actually is happening. It's insane," she added in reference to Trump's swearing-in as the US President.

He had tweeted in 2012: "Robert Pattinson should not take back Kristen Stewart. She cheated on him like a dog & will do it again just watch. He can do much better!"

When asked how Trump's tweets made her feel at that time, Stewart replied: "At that point, he was just, like, a reality star. I had no reference. It wasn't like really a thing. But in retrospect, somebody reminded me of that and I was like, 'Oh my gosh, you're right!'" - (TOI)



STARRY  
Birthday  
Diane Lane

January 22, 1965

Actress is known for her role in the film, *Unfaithful*, which earned her Best Actress nominations at the Academy Awards.



# SON AND DAUGHTERS

## of stars are fashion's new royalty



Kendall Jenner



Sylvester Stallone poses with daughters Sistene, Sophia and Scarlet

**Paris** They are fashion's new celebrity aristocracy, the sons and daughters of stars who are themselves becoming the kings and queens of the catwalk shows.

From Lily-Rose Depp and Will Smith's daughter Willow -- the faces of Chanel -- to the Beckham boys and Sylvester Stallone's two daughters modelling for Dolce &



Lily-Rose Depp

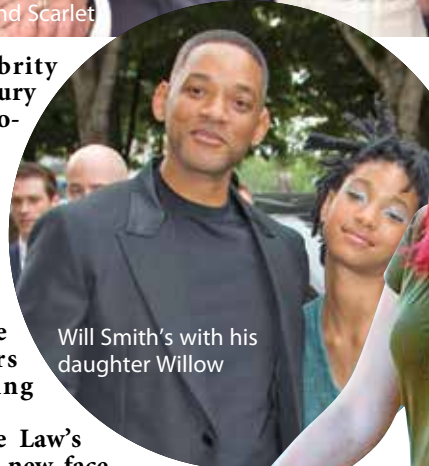
Gabbana, celebrity offspring are luxury labels' new not-so-secret weapon.

With their huge followings on social media and instant name-recognition, these millennials born in the limelight have become the perfect avatars for advertising campaigns.

British actor Jude Law's daughter Iris is the new face of Burberry having followed her brother Rafferty in modelling, while the daughters of singer Lionel Richie, Cindy Crawford and even Bob Dylan's grandson have all embarked on catwalk careers.

Michael Jackson's daughter Paris turned up in the French capital this week for a photo shoot, adding her name to a bulging celebrity model roll call that includes the daughter of Oasis singer Noel Gallagher, the son of Isabelle Adjani and Daniel Day-Lewis, the daughter of Nastassja Kinski and Quincy Jones, and the sons of Sean Penn and Pierce Brosnan.

The list is endless and seemingly inexhaustible, with marketing experts maintaining that young



Will Smith's with his daughter Willow

consumers cannot get enough of celebrity dynasties.

You just have to look at the Kardashians, said Gachoucha Kretz, professor of fashion marketing at the HEC business school in Paris, to see how the model works.

### Kardashian effect

They have converted their reality television fame into fashion hard currency, with

Kim Kardashian and her half sister Kendall Jenner now established stars of the firmament, their every wardrobe choice scrutinised on social media.

Brands hope to piggyback on "the popular fascination with these tribes and families", Kretz said.

With no problem about name recognition "there is much less marketing to do", she added. "The associations are already created."

Even fashion's biggest players are happy to play along with the family fame game. Chanel's Karl Lagerfeld, for instance, has been an enthusiastic nepotist, hiring Depp, Smith and Jenner, and taking former supermodel Ines de la Fressange's daughter Violette d'Urso as his muse.

-(AFP)

## Paris Fashion Week



Do suits suit us anymore? Designers wrestled with how to reinvent the boring old jacket and pants combo for skate-kid millennials at the Paris menswear show on Friday. -(AFP)

Paris Jackson





**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.

# OUT & ABOUT

## TUNNEL V.7 - JACK STREET & JOSHUA COVE

**Date:** Today 7 pm - 23 Jan 2  
**Venue:** Ramee Grand Hotel & Spa-Manama

Tunnel (Bahrain) is a dark and twisted unparalleled event experience for the music lovers. A true underground night dedicated to it's strict music policy. No poster boys, people watchers or selfie kings (and queens for that matter), just good vibes.

## MOVEMENT MONDAY (HAVANA NIGHT)

**Date:** 23 Jan 9 pm - 24 Jan 2 pm  
**Venue:** Ramee Grand Hotel & Spa-Manama

Join us for Movement Monday, a night dedicated to the best of Salsa & Bachata. Learn the best of what Havana has to offer with lessons starting from 9.30pm. Solely Salsa and Havana classics until midnight, with support from De Karner.

## INTUITIVE EATING WITH HADEEL KADI

**Date:** 23 Jan 10 am - 12 pm  
**Venue:** Words BookstoreCafé-Jannusan

Hadeel Kadi from Reach Wellbeing is back this January. She will give an introductory talk on how to move from being an emotional eater to becoming an intuitive eater. Her approach to health and weight loss is very "holistic." This will be a bigger and deeper conversation that goes beyond food and exercise. If you are ready for a different perspective, then come join us. Hadeel has been privately coaching clients since 2012 in her capacity as a transformation life coach and integrative health and nutrition practitioner. With her sister Abeer, and through their company Reach Wellbeing, they have touched the lives of many people from the region and beyond.

## HIGHLIGHT

### BAHRAIN ANNUAL FINE ARTS EXHIBITION 43

**Date:** On-going till 17 March 2017, 8:00 am 8:00 pm

**Venue:** Bahrain National Theatre

The Bahrain Annual Fine Arts Exhibition, in its 43rd edition, celebrates the creativity and ingenuity of the local artists. Every year, the art community gathers to present their finest work, uninhibited by a subject or theme. The result is a colorful display of styles, techniques, through different mediums of expression.



## SEMINAR: STUDY IN FRANCE

**Date:** January 23  
**Venue:** Sofitel Hotel Bahrain

On Monday, 23rd of January, a seminar dedicated to the French education, entitled "Study in France" will be held on Monday, 23rd of January at the Sofitel Hotel Bahrain, from 9:00am to 2:00pm. This seminar aims at promoting and explaining the exceptional opportunities and benefits France offers in terms of both free and high quality education, whilst informing the public about the variety of curriculum including studies in English. The seminar is open to all: friends and colleagues from the Ministry of Education and the High Education Council, students from high schools and universities, educational staff especially teachers and directors, from private and public schools and universities, etc.

