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Quebec mosque shooter makes court appearance

Quebec City

The man accused in a Quebec City mosque shooting that left six people dead made a brief second court appearance yesterday under heavy security.

The hearing to officially hand over evidence in the case to the defense and to set a date for a bail hearing lasted only two minutes.

UNESCO King Hamad ICT Prize presented

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Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa awarded the UNESCO King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Prize for the use of information and communication technologies in education to Kiron Open Higher Education in Germany at a ceremony organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in cooperation with the Ministry of Education at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

Minister of Education Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi also attended the function. The UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa Prize for the use of information and communication technologies is awarded for excellence in providing high quality education that meets the international standards.

Bahrain to boost ties with Russia

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister yesterday met Dennis Manturov, the Russian Federation's Minister of Industry and Trade, at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday.

During the meeting, His Royal Highness stressed Bahrain's aspiration to further expand the trade and economic ties with the Russian Federation, highlighting the commercial successes



HRH Crown Prince with Dennis Manturov at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday

created as a consequence of wide-ranging agreements between the two countries. HRH Crown Prince went on

to note Bahrain's commitment to maintaining an open, competitive and sustainable business environment, which

has already proved successful in attracting strong levels of international investment, including from Russia.

HRH Crown Prince emphasised the importance of the visits by His Majesty King Hamad to the Russian Federation and the exchange of visits that followed, which have facilitated the development of Bahrain-Russian cooperation across a range of vital sectors in the past.

HRH Crown Prince noted both countries' shared commitment to reinforcing and expanding commercial relations and bilateral partnerships, while also highlighting the importance of GCC-Russian relations to the regional economy.

Cop killer, several others arrested

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Security authorities yesterday confirmed the arrest of the killer of the police officer Hisham Al Hammadi who was shot dead in Bilad Al Qadeem on January 29.

"Ahmed Isa Ahmed Isa Al Mulali, 23, has confessed to murdering officer Al Hammadi, saying he was assigned to do so by Hussain Dawood who escaped to

Iraq," the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

Security authorities have also arrested several members of a terror cell and foiled attempts to carry out terrorist attacks in the Kingdom, the Interior Ministry added in the statement.

The other arrested are: Sadiq Ahmed Mansoor Ahmed, 27; Amira Mohammed Saleh Abduljalil, 35; Faten Abdullhussain Ali Nasser, 41; Hameeda Juma Ali Abdullah, 40; Mona Habib



Ahmed Isa Al Mulali Adrees Saleh, 46; Mohammed Saleh Abduljalil Ahmed, 65; Abdulshaheed Ahmed Ali Al Shaikh, 37; Ahmed Hassan

Redhi, 23; and Abulfadhel Mohammed Saleh Abduljalil, 24. Hisham Al Hammadi, the police officer, was shot in the back in broad daylight while he was feeding his pets in his private farm in the village.

As part of the search and investigation that led to the foiling of the fleeing fugitives via the sea to Iran on February 9, a number of terror cells that were about to carry out terrorist plots have been dismantled through a comprehensive

security plan, the Interior Ministry said.

"Proactive operations were successfully carried out from February 9 to 19. 20 individuals who were wanted in security cases were arrested.

Four women among the arrested were charged with aiding and abetting fugitives," the Interior Ministry said.

Two of the arrested were involved in setting up secret bomb-making warehouses, the Interior Ministry said.

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8 arrested received arms training in Iran



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Hussain Isa



Hussain Mohammed

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An investigation revealed that eight of the arrested had received military training on arms and the use of explosives in Iran and Iraq," the Ministry said.

The statement mentioned that nine of the arrested were

involved in executing the jailbreak on January 1 and sheltering fugitives.

Another group was also arrested in Al Dair village in Muharraq Governorate, the ministry said without giving any dates. The ministry said the group was involved in

various terrorist crimes.

The arrested members of the group are: Jaffar Naji Ramadhan Ali Humaidan, 22, Yousif Hassan Mohammed Hassan, 22, Ali Hassan Abdulali Hamaad, 30, Mohsen Ahmed Ali Al Naham, 24 and Mohammed Hassan Abdali Al

Naham, 46.

Several others arrested in various terrorist cases are Ahmed Ali Ahmed Yousif, 20, who created secret warehouse of explosive in his house; Salman Mohammed Salman Mansoor, 31, who provided satellite phones to assist the

escape of fugitives; Hussain Mohammed Salman Mansoor, 36 who also provided satellite phones to assist the escape attempt; Hussain Isa Ahmed Ali Al Shaer, 34, who received military training in Iran; and Hani Younis Yousif Ali, 21, who assisted with another

suspect in setting up a secret warehouse of explosives.

The ministry affirmed that the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has taken legal steps and referred the suspects to the Public Prosecution.

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Bahrain, Russia inter-govt commission meeting held

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The first session of the Russian-Bahrain intergovernmental commission in trade, economic, scientific and technological cooperation held its first meeting at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel yesterday.

Russian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain Vagif Garaev and Russian economic delegation and a number of officials of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism attended the meeting.

Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism of the Kingdom of Bahrain headed the Bahraini delegation, and Denis V. Manturov, Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation headed the Russian delegation in the Meeting.

The minister explained the aims of Russia-Bahrain Intergovernmental Commission on trade, economic, scientific and technological cooperation, since the committee's formation, late last year in Moscow.

He added that this Commission will hopefully play an important role in enhancing and developing



Denis V. Manturov(left) and Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani

ties between our countries, and will contribute to deeper and continuous cooperation in all fields. The minister stressed the importance of the private sector's role in this Commission, praising the outcomes of both Russian-Bahraini and Bahraini-Russian Business Councils meeting headed by Vladimir Dmitriev and Khalid Almoayed.

Ministers of both sides expressed their satisfaction on the status of bilateral trade and investment and with considerable growth of trade turnover in 2016. In the coming years both the sides will enhance cooperation in the field of banking and finance.

They also agreed to further expand mutual cooperation in

the field of energy including cooperation opportunities-in gas sphere, LNG supplies and services.

The co-chairs confirmed mutual interest in continuing cooperation in various industrial fields and noted the results of the third Meeting of the Russian-Bahraini Working Group on cooperation in aluminum sphere on the sidelines of experts' consultations.

The ministers also discussed cooperation in agriculture and animal stock-raising as well as in transportation fields

The ministers recognised the importance of resolving issues that investors in both countries may face within the framework of existing legislation and bilateral agreements.

Three expat workers die of asphyxiation

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Three expatriate workers were found dead in their room at Jidhafs early in the morning yesterday.

The workers are identified as Tahir Farooq (37), Binoo Kumar Prasad (35) and Haji Muhammad (28). They were sleeping near a power generator to keep themselves away from the cold and was asphyxiated following inhalation of carbon monoxide, according to sources. Another worker, Mantu Kumar, who is in critical condition, is admitted to SMC. Kumar works for Alasif Construction.

According to the information from Labour Market Regulatory Board website, Tahir Farooq is also working for Alasif Construction. The Interior Ministry confirmed the



Binoo Kumar Prasad



Haji Muhammad



Mantu Kumar



Tahir Farooq

deaths in a Twitter message. The injured Mantu Kumar, who has a valid

visa, is son of Ramsital Prasad but more details are not available.

Binoo Kumar Prasad is a worker from northern India. Details of Tahir Farooq and Haji Muhammad are not available.

Among the dead, Binoo Kumar Prasad is an Indian expatriate and the whereabouts of the other two

The workers were sleeping near a power generator to keep themselves away from the cold

Hearing begins in stripping case

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The High Criminal Court has begun hearing in the case of a 42-year-old man accused of stripping a Bangladeshi man of his clothes before robbing him and leaving him naked. The defendant is said to have lured the man into his home under the pretext of having some work for him. "He robbed my wallet that contained BD140. He also stole my mobile phone, and I fled his house naked," the victim said.

Online scam: Court upholds sentence

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The High Criminal Appeals Court upheld the sentence issued against a deaf Bahraini woman who published indecent images online. The 21-year-old is said to have conned many people by adding the pictures with her bank account number, requesting 'those seeking sex' to put money in her account and then message her.

35 students escape as bus catches fire

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More than 35 students were rescued from a burning bus as the vehicle carrying the Indian School Bahrain (ISB) students caught fire in the Educational Area in Isa Town yesterday.

The incident happened outside the school gate at around 6.40am when the buses were dropping children in the school. The timely intervention of the bus driver and the Indian school teachers on duty in evacuating the children safely from the school bus averted a big tragedy. Preliminary reports suggested that electrical fault led to the fire.

However, all the students were evacuated from the bus by the school staff on duty as soon as the smoke was detected.

On seeing smoke emitting from the bus a teacher alerted the driver who opened the door and stopped the vehicle.

Saikat Sarkar and Balaji Jacob, the school teachers on transport duty, entered the bus and helped the children to exit from the bus. The police were informed and fire engines rushed to the spot. Preliminary investigation is in process and the detailed investigation will be completed soon. "All the children are safe and the school is committed to the safety and security of every child in the campus. It is unfortunate that such an incident has happened. All emergency measures were in place which helped in the evacuation process," assured ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan. The Ministry of Education officials also visited the site and took stock of the situation. More than 80 percent of the bus was destroyed in the fire.



The bus damaged in the fire



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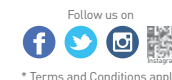
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Dr. Jassim Haji

ITIL: A Framework for IT Excellency

Many wonder about the best way to run an organisation, deliver a service or build a product, this is an endless question that has puzzled many entrepreneurs, founders and executives as they pursued a market-lasting product or service while substantial amounts of money were given to consultants and professionals to aid in their pursuit. As technology plays a vital role in most, if not all, businesses and organizations today to deliver complex and unique products and services, it became clear that the delivery of reliable, stable and high-quality services solely depends on how technology is deployed and used, which has put great pressure on IT executives. The role of technology has shaped up in the previous decades and now it has become the most critical in any organization, it aids in optimizing all aspects of operations, reducing costs from all angles, and enabling the wide reach to all customers physically and virtually.

In a world where software solutions and automation are key factors of success, but yet they are in abundance and wide spread, significant expenses are associated with IT investments, which made IT executives look for guidance and direction on ways to maintain the quality of the services and efficiency of operations while reducing the costs and increasing value. The answer lied with learning how other similar successful organisations have done it and implementing the same practices – the industry's best practices – which led to the formation of the Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) framework.

ITIL is a framework of compiled set of best practices, collected and put together by the United Kingdom's government in an effort to reduce IT-related costs and standardize practices for the selection, planning, delivery and support of IT services to a business. ITIL provides a complete methodology for organizations on how to manage and administer all IT services and how they fit within the bigger picture of the entire business. It incorporates practices that fulfil any business's whole lifecycle, from setting its strategy and defining its market and target consumers, to designing services, managing and delivering them to customers while continuously looking for improvements. The focus of the ITIL, which is globally most accepted framework, is to maximize value while continuously aligning the IT practices with the ever-changing business needs.

ITIL emphasises on the alignment between business and IT, and shows how it can be the key aspect of success and aid effectively in meeting all the strategic objectives of the organization. The proper implementation of ITIL can lead to an improved Return of Investment (ROI) from IT, not only on IT projects and investments but also on all projects of the entire organization. Executives will have a clearer view of IT costs and assets, improved relationships with the business due to the continuous adoption and understanding of their requirements, and elimination of redundant work which will aid in improved resource utilisation and efficiency. A critical aspect of ITIL is how to ensure critical IT services are provided with utmost quality, reliability and stability, and how to protect the entire IT environment when changes are applied and how to ensure fulfilment of requests to all users on a way to meet users' and business' expectations.

ITIL does not exactly tell which, how or how much organisations should implement its practices, providing organisations with the flexibility to utilise and customise the ones which are needed to address their specific issues and requirements.

Today, ITIL has become so popular that many organisations plan and form their IT Departments based on roles and processes defined in the ITIL framework while investing in certifying their IT staff against ITIL certifications. It has become the 'standard' to follow in order to provide reliable, economical (low-cost) and high-quality services no matter the industry of the organisation, nature, size or complexity.

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Military courts to get more powers



Military judiciary personnel attending the parliament session held yesterday

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Bahrain parliamentarians yesterday approved an urgent proposal to amend the constitution, allowing military courts to prosecute civilians involved in certain cases.

31 legislators out of the 36 attending the session voted for the amendment, which was initially referred to the Cabinet by a Royal Decree (7/2017) and then to the council.

It was urgently passed yesterday to the second branch of the legislative authority, Shura Council, for further

approval.

The amendment stipulates the replacement of item B of Article 105 in the constitution.

It instructs that "the jurisdiction of military courts shall be confined to military offences committed by members of the Defence Force, the National Guard, and the Security Forces.

It does not extend to other persons except when martial law is declared and within the bounds prescribed by law".

The amendment, replaces the existing text with, "The law regulates the military judiciary and shows its competence in each of the Defence Force, the National Guard and the Public Security."

The voting came after prolonged discussion among the MPs, who postponed all of the other subjected scheduled for discussion during yesterday's session.

The discussion was attended by Military Judiciary Director and Military Court of Cassation President Brigadier-General Yousif Flaifel and Assistant Undersecretary of Legal Affairs in Interior Ministry Major General Mohammed Buhamood.

They both stressed the importance of the long-awaited amendment to protect military personnel and facilities during the discussion held in the parliament yesterday.

