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Today's Weather

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	37 °C	29 °C

## 11th Hour

### Ataturk airport closed after private jet crash

**Istanbul**  
Turkey's international airport was closed to traffic yesterday after a private jet crashed on landing and burst into flames. The four people on board were hurt as the plane landed at Ataturk Airport, reports said.

### Russia slams 'military hysteria' over N. Korea

**United Nations**  
Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov took swipe at the United States, telling the United Nations that "military hysteria" over North Korea's nuclear and missile tests would lead to "disaster." "We resolutely condemn the nuclear and missile adventures of Pyongyang," Lavrov said, "but military hysteria is not just an impasse, it's disaster."

### King's Ashoora grant hailed

**Manama,**  
Head of the Jaffari Endowments Directorate, Shaikh Mohsen bin Al-Shaikh Abdul Hussain Al-Asfoor, has extended thanks and appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for his directives to distribute the annual grant to community centres and Hussainiya centres.

The royal gesture is in line with the King's constant keenness on sharing the Ashoora Commemoration with members of his loyal people, he said, stressing the kind royal grant consolidates the kingdom's deep-rooted care in the Ashoora occasion.

## International award in PM's name proposed

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Manama

**A**rab Parliament Deputy Speaker and member of the Council of Representatives MP Adel Al-Asoomi has proposed an international award to commemorate the noble contributions of His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa that would bear his name and be granted to individuals, institutions and organisations.

HRH Premier's local, regional and international efforts to promote peace and co-existence have gained



HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa

him acclaim from various countries and organizations, he said, extending sincere

of World Peace and Love (FOWPAL) in recognition of his landmark contribution to promoting the traditions of peace, tolerance and diversity.

Al-Asoomi added that HRH Premier's contributions to consolidating the pillars of peace, tolerance, love, harmony, security and prosperity have gone beyond the local level, but reached the Arab and international levels, lauding HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman's milestone achievements in consolidating the values of tolerance and co-existence over the past decade as a Prime Minister,

which entitle Bahrain to be a model to be emulated.

The Arab Parliament deputy speaker expressed Arab peoples' pride in the efforts of HRH Premier, describing him as an iconic personality that has always set the example in dedication and unwavering determination to continue the nation-building and prosperity march.

Al-Asoomi asserted that the Premier's landmark achievements have been attained thanks to the pioneering Reform Project spearheaded by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

# N. Korea faces new barrage of sanctions

**United Nations**

**T**he United States and the European Union yesterday moved to impose new unilateral sanctions on North Korea as South Korea warned the United Nations of the risk of accidentally igniting a war.

After threatening to "totally destroy North Korea" in his first address to the General Assembly, US President Donald Trump signed an executive order targeting foreign companies doing business with North Korea, ratcheting up pressure on Pyongyang.

In Brussels, the 28-country EU agreed to a ban on investments in North Korea and on EU exports of oil, diplomatic sources said.

Trump said China's central bank had ordered national banks to curb their dealings with North Korea, describing the move as "very bold" and "unexpected."

The threat from North Korea's nuclear and missile tests has dominated this year's gathering of world leaders, but divisions remain over how to confront Pyongyang. North Korea detonated its sixth nuclear bomb and has test-fired intercontinental missiles -- saying it needs to defend itself against

hostility from the United States and its allies. Washington and its allies hope the tough economic sanctions will sway Pyongyang to come to the table and negotiate an end to its nuclear and missile programs. The US administration has refused to offer North Korea incentives to open negotiations and has ramped up threats of military action to force leader Kim Jong-Un -- whom Trump has dubbed "Rocket Man" -- to change course.

But meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, Trump said "Why not?" when asked whether there could be a dialogue with North Korea.

**S. Korea warning**

In his address to the UN assembly, Moon struck a different tone after Trump's fiery speech, saying the crisis needs to be "managed" to prevent an accidental outbreak of war.

Moon said South Korea was not seeking the collapse of its neighbor and was ready to help if Pyongyang decides "to stand on the right side of history" and halts its provocations. - AFP



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# ASPA meet concludes on a high note

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Manama

The Union of Arab National Olympic Committees' Arab Sport Pioneers Association (ASPA) course came to a close on Wednesday at the S Hotel in the Seef area.

Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) board member and Women's Sport Committee chairwoman Shaikha Hayat bint Abdulaziz Al Khalifa patronised the closing ceremony of the five-day gathering, which saw a group of highly-qualified academics from all over the Arab region take part.

Dr Mohammed Ruwashed of Saudi Arabia gave the closing remarks, in which he thanked the BOC for its contributions to bring this significant event to Bahrain.

He also invited Shaikh Isa bin Rashid Al Khalifa, first vice-chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and BOC honorary president to become the ASPA honorary president.

On behalf of participants, Dr Aziz Kareem of Iraq delivered a speech, in which he thanked both the ASPA, BOC and Shaikha Hayat and all speakers for their contributions to making this course a success.



Dr Kareem delivers the participants speech



Dr Ruwashed speaks at the closing session of the course



Shaikha Hayat honours one of the participants

The closing ceremony ended with Shaikha Hayat presenting a commemorative gift to BOC, which was received by its sports affairs executive director Abduljalil Asad.

During the course, discussions related to sport professionalism as well as its requirement, regulations, rights, duties and effect of sport professionalism on the

athlete life took place.

It took place in cooperation with the BOC, which formed a committee to prepare for the sessions. This committee was headed by BOC executive director for sports affairs Abduljalil Asad and includes members Mohammed Al Balooshi, Hassan Ali, Fai Buallai, Jalal Al Mukhtar, Fatma Al Saqer and Hassan Juma.

# New discovery may aid treatment of multiple sclerosis

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## Manama

A team of medical researchers in Bahrain announced that they have made an interesting discovery, which could help toward improving the treatment of multiple sclerosis.

Researchers from the Princess Al Jawhara Centre for Molecular Medicine & Inherited Disorders believe their recent discovery will aid in improving the treatment of the auto-immune disease. Their study revealed five genes that were significantly higher in multiple sclerosis patients when compared to control group.

"Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a multi-factorial disease of the Central Nervous System (CNS) affecting young adults leading to significant disabilities over time. MS is now believed to be prevalent in Arabian Gulf area with high incidence due to environmental factors and unknown genetic variations. The objectives of this study was to detect up-regulated potential genes that might be involved in neuroinflammatory process in MS patients in Bahrain and to measure the protein levels of

the expressed genes," the report stated.

A newly introduced technique called microarray was used to examine gene expression. Blood samples from 88 Bahraini MS patients and from 88 from a control group from Salmaniya Medical Complex was used for the study.

Of the 47000 genes examined, the report noted the expression of 15,480 genes and five genes TNF-AIP6, IL-1RA, OASL, CLC and DOCK4 were found to be higher in MS patients.

The study also suggested biomarkers to understand the MS inflammatory process and to analyze treatment response.

**The study revealed the five genes that were significantly higher in multiple sclerosis patients when compared to the control group**



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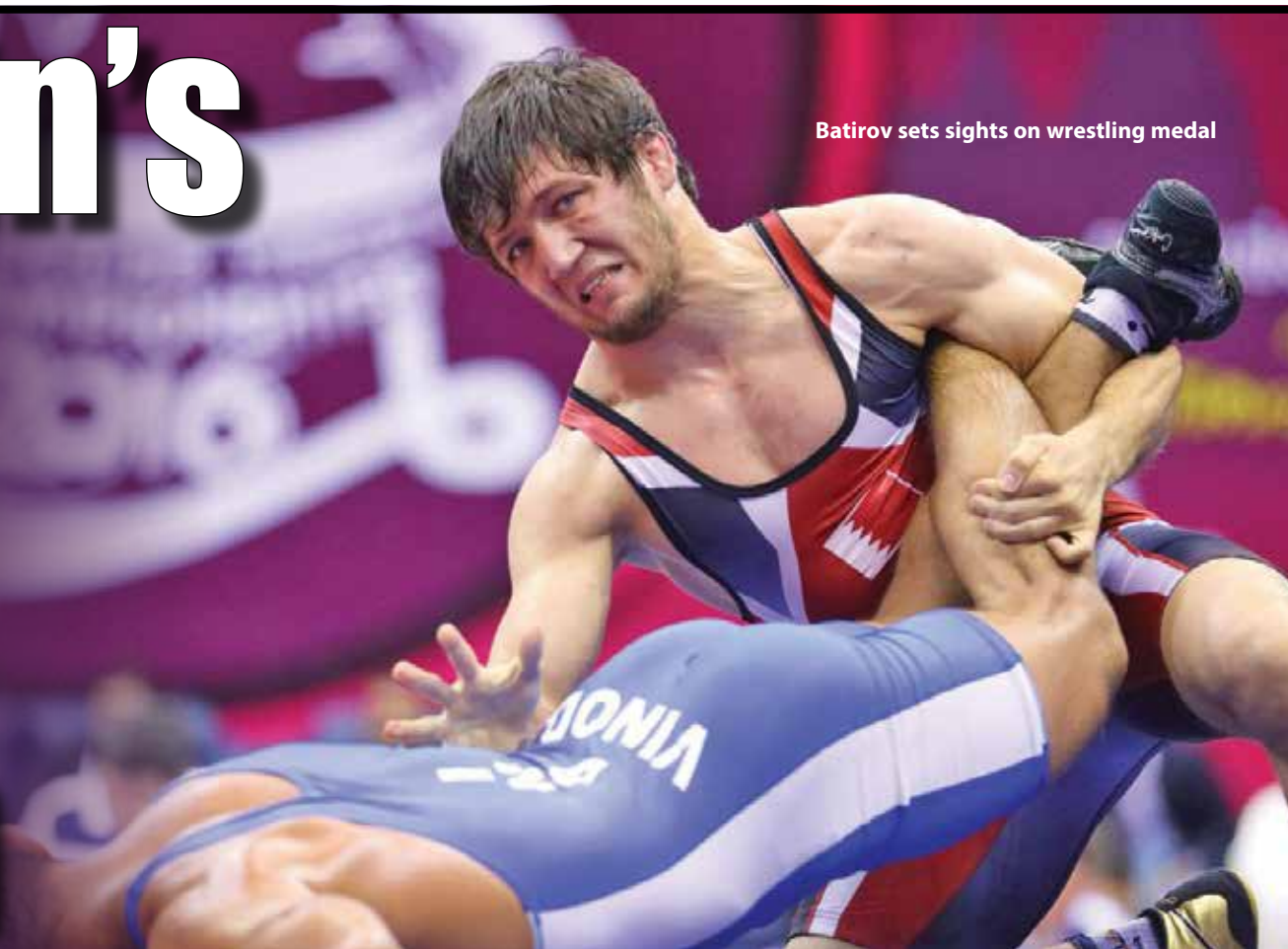
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# Bahrain's medal hopes vanish



Batirov sets sights on wrestling medal

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**B**ahrain's hopes of winning a medal in taekwondo were ended yesterday when Walaa Al Doseri lost in the quarter finals of the women's 57kg and under at the Fifth Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

After Jumana Mohamed and her younger sister Juwana failed to reach the medal stages of their respective weight categories, Bahrain's third and final team member Walaa Al Doseri was also unable to improve on her teammates finish.

