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CBB raises key interest rates

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The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) has raised its key policy

interest rate on the one-week deposit facility from 1.75 per cent to 2.00 per cent.

The CBB also decided to increase the overnight deposit rate from 1.50 per cent to

1.75 per cent, the one-month deposit rate from 2.40 per cent to 2.65 per cent, and the lending rate from 3.50 per cent to 3.75 per cent.

2018 productive families honoured



Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa with award winners of 2018 productive families

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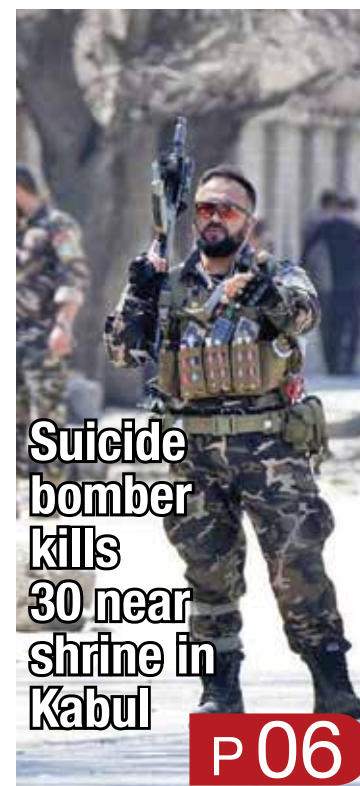
Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa, wife of HM the King and Supreme Council for Women President yesterday honoured the 2018 winners of her award for productive families. The Labour and Social Development Ministry organized the 11th edition of the prize-distribution ceremony at the Sharifa Al-Awadhi Youth and Children Club in Riffa.

HRH Princess Sabeeka commended Bahraini productive families for their efforts to develop their products to support the national economy and

promote high-quality handicraft items. She hailed the progress of the project over the past years to enable productive families to diversify their options and develop their competence through training, stressing the need to explore more channels to market products.

HRH Princess Sabeeka congratulated the 2018 laureates, hailing the growing participation of contenders who are vying for the prize which was established essentially to honour dedicated Bahrainis, promote manual work and enhance the quality of products. The Best Productive Family Award went to the family of Ahmed

Abdulkarim, while Ali Jaber won the Best Product prize. The Shield of Best Sponsor of productive families went to the General Organisation for Social Insurance. HRH Princess Sabeeka toured the exhibition which was held on the margins of the prize-distribution ceremony. A total of 255 families are taking part in the 2018 edition, which represent an increase by 33% compared with last year's edition. Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan thanked HRH Princess Sabeeka for patronizing the ceremony and honouring the prizewinners.



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Trump, Saudi Crown Prince discuss Yemen crisis

Washington

US President Donald Trump and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman discussed the situation in war-torn Yemen during a meeting on Tuesday, in talks that covered the Houthi militias, Iranian activity and the humanitarian situation, the White House said. "On Yemen, the president and the Crown

Prince discussed the threat the Houthis pose to the region, assisted by the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps," it said in a statement yesterday.

"The leaders discussed additional steps to address the humanitarian situation and agreed that a political resolution to the conflict is ultimately necessary to meet the needs of the Yemeni

people." Trump gave a warm welcome to the Crown Prince on Tuesday and credited U.S. defense sales to the Saudis with boosting American jobs.

Just hours after the prince left the White House Tuesday, the US Senate rejected a bipartisan bid designed to withdraw US intelligence and reconnaissance support for the war in Yemen. The bill

was defeated and the congress will not limit US military cooperation with Saudi Arabia in the Yemen war. Senators voted 55-44 to dismiss the bill.

Crown Prince Mohammed also met on Tuesday with Mitch McConnell, the leader of the majority in the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives Paul Ryan to discuss bilateral issue and

world development.

Later Crown Prince Mohammed met with Republican Senators Dan Sullivan, Tom Cotton, and Lindsey Graham, along with Democratic Senator Joe Manchin, in talks which the Saudi embassy said showed the "multidimensional" nature of the Kingdom's relations with the US. - Arab News

Gulf Air denies cops' 'storming' its flight



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Gulf Air, the national carrier, yesterday denied reports published by British media alleging that police stormed a Gulf Air flight at Heathrow Airport and arrested a wanted individual.

Gulf Air confirmed the incident in a press statement issued yesterday but denied armed policemen swarmed into the airplane and made the arrest, as claimed by the British press.

"Following recent media reports surrounding a Gulf Air flight GF003 from Bahrain to London, Gulf Air, the Kingdom of Bahrain's national carrier, can confirm that upon landing into London Heathrow on Tuesday March 20 at 14:51 (local time) Metropolitan Police contacted Gulf Air requesting to question a passenger," Gulf Air said in the statement.

The statement also mentioned, "In compliance with this request, Gulf Air crew located and escorted the passenger from the aircraft. Contrary to media reports that armed police stormed the flight, Gulf Air can confirm that no authorities boarded the aircraft and remaining passengers on board Gulf Air flight GF003 disembarked the aircraft following standard disembarking procedures in order to proceed to the terminal building."

"Such security procedures and practices are entirely within the jurisdiction of the destination country's official police system/authority, and such events are standard occurrences for all airlines and airports around the world. The safety, protection and comfort of Gulf Air passengers and employees are of utmost importance and Gulf Air crew handle such matters with a high level of professionalism," the national carrier added.

British media reported yesterday that "police stormed the flight and arrested a Middle-Eastern man as soon as Gulf Air Flight GF003 landed."

They quoted spokespersons from the police there that "the arrest wasn't terror-related" and "arrested was a 29-year-old wanted for a case related to abduction dated back in December last year".

"He has been taken to a west London Police station where he remains at this time. This arrest is not terror related," spokespersons told several British journals, including *The Sun* and *Daily Mail*.

Minister lauds Bahrain's non-discriminatory policies

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Assistant Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Faisal bin Jabur Al Doseri has expressed his pride in Bahrain's record in combating all forms of racial discrimination.

"Bahrain's history attests to the tolerance of Bahraini society and its interdependence on the basis of equality, rule of law and non-discrimination on any basis," he said in a message on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, observed annually on March 21.

He added that Bahrain's Constitution criminalizes acts associated with contempt of religions and sanctities and the fight against all forms of racial, sectarian and ethnic discrimination, and renounces all forms of violence and hatred.

He also pointed out that the reform approach of His Majesty the King is an essential supporter in combating all forms of racial discrimination. Equality, freedom, rule of law and justice is enshrined in the National Action Charter and



Abdullah bin Faisal bin Jabur Al Doseri

the Constitution.

Al Doseri indicated that Bahrain has acceded to several international and regional human rights conventions, including the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which the Kingdom acceded to on March 27, 1990 by Decree-by-Law 8/1990.

Bahrain will submit its periodic report to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) before the end of this year, he noted.

Al Doseri affirmed that the Bahraini Constitution is based

on the principle of equality and non-discrimination on any grounds based on race, language or religion, as Article 18 of the Constitution states that "People are equal in human dignity, and citizens are equal before the law in public rights and duties. There shall be no discrimination among them on the basis of gender, origin, language, religion or creed."

He added that these principles have been translated into national legislation, where the penal code and the law for protection of society criminalise all acts of terrorism, the inciting of sectarianism and racism and supporting acts of violence and vandalism.

Legal and judicial measures are being taken against any incitement of sectarian, violence, and ethnic, religious or racial hatred, affirming the training and rehabilitation of law enforcement personnel to ensure the right of all in getting equal and unhindered access to benefit from public services, as well as access to national courts and other competent state institutions, and equal access to justice for all, he said.



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Man gets 12 ½ years jail for abducting child



Sara, centre, with her mom after she was rescued by the police

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A Bahraini man was yesterday sentenced to twelve-and-a-half years imprisonment for abducting a five-year-old girl from her mum's car in Hooraa back in 2016.

The man was sentenced by the First High Criminal Court. The verdicts varied between ten and six months for the charges of abduction, sexual harassment, assault on a policeman, theft and drugs abuse.

The case was reported on August 2, 2016, when the defendant stole the mother's

car from a vital commercial road in Hooraa while Sara, the Indian child, who was left alone in the car was in the back seat.

The case shocked the Bahraini society back then and a manhunt was launched to nab the man, locate the stolen vehicle and retrieve the girl. Additionally, a social

campaign was launched on social media networks, in a bid to find the girl.

Within 48 hours, police efforts came fruitful and investigations led to the abductor, who was arrested along with a female associate in a flat in Central Manama.

The incident even reached the Indian government, as

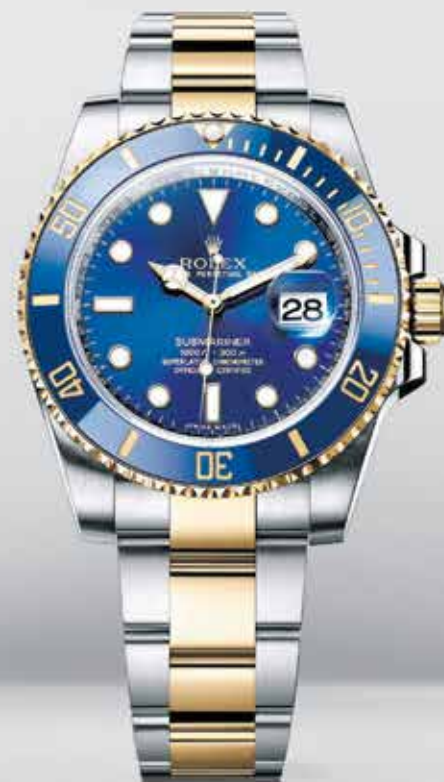
External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj requested the Bahraini authorities to double the efforts to solve the case.

Quoting a report published by DT News back then, following the man's arrest, the minister thanked the government here on her official Twitter page saying, "I am happy Sarah has been

rescued. Thank you Bahrain."

The court yesterday sentenced the man to 10 years for the abduction and assault on the girl and stealing the car, one year for assaulting a policeman, six months for stealing the victim's mother's belongings from the car, and one year and a fine of BD1,000 for drugs abuse.


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Prime Minister welcomes Thai investment in medical sector

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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has affirmed that the government allocates great importance to the health sector, out of its belief in its role in enhancing the treatment services it provides for the citizens, as well as in supporting its efforts to deliver the best services in this regard.

HRH Prime Minister was speaking as he received the CEO and Managing Director of the Piyavate Hospital, Dr. Witit Arvtavatkun, currently on a visit to the Kingdom.

HRH Premier highlighted the government's desire to



HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa with Dr. Witit Arvtavatkun of Thailand paved the way for Bahraini medical field, welcoming the policies of the Thai health sector to invest in the health sector in Bahrain, and to take advantage of the strong relations between the two friendly countries to consolidate that. HRH Premier lauded the steady progress of

the Bahraini-Thai relations and cooperation in various fields, hailing the role of the private sector in developing bilateral ties through taking advantage of the agreements signed between the two countries in various development fields.

HRH Prime Minister asserted that there are promising opportunities of cooperation between the two countries in many fields that can be developed through partnership between the private sector in the two kingdoms, calling for availing of Bahrain's strategic location and attraction factors to have access to all regional and global markets. HRH Premier expressed the government's

keenness on encouraging investments in the private sector through providing an integrated system of legislation and facilities that motivate investors to invest in such a vital sector, and support the kingdom's policies to become a distinguished destination for therapeutic tourism in the region.

Dr. Witit Arvtavatkun expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to HRH the Prime Minister for continuous efforts to bolster Bahraini-Thai relations. He lauded the Premier's support for the private sector to invest in the medical field, praising Bahrain's progress in the health sector.

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2015-18 Government Action Plan reviewed



The meeting held to review the current Government Action Plan

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As part of preparations for the final government workshop set to take place next month, government officials held a follow-up meeting yesterday during which the current Government Action Plan (2015 - 2018) was reviewed. The meeting was led by the Deputy Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa.

The Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Mohammed bin Ebrahim Al Mutawa, gave a detailed presentation outlining important initiatives within the current Government Action Plan (2015 - 2018) and associated achievements.