## OPERA DINNER

**Date:** 23 Jan 8 pm - 24 Jan 12 am  
**Venue:** Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa

Come and celebrate the closing of French Week with a beautiful Opera Dinner. Taking place at the Sofitel Bahrain, the evening will include opera being performed during the dinner.

## SILK SUN CATCHER WORKSHOP

**Date:** 25 Jan 9 am - 11:30 pm  
**Venue:** The Art House- Budaiya

In this class your instructor, Sana Asad will teach you how to use paints to create a one of a kind hand painted silk sun catcher. You can chose any design from Mandal, Marine, Botanica etc. No experience required! You will be able to take your unique accessory home to hang and display. These also make special gifts!

## TREATING CHRONIC CONDITIONS & DISEASES WITH HOMEOPATHY

**Date:** 25 Jan 10 am - 12 pm  
**Venue:** Words BookstoreCafé-Jannusan

Do you have a child with chronic eczema, allergies, Autism, ADHD, speech delays and other childhood developmental, behavioral and communication disorders? Are you living in fear of getting cancer, diabetes or depression because it runs in your family; struggle with addictive tendencies or have chronic inflammation? Join Mariette Carstens, homeopath and holistic behaviour therapist, for a workshop dealing with and delving deeper into Homeopathic Timeline Treatment. What are the causes? What are the symptoms? Learn how to address the symptoms as well as the causes. See how the Homeopathic Timeline Treatment can help you deal with those inherited blockages.

## MUSICAL EVENT "WATAN SE"

**Date:** January 27

**Venue:** Crowne Plaza Hotel

Commemorating 70 years of Indian Independence, Choice Advertising and Publicity in association with Indian Institute for Performing Arts (IIPA) is bringing forward "Watan Se", a scintillating musical evening for all music lovers in Bahrain. The event scheduled to be held on 27th January 2017 at the Bahrain Conference Centre, Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Pankaj Udhas is unique with his outstanding melodious voice which soothes and floats the listeners to a diverse level of experience. He will be accompanied by Mr. Joshi Bimal Gautham on Israj, Qureshi Naser Hussain on Mandolin, Rajendra Singh on Violine, Rashid Mustafa on Tabla and Nirmal Singh Pawar on Dolak all well known, international performers in their respective fields.

"It gives us immense pleasure to announce such an exceptional and outstanding music program presented by a very versatile music genius such as Pankaj Udhas for the music lovers of Bahrain especially to commemorate 70 Years of our Independence of our Great Nation, India", said Ambilikuttan, Managing Director & Principal, IIPA. For any further information and enquiries, please contact Dr. Nidhi S Menon, Event Coordinator on 38803215.

## THALI BUSINESS LUNCH

**Date:** Till Jan 31  
**Venue:** The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain

Welcome to the Land of Sensory delights - Dine like a Maharajah in Nirvana, where a world of sensory delights and authentic Indian cuisine will transport your palate to new heavens. Timings: Sundays to Thursdays, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

## BAHRAIN-UK ALUMNI PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

**Date:** Monday, February 6th  
**Venue:** Golden Tulip Hotel

A full day training course for Bahrain UK Alumni on how to be a successful leader through public speaking and persuasive communication.

Seats are limited!  
 For more information call us on 32210993 or email us on Alumni.bahrain@britishcouncil.org

## RESEARCHER CONNECT TRAINING WORKSHOP

**Date:** February 26 - 28  
**Venue:** TBC

Researcher Connect is training program designed to sharpen early-stage researchers and higher studies student writing and communications skills to increase their chances of being published and participating in international conference.

The program is fully sponsored by the British Council and seats are limited.

To register or for more information, please call 17266166 or email us on marwa.alawi@britishcouncil.orh.bh

## MARK YOUR Calendar

### SHOP BAHRAIN FESTIVAL

**Date:** Ongoing till 18 Feb 2017  
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Palestine on a Plate by Joudie Kalla: Palestine on a Plate is a tribute to family, cooking, and home-old recipes created with love that brings people together in appreciation of the beauty of this rich heritage. Immerse yourself in the stories and culture of Palestine through the food in this book. The rules of our CookBook Club are simple. Look through the book, pick a recipe to prepare, and bring the finished dish to our meeting where we will all indulge in a glorious feast!



## HIGHLIGHT

### INTUITIVE EATING WITH HADEEL KADI

**Date:** 23 Jan 10 am - 12 pm  
**Venue:** Words BookstoreCafé-Jannusan

Hadeel Kadi from Reach Wellbeing is back this January. She will give an introductory talk on how to move from being an emotional eater to becoming an intuitive eater. Her approach to health and weight loss is very "holistic." This will be a bigger and deeper conversation that goes beyond food and exercise. If you are ready for a different perspective, then come join us. Hadeel has been privately coaching clients since 2012 in her capacity as a transformation life coach and integrative health and nutrition practitioner. With her sister Abeer, and through their company Reach Wellbeing, they have touched the lives of many people from the region and beyond.