The 20-year old opened her campaign in the Round of 16 and defeated Bhutan's Chimi Dolma 10-6, after dominating the first round (8-4) and then fought a tight second round (2-2) to progress to the quarter

finals.

In the quarter finals, Al Doseri was pitted against the more experienced Vietnamese Thi Anh Tuyet Tran who was a comfortable 29-6 winner using her overall strength and stamina to reach the semi-finals after winning the first round (7-4) and completely dominating the second round in winning (22-2).

Al Doseri had headed into the competition with high hopes of a medal he faced Chimi Dolma of Bhutan in the last-6 round, and lived up to many expectations by pulling off a 10-6 victory over her opponent to punch her ticket into the competition's last eight.

Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation president and Bahrain chef de mission Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Bahrain



Al Doseri battles it out in the women's 57-kg quarter finals

Olympic Committee general secretary Abdulrahman Askar and other delegation officials witnessed the taekwondo

bouts yesterday.

The trio Bahrainis are being coached by Tawfeeq Nuwaiser of Jordan, who had

their skills and boost their rating globally.

Nine athletes are representing Bahrain in three sports disciplines – Jiu Jitsu, Taekwondo and Wrestling in the 12-day games.

Wrestler Adam Batirov holds Bahrain's final hope of a medal at the games, when the 32-year-old will be fighting for a third medal at the games on Monday, when the Men's Freestyle -70kg weight group events gets underway at 4pm (Bahrain time).

Batirov took part in the 2016 Rio Olympics in the FS 65kg category and lost in the Round of 16 to Ikhtiyor Navruzov of Uzbekistan.

He is also an Asian Wrestling Championship gold medal winner in 2016 in Thailand and is coached by Mahmood Magomedov.

Shaikh Faisal meets members of Bahrain taekwondo team in Ashgabat



# Saudis call on Myanmar to allow Rohingyas to return

Washington

A top Saudi relief official called yesterday for Myanmar to take back Rohingya refugees and let them live in peace.

Dr. Abdullah al-Rabeeah, former health minister and now leading the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre, said major global powers need to press Myanmar to stop its violent expulsion of the Muslim ethnic minority into Bangladesh.

"What I want from our allies like the US and UK and the international community, I think it's time to put pressure on the Burma or Myanmar government to allow those refugees to go back and live in peace and get their rights," he said.

Rabeeah, on a stop in Washington before talks Friday at the United Nations on Yemen, said Saudi Arabia was already pumping aid in for the 422,000 Rohingyas



The bodies of Rohingya refugee are brought to shore on a boat by fellow Rohingyas after being recovered on the Naf river, as scores of refugees tried to flee from Myanmar to Bangladesh

who have been driven out of Myanmar's westernmost Rakhine state to Bangladesh since August 25.

The aid is going mostly into Bangladesh but also through Indonesia and Malaysia, he said.

"We are working heavily

to help the refugees in Bangladesh," he said.

Bangladesh said earlier Thursday that it had treated more than 2,350 Rohingya refugees injured as they fled Myanmar, including bullet and machete wounds and trauma from landmines.

## Aid blocked as crisis deepens

Sittwe

An attack on an aid shipment in Myanmar's violence-wracked Rakhine state and a deadly Red Cross truck crash in Bangladesh on Thursday hampered desperately needed relief efforts for Rohingya Muslims fleeing persecution.

An International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) ship carrying 50 tonnes of aid was halted by a 300-strong Buddhist mob in the state capital Sittwe on Wednesday night.

The group forced the ICRC to unload the aid from the boat and prevented the vessel from leaving, state-backed Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper reported Thursday, quoting Myanmar's Information Committee.

The crowd hurled "stones and Molotov (cocktails)" at riot police on the scene, injuring several officers before order was restored.

The ICRC confirmed the incident and said its staff were not injured, vowing to continue to try to deliver aid.

Saudi Arabia is airlifting 100 tonnes of donated tents, sleeping mats, blankets and food to refugees in Bangladesh, said the International Organization for Migration (IOM), which is chartering the flight.

"Many of these families are still living in the open without adequate shelter, food or clean water," Mohammed Abdiker, IOM Director of Operations and Emergencies, said in a statement. (AFP)

## Facebook bans militant group

Yangon

Facebook said it has banned a Rohingya militant group from its site, designating it a 'dangerous organisation' as information on the deepening crisis is muddled by claims, counter-claims and hate speech on social media.

The social network is a key tool in the information war taking place over violence in

Myanmar's Rakhine state, which has driven more than 420,000 Rohingya Muslims from the country and sparked UN accusations of military-led "ethnic cleansing".

Rohingya activists have used the platform to post alleged scenes of brutality from the conflict zone, where humanitarian and media access is severely restricted, while the army and

government deliver near-daily updates on the crisis.

A Facebook spokeswoman told AFP late Wednesday it was not requested by the government to bar the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA), which remains active on Twitter.

The spokeswoman added that the move was in line with its policy of prohibiting violent groups from its site.



Indonesians take part in a rally to condemn the killing of Rohingyas, in Jakarta

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## Wide Angle



Joel Indrupati

## The Man, The Gun, and The Controversy

A 30 feet, or nine-metre, monument of a man with an assault rifle, was unveiled in Moscow this week, on Tuesday, 19 September 2017.

The man's name: Mikhail Kalashnikov.

The rifle's name: AK 47.

A few days ago, listening to a BBC news program on the controversy surrounding this statue, I thought I should do some study on this popular killing machine invented by Kalashnikov in 1947.

But first, let us look at the controversy.

The statue was being erected in one of the busiest and most commonly used streets of Moscow. And, many Muscovites protested saying it was not an appropriate place for a memorial to the gun maker.

Among the placards the protestors waved was one which said: 'a creator of weapons is a creator of death'.

In a news item, "30ft-high statue of Mikhail Kalashnikov unveiled in Moscow" (The Guardian, 19 September 2017), there is a mention of a lawyer-protestor saying: "I'm not, in principle, against a statue of Kalashnikov. But it should not be erected here, now, and in this shape."

Supporters of the monument, however, did not agree. "This is Russia's cultural brand," and "He created this weapon to defend his motherland," they argued.

But is it only being used for Russia's defence? Is it really a "cultural brand"? These are the questions the leaders of global arms trade must answer.

In 2015 alone, look at what these Kalashnikovs have done.

In Garissa, Kenya, 147 Christian students were killed in a university. In Paris, France, 130 were killed with bombs and guns at a music concert. In Sousse, Tunisia, 38 people were killed on a beach by a lone gun-attacker. In all these cases, it was the 'AK 47' assault rifle, or a rifle from its family, that the terrorists used. In the same year, even in the Charlie Hebdo attacks, and in the Copenhagen attack, it was the same weapon used.

In a short video I watched online, Michael Hodges, the author of the book, "AK 47: The People's Gun" says that, with just 7 moving parts, and with the capability to fire 100 rounds of ammunition, this automatic rifle "is simple enough for a child to use"!

Perhaps, that is why many child soldiers in Africa are being illegally recruited and trained to kill - with this lightweight assault rifle.

The World Bank estimated in 2007 that out of the 500 million total firearms available worldwide, 100 million are of the Kalashnikov family, and 75 million are AK-47s.

But the author Michael Hodges says there could be up to '200 million' of these assault rifles in the world. Mostly because of the illicit arms trade, that is not accounted for.

Investigators of recent terrorist attacks have concluded that the most terrorists acquired these assault rifles through black markets in Europe. In some African countries with civil wars, many legal firearms disappear, and make their way into gunrunners' hands.

Actually, many forms of Kalashnikovs are manufactured - legitimately, for international trade - in more than 30 countries. China is a leader, and it exports mostly to African nations.

But, sadly, in some African countries, many underpaid soldiers, apparently, sell their rifles for a pittance. And the rifles soon become illicit contraband, and not traceable.

Russia may be proud of its inventor today. And maybe we cannot begrudge Russia if it wants to erect a statue in honour of a man who helped the nation's arms trade.

But unless countries around the world have stricter gun control laws, these automatic assault rifles could be used for terror. And no killing or terror can justify a celebration.

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

# They made it!

## Conjoined twins set for university in Tanzania

Iringa, Tanzania

A pair of conjoined sisters are settling into campus life at a Tanzanian university, a first in a country where disabled people are often marginalised or abandoned at birth.

Maria and Consolata Mwakikuti, 20, who are joined at the abdomen, have become minor celebrities in the east African nation where the media have closely followed their path through high school and arrival at university earlier this month.

Mwazarau Mathola, spokeswoman for the Ruaha Catholic University in Iringa in the centre of the country, said on Thursday the women arrived a few weeks before classes start in October to get used to their new life and take computer lessons.

"A separate house has



Maria (L) and Consolata Mwakikuti as they react in the student hostel of Ruaha Catholic University

been provided for them, furnished and set up for their needs, because they can't be housed in normal student accommodation," said Mathola. A couch has been installed in their classroom to allow them to sit comfortably, and they have a carer.

The twins were abandoned by their mother after the death of their father, and later taken in by a Catholic mission. They will study education, with the hope of becoming teachers of history, English and Swahili, said Mathola. In July, Maria made an emotional call on

state television for parents not to "hide or lock up their handicapped children".

"They must know they human beings, handicapped or not, are equal and have the same rights," she said.

The sisters, who enjoy knitting and cooking together, thanked the teachers who helped them through highschool, as well as the government who provided a vehicle to take them from their home to school each day.

"We didn't expect this day to come, it is by the grace of God that we are here today," said Consolata, the chattier of the two. The sisters admit that they do not always get along, as Consolata told a local newspaper in 2015: "For example when I want to do laundry and Maria prefers to read. However we always find a way around it." (AFP)

## Missing Pets



**ROLLY** - Male, 1 yr, bent tail, brown eyes, all black, ran away when owner was out of country, not wearing collar or ID tag, owner has very special bond with Rolly, Isa Town (near Isa Town Club), 15/5/17. **33157048**



**SULTAN** - Male, 2 yrs, neutered, mostly white/ beige w darker patch on back and mouth, likely not wearing collar or ID, long sorted story - but said to possibly be at a farm in Saar and can't get straight answers, 21/4/17. **66339925**



**KIKI** - Male Persian, 4 mos, not wearing collar or ID tag, window left open - may have been stolen, East Riffa Buhair, 12/8/17. **34035660**



**KONG** - Male Rottweiler, 18 mos, micro-chipped, gate left open, may have been stolen, wearing gold colour chain collar - no ID, New Hidd (behind Khalifa bridge), REWARD for safe return, 18/4/17. **33008092**