Following the presentation, the Deputy Prime Minister highlighted the importance of continuing to build on these achievements to deliver opportunities for citizens. He

The Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Mohammed bin Ebrahim Al Mutawa, gave a detailed presentation outlining important initiatives taken as part of current Govt Action Plan

also instructed government officials to put forward their final recommendations on key policies and initiatives identified during the series of workshops and coordination meetings held in recent months.

His Highness recognised the important role government officials play in driving forward national development and strengthening government efficiency to meet citizens' aspirations. HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and

First Deputy Prime Minister, had directed government officials during the 2017 Government Forum to lead a series of workshops to identify mechanisms and key priority areas for the government's future goals.

The final workshop, which will also be led by the Deputy Prime Minister, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, is due to take place in April. Deputy Prime Minister, Jawad bin Salem Al Arrayed, ministers and other senior government officials attended the meeting.

Swimming pool demolished after five-year-old drowned

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Manama

Southern Area Municipality yesterday demolished an abandoned swimming pool in Dar Kulaib village near Hamad Town, after a five-year-old boy drowned in it on Monday.

DT News visited the scene, where demolition cranes were seen destroying the pool and the nearby walls. The person in charge of the process told that the procedure has been instructed by the municipality, as the spot is violating the rules and regulations for private swimming pools.

"We began the demolition on Tuesday and excavated the water from the pool. Today we are burying the pool and the surrounding facilities," the Asian foreman informed.

Mohammed, a resident of the nearby Government Housing Project, told DT News, "The pool has been



The swimming pool which was demolished by Southern Area Municipality in Dar Kulaib village near Hamad Town

abandoned for a couple of years because of a legal dispute between the landlord and the renter, both from the same family. The walls of the pool were demolished last year and the gates were left. Since, the residents and children of the area go swimming there, including myself and my children."

A source in the Southern Governorate Municipal Council informed that "many remarks were raised in regards to this land", stating that "the pool was utilised by groups of the youth for illegal and immoral activities".

"Since the government housing project was established few years back, numerous

complaints were received by the council regarding suspicious activities taking place in the pool. Removing it was a demand of the residents. The fence was removed almost a year back, but the pools were left uncovered. There are at least 16 deaths and injuries reported in swimming pools in the governorate in 2016. Most

cases included children. This in addition to the detection of 80 pools that are violating the safety and security standards. Part of the blame is also on the parents who fail to supervise their children. The loss of this is painful to the parents and the entire society," the source stated, adding that the matter of the pool was referred to

Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry several times in the past few years.

As reported on DT News yesterday, Ali Jassim, 5, died in the swimming pool on Monday. He was rescued and rushed by ambulance to the Military Hospital in Riffa, where he was announced dead.

An important clarification by Nancy Khedouri

Nancy Elly Khedouri, Author of Book about the History of the Jewish community of Bahrain, entitled, "From Our Beginning to Present Day," would like to draw the attention to all social media users that the recent information circulating about the late Massou'dah Shaoul that specified at the end that it was sourced from her Book, is not from her Book.

Chapter VII of the Revised and Updated Edition of her book, carrying ISBN NO. 978-99901-26-06-8, LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY NO. 7111/2008 is about the life of Mass'oudah Shaoul and interested readers will be able to easily identify the difference between what has been circulating recently, compared to what exactly had been published.

Whoever it was who started circulating had not obtained permission from the Author for approval, to circulate any content from the Book.

The Author clarifies that the information circulating has not been obtained from her book and may have been



Nancy Elly Khedouri sourced from other researchers from whom approval should have been obtained and whose respective names and Book Titles as the source, should have been mentioned.

Although the author has no objection for whoever is interested to use from the documented publication as and when of interest, the Author will appreciate that the facts are quoted accurately.

The Author thanks you for your kind understanding and respect as to the importance of accuracy.

AMH opens clinic at Riffa

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Manama

American Mission Hospital (AMH) yesterday opened its new clinic at Riffa, expanding to meet the needs of the community. The newly-opened medical and dental Centre is situated in the Callidus Center, opposite The Walk. The Center is the fourth facility of AMH with the main hospital situated in Manama along with satellite clinics both in Saar and Amwaj.

The clinic was inaugurated by Lieutenant General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Health (SCH). Salah bin Hindi, Advisor for Youth & Sports to His Majesty the King, the American Ambassador to the



Lieutenant General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa inaugurating the clinic

Kingdom of Bahrain Justin Siberell and several others attended the inauguration.

"We are pleased to be able to provide residents in the Central and Southern Governorate the highest quality medical services through this new facility," said Dr George Cheriyan, CEO.

The new clinic will provide both General Services including Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Women's Health, Ophthalmology, ENT, Orthopedics, Dental, Radiology, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Dermatology and Plastic Surgery and Specialized Services will include Executive Clinic, Wellness Clinic, Physiotherapy, Pain Management, Sports Medicine, Osteopathy and also boasts an Olympic sized pool for hydrotherapy. The clinic will operate every day from 7:30 am to 11 pm.

"This clinic is uniquely different in that a considerable space has been allotted to wellness, Physiotherapy, rehab which includes a hydrotherapy

pool. A sports medicine clinic, osteopathy and pain management are all part of this clinic. All other primary care and subspecialty services which include an Executive clinic and dental care are available under one roof," he said.

"The clinic is fully IT enabled with laboratory and X-ray facilities linked to our hospital information systems with images and EMR's shared across all our four facilities where radiologists at Manama can instantly report on images generated in any of our peripheral clinics. IT is built in to enhance patient-physician communication for follow up and home care follow up," he said.



The newly opened clinic

By Invitation



Prof. Odeh Al-Jayyousi

Crisis-driven Innovation: Stephen Hawking journey

“Sweet are the uses of adversity”. It was the illness of Stephen Hawking that made him devote all his life to science. Nevertheless, he did not allow his illness to limit his imagination and innovative thinking. But the spring of his innovative mind was attributed to his wife Jane Wilde since she gave him a sense of purpose and something to live for. However, it is not an easy task to communicate science to public, especially if it is about cosmology and the origin of the universe. Physicists use both experiments and speculation to explain natural phenomena. For example, a set of theories in physics were devised to explain the origin of planet including the concept that distorted space-time bends light from distant galaxies and the concepts of imaginary time, supersymmetry and superstring, parallel worlds, and multi-space-time dimensions.

However, we should be mindful of the fact that theoretical physics is founded on speculation as illustrated in the idea that the Universe is a wave function. Moreover, many ideas in theoretical physics are hypotheses like the concept of Multiple Universes which has no empirical evidence. This explains Einstein view of quantum mechanics when he said: “God does not play dice with human beings”.

The journey of Stephen Hawking started in his book, *A Brief History of Time*, a best seller book where 10 million copies were sold. He is a popular science writer who showed how science and life are interlinked. He expanded the boundaries of human understanding of the Universe and tried to develop a Theory of Everything to reconcile the two divergent theories; i.e., quantum mechanics which explains the physics of small atoms and the general theory of relativity by Einstein which only explains the physics of stars and galaxies.

Who created the universe? If we say the universe is eternal, this contradicts with the concept of entropy and second law of thermodynamics. Einstein accepted the notion “the necessity of a beginning and the presence of superior reasoning power”. To answer this question, there is the cosmological argument which says there must be a cause for natural events; the teleological argument which argues that design in the cosmos implies a purpose; and rational argument which says that order in nature implies a mind or intelligent design.

Hawking was warning of the state of Anthropocene due to technology and climate change.

Islamic worldview of cosmology started in early writings of Al-Biruni and Ibn Sina where cosmological science is interlinked with revelation. The unity of the creator calls for humans to understand the cosmos as a duty. Every “thing” is living, articulate and intelligent and follows natural laws. Order and unity lies in all parts of the cosmos since there is logical coherence and Nature is viewed as a book of signs and embodies a sacred whole. We are responsible to develop a worldview that can enlighten human relationship with cosmos to ensure civilizational sustainability.

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Syrian rebels to evacuate town

Amman

Syrian rebels will evacuate a besieged town in eastern Ghouta, opposition sources and officials and a military media unit run by the government’s ally Hezbollah said on Wednesday, the first such deal in the last rebel bastion near the capital.

Fighters from Ahrar al-Sham, which holds Harasta, agreed to lay down arms in

return for safe passage to opposition-held northwestern Syria and a government pardon for people who wished to stay, the opposition sources said.

Some 1,500 militants and 6,000 of their family members will be transported to rebel-held Idlib province in two batches starting today, the Hezbollah military media unit said. (Reuters)

At least 32 killed in Kabul suicide blast



A sandal is seen laying on the ground along a road at the site of a suicide bombing attack in Kabul

Kabul

A suicide bomber blew himself up near a shrine in Kabul yesterday, killing at least 32 people and wounding dozens, as the Afghan capital celebrated the Nawruz holiday marking the start of the Persian New Year.

The explosion underlined the threat to the city from militant attacks, despite government promises to tighten security in the wake of an attack in central Kabul that killed around 100 people in January.

Militant group Islamic State, which has claimed several previous attacks on Shi’ite targets, claimed responsibility, saying the attack specifically targeted Shi’ites celebrating Nawruz, its Amaq news agency said.

The Taliban, which often

fighters Islamic State’s local affiliate in Afghanistan, issued a statement denying any connection to the blast.

Kabul had been on alert for attacks over the Nawruz holiday but the bomber was still able to detonate his explosives as people were leaving the Kart-e Sakhi shrine, in a heavily Shi’ite area in the west of the city.

“People were heading home joyously after the end of the ceremony when the suicide bomber detonated his explosives among them,” said Kabul police chief Daud Amin. “Many of our countrymen were martyred.”

Interior Ministry spokesman Najib Danesh said the bomber had apparently intended to reach the shrine, which was attacked during a Shi’ite festival in October

2016, but had been prevented from getting closer by police checkpoints.

“We had our security in place in and around the shrine,” he said. “All the casualties were young people who were either passing by on the road or gathering to enjoy Nawruz.”

“Un-Islamic” fest

Nawruz, an ancient Persian festival to mark the start of spring, is widely celebrated in many parts of Afghanistan but has also faced opposition from some fundamentalist Muslims, who say it is un-Islamic.

Waheed Majroh, a spokesman for the ministry of public health, said 32 people were confirmed dead with more than 50 wounded being treated in hospitals in the city.

Women and children were among the casualties, he said.

Wednesday’s attack was the latest in a series to have struck Kabul this year, including one earlier this month that targeted the mainly Shi’ite Hazara minority.

The seemingly endless attacks have undermined support for the government of President Ashraf Ghani, who offered last month to hold peace talks with Taliban insurgents fighting to drive out international forces and reimpose their version of strict Islamic law.

The Taliban have so far shown little sign of accepting the offer of talks with the Western-backed government, which they consider an illegitimate regime, although they have offered to talk to the United States. (Reuters)

Israel hit Syria ‘nuclear reactor’ in 2007

Jerusalem

Israel’s military admitted for the first time yesterday it was responsible for a 2007 air raid against a suspected Syrian nuclear reactor, a strike it was long believed to have carried out.

The admission along with the release of newly declassified material related to the raid comes as Israel intensifies its warnings over the presence of its main enemy Iran in neighbouring Syria.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has also repeatedly called for the nuclear deal between world powers and Iran to be changed or eliminated.

US President Donald Trump, who met Netanyahu at the White House this month, has said that the nuclear deal must be “fixed” by May 12 or the United States will walk away.

An Israeli military spokesman declined to respond to questions related to



Syrian President Bashar al-Assad (C) looking at a project plan during a visit to Deir Ezzor in April, 2007

the admission and the release of the documents, including over the timing, which could be seen as a warning regarding Iran’s activities.

The declassified material includes footage of the strike, video of a speech by military chief of staff Gadi Eisenkot on the operation and pictures of secret army intelligence communiques about the site.

A military statement

summarising the operation lays out the case for why Israel carried out the strike at the desert site in the Deir Ezzor region of eastern Syria on what it says was a nuclear reactor under construction.

It has long been widely assumed that Israel carried out the strike. Syria has meanwhile denied it was building a nuclear reactor.

“On the night between

September 5th-6th, 2007, Israeli Air Force fighter jets successfully struck and destroyed a Syrian nuclear reactor in development,” the Israeli statement says.

“The reactor was close to being completed. The operation successfully removed an emerging existential threat to Israel and to the entire region -- Syrian nuclear capabilities.”