Iran clerics' call for armed resistance condemned

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Manama

Calls for initiating "armed resistance" against the Bahraini government made by some Iran-based clerics were condemned by a scholar here.

MP Dr. Majeed Al Asfoor yesterday blamed the Iranian government for such malicious calls being made from Iran.

Addressing the weekly session of the House of Representatives, Dr. Al Asfoor, who is also religious adviser and psychotherapist, called upon senior religious scholars of the Shiite sect to silence and condemn these calls.

"I am concerned about young Bahraini boys who respond to similar calls being shared in the media and glorify terrorism. It lures and misleads children to get involved in matters bigger than them. Our youth are effected by these calls and respond to them, thinking it's heroic to fight against the government. This must be stopped," Dr. Al Asfoor said. The MP's speech came in response to the recent Fatwa (a ruling on a point of Islamic law given by a recognised authority) of Iran-based clerics, who called upon Bahrainis to "grab their weapons and fight the government" here.



Dr. Majeed Al Asfoor

They announced during a public activity held in the Iranian city of Qum that "the movement against the Bahraini government should be escalated to armed resistance".

Dr. Al Asfoor affirmed that "there are no instructions in the Shiite sect that allow utilising military acts to serve political purposes". He called upon the Iranian government to hold the people behind issuing the fatwa accountable.

"When we say Iranians are interfering in our internal affairs, they deny that. Now these calls for violence are coming from their soil," Dr. Al Asfoor added.

Fugitive's fall case investigated

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Chief Prosecutor Ahmed Al-Buainain said that the Public Prosecution had received a report by the Sitra Police Station indicating that an individual had sheltered, in his home, a fugitive serving a life term and other sentences in terrorist cases, including premeditated murder, attempted murder, and making explosives. During a raid in Nuweidrat to arrest the convict and the person sheltering him, the two wanted men tried to escape by going up to the roof and jumping onto the roof of the adjacent house. However, the convicted fugitive fell off the roof and was injured. He was taken to hospital where he succumbed to injuries. The individual who was accused of sheltering him was arrested.

The chief prosecutor said the prosecution had examined the scene and visited the morgue along with a forensic expert who examined the body. The forensic report concluded that the death was caused by the injuries to the head and chest, the fractures in the skull, chest ribs and the right wrist resulting from the fall.

Bahrain Food Festival from Feb 25 to March 6

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Bahrain Tourism & Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) yesterday announced that it will hold the second edition of 'Bahrain Food Festival' from February 25 to March 6.

The 10-day event, organized by the Bahrain Tourism & Exhibitions Authority aims to attract food enthusiasts from the Kingdom and the neighbouring GCC countries. The Food Festival will serve as a platform to provide participating restaurants and outlets with the opportunity to showcase their local concepts and position the Kingdom as a regional culinary destination.

More than 50 prominent outlets are taking part this year including businesses and concepts related to the food industry such as restaurants,



The organisers of the Bahrain Food Festival addressing a press conference yesterday

cafes, hotels, nutrition, kitchen appliances and much more. The food festival will offer visitors varied cuisines including Middle Eastern, Western, Asian, Indian, Organic, and Healthy options.

The festival will run from 5:00pm to 10:00pm during the weekdays at Bahrain Bay, and from 5:00pm until midnight during the weekends in Adliya. The festival will also offer its visitors the opportunity to enjoy the family

entertainment including live cooking shows, musical shows and other entertainment.

"Following the tremendous success of the first edition of the 'Bahrain Food Festival' last year which was held under the umbrella of the 'Manama Capital of Gulf Tourism 2016', we have decided to host this initiative once again but have enhanced its appeal by expanding the offerings and adding more activities and vendors.

Initiatives such as the

food festival are essential in stimulating intra-regional tourism," commented Shaikh Khaled bin Humood Al Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer of BTEA.

Further commenting on this initiative, Yousef Al Khan, Director of Marketing and Tourism Promotion at BTEA, stated: "We would also like to extend our gratitude to the sponsors who have contributed in enhancing the festival's events and activities and have helped us

strengthen its position as a prominent event in the food and hospitality industry".

Y.K Almoayyed & Sons will also participate in the festival by providing the kitchen equipment for the live cooking shows at the events area, while Capital Club will be hosting the same time a celebrity Chef from Mexico that will offer Bahraini hospitality students a chance to learn and improve their cooking skills.

Gagan Suri, Chief Executive Officer at Bahrain Bay project further added, "It gives us tremendous pleasure to be working alongside the BTEA on such significant local initiatives such as the 'Bahrain Food Festival' that will be held at the newly completed Bahrain Bay promenade and we look forward to collaborating with the authority on other projects in the future."

New Nepalese Ambassador for Bahrain



Padam Sundas

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Padam Sundas has been nominated by the Nepal's cabinet as the ambassador to Bahrain.

Sundas, an Engineer and Social Activist, was nominated for the Kingdom earlier, but was withdrawn later due to cabinet change in Nepal.

The embassy of Nepal in Bahrain was established in 2013 and was headed by several caretaker ambassadors till now.

"Appointment of full envoy to the Kingdom is expected to boost bilateral relationship between Bahrain and Nepal and conclusion of various labour issues," a statement read.

Spring of Culture: Groove Onkels to perform tomorrow

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Bahrain's 12th Spring of Culture will kick off tomorrow, with an energetic musical performance by the German group Groove Onkels. The band will be performing throughout the weekend, the first of four street performance acts this season.

Groove Onkels' debut performance in the Kingdom will take place tomorrow at 4pm, at the Nakheel Center in Saar. The show will be followed by an open invitation "Bucket Drumming" workshop, led by the band itself, in which young and old participants can learn from the masters about how to create rhythmic beats from random objects.

On Friday, the Groove Onkels' will perform in the Khalifa Al Kubra Garden in Riffa at 4pm, followed by a performance at 6pm in the Prince Khalifa bin Salman Park in Hidd. The band will finish the night with another performance at Block 338 in Adliya, starting at 8pm.

On Saturday the band will perform another three shows at Seef Mall in Seef District, at 11am, 4pm and 7:30pm.

The performances are



The Groove Onkels

themed around recycling and environmental awareness, using only jumps, kicks, slaps and throws to create great beats with household objects. Entry to all of these family friendly performances is free of charge.

Groove Onkels' shows at the Spring of Culture 2017 have been organised by the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) as part of its support to the annual festival. The Spring of Culture contributes significantly to tourism sector each year and tourism is a key priority sector for the EDB as part of development plans for the Kingdom.

The Gold Sponsors of this year's festival are the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), Huawei, GFH Financial Group, while Silver Sponsors include Bahrain Airport Company, Aluminium Bahrain (ALBA), Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK), DHL and Bahrain Duty Free. Additional support has been provided by the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF), Investate, the National Oil and Gas Authority and Bahrain Maritime & Mercantile International (BMMI) and the embassies of Italy, Japan, USA and Mexico in Bahrain.

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Soldier jailed for killing Palestinian

Tel Aviv

An Israeli military court yesterday sentenced a soldier to 18 months in prison for shooting dead a wounded Palestinian assailant who lay on the ground, sparking criticism from rights groups.

Defence lawyers announced an appeal and right-wing Israeli ministers immediately called for a pardon, while the Palestinian government and the victim's family condemned the sentence as too lenient.

Judge Maya Heller handed down the sentence a month after Elor Azaria, 21, was found guilty of manslaughter for killing Abdul Fatah al-Sharif in March last year.

He also received 18 months



Palestinians holds placards during a demonstration following a verdict in the trial of the Israeli soldier Elor Azaria

in suspended sentences and was demoted from sergeant to private.

He has already spent more

than 10 months confined to an military base but this is not included as time served.

The March 2016 shooting in

the occupied West Bank city of Hebron was caught on video by a rights group.

It showed Sharif, 21, lying wounded on the ground, shot along with another Palestinian after stabbing and wounding a soldier.

Azaria then shoots him in the head without any apparent provocation.

Outside the court, around 100 right-wing demonstrators protested against the trial.

The reaction from Palestinians and rights groups, was anger and disappointment.

A spokesman for the Palestinian government said the sentence was a "green light to the occupation army to continue its crimes". -(AFP)

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Zuhair A. Tawfiqi

Respect to the Kingdom's Flag

As it is known, every Country has its own flag that represents its entity. The flag's design and colours reflect the Country's history and vision and its essence. For the dear readers' information, the Republic of Tunisia has the oldest flag (1831), while the Republic of Iraq has the relatively newest flag (2008).

I do not want to discuss the history of flags today, since that sort of information is readily available for all readers, moreover I would like to highlight the personal value of flags for each Country. I would like to discuss the respect and admiration provided to flags being the true symbol of a Country's spirit. As you are all aware, they are exchanged by Country Leaders, Diplomatic figures, presented at sport events and various other events that require official protocol.

Therefore, and as you all know, flags have their own holistic value and substantial respect, given its tribute to any Country's values, culture and citizens. We all witness how flags are treated with utmost care and respect.

On a daily basis, I witness the Kingdom of Bahrain's flags placed on many buildings being official entities and other local and community entities. That is actually wonderful, and we should encourage this sort of love and loyalty to our beloved Country.

However, what is not acceptable is to place the flags that are not properly maintained or torn or those which are in abysmal condition. This will actually reflect negatively on the Country's image and entity and is frankly unacceptable. It baffles me to see this repeatedly in several locations in which a lot of them are official and governmental entities.

I am not really aware which entity is responsible for making sure that the Country's flags are represented in the best possible manner. To my knowledge, there is no such governmental figure that takes that responsibility. Hence, I personally believe that the times has come for the concerned and related entities to specify and appoint someone to be responsible of this crucial issue. I hope that my article will serve its purpose in always maintaining and raising our beloved Country's proud and esteemed reputation!

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Trump critic McCain meets Saudi king



Saudi King Salman (R) meeting with US Senator John McCain Riyadh

Influential American Senator John McCain, a critic of President Donald Trump, held talks with Saudi Arabia's King Salman yesterday, official media said.

McCain, who chairs the Senate Armed Services Committee, arrived in Riyadh after talks on Syria with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The Saudi Press Agency gave no details of McCain's meeting at Salman's office, except to say that the friendly ties between their two countries were discussed.

McCain's visit comes two days before Syria's government and the opposition gather in Geneva tomorrow for a new round of United Nations-brokered talks.

After his talks in Syria, the Republican senator from Arizona said on his website that Erdogan "described a proposal to establish safe zones in Syria and retake Raqa that should receive serious consideration by the United States".

'No concessions on two state policy': Egypt, Jordan

Cairo

Egypt's President

Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and King Abdullah II of Jordan agreed yesterday there could be no concessions on establishing a Palestinian state, the presidency said after talks in Cairo.

The meeting between the leaders

of the two Arab countries that have signed peace treaties with Israel came after US President Donald Trump's administration suggested it would not insist on a Palestinian state for a Middle East peace agreement.

"The two sides discussed ways to push the stagnant



Jordan's King Abdullah II (L) and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi

Middle East peace process, especially in light of US President Donald Trump's administration coming to power," a presidency statement said.

A two-state solution "with a Palestinian state... with east Jerusalem as its capital is a nationalist principle that cannot be conceded".

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UAE grapples drones after airport closures

Dubai authorities are grappling with new ways of keeping the emirate's skies safe after drones halted air traffic at one of the world's busiest airports three times last year.

The delays were necessary to protect passengers, officials said, but they hit thousands of travellers and cost airlines millions of dollars.

Drones pose a "threat to the flying public" and "to an aircraft in operation," said Ismaeil al-Blooshi, deputy head of the air safety department of the United Arab Emirates' civil aviation authority.

He compared drones to the

threat posed by birds, but said they were less predictable and harder to avoid.

"We have means and data to predict when and where is the bird migration... but with drones, you have this object in the air and you don't know the intentions" of the operator, he said.

The cost of closing airspace for one hour runs into millions and creates a long backlog, but there is no room to compromise on safety, Blooshi said.

"The economic impact is not even on the table" when considering the risks, he said.

"After last year's incidents, operator Dubai Airports

stressed that flying drones within five kilometres (three miles) of airports was illegal.

New regulations introduced last year stipulate up to three years in jail or a fine of 100,000 dirhams (\$27,000, 25,000 euros) for flying a drone over a prohibited zone.

But Dubai-owned carrier Emirates, the world's busiest international passenger airline, urged authorities to go further, introducing drone detectors.

"Flight diversions and network disruptions due to unauthorised drone activity... cost Emirates airline millions of dirhams on each occasion, and impacted thousands of passengers," it said after

one drone-related delay in November.

Authorities have even examined the possibility of hunting down the devices.

The International Defence Exhibition and Conference, one of the largest arms fairs in the Middle East, on Monday showcased a private company's drone hunting system.

Dubai-based SkyStream said it had crafted a three-phase system that could identify whether the drones were "friendly" and jam their signals in case they were not.

A security official said Dubai police now have the ability to overpower a drone and bring it down.

The aviation authority has introduced a mobile phone application that clearly marks out no-fly zones for drones across the country, telling users immediately where they can and cannot fly.

Out-of-bounds areas include those around airports, military zones and other government installations.

The authority also wants drone owners to register their devices.

Another measure under study is geo-fencing, meaning that drones are pre-programmed to make them unable to enter restricted areas even if users try to send them there. -(AFP)

How many drone incidents?