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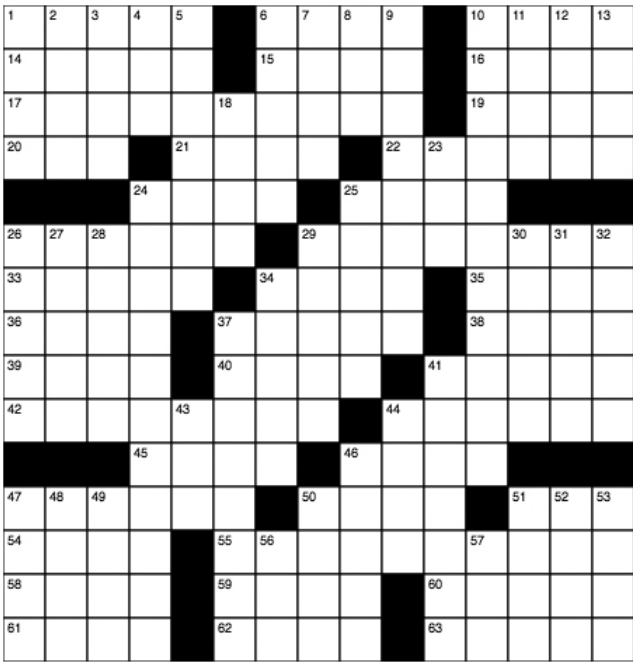
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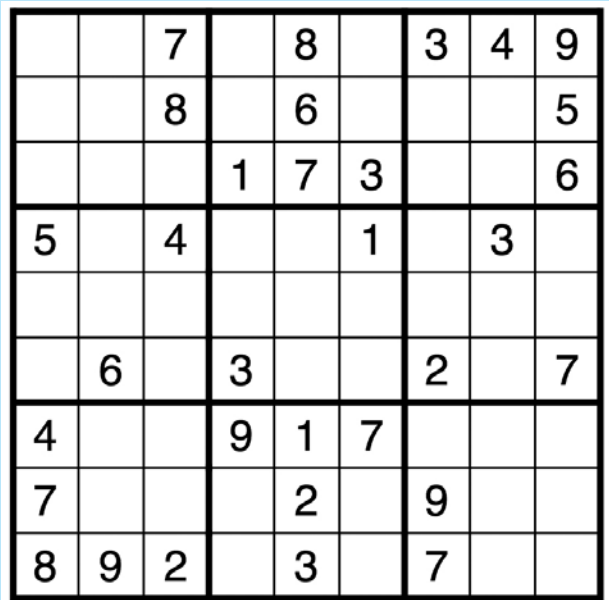
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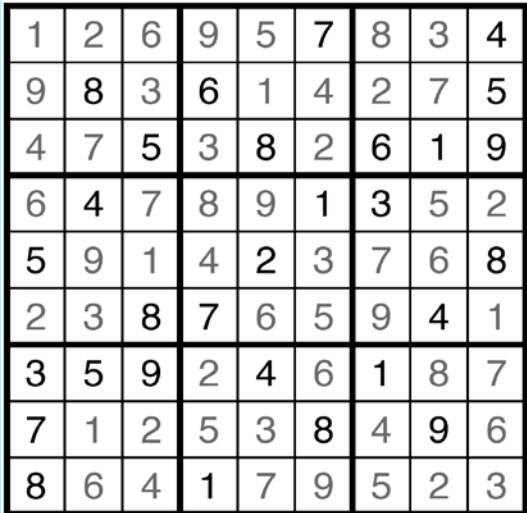
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



Planetary energies have your brain operating at an even higher level than usual. Your thoughts jump from one topic to the next, as first you wonder about the future of the space program and then the benefits of diesel fuel. There's no reason to your thoughts, but they are plentiful. Pay attention as there are likely to be some real gems amidst the clutter.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



You might want to pack your bags, for all indications are that you're going on a trip. Perhaps you might be doing some travelling for work, but more likely you are going somewhere in pursuit of a personal dream. Distant lands beckon, and if you cannot get there right away you should begin making plans for how you can get there in the future.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



This day could be downright boring. Your mind is filled with exciting new ideas and your body is chomping at the bit for physical activity. Even if you're desk bound today, you can at least escape mentally. Do an Internet search for hot vacation getaway spots during your lunch hour.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Dreams continue to be a big part of your life today. It is likely that you have been having some unusual ones lately, and you wonder about their significance. Why not go to the library and check out a book or two? You may be fascinated by what you discover. Remember: dream interpretation is an art, not a science. If you're really curious, seek out an expert.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Be sure to eat a good breakfast this morning as you are going to need your energy for the day! You will come in contact with some fascinating people today. Perhaps some colleagues have arrived from the foreign office. The conversation at lunch is likely to be heated and wide-ranging, as this particularly bright group of individuals touch upon all topics of interest.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



Keep your eyes and ears open for any new opportunities. Today you will have a chance to become involved in a group that is important to you. Perhaps you are invited to be a team member on a group project at work. Or it may be that you are accepted into a group of some kind. Any new endeavour you begin today is likely to turn out splendidly.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Today your mind is filled with creative ideas, and you're anxious to try out some of them. All in good time. For now, you would be best served doing what is expected of you. Save the innovation for after hours. Once everything is in place and all the kinks have been worked out, then you can introduce your ideas to your bosses with the confidence that your working model is, indeed, working.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Change is very much in the air today as well as the disruption that often comes along with it. You can expect all sorts of things to go wrong today. While none of the malfunctions are major, they do combine over the course of the day to fray your nerves and try your patience. Try to stay calm and keep your perspective. All will get resolved in time.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



If one of your goals has been to become more active and involved in community issues, then today is your chance. It is likely that you will be invited to join a volunteer group. Your particular skill set is sorely needed. While you may be reluctant at first you will find that once you begin to participate that you very much get caught up in the cause.

(Dec 22nd- Jan 20th)



You have done well in your career, and it is likely that you will continue to do so. In fact, your financial situation has never looked rosier. This is no time to stop and rest on your laurels. You have some good momentum going, you should make the most of it. Put your nose to the grindstone at work and you will continue to reap the rewards.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



This is bound to be another exciting day where you would be lost if you didn't have a series of exciting events occurring in one day. It may be that you meet some new colleagues and you hit it off famously. Perhaps you receive word that you're going on an exciting business trip! Whatever the day's excitement brings, handle it with your usual grace and aplomb.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Make the most of your creativity to do some painting or some writing. You have much talent, and need only use it on a regular basis in order to enhance it. Today you may discover not only how talented you are, but also how much you enjoy the process of creating. Give yourself the gift of time, and the focus necessary in order to use your abilities to their full potential.



## Hungarian school coach crashes in Italy

# Fiery bus crash kills 16 in Italy



A firefighter extinguishing flames in the wreckage of a bus following a crash on the A4 motorway near the Verona East exit, northern Italy.

## Verona

**A**t least 16 people died when a coach bringing Hungarian teenagers home from a skiing trip crashed and burst into flames on a northern Italian motorway overnight, authorities said yesterday.

Emergency workers said that the bus carrying 56 people returning from France, most of them teenagers aged 14-16, as well as several teachers and two drivers, ploughed into a bridge pillar.