Israel’s admission is by no means the first time its military has been identified as the source of the attack.

In 2008, less than a year after the strike, US officials accused Syria of having sought to build a secret nuclear reactor and acknowledged Israel destroyed it in the raid.

The UN atomic watchdog declared in 2011 that the Syrian site was “very likely” to have been a nuclear reactor, adding that information provided to it suggested that it was being built with North Korean assistance. (AFP)

INJAZ Bahrain hosts Young CEO's Programme



INJAZ officials with young CEOs

Manama

As part of youth development and providing opportunities to inspire and prepare young Bahrainis to succeed in a global economy, INJAZ Bahrain hosted the "Young CEO's Program" during a board meeting held on 20th March at GPIC Club.

21 Young student CEO's from 15 Schools and 3 Universities who participated in this year's 'Company

Program' met with ten of INJAZ Bahrain's board members and had open discussions on how to manage their companies, deal with financial aspects, manage staff, market challenges and general business opportunities.

The 'Company Program' is INJAZ Bahrain's signature curriculum, it provides an outlet for untapped creativity and business savvy. The capacity and willingness to develop, organize and manage

a business venture along with any of its risks in order to make a profit through starting new businesses. The program is structured as an economic and business laboratory where students, under the supervision of a volunteer mentor from the private sector, experience the entire life-cycle of a start-up company.

Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery, Chairman of INJAZ Bahrain commented on the occasion "The young CEO's program

is an extension of our vision to provide the youth with the different skills necessary for success and open new doors for the students allowing them to discover their potential. The program also aims to highlight the important role of companies when it comes to social responsibility and adhering to ethical practices."

Udaid Shabbir, Ahlia University student and a participant of the program commented "INJAZ

Bahrain gave me the golden opportunity to meet the top Executives from the biggest organizations in the country. I was able to learn how they carry their daily tasks and their formula for success. I've always wanted to be an Entrepreneur, and through the 'Company Program' I learned how to bring my ideas to light."

INJAZ Bahrain's long-term vision is to develop the 'Company Program' into one of the most sought after

programs for schools and universities. The Young CEO program gives the student CEO's the opportunity to network with top executives from diverse backgrounds, industries and countries, gain valuable market knowledge and develop understanding of the roles and responsibilities of top officials represented by the INJAZ Board Members to pave the way for these youngsters to become successful leaders of the future.

Eazy and BENEFIT partner to introduce biometric payment



Officials of Eazy, BENEFIT and BFB during a meeting

Manama The Benefit Company and Eazy Financial Services signed a strategic partnership to introduce the MENA region's first Biometric Payment Network.

Abdul Wahed Al Janahi, CEO of The Benefit Company and Khaled Al Ahli, CE of Eazy financial signed the partnership in the presence of Khalid Al Rumaihi, CE of the Bahrain Economic Development Board and Khaled Saad, CEO of Bahrain FinTech Bay.

The partnership will enable Eazy Financial Services to launch their fingerprint payment solution. This technology is the first of its kind in the region and is an alternative to traditional payment methods like cash or

This biometrics identification algorithm is identified as the fastest and the most accurate technology by the U.S. DoJ and the FBI

cards. This innovative solution enables bank customers to perform day-to-day financial payments without cash or cards and provides these customers with a secure, fast, and convenient payment method.

Abdul Wahed Al Janahi, Chief Executive Officer, The Benefit Company commented on this partnership, "We are delighted to be working with Eazy Financial Services to

offer this new and technology advanced payment solution to commercial banks' customers, in cooperation with the national switch infrastructure, BENEFIT, which connects all licensed banking institutions." He also added that "We have launched the "Benefit Lab" at Bahrain FinTech Bay to support all our partners by working with them on their modern projects and initiatives."

Khaled Al Ahli, Chief

Executive, Eazy Financial Services stated, "We are looking forward to kick-starting our projects with commercial banks and financial institutions in Bahrain. The GCC needs non-traditional banking services to stay on track with global trends, and for that reason, we are looking into expanding into the rest of the region."

This biometrics identification algorithm is identified as the fastest and most accurate technology by the U.S. department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The algorithm is also compliant with international payment standards, PCI DSS 3.2 guidelines, and certified by the American National Institute of Standards and Technology.

BAC female delegation attends Saudi's WIL Forum



BAC's female delegation for WIL Economic Forum

Manama

A delegation from Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the operator and managing body of Bahrain International Airport (BIA), attended the Women in Leadership (WIL) Economic Forum, held for the first time in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The BAC delegates included Vice President - Human Resources, Hind Mahmood, Acting Director - Airport Operations Centre, Suzan Rahimi, and Head - Leasing and Concessions, Mariam Al Khalifa.

Part of the WIL Series that broke new ground in

the Middle East, the WIL Economic Forum is organised by Naseba, and brings together up to 1,000 female and male business leaders, entrepreneurs, diversity champions, and policy makers to advance women's leadership issues and address challenges specific to the region.

This year's edition, held under the theme "Let's Talk About Tomorrow", discussed importance of cross-sector collaboration to meet demands of tomorrow's economy. Key themes included economic empowerment, nationalisation, diversity & inclusion and entrepreneurship.

Mueller Middle East marks grand opening



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa along with ministers, VIPs and senior executives during the opening of Mueller Middle East

Manama
Under the patronage of Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), the sovereign wealth fund of the Kingdom of Bahrain, Mueller Middle East yesterday launched its new facility at the Bahrain International Investment Park (BIIP) in a ceremony marking the opening of the first copper tube mill in the Middle East.

During the ceremony, the Deputy Prime Minister affirmed the country's competitive advantages and its ability to attract foreign investments to various economic sectors, generating employment opportunities and enhancing the Kingdom's connectivity and relationships

in regional and international markets.

Mueller Middle East is the newest addition to Bahrain's industrial base. It was established as a joint venture between Mumtalakat, Mueller Industries and Cayan Ventures in 2016. Only two years since the partnership was established, the facility is now ready to manufacture and market copper tubes to original equipment manufacturers in the air conditioning and refrigeration sectors in the GCC and MENA. This will address the increasing demand for quality copper tubes in the region, create around 200 jobs, and have a positive impact on the local economy.

The opening ceremony was attended by Mahmood H Alkooheji, CEO

of Mumtalakat, Greg Christopher, Chairman and CEO of Mueller Industries Inc, Justin Siberell, U.S. Ambassador, and Tom Stein representing Cayan Ventures, Nadiem Umar, President of Overseas Business for Mueller Industries Inc and Chairman of Mueller Middle East and Sael Al Waary, Deputy Group CEO of Bank ABC, representatives from Ministry of Industry & Commerce alongside a range of ministers, VIPs and senior executives.

Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of Mumtalakat, said, "The decision to locate this new facility in the Bahrain International Investment Park is a testament to the quality and accessibility of the location as well as its infrastructure.

This investment greatly strengthens the industrial sector, which is one of the top five economic sectors at the current stage, and ensures the effectiveness of the Economic Vision 2030, which aims at diversifying sources of income, expanding the economy and encouraging the private sector to increase its contribution to the national economy."

Moreover, he added, "Mueller Middle East represents a case study for the benefits of co-investments. Our partnership with Mueller Industries and Cayan Venture has both supported the diversification of our portfolio and broadened the knowledge of our partners of the local and regional markets accordingly. Through this joint venture, Mueller Middle

East will boost exports from the industrial sector which currently accounts for 20 per cent of Bahrain's GDP."

Mueller Middle East occupies almost 30,000sq metres of industrial space in the BIIP and will supply over 24,000 tonnes of copper tubes when it reaches full capacity in 2019. It will create 200 jobs directly along with many more amongst its local suppliers.

Greg Christopher, Chairman and CEO of Mueller Industries Inc, the New York exchange listed company which has just celebrated its 100 years anniversary, attended the ceremony, and said, "Mueller is delighted to have realised its ambition to serve its MENA customers ever better,

by having a manufacturing facility based in the heart of the GCC. The shareholders and management here in Bahrain have worked tirelessly to make today a timely reality. We look forward to providing high quality and cost-effective products to our customers over the long term."

U.S. Ambassador, Justin Siberell commented, "This joint venture between Bahrain and U.S. based shareholders demonstrates once again the strong commercial partnership between Bahrain and the United States. We look forward to seeing more such joint venture structures between Bahraini and American partners that will bring jobs and increased prosperity to both our countries."

CIBAFI Launches Technical Workshop in Bangladesh

Manama/Dhaka

General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions, the global umbrella of Islamic financial institutions, launched this morning its Technical Workshop on Liquidity Management Tools for Islamic Financial Institutions (IFIs), which is kindly hosted by Islami Bank Bangladesh, CIBAFI Board Of Directors (BOD) member bank.

This morning at Pan Pacific Hotel Dhaka, CIBAFI Technical Workshop was opened by welcoming and opening addresses of Abdelilah Belatik, Secretary General,

CIBAFI; Arastoo Khan, Chairman, Board of Directors, IBBL; Dr. Mashiur Rahman, Advisor to the Prime Minister, Economic Affairs, The People's Republic of Bangladesh; Md. Mahbub ul Alam, Managing Director & CEO, IBBL; and Abdur Rouf Talukder, Additional Secretary, Ministry for Finance.

The two days Technical Workshop will provide participants with a hands-on technical knowledge and skills on liquidity management tools for Islamic financial institutions (IFIs) with focus on Money Market operations and the liquidity



management instruments used in the Islamic financial system.

Commenting on the Technical Workshop, Abdelilah Belatik, Secretary General of CIBAFI said, "This Technical Workshop is a timely

initiative as shariah compliant liquidity management tools are at high demand locally. Banks are in need of these tools and we hope that today's programme will facilitate and ease the banks burden in this regard."

Delegates representing Islamic banks and financial institutions as well as Regulatory and Supervisory Authorities (RSAs), will be engaged in the discussion on the current environment of the liquidity management

regulatory requirement and required tools for Islamic Financial Institutions (IFIs) to comply with it. Technical Workshop will include discussions and debate on real industry case studies.

Amazon workers in Spain deliver first strike

Madrid

Workers at Amazon's biggest logistics centre in Spain have gone on strike, a first in the country as they demand better pay and conditions. Ana Berceruelo of the CCOO union told AFP the strike started Tuesday night, with 98 percent of employees in the warehouse in San Fernando de Henares near Madrid following the work stoppage which is expected to last until Thursday.



Tencent profits on mobile gaming popularity

Hong Kong

Chinese technology giant Tencent reported a profit boost, helped by the continued popularity of its mobile games. Net profit for 2017 was up 74 percent year on year from 41.1 billion yuan to 71.5bn yuan (\$11.3bn).

In a filing to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange yesterday, the company counted its push to promote more sharing and interaction among users as a highlight for the past year.



"The Philippines and China are finding a common legal framework to conduct joint exploration and surveys. And with our discussions today I'm confident that we will find a suitable legal framework for our differences,"

Alan Peter Cayetano

Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary



VIVA launches online store



Bahrain's online shoppers can now visit VIVA Bahrain's online store at shop.viva.com.bh to purchase the latest devices and mobile plans.

- » Exciting deals and special promotions only available through shop.viva.com.bh
- » Competitive features with free home delivery in just 2-3 days or fast-track pickups at VIVA outlets
- » Flexible payment options via credit card, debit card or cash on delivery

introducing the VIVA Online Shop get the best deals on devices, plans & more

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Marking the launch, VIVA introduced attractive cashback deals only available through the online shop and on some of the market's best-selling smartphones such as the iPhone X, Samsung A8+ and the newly released Samsung S9/S9+. Among the deals is an exclusive BD 50 cashback on the iPhone X and Samsung S9/S9+ which online shoppers can benefit from today by buying online.

Double data

Online shoppers who purchase their favourite devices through the new online store with a new VIVA plan are rewarded with double data for three months. The latest VIVA Postpaid plans are also being offered with exclusive data benefits only available for online shoppers.

"We've launched the VIVA Online Store with differentiated user experience and proposition, benefiting from Bahrain very high internet penetration and young population demographics. It's also a time where Bahrain's digital economy is thriving and this step particularly meant to build on that success and tap into the growing needs of today's connected consumers. We're glad to launch the e-store and provide Bahrain the ease and accessibility to shop their favourite smartphones and plans online and look forward to taking more steps in this direction."