The International Air Transport Association (IATA), which sets global standards for the aviation industry, counted 856 cases worldwide between January 2013 and August 2015 of a drone getting too close to a plane for comfort.

Are there worldwide rules?

According to IATA, 65 countries currently have rules for the use of small drones.

What about Europe?

There is no Europe-wide legislation concerning drones. However, for drones weighing more than 150 kilograms EASA has the power to legislate.

And the US?

The United States has flagged new rules for commercial drones under which it will not be authorised to fly above an altitude of 122 metres or go faster than 161 kilometres (100 miles) per hour.

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Consolidated Financial Statements - 31 December 2016



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 31 December 2016 US\$ '000

	31 December 2016	31 December 2015
Assets		
Cash and bank balances	3,884	4,366
Available-for-sale investments	5,855	6,471
Investment in associates	21,686	20,945
Other assets	296	282
Total assets	31,721	32,064
Liabilities and equity		
Liabilities		
Borrowings from shareholders	9,649	9,649
Other liabilities	2,616	5,006
Total liabilities	12,265	14,655
Equity		
Share capital	81,222	81,222
Share premium	42,111	42,111
Accumulated losses	(107,286)	(109,758)
Statutory reserve	3,923	3,648
Treasury shares	(700)	-
Investment fair value reserve	186	186
Total equity	19,456	17,409
Total liabilities and equity	31,721	32,064

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

as at 31 December 2016 US\$ '000

	2016	2015
Share of profit from associates	2,558	2,277
Dividend income	32	-
Gain on disposal of available-for-sale investments	106	89
Other income	1,408	1,652
Total income	4,104	4,018
Staff cost	132	210
Interest expense	40	37
Impairment of available-for-sale investments	506	321
Other operating expenses	679	960
Total expenses	1,357	1,528
Profit for the year	2,747	2,490
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the Bank	2,747	2,616
Non-controlling interest	-	(126)
	2,747	2,490

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 31 December 2016 US\$ '000

	2016	2015
Profit for the year	2,747	2,490
Other comprehensive income		
Items that are or may subsequently be reclassified to profit or loss		
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale investments	-	(42)
Fair value of available-for-sale investments transferred to profit or loss on disposal	-	(7)
Total other comprehensive income for the year	-	(49)
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,747	2,441
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the Bank	2,747	2,567
Non-controlling interest	-	(126)
	2,747	2,441

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 31 December 2016 US\$ '000

	2016	2015
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit for the year	2,747	2,490
Adjustments for:		
Impairment of available-for-sale investment	506	321
Gain on sale of available-for-sale investment	(106)	(89)
Share of profit from associates	(2,558)	(2,277)
Other income	(1,163)	(1,240)
Operating income before changes in operating assets and liabilities	(574)	(795)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Restricted cash	2,486	1,272
Other assets	(14)	(26)
Other liabilities	(2,079)	(1,003)
Net cash used in operating activities	(181)	(552)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Sale/redemption of investments	219	213
Dividend from associate	1,817	1,858
Net cash generated from investing activities	2,036	2,071
Increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year	1,855	1,519
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,530	11
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	3,385	1,530
Represented by:		
Cash on hand	1	2
Current accounts with banks	310	1,528
Fixed deposit (original maturity of less than 90 days)	3,259	-
	3,570	1,530

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 31 December 2016 US\$ '000

	Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Bank						Non-controlling interest	Total equity	
	Share capital	Share premium	Treasury Shares	Statutory reserve	Investment fair value reserve	Accumulated losses			
Balance at 1 January 2016	81,222	42,111	-	3,648	186	(109,758)	17,409	-	17,409
Comprehensive income for the year:									
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	2,747	2,747	-	2,747
Other comprehensive income									
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to profit or loss on disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year						2,747	2,747		2,747
Treasury shares received during the year	-	-	(700)	-	-	-	(700)	-	(700)
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	-	275	-	(275)	-	-	-
At 31 December 2016	81,222	42,111	(700)	3,923	186	(107,286)	19,456		19,456
Balance at 1 January 2015	81,222	42,111	-	3,648	235	(112,374)	14,842	126	14,968
Comprehensive income for the year:									
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	2,616	2,616	(126)	2,490
Other comprehensive income									
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale investments	-	-	-	-	(42)	-	(42)	-	(42)
Transfer to profit or loss on disposal	-	-	-	-	(7)	-	(7)	-	(7)
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	(49)	-	(49)	-	(49)
Total comprehensive income for the year						2,616	2,567	(126)	2,441
At 31 December 2015	81,222	42,111	-	3,648	186	(109,758)	17,409	-	17,409

Salem Al Noaimi
Chairman

Jassem Zainal
Vice Chairman

The above statements have been extracted from the audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2016 which an unqualified audit opinion was issued by KPMG Fakhro, Kingdom of Bahrain.

AUB records \$570.6 m net profit

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Ahli United Bank B.S.C. (AUB) reported a net profit attributable to its equity shareholders of US\$ 570.6 million for the year 2016, representing a growth of 6.2 pc compared to a net profit of US\$ 537.2 m in 2015. The net profit in Q4/2016 was \$ 128.5 m as compared to \$ 118.0 m in Q4/2015.

Net interest income (NII) grew by 1.7pc from \$ 814.7 m to \$ 828.2 m. Fees, commissions & other income grew by 9.7pc (+\$ 15.4 m) to \$ 173.3 m. As a result, total operating income grew by 5.2 pc to reach \$ 1,149.0 m (2015: \$ 1,091.9 m). The intelligent cost spend discipline instilled across all AUB Group units was sustained resulting in an improvement of the cost income ratio to 27.8pc (2015:

28.3pc).

The non-performing loan ratio was contained at 2.3 pc as at December 31, 2016 while maintaining a very solid specific provision coverage ratio of 84.9 pc (31 December 2015: 84.6pc). The total provision coverage ratio was 155.6pc (2015: 181.9pc).

Overall Return on Average Equity (ROAE) increased to 15.7pc (2015: 15.6pc) while the Return on Average Assets (ROAA) increased to 1.8pc (2015: 1.7pc).

The resultant basic earnings per share were US cents 8.0 for the year ended 31 December 2016 (2015: US cents 7.7).

The Board of Directors has recommended distribution comprising a cash dividend of US cents 4.5 per share (2015: US cents 4.5) together with a bonus ordinary share



Al-Humaidhi

issue of 10 pc (2015: 5pc).

“The 2016 result is a testament to AUB’s well-managed business model based on diversification, targeting of cross border flows and selective growth initiatives to increase operating income that continue to serve AUB well. While operating challenges remain strong, AUB looks forward to 2017 with focused plans and objectives to advance our regional strategy in a balanced and prudent manner” Hamad Al-Humaidhi, AUB Chairman, said.

Insurance experts address challenges



Experts speak at the 13th Annual Middle East Insurance Forum yesterday

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Various challenges and opportunities for the region’s insurance markets including the impact of healthcare reform in the region, the changing face of insurance vis-à-vis new technologies and the prospects for growth in the Takaful segment, were discussed at the 13th Annual Middle East Insurance Forum (MEIF 2017) conference which concluded yesterday.

Attended by more than 400 global and regional insurance leaders, the forum exchanged dialogue on strategies, solutions and new frameworks for capitalising on the significant

growth opportunities that exist for regional and international insurers in the Middle East.

Another highlight of the Forum’s second day of sessions was the launch of the “EY 2017 Middle East Insurance Report”. Presented by Sanjay Jain, Director and MENA Insurance Leader at Ernst & Young, the report provided an in-depth look at key developments in MENA insurance markets comprised of the six GCC countries and Egypt. The report addressed key insurance trends that are changing the shape of the Middle East insurance markets including GCC VAT, robotics, technology, financial reporting

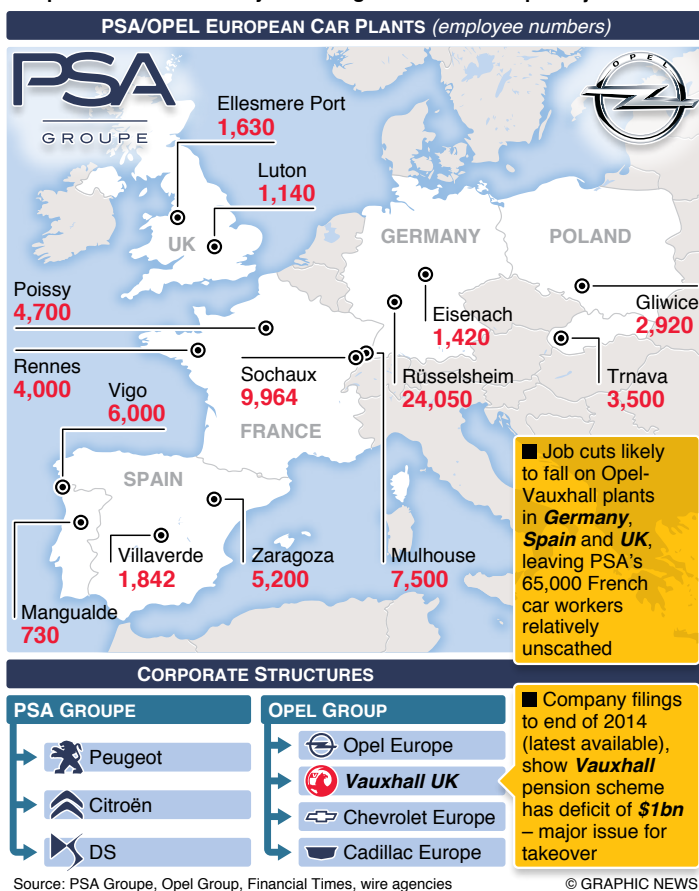
changes, cyber security, digital and data analytics.

Executive Director of Financial Institutions Supervision at the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), Abdul Rahman Al Baker expressed thanks to speakers, panelists, delegates and sponsors who contributed to the success of MEIF 2017.

MIEF 2017, spearheaded by the CBB, was held with the support and cooperation of the BIA and sponsored by Braxtone Insurance Management as Lead Partner, Protection, the Broker Partner, Silver Sponsor Solidarity and Bronze Sponsors Ta’zur, SNIC, ARIG, HDI Global and GIG.

PSA-Opel merger job loss fears

French car maker PSA Groupe, owners of Peugeot and Citroën, is in advanced talks to buy General Motors’ loss-making European Opel-Vauxhall subsidiary — leading to fears of widespread job losses



MSCEB appoints new Managing Director



Thamer Salahuddin

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MSCCEB has appointed Eng. Thamer Mohamed Salahuddin as the new Managing Director, effective from March 1, announced. MSCEB’s President Mohamed Salahuddin.

Eng. Thamer Salahuddin has graduated from the University of Bahrain in 2003, obtaining a bachelor’s degree in Architectural Engineering. He is also a member of the Technical sub-committee of CRPEP,



Mohamed Salahuddin

a life term member of the Bahrain Society of Engineers (BSE), a member of the Saudi Council of Engineers (PESCE), and a member of The Association of Engineering Offices (AEO) of Bahrain.

“This leadership transition will provide even greater capacity to develop internal expansion, and maximize the unique strengths of key leaders, to further enhance the organization’s achievements,” stated Mohamed Salahuddin.

Secret Police back in Bahrain

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The Secret Police, world’s longest running and most respected tribute band to THE POLICE will be performing live at the Gulf Hotel Bahrain tomorrow. The band has already performed in the Middle East including Oman.

Tickets are BD 5 per person in advance and 7BD for tomorrow night’s performance.

Tickets on February 24 cost BD 30 inclusive of Brunch from 12:00pm till 4:00pm. The concert will conclude on February 24. For further information contact 36551222.

Yahoo slashes price of Verizon deal

New York

Yahoo slashed the price of its core Internet business in the sale to Verizon by \$350 million following a pair of major data breaches at Yahoo, the two companies announced yesterday.

Under revised terms of the delayed deal, Verizon’s purchase of the Yahoo assets will now total \$4.48 billion. Yahoo still faces probes and lawsuits related to the cyber attacks, which affected more than 1.5



billion accounts.

The transaction had been setback due to the hacks.