"At the moment, there are 16 confirmed deaths," said Verona traffic police chief Girolamo Lacquaniti.

The accident has deeply shaken Hungary where Prime

Minister Viktor Orban has declared a national day of mourning to be observed on Monday to remember the victims.

It appeared the death toll from the tragedy near Verona at around 11:00 pm (2200 GMT) could have been much worse had it not been for the bravery and quick thinking of a teacher.

"Those who were seated at the back of the bus saved themselves by smashing the windows amid shouting and panic," Hungary's consul in Italy Judit Timaffy told Italian media.

"A gym teacher rescued lots of those on board by



Two survivors of a coach crash stand in a hallway in Verona

getting back on the bus. He was taken to hospital with serious burns on his back,"

Timaffy said.

The Hungarian government said that three

people were in a very serious condition, including one in an artificial coma. Ten more were seriously hurt and 13 had minor injuries.

All were being treated in nearby hospitals. Twelve others who were not hurt were receiving counselling at a hotel in the vicinity.

Describing a "devastating" scene, Lacquaniti told Radio Capitale that 13 passengers had managed to escape by jumping out.

A huge inferno very quickly engulfed the bus, dramatic pictures released by police showed, completely destroying the interior and reducing the vehicle to a

burned-out wreck. Once the blaze was put out emergency workers had to wait for a judge to give approval to comb through the smoking remains, which they then spent the rest of the night doing to establish the complete death toll.

Some passengers were killed when they were hurled from the coach on impact, but most of the victims were found badly charred inside the vehicle after being unable to escape in time.

Traffic police in Italy were still gathering evidence and consulting video evidence so it was "still too early to determine the cause of this tragedy," Lacquaniti said. (AFP)

## The game is on!

Picture courtesy of NDTV

## Manama/Chennai

**I**ndian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to overturn court ban on a popular bull-wrestling festival was welcomed with cheers yesterday by expatriates here in Bahrain.

The ruling overturned after a gap of two-years follows massive protests in southern India by demonstrators who called the court's ruling an attack on their culture.

The decision by India's Supreme Court also sparked a

wave of protests here in Bahrain too, with expatriates coming out in large numbers to express their solidarity and protest.

Hundreds of expatriates including women and children gathered at Asry beach to voice their support for the pro-Jallikattu movement, which in recent days saw thousands of demonstrators gathering in state capital Chennai and other cities, demanding the ban on Jallikattu be lifted.

The court outlawed the bull-



During a protest in Manama wrestling Jallikattu festival last year after a plea by animal rights groups, which have long accused

## Tamil Nadu gears up for 'Jallikattu' as Indian Prime Minister overturns court ban



During a protest held in Zallaq

participants in the event -- held annually across southern Tamil Nadu state -- of cruelty to the animals. The growing protests prompted Tamil Nadu's chief minister to travel to Delhi earlier this week to ask Modi to overturn the ban, which he did late Friday.

Tamil Nadu's governor then promulgated the executive order Saturday evening, paving the way for Jallikattu to resume on Sunday.

"Tamil Nadu Governor Vidyasagar Rao approves

Jallikattu ordinance," the state's ruling AIADMK party posted on Twitter.

Television footage from Chennai showed crowds erupting in joy, waving, giving the thumbs up and flashing peace signs as the news came in.

State Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam is set to kick off the traditional contest today morning.

"Honourable CM Thiru O. Panneerselvam thanks the students, women and the public who staged agitations

across the state to protect our culture," the party said on Twitter.

In Jallikattu, young men struggle to grab the bulls by their sharpened horns or jump on their backs as the muscular animals, festooned with marigolds, charge down the road.

Unlike in traditional Spanish bullfighting, the animals are let loose into open fields where young men compete to subdue them bare-handed. (With inputs from agencies)



## #PollToday



Do you support government decision to increase expats medical cost?

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2016 was the year the Anglo-Saxon world woke up. 2017, I am sure, the people of continental Europe will wake up

**Marine Le Pen**  
French presidential

## Rest in sight

**Pakistan market bomb kills 20, 40 injured**



A bomb exploded at a market on yesterday in a mainly Shiite area of Pakistan's northwestern tribal belt, killing at least 20 people and wounding 40 others, officials said.

**Mauritius premier to step down for son**

Mauritius Prime Minister Anerood Jugnauth announced on yesterday he would be stepping down to make way for his son Pravind, a move that could spark turmoil in the island.

**Raids in Austria as 'terror' suspect grilled**

Austrian police raided several addresses yesterday as they grilled a suspected Islamic extremist thought to have been planning an attack, authorities said.

**Breast implant victims win payout from German firm**

A French court on Friday ordered German safety certifier TÜV to pay 60 million euros in compensation to 20,000 women who received defective breast implants.

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# Italy Avalanche: 23 still trapped

## Four more survivors

**Penne**

**I**talian rescuers pulled four survivors from an avalanche-hit hotel yesterday and said they remained hopeful of finding alive at least some of the 23 people still trapped under the ruins.

The latest rescues lifted the total number of survivors to 11.

But there were 23 people still unaccounted for, according to a first official statement on the number of missing.

Morale among the teams of mountain police and firefighters remained high after Friday's dramatic rescue of all four children who were inside the Hotel Rigopiano, in central Italy, along with the mother of two of them.

But the rescue operation, now in its third day, was increasingly resembling a race against the clock amid fears that anyone still alive could succumb to the cold before being found.

Two men and two women were rescued alive in the early hours of yesterday.

There were no reports of any other signs of life but officials emphasised that was no reason to give up hope.

Enrica Centi, a spokeswoman for the mountain rescuers involved in the operation, said: "There is still hope because although no more voices have been heard, there may be people trapped behind or under a cement wall which would make it impossible to hear them."

### Extreme conditions

Heavy snow and poor visibility that grounded helicopters in the area was hampering the rescue effort.

"The operation continues to be very complicated," said Fabrizio Curcio, head of the civil protection agency. "The rescuers are working in extreme conditions."

Teams of firefighters and police are combing a debris-strewn area bigger than several football pitches as a result of the devastating force of the avalanche, which pushed the three-storey hotel

some 10 metres (30 feet) from its foundations.