Karim Tabbouche, VIVA's Chief Commercial Officer.

Unique shopping experience

With its intuitive design and user-friendly interface, the VIVA Online Shop offers a convenient and unique shopping experience. Online shoppers can simply browse the shop and customize the device of their choice by selecting the storage, colour and the mobile plan with it.

Flexible payment options

Another competitive feature is VIVA's secure and flexible payment options. Accepted payment methods are credit card, debit card and cash on collection or upon delivery.

Delivery options

Much to the excitement of Bahrain's online shopping community, the delivery options are among the best features of VIVA's Online Shop. All orders placed online are delivered for free within just two working days. Upon placing the order, online shoppers are contacted by VIVA's dedicated delivery agents to schedule the drop-off time and tracking information is instantly sent via SMS. Online shoppers can also log in to VIVA App to track the orders' delivery status. Another option allows online shoppers to pick-up their orders through a dedicated fast-track at VIVA's outlets.

Bahrain EDB Participates in Career Week



Manama

The Bahrain Economic Development Board is participating in Bahrain Training Institute's (BTI) annual Career Week taking place from the 20th to 22nd March. Guests will be able to visit a booth hosting private and public sector organisations to learn more about opportunities in the job market. The initiative is in line with the EDB's mandate

of attracting investment to create high quality jobs in the local market.

The "2018 Career Week" booth will host EDB representatives in addition to a number of companies the EDB succeeded in attracting, including Amazon Web Services (AWS), DHL and Ariston Thermo. These companies will be presenting job openings to students, graduates and other fair

visitors.

In 2017, The Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) attracted 71 new companies to Bahrain with investments amounting to BHD 276 Million (\$733m). The record-breaking achievement helped increase the number of jobs by up to 72 per cent, creating more than 2,800 jobs in the local market over the course of the next three years.

KFH wins Islamic Bank award

Manama

Kuwait Finance House - Bahrain (KFH-Bahrain) received 'Best Islamic Bank in Bahrain' award during The Middle East Banking Awards 2017 which was held in conjunction with the 10th anniversary edition of EMEA Finance magazine on Wednesday 28th February 2018 at the Shangri-La Hotel Dubai.

Abdulwahab Alrushood, Group Chief Treasury Officer and Board member of KFH-Bahrain, received the award on behalf of the Bank, while Ahmad Alsumait, Treasury General Manager,



Abdulwahab Alrushood receives the award attended the ceremony with

innovative Bank' awards while KFH-Kuwait received 'Best Bank' and 'Best Islamic Bank' awards.

Did You Know?



In 2015, Facebook boasted 22% of worldwide mobile Internet advertising revenue. That means almost one-quarter of all advertising revenue generated from mobile Internet ads in a single year went to Facebook.



BFC CURRENCIES EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2967	0.2943
BANGLADESH	0.00472	0.00452
CANADA	0.2961	0.2929
DENMARK	0.0652	
EGYPT	0.0237	0.0219
EURO	0.4698	0.4673
HONGKONG	0.04968	0.04928
INDIA	0.00592	0.00583
INDONESIA	0.00002979	0.00002805
IRAN TUMAN	0.00010959	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000317	
JAPAN	0.00370	0.003630
JORDAN	0.5359	0.5351
KOREA	0.00040215	
KUWAIT	1.263	1.264
MALAYSIA	0.0983	0.0983
NEW ZEALAND	0.2744	0.2745
NORWAY	0.0509	
NEPAL	0.00395	0.00362
OMAN	0.98168	0.98301
PAKISTAN	0.00345	0.00333
PHILIPPINES	0.00747	0.00725
QATAR	0.10381	0.10404
SAUDI ARABIA	0.1006	0.10067
SINGAPORE	0.2904	0.2884
SOUTH AFRICA	0.03290	0.03280
SRI LANKA	0.00273	0.00242
SWEDISH	0.0490	
SWITZERLAND	0.4033	0.4003
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0017
TAIWAN	0.013600	
THAILAND	0.012270	0.012260
TURKEY	0.1014	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5383	0.5354
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102850	0.102870
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37790	0.37800
YUAN	0.056800	0.056800

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COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5738	0.3953	0.3560
KUWAIT	0.2855	30.2373	0.2994	0.2696
OMAN	0.3849	0.3670	0.4036	0.3634
QATAR	3.6420	3.4730	3.8192	3.4388
UAE	3.6730	3.5026	3.8517	3.4680
SAUDI	3.7500	3.5760	3.9325	3.5407

Blue-chips lift Saudi; UAE's Aldar and Emaar climb

Riyadh
Saudi Arabia's stock market rose yesterday, lifted by its expected inclusion in the secondary FTSE emerging market index, while United Arab Emirates' markets were boosted by its top two property companies.

The Saudi index gained 0.5 per cent to close at 7,762 points, backed by leading stocks that investors expect to attract foreign funds if the FTSE upgrade is confirmed at the end of this month.

Al Rajhi Bank rose 1pc, with the stock going ex-dividend on Monday. National Commercial Bank added 0.9pc and miner Ma'aden gained 2.6pc while retail play Jarir rose by 3.2pc.

Saudi Electricity Co, however, fell by 4.2pc after reporting a 5.5 billion riyal (\$1.5 billion) loss for the

fourth quarter. The company said shifting to IFRS accounting standards had affected its results, but gave no details.

The loss was bigger than forecasts from SICO Bahrain and NCB Capital of 878 million riyals and 1.58 billion riyals respectively.

The index peaked this month at 7,839 points.

The Abu Dhabi index rose 0.9pc, with Aldar Properties adding 2.8pc after the company said it had signed a joint venture agreement with Dubai's Emaar Properties to develop local and international projects worth as much as 30 billion dirhams (\$8.2 billion).

Emaar rose 2.2pc, lifting the Dubai index by 0.8pc.

The Qatar index was down 1.2pc, dragged lower by Qatar Gas Transport's 6pc drop

Closing Bell

SAUDI ARABIA rose 0.5pc to 7,762 points.

DUBAI added 0.8pc to 3,207 points.

ABU DHABI rose 0.9pc to 4,567 points.

QATAR fell 1.2pc to 8,873 points.

EGYPT rose 0.2pc to 17,147 points.

KUWAIT fell 0.3pc to 6,687 points.

BAHRAIN lost 0.3pc to 1,336 points.

OMAN rose 0.3pc to 4,796 points.

as it went ex-dividend. The Al Rayan Qatar exchange-traded fund listed yesterday with initial assets exceeding \$120 million. Focused on sharia-compliant stocks, it is Qatar's second locally listed ETF. Amwal's QE Index ETF,

with assets of \$40 million, also listed this month.

Egypt's index closed 0.2pc higher as real estate firm SODIC soared 10pc to 24.11 Egyptian pounds. CI Capital raised its target price for the stock to 32 pounds. (Reuters)

Developer of CA Facebook app says he is 'scapegoat' in row

London
The academic behind an app that harvested data from millions of Facebook users said Wednesday he was being scapegoated in an online privacy row that has rocked the social media giant.

British data firm Cambridge Analytica (CA) and Facebook are accused of improperly using the data for US President Donald Trump's election 2016 campaign.

The scandal, which has seen the suspension of CA's chief executive, wiped out \$60 billion of Facebook's market value since the start of the week, Bloomberg news reported Wednesday.

However, both firms have denied any wrongdoing and instead blamed the app's inventor, Aleksandr Kogan, for misusing the information.

But Kogan hit back Wednesday, saying that CA had assured him his activities were "perfectly legal and within the terms of service" of Facebook.

"I'm being basically used as a scapegoat by both Facebook and Cambridge Analytica," he said.

"We thought we were acting perfectly appropriately. We thought we were doing something that was really normal.

"We were assured by

Cambridge Analytica that everything was perfectly legal and within the terms of service."

The University of Cambridge psychologist behind the personality survey This Is Your Digital Life told the BBC that around 200,000 people used his app and around 30 million US Facebook users' details were harvested.

The app's vast reach beyond its users happened by scooping up data from their friends on Facebook, which says the data was taken without its knowledge.

Kogan said CA approached him to do the work, but did not know how the firm would

use the personal data collected, leaving him "stunned" by the allegations against him.

Kogan said he strongly regretted not asking more questions about the work he did for CA.

"One of the great mistakes I did here was I just didn't ask enough questions," he said.

"I had never done a commercial project, I didn't really have any reason to doubt their sincerity.

He added: "My motivation was to get a dataset I could do research on; I have never profited from this in any way personally." (AFP)

However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.
-Stephen Hawking



NMS celebrates KG graduation

The New Millennium School celebrated the 14th Kindergarten graduation yesterday and felicitated 193 students who spread cheer donning scholar caps and performing cultural programs.

The kindergarteners performed a skit depicting the life of little girl whose bond with technology becomes stronger as her career-oriented parents fail to make sufficient time for the child.

"This theme was chosen to show parents how important it is to make time for children and their overall development," NMS Principal Arun Kumar Sharma told *DT News*.

Managing Director Geetha Pillai highlighted the need for parent-teacher cooperation for overall development of the children.



Award recipients with dignitaries and faculty

AGU celebrates Sports Day

The students of the Arabian Gulf University (AGU) celebrated the activities of Sports Day on Tuesday at the university's headquarters in Manama, held under the auspices of the Student Welfare Department in the Deanship of Student Affairs.

Social Supervisor at the Deanship of Student Affairs, Aysha Al-Subaiei, said that Sports Day constitutes a break from the daily routine, integrating exercise and sport into our lifestyles.

"University students and staff alike were introduced to the benefits of sports through a range of activities and exercises, both educational and recreational, that enhance linking the concept of exercise to a healthy life," she said.

Sports Day included about 9 stations, each with a special programme. The first station measured body mass index (BMI), followed by sports stations in which students participated in games and competitions through which they collected points which qualified them to win many prizes.

Student Khalid Mohammed, one of the participants in the event, praised the organisation and coordination among the stations. He indicated the importance of integrating exercise in a student's life and noted that the student participation proved their need for a healthy order of life, not to mention demonstrated their sportsmanship and determination in the event's various stations.

A number of outside parties participated in the event, such as a martial arts centre, which allowed participants to experience boxing during the event and offered a week-long free membership at the club; in addition to the participation of a healthy juice shop to promote a healthy diet.



Part of the Sports Day events



In a room of green,
Glimpses of light sift
through swaying curtains.
Setting them aflame, now
and again
In lustrous hue.



Trembling body lies on ruffled bed.
Groans escape parched
mouth.
Wisps of hair play on naked scalp, Veins
of brain throb in agony
As life pulses away in weak chime;
Ebbing out in faltering breath.

Fingers press outcurved stomach
As if willing out flesh that breathed
within.
Soul which had yet to gain
Form, but now remained clothed
In her blood and vein,
Trustfully merged to dying skin.
Hands clutched the unborn.
Pining for it to open eyes and see.
Hold the flush of newly moulded skin
to breast.
Hear the steadiness of easeful breath-
ing
Of her child just grasping on to being.
Hold it close and wish it love
If only, only a second before
She bade it farewell
Into endless slumber.

Night and day, she stays awake
Clutching at cradle of unearthed spirit.
Soothing him through a void he would
know
from first gasp.
Assuring lifeblood of undying love
Apologizing for the need to leave
before they could embrace.

And when body had borne torture
which could not be withstood by frag-
ile bone and blood,
Awake to the final pulse of subsistence
Yet aware of the stillness of bereave-
ment
That awaited,
Tired eyes close forever, hands still
pressed
to the beat of fresh heart in womb.

Hours later, he arrives
A boy, as she had known he would be
Drenched in blood of dead placenta.
Cries of new life search for hands that
envelope, and draw to loving breast
For lips that smile a tired welcome and
Whispers names of love.

She lay lifeless. Pallid eyes stare, unsee-
ing, upon life that writhes for Mother.
Victim of malignant disease. Dead and
gone.
Cries unheard.