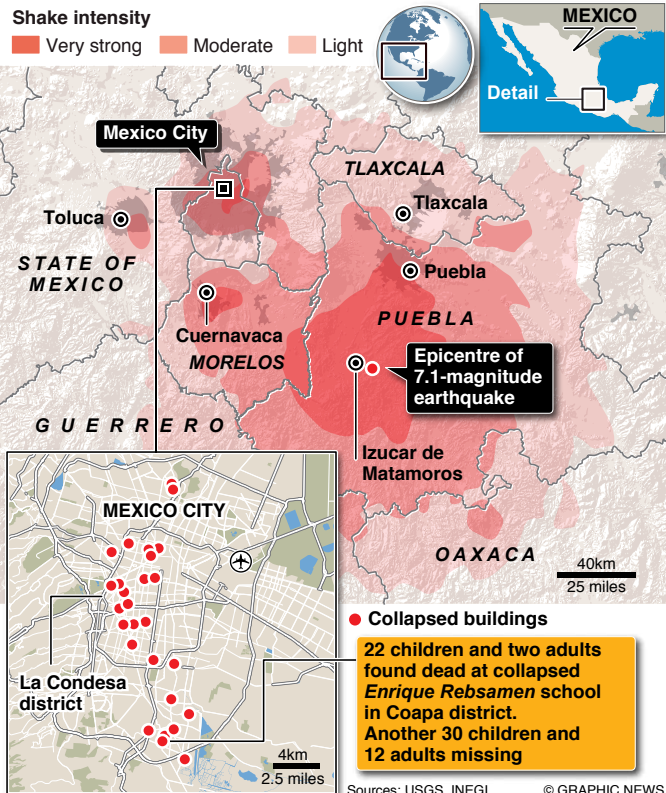
**SUSHI** - Male Himalayan, 2-3 yrs, microchipped (but owner does not have data from previous owner), black nylon collar w tag bearing mobile number, eats only dry food, Tubli/Jidd Ali-Isa Town area, 1/7/17. **66950622**



**HATHFA** - Female Saluki, 5 yrs, injury mark on the top of right leg, wearing collar, lost in Hamala from a farm, gone missing around 8/4/17. **39247411**

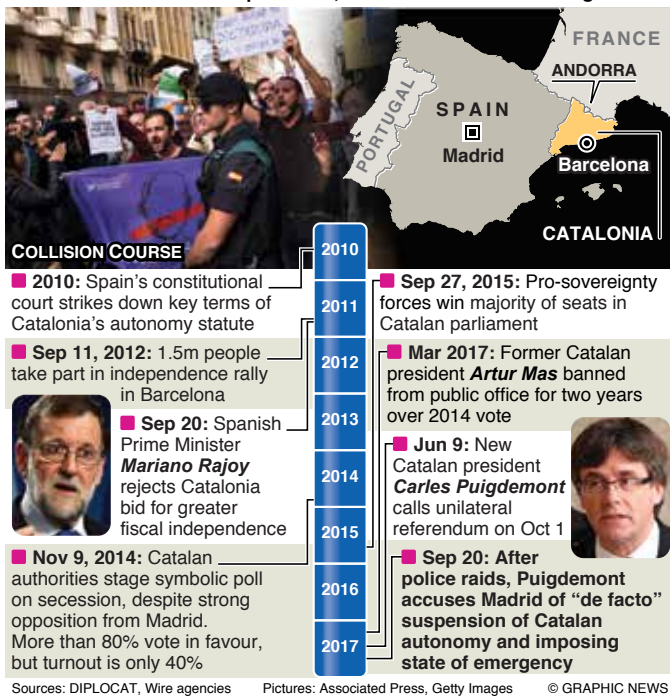
### Mexico earthquake death toll rises

Rescuers are searching for earthquake survivors throughout central Mexico, where the death toll has risen above 200



### Madrid ramps up pressure on Catalonia

Spain's Guardia Civil police have detained a dozen senior Catalan officials and raided regional government ministries ahead of a planned referendum on independence, which Madrid insists is illegal



# Victory near in Raqa, says US-backed Syria forces

A displaced Syrian child who fled the Islamic State (IS) group's Syrian stronghold of Raqa



**Raqa** Syrian fighters backed by US special forces battled yesterday to clear the last remaining Islamic State group jihadists holed up in their crumbling stronghold of Raqa.

"Victory is near" and would be declared in coming weeks, a spokeswoman for the operation to capture Raqa said in the city where US-led air strikes sent clouds of grey smoke into the air.

Across the border in Iraq, security forces were attacking all remaining territory held by the extremists, who are fighting to prevent the all-out collapse of their self-proclaimed "caliphate".

Most of Raqa, long a byword for the jihadists' most gruesome atrocities, is now in the hands of the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, supported by waves of heavy air strikes by a military coalition led by Washington.

"We control 80 percent of Raqa and the other 20 percent is in the firing line of our forces," said Jihan Sheikh Ahmed, spokeswoman for the "Wrath of the Euphrates"

operation. "We're in the final stage and will deliver victory to our people in Raqa within weeks," she said.

She said the Kurdish-Arab alliance was still fighting the jihadists around grain silos in the north of the city and the Raqa sports stadium, where IS fighters are believed to be storing weaponry.

"But victory is near," she said.

SDF spokesman Talal Sello said the militia was battling jihadists in "20 percent of the city".

"That sector is not under the control of Daesh... our forces are present there," he said.

In the city Thursday, a correspondent heard US-led coalition warplanes carrying out air strikes around the silos.

The sound of gunfire from running battles could also be heard as a journalist travelled across parts of the city.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitor said the SDF and US special forces were engaged in a "mopping up

operation."

But the operation was being slowed down by large numbers of mines planted by the jihadists in the city, where they have been under siege for three months, it said.

Exact estimates of the percentage of the city held by the SDF vary, with the Observatory putting it at 90 percent, but the US-led coalition saying that 70 percent had been "cleared."

IS seized Raqa in early 2014, making it their de facto Syria capital. They are thought to have used the city to plan attacks abroad. (AFP)

Children flash the victory gesture as a military convoy carrying US-made Oshkosh armoured vehicles, bulldozers, and arms headed for Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) fighting in Raqa



UAE Exchange in association with Xpress Money and Air Arabia held the Final draw for "Send & Fly promotion" on 17th September 2017. Officials from MOIC, Xpress Money, Air Arabia and UAE Exchange were present during the event. Winners were rewarded with 20 Air tickets and 20 gift vouchers (Promotion period: 10th July- 09th September 2017).

# Palestinian contortionist seeks to flip record books

Yousef Al-Bahtini, a twelve-year-old Palestinian boy invited to attempt the record attempt for "fastest time to travel 20 metres in a contortion roll" by Guinness World Records, shows off his acrobatic skills

## Gaza City

As 12-year-old Palestinian Yousef al-Bahtini distorts his body into almost impossible shapes, he dreams of entering the Guinness World Records.

That dream could come true in the coming weeks, provided Jordan and Israel grant him permits to travel for a time trial.

Bahtini lives in Gaza, the Palestinian enclave of two million people sealed off by Israel and Egypt.

But using YouTube videos and with his family's help, he has taught himself to bend in seemingly impossible ways.

And now his family believe

Guinness should recognise him.

"This talent was discovered by my brother and I've improved it. I will participate in the Guinness Book of Records with a forward movement of 20 metres in 14 seconds, and it's name is 'The Roll,'" said Bahtini.

The move involves rolling forward onto your stomach before flicking your bent legs up behind you into a crab position, then rolling back through and dropping onto your chest again.

The current record, set in 2013 by Britain's Leilani Franco, is 20 metres (45 feet) in 17 seconds.

Bahtini's family say he has done it in 14, and sent the evidence to Guinness to prove it.

The company wrote to the family in July to say he had been accepted for a time trial.

They don't, however, have an office in Gaza so Bahtini must travel to Jordan for an official test.

The family are waiting for a Jordanian permit, after which they will apply for permission to transit through Israel.

"Guinness are understanding

of the circumstances in the Gaza Strip and therefore have not specified a particular date for our participation," Yousef's brother Mohammed, who is also his trainer, said.

He added they wanted to get his name into the Guinness World Records to "raise the name of Palestine high".

If successful, Bahtini would be the second Gazan contortionist to enter the Guinness records book in a year.

In February, 13-year-old Mohammad al-Sheikh broke the record for the most full body revolutions maintaining a chest stand in one minute.

The move involves lying on the chest, bending the back to put the feet in front of the head then rotating the hips to run the feet in laps around the body.

Israel, which has fought three wars with Palestinian militants in Gaza since 2008, has maintained a crippling blockade on the territory for more than a decade, and its residents receive only a few hours of electricity a day. (AFP)





**Ryanair could ground more planes**

Dublin

Ryanair chief executive Michael O'Leary said he could not rule out axing more flights, but added any additional cancellations would not be linked to ongoing pilot roster problems. O'Leary said in Dublin that he "cannot guarantee there won't be further cancellations, but there won't be any further cancellations as a result of this rostering issue", a spokesman confirmed.

**World's richest woman dies aged 94**

Paris

L'Oréal heiress Liliane Bettencourt, the world's richest woman whose old age was clouded by dementia, has died at the age of 94, her family said. "Liliane Bettencourt died last night at home," her daughter Françoise Bettencourt Meyers said. Bettencourt was the 14th richest person in the world, according to Forbes magazine, which estimated her net worth in March at \$39.5 billion (33 billion euros).



5 years ago I left parliament with mixed feelings today I return as directed by (the ANC) as a servant of the SA (South African) people. I return determined to contribute to implementing decisions of (the ANC) particularly as it relates to radically improving our people's lives."

-Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma,

Ex-wife of South African President Jacob Zuma, who was re-appointed a lawmaker in parliament

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# Quotes

## from Ryanair's outspoken boss Michael O'Leary

London

Michael O'Leary is Irish low-cost airline Ryanair's outspoken chief executive, who is known as much for his colourful turns of phrase as his business acumen. Here is a selection of his reported quotes:

**On customers**

"People say the customer is always right, but you know what -- they're not. Sometimes they are wrong and they need to be told so."

"You're not getting a refund, so f\*\*\*\* off. We don't want to hear your sob stories. What part of 'no refund' don't you understand?"

"One thing we have looked at is maybe putting a coin slot on the toilet door."

"Do we carry rich people on our flights? Yes, I flew on one this morning and I'm very rich."

**On the French**

"You can't prevent the French from striking! Well, they don't allow the French military to go on strike. Mind you, no one would notice anyway."

"I think the most influential person in Europe in the last 20 to 30 years has been Margaret Thatcher, who has left a lasting legacy that has driven us towards lower taxes and greater efficiency. Without her we'd all be living in some French bloody unemployed republic."

**On the industry**

"We fight constantly with governments and idiot Brussels bureaucrats who want to put up the cost of air travel."

"The best thing you can do with environmentalists is shoot them."

"We expect our profits to grow by 20 to 25 percent. That's not just good, that's practically obscene in an industry in which few people make money. This isn't an airline, it's a drug baron's business."

**On himself**

"I don't give a f\*\*\*\* if no one likes me. I am not a cloud bunny.... I don't like airplanes. I never wanted to be a pilot like those other platoons of goons who populate the airline industry."

"I don't mind dressing up in something stupid or pulling gormless faces if it helps. Frankly, I don't give a rat's arse about my personal dignity."



# Google to buy part of HTC for \$1.1 billion



Taipei

Taiwan's struggling smartphone maker HTC said yesterday it would sell part of its smartphone business to Google for \$1.1 billion as the US giant looks to take greater control of its hardware business.

Google will take on half of HTC's research and development staff -- about 2,000 people -- many of whom have already been working on the Silicon Valley firm's Pixel handset, as well as intellectual

property (IP) licensing.