And Friday's rescue showed that even once someone is located, it can take many more hours to complete their extraction amid an ever-present risk of further masonry collapses.

The latest operations bring to 11 the total number people who survived the disaster, including two hotel guests who were outside when the avalanche struck just before nightfall on Wednesday.

Five bodies had been recovered by lunchtime Saturday.

### Kids in games room

In a first official update on the numbers at the hotel when the avalanche struck, the prefecture in the nearest city, Pescara, said 23 people remained unaccounted for.

Earlier estimates had put the missing figure at between 11 and 20 with the uncertainty caused by doubts over the guest register and whether any casual visitors were in the bar

or restaurant.

The first rescuers battled through a snowstorm to reach the hotel early on Thursday and since then, progress has been painfully slow because of the risk of masonry and snow slides.

The children likely survived because they were in or around a games room which was not crushed by the avalanche.

"There were three of us kids playing pool. One of the mums was there but all the other adults were in another room," nine-year-old Edoardo Di Carlo said after his rescue.

The avalanche followed four earthquakes of more than five magnitude in the space of four hours earlier on Wednesday.

The death toll from the quake, not including the victims at the hotel, rose to five on Saturday.

Some 33,000 homes were still powerless and 8,000 troops and emergency services were deployed to help the affected region. - (AFP)



## Mexican drug lord 'El Chapo' pleads not guilty in US

**New York**

**M**exican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, one of the world's most notorious criminals, pleaded not guilty in a US court yesterday to a raft of firearms, drug trafficking and conspiracy charges that could see him jailed for life.

Less than 24 hours after being extradited by Mexico, the 59-year-old drug baron looked tired as he stood in blue prison scrubs flanked by his US public defenders for the brief, 10-minute hearing in a federal court in Brooklyn.

US prosecutors say Guzman's Sinaloa cartel is responsible for distributing hundreds of thousands of kilos of heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana throughout the United States, reaping billions of dollars in profits.

## Chapecoense play first game since plane crash

**Brasilia**

**C**hapecoense, the Brazilian football club cruelly decimated by a plane crash, stride back on the field yesterday in a new line-up for their first match since the tragedy.

Intense public and media attention was greeting the friendly match against Palmeiras, to be played in the Arena Condá stadium in Chapeco.

Their plane went down on November 28 in mountains near Colombia's city of Medellin.

# Seven held over infamous diamond heist

**The Hague**

**S**even people have been arrested over the robbery of \$72 million (67 million euros) in jewellery, one the world's biggest ever heists, from Amsterdam's airport nearly 12 years ago, authorities said yesterday.

The diamonds and jewellery were taken during the hold up of a KLM armoured car in a high-security portion of Schiphol airport in February

2005, police said in a statement.

Though the thieves were armed, no one was hurt in the heist.

Police "carried out, on Friday January 20 and Saturday January 21, 2017, a total of seven arrests in connection with the diamond theft at Schiphol airport in February 2005 and money laundering," the statement said.

The five male and two

female suspects, all Dutch nationals, were arrested in Amsterdam and Valencia, in eastern Spain.

While some of the stolen diamonds were found in an escape vehicle immediately after the heist, the rest -- valued at \$43 million remain unaccounted for.

Four people had been arrested soon after the incident, one of the Netherlands' worst cases of theft.



Representational image





BMC Racing rider Richie Porte of Australia pulls ahead of the competition during stage five

# Porte pedals to victory

there,” Porte said. “But I’m happy with where I’m at at the moment, I put some good time into the other guys and I think it’ll make tomorrow a little bit more relaxed.”

Porte conceded his eyes were on the Tour de France later this year. The 151.5-kilometre fifth stage began in the wine-growing town of McLaren Vale and took in three laps through the vineyards and around Aldinga Beach before a circuit that took in two climbs of Willunga Hill.

**Adelaide**

Tasmania’s Richie Porte won the iconic Willunga Hill stage of the Tour Down Under for the fourth year in a row yesterday with a superb attack from two kilometres out.

Porte’s bold move two-thirds of the way up the second climb of Willunga Hill left the more fancied Colombian climbers Sergio Henao and Esteban Chaves in his wake.

The Australian, whose BMC Racing team believes he is a real contender for the Tour de France, crossed the finish line 20 seconds ahead of fellow countryman Nathan Haas and Chaves.

He now leads the General Classification by 48 seconds from Orica-Scott’s Chaves and is virtually assured of winning the season-opening UCI World Tour race on the streets of Adelaide today.

“That street circuit in Adelaide is not easy, anything can happen

climb of Willunga Hill.

Clarke soon dropped off the pace but the other three made it over the top two minutes clear, allowing De Gendt to pick up the King of the Mountain points.

The peloton began to reel in the leaders and with seven kilometres to go they were caught, signalling the start of the attacks as a number of teams tried to bring their climbers to the front.

Henao, Chaves and Porte joined a small group of seven who broke clear of the peloton but with two kilometres to go Porte attacked and neither of the Colombians could keep up with him.

Australian Nathan Haas, who was dropped early in the climb, battled back and stole second place with Chaves third.

### Merida in top 20

Bahraini duo of Giovanni Visconti and Ondrej Cink fared well in the Hill stage finishing in 17th and 18th spots, respectively at the TDU stage 5.

“I tried to do the race a little bit harder, because I know if I arrive in the final with the big group, I cannot compete now. So I tried to my legs condition. I’m happy. I worked very well. I’m not ready to win now, for sure, but I’m near for the first stand, it makes me happy,” said



Cink and Visconti, BAHRAIN MERIDA

just over three minutes on the early circuits but that was cut by a minute at the bottom of the first

### Stage Five

1. Richie Porte (AUS/BMC Racing) 3hr 40min 13sec
2. Nathan Haas (AUS/Dimension Data) at 20 seconds
3. Esteban Chaves (COL/Orica-Scott) same time
4. Diego Ulissi (ITA/UAE Abu Dhabi) s.t.
5. Jay McCarthy (AUS/Bora-hansgrohe) s.t.