Meenakshi
Rajesh
Class 12



Wife of HM the King and Supreme Council for Women (SCW) President HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa honoured the 2018 winners of her award for productive families. The Labour and Social Development Minister, HRH Princess Sabeeka, presented the award to the winners for their efforts to develop their products to support the national economy and promote high-quality handicraft items. HRH Princess Sabeeka toured the exhibition which was held on the margins of the prize



Commander-in-Chief of BDF Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Chairman of Palestine's Higher Council for Youth and Sport, the Palestine Olympic Committee and the Palestinian Football Association Major General Jibril Rajoub. He lauded strong fraternal relations between Bahrain and Palestine. The meeting was attended by Palestinian Ambassador Khalid Aref and President of Bahrain Football Association Lieutenant Colonel Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.



Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Zayani met with Head of Tourism Affairs Andrew Zayani on the sidelines of his official visit to the United Kingdom. They discussed tourism strategies in both countries and ways to enhance bilateral cooperation as well as issues of common interest.



Chief of Public Security, Major-General Tariq Al Hassan received a delegation of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF). The Deputy Chief of Public Security and Assistant Chief of Public Security for Operations and Training Affairs also attended the meeting. The Chief welcomed the guests, asserting the dedication of the Kingdom of Bahrain to reinforce dialogue between different cultures and religions.



Inspector General of BDF Major General Abdullah Hassan Al Nuaimi inspected a BDF unit and got informed about its military readiness and training programmes. The inspection tour was attended by Supply and Catering Director Major General Ali Saqr Al Nuaimi, Officers and Individuals Affairs Director Major General Mohammed Abdullah Abdulaziz Al Ahmed and senior officers.



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The Labour and Social Development Ministry organized the 11th edition of the prize-distribution ceremony at the Sharifa Al-Awadhi Youth and Children Club in Riffa. HRH Princess Sabeeka commended Bahraini productive families during the prize-distribution ceremony. Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan was present.



Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani Pickles on the sidelines of his official visit to the United Kingdom. They reviewed ways of bolstering bilateral relations.



Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani met with Undersecretary of state at the Department for International Trade MP Graham Stuart, on the sidelines of his official visit to the United Kingdom. They discussed historic bilateral relations and ways of bolstering them.



BDF Chief of Staff Lt. General Dhiyab bin Saqer Al Nuaimi received Commander of Royal Medical Services Major General Dr. Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa who presented the annual report of Royal Medical Services in 2017. Al Nuaimi praised the development of healthcare and medical treatment in the Royal Medical Services.



A delegation from the Gulf Petrochemical Industry Company (GPIC) took part in the Fifth Forum for Research and Innovation organised by the Gulf Petrochemicals and Chemicals Association (GPCA) in Dubai. The delegation was led by Company President and GPCA Vice Chairman Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery. The GPIC President spoke about the importance of the research and development sector, stressing its importance to promote the Petrochemicals and Chemicals Industry in the Gulf region and highlighting issues of strategic importance.



Saudi Arabia's Foreign Affairs Minister Adel bin Ahmed Al Jubeir received Ambassador of Bahrain to Saudi Arabia, Shaikh Hmood bin Abdullah Al Khalifa. The meeting discussed the brotherly relations between both countries, their constant development, and issues of common concern. The meeting was also attended by the Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Political Affairs, Ambassador Jamal Aqeel.

Bahrain National Gas Company (BANAGAS) welcomed a group of students from the College of Engineering, University of Bahrain. A documentary film was presented to the students, showing the history of the Company and the achievements in which exceeds 38 years of excellence. The students also went on a tour to the Instrument Workshop in the Maintenance Department, where they learned about the equipment and modern technologies used in this field.



Batelco has marked the occasion of Mothers' Day in Bahrain with a visit to retirees at Muharraq Social Welfare Centre to distribute gifts. Batelco management and a number of staff were participated and hand out gifts of perfume and chocolate to mark the special day.

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Demi Lovato @ddlovato

I've been so amazed by the work @Emma4Change and the rest of the Parkland students have been doing. You guys are the future. I'm honored to be a part of this!! #MarchForOurLives @AMarch4OurLives



Eric Bana immediately said yes

London

Actor Eric Bana immediately said yes to starring in 'The Forgiven'. The 49-year-old actor portrays notorious murderer Piet Blomfeld in the new drama/thriller by Roland Joffe, which follows his attempt to seek redemption through meetings with Archbishop Desmond Tutu - played by Forest Whitaker - and Bana couldn't believe he was asked to star in the film.

In an interview with Collider, Bana said: "I read the script and loved it, and couldn't believe that Roland was asking me to do it. "At that stage, Forest was already attached, so I was able to read it with him in that role. I was just beside myself that he was coming to me to play Piet. (*femalefirst.co.uk*)



Kumail Nanjiani to star in 'Suber'

'The Big Sick' star Kumail Nanjiani has joined the cast of Fox's action comedy 'Suber'.

According to report, the 40-year-old actor joins 'Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2' star Dave Bautista in the project.

The film will be helmed by Michael Dowse while the script has been penned by Tripper Clancy. Jonathan Goldstein and John Francis Daley are producing it with Jake Wagner and Nick Thomas serving as the executive producers.

It is about an taxi driver, who picks up a grizzled cop, played by Bautista, who is hot on the trail of a brutal killer. The driver finds himself thrust into a harrowing ordeal where he has to keep his wits, his life and his five-star rating. (PTI)



Amy Poehler to direct 'Wine Country'

Los Angeles

Actress Amy Poehler is making her debut as a director with Netflix's "Wine Country".

The "Mean Girls" star is helming the movie with a female-leading cast including Tina Fey and Maya Rudolph, who Poehler last worked with on 2015 comedy "Sisters", the streaming service announced on Tuesday.

Each cast member also has something else in common, as they have all worked on US show "Saturday Night Live" at some point during their careers, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.

Netflix's official Twitter account stated: "It's happening -- Amy Poehler's directorial debut, 'Wine Country', is coming soon to Netflix! Starring Amy Poehler, Rachel Dratch, Ana Gasteyer, Paula Pell, Maya Rudolph, Emily Spivey and featuring Tina Fey. Get excited. Get real excited." (IANS)

CLOONEY TO NARRATE SHIMON PERES DOCUMENTARY



Los Angeles

Actor George Clooney has come on board to narrate the documentary “Never Stop Dreaming: The Life and Legacy of Shimon Peres”.

It is based on the life of late Israel President Shimon Peres.

It’s the 16th film produced by Moriah Films, the film division of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles. The production company generates documentaries focused on the Jewish experience as well as contemporary human rights.

Nine months before Peres died in 2016, the 92-year-old had asked Moriah Films to create a documentary on his life story, reports *variety.com*.

“Never Stop Dreaming: The Life and Legacy of Shimon Peres” includes interviews with President Bill Clinton, President George W. Bush, President Barack Obama, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and American singer-songwriter Barbra Streisand. (IANS)

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Bryant talks about ‘I Feel Pretty’ criticisms



Actress Aidy Bryant has responded to the criticism of her new film ‘I Feel Pretty’, saying that it does not promote fat-shaming and fat-phobia in the society.

In the film, directed by Abby Kohn and Marc Silverstein, actor Amy Schumer plays an everyday insecure woman who after falling off her bike during a spin class, wakes up with a newfound confidence.

Bryant recently shared a picture that features her with Schumer and another co-star Sasheer Zamata on her Instagram page. (PTI)

Barrymore recalls flashing David Letterman



Drew Barrymore has been making the talk show rounds for over three decades now, but one moment in particular, according to her, will always stand out above the rest; that time when she flashed acclaimed American television host, David Letterman, back in 1995.

On a chat show with Stephen Colbert, the star recalled some of her more outrageous moments, including when she flashed David Letterman on his birthday.

The ‘50 First Dates’ actress then joked that she has no regrets about her show-stopping moment on Letterman and added, “You only have one life!” Barrymore also had a close friendship with Letterman. (ANI)



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OUT & ABOUT

UNVEILING BEAUTY: EXHIBITING ISLAMIC ART IN THE WEST BY DR SABIHA AL KHEMIR

Date: 28 March 2018, 6:30pm
Venue: Bahrain National Museum Lecture Hall

Dr. Sabiha Al Khemir has had an unusual journey with Islamic art, across time and place. She will speak about her various exhibition projects and the nature of sharing Islamic art in Western contexts. Dr. Al Khemir is a renowned expert in Islamic art, a novelist, and artist whose work is concerned with cultural bridging and spurring international dialogue. She is the Senior Advisor for Islamic Art at the Dallas Museum of Art and professor of Islamic art at the O'Donnell Institute, University of Texas. Lecture will be conducted in English.

FRIDAY BRUNCH AT CUT WITH CHEF WOLFGANG PUCK

Date: Friday, April 6 from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay

Celebrity Chef Wolfgang Puck is back in town! Join him for an Asian fusion BBQ and a cutting-edge Friday Brunch. Spend the perfect Friday afternoon in the heart of Bahrain and indulge in a wide variety of delicious homemade comfort food with Wolfgang Puck. Reservations: +973 17115044

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Date: Saturday, April 7 from 8:00 pm - 2:00 am

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay

Join us for an Asian fusion BBQ party with the celebrity chef himself. Savor an array of special Asian BBQ and street food, while you enjoy the twinkling lights of the Manama skyline and a live DJ in the background.

EASTER BRUNCH AT BAHRAIN BAY KITCHEN

Date: March 30 and April 1 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay

We are celebrating Easter with a grand brunch - you just hop on over! Celebrate the timeless tradition of Easter with friends and family at Bahrain Bay Kitchen. Savor an exquisitely paired menu of mouthwatering favorites like roasted lamb rack, hot cross buns and chocolate treats. The little ones have something to cheer about too with a fun egg hunt and other engaging escapades. Free access to Kids For All Seasons Easter activities.

FRIDAY SPRING FAIR BRUNCH

Date: Every Friday from April 6 until May 11 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay

Spring fairs bring forth many exciting memories to mind. Expect fun, excitement, vivacious colours, floral fragrances and comfortable weather. Every Friday, Bahrain Bay Kitchen's garden will be transformed into a welcoming hive of activity. Lounge in the open air while indulging in new seasonally influenced dishes. Children's hearts will be filled with a sense of delight as they enjoy plentiful fair-style games and activities. Discover pony rides, Ping-Pong, darts and train rides. Throughout these Friday afternoons of indulgence, sip on a refreshing iced tea, chilled milkshake or your desired beverage. The Spring Fair Brunch is a nod to everything that inspires weekend bliss.

RE/IMAGINE YOUR SATURDAYS

Date: Every Saturday from 12:30 pm until 3:30 pm

Venue: re Asian Cuisine by Wolfgang Puck Asian

Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay invites you to discover the perfect Saturday Brunch at re/Asian Cuisine by Wolfgang Puck. Soak in the immersive views from the 50th floor and feast on mouthwatering Asian selections like Korean Fried Chicken Bao Buns, Wok Fried Shrimp Dumplings and Brisket Wontons for BD 19+.

FOR U MAMA ...!

Date: 22 March 2018, 5:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Museum

Mothers Day..! we honour the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, mother bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated in different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March. This workshop will celebrate Mothers Day by letting children make a greeting card for their mothers and also decorating cupcakes. Later they will gift it to them.

HAPPY THURSDAY! MULAN FILM

Date: 29 March 2018, 6:00pm
Venue: Bahrain National Museum

Happy Thursday! Is where we all meet once a month on Thursday.. This time we are going to watch together Mulan..

Mulan is a girl, and the only child in her family. When the Huns invaded China, they called on each family to take up arms. Mulan's father, who's injured and cannot walk properly, decides to fight for his country and the honor of his family even though it is clear that he will not survive in this battle. Mulan, who has just been rejected by the matchmaker, decided to prove that she deserves something, she wore same as the Chinese army men.

Lots of incidents happens with Mulan as she risks everything in order to save her country China.