HTC said in a statement the deal is expected to be completed early next year, pending regulatory approval.

"For Google, this agreement further reinforces its commitment to smartphones and overall investment in its emerging hardware business," HTC spokesman Peter Shen told a press conference in Taipei.

"In addition to the talented and experienced team of

professionals, Google will continue to have access to HTC's IP to support the Pixel smartphone family. This agreement also represents a significant investment by Google in Taiwan as a key innovation and technology hub."

The Taiwanese firm is working on its new flagship phone and will also continue to invest in areas such as virtual reality, artificial intelligence and internet of things, Shen added.

**Apple shares slip on smartwatch reviews**

San Francisco

Apple shares slipped Wednesday after mixed reviews of its latest smartwatch and amid concerns pre-orders of coming iPhone 8 models were lagging.

Apple Watch Series 3 set to hit the market on Friday boasts the ability to connect directly to telecommunications networks to let users remain connected without a smartphone for phone calls, music and other functions.

During a live demonstration at a media event earlier this

month, an Apple executive on a stand-up paddle board in the middle of a lake chatted via the smartwatch with a colleague on stage in San Francisco.

But, reviews posted on Wednesday expressed problems with Apple Watch Series 3 connecting to mobile

networks. Lauren Goode of tech news website The Verge wrote that while trying out the new Apple Watch she experience "notable connectivity issues," with the device trying to link with unknown WiFi hot-spots instead of a telecommunications network.



The new Apple Watch Series 3

## Did You Know?



When the FBI shut down the operations of the Silk Road, it also seized the owner's assets. In that process, the FBI also became one of the world's wealthiest bitcoin owners. A report from the Wired magazine claims that the FBI controls as much as \$120 million.



## BFC CURRENCIES EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.3085	0.3060
BANGLADESH	0.00476	0.00466
CANADA	0.3155	0.3122
DENMARK	0.0637	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0217
EURO	0.4578	0.4553
HONGKONG	0.04971	0.04931
INDIA	0.00607	0.00592
INDONESIA	0.00003056	0.00002914
IRAN TUMAN	0.000323	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000304	
JAPAN	0.00355	0.003483
JORDAN	0.5350	0.5354
KOREA	0.00038547	
KUWAIT	1.249	1.249
MALAYSIA	0.0922	0.0922
NEW ZEALAND	0.2791	0.2792
NORWAY	0.0503	
NEPAL	0.00395	0.00369
OMAN	0.98014	0.98301
PAKISTAN	0.00379	0.00358
PHILIPPINES	0.00763	0.00739
QATAR	0.2831	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10058	0.10066
SINGAPORE	0.2852	0.2832
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SRI LANKA	0.00274	0.00247
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SWITZERLAND	0.4012	0.3982
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0017
TAIWAN	0.013100	
THAILAND	0.011620	0.011620
TURKEY	0.1162	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5187	0.5158
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102500	0.102840
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37790	0.37800
YUAN	0.056800	0.056800

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## GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5738	0.3937	0.3441
KUWAIT	0.2855	31.2834	0.2982	0.2606
OMAN	0.3849	0.3685	0.4020	0.3513
QATAR	3.6420	3.4872	3.8037	3.3238
UAE	3.6730	3.5169	3.8360	3.3521
SAUDI	3.7500	3.5906	3.9164	3.4223

# Petchems support Saudi as oil stays near \$56



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### Dubai

An overnight rise in crude oil prices to a fresh five-month peak helped to push the Riyadh stock index slightly higher yesterday while Qatar secured its third straight day of gains.

The Saudi index edged up by 0.1 per cent as all but two of the 14 listed petrochemical producers rose as Brent contracts traded around \$56 a barrel.

Yanbu National Petrochemical added 0.9pc. Shares in the large-cap producer have been active for four sessions, and one Riyadh-based analyst told Reuters that investors have been building positions in

## Closing Bell

SAUDI edged up by 0.09pc to 7,326 points.

QATAR rose 0.2pc to 8,361 points.

OMAN added 1.2pc to 5,100 points.

“relatively safer petrochemical stocks” because of the recent climb in the oil price.

Shares of media conglomerate Saudi Research and Marketing jumped 4.6pc after it signed a contract with Bloomberg for an exclusive license to launch a Bloomberg Arab channel. The contract is for 10 years with an annual

license cost of 33.8 million riyals.

“Local retail investors depend heavily on financial TV programmes for news and analysis, like Alarbiya and CNBC Arabia, so to add Bloomberg in Arabic will mean SRMG is set to benefit from advertising revenue,” said a Saudi-based

investment advisor.

In Qatar, the index managed to build positive momentum in the final hour of trade, and added 0.2pc. Oil drilling service provider Gulf International Services climbed 3.8pc and maritime and logistics company Qatar Navigation added 0.3pc.

Shares in the index are now up 1pc in three days thanks to local funds ratcheting up their buying and foreign funds slightly easing their selling of Qatar shares, bourse data showed.

Bourses in the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain and Egypt were closed because of the Islamic New Year holiday. (Reuters)

# Standard & Poor's slashes China's debt rating over 'financial risks'

### Beijing

Standard & Poor's slashed China's credit rating yesterday, warning that a prolonged period of debt growth had raised “economic and financial risks”.

S&P, which downgraded China's debt from AA-minus to A-plus, is the second major credit ratings agency to slash the Asian giant's rating after Moody's made the same decision in May.

“The downgrade reflects our assessment that a prolonged period of strong credit growth has increased China's economic and financial risks,” New York-based S&P said in a statement.

While the credit growth has fuelled China's economic expansion and high asset prices, “we believe it has also



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diminished financial stability to some extent”, the agency said. Debt-fuelled investment in infrastructure and real estate has underpinned China's growth for years, but Beijing has launched a crackdown amid fears of a potential financial crisis.

“The recent intensification of government efforts to rein

in corporate leverage could stabilise the trend of financial risk in the medium term,” S&P said. “However, we foresee that credit growth in the next two to three years will remain at levels that will increase financial risks gradually.”

When Moody's downgraded China in May, it was the first time in almost three decades

that the country's credit rating was cut. But another major credit ratings agency, Fitch, maintained its A-plus score for China in July.

China posted better-than-expected second quarter growth as the economy expanded by 6.9 percent, but analysts have warned that the momentum may not last. (AFP)

**Gwangju, South Korea**

**C**ondemned to death twice, former spy Seo Ok-Ryol spent three decades in prison, most of it in solitary confinement. Now aged 90, the only thing he wants to do before he dies is go home -- to North Korea.

Born in what is now South Korea, where he still has relatives, then a soldier and spy for the North -- where he left a wife and two children -- Seo epitomises the enduring divisions of the peninsula, and the way Koreans have been buffeted by the forces of history and politics.

Seo is stooped and gaunt, walks with a cane, and has a truculent manner, but his mind remains clear.

"I've done nothing wrong but loved the fatherland," he said -- adding that for him, that encompasses both North and South.

The South repatriated some 60 former long-term prisoners in 2000, mostly soldiers, guerillas and spies, following a landmark inter-Korean summit.

But Seo was not eligible as he had signed a pledge of loyalty to the South to secure his release from prison, obtaining citizenship as a result.

Now activists are mounting a campaign for him and 17 other ageing ex-inmates still loyal to Pyongyang -- the oldest is 94 -- to be allowed to go home.

**Suicide pill**

Born on an island in southern Korea, Seo became a communist while a student at Seoul's elite Korea University and joined the North's forces during the Korean War, retreating with them as American-led United Nations troops advanced.

He joined the North's ruling Workers' Party and was working as a teacher in Pyongyang when he was assigned to an espionage training school in 1961.

"I had to leave without so much as saying goodbye to my wife," he said.

Sent on a mission to the South to try to recruit a senior government official whose brother had defected North, he smuggled himself across the border by swimming the Yeomhwa river and managed to meet his parents and siblings.

But he was cold-shouldered when he tried to give the official a letter from his brother.

"As far as my brother is concerned, he is as good as dead for me. I reported to government authorities that he died during the war," the man told him, refusing the missive.

But he did not turn Seo in, even though -- then as now -- unauthorised contact with North Koreans was punishable by heavy jail terms.

His mission a failure, Seo stayed in the South for a month, constantly on edge trying to hide his code book, until a radio broadcast of a series of numbers secretly ordered him back.

But he arrived late at the pickup point and missed the rescue boat. He tried to swim the rest of the way, only for the current to sweep him back to the bank, where he was overpowered and detained by South Korean marines.

"As a spy, you are supposed to kill yourself by either swallowing a poison capsule or using weapons," said Seo, adding: "There wasn't even enough time to commit suicide".

**Death penalty**

Seo says he was questioned harshly for months, beaten and deprived of

sleep and food, before a military court sentenced him to death for espionage.

He was held in solitary confinement, eating meagre meals of small rice balls and salted radish, and saw several North Korean spies and sympathisers going to the gallows.

In 1963 Seo's death sentence was commuted on the grounds that he was a novice spy who had failed in his mission. But he was again condemned to die in 1973, for trying to convert another inmate to communism.

"My mother passed out in court repeatedly when prosecutors demanded the death penalty and the judges handed down a death sentence," he said in his first interview with international media.

His parents sold their house to finance his legal costs, and secured another commutation, but died while he was still in jail.

Attempts by the South's military dictatorship to re-educate North Korean prisoners reached their peak in the mid 1970s, when activists and former inmates say resisters were often beaten and waterboarded, denied sleep or meals, or thrown into dark and tiny "punishment cells".

But Seo remained firm, even as his left eye, which he later lost, became inflamed.

"They told me to convert, promising that they would then allow me to be treated at a clinic. I refused. Even if it means losing an eye, I must adhere to my beliefs."

"My political ideology is more precious than my own life," he said tersely.

**Staying alive**

After three decades in prison, Seo compromised in 1991 and promised to abide by the South's laws.

Released on parole, he moved to the southern city of Gwangju, close to his birthplace and siblings, but dreamed of returning to his wife and sons in a unified Korea.

Seo remains unyielding in his loyalty to the North, praising it as "egalitarian" society where he could graduate from its top Kim Il Sung University on state subsidies.

In his cramped rented apartment, he echoes Pyongyang's defence of its nuclear and missile programmes as necessary to protect it from the United States, and dismisses President Donald Trump as a "raving madman".