### General Classification

1. Richie Porte (AUS/BMC Racing) 18hr 0min 21sec
2. Esteban Chaves (COL/Orica-Scott) at 48 seconds
3. Nathan Haas (AUS/Dimension Data) +51
4. Jay McCarthy (AUS/Bora-Hansgrohe) +54
5. Diego Ulissi (ITA/UAE Abu Dhabi) +59

### King of the Mountain

1. Richie Porte (AUS/BMC Racing) 32pts
2. Thomas De Gendt (BEL/Lotto Soudal) 32pts
3. Esteban Chaves (COL/Orica-Scott) 22pts

### Sprint

1. Caleb Ewan (AUS/Orica-Scott) 45pts
2. Nathan Haas (AUS/Team Dimension Data) 39pts
3. Danny van Poppel (NED/Team Sky) 39pts

Visconti after the race.

Continue the day before, it was another strong performance for the 26-year-old Czech Republic ex MTB rider.

“I tried to be always in the front, and thank you for our team because everybody pushed before the first climb, and me and Visco we were in the front. Visco tried with the break, I controlled behind BMC, then I was all the time in the front.

“But the last climb was very hard. We started around 30 or 25. We passed some riders, I keep the tempo for Visconti all climb. I was happy for my performance in the end.”

Sunday’s final stage is a 90-kilometre race through an Adelaide street circuit.

# Leipzig down Ten-man Frankfurt

**Berlin**

Goalkeeper Lukas Hradecky was sent off just 125 seconds into Eintracht Frankfurt’s 3-0 defeat yesterday as second-placed RB Leipzig trimmed Bayern Munich’s lead in the Bundesliga.

The match at Leipzig’s Red Bull Arena had barely begun when Hradecky dropped to the turf to gather a loose ball just outside his area and was shown a straight red card for handling the ball.

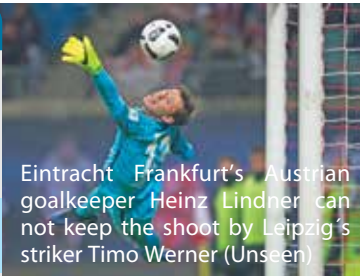
It left visitors Frankfurt with 10

### German Bundesliga results:

Schalke	1	Ingolstadt	0
Wolfsburg	1	Hamburg	0
Augsburg	0	Hoffenheim	2
Werder Bremen	1	Borussia Dortmund	2
Darmstadt	0	Borussia	0
RB Leipzig	3	Eintracht Frankfurt	0

### Playing Sunday

Bayer Leverkusen v Hertha Berlin (1430), Mainz v Cologne (1630)



Eintracht Frankfurt’s Austrian goalkeeper Heinz Lindner can not keep the shoot by Leipzig’s striker Timo Werner (Unseen)

men for the next 87 minutes as Leipzig netted through defender Marvin Compper and top-scorer

Timo Werner before Frankfurt defender Jesus Vallejo’s second-half own goal.

## MoI beats Batelco

**Manama**

Ministry of the Interior defeated Batelco 6-2 in the second round of matches in the Bahrain Industrial Bowling League at the Fun Land Bowling Centre in Manama.



Top scoring for the Ministry of the Interior was Ahmed Al Malki (236) high game and (623) high series and for Batelco it was Mohammed Sultan (299) for the high game of the week and (641) series.

In another match, GPIC beat Tatweer 6-2 with GPIC guest player Ahmed Fareed (244) series and (613) series top scoring and for Tatweer it was Medel Villanueva (254) and (669) series.

**Other results** (bowler, game, series):

Banagas (Raed Ahmad, 243, 619) bt Electricity and Water Authority (Emad Al Jahromi, 254, 689 high series of week) 6-2.

Pioneers (Mohammed Falah, 222, Hussain Al Qaseer, 568) bt Bapco (Ali Al Helo, 268, 640) 6-2.

**Third round schedule:**

Batelco vs Pioneers, Banagas vs Gulf Air, Ministry of the Interior vs GPIC, Electricity and Water Authority vs Bapco. Bye: Tatweer.

## Comfortable win for Titans CC

Titans CC recorded a comfortable 50-run win over LuLu CC in the latest matches of the Sprite sponsored BCL Diamond Knockout League at the Busaiteen Grounds in Muharraq. Batting first, Titans scored 171 for seven in 20 overs with the main scorers being opener Saleem (45), Ibrar (34 off 17 deliveries) and Wasim (25) with Jithesh (two for 38) the best of the bowlers and in reply, LuLu CC were restricted to 121 for seven in 20 overs with Pradeep (36) and Suneer (29) top scoring, while Mohan (two for 17) was the best of the bowlers. In another match, Bassali Focus Tiger edged out BMMI by 18 runs in a low scoring encounter, as Bassali were dismissed for 94 with Bilal (24) the main scorer and Noman (three for nine) and Khalil (three for 10) the best of the bowlers, while BMMI were dismissed for 76 with the only resistance from Tayyab (12) and Waleed (three for eight) the pick of the bowlers.

### Other results:

Africa Cup of Nations			
Ghana	1	Mali	0
Egypt	1	Uganda	0

Italian Serie A:			
Chievo	v	Fiorentina	(1700)
AC Milan	v	Napoli	(1945)

French Ligue 1 results:			
Nantes	0	Paris Saint-Germain	2
Bordeaux	1	Toulouse	0
Dijon	0	Lille	0
Guingamp	1	Rennes, Metz v Montpellier	1
Caen	v	Nancy - postponed due to frozen pitch	

Today			
Monaco	v	Lorient	(1400)
Saint-Etienne	v	Angers	(1600)
Lyon	v	Marseille	(2000)





Manchester United's English striker Wayne Rooney applauds at the end of the match

# Rooney breaks United record

## Liverpool rocked by Swansea

**London**  
**Wayne Rooney** became Manchester United's all-time leading scorer in dramatic fashion as his last-ditch wonder goal rescued a 1-1 draw at Stoke, while Liverpool's title challenge suffered a major setback in a shock 3-2 defeat against Swansea yesterday.

Rooney surpassed Bobby Charlton's tally of 249 goals for United when he struck with a superb effort deep into stoppage-time at the Britannia Stadium.

The 250th goal of Rooney's glittering United career was just the 31-year-old's fifth of a difficult season and came as a timely reminder of the striker's class after he was relegated to the role of a fringe player for long periods this term. It was also much needed by United, who had fallen behind in the 19th minute when Juan Mata deflected Erik Pieters' shot into his own net.