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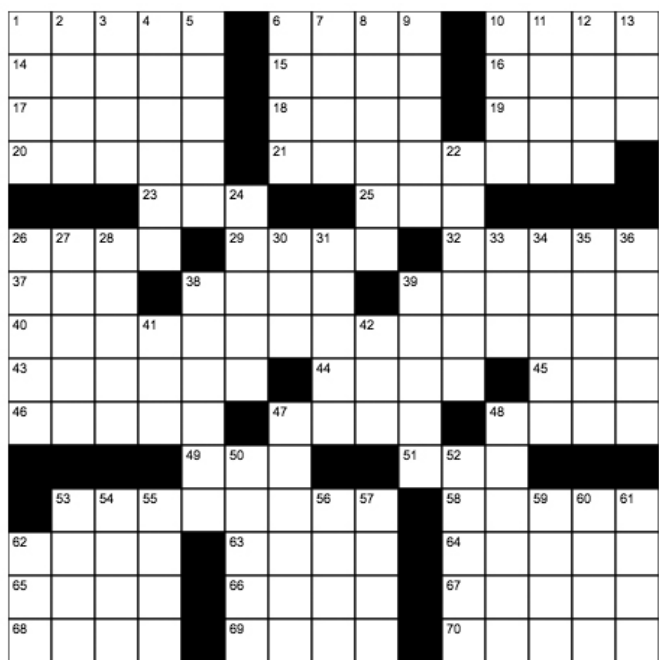
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(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



You're a gregarious person by nature, and today you might want to socialize and enjoy yourself. You could be overly concerned with your appearance, possibly because you wish to impress a current or potential romantic partner. Don't worry; they'll think you look great. You could receive a lot of attention throughout the evening both from this person and others.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



You may start the day feeling a little insecure about everything going on around you. The increased pressures of work might have strained your nerves a little. However, a lot of love and attention from friends, children, and the special person in your life should have you feeling better about everything in no time. In the evening, relax and watch a video with your mate!

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Extra money may come your way today as a reward for work well done. Perhaps you're getting a substantial bonus, or maybe you're slated for a significant raise. Either way, you're going to be in pretty good financial shape. You're going to be feeling very optimistic about your future, and therefore your relations with others will be warm and congenial.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



You may attend a party or other group activity this evening. However, you and the special someone in your life could well leave it early in order to steal some time for intimate conversation together. You should be looking and feeling great and be especially optimistic about your future and the future of your relationships.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



You should feel exhilarated today. You might choose to channel some of this enthusiasm into decorating your home. Your aesthetic sense is sharp, as is your physical energy, so once you set upon a particular course of action, you aren't likely to abandon it. Family members or others close to you may join you.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



A rush of humanitarian spirit and a desire to do some real good might find you looking into various charities in order to find those you might want to help. However, money could be flowing out for other purposes a bit too quickly for your tastes. It perhaps would be best to find one group that suits you and give only to that one. Save other worthy causes for another time.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Good news! It looks as if money is coming your way. Perhaps you're getting a good bonus, or perhaps you've received a good review and will be getting a substantial raise. Hearing about this will definitely boost your mood, and because you're feeling good, you'll be especially nice to those around you. They'll reciprocate in kind. Enjoy your day!

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Today you might experience, however briefly, the most intense and refined type of spiritual love. Perhaps this is for a friend, child, lover, or maybe for all life forms on the planet. You're also feeling especially artistic, so if you've been planning to make something as a gift, this is the time to do it. All signs bode well for other artistic projects as well.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



Today you might be feeling a very powerful and all-consuming love for everyone around you, and perhaps for all life forms in general. You're also likely to be feeling romantic, passionate, and anxious for the company of a love partner. Your imagination is flying high, and you could be trying to find a gift for a loved one. You're also feeling very spiritually inclined.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



You could feel a lot of fond affection for everyone around you today, even those you normally might find irritating. Co-workers, friends, family, and the special person in your life are likely to be happier for having basked in this glow, and should reciprocate. You're feeling especially generous, so buying gifts is likely to be on your agenda. Don't forget to be kind to yourself, too.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



Work may seem more like a drag than usual, as today your thoughts are at home with family, friends, and your partner in life. You're unlikely to concentrate on work, and you might reach for the phone constantly to seek a friendly voice. Images of beautiful objects may dance in your head. Don't worry about your concentration. It will be back tomorrow!

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Your natural sensitivity and compassion are given a powerful impetus today by strong feelings of love and affection for everyone around you. Therefore, you're likely to give and receive a lot of expressions of affection, both overt and subtle. A significant other should feel especially romantic toward you, so relax and let him or her shower you with attention.

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MLA (Telugu / Action / Romance)

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DANA: Timings: 11:00,13:30,16:00,18:30,21:00,23:30
AL HAMRA : From Friday 23Rd: 12.00 + 3.00 Pm

IRA (Malayalam / Thriller / Romance)

Starring: Unni Mukundan, Miya George, Gokul Suresh Gopi
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Starring: Emily Blunt, Johnny Depp, James Mcavoy
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FERDINAND - 2D (Animation/Adventure/Comedy)

Starring: John Cena, Kate Mckinnon, Bobby Cannavale
DANA: Timings: 10:45,15:00,19:15
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 12.15 + 4.30 + 8.45 Pm

JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE - 2D (Action / Adventure / Comedy)

Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan, Kevin Hart
DANA: Timings: 12:45,17:00,21:15,23:30
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 11.15 Am + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 Pm

HICHKI (Comedy / Drama)

Starring: Rani Mukerji, Asif Basra, Supriya Pilgaonkar
DANA: Timings: 10:45,13:00,15:15,17:30,19:45,22:00,00:15
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 11.00 Am + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 +

11.30 Pm
SEEF (II) : Daily At: (12.30 Mn Thurs/Fri)
SEEF (I) : Daily At: 10.45 Am + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 Pm
SAAR : Daily At: 9.00 + (11.30 Pm Thurs/Fri)
WADI AL SAIL : Daily At: 10.30 Am + 4.15 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 Pm

RED SPARROW (Drama / Mystery / Thriller)

Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Joel Edgerton, Matthias Schoenaerts
DANA: Timings: 11:30,14:00,16:30,19:00,21:30,00:00
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 Pm + 12.00 Mn + (1.00 Am Thur/Fri) Daily At (Vip II): 11.00 Am + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 Pm
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 11.30 Am + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 Pm
SEEF (I) : Daily At: (1.00 Am Thur/Fri)
SAAR : Daily At: 11.15 Am + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + (11.15 Pm Thur/Fri)
WADI AL SAIL : Daily At: 11.45 Am + 2.45 + 5.45 + 8.45 + 11.45 Pm

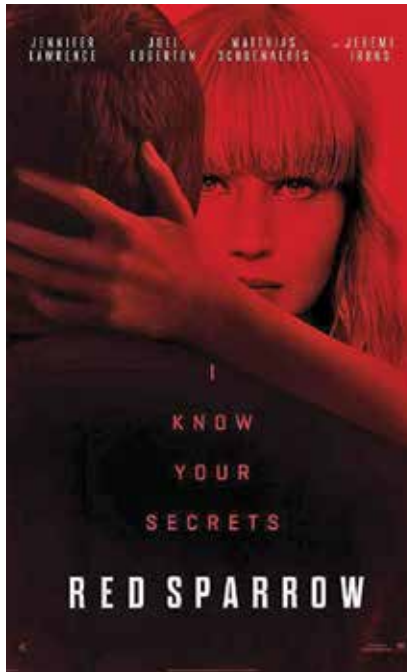
RAGHDAAH MOTAWAHESHA (Arabic/Comedy)

Starring: Ramez Galal, Reham Haggag, Bayoumi Fouad
DANA: Timings: 10:45,12:30,14:15,16:00,17:45,19:30,21:15,23:00,00:45
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 Pm
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 11.45 Am + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00 Pm
WADI AL SAIL : Daily At: 11.45 Am + 2.00 + 6.45 Pm + 11.30 Pm

MIDNIGHT SUN (Drama / Romance)

Starring: Bella Thorne, Patrick Schwarzenegger, Rob Riggle
DANA: Timings: 11:00,12:45,14:30,16:15,18:00,19:45,21:30,23:15,01:00
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 10.30 Am + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 Pm + (12.45 Mn Thurs/Fri)
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 11.00 Am + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 Pm + (1.00 Am Thurs/Fri)
WADI AL SAIL : Daily At: 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 9.30 + 11.30 Pm

JOHNNY FRANK GARNETT'S



WORD (Crime/Drama/Horror)

Starring: Sean Patrick Flanery, Erin Cummings, Mike Doyle
DANA: Timings: 13:00,16:45,20:30,00:15
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 11.45 Am + 3.45 + 7.45 + 11.45 Pm
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 8.00 + 10.00 Pm + 12.00 Mn

JOURNEY "S END (Drama / War)

Starring: Paul Bettany, Sam Claflin, Asa Butterfield
DANA: Timings: 11:00,14:45,18:30,22:15
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 12.30 + 4.45 + 9.00 Pm

THE FORGIVEN (Thriller)

Starring: Forest Whitaker, Eric Bana, Jeff Gum
DANA: Timings: 11:15,13:30,15:45,18:00,20:15,22:30,00:45
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 10.45 Am + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 Pm
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 11.00 Am + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 Pm

TOMB RAIDER: 2D (Action / Adventure)

Starring: Alicia Vikander, Hannah John-Kamen, Walton Goggins
DANA: Timings: 11:30,13:45,16:00,18:15,20:30,22:45,01:00
CINECO (20) : Daily At (Atmos): 10.30 Am + 1.00 + 3.45 + 6.30 + 9.15 Pm + 12.00 Mn Daily At: (1.00 Am Thurs/Fri)
SEEF (I) : Daily At: 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 Pm + (12.45 Mn Thurs/Fri)
SAAR : Daily At: 10.30 Am + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + (11.00 Pm Thurs/Fri)
WADI AL SAIL : Daily At: 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 Pm

DEATH WISH (Action / Crime / Drama)

Starring: Bruce Willis, Vincent D'onofrio, Elisabeth Shue
DANA: Timings: 11:30,16:00,20:30
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 Pm
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 11.15 Am + 1.30 + 3.45 + 6.00 + 8.15 + 10.30 Pm

BLACK PANTHER: 2D (Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi)

Starring: Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o
DANA: Timings:

13:30,18:00,22:30
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 Pm + (12.30 Mn Thurs/Fri)
SEEF (I) : Daily At: 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 Pm

TALL TALES (Animation / Comedy)

Starring: Ryan Nicolls
DANA: Timings: 11:00,12:45,14:30,16:15,18:00,19:45,21:30,23:15,01:00
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 Pm

THE STRANGERS: PREY AT NIGHT (18+) (Thriller/Horror) New

Starring: Christina Hendricks, Bailee Madison, Martin Henderson
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 1.45 + 5.45 + 9.45 Pm
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 10.30 Am + 2.45 + 7.00 + 11.15 Pm

GNOME ALONE (Pg) (Animation/Comedy/Adventure)

Starring: Tara Strong, Becky G., Olivia Holt
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 2.30 + 6.45 + 11.00 Pm
SEEF (I) : Daily At: 10.45 Am + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 Pm

COCO (Pg) (Animation/Adventure/Comedy)

Starring: Anthony Gonzalez, Gael Garcia Bernal, Benjamin Bratt
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 11.30 Am + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 Pm

GAME NIGHT (15+) (Comedy/ Crime)

Starring: Jason Bateman, Rachel McAdams, Kyle Chandler
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 11.45 Am + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00 Pm

THE COMMUTER (Pg-15) (Thriller/Crime)

Starring: Liam Neeson, Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 11.15 Am + 1.30 + 3.45 + 6.00 + 8.15 + 10.30 Pm

TORBAL RAYEH JAY (Pg) (Arabic/Comedy)

Starring: Ali El Ghoureir, Khalil El Roumeithy, Khaled Al Ajeerb
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 Pm



Jaegers (giant robots) and Kaiju (huge primeval creatures with interdimensional containment issues) are again going head to head in 'Pacific Rim Uprising', and while director Guillermo del Toro has not returned for this sequel to his 2013 original, TV veteran Steven S DeKnight (Netflix's 'Daredevil') proves a more-than-capable replacement. 'Uprising' may lack some of the texture and personality of Del Toro's work, but it's still a film he would have gone to see a dozen times when he was a young

monster fan. More than 20 minutes shorter than its predecessor and set ten years later, 'Uprising' eschews complex world-building and subtle characterisations to provide rock-'em-sock-'em robotics for undiscerning sci-fi fans. John Boyega, star of 'The Force Awakens' and 'The Last Jedi', plays Jake Pentecost, son of the first film's heroic, deceased Stacker. Apprehended for illegally dealing Jaeger hardware, Jake is given the chance to wipe his slate clean by helping instruct new robot-pilot cadets,

including fellow orphan and mechanical wiz Amara (newcomer Cailee Spaeny). Familiar basic-training shenanigans follow, along with some clichéd intrigue involving a tech CEO who wants to introduce unmanned Jaegers. Living things up are Charlie Day and Burn Gorman as returning oddball scientists Geiszler and Gottlieb; the former has one moment in which he gets a little too personally involved in his hyperzoological studies, suggesting a weird road that 'Uprising' chooses not to travel down. (timeout)

Austin bombings suspect killed in blast

Law enforcement personnel investigate the surroundings of a house linked to the bomber in Pflugerville, Texas

Austin

A 24-year-old white man suspected of being behind a series of deadly parcel bombings in the US state of Texas blew himself up yesterday as authorities moved in to arrest him.