Yahoo announced in September that hackers in 2014 stole personal data from more than 500 million of its user accounts. - (AFP)



Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
	BD '000	BD '000
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with the Central Bank of Bahrain	16,703	22,358
Due from banks and other financial institutions	46,985	68
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	160	114
Other financial assets at amortised cost	76,137	70,795
Derivative financial instruments	245	289
Due from other offices of the Bank	73,778	32,308
Direct credit facilities at amortised cost	202,818	175,993
Interest receivable	2,075	1,114
Other assets	996	398
Fixed assets	357	442
Total Assets	420,254	303,779
LIABILITIES AND HEAD OFFICE FUNDS		
Liabilities		
Banks and financial institutions' deposits	1,011	752
Customers' deposits	256,270	230,706
Derivative financial instruments	283	378
Interest payable	1,947	957
Due to other offices of the Bank	123,106	47,245
Borrowing from repurchase agreements	14,427	-
Provision for employees' end-of-service benefits	338	397
Other liabilities	2,726	4,926
Total Liabilities	400,108	285,261
Head Office Funds		
Capital	12,350	11,250
Reserves	484	484
Fair value reserve	152	106
Unremitted profit to Head Office	7,160	6,678
Total Head Office Funds	20,146	18,518
Total Liabilities and Head Office Funds	420,254	303,779

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
	BD '000	BD '000
Interest income	16,308	11,932
Interest expense	(6,261)	(2,750)
Net interest income	10,047	9,182
Net fee and commission income	2,079	1,591
Net gain on exchange	387	276
Other income	697	728
Revenue	13,210	11,777
Operating expenses		
Staff expenses	(2,328)	(2,136)
Depreciation	(157)	(141)
Premises and equipment expenses	(699)	(548)
Other administrative expenses	(1,996)	(1,918)
Operating expenses	(5,180)	(4,743)
Operating profit before provision for credit losses	8,030	7,034
Provision for credit losses - net	(870)	(356)
Profit for the year	7,160	6,678
Other comprehensive income		
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
Net change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	46	-
Total other comprehensive income for the year	7,206	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	7,206	6,678

The above statement of financial position as at December 31, 2016, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in Head Office funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended have been extracted from the financial statements of Arab Bank Plc, Retail Bank, a branch of Arab Bank Plc, Jordan for the year ended December 31, 2016, which were approved and authorised for issue by the management on February 21st, 2017 and signed on its behalf by Mr. Mohamed Asem Abdelkhalik, Country Manager, and on which an unqualified audit opinion was issued by Deloitte & Touche - Middle East, Kingdom of Bahrain on February 21st, 2017.

Statement of Changes in Head Office Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Capital	Reserves	Fair Value Reserve	Unremitted Profit to Head Office	Total
	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000
Balance at December 31, 2014	10,950	484	106	4,991	16,531
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	6,678	6,678
Amount remitted to Head Office	-	-	-	(4,991)	(4,991)
Addition of capital	300	-	-	-	300
Balance at December 31, 2015	11,250	484	106	6,678	18,518
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	7,160	7,160
Amount remitted to Head Office	-	-	-	(6,678)	(6,678)
Cumulative change in fair value	-	-	46	-	46
Addition of capital	1,100	-	-	-	1,100
Balance at December 31, 2016	12,350	484	152	7,160	20,146

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016


	2016	2015
	BD '000	BD '000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit for the year	7,160	6,678
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	157	141
Fixed assets written off	14	5
Provision for credit losses - net	870	356
Provision for employees' end-of-service benefits	41	17
Fair value of derivative financial instruments	(51)	(38)
	8,191	7,159
Decrease in cash compulsory reserve with Central Bank of Bahrain	470	391
Decrease / (increase) in due from other offices of the Bank	11,377	(1,831)
Increase in direct credit facilities at amortised cost	(27,695)	(22,656)
Increase in interest receivable	(961)	(509)
Increase in other assets	(598)	(100)
Increase in customers' deposits	25,564	24,349
Increase in borrowing from repurchase agreements	14,427	-
Increase in interest payable	990	282
Increase / (decrease) in due to other offices of the Bank	16,250	(1,885)
(Decrease) / increase in other liabilities	(3,900)	2,340
Net cash from operating activities	45,795	7,540
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	(86)	(76)
Payments for acquisition of other financial assets at amortised cost	(25,505)	(41,356)
Proceeds from redemption of other financial assets at amortised cost	20,163	44,738
Net cash (used in) / from investing activities	(5,428)	306
Cash flows from financing activity		
Net profit remitted to Head Office	(6,678)	(4,991)
Net cash used in financing activity	(6,678)	(4,991)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	33,689	2,855
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	(20,810)	(23,665)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	12,879	(20,810)
Comprising:		
Cash and balances with the Central Bank of Bahrain	8,583	13,768
Balances due from banks	46,985	68
Balances due from other offices of the Bank	61,428	9,581
Balances due to banks	(1,011)	(752)
Balances due to other offices of the Bank	(103,106)	(43,475)
	12,879	(20,810)

Non-cash Transactions:

During the year the Head Office transferred BD 1,100 thousand (2015: BD 300 thousand) towards the increase in the Branch's Capital.

Cash and balances with the Central Bank of Bahrain exclude the cash reserve with the Central Bank of Bahrain amounting to BD 8,120,000 (2015: BD 8,590,000) as this reserve is mandatory and is not available for use in the Branch's day to day operations.

Did You Know?



The original Boeing 747 design had the upper deck running the entire length of the fuselage, but because the plane couldn't safely be evacuated in the FAA mandated 90 seconds, the idea was thrown out.



BFC CURRENCIES EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2959	0.2934
BANGLADESH	0.00510	0.00476
CANADA	0.2927	0.2895
DENMARK	0.0569	
EGYPT	0.0361	0.0219
EURO	0.4038	0.4017
HONGKONG	0.04983	0.04943
INDIA	0.00586	0.00575
INDONESIA	0.0000297	0.0000288
IRAN TUMAN	0.00010959	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000294	
JAPAN	0.003490	0.003420
JORDAN	0.5346	0.5351
KOREA	0.00037934	
KUWAIT	1.2580	1.242
MALAYSIA	0.087000	0.0868
NEW ZEALAND	0.2734	0.2720
NORWAY	0.0473	
NEPAL	0.00387	0.00353
OMAN	0.97962	0.97962
PAKISTAN	0.00365	0.00360
PHILIPPINES	0.00778	0.00751
QATAR	0.10381	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10061	0.26810
SINGAPORE	0.2701	0.2681
SOUTH AFRICA	0.03080	0.03070
SRI LANKA	0.00277	0.00250
SWEDISH	0.0452	
SWITZERLAND	0.3811	0.3786
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0123
TAIWAN	0.012600	
THAILAND	0.010970	0.010970
TURKEY	0.1091	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.4761	0.4732
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	0.4702	0.3768	0.3344
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.1901	0.2854	0.2532
OMAN	0.3849	0.3851	0.3847	0.3414
QATAR	3.6420	3.6438	3.6402	3.2302
UAE	3.6730	3.6748	3.6712	3.2576
SAUDI	3.7500	3.7519	3.7481	3.3259

Dubai falls sharply, Egypt rebounds

DUBAI
Dubai's stock market fell yesterday, breaking technical support as construction firm Arabtec continued to slide, while Egypt rebounded from a drop triggered by foreign investors' selling.

Dubai's index sank 1.2 percent to 3,560 points, confirming a break of support on the mid-February low of 3,608 points; this triggered a double top formed by the January and February peaks and pointing down to around 3,500 points.

Arabtec slid a further 6.7 pc. The company reported a week ago that its net loss had widened in the fourth quarter and that its board was seeking shareholder approval for a \$408.4 million.

Shares in Dubai Financial Market (DFM) tumbled 5.3

pc. Many individual investors have been hurt by Arabtec's plunge and if they withdraw from the stock market, DFM's commissions could be hurt by the decline in trading volumes.

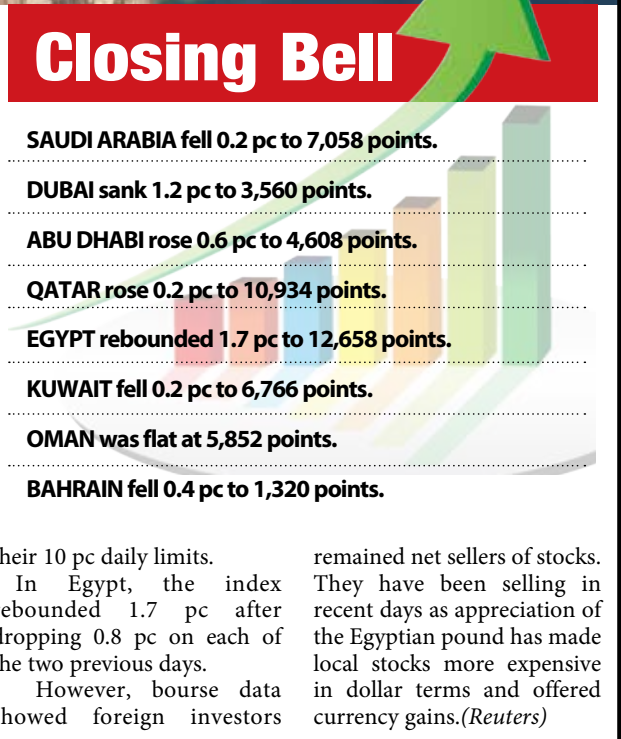
Abu Dhabi climbed 0.6 pc as telecommunications firm Etisalat rose 2.2 pc. The company said it would pay the federal government a royalty of 30 pct of profits for 2017-2021, the same rate as in 2016.

Qatar edged up 0.2 pc as Al Meera Consumer Goods jumped 5.3 pc.

Saudi Arabia's index edged down 0.2 pc but telecommunications firm Zain Saudi rose 1.1 pc.

Real estate investment trusts were very strong in unusually high trading volumes, with Riyadh REIT and Aljazira REIT surging to

Closing Bell



- SAUDI ARABIA fell 0.2 pc to 7,058 points.
- DUBAI sank 1.2 pc to 3,560 points.
- ABU DHABI rose 0.6 pc to 4,608 points.
- QATAR rose 0.2 pc to 10,934 points.
- EGYPT rebounded 1.7 pc to 12,658 points.
- KUWAIT fell 0.2 pc to 6,766 points.
- OMAN was flat at 5,852 points.
- BAHRAIN fell 0.4 pc to 1,320 points.

their 10 pc daily limits. In Egypt, the index rebounded 1.7 pc after dropping 0.8 pc on each of the two previous days. However, bourse data showed foreign investors remained net sellers of stocks. They have been selling in recent days as appreciation of the Egyptian pound has made local stocks more expensive in dollar terms and offered currency gains. (Reuters)

Gulfair wins 2016 Magellan Awards

DT News Network Manama
Gulf Air, along with travel partner Anixe, a state-of-the-art internet booking engine supplier, have been recognised by the Travel Weekly 2016 Magellan Awards, winning the 2016 Silver Award for Online Travel Services - in the category of Overall - Booking Interface.

The award recognises the joint-solution crafted by Gulf Air and Anixe to improve the airline's e-commerce website *gulfair.com* with a next-generation booking and shopping platform improving the experience for customers booking flights and purchasing various travel add-ons such as rail tickets, hotel bookings, car rentals and tours.

It is an honour to be recognised for such a key achievement for Gulf Air that saw us work hand in hand with Anixe to deliver an engaging,



Ammar Mohamed Zainal, Gulf Air E-Marketing Controller, Yahya Ali Buali, Gulf Air Director Sales & Marketing, Ahmed Janahi, Gulf Air Chief Commercial Officer and Ali Jassim, Gulf Air Manager, E-Business & Ancillary with the 2016 Silver Travel Weekly Magellan Award for Online Travel Services

easy to use booking interface designed to appeal to users around the world. Our focus has always been on the continual development of innovative technology. This recognition is a testament to our skilled e-commerce development team and their capabilities, alongside our partners Anixe - I am proud of the contribution of our teams to delivering a revamped *gulfair.com*," Gulf Air Chief Commercial Officer Ahmed Janahi said.

The site offers a suite of services beyond flight bookings to include hotel bookings, car rental, travel insurance and the Gulf Air Tours service that gives passengers access to a variety of travel add-ons such as sightseeing tours, museum passes, tours, excursions, local activities and airport transfers at their final destination.



Duck cull hits French foie gras production

Paris

The French government yesterday ordered the slaughter of the last 600,000 ducks in a bird flu-hit southwest region at the forefront of the foie gras industry.

The cull will effectively wipe out production of foie gras in the Landes area that accounts for a quarter of the total French production of the controversial delicacy. (AFP)



Hydrogen peroxide ingest can be fatal

A recent study is warning consumers about the risks of ingesting high-concentration hydrogen peroxide.

Researchers have found that a large number of cases where patients swallowed high-concentration peroxide resulted in critical illness, some with continued disability or death. (CNN)

PET VET

Dr. Rajani Rajesh



DEHYDRATION IN DOGS

Water is essential to all living beings, including dogs, which depend on proper daily fluid intake to maintain appropriate health. It makes up 80 percent of your dog's body, and dissolves natural and unnatural substances as well as serves as the root of all his biological processes, including circulation, digestion and waste removal. Dehydration occurs when the total body water is less than normal. Usually it involves loss of both water and electrolytes such as sodium, chloride and potassium. Dogs most at risk for dehydration are those who suffer from various illnesses such as diarrhea, vomiting, kidney disorders, cancer and infectious disease. Elderly dogs, diabetic dogs and pregnant or nursing dogs may be prone to dehydration.

The most common symptom of dehydration is the loss of elasticity in the skin. When pulled lightly, the skin will not readily come back to its original place. Another alarming symptom is the gums lose moistness and become dry and sticky, and the saliva becomes thick. In advanced dehydration, the eyes sink in and the dog may collapse with shock.

If your dog is showing some signs of dehydration, give him electrolyte mixed in water. Dogs that have gone a long time without water have a problem holding it down. So let him lick ice, he hydrates himself with licking the ice.

The treatment for severe dehydration is to supplement the body with fluids. Fluids are typically administered as an injection. The most efficient method of rehydration is through intravenous fluids. This requires hospitalization as well as an intravenous catheter. Fluid replacement is done slowly to allow the body to compensate and slowly replenish tissues starved of fluid.

Provide clean water at all times, and change it frequently to ensure freshness. If your dog is not drinking an adequate amount of water, seek veterinary advice

(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.)