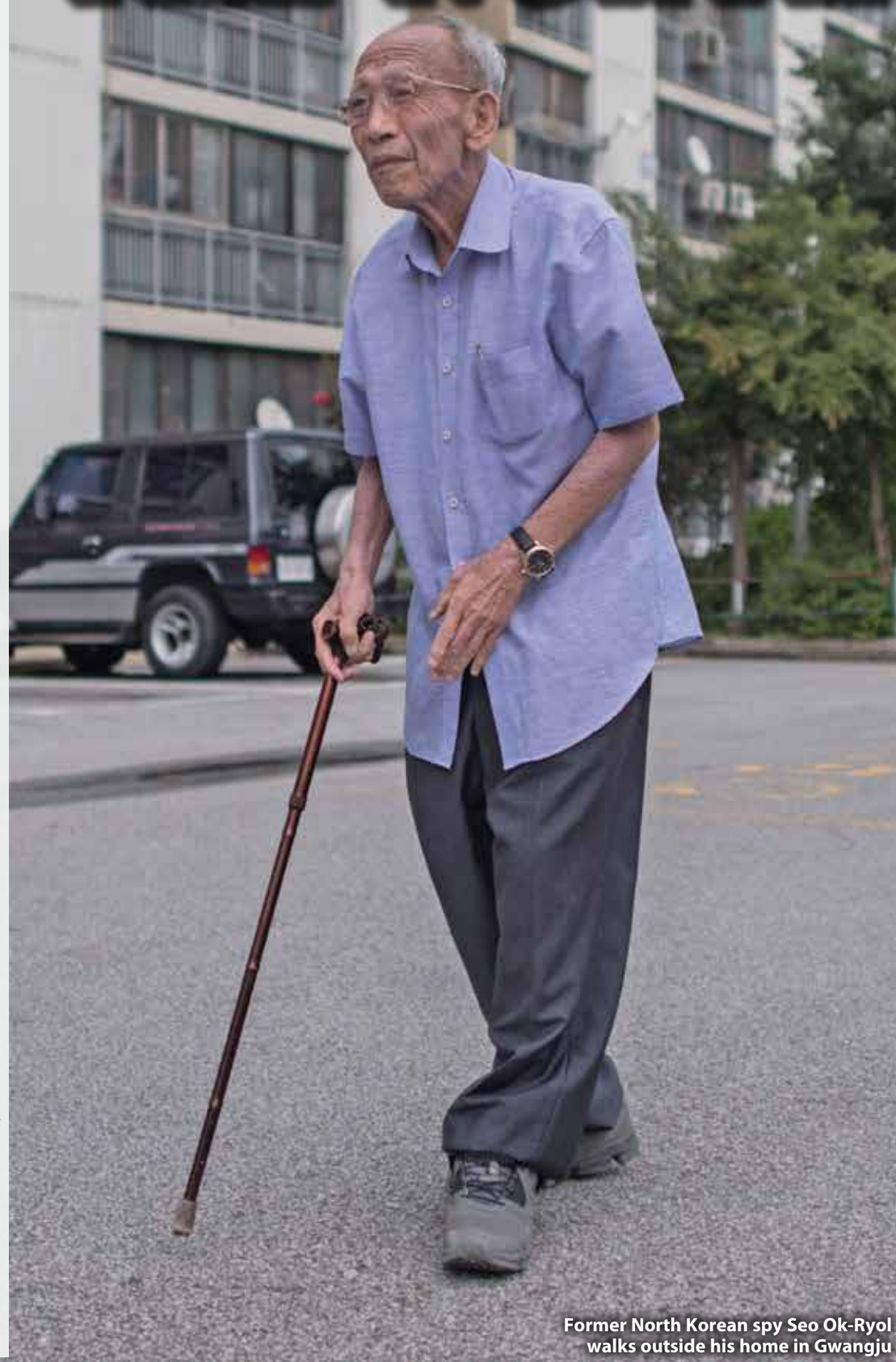
Gwangju is the heartland of South Korea's political Left, and 25 activist groups have launched a petition asking authorities to let Seo -- who was hospitalised for two months earlier this year with heart trouble -- and his fellow refuseniks be repatriated, saying their pledges were forced.

A few years after Seo's release, a Korean woman living in Germany who visited Pyongyang told him that his wife and sons were still alive -- but advised him not to try to contact them for fear of undermining the men's career chances.

Seo -- who has not remarried -- is defiant and cold, but was lost for words when asked what he would tell his wife if he saw her again.

"I would like to say -- thank you for staying alive," he said, controlling his voice. "I've been missing you. I never expected to be parted from you for so long a time." (AFP)

# THE SPY WHO CAME IN FROM THE NORTH



Former North Korean spy Seo Ok-Ryol walks outside his home in Gwangju



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received at Al-Sakhir Palace, a number of citizens from Sitra. HM the King lauded the rich history and culture of Sitra, praising the outstanding contributions of its people.



Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Ahmed Al Mulla, received the Russian Ambassador, Vagif Garayev. They discussed ways to improve parliamentary relations between the two countries.



Representatives Council Speaker Ahmed Al Mulla received Indonesian Ambassador Nur Syahrir Rahardjo and discussed with him ways of boosting bilateral cooperation mainly in the parliamentary field. He lauded strong and growing relations between both countries.



Interior Minister Lt Gen Shaikh Rashid Al-Nahyan received the National Communication Centre (NCC) representative. He lauded him on the royal trust in appointing him.



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza received Egyptian Ambassador Soha Al-Far and Senior Undersecretary of the Egyptian Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy Dr. Khalid Mohammed Al-Dustawi. They discussed means of cooperation in the fields of renewable energy development and energy efficiency in Bahrain and the exchange of experiences in this field.



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza received Development Aziz Rabah and the country's Ambassador to Bahrain. He invited the Ambassador to take part in the First Solar Investment Forum being held at the Bahrain Convention Centre.



Youth and Sports Affairs Minister, Hisham Al Jowder paid an inspection visit to the Hooraa and Gudaibiya region villages, where he met the villagers and was informed about their youth and sports needs. MP Adel Al-Asoomi and a number of the Ministry's assistant undersecretaries were present during the minister's visit.



HM the King's Advisor for Media Affairs, Nabeel Alhamer, received at the Gudaibiya Palace the Egyptian Ambassador, Suha Ibrahim Mohammed Rifaat. The King's advisor lauded the depth of the deep-rooted brotherly relations between the two countries.



able to the nation-building process.



Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Supreme Council for the Development of Education and Training Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa chaired the council's meeting which spotlighted priorities of the education and training development project for the academic year 2017-2018 in his office at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday.



bin Abdulla Al Khalifa received Chief Executive of the Dr. Mohammed Ali Bahzad yesterday. He congratulating him as NCC Chief Executive.



Moroccan Minister of Energy, Minerals and Sustainable Ahmed Rasheed. The Moroccan minister was in Bahrain International Exhibition Centre.



The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, met with a number of delegates and officials of different countries and international organisations, on the sidelines of his participation in the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.



Pakistani Ambassador Javed Malik received a delegation of Bahraini Business Women Society at the Embassy of Pakistan led by its President, Feryal Abdullah Nass and discussed the growing cooperation between Pakistan and Bahrain in fields of business and entrepreneurship.

# CELEBS

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I raise my book in solidarity with children who deserve not just school books, but quality education. Education is every child's right!#UNGA



## Ben Stiller cancer-free since three years

Los Angeles

Actor Ben Stiller has revealed that he has been free from prostate cancer for three years now and said he feels happy and healthy.

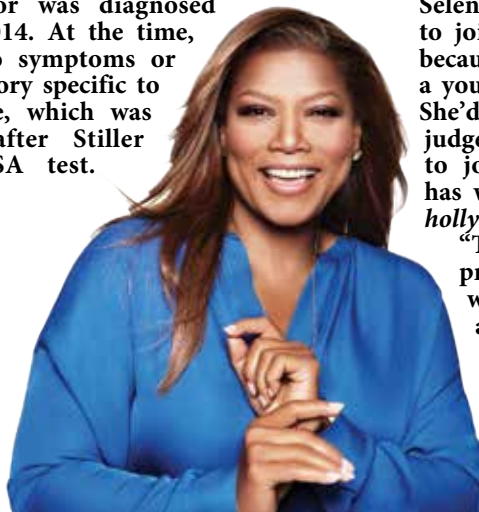
During his appearance on the "Today Show", Stiller talked about his health while promoting his film "Brad's Status", reports *dailymail.co.uk*.

"I'm three years now cancer-free and I'm really happy that getting the word out there about the PSA test has actually made a little bit of a difference," Stiller said.

The PSA is a simple blood test that gives early warning of prostate cancer.

The actor was diagnosed in June 2014. At the time, he had no symptoms or family history specific to the disease, which was detected after Stiller took a PSA test.

(IANS)



## Selena Gomez being eyed as 'American Idol' judge

Los Angeles

Singer Selena Gomez is reportedly being eyed as a judge along with singer Katy Perry for the singing reality show "American Idol".

"Producers think that Selena would be great to join the judging panel because she would bring in a younger crowd for ratings. She'd be considered the nice judge and they would love her to join because the impact she has with social media," a source told *hollywoodlife.com*.

"They are putting together a proposal for her and are hoping she will accept it and join the show, it's a long shot but they are taking the chance to get her. They'd love to have her signed up and all judges by mid October," the source added. (IANS)



## STARRY Birthday Tom Felton

September 22, 1987

Actor who won MTV Movie Awards for Best Villain in 2010 and 2011 for his portrayal of Draco Malfoy in the Harry Potter films. In his film career, he has played roles in *Full Circle*, and *Second Sight*.

## Cancelling concerts won't fix issues: Latifah

Los Angeles

After Ed Sheeran and U2 cancelled their St. Louis concerts amid violent protests after the acquittal of a white police officer who shot dead a black motorist, singer Queen Latifah rues how the problem goes way beyond the city.

Sheeran and U2 cancelled their gigs only because the police department said it was too busy handling protests to do the usual concert security.

At the Los Angeles airport, when *tmz.com* asked Latifah if she would perform in St. Louis, she said if she quit doing concerts everywhere a policeman got away after killing a black citizen, she would have no place left to perform, reported *tmz.com*. (IANS)

## When Blue Ivy stepped into Beyonce's shoes

Los Angeles

**S**inger Beyonce Knowles has shared a photo of her little daughter Blue Ivy wearing her pink shoes.

Beyonce has posted a series of photos on *Instagram* and her website in which she modelled a pink and blue ensemble. While the star looked fabulous, it was a photo of her five-year-old daughter that stole the show, reports *eonline.com*.

The "Crazy in love" singer posted a photomontage that included two pictures of her daughter wearing the artiste's pink Christian Louboutin heels although, they looked a tad too big for her tiny feet. The little fashionista paired the glittery shoes with her pink pajamas. (IANS)

Gal Gadot may join Bradley Cooper in 'Deeper'

Los Angeles

**A**ctress Gal Gadot is in early talks to join actor Bradley Cooper in the thriller "Deeper".

"White God" helmer Kornel Mundruczo is also attached to the project. Max Landis, who penned the script, will produce it with David Goyer and Addictive Pictures. If a deal closes, production is expected to start in the first quarter of 2018, reports *variety.com*. (IANS)

## Now you know it



The real name of Vin Diesel is Mark Sinclair Vincent. At the age of 17 he changed the name when he started bouncing at clubs.

## HALLE BERRY, 51, FINDS 'BALANCE' WITH NEW 35-YEAR-OLD BEAU

London

**F**ormer Bond girl Halle Berry, 51, who has confirmed her romance with 35-year-old music producer Alexander Grant - aka Alex Da Kid, says he brings balance to her life.

The Oscar winner stepped out with her beau on Tuesday for a romantic date night and they walked arm-in-arm as they entered a restaurant.

The outing came only hours after Berry posted on *Instagram* a photograph with the British-born producer.