Police said the suspect detonated a device in a car outside a hotel in the state capital Austin which has been gripped by fear since the attacks began nearly three weeks ago.

While the search for the unnamed bomber is now at an end, authorities warned that he may have planted other explosives before his death.

"The suspect is deceased," Austin police chief Brian Manley told an early morning news conference

after the dramatic end to the massive manhunt.

Manley told reporters that the suspect is believed to have been responsible for all five bomb explosions that have killed two people and wounded half a dozen others since March 2. The motive behind the attacks remains unknown.

Police traced the suspect's car to a hotel outside Austin in a pre-dawn operation.

As authorities waited for tactical teams to arrive, the suspect started to drive away. As police then moved to stop and arrest him, he detonated a bomb inside his car that killed him, Manley said. One police officer was injured by the blast.

Police zeroed in on the suspect over the past 36 hours as evidence came

in from video footage and witness accounts, Manley said.

"It has been a long almost three weeks for the community of Austin," the police chief said.

But Fred Milanowski, a senior officer at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), warned that the danger was not yet over.

"We want to make sure that if people see suspicious packages or bags, that they continue to call 911 so that we can respond and deal with them," Milanowski, said.

President Donald Trump offered his congratulations to police, writing on Twitter: "AUSTIN BOMBING SUSPECT IS DEAD. Great job by law enforcement and all concerned!" (AFP)

Rio museum selling artwork to pay bills

Rio De Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro's Modern Art Museum is selling one of its most prized works, a Jackson Pollock painting, to help stay afloat.

The private, not-for-profit museum said a sale of this type has never been done before in Brazil, although it is common in Europe and the United States.

The Pollock painting in question is titled "No.16" and was completed in 1950.

Proceeds of the sale will be used to create a fund to keep the museum going for another 30 years, it said.

The painting was donated



The Jackson Pollock painting in question is titled 'No.16' and was completed in 1950.

by the late former US vice president Nelson Rockefeller in 1954, and is estimated to be worth around \$25 million.

The Brazilian Museum Institute called on the Modern

Art Museum to reverse course and try to come up with another way to raise money at a time of financial struggle for many of the South American country's museums. (AFP)

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Do you think user data from social media has been used by other world leaders also to win elections?

Yes No Cant Say



"We stand by Britain's side in solidarity, a lot of indications point to Russia. That is why transparency is demanded of Russia."

Angela Merkel
German Chancellor

Rest in sight

Philippines bus crash kills 19



Nineteen persons were killed in southern Philippines when a bus ran off a highway and plunged into a ravine. At least 25 others have been injured in the incident, authorities said.

Myanmar president Htin Kyaw resigns

Myanmar President U. Htin Kyaw has resigned. First Vice President U. Myint Swe will serve as acting President until Parliament elects a new President.

Hawking's final resting place revealed

The ashes of renowned physicist Steven Hawking will be interred in Westminster Abbey here near the graves of ground-breaking scientists Sir Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin.

US, North and South Korea meet in Finland

A tripartite talk between North Korea, South Korea and the US has started in Finland and denuclearisation is not on the agenda, Finnish Foreign Minister Timo Soini has said.

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Vatican communications chief quits over 'lettergate' row

Vatican City

Pope Francis' communications chief resigned yesterday after a scandal over a doctored letter, a public relations fiasco for the Vatican two months after the pope had warned of the dangers of fake news.

A brief Vatican statement yesterday said Francis had "accepted the resignation" of Monsignor Dario Viganò, Prefect of the Secretariat for

Communication. A Vatican source said the Italian prelate had been urged to offer it.

The resignation was unusually swift by Vatican standards, coming little more than a week after the media ruckus started.

The scandal centred around Viganò's handling of a missive to him from former Pope Benedict, 90, who resigned in 2013 and lives in near-isolation in the Vatican grounds. (Reuters)

One of Nepal's last dancing bears dies after rescue



The two sloth bears were rescued in southern Nepal in December last year from a pair of itinerant street performers who used the animals for entertainment

Katmandu

One of Nepal's last known dancing bears that was recently rescued has died after being transferred to a zoo, an animal rights activist said yesterday, blaming the death on "negligence".

The two sloth bears were rescued in southern Nepal in December last year from a pair of itinerant street performers who used the animals for entertainment.

Shortly after their rescue, the bears -- 19-year-old male Rangila and Sridevi, a 17-year-old female -- were

transferred to a zoo near the capital Kathmandu where they were put in cages on display.

A few weeks later, the female bear died.

"(We) were told that she had some problem in her liver and that it was jaundice," said Niraj Gautam of Jane Goodall Institute Nepal, who was involved in the rescue of the bears.

"These animals should have been thoroughly checked. There was nothing. That's the negligence we want to point out." (AFP)

Boko Haram frees most of abducted schoolgirls

Dapchi, Nigeria

Islamic militant groups drove scores of kidnapped Nigerian schoolgirls back into the town where they had been captured a month ago and abruptly set them free on yesterday.

The captors gave no reason for their release, but Nigeria denied that a ransom had been paid. Several of the girls said some of their friends had died in captivity and one was still being held.

The fighters from the Boko Haram group, some shouting 'God is greatest', drove the girls back into the northeast town of Dapchi

in a line of trucks in the morning, dropped them off then left, witnesses told Reuters.

"I don't know why they brought us back but they said because we are children of Muslims," one of the freed girls, Khadija Grema, told Reuters.

Aliyu Maina, reunited with his 13-year-old daughter, said the fighters "stopped and blocked the road, they didn't talk to anybody, they didn't greet anybody."

"They said people should make space for people to recognise their children and I got my child." (Reuters)



Kyle Edmund (file pic)

London

British number one Kyle Edmund will make his home debut as the country's leading player at the Fever-Tree Championships at Queen's Club in June.

Edmund joins Andy Murray and three of the world's top four in Rafael Nadal, Marin Cilic and Grigor Dimitrov in committing to the tournament, while defending

champion Feliciano Lopez will also return.

Edmund overtook Murray earlier this month and, with the former world number one likely to make his return from hip surgery in late May or early June, the 23-year-old is guaranteed to hang on to the position heading into the summer.

Edmund, currently ranked three places above Murray at 26, said: "It'll be a really

good feeling to go to the Fever-Tree Championships at Queen's as British number one.

"It's a combination of me doing well and Andy dropping down the rankings because of injury, but I'm happy to be there.

"The transition to grass is always a challenge, but I think I'm getting better at it. I've got another year of experience on the tour and

this is an opportunity for me to put that on the court."

Grass has so far been Edmund's least successful surface, with only four wins from 17 tour-level matches.

He did reach the quarter-finals at Queen's in 2016 before losing to Murray and won his first match at Wimbledon last year at the fifth attempt against countryman Alex Ward. (*Eurosport*)

Anisimova stuns Wang in Miami

**Miami**

American teenager Amanda Anisimova, fresh off an impressive run at Indian Wells, beat China's Wang Qiang 6-3 1-6 6-2 at the Miami Open on Tuesday to set up a second round clash with Spanish third seed Garbine Muguruza.

The 16-year-old wild card, who had never won a WTA main-draw match until this month's BNP Paribas Open where she reached the fourth round, broke the world number 53 five times during a 98-minute match in which she committed six double faults.

Next up for Anisimova, ranked 130th in the world, is Wimbledon champion Muguruza, who will be eager to get back to competition after falling at the first hurdle in Indian Wells.

Brazilian Beatriz Haddad Maia overcame some early pressure to defeat Briton Heather Watson 7-6(3) 6-2. Watson had a chance to serve for the opening set but squandered it and then allowed the Brazilian to run away with the match.

Haddad Maia will next face No. 31 seed Zhang Shuai. (*Reuters*)

Askar vows to support maritime sports plans

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Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) general secretary Abdulrahman Askar affirmed the committee's support to all sports federations seeking investment opportunities in an attempt to facilitate its programmes.

This was announced following Askar meeting with Bahrain Maritime Sports Federation general secretary Sameer Shuwaiter, in presence of BOC Sports Affairs executive director Abduljalil Asad, at the committee premises in Seef.

During the meeting, Askar was presented with the investment projects, which the federation intends to launch, in Juffair.

The federation demonstrated the stages of the project and the necessary procedures to complete this plan.

Askar commended the efforts of the federation, headed by Shaikh Khalifa bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, in order to develop maritime sports in the kingdom.

He affirmed the committee's commitment to back all relevant authorities to ensure the completion of this project, which is in line with the directives of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman, and BOC President.

McLaren car is '100 percent' ready

**Melbourne**

Fernando Alonso has played down reliability concerns about the new Renault-powered McLaren, saying problems that arose during pre-season testing have been fixed and the car will be "100 percent" ready for the season-opening Australian Grand Prix.

After switching to the Renault power unit after three gloomy years with Honda, McLaren's MCL33 suffered more glitches and completed fewer laps on the test track than any other team.

However, double world champion Alonso, who considered quitting

Formula One last year as McLaren slumped to ninth in the constructors' championship, said the car's gremlins had been banished in time for Sunday's race at Albert Park.

"Well, I think we should be optimistic," the 36-year-old Spaniard told Reuters at a Melbourne event held by McLaren sponsor Chandon.

"I think we had some reliability issues in testing but all of them are fixed now and the team did an amazing job in the past two or three weeks to have the car 100 percent for Australia. (*Reuters*)

Opening win for PVB in Volleyball

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In the opening games of the Filipino Club Volleyball Group Charity Tournament (FCVG), PVB Men's team battled to win over Forex/Bell Diamond Men's team in a gruelling 3 sets 18-25, 25-18, 29-27, whilst Busy Bee Men's team defeated Victorious Secret Men's team 22-25, 25-19, 25-23.

In the women's division, 7th time Champion FIL-Am Team defeated Dabarkads Team 25-22, 18-25, 25-20 and Al Zayani Spikers won against Gilas Team in two straight sets 25-21, 25-18.

FIL-Am Women's and Busy Bee Men's teams won the best in uniform in their respective category, FIL-Am's Madelle Despi grabbed the best Muse Award and Dabarkads Women's Team as the Most Organized Team.

Over one hundred and fifty Filipino players representing 10 teams have registered for the FCVG Charity Tournament which started last Friday at the Muharra Club gym.

The opening ceremony, which was attended by the players and their families, the sponsors and spectators was graced by the presence of no other than the Philippine Ambassador to Bahrain Ambassador Alfonso Ver.

The tournament games will be held every Friday from 8:00AM to 12:00PM and is expected to last until the end of June 2018.

This season's slogan "we play the greatest game when we inspire others win their games" encourages players to enjoy volleyball game and at the same time help the community through its small but concerted effort. Beneficiary for this event will be our little brothers and sisters at Alia for Early Intervention Centre.

Krstev-Rikl pair advances to double's semis



Dominik Kellovsky

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Unseeded pairing Ondrej Krstev and Patrik Rikl marched on to the Men's Doubles semi-finals yesterday, as did top seeds Valeria Bhunu and Emily Webley-Smith in the Women's Doubles, highlighting an exciting third day of action in the Bahrain ITF Futures Tennis Tournament at Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC).

Meanwhile, giant-killer Thomas Colautti of Great Britain continued his winning ways to move on with seven others into the Men's Singles quarter-finals. Quirine Lamoine of the Netherlands did the same in the Women's Singles, leading all remaining seeded players into their last eight with fine wins yesterday.