Yo-yo dieting 'is good for you'

Yo-yo dieting might actually make people healthy, despite the huge amounts of criticism directed towards them, according to an expert.

Repeated crash diets might be best compared to going to the dentist, according to US biostatistician David Allison. In the same way, the extreme slimming method ensures that people get healthier – even if

they gradually move away from that again.

Dr Allison found that in tests on mice, repeated diets didn't seem to do much harm. In fact, those that went on yo-yo diets actually lived longer than those who stayed obese.

Dr Allison said that the technique might actually serve a useful way for many people to keep fit. (independent)

Silent Heart Attack

Statistic says, by 2030 there would be an increase of 22 million heart-related deaths per year. Cardio Vascular Diseases (CVD) are the leading cause of death globally. An estimated 17.5 million people died from CVDs in 2012, representing 31% of all global deaths.

According to World Health Organization (WHO) it is estimated that 54% of deaths from noncommunicable diseases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region are due to cardiovascular diseases. Deaths attributed to cardiovascular diseases (of total deaths) range from 49% in Oman to 13% in Somalia. The prevalence of cardiovascular diseases is due to sedentary lifestyles and common risk factors, such as hypertension (ranging from 28% in the United Arab Emirates to 41% in Libya and Morocco); diabetes (ranging from 4% in Islamic Republic of Iran to 19% in Sudan) and hypercholesterolemia (ranging from 14% in Lebanon to 52% in Islamic Republic of Iran).

According to WHO data published in May 2014 Coronary Heart Disease deaths in Bahrain reached 382 or 16.00% of total deaths. The age adjusted death rate between (30 and 70) is 85.45 per 100,000 of population.

How many people really know the pain of a Heart Attack? Most people think they recognize the warning signs but, they are wrong. 50% of people, have no warning pain at all. Women, of them few have less pain than men and half of people having Heart Attack die from the injury. It may be surprising to hear that, for a substantial minority of people who have Heart Attacks, its "SILENT."

That is, when Heart Attack occurs, a coronary artery is



Angeline Yehudhiya Rose
Respiratory Therapist

blocked or narrowed which supplies blood to the heart muscle, by a fatty plaque and fatty clots. Some of the heart muscle die due to severe blockage of the clots, without the victim being aware, that you may never had any symptoms to warn you.

There are several reasons why some people may have a "Silent Heart Attack"

- ▶▶ Some people, simply ignore or unaware of the symptoms or do not notice.
- ▶▶ In some people, a lack of blood flow to the heart muscle simply does not produce chest pain, instead they may experience shortness of breath, feeling weak, Stomach

discomfort.

- ▶▶ Some people, simply ignore the signs and symptoms of a heart attack, as off being due to a cold, heartburn, or "something I ate. Perhaps, a "late dinner".

- ▶▶ Some medical conditions in particular, diabetes affect the nerves that carry pain impulses, so the symptoms of angina or a Heart Attack are blunted and not recognized.

When you sum up all these reasons, it appears that about 1 out of 4 Heart Attack turns out to be "Silent".

Let's know the symptoms of Heart Attack

- ▶▶ Pain in the chest radiating at times to your jaw and arm
- ▶▶ Breathlessness or trouble breathing
- ▶▶ Stomach discomfort or indigestion
- ▶▶ Pale skin or bluish lip
- ▶▶ Fatigue or tired
- ▶▶ Rapid or weak pulse or sweating
- ▶▶ Collapse without warning
- ▶▶ Gasping for air

If you have several risk factors for Heart Disease, such as smoking, Family History, living a sedentary life,

being overweight, Unhealthy food habits, having high cholesterol, hypertension or diabetes. The absence of these symptoms, should not be taken as light as that everything is fine with your Coronary Arteries.

There are little things you can do each day to make a big difference to your health. A heart-healthy lifestyle can help prevent a Heart Attack.

Also,

- ▶▶ Take responsibility of your Health
- ▶▶ Know your Risk Factors
- ▶▶ Quit Smoking
- ▶▶ Avoid Alcohol
- ▶▶ Maintain a healthy Blood Pressure
- ▶▶ Monitor your Cholesterol Levels
- ▶▶ Eat a Healthy Food
- ▶▶ Make Exercise a regular habit
- ▶▶ Reduce Stress
- ▶▶ Get enough Quality Sleep
- ▶▶ Take your Medication that's prescribed

Acting fast can save a life. Call 9-9-9 for emergency medical care.

Let's get started to fight a Heart Attack that's "SILENT".

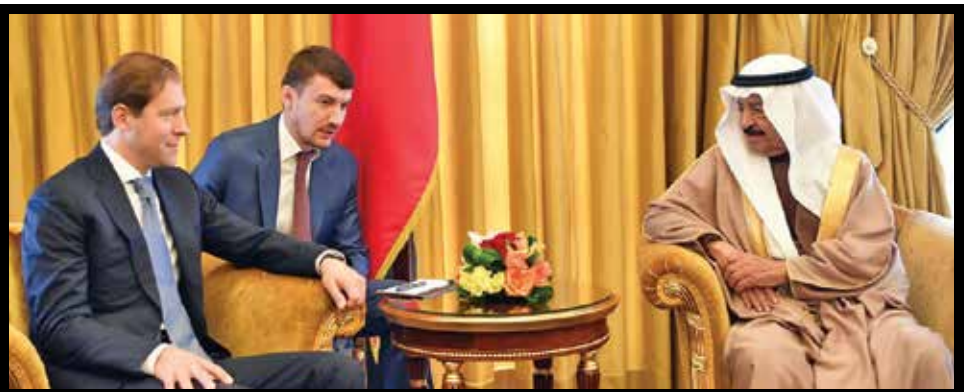




His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a Russian business delegation, led by Minister of Trade and Industry Denis Manturov, marking their visit to attend the first meeting of the Russian-Bahrain investment forum. The King paid tribute to Russian President Vladimir Putin for his keenness on enhancing joint ties



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received yesterday at Al-Safriya Palace National Audit Office (NAO) President Hassan bin Khalifa Al-Jalaha who submitted the NAO Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016. The King hailed the NAO President and staff's dedicated efforts, commending their performance and strenuous progress in protecting public money and attaining the highest degrees of credibility, independency and transparency



Prime Minister, HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday received Russian Minister of Trade and Industry Denis Manturov and his accompanying delegation at the Riffa Palace, while he stressed the positive impact of rapprochement between Russia and influential countries in international decision. The Premier voiced Bahrain's keenness on boosting tourism between Bahrain and Russia and availing of direct flights between Manama and Moscow to further promote bilateral cooperation in various fields



President of Civil Service Bureau (CSB), Ahmed bin Zayed Al Zayed, received the Information Affairs Minister, Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumaihi, and discussed the situation of part-timers working at the Ministry. Al-Zayed confirmed CSB's keenness to pay the entitlements of part-timers according to its laws and regulations so as to raise productivity level and improve the quality of media outcomes



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister, Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza signed an agreement with the Arabian Gulf University (AGU) in preparation of Bahrain's National Water Strategy from now until 2030. The plan is part of directives from The agreement was signed on behalf of the AGU by its President Dr. Khalid bin Abdul Rahman al Owthali



Minister of Defence Affairs visit to the Kingdom. The minister discussed the coordination, as well as issues of military cooperation, with the Assistant Chief of Staff for Human Resources



Chief Executive Officer of LMRA, Ausamah Al Absi held a meeting with Transportation Ministry Undersecretary for Land Transportation and Post Mariam bint Ahmed Jama'an and discussed cooperation to promote the labour market and develop the sector of transport. Al-Absi underlined role of LMRA as an official executive entity to coordinate with other government enterprises to achieve the public interest and strike the balance with all economic sectors



A delegation from the Jordanian Royal Military College visited the Bahrain Defence Museum. The delegation was informed about the variety of historical collectibles, military equipment and models that represent the Kingdom's military history



Intergovernmental commission in trade, economic, scientific and technological cooperation



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received Russian artist Nikas Safronov on the occasion of his visit to Bahrain to hold his art gallery. The Russian painter presented the King with a painting and a medal from the Russian Arts Foundation. The King thanked the Russian artist, lauding his artistic skills



BDF Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received yesterday a Russian delegation, led by Minister of Industry and Trade Denis Manturov. BDF General Command's Court Director Major General Hassan Mohammed Sa'ad, Inspector General Major General Abdullah Hassan Al Noaimi and Assistant Chief of Staff for Supply and Catering Rear Admiral Yusef Ahmed Malallah, were present.



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, awarded the UNESCO King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Prize for the use of information and communication technologies in education to Kiron Open Higher Education in Germany at a ceremony organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in cooperation with the Ministry of Education at UNESCO headquarters in Paris



Lt. General Yusuf Al Jalahma received a US Congress staff delegation, currently on a mission to review with the delegation the Bahrain-US relations of cooperation and common mutual interest. Inspector-General, Major-General Abdulla Hassan Al-Noaimi, and Human Resources, Major-General Shaikh Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa, were also present.



Chief of Staff of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Lieutenant General Dhiab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi attended the International Defence Exhibition and Conference (IDEX) 2017 which got underway in Abu Dhabi with the participation of around 1235 companies specialised in defence and military industries. The BDF Chief of Staff toured the exhibition and got informed about its different sections featuring international defence systems and military technologies which contribute to boosting regional and international peace and security



Bahrain Defence Force (BDF)'s Military artistic paintings



Salaam Bahrain magazine in association with the Indian Fine Arts Society (IFAS) is organizing a concert by Carnatic vocalist Sanjay Subrahmanyam on March 2. In an event held recently, Mohammed Zaki of Zayani Motors, the title sponsor handed over the ceremonial ticket to IFAS Vice-President Sankaranarayanan in the presence of Salaam Bahrain Editor Meera Ravi, co-sponsors and Sanjay fans

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Emma creates new Instagram to promote sustainable fashion

Emma Watson, even when busy in her hectic working schedule is not letting her campaign work effected, as she creates a new *Instagram* account to promote eco-friendly fashion.

The 26 year-old is using her platform to further the cause of sustainable fashion through her new *Instagram* account, The Press Tour.

In the first photo she can be seen sporting a coat from the fashion house Stella McCartney, who promotes clothing using regenerated and recycled materials and a jumper from Swedish brand Filippa K.

The theme of sustainable fashion continued in the next posts, where she can be seen wearing an Oscar de La Renta outfit, at the first public screening of 'Beauty and the Beast'.

The whole dress was made in New York City and all the Burberry pumps were handmade in Italy, using organic silk. The feminist campaigner has long been an activist for sustainable fashion and when promoting her 2015 film 'Regression,' where she wore dresses by different fashion designers who use ethical and eco-friendly methods of production at each different event.



Actress Lea Seydoux has revealed that her mother Valerie only realised she was an actress recently.

The 31-year-old actress has starred in a plethora of blockbuster movies including 'Spectre', 'Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol' and 'Inglourious Basterds' but says her mother didn't realise she was a movie star for a long time.

"My mother is in this iconic film, but she never wanted to be an actress. Acting is not in our family ... And my father, maybe because his father is in cinema, it is not his thing. He is more into technology. He is like a geek with his glasses and his passion for computers," Seydoux said.

"My mother, I don't think she realised I was doing this job until recently. My mum called me and said, 'Oh, what are you doing now?' I said I was packing to go to Canada to shoot 'Mission: Impossible'. She paused for a moment and said, 'Oh, OK, and when do you come back?' My mother is definitely in her own world.(TOI)



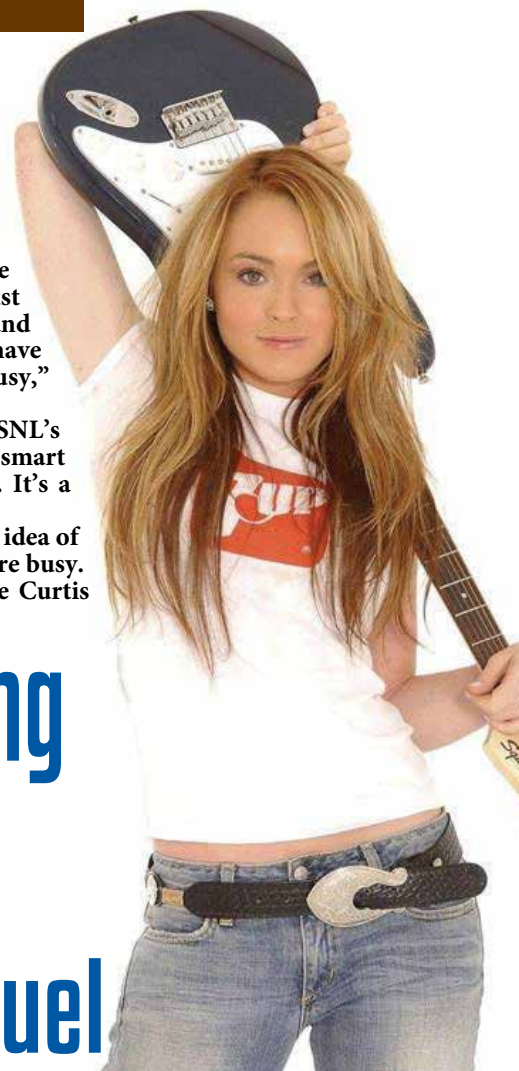
Seydoux didn't tell mother about film career

It has been almost 13 years since the moviegoers were introduced with Lindsay Lohan's Regina George in the cult-film 'Mean Girls' and the actress is leaving no stone unturned to make its sequel happen.