Jose Mourinho sent on Rooney in the 67th minute and the England star, who had gone two games without a goal since equalling Charlton's record in an FA Cup win over Reading on January 7, wasted his first chance to make history when he headed wide from six yards.

But Rooney refused to be denied and, with Charlton watching from the stands, his magic moment arrived four minutes into stoppage-time when he curled a superb free-kick past Stoke goalkeeper Lee Grant and into the top corner.

Rooney's gem extended United's unbeaten run in the league to 13 matches, but lost in the euphoria of his landmark strike was a disappointing result that leaves his team three points adrift of the top four.

"It means a hell of a lot. It is a great honour and I'm very proud," said Rooney, who signed for United from Everton in 2004. "It is not something I expected when I joined. The players who have played for this club have been world class.

At Anfield, Jurgen Klopp's third-placed side wasted a chance to close the gap on leaders Chelsea in an error-strewn display that left them without a win in their last three league games.

Fernando Llorente put Swansea ahead in the 48th minute when the Spanish striker punished poor defending from a corner to slot home from close-range.

Palace are now third bottom and have yet to secure a league win since Sam Allardyce replaced the sacked Alan Pardew in December.

Andy Carroll showed West Ham can thrive without Dimitri Payet as his brace inspired a 3-1 victory at Middlesbrough.

Sunderland slumped to the bottom of the table after a 2-0 defeat at West Bromwich Albion, whose goals came from Darren Fletcher and Chris Brunt. (AFP)

English Premier League results:			
Bournemouth	2	Watford	2
(King 48, Afobe 82)		(Kabasele 24, Deeney 64)	
Crystal Palace	0	Everton	1
		(Coleman 87)	
Liverpool	2	Swansea	3
(Firmino 55, 69)		(Llorente 48, 52, Sigurdsson 74)	
Middlesbrough	1	West Ham	3
(Stuani 27)		(Carroll 9, 43, Calleri 90+4)	
Stoke	1	Manchester United	1
(Mata 19-og)		(Rooney 90+4)	
West Brom	2	Sunderland	0
(Fletcher 30, Brunt 36)			
Manchester City	v	Tottenham	(1730 GMT)
Playing Sunday			
Arsenal	v	Burnley	(1415 GMT)
Chelsea	v	Hull	(1630 GMT)
Southampton	v	Leicester	(1200 GMT)

# Brighton regain top spot as three see red

**London**  
Brighton regained pole position in the race for the Premier League as the Championship leaders beat promotion rivals Sheffield Wednesday 2-1 on Friday in a fiery clash featuring three red cards.

Chris Hughton's side took the lead through a Anthony Knockaert strike at the Amex Stadium, but Wednesday levelled before half-time thanks to a Lewis Dunk own goal.

Wednesday had a golden opportunity to go ahead when Brighton striker Glenn Murray was sent off for a handball that gave the visitors a second half penalty.

But Brighton goalkeeper

David Stockdale saved Fernando Forestieri's spot-kick and the hosts made light of their numerical disadvantage to snatch the points five minutes from full-time when former Leicester winger Knockaert struck again.

Brighton's win moved them two points clear of second placed Newcastle and 12 points ahead of sixth placed Wednesday.

Newcastle could reclaim top spot if they beat bottom of the table Rotherham on Saturday.

Brighton broke the deadlock 11 minutes before the interval when

League results:			
Championship			
Aston Villa	2	Preston	2
Blackburn	1	Birmingham	1
Cardiff	1	Burton	0
Derby	3	Reading	2
Huddersfield	2	Ipswich	0
Newcastle	4	Rotherham	0
Norwich	3	Wolves	1
Nottingham Forest	1	Bristol City	0
QPR	1	Fulham	1
Wigan	2	Brentford	1
Barnsley	v	Leeds	(1730 GMT)
Played Friday			
Brighton	2	Sheffield Wednesday	1

Knockaert scored with an angled shot from Tomer Hemed's pass. Wednesday equalised on the stroke of half-time when Forestieri's cross was diverted towards goal by Oliver Norwood into the path of Dunk, who headed into his own net.

After the break, Murray was dismissed for handling Glenn Loovens' shot, but Stockdale denied Forestieri from the spot.

Knockaert pounced to give Brighton victory, prodding home at the far post from Sebastien Pocognoli's cross.

In a bad-tempered finale, Fletcher was sent off for a flare-up with Dale Stephens before Hutchinson saw red after clattering Solly March. (AFP)



Glenn Murray of Brighton (left) battles with Sam Hutchinson of Sheffield Wednesday



# Ageless Nadal outlasts teenager

Australia's Daria Gavrilova celebrates after victory against Switzerland's Timea Bacsinszky

Croatia's Mirjana Lucic-Baroni celebrates her victory against Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska

Britain's Johanna Konta celebrates beating Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki

Czech Republic's Karolina Pliskova celebrates her victory against Latvia's Jelena Ostapenko

Serena Williams of the US reacts after a point against Nicole Gibbs

## Melbourne

**Rafael Nadal's** ageing legs outlasted German teenager Alexander Zverev in

an epic five sets as Serena Williams sailed into the last 16 at the Australian Open yesterday.

Nadal needed all his trademark grit against Zverev, 19, dubbed "the future of tennis", and his superior fitness told as he ground out a thrilling 4-6, 6-3, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-2 win.

Germany's Zverev looked in discomfort as he won a punishing 37-shot rally nearly four hours into their contest as Nadal, still full of running, pressed his advantage in the final set.

It means Nadal, 30, follows fellow veteran Roger Federer into the last 16 of a contest now missing defending champion Novak Djokovic after his stunning defeat to Denis Istomin.

"Everybody knows how good Alexander is," said Nadal, who will play France's Gael Monfilis in the fourth round. "He's the future of our sport, and the present."

Williams, by contrast, had no such trouble as she brushed off fellow American Nicole

Gibbs 6-1, 6-3 to maintain her charge towards a 23rd Grand Slam title.

Williams, back after an injury break at the end of 2016, has been in brilliant form and she will take some stopping as she zeroes in on Steffi Graf's Open-era record.