After taking down the Men's Doubles top seeds on opening night on Monday, Czech tandem Krstev and Rikl showed it was no fluke as they defeated the Swedish-Czech pair of Niklas Johansson and Tadeas Paroulek 6-2, 6-2.

They now hope to continue their fine run in Bahrain when they face off with the fourth-seeded American duo of Robert Galloway and Anderson Reed. Galloway and Reed were able to get some rest today as they booked their final four berth with a walkover win.

The second seeded Czech pair of Marek Gengel and Dominik Kellovsky also powered through, and they will next meet the Italian-Swiss duo of Claudio Fortuna and Riccardo Maiga. They upset third seeds Francis Casey Alcantara from the Philippines and Pak Long Yeung from Hong Kong.

In the Women's Doubles, the top-seeded pair of Bhunu from Zimbabwe and Webley-Smith of Great Britain cruised into the semi-finals where they will next meet the Swedish-Russian duo of Rebecca Gustafson and Varvara Kuznetsova.

FULL RESULTS:

Men's Singles:

Thomas Colautti (GBR) beat Milen Ianakiev (GER) 6-3, 7-5
Jelle Sels (NED)-3 beat Ondrej Krstev (CZE) 6-3, 6-3
Lukas Ollert (GER)-5 beat Adrian Obert (GER) 6-2, 6-3
Patrik Rikl (CZE)-7 beat Antoine Walch (FRA) 6-3, 6-4
Dominik Kellovsky (CZE) beat Claudio Fortuna (ITA)-8 7-6 (6), 6-3
Vladyslav Orlov (UKR) beat Tadeas Paroulek (CZE) 6-1, 6-1
Riccardo Maiga (SUI) beat Jeson Patrombon (PHI) 6-3, 6-2
Robert Galloway (USA) beat Palaphoom Kovapitukted (THA) 6-7 (5), 6-1, 7-6 (6)

Women's Singles:

Quirine Lemoine (NED)-1 beat Sadafmoh Tolibova (BLR) 6-4, 6-4
Ana Veselinovic (MNE)-2 beat Alexandra Riley (USA) 6-1, 6-1
Tereza Mihalikova (SVK)-4 beat Nathalie Johansson (SWE) 6-1, 6-1
Fatma Al Nabhani (OMA)-5 beat Maria Toma (ROU) 6-1, 6-1
Emily Webley-Smith (GBR)-7 beat Marian Jade Capadocia (PHI) 6-4, 7-6 (3)
Kanika Vaidya (IND)-8 beat Sowjanya Bavisetti (IND) 6-0, 4-6, 6-2

Viktoria Morvayova (SVK) beat Tea Faber (CRO) 6-3, 6-2

Men's Doubles:

Ondrej Krstev (CZE)/Patrik Rikl (CZE) beat Niklas Johansson (SWE)/Tadeas Paroulek (CZE) 6-2, 6-2
Marek Gengel (CZE)/Dominik Kellovsky (CZE)-2 beat Vladyslav Orlov (UKR)/Vitaliy Sachko (UKR) 7-5, 7-5
Claudio Fortuna (ITA)/Riccardo Maiga (SUI) beat Francis Casey Alcantara (PHI)/Pak Long Yeung (HKG)-3 3-6, 6-3, [10-8]
Robert Galloway (USA)/Anderson Reed (USA)-4 beat Florian Fallert (GER)/Adrian Obert (GER) Win via Walkover.

Women's Doubles:

Valeria Bhunu (ZIM)/Emily Webley-Smith (GBR)-1 beat Paulina Bakaite (LTU)/Gerda Zykute (LTU) 6-4, 6-0
Kanika Vaidya (IND)/Zeel Desai (IND)-2 beat Karolina Novotna (CZE)/Claudia Williams (NZL) 6-3, 6-1
Rebecca Gustafson (SWE)/Varvara Kuznetsova (RUS) beat Diana Maria Mihail (ROU)/Barbora Miklova (CZE)-4 6-4, 6-7 (9), [16-14]
Marian Jade Capadocia (PHI)/Fatma Al Nabhani (OMA) beat Ashmitha Easwaramurthi (IND)/Tea Faber (CRO) 6-3, 6-1



Fathima AL Nabhani (OMA)



Emily Webley (GBR)

Second seeds Kanika Vaidya and Zeel Desai of India meet Marian Jade Capadocia of the Philippines and Fatma Al Nabhani of Oman in the other

semi-final.

In the Men's Singles, Colautti was again a winner, this time against Milen Ianakiev of Germany.

Only three seeded players remained amongst the men following Wednesday's action. They include third seed Jelle Sels of the Netherlands, fifth seed Lukas Ollert of Germany and number seven seed Patrik Rikl of the Czech Republic.

Others to go through were Dominik Kellovsky of the Czech Republic, Vladyslav Orlov of Ukraine, Riccardo Maiga of Switzerland and American qualifier Galloway.

In the Women's Singles, all ladies ranked one through eighth booked a berth in the semi-finals.

They included top-seeded Lamoine, second seed Ana Veselinovic of Montenegro, third seed Nastja Kolar of Slovenia, fourth seed Tereza Mihalikova of Slovakia, fifth seed Fatma Al Nabhani of Oman, seventh seed Emily Webley-Smith of Great Britain, eighth seed Kanika Vaidya of India and unseeded Viktoria Morvayova of Slovakia, who beat sixth seed Zeel Desai of India the night before.



Viktoria Morvayova (SVK)

BIC adds electronic music duo Disclosure



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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) announced yesterday that popular English electronic music duo Disclosure will be performing at the Formula 1 2018 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix.

Consisting of brothers Howard and Guy Lawrence, Disclosure are Grammy-nominated artists who have collaborated with the likes of Mary J. Blige, Sam Smith, The Weeknd, Lorde and Eliza Doolittle, to name a few.

They will be taking to the stage on the Saturday night of the highly anticipated Bahrain Grand Prix weekend, which is scheduled for April 6 to 8 in Sakhir. They will close out the show on the 7th with a DJ set.

Disclosure are the third major international artists who have been announced by BIC as performers at this year's Formula 1 extravaganza, which brings together the very best of motorsport and world music.

Disclosure join music icon Carlos Santana and

American singer-songwriter Benjamin Booker on a fantastic entertainment programme. Santana will be performing on April 6, the Friday night of the Grand Prix, while Booker and Disclosure will be offering double the delights on April 7.

All those with tickets to the Bahrain Grand Prix weekend will be able to attend the concerts at no extra charge. Holders of Friday-only tickets will not be granted access to the Saturday shows.

Aside from their Grammy nominations, Disclosure have also been nominated for multiple Brit Awards, MTV Video Music Awards, and International Dance Music Awards, including in 2016 when they won for Best Full Length Studio Recording for their album "Caracal".

Disclosure have been touring the world non-stop over the past few years, and now they will be performing one of their acclaimed DJ sets in the Kingdom of Bahrain for the big Bahrain Grand Prix weekend.

Marketing plans discussed

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Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) general secretary Abdulrahman Askar stressed the importance of implementing HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa directives to look for new investment opportunities to finance the committee plans and support the sports federations programmes.

This was announced following Askar meeting with BOC board member and marketing committee chairman Abdulla Al Dossary, in presence of BOC marketing head Mahmood Ashoori, at the committee premises in Seef.

Askar and Al Dossary

had discussions that aim to further develop the role of the marketing committee in order to draw more attention from candidate sponsors to support BOC and sports federations programmes.

Al Dossary presented a range of perceptions of the committee for the upcoming stage, which include a marketing plan for 2018 and 2019, as well as initiating partnership channels with some of the most renowned firms in Bahrain, and list all programmes of the Olympic Committee and federations at once. Both parties also had talks on the proposed candidates joining the Marketing Committee, as Askar expressed willingness to provide all forms of support to the committee during the next phase.

De Vries tops the times on first day



Action from the race

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Nyck de Vries of Pertamina Prema Theodore Racing set the pace yesterday on the first day of official pre-season testing in the FIA Formula 2 Championship at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC).

De Vries clocked a fastest time of 1min 43.785secs around BIC's 5.412 kilometre Grand Prix Track. He set the mark on the 19th of his 21-lap session in the afternoon, when runners enjoyed cooler temperatures in Sakhir.

The Formula 2 tests are part of the series' preparations

for the start of the 2018 season. They are scheduled to continue until Friday.

De Vries was 0.170secs quicker than Louis Deletraz of Charouz Racing System, whose time of 1min 43.955secs was also registered in the afternoon.

Luca Ghiotto of Campos Vexatec Racing was third fastest for the day. His best lap of 1min 44.042secs was clocked during today's morning tests.

Fourth-best overall was Lando Norris of Carlin with a best time of 1min 44.051secs.

Arjun Maini of Trident

was ranked fifth with a time of 1min 44.115secs, while Deletraz's teammate Antonio Luoco rounded out the top six with a time of 1min 44.202.

Norris, Maini and Luoco all clocked their best laps of day one during the afternoon session.

A total of 20 cars from all 10 Formula 2 teams took part in today's testing.

The Bahrain sessions are the second official pre-season tests of Formula 2. The first was in Le Castellet, France at Circuit Paul Ricard held earlier this month.

Testing is being done in the brand new Formula 2 2018 chassis. The new Formula 2 season will be flagging off in the kingdom, in support of the Formula 1 2018 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix from April 6 to 8.

The FIA Formula 2 Championship is one of two support series to Formula 1 at this year's Bahrain Grand Prix. The other is the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East.

For more information, visit bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.



Bahrain Premier League (BPL) concluded the handover of the Chevrolet Aveo car to Anil Das, who was the winner of the lucky draw held at the finals of the event. The car was awarded to the winner from among the attendees of the ceremonial event. Shafi Albalushi, from the Ministry of Industry, commerce and Tourism convened the lucky draw and the organisers handed over the ceremonial key and ownership of the car. In Picture, (from Left) Shafi Albalushi Repr. MOICT, Salim Elias Manager of CBA, Mohammad Mansoor, President of Bahrain Premier League, Sayed Hanif from GoldCub, Anil Das and Hari from KHK Sports.

Indian Schools share glory



Swimming winners honoured



Athletics champions on the stage



Bahrain Swimming Association officials with winners

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The Indian School and New Indian School shared glory in the intermediate boys stage, while St Christopher's School dominated the secondary stage in athletics events, part of the ongoing Fifth School Mini Olympics.

On the first day of athletics, 474 students from various schools from around Bahrain competed in a variety of contests at the Khalifa Sports City Stadium in Isa Town.

In the intermediate stage, which featured long jump, high jump, 600m, 150m and 1,200m races,

the Indian School and New Indian School took two gold medals each.

The secondary stage saw St Christopher's School stamp authority, taking home six medals in total (3 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze).

The athletics championships is scheduled to finish today (Thursday), the concluding day of the School Mini Olympics events, while the awards ceremony will take place tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Abdulrahman Kanoo School had a dominant day in swimming at the Bahrain Swimming Association premises, located at Khalifa Sports City in Isa Town.

Well-contested races involving students from different schools across Bahrain's four governorate took place, but eventually it was Abdulrahman Kanoo who prevailed winning seven gold medals.

Their gold medal winners included a double by Aya Adel, who scored 14.20 and 19.01 seconds in the under-12's 25m freestyle and breaststroke, respectively.

Al Zain Tarek also captured a brace of gold medals winning the

25m breaststroke and butterfly.

Ala'a Adel (13.19 secs) in the 25m freestyle was the other gold medallists for Abdulrahman Kanoo.

Other winners were under-12's Sarah Stewart (25m breaststroke & 50m butterfly) of St Christopher's (u-13, 50m freestyle), Asma Le Fahler (50m freestyle) of St. Christopher's.

In the 100m relay, AMA School's Bayan Aqeel, Layal Bader and Layan Hasan topped the race in the under-12 category, while the under-13 race was won by St. Christopher's Arabella, Freya and Asma.

The Mini Olympics is brought up for the fifth successive year by the Bahrain Olympic Committee in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, with over 3,500 students from 58 government and private schools competing in a record 20 sports this year.

Action from athletics events



Athletics champions on the stage



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