Recently, in an interview, the 30-year-old said, she is totally trying to make 'Mean Girls 2', as the 'Machete' star believes that this story is not over just yet. "I went to Saturday Night Live the other day and I was like harassing Lorne Michaels, I'm like we have to do. I'll write the treatment-If Tina Fey's too busy," she shared.

The actress did get support for the sequel, by SNL's co-host Sara Haines. "Yes, they should. They're smart with timing. It will come when the time is right. It's a great movie. It's a cult film," Lindsay added.

Earlier, she said that she will keep on forcing the idea of a sequel to Tina Fey and Paramount, even if they are busy. The 'Canyons' star even wishes to have Jamie Lee Curtis and Jimmy Fallon in the sequel.(TOI)



Lindsay not giving up hopes on 'Mean Girls' sequel



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Australian naturalist nicknamed The Crocodile Hunter who became popular from working along-side dangerous animals on television.



McCartney, Ringo Starr reunite in studio

Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, the last two surviving members of the Beatles, recently reunited in a studio, sparking the band's reunion rumours.

"Thanks for coming over man and playing great bass. I love you man peace and love," Starr tweeted along with their photograph, reports *mirror.co.uk*.

Starr, who was the drummer in the Beatles, is working on a solo album at his home studio. And it appears that singer-songwriter McCartney came over to lend a hand on bass.

He shared another photo with musician Joe Walsh and wrote: "And look out Joe W came out to play. What a day I'm having. Peace and love."

Starr's album will be the follow-up to his 2015 release "Postcards From Paradise".

The Beatles stars last recorded together for Starr's "Y Not" album released in 2010. (TOI)

Pictures emerge of Kim's Paris robbery scene



The tape used to bind Kardashian West's hand and legs

Pictures have emerged of Kim Kardashian's Paris hotel room after the reality star was targeted by armed robbers in October, 2016.

Kim was bound, gagged and held at gunpoint as thugs robbed her of millions of dollars' worth of jewellery, including a US\$4 million (NZ\$5.57m) ring.

On Sunday, French television network TF1 showed photographs from inside the suite at the Hotel de Pourtales, showing several disturbing images including the tape that was used to bind Kim's hands and what looks like the gag used to silence her.

CCTV footage of a group of the alleged robbers sitting outside the A Mon Cafe, three miles from Kim's hotel, was also shown as part of the report.

The images came as Kim's representative denied reports the mother-of-two was planning to return to the French capital for the upcoming Paris Fashion Week.

A source close to Kim told the show the star is "relieved" her dealings "went fine" earlier this month (Feb17), when she met with the French judge overseeing the upcoming Paris robbery trial, who had travelled to meet her in New York City. She spent two days

discussing the terrifying ordeal, which took place during Paris Fashion Week last October.

The French legal system does not require victims of criminal cases to return to the country to testify.

"It was obviously a little traumatic talking about it again, but the authorities have been incredible," the source revealed. "Kim is relieved this is all coming to an end."

Kim spoke about the traumatic incident while talking to sisters Khloe and Kourtney in a trailer for the upcoming season of *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*, telling her siblings that the moment the men broke in she thought: "They're going to shoot me in the back. There's no way out." (Stuff)



TOP

BOX OFFICE *Movies*

The LEGO Batman Movie	\$42.5million
Fifty Shades Darker	\$23.3 million
The Great Wall	\$21.7 million
John Wick: Chapter 2	\$19.1 million
Fist Fight	\$14.5 million
Hidden Figures	\$8.7 million
Split	\$8.3 million
A Dog's Purpose	\$7.4 million
La La Land	\$5.4 million
Lion	\$5.2 million

OUT & ABOUT

HOW TO REACH US

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

WALKING TOUR OF MUHARRAQ- PEARL TRAIL

Date: 22 Feb 9 am – 11am
Venue: Muharraaq- Muharraaq

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

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

Date: February 22, 6.30pm
Venue: Bahrain National Museum – Auditorium

During periods of crisis, physical structures and administrative mechanisms in place to safeguard cultural heritage are often dismantled or destroyed. Due to declining State authority, archaeological, historic and artistic treasures are threatened by direct damage, looting, abandonment and neglect. Such detrimental conditions affecting cultural heritage are heightened and challenge preservation initiatives needed to administer critical first aid measures.

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

FILM: KING CORN

Date: Wednesday 22nd February 2017, 7pm

HIGHLIGHT

BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL GARDEN SHOW

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

Venue: Bahrain International Convention & Exhibition Centre

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



Venue: Bahrain Cinema Club, Juffair
King Corn is a feature documentary about two friends, one acre of corn, and the subsidized crop that drives our fast-food nation. In the film, Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis, best friends from college on the east coast, move to the heartland to learn where their food comes from. With the help of friendly neighbors, genetically modified seeds, and powerful herbicides, they plant and grow a bumper crop of America's most-productive, most-subsidized grain on one acre of Iowa soil. But when they try to follow their pile of corn into the food system, what they find raises troubling questions about how we eat—and how we farm.

MAGIC UNLIMITED IN BAHRAIN

Date: 23 Feb 6 pm - 25 Feb 9 pm
Venue: The Cultural Hall- Manama

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THE SECRET POLICE LIVE IN CONCERT

Date: 23 Feb 9 pm - 24 Feb 11:30 pm

Venue: The Gulf Hotel Bahrain Convention & Spa- Manama

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TRUFFLE DINNER AT CUT BY WOLFGANG PUCK

Date: 24 Feb 7 pm – 11 pm

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay- Manama

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

MONDAY NIGHT BOOKCLUB

Date: 27 Feb 7 pm – 8 pm

Venue: Words BookstoreCafé-Jannusan

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

NOCTURNE FOR PIT ORCHESTRA

Date: March 9

Venue: Bahrain National Quarry

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

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.

MARK YOUR Calendar

MAKE YOUR MOMMA PROUD LIVE

Date: 3rd March 2017, 6.30pm

Venue: The Indian School Ground, Isa Town



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

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



OPERA: "ANTAR WA ABLA"

Date: 25th February, 8:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

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

HIGHLIGHT

BRYAN ADAMS LIVE IN BAHRAIN

Date: 13 March 2017, 8:00pm

Venue: Bahrain International Circuit

Multi-platinum, recording artist Bryan Adams is set to rock Bahrain on 13th March 2017 at the Bahrain International Circuit with 'The Get Up Tour'. The Middle East leg of the tour consists of shows in Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. The Bryan Adams Get Up tour in Bahrain is brought to you By Alive Entertainment in association with BMMI Shops, TimeOut Bahrain and Q- Tickets. Tickets are priced at BD 30 for General Admission and BD 50 for the Fan Pit that gets you up close to the stage. If you would like to rock to the tunes in style, VIP packages at BD 95 are also available, with food and beverage included. Tickets are available online www.bryanadams.me or at



Alosra Supermarkets (Amwaj, Janabiya & Saar) and BMMI Retail Shop Mina Salman.

Bryan Adams released his thirteenth studio album, Get Up in October 2015. Produced by famed ELO frontman Jeff Lynne and co-written with his long-time collaborator Jim Vallance, the album features nine new songs and four acoustic versions.

Gordon Mackenzie, Managing Director of Alive Entertainment said, "We are really excited to bring Bryan Adams back to Bahrain, it's been too long! Adams is a fantastic stage performer, so come join us and let's make a night to remember."

For tickets and more information on the show visit www.bryanadams.me or email us at ba@bryanadams.me if you have any queries. Tickets are limited so don't miss out!

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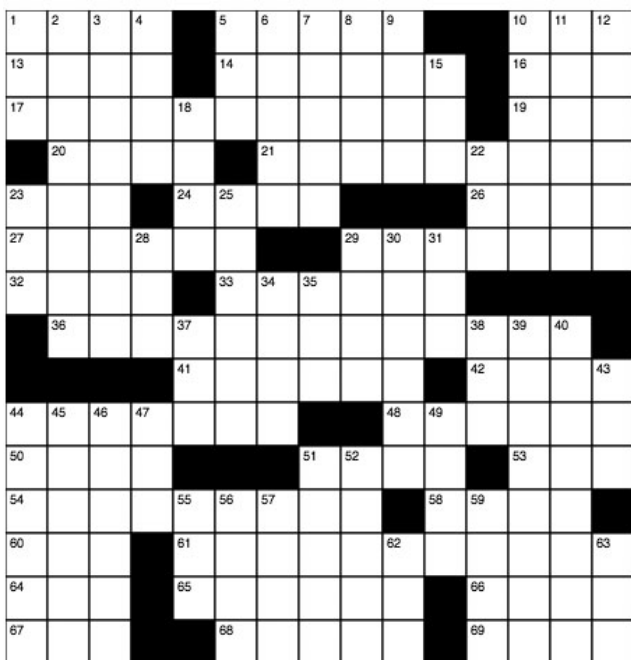
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How to play:

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

Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



Your interest will be sparked by a new gadget or electrical appliance. Don't be surprised if a salesman shows up at your door trying to sell you a new vacuum cleaner or slices-anything knife. You will easily be talked into buying things. Be careful of buying into a sales-pitch that does not pertain to you.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



You may feel as if no one is listening to you. Perhaps people may be hearing you on one level - a superficial level in which they hear what they want and ignore the rest. You have much deeper concerns and very sensitive and powerful emotions that need to be heard and understood. Be more open and direct when it comes to making these needs known.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



You should be flying high as a kite as you interact with many different people and come together with others on many different levels. You are the perfect saleswoman who can convince someone into buying a down jacket in the summertime. You can win everyone over to your side of the argument. Use these powers for good; do not take advantage of others.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



You may be feeling a bit emotionally detached today, making it hard for you to connect with anyone on a truly intimate level. You have an unusually difficult time getting your heart into whatever project you are working on because you feel cool about it. Do not try to force enthusiasm on the scene if you don't feel it coming naturally.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Put an end to the ego trip and stop assuming that you know the best course of action for everyone else. Trying to control others will only leave you frustrated. Encourage common goals and cooperative efforts, but don't give people guilt trips for not taking the road that you think would be best for them.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



Although you have the whole day very mapped out in your head in terms of what is going to happen at what time, things are definitely not going to develop in that exact manner. Unexpected events are likely to crop up, so make sure to allow time for the unknown. Go with the flow of whatever comes your way instead of becoming frustrated.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Things are in your favour, and you will find that communication is the name of the game. Information will be flowing fast and furiously, and you stand to gain quite a bit from the news that is coming your way. Your ears are like a pair of antenna above your head waiting to pick up on the latest trends and gossip. You are the one people will turn to when they need an honest and fair opinion.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Light is being shed on cold hard facts that you may have been trying to avoid for quite some time. There is no sense trying to pretend that you do not see the truth that is staring you square in the face. Just because you may not want to accept what you see doesn't mean that you can carry on with the belief that it simply does not exist.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



Opportunities exist in the cracks, so don't count on looking in the most obvious places. The dreams you are searching for are found in the least likely locations, so keep your eyes open to the unexpected. The chance of a lifetime may come rolling around the corner at any minute, so be prepared to take a trip to a place you may never have thought of visiting before.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



You may be frustrated because you are not fitting in to a particular situation the way you might like to. You may be very confident about where you stand and what you believe in, but as soon as you enter a group situation, your point of view is shot down, misunderstood, or ignored completely. Don't give up. Be persistent about the things you feel strongly about.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



This is a terrific day for you, and you will find that things are going your way in general. You may not have to deviate too far from your current position in order to harmonise with the people around you. You may feel like you are on centre stage. People are turning to you for answers and opinions. Your will is strong and your mental acumen is keen.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



The events of the day are likely to be erratic and a bit shocking. Be prepared for the unexpected. What you think may be the most logical outcome for the situation at hand is probably the least likely to happen. Don't get down on yourself because of this. Let events flow as they will, and do not judge them one way or another.

Five killed in Melbourne plane crash



Smoke and flames after a plane crashed into a shopping centre in Melbourne

Melbourne

A light aircraft smashed into shops and exploded into a "massive fireball" killing all five on board, including four American passengers reportedly golfers on the trip of a lifetime, officials in Australia said yesterday.

The twin-engined Beechcraft plane veered just after take-off into a shopping centre, that was still closed, next to Essendon Fields airport near Melbourne.

"Five on the aircraft and looks like no one has survived the crash," said Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner Stephen Leane.

Premier Daniel Andrews described it as "the worst civil aviation accident in last 30 years".

The private charter

from Essendon, north of Melbourne, to King Island, 55 minutes to the south, came down just short of a major motorway packed with the heavy traffic of early morning commuters.

A column of thick black smoke rose into the air as witnesses spoke of an explosion.

"The pilot unfortunately attempted to return to Essendon but has crashed into the DFO (Direct Factory Outlet) at Essendon Fields," Leane told reporters.

The centre was not due to open for another hour and the authorities confirmed no one inside was hurt.

A taxi driver called ABC radio and told of the "massive fireball" and a landing wheel bouncing onto the motorway.

"I saw this plane when it hit the building there was a massive fireball," said the man called Jason.

Victoria Police Superintendent Mick Frewen said investigations centred on a "catastrophic engine failure".

The highly experienced 60-year-old Australian pilot made a May-Day call before crashing.