"My Balance," she captioned the image in which they are seen in a cosy embrace. This marks Berry's first relationship since separating from French actor Olivier Martinez and finalizing their divorce in December 2016. (IANS)



1. Look What You Made Me Do  
Taylor Swift

## TOP 10 Songs this Week



2. Bodak Yellow (Money Moves)  
Cardi B



3. 800-273-8255  
Logic Featuring Alessia Cara & Khalid



4. Despacito  
Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee Featuring Justin Bieber



5. Too Good At Goodbyes  
Sam Smith



6. Wild Thoughts  
DJ Khaled Featuring Rihanna & Bryson Tiller



7. Unforgettable  
French Montana Featuring Swae Lee



8. Attention  
Charlie Puth



9. Believer  
Imagine Dragons



10. There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back  
Shawn Mendes

(billboard)

# OUT & ABOUT

## HOW TO REACH US

"Out & About", a ready reckoner for the events taking place on the island, is published from Friday to Tuesday. To be included, please send the matter to the following email ID : news@dt.bh

## MARK YOUR Calendar

### WU COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

**Date : 4th October 2017 11am to 1:30pm**  
**Venue : ART Rotana**

Join us for a series of intimate cooking demonstrations with Chef Mac and learn the secrets of cooking the 5 East Asian cuisines featured at WU. Demonstrations are limited to 10 guests only and shall take place on the first Wednesday of every month, inclusive of lunch and complimentary beverages served at WU.

### BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL DEFENCE EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE



**Date: 16-18 October 2017**  
**Venue: Bahrain International Exhibition & Convention Centre**

Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Clarion Events is proud to present BIDECE – the Bahrain International Defence Exhibition & Conference, taking place 16-18 October 2017 at Bahrain International Exhibition & Convention Centre. The inaugural BIDECE is fully supported by the Bahrain Defence Force, and presents a brand new opportunity for exhibitors to showcase the latest technology, equipment and hardware across land, sea and air. Bahrain Defence Force are currently upgrading their capabilities and systems; make sure you are a part of this unique new event in the Middle East.

### ISB MEGA FAIR AND FOOD FESTIVAL



**Date: October 12 & 13**  
**Venue: Isa Town campus**

The Indian School Bahrain is gearing up for ISB Mega Fair and Food Festival 2017, which will be held on October 12 and 13 in the Isa Town campus of the school. The main attractions of the event are the musical programmes led by Indian playback singer and music composer Nakash Aziz on the first day (October 12) and popular singers Sreenivas, Jyotsna and Vishnu Raj on the second day of the Mega Fair. "The funds generated from the Fair will be utilized for providing fee concessions for the economically underprivileged students, welfare activities for the staff and to enhance the resources of the school, said ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan. "The Indian School has one of the lowest fee structures in the Gulf and it runs on fees collected from the students and the charity of community members who sponsor the education of the needy and financially weaker children."

The first prizewinner of the Mega Raffle Draw to be held on October 13, will take home a Zayani Motors sponsored Mitsubishi car. Entry fee for the Mega Fair will be BD2. The overall conduct of the fair will be coordinated by General Convener Mohammed Malim. Food stalls, industrial exhibitions and many more events are planned in the school carnival.

### FIRST INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL



**Date: October 6**  
**Venue: Royal Golf Club golf course**

Bahrain's first international jazz festival is set to make its debut on October 6th 2017. The open-air jazz festival, organized by the Royal Golf Club, Clockwork and BMMI, will feature 8 international and local jazz artists and musicians. The first of its kind event will take place at the Royal Golf Club golf course and is expected to draw more than 3,000 jazz music enthusiasts from Bahrain and the region. The organisers of the festival are aiming to set up a great experience and position the Bahrain Jazz Fest as an annual fea-

### INDIAN CLUB ONAM

**Date: September 21 and 22**  
**Venue: The Indian Club**

Onam 2017 will be celebrated at The Indian Club on September 21 and 22 with cultural entertainment, traditional sports and competitions. On the 21st will be the traditional sports – the Vadam Vali Tournament drawing the fans to the outdoor court, whilst indoor interest will focus on the Pookkalam Competition followed by an evening of Nadanpattu cultural entertainment, featuring, amongst a range of artists, the Kerala singing star Jessie Gift along with a local orchestra. The 22nd September will be the final day of the celebration which will be completely taken up with the famous Indian Club Onasadhya Feast; this sumptuous meal of 25 individual items will be enjoyed by approximately 2,000 people during the day across a number of sittings starting at 11.30am.

Entries are now open for the Onam 2017 competitions with a closing date for all on September 20. For registration, the Vadam Vali (Tug of War) is BD10 per team of 9 and the Pookkalam competition is free entry. More information is available by contacting Ricson A Rebello on 39258158 or Aneesh Varghese on 39899300.

ture in the national events calendar for the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The festival will feature internationally acclaimed acts such as Electric Swing Circus (UK), The Ska Vengers (India), The Speakeasies Swing Band (Greece), Swing Zazou (UK) and the Dihann Moore & the SheGroovee Band (USA) as well popular local acts AQ's Jazz Experience, Mohammed Rashid Trio



featuring Banah and Captain Tea. The family friendly event is open to all ages and starts at 12noon until 10 pm and will host activities for the whole family such as interactive children's tents, food trucks, corporate hospitality areas, activation zones and all day markets.

### THE MACAO CHINESE ORCHESTRA

**Date: 27 September 2017, 8:00 pm**  
**Venue: Bahrain National Theatre**

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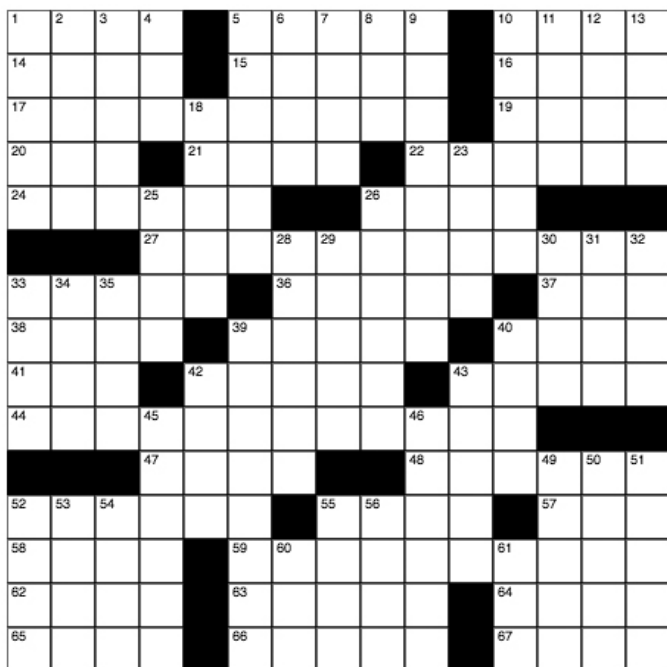
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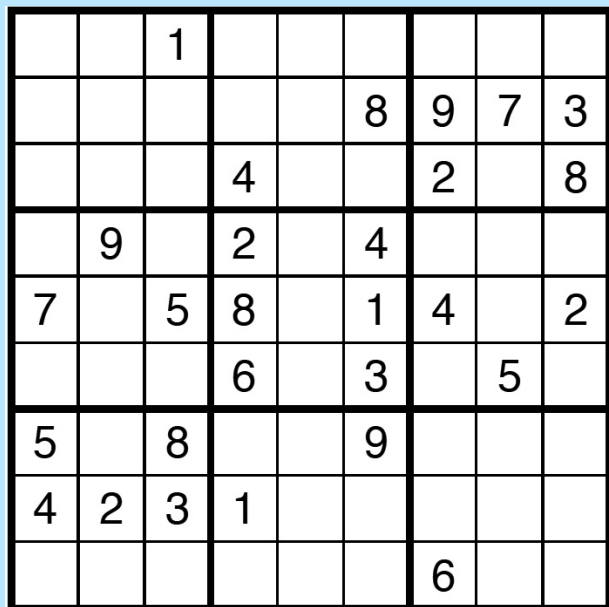
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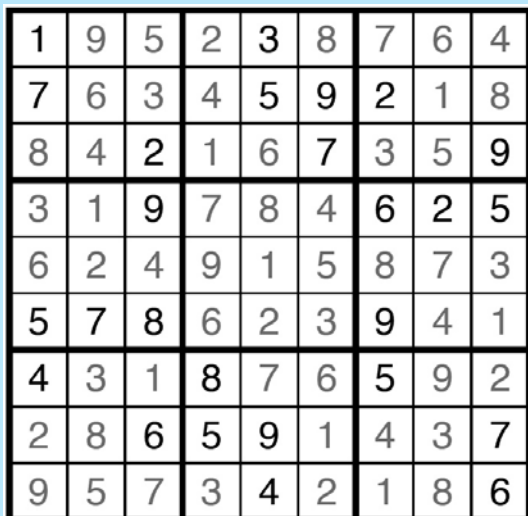
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# Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



Strange, exciting, and vivid dreams may inspire your creativity today. You might want to try a new art form or study the works of innovators. Romance and sex are especially important to you, though insecurities about a partner may restrain you from expressing your feelings.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Concerns about your home or mother may mean you have to deal with some rather unpleasant or untrustworthy people. Lack of knowledge could have you in a quandary about how to address the situation. It would be a good idea to prepare by gathering all the facts you might need. Stay focused, and use your inner strength to hold out for the best.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Juicy but perhaps unkind gossip might reach you today. You may doubt the motives of a close friend. Examine any tips you receive and ascertain the true facts before you accept it as truth. Much of the information is likely to be wrong. Your imagination is flying high, so you might want to try writing or drawing.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Money matters may seem vague today. Uncertainty about how to manage your affairs might plague you throughout the day. Planning for the immediate future could also be difficult. You may be expecting some funds that may not come yet, or you might not be certain if you need to make a specific purchase. Keep occupied. You can't rush it, and obsessing does no good.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Troubles in the family may have you toying with the idea of moving or at least making some changes in your household. Someone close to you hasn't been honest with you, and that also has you feeling a bit down. Kick around as many ideas as you can, but don't make any decisions today. Wait until you're in a more positive and optimistic state of mind.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



Your intuition and imagination are operating at a very high level, and you may be inspired to write. However, you aren't likely to have enough ideas to actually put pen to paper. There's no rush, though. Take some time to allow the ideas to crystallize and set them later. Someone in a bad mood may draw you into a quarrel. Brush it off and say you're busy!

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



There may be doubt about the outcome of a project that means a lot to you. It may involve financial problems or lack the support from others that you require in order to complete it. Your doubts are most likely groundless, but it doesn't hurt to hedge your bets a little and seek what you need elsewhere. This is likely to be a temporary delay. All signs indicate success.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Your mind might be on power struggles that have caused quarrels among your friends, placing you in an uncomfortable position. Conflicting loyalties might come up when others draw you into the fray. Stay out of it! You could get angry, and this wouldn't do you any good. Think of something else until you calm down and regain your perspective.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



Daydreams and fantasies about faraway lands and exotic places might have you thinking about dropping everything and taking off for a while. You aren't usually impulsive, but today you feel restless. If you have no obligations, and if weather permits, go someplace where you can experience a change of scenery. We all need it from time to time.