The next player to take on Williams will be Barbora Strycova, who ousted France's Caroline Garcia to earn a shot at the world number two.

"Obviously I'm here for one reason," said Williams, who again lifted her index finger in celebration at her victory, symbolising the number one.

"But at the end of the day, this is all bonus for me and I look forward to playing (Strycova). I'm ready for her."

Elsewhere 117th-ranked Istomin built on his win over Djokovic by beating Pablo Carreno Busta 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 to reach the last 16 for the first time.

David Goffin halted towering Croatian Ivo Karlovic, who won a tournament-record 84-game match in the first round, to set up a clash against Austrian eighth seed Dominic Thiem.

## Results

### Men's singles -3rd rd

Dominic Thiem (AUT x8) bt Benoit Paire (FRA) 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4  
David Goffin (BEL x11) bt Ivo Karlovic (CRO x20) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4  
Roberto Bautista (ESP x13) bt David Ferrer (ESP x21) 7-5, 6-7 (6/8), 7-6 (7/3), 6-4  
Denis Istomin (UZB) bt Pablo Carreno-Busta (ESP x30) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2  
Rafael Nadal (ESP x9) bt Alexander Zverev (GER x24) 4-6, 6-3, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-2  
Gael Monfilis (FRA x6) bt Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER x32) 6-3, 7-6 (7/1), 6-4  
Milos Raonic (CAN) bt Gilles Simon (FRA) 6-2, 7-6 (7/5), 3-6, 6-3

### Women's singles -3rd rd

Jennifer Brady (USA) bt Elena Vesnina (RUS x14) 7-6 (7/4), 6-2  
Mirjana Lucic-Baroni (CRO) bt Maria Sakkari (GRE) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3  
Ekaterina Makarova (RUS x30) bt Dominika Cibulkova (SVK x6) 6-2, 6-7 (3/7), 6-3  
Barbora Strycova (CZE x16) bt Caroline Garcia (FRA x21) 6-2, 7-5  
Serena Williams (USA x2) bt Nicole Gibbs (USA) 6-1, 6-3  
Johanna Konta (GBR x9) bt Caroline Wozniacki (DEN x17) 6-3, 6-1  
Karolina Pliskova (CZE x5) bt Jelena Ostapenko (LAT) 4-6, 6-0, 10-8  
Daria Gavrilova (AUS x22) bt Timea Bacsinszky (SUI x12) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4

Spain's Rafael Nadal serves against Germany's Alexander Zverev

Canada's Milos Raonic reacts while playing against France's Gilles Simon

Austria's Dominic Thiem celebrates his victory against Australia's Jordan Thompson

Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut hits a return against Spain's David Ferrer

"I was ready to fight until midnight if I had to," grinned the Belgian.

Roberto Bautista Agut ousted fellow Spaniard David Ferrer 7-5, 6-7 (6/8), 7-6 (7/3), 6-4 and will next play third seed Milos Raonic, who beat Gilles Simon 6-2, 7-6 (7/5), 3-6, 6-3.

In the women's draw, Britain's Johanna Konta maintained her sizzling form with a dominant 6-3, 6-1 victory over former world number one Caroline Wozniacki.

"Against someone like Caroline, she's not going to give it to you. You really do have to earn it and win it till the very last point. I'm just very happy I was able to keep that pressure on," said the ninth seed.

Konta's prize is a round-of-16 rematch with Russia's Ekaterina Makarova, whom she edged at the same stage last year, going 8-6 in the final set.

Makarova, seeded 30, beat sixth seed Dominika Cibulkova in a three set marathon.

Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, who hadn't won an Australian Open match since 1998 before this year, extended her fairytale run by beating Greece's Maria Sakkari 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. Next up for the 34-year-old Croatian, who put her career on hold to flee her abusive father, is American qualifier Jennifer Brady, who upset 14th seed Elena Vesnina. (AFP)

Uzbekistan's Denis Istomin reacts after a point against Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta



Monday, January 22, 2017

# Ramos brace saves Madrid

## Fans target Ronaldo

Madrid

**S**ergio Ramos struck twice to get Real Madrid back to winning ways as the home fans targeted Cristiano Ronaldo in a 2-1 victory over Malaga at the Santiago Bernabeu yesterday.

The European champions' 40-game unbeaten run had come to a crashing halt with back-to-back defeats to Sevilla and Celta Vigo in the past week, but after a nervy start skipper Ramos ensured they opened up a four-point gap at the top of the table.

The Spanish international opened the scoring with a towering header from a Toni Kroos corner on 35 minutes.

And Ramos soon took his career tally to 50 La Liga goals by bundling home another Kroos delivery despite standing in an offside position.

Juanpi got Malaga back into the game just after the hour and could even have snatched a point but

for a fine save from Keylor Navas to deny Chory Castro soon after.

However, victory came at a cost with Marcelo and Luka Modric limping off injured just four days before Real attempt to overturn a 2-1 Copa del Rey

quarter-final first-leg deficit at Celta Vigo. Second-placed Sevilla and Barcelona, a further point adrift in third, can close the gap when they travel to Osasuna and Eibar respectively on Sunday.

Whilst Ramos was riding to Real's rescue, off-colour Ronaldo endured another forgetful afternoon in front of goal and was even whistled by the Madrid fans early on after a sluggish start to 2017.

Ronaldo shot straight at Carlos Kameni with just the Cameroonian to beat and Karim Benzema headed over as Madrid started brightly.

"Sometimes when you have difficulties you need the fans' help and to be behind you," said Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane.

"I am not going to criticise the fans because they pay their money. But with so many games and a lot of injuries, the players need to feel that love sometimes. The coach does too." (AFP)

Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo stands on the pitch

Real Madrid's defender Sergio Ramos celebrates after scoring

### Spanish La Liga results

Espanyol	3	Granada	1
Real Madrid	2	Malaga	1
Alaves	2	Leganes	2
Villarreal	0	Valencia	2

### Today

Osasuna	v	Sevilla
Athletic Bilbao	v	Athletic Madrid
Real Betis	v	Sporting Gijon,
Real Sociedad	v	Celta Vigo
Eibar	v	Barcelona

### Friday

Las Palmas	1	Deportivo La Coruna 1
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