A shopworker called Ash told Sky News he saw "the fireball go up into the air".

"The fire was just so hot we could not get anywhere near it," he said. "We could see the wreckage, or what was left of it."

The US embassy in Canberra said the four passengers were American citizens. - (AFP)

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I call on the United Kingdom to accept its responsibility for adolescent migrants in France at the moment who have family on the other side of the Channel

Francois Hollande
French President

Rest in sight

Italy taxis drivers strike over 'Uber' benefits



Hundreds of taxi drivers protested in Rome yesterday as a strike over delays to Italian legislation regulating Uber entered its sixth day.

Nepal to hold first local elections in 20 years

Nepal will hold its first local elections in two decades in May, the government has announced, a key moment in the country's fraught transition to democracy.

1.4 million children face famine in four countries

Almost 1.4 million children suffering from severe malnutrition could die this year from famine in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen, the UN children's agency said yesterday.

France arrests 3 suspected of planning terror attack

French police yesterday arrested three men suspected of planning a terror attack in raids in the Paris area, Marseille and the central city of Clermont-Ferrand.

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India arrests heads of adoption centre

Kolkata

Indian police said yesterday they have arrested the heads of an adoption centre suspected of selling at least 17 children to foreign couples.

Investigators said children aged between six months and 14 years were sold to couples from Europe, America and Asia for between \$12,000 and \$23,000 and taken out of the country.

Police in the eastern state of West Bengal arrested Chandana Chakraborty, head of the Bimala Sishu Griha centre, and her deputy Sonali Mondal at the weekend after a tip-off from the federal adoption agency.

"In the last two to three years, they have sold at least 17 children," a police officer told AFP on condition of anonymity.



Indian police officials escort Chandana Chakraborty (C)

"We will try to contact the couples and are expecting more arrests in coming days."

One French couple paid 1.5 million rupees (\$23,000) for a child in 2015, he said.

The women were also involved in running two other homes in the area.

Investigators said they had been monitoring the charity since June when child welfare authorities found discrepancies in their records.

Japan zoo culls monkeys carrying 'invasive' genes

Tokyo

A Japanese zoo has culled 57 native snow monkeys by lethal injection after finding that they carried genes of an "invasive alien species", officials said yesterday.

The Takagoyama Nature Zoo in the city of Futtsu in Chiba prefecture east of Tokyo, housed 164 simians which it believed were all pure Japanese macaques.

But the operator and local officials discovered about one-third were crossbred with the rhesus macaque, which in Japan is designated an "invasive alien species".

Japanese law bans the possession and transport of invasive species, including the crossbreeds, and that culling of them is allowed under the law.

He said the monkeys were put to death by lethal injection over about one month ending early February.

Snow monkey-rhesus macaque crossbreeds were designated for culling when Japan's environment law was revised in 2013.

"They have to be killed to protect the indigenous environment," an official with the Chiba prefectural government said.

Long-lost lions from French King tomb to be auctioned

London

A sculpture of two lions carved for the tomb of French king Charles V that was thought lost in the French Revolution will soon go under the hammer in London, auction house Christie's said yesterday.

The 14th-century marble work by French artist Andre Beauneveu, which had been held in a private British collection for more than two centuries, will be sold on July 6.

The lions were carved as near mirror images of each another, with strikingly detailed manes and one baring its teeth.

Beauneveu was commissioned by the king shortly after he came to the throne, and was tasked with constructing four family tombs.

The lions were sculpted over two years from 1364 to 1366,



An employee with re-discovered sculpture of two carved lions

according to Christie's, and placed at the foot of Charles's tomb.

But the family tombs were dismantled in 1793 by France's revolutionary government, and

the lions were purchased in 1802 by Thomas Neave.

The emergence of the sculpture represents a "remarkable rediscovery", Christie's said. (AFP)

Bodies of migrants wash up on Libya beach



Tripoli

The bodies of 74 migrants who drowned in the Mediterranean trying to reach Europe have washed up on a beach west of the Libyan capital.

Residents of the village of Harcha, outside Zawiya, 45 kilometres from Tripoli, alerted the emergency services after finding a

wrecked boat on the beach with bodies inside.

More were discovered elsewhere on the beach and still more were feared to be in the sea.

An International Organization for Migration said the boat was reported to have foundered on Sunday, leaving as many as 100 people dead.



Pakistani security personnel gather at the main entrance of a court complex after multiple suicide bomb attacks

Suicide bombers hit court in Pakistan, 7 killed

Tangi

At least seven people were killed when multiple Taliban suicide bombers attacked a court complex in northern Pakistan yesterday, the latest in a series of assaults which have raised fears militants are regrouping.

One bomber was briefly on the loose inside the busy complex in the Tangi area of Charsadda district but was killed by police some 20 minutes after the attack

began, officials said.

A second bomber was shot dead by security forces and a third died when he detonated his vest outside the main gates of the facility in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, according to police.

The attack was claimed by the Jamaat-ul-Ahrar (JuA) faction of the Pakistani Taliban, which carried out a series of apparently coordinated assaults last week including a powerful bomb

blast in Lahore which killed 14 people.

"So far seven people have been killed and 15 wounded," Suhail Khalid, district police chief, told AFP, adding that a lawyer was among the dead.

The three attackers had opened fire on police and thrown grenades as they tried to battle their way into the complex, Khalid said.

"Bomb disposal experts told us that each bomber was wearing seven to eight

kilogrammes of explosives," he told reporters.

Hundreds of people including lawyers, judges and citizens normally attend the court complex.

Police scoured the area for evidence as military helicopters whirred overhead. An old man whose four-year-old grandson died in the attack wept.

Another man who witnessed the attack, Muhammad Hussain, said

he was about to enter the complex when he heard the blast.

"When I looked up I saw three armed men, hurling grenades and opening fire," said the 35-year-old civil servant, adding he sought shelter in a nearby police barracks from where he heard the gunbattle.

"This continued for some minutes and then I heard another big bang. Some minutes after a policemen

told me that it's all over."

Lawyers and the judiciary are frequent targets in Pakistan. Among last week's assaults was a bomb blast targeting a van carrying judges in Peshawar.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's office condemned the latest assault.

"We will not be deterred by such attacks. Our government will continue to fight against terrorist elements," a statement said. - (AFP)

Le Pen in headscarf controversy

Beirut

France's far-right presidential candidate Marine Le Pen capped her visit to Lebanon with controversy yesterday when she refused to wear a headscarf to meet the country's top cleric.

On her last day in the Mediterranean country, Le Pen arrived at Sheikh Abdellatif Deryan's office in Beirut and was offered a white shawl to cover her blonde hair.

She promptly refused and made a brief statement to journalists before leaving.

"The highest Sunni authority in the world had not had this requirement, so I have



Marine Le Pen (C) reacts upon being handed a headscarf ahead of a meeting

no reason to," Le Pen said, referring to her 2015 visit to Al-Azhar, the prestigious institution of Islamic learning.

She said she had told Deryan's office that she would not don a headscarf: "They did not cancel the meeting, so I

thought they would accept that I will not wear the scarf."

"They wanted to impose this on me, to present me with a fait accompli," the candidate said.

Deryan heads Dar al-Fatwa, the highest Sunni authority in Lebanon.

In a statement yesterday, the body said "its press office had informed the presidential candidate, through one of her assistants, of the need to cover her head when she meets his eminence, according to the protocol assumed by Dar al-Fatwa".

"Dar al-Fatwa officials were surprised by her refusal to conform to this rule," it said.

Palestinian journalist released after 10 months



Palestinian journalists hold placards during a demonstration in support of their colleague, Omar Nazzal

Jerusalem

A senior Palestinian journalist has been released after 10 months in an Israeli jail without charge, he told yesterday.

Omar Nazzal, 55, was released on Monday after nearly a year in prison and following 13 hearings in an Israeli military court, he said.

Despite that, he added, he never received specific allegations, only a "general accusation" that he was threatening "regional security".

"When my lawyer asked for details, he got only rejections from judges and military prosecutors," Nazzal, a member of the general secretariat of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate.

He was arrested on April 23 at the border between the

Israeli-occupied West Bank and Jordan, from where he had been due to fly to a European Federation of Journalists gathering in Bosnia.

Nazzal, a former employee at the Palestine Today newspaper, was detained under Israel's controversial administrative detention laws, which allow suspects to be interned for indefinite periods without charge on evidence often not given to their lawyers.

The Palestinians have labelled his arrest an attack on press freedom and several international organisations have called for his release.

According to the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, around 20 journalists or journalism students are held by Israel, one of them for more than 20 years.

Mugabe marks 93rd birthday

Harare

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, the world's oldest national ruler, turned 93 yesterday, using a long and occasionally rambling interview to vow to remain in power despite growing signs of frailty.

He celebrated the day at a private event in Harare with a cake and presents from staff as supporters and ruling ZANU-PF party officials filled state

media with gushing messages of goodwill.

During an hour-long, pre-recorded television interview Mugabe appeared to grow increasingly tired.

"The call to step down must come from my party. In such circumstances I will step down," he said.

"They want me to stand for elections. If I feel that I can't do it any more, I will say so to my party to relieve me.

"The majority of the people feel that there is no replacement a successor who to them is acceptable."

The Zimbabwean opposition used the birthday to say Mugabe was an outdated leader.

Large game animals are often slaughtered for the occasion. In previous years Mugabe has reportedly been offered elephants, buffalo and impala for the feast.



Robert Mugabe blows out candles during his birthday

Bahrain Ironman moves up in ratings



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Manama

Bahrain has been granted of 89.1 percent points by the Ironman Company for organising the Ironman 70.3 Middle East Championship. The current rating is 2.92 pc above the global average.

Supreme Council for Youth & Sport Chairman, Bahrain Olympic Committee President

& Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) Chairman H H Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa noted that this figure enables Bahrain to become the home of triathlon sport in the Middle

“This grade awarded to Bahrain is considered a very high percentage at the level of countries organising Ironman events and confirming that

the Kingdom had hosted the tournament in a novel and professional manner,” he said.

Shaikh Nasser pointed out that the Kingdom of Bahrain is always going to be at the forefront when organising sporting events on its soil and thanked the leadership for its support to all sports and the youth sector.

Hamad wins boys title

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Manama

Second seed Hamad Abdul A'al defeated top seed Yousef Ashraf 6-4, 6-0 to clinch the Boys under 18 years title yesterday of the 22nd Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK) Juniors Open Tennis Championship 2017 at the Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) premises in Juffair.

The opening set began with both players winning their opening service games, followed by three breaks of service as Hamad took an early 3-2 lead and extended it to 4-2 on his service game.

Both players then exchanged breaks of service before Yousef

held serve to trail 4-5.

Hamad was decisive on his service game to wrap up the set 6-4.

The second set started badly for Yousef as found himself 0-3 down after losing a second service game.

Sophie De Boer defeated Maya Bseisu 6-3, 7-6(8) in a well contested Girls 14 years and under final between the two JC's Academy students as Maya effected two breaks of service early in the first set for a 3-1 lead.

The other titles went to top seed Tristan Manners with a 6-0 games victory over second seed Rushikesh Sonawane in the Unisex 10 years and under.

Top seed Riyaan Ahmed was

a 4-0 games winner against second seed Joshua Jacob in the Unisex 8 years and under category.

The championship, which concluded yesterday was held under the patronage of BBK Chief Executive Officer, Reyadh Yousif Sater.

The event featured around 60 players in three boys and two girls age categories and two Unisex categories with 90 players in the fray.

The finals were attended by The King's Advisor for Youth and Sport Affairs, HE Saleh Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai, BBK CEO, Reyadh Yousif Sater and BTC President Khamis Al Muqla, along with other BBK Officials and BTC officials and club members.



Hamad Abdul A'al receives the trophy

Jet Funny Car set for Bahrain debut

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The penultimate round of the 2016/2017 Bahrain Drag Racing Championship-Arabian Pro Series starting tonight, with a special never-before-seen Jet Funny Car Show making debut.

This week's events start tonight and tomorrow with two evenings of Test and Tune from 5pm to 11pm. Qualifying is on Thursday night from 4pm onwards, while Race Day on Friday will be held from 3pm onwards.

On Thursday and Friday, the globally renowned Jet Funny Car Show will be performing a series of demonstration passes live.

This will be the first-ever show of its kind to take place in the Kingdom of Bahrain,

and it will also be the first outing of the 2017 season for the Jet Funny Car and its team and all with tickets to the championship can witness the Jet Funny Car Show.

Martin Hill, owner and pilot of the Jet Funny Car said: “We are honoured to have been invited to attend these

events and will look forward to entertaining the crowds at Bahrain International Circuit. Tickets can be bought at the gate and range from BD2 each for the the Test and Tune Evenings and BD3 and BD5 for Qualifying and Race day, with children aged up to 12 years old attending for price.



Jet Funny Car

NMS register victory

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New Millennium School defeated Ibn Al Hytham School in the Cricket Bahrain Association (CBA) Junior Cricket League Inter Schools Under-12 Boys Tournament at the Junior Cricket Ground near Khalifa Sports City.

Batting first, Ibn Al Hytham Islamic School were dismissed for 99 with the main scorer being Sayuj (33) and Jaysnav (three for 12) and Nikung (two for 25) being the best bowlers.