(Dec 22nd- Jan 20th)



Sudden demands on your resources by others may have you feeling used. You may be asked for a loan. Your doubts about the person's ability to repay might conflict with your sympathy for his or her situation. Your intuition is good today, so use it to read the true motives of those asking for favours. Grant only the ones you feel are appropriate.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



Melancholy that doesn't seem to have any basis in reality may plague you today, causing friends, family, and your partner to worry. On days like this, it's best not to give in to gloom, but rather to throw yourself into work and projects you love. Even though you may not feel like socializing, the company of others can get your mind back on track.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Today, you may feel out of sorts. You probably aren't ill, but you may be tired. You could also suffer from vague aches and pains that are most likely related to stress. Take the day off and relax. Soak in a tub and read a book. Your imagination is working overtime and you need to get your mind off your malaise. Fantasy novels may be your best bet!

# Son will be killed if found guilty: Duterte



Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte gestures as he gives a speech during the 116th anniversary of the Philippine National Police (PNP) at its headquarters in Manila (file photo)

## Manila

**Philippine President** Rodrigo Duterte has said he will have his son killed if drug trafficking allegations against the younger politician are true, and that the police who carry out the hit will be protected from prosecution.

Paolo Duterte, 42, this month appeared before a senate inquiry to deny accusations made by an opposition lawmaker he was a member of a Chinese triad who helped smuggle in a huge shipment of crystal methamphetamine from China.

President Duterte did not refer to the allegations specifically but reiterated his statement from last year's election campaign that none of his children were involved in drugs, but they would face the harshest punishment if they were.

"I said before my order was: 'If I have children who are into drugs, kill them so people will not have anything to say,'" Duterte said in a speech on Wednesday night before government workers at the presidential palace in Manila.

"So I told Pulong (Paolo's nickname): 'My order is to kill

you if you are caught. And I will protect the police who kill you, if it is true,'" he said.

Duterte, 72, won the presidential elections on a brutal law-and-order platform in which he promised an unprecedented campaign to eradicate illegal drugs in society by killing up to 100,000 traffickers and addicts.

Since he assumed office in the middle of last year, police have reported killing more than 3,800 people in anti-drug operations while thousands of others have been murdered in unexplained circumstances. (AFP)

# US embassy employee kidnapped and freed

## Caracas

**An employee** of the US embassy in Caracas was released early Wednesday after being kidnapped two days earlier by criminals demanding a ransom, police said.

Police said the employee, a Venezuelan national identified as Kerbin Barazarte, 28 -- whom they described as a security guard -- had been released unharmed and without payment of a ransom.

They said he was abducted while patrolling in a van near the embassy on Monday night. His captors, who were not identified, had demanded payment of \$30,000 for his release.

A colleague who was with him managed to evade the



A view shows the U.S. embassy building in Caracas

kidnappers, the police said.

The interior ministry announced on Tuesday that the US embassy van had been

recovered but that Barazarte was missing.

Police gave no details of the circumstances of his release.

## #PollToday



Do you think a new nuclear deal with Iran is required as the country is trying to increase its influence in the region and pressing ahead with ballistic missile tests?

Yes  No  Cant Say



"We need the 2015 accord. Is this accord enough? It is not, given the growing pressure that Iran is applying in the region."

Emmanuel Macron  
French President

## Rest in sight

**China raises bullet train speed**



China increased the maximum speed of bullet trains on the Beijing-Shanghai line to 350 kilometres (217 miles) per hour, six years after a fatal accident led to a speed cap.

**China lifts travel ban on feminist activist**

China has lifted a 10-year travel ban on a feminist activist who was jailed for more than a month in 2015 after organising a campaign against sexual harassment.

**UK airport to reunite teddies with owners**

Hundreds of children separated from their beloved teddy bears are being given the chance to be reunited under an initiative launched by Glasgow Airport.

**Sixth arrest over London attack**

A sixth man was arrested in Britain as part of the probe into the bomb attack on a London Underground train last week

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# India arrests eight alleged sex tourists for rape

## New Delhi

**Indian police** have arrested eight Arab nationals accused of paying brokers thousands of dollars to arrange sham Islamic "marriages" with underage girls for sex, an officer said.

The five Omani and three Qatari men were detained in the southern city of Hyderabad where police had previously arrested wealthy sex tourists seeking so-called one month wives.

V Satyanarayana, deputy commissioner of police, said eight underage girls had

been removed from hostels across the city. Five brokers, three clerics and four hostel owners involved in the racket were also arrested.

"The Arab men paid between \$4,500 to \$15,500 to brokers who arranged the girls for short term marriages. They took help from qazis (clerics) to perform the rituals," Satyanarayana said.

The accused men, all in their late 60s, entered religious unions with the victims after arriving in Hyderabad last month, the officer added.

# Man sets himself on fire outside NZ parliament



Police look at the scene where a lone protestor set himself on fire at Parliament in Wellington

## Wellington

**A man who** set himself on fire outside New Zealand's parliament was in a critical condition yesterday, police said, just two days before the country's general election.

Fire and ambulance officers rushed to the man, who journalists at the Wellington building said was a lone protester.

Radio New Zealand said witnesses reported seeing the man holding a placard

relating to the family court.

One unnamed bystander told the radio station he saw the incident from the nearby Backbencher hotel.

"Everyone was looking out the windows then people started rushing out of the Backbencher with buckets of water and stuff like that," he said.

"I hadn't actually seen what was happening but when smoke cleared there was a guy on the ground and he'd obviously been burned."

# Malaysia jails Indonesian pirates for foiled hijacking

## Kuala Lumpur

**Eleven Indonesian** pirates have been jailed for 16 years each for attempting to hijack an oil tanker off the coast of Malaysia, an official said yesterday.

The pirates tried to hijack the Thai-flagged tanker, which was carrying seven million ringgit (\$1.7 million) worth of diesel, off the coast of Terengganu state on peninsular Malaysia in early September.

They succeeded in boarding the vessel but Malaysian coastguard

commandos rushed to the vessel's last known location by helicopter after it disappeared off tracking systems.

The commandos descended by rope onto the vessel, and managed to detain the pirates. Fourteen Thai sailors on the tanker were unharmed.

A Malaysian court jailed the ten pirates who seized the tanker, and an 11th who masterminded the failed operation from land, said prosecutor Nurul Farahah Mohamad Suah.

# Pilgrims bring boom times for Iraqi gem traders



A man browses for rings at a jeweller's in the main market of Iraq's holy city of Najaf

## Najaf

Every time Mohammed al-Ghoraifi visits Najaf he returns with another precious stone on his finger. Like for many pilgrims visiting the Iraqi Shiite holy city, buying a gemstone ring is part and parcel of the experience.

Ghoraifi, sporting two weighty rings on the right hand and a third on the left on his latest visit, said they formed only a modest part of his collection.

The collection may have cost him a small fortune, but "the stones have enormous value, whatever the cost", said the 60-year-old pilgrim from Bahrain, wearing a white robe and bedouin scarf.

Ghoraifi's passion for gemstone rings from Najaf, set with agate stones, rubies or turquoise, is shared by most of the pilgrims, primarily from

Iran, who visit the city to pray at Imam Ali's shrine.

Customers come from "Saudi Arabia, Iran, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Lebanon..." said shopkeeper Fayez Abu Ghoneim, 45.

In a city where several family businesses are renowned for the size and cut of their gemstones, pilgrims amble into Abu Ghoneim's shop right after visiting the mausoleum of Prophet Mohamed's son-in-law.

"Many of them buy a ring or a rosary as a souvenir of their pilgrimage for family or friends back home," said Abu Ghoneim.

## Competition from abroad

In Najaf's main market, strategically located facing the golden gate of the mausoleum, the Shiite religious calendar controls the life of gemstone

traders like Abu Ghoneim.

Major religious ceremonies for which millions pour into Najaf are boom times, especially as prices shoot up with the increase in demand, sending the most prized rings into the thousands of dollars price bracket.

But not all pilgrims are ready to fork out large sums.

Issa Mussa, a trader in his 70s, said business had declined because the market was being flooded with cheap imports from Turkey, China, Thailand and Iran.

"Now I've turned into a ring salesman whereas I used to be a jeweller," said Mussa.

As for Ali Anwar, he is proud to carry on the artisanal tradition of Najaf, which comes at a price.

"Turkish or Thai jewellery is sold by the gram, whereas a Najaf ring is sold individually,

for between 40,000 and 50,000 dinars," or about \$35 to \$40 (29 to 33 euros), not including the price of the stone, he said.

Some clients bring in their foreign-manufactured rings for the stones to be recut in Najaf's workshops.

Imported rings are sold by the armful, at a little over \$10 apiece, during major religious holidays such as the Shiite holy month of Muharram or the annual commemoration of Arbaeen.

Customers and window shoppers pack the alleyways of the market, a maze of shops built in the yellow stone of the Karbala region and with the names printed in blue mosaic.

The market with its Islamic-inspired architecture plays host in the off-season mostly to Najaf's religious scholars and their students, both

local and non-Iraqi, who are estimated to number 25,000.

Many of them wear one or several rings, most often on the right hand -- a sign of being a Shiite Muslim imitating Imam Ali.

## For health and good luck

For pilgrims, the purchase of a Najaf ring is seen by many as the final rite.

As Sheikh Jassem al-Mandalawi, 42, explained to AFP, certain rocks bring "pardon, such as onyx from Yemen, while emerald is a portent of success".

A ring with a red agate stone or a sapphire can sell for 100,000 dinars or more, he said.

The "must-have" item is the Najaf quartz, a stone that looks like glass but is solid as rock, and which is found in the desert that encircles the

city, explained Mohammed al-Shamarati, 30, a trader in precious stones.

Fadel Abu Abdullah, 50, said the stones he sells also have therapeutic powers.

"Yellow sapphire, for example, is good for the heart rate and can also treat jaundice in newborns," he said, while other stones can keep "bad fortune and evil spirits" at bay.

Shamarati said young single women bought his rings to help them find a husband.

For Abu Abbas, a 40-year-old from a remote area outside Najaf, a ring engraved with a verse from the Koran or one of the 99 names of Allah (God) can also protect the wearer.

"I often travel through desert areas and could be attacked with guns at any time," he said, as he scoured the shops for the right stone. (AFP)

## An ancient Chinese fishing community washes ashore

A general view of boats from the Tanka community moored on a river in Datang, in southern China's Guangdong province.



## Datang

Along southern China's snaking rivers, an ancient fishing community that once lived and worked exclusively on the water has been finding its way to land.

Wooden fishing boats, wispy nets and bamboo steering poles are typical of the traditions of the "Tanka" -- the term for generations of rural Chinese who have eked out an aquatic existence.

They are not an ethnic minority, but rather so named for their unique customs and egg-shaped vessels (Tanka, or "danjia," is homophonous to the Chinese word for egg).

In Guangdong province's Datang town, home to the country's largest surviving Tanka population, this way of life risks evaporating as younger Tanka seek more prosperous opportunities on dry

land.

Chen Yongfu, a 45-year-old Datang native, grew up on a fishing boat but now works at a restaurant in town.

"I moved out from the boat long ago, after I graduated from school," Chen said. "I went to work in bigger towns and never returned to this kind of fishing boat life."

He recalled that even weddings used to be held on the boats, jammed with tables and guests, creating "a pretty lively scene."