In reply, Millennium School reached the target scoring 100 for three in 15 overs thanks to unbeaten knocks by Nikung (24) and Aaryan (22) with Ahmed (two for 24) the best of the bowlers.

The Indian School beat Kids

and Teens by 35 runs after notching up 115 for six in 20 overs with the main scorers being Aravind Rajeev (51) and Anand Krishnan (23), while Kids and Teens were dismissed for just 80 with Nikhil (12) and Krish (11) offering the only resistance as Aravind (four for 14) and Ayush (three for seven) ripped through the batting.

Other scores:

Combined School 130 in 20 (Rishabh 50, Yasahas 40, Azhar 2 wkts) bt Ibn Al Hytham 89 (Abdullah 30, Movas 3 wkts, Abhinav and Rishabh 2 wkts) by 41 runs. Kids and Teens Kids and Teens 142/7 in 20 (Uzair 36, Aaron 22, Seshang 3/30) tied with New Millennium School 142/4 in 20 overs (Ethan 56, Ansh 33, Jaqishnav 26, (Uzair 2/27).

Bahrain Team Merida to compete tomorrow

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Manama

Bahrain Merida Pro Cycling Team are set to compete in the UCI World Tour circuit, the third edition of the Abu Dhabi Tour from tomorrow

The world tour, until Sunday over four stages covering a distance of 671km.

The Bahrain team is led by its captain from Italy Vincenzo Nibali. The other team members for the tour are Manuele Boaro, Franco Pellizzotti, Kanstantsin Siutsou, Ramunas Navardauskas, Janez Brajkovic, Valerio Agnoli and Niccolò Bonifazio.

Incredible Hulk blasts Shanghai to victory

Seoul
Brazilian forward Hulk blasted Shanghai SIPG to a 1-0 victory over FC Seoul but the big-spending Chinese giants needed to survive a penalty and a red card before winning their AFC Champions League opener on Tuesday.

Hulk's rocket of a strike on 53 minutes got Andre Villas-Boas's team off to a winning start in Group F, where they lie second on goal difference after Urawa Red Diamonds' 4-0 demolition of Western Sydney Wanderers.

A speculative effort from Hulk and another shot way over the bar from the Brazilian were the closest SIPG came in a tepid first half in front of a noisy Seoul crowd.

At the other end, Dejan Damjanovic had a chance to finish off a sweeping move from the hosts but the Montenegrin striker shot tamely at goalkeeper Yoo Hyun from close range.

Oscar's most significant moment of the first half came when he petulantly raised his hand to Lee Sang-Ho's throat and shoved the Seoul forward, earning a yellow card.

But the muscular Hulk brought the game to life with a moment of magic on 53 minutes, when he smashed a left-footed shot from well outside the box which swerved into the top corner.

Reds run riot

Six minutes later Damjanovic tumbled in the box, earning a soft penalty and a second yellow card for He Guan -- but the striker's scuffed spot-kick was easily saved by SIPG's Yan Junling.

Earlier, Japan's Urawa smashed four second-half goals past Western Sydney Wanderers to open their campaign with a thumping win.

Shinzo Koroki and Tadanari Lee struck within two minutes of each other before Tomoaki Makino and Rafael Silva also got

on the scoresheet as the Group F visitors ran riot in Sydney.

The result gives Urawa an early boost in their campaign for a second Champions League crown, but dents the Wanderers' chances of emulating their fairytale title run of 2014, when the club was just two years old.

It was Lee who prised open the home defence on 56 minutes, when his perfectly placed through-ball released Koroki who finished smartly with the outside of his right boot.

Two minutes later and Urawa took a stranglehold on the game, when the Wanderers' defenders failed to clear and stood watching each other as Lee swept home the second goal.

Urawa capitalised on yet more slack defending when Makino, unmarked at the back post, prodded home a loose ball from a corner on 68 minutes to make it 3-0.

In Group E, Kashima Antlers beat Ulsan Hyundai 2-0 and Brisbane Roar were held to a 0-0 home draw by Thailand's Muangthong United.

In Doha, Al Rayyan's heavy reliance on their South American imports was very much in evidence as the Qatar Stars League champions edged out UAE's Al Wahda 2-1 in Group D.

Uruguayan Gonzalo Viera headed in from a corner to give Al Rayyan a 13th-minute lead but the advantage was short-lived as Rim Chang-woo struck from close range to equalise for Al Wahda in the 35th minute.

Al Rayyan, however, were not to be denied as Paraguayan Victor Caceres came to their aid with a header off a Viera assist on the hour to give Michael Laudrup's men all three points.

Also in Group D, Iran's Persepolis held 1991 and 2000 champions Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia to a 1-1 draw, while Al Ain of the UAE and Iran's Zobahan also played out a 1-1 draw in Group C. (AFP)

Rooney returns to United training

London

Manchester United's record goalscorer Wayne Rooney returned to training yesterday after having missed the last four matches with a muscular injury.

The 31-year-old forward -- who became United's all-time goalscorer passing Bobby Charlton's tally of 249 when he scored against Stoke on January 21 -- took part in the squad's last session before they fly to France for Wednesday's Europa League last 32 second leg clash with St Etienne.

United -- who will be without suspended midfielder Ander Herrera and the injured defender Phil Jones -- won the first leg 3-0 part of a four match winning streak coinciding with Rooney's absence.

Rooney -- whom United manager Jose Mourinho said would not be sold despite reported interest from China as the club chases three Cups -- trained in front of the media in a group also comprising Anthony Martial and Henrikh Mkhitaryan.



Wayne Rooney

Blackburn seek new manager

London

English second-tier strugglers Blackburn Rovers are seeking their seventh full-time manager since Indian owners Venkys bought the club in 2010 after Owen Coyle left by mutual consent yesterday.

The 50-year-old Scot -- who guided them to just 11 wins in 37 matches since taking over in June last year -- leaves with the former English champions second from bottom of the Championship and three points adrift of safety.

Coyle, who has also taken charge of Burnley, Bolton Wanderers and Wigan Athletic amongst other clubs, departs just two days after Rovers won compliments for their performance in the 2-1 FA Cup fifth-round defeat by Manchester United.

"The decision has been taken to give the club the best possible chance of climbing to a position of safety in the Championship," said a club statement.

Blackburn's next game is away to fellow Championship strugglers Burton Albion on Friday.



Urawa Red Diamonds player Kohrogi Shinzoh (R) attempts to steer the ball past Western Sydney Wanderers goalkeeper Janjetovic (bottom)

Makarova in repeat win in Doha

Dubai
Ekaterina Makarova followed up on her January upset of Dominika Cibulkova with another defeat for the Slovak in a rain-delayed second-round match at the Dubai Tennis Championships yesterday.

The Russian who knocked Cibulkova out in the Melbourne third round used lessons learned in Australia to repeat the feat against the third seed, winning 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

"It was a tough match again against Domi. Like always, we have three sets," the winner said. "I started really good with aggressive tennis.

"In the second set, maybe I started to think that I'm playing so good or she's missing too much. I knew that she is a fighter and she will never give up, and she will fight and run and hit.

"Beating her at the Open helped a lot, I was believing more and I knew what to do, how to play, where to go, yeah, I

was believing that I can beat her."

The morning start had been delayed two hours due to light rain amid cooler temperatures than normal.

Cibulkova, seeded third behind Angelique Kerber and Karolina Pliskova, held a 3-1 edge over Makarova in their career series before the match.

The Slovak was playing the event for the sixth time but had never passed the third round.

Ninth seed Elena Vesnina doubled up the day's Russian victory count, beating Misaki Doi of Japan 6-2, 7-5 while Olympic gold medallist Monica Puig accounted for French 15th seed Caroline Garcia 6-1, 4-6, 6-2. (AFP)



Ekaterina Makarova

Muguruza quits match after injury

DUBAI
French Open champion Garbine Muguruza retired with a left Achilles injury and US Open finalist Karolina Pliskova was knocked out in the second round at the Dubai Tennis Championships on Tuesday.

The seventh-ranked Muguruza drew the trainer on court when trailing Kateryna Bondarenko of Ukraine 3-0, and quit at 4-1 down. Muguruza said she started to feel the injury following her second-round loss in Doha last week.

"Because of the rain, a lot of people played two matches, including me," Muguruza said. "I remember that as soon as I went, after the match, to my room, I started to have a pain in my left Achilles."



Garbine Muguruza

Second-seeded Pliskova was upset by Kristina Mladenovic of France 6-2, 6-4. Pliskova said. Pliskova boasts a 15-2 win-loss record this year. Her only prior defeat was to Mirjana Lucic-Baroni in the Australian Open quarterfinals.

Earlier, Ekaterina Makarova advanced to the third round by beating third-seeded Dominika Cibulkova 6-2, 4-6, 6-2. Olympic champion Monica Puig, and eighth-seeded Elena Vesnina advanced.

Federer commits to keep playing in Basel

Paris
Roger Federer may be 35 but he showed retirement is far from his mind by committing to play at the Swiss Indoors for another three years.

The Basel native won his 18th Grand Slam title in an epic final against Rafael Nadal at the Australian Open last month, ending a five-year wait to add to his tally.

"I can hardly wait to step out again in front of my home crowd in autumn. To play in Basel is always one of the highlights of the year," said Federer, a seven-time winner of his home tournament who missed last year's event due to injury.

This year's tournament will run from October 21-29. Federer will be 38 by the time he plays in the 2019 edition of the Swiss Indoors.



Lu, Edmund wins Delray openers

British eighth seed Kyle Edmund and Taiwan's Lu Yen-Hsun booked a second-round matchup Monday at the ATP Delray Beach Open while US defending champion Sam Querrey advanced on a retirement.

Edmund, ranked 49th, fired five aces and faced only one break point in a 6-3, 6-0 victory over France's Adrian Mannarino, while Lu, ranked 63rd, rallied from a set and 0-3 down to defeat American Bjorn Fratangelo 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Fourth seed Querrey advanced 6-2, 2-1 when Israeli rival Dudi Sela retired with a back injury. The 35th-ranked American improved to 14-7 at Delray Beach.

In a showdown of 19-year-old prodigies, American Taylor Fritz defeated Japan's Akira Santillan 6-4, 6-4. Fritz next faces either compatriot Donald Young or Croatian second seed Ivo Karlovic.

Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka ousted Belgium's Kimmer Coppejans 6-3, 6-3, sending him into a second-round match against either US fifth seed Steve Johnson or American wild card Stefan Kozlov.



Kyle Edmund

Naomi loses ladies open 1st round

Naomi Broady suffered a disappointing loss to qualifier Anna Blinkova in the first round of the Hungarian Ladies Open in Budapest.

The British No. 3 was a set up against the Russian, who is ranked 48 places lower at 148, but was unable to maintain her advantage.

Broady served 16 aces but dropped serve once in both the second and third sets to lose 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 in an hour and 45 minutes. (ESPN)



Dubai WTA results yesterday

2nd round
Elena Vesnina (RUS x8) bt Misaki Doi (JPN) 6-2, 7-5
Ekaterina Makarova (RUS) bt Dominika Cibulkova (SVK x3) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2
Monica Puig (PUR) bt Caroline Garcia (FRA x15) 6-1, 4-6, 6-2
Ana Konjuh (CRO) bt Samantha Stosur (AUS x12) 6-4, 6-3
Wang Qiang (CHN) bt Ons Jabeur (TUN) 6-3, 6-1
Catherine Bellis (USA) bt Laura Siegemund (GER) 7-5, 7-6 (7/3)



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Leading seeds stumble in Dubai

Kerber survives



Angelique Kerber

Dubai

Former world number one Angelique Kerber survived as three of the top five seeds were bundled out of the Dubai Tennis Championships yesterday.

The top seed and winner of two Grand Slams in 2016 dispatched fellow German Mona Bartel 6-4, 6-3 in a second-round match.

World number two Kerber is battling to recover the WTA top ranking she claimed last September when winning the US Open, only to see Serena Williams reclaim it with victory at last month's Australian Open.

"I'm happy about my performance, I was trying to play my game and focus on every point, I felt strong," Kerber said.

The German next plays Puerto Rico's Monica Puig, whom she lost to in the Rio Olympic gold medal match last August.

"That match will be completely different," Kerber said. "I will try to do my best against her."

Puig ousted 15th seed Caroline Garcia of France 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

US Open finalist Karolina Pliskova, last week's Doha winner and the second seed, was dumped out in straight sets by France's Kristina Mladenovic 6-2, 6-4.

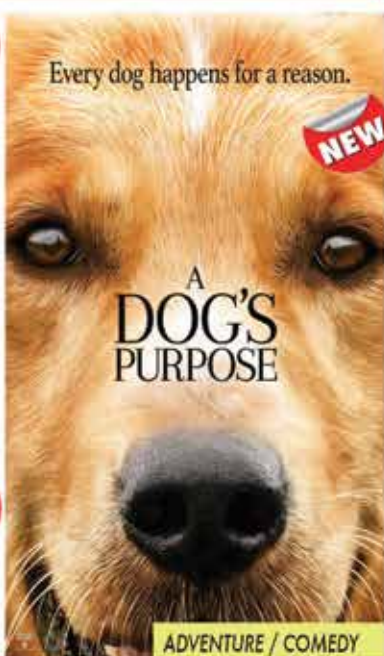
Number three seed Dominika Cibulkova fell victim to Ekaterina Makarova 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, having also lost to the Russian in the Melbourne third round. (AFP)

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