"Now," Chen said, "there is no wedding culture for the Tanka anymore as all the younger generations moved onto land to live just like everyone else."

Yet despite government incentives for relocating into homes on land, some older Tanka are holding fast to their ancestral occupation.

Lin Ziqiang, 43, and his wife, surnamed Chen, take their boat out to fish at sunrise every day, coming back to the shore next to a towering bridge at around 1pm.

Later in the early evening, the couple sells their fresh catch at the market by the Beiji River, making between 3,000 and 4,000 yuan (\$460 and \$610) a month.

It is the only occupation Lin and Chen have ever known. They met in the Tanka boats as children, and Lin's father still joins them sometimes on the water.

Their own children's lives will be different: one 22-year-old son is working in the city, while their 19-year-old is studying at university.

The community today is a collision of these two cultures -- the older fishers and the younger Tanka taking to land.

## Rossi ready for pain game

Madrid

**N**ine-time world champion Valentino Rossi said Thursday he fully expected to feel the pain as he returns to action at the Aragon Grand Prix, just 21 days after suffering a double leg fracture.

The 38-year-old Italian successfully completed a mandatory medical examination at the MotorLand Aragon circuit and was given the go-ahead to take part in free practice on Friday.

"I've worked a lot to have good power and less pain. I think it's important to come back on the bike as quickly as possible and not to spend another race at home," Yamaha rider Rossi told a news conference.

Rossi underwent surgery on September 1, a day after a crash in training, discharging himself from hospital the following day.

He completed 20 laps around the Misano circuit on Tuesday before heading to Aragon for further tests.

Rossi missed the San Marino Grand Prix because of the leg break, but remains fourth in the world championship standings, 42 points behind world champion Marc Marquez of Spain and Italy's Andrea Dovizioso with five rounds to go.

"I need to understand the feeling with the MotoGP bike because it's a bit different. In general I feel quite good, not too much pain and getting back there every day," he added.

Rossi won the Dutch MotoGP in Assen in June to reignite his dream of a 10th world title with the final race of the season finishing on November 12 in Valencia.



Movistar Yamaha MotoGP's Italian rider Valentino Rossi arrives for a press conference

## McEnroe wants new Laver Cup to spark reform

Prague

**J**ohn McEnroe said Thursday the new Laver Cup pitting Europe's top players against the rest of the world might finally inspire a reform to the format of the Davis Cup.

"I think we're all excited and hopeful that this is going to be successful and force some people to take a good hard look at the rest of the schedule too," the 58-year-old McEnroe told reporters in Prague.

"Davis Cup for example," added the five-time Davis Cup winner, who captains Team World in the three-day Laver Cup starting on Friday.

"(The Davis Cup) is such a big commitment that they need to make some changes," the seven-time Grand Slam champion said, backing up players claiming the team competition adds more pressure to their already tight calendars.

# Betis shock Real on Ronaldo return

Madrid

**A**ntonio Sanabria struck deep into stoppage time to hand Real Betis a shock 1-0 win away to Real Madrid on Wednesday as the European champions failed to score for the first time in 74 matches.

Defeat leaves Real already seven points adrift of leaders Barcelona just five games into their defence of La Liga having failed to win in all three home games so far this season.

Even the presence of Cristiano Ronaldo on his return from a five-match domestic ban couldn't break Betis' resistance as former Real goalkeeper Antonio Adan produced stunning saves from Isco, Toni Kroos and Gareth Bale.

And Betis snatched all three points in the 93rd minute when Sanabria powered home a header from Antonio Barragan's cross.

"Last year we won games we didn't deserve to and now it is the reverse," said Real coach Zinedine Zidane.

"The league is very long, in the end we'll see how it goes but we need to be calm and we know we will have better days."

It is the first time Betis have won at the Bernabeu since 1998.

"It is impossible to win here without suffering," said Betis boss Quique Setien.

"To win against a team like this, your goalie has to have a spectacular game and you have to have luck."

Ronaldo was recalled among three changes to the Madrid side from Sunday's 3-1 win at Real Sociedad as Zinedine Zidane named his strongest available side.

However, it was the visitors who made the stronger start and should have gone in front when Sanabria's goalbound effort was cleared off the line by Dani Carvajal.

Keylor Navas also produced a stunning save to tip Fabian Ruiz's rising drive over the bar.

At the other end, Adan made a smart stop to deny Isco just before half-time and Betis had to resist an onslaught after the break.

Ronaldo blazed wildly over from Bale's inch-perfect cross before Kroos forced Adan into another finger-tip stop.

The former Madrid goalkeeper's finest moment came in denying Bale in spectacular fashion 15 minutes from time, though, as the Welshman's backheeled volley was turned onto the post.

Betis were the side to finally have the ball in the net as the game entered five minutes of stoppage time, but Sanabria had strayed offside as he turned home Andres Guardado's shot.

However, they broke with purpose once more minutes later and this time Sanabria wasn't to be denied as he bulleted a header into the far corner from Antonio Barragan's cross. (AFP)



Real Madrid's forward from Portugal Cristiano Ronaldo (R) gestures during the Spanish league football match Real Madrid CF against Real Betis at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium



# United, City into Cup fourth round

**London**

**M**arcus Rashford fired Manchester United into the League Cup fourth round as the holders crushed Burton 4-1, while Manchester City eased through with a 2-1 win at West Bromwich Albion on Wednesday.

City and United, currently first and second in the Premier League, took contrasting routes to the last 16, where they were joined by Chelsea, Arsenal and Everton as the big guns advanced despite fielding weakened teams.

United manager Jose Mourinho made nine changes from the side that thrashed Everton on Sunday, with Rashford and Juan Mata the only survivors.

Rashford took just five minutes to open the scoring with a deft finish and the England forward struck again in the 17th minute with a powerful effort.

Burton, 19th in the Championship, were killed off in the 36th minute when Jesse Lingard's shot deflected in off Ben Turner.

Injury-ravaged United left-back Luke Shaw came on for his first appearance since April before Anthony Martial scored the fourth from Rashford's pass on the hour.

Lloyd Dyer got one back for Burton in stoppage-time.

"If you ask me could English football survive or even be better



Manchester United's English striker Marcus Rashford (L) scores his, and his team's second goal

without this competition? Maybe we would be fresher for European competition for example," Mourinho said.

"But we have this competition, we have to respect the sponsors, we have to respect the opponents and a lot of us are trying to do our best."

At the Hawthorns, City boss Pep Guardiola made eight changes from the 6-0 demolition of Watford, giving Yaya Toure his first start of the season, while Ilkay Gundogan, back from a serious knee injury, started for the first time since December.

It was from Gundogan's saved shot that Leroy Sane slotted in City's third minute opener.

But, casting a shadow over City's progress, Gundogan was forced off with a knock in the second half.

Claudio Yacob equalised for Albion with a close-range finish in the 72nd minute, only for Germany winger Sane to produce a superb curling winner five minutes later.

Michy Batshuayi's hat-trick helped Chelsea crush second tier Nottingham Forest 5-1 at Stamford Bridge.

Antonio Conte made nine changes from Sunday's 0-0 draw against Arsenal, with Eden Hazard given his first start of the season after recovering from ankle surgery.

Kenedy was starting for the first time since being sent home from Chelsea's pre-season tour of Asia in July following his offensive social media comments about China.

**Batshuayi shines**

His bid to get back in Conte's good books got underway when the

Brazilian winger put Chelsea ahead in the 13th minute with his first goal since March 2016.

Batshuayi's close-range finish doubled Chelsea's lead six minutes later before 20-year-old Belgian Charly Musonda smashed in his first Blues goal in the 40th minute.

Batshuayi got his second from Hazard's pass in the 53rd minute and the Belgian striker completed his treble four minutes from full-time, with Forest replying through Tendayi Darikwa in the closing moments.

A week after his 17th birthday, substitute Ethan Ampadu became the first player born this millennium to represent Chelsea.

Theo Walcott sealed Arsenal's 1-0 win over third tier Doncaster at the Emirates Stadium.

Gunners boss Arsene Wenger changed his entire line-up from the Chelsea draw, with Per Mertesacker, Alexis Sanchez and Olivier Giroud among the starters.

Sanchez set up the 25th minute opener, clipping a fine pass to Walcott, who controlled well before slotting home.

"That was hard work, credit to Doncaster. I was concerned, they looked dangerous," Wenger said.

Dominic Calvert-Lewin's double blasted Everton to a 3-0 victory over second tier Sunderland at Goodison Park. (AFP)

## Federer, Nadal relish teaming up

**Prague**

**L**ong-time rivals Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal will achieve a career first in Prague this weekend when they play side-by-side in the Laver Cup, a Ryder Cup golf style event featuring Team Europe against Team World.

Nadal and Federer, who are back at the top of the sport's rankings after sweeping the four Grand Slam titles in 2017, are expected to be selected by Europe team skipper Bjorn Borg to play doubles as well as singles.

It will be the two legends' first appearance on the same side of the court in a rivalry which has spanned the best part of two decades.

"I would love to play with Rafa and see that forehead do damage on the other side," said Federer, this year's Australian Open and Wimbledon champion.

"I'm sure that the crowd would go

absolutely crazy and just because of that it would just be great to play."

Joining Federer and Nadal in the Europe team are fellow top 10 players Marin Cilic, Alexander Zverev, Dominic Thiem with former number four Tomas Berdych making up the squad.

Team World, skippered by John McEnroe, features four Americans -- Frances Tiafoe, Sam Querrey, John Isner and Jack Sock as well as Australian crowd puller Nick Kyrgios and Canadian teenager Denis Shapovalov.

Tiafoe, who gave Federer a scare at the US Open, was a late call-up for Juan Martin del Potro.

The three-day tournament runs from Friday to Sunday and will feature three sets per match, the last of which is a super tie-break (10 points).

There are four matches a day -- three singles and a doubles.

Nadal, who added the US Open to his Roland Garros title earlier this month, said he may be a little ring-rusty over the weekend having taken a break following his New York triumph.

"I didn't practice here yet, of course after the US Open. After a big event you go down a little bit, you need to recover energy. I have today and tomorrow to practise hard and let's see then," said the Spaniard.

Ironically, the Laver Cup presentation took place on Wednesday in Prague's old town on the same day that tennis's flagship team event, the Davis Cup was holding its draw for the 2018 season.



German tennis player Alexander Zverev, Swiss tennis player Roger Federer and Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal greet the audience from the stage ahead of the tennis Laver Cup

# Ward quits boxing

## Los Angeles

**W**orld light heavyweight champion Andre Ward announced his retirement from boxing yesterday, saying his weary body could no longer put up with the physical demands of the sport.

Ward, 33, is the reigning WBA, IBF and WBO champion and is widely regarded as one of the best pound-for-pound boxers in the world.

He leaves the sport after recording back-to-back wins over Russian brawler Sergey Kovalev, hanging up his gloves with a perfect 32-0 record.

"I want to be clear -- I am leaving because my body can no longer put up with the rigors of the sport and therefore my desire to fight is no longer there," Ward said in a statement on his website.

"If I cannot give my family, my team, and the fans everything that I have, then I should no longer be fighting," he added under the statement, titled "Mission Accomplished."

Ward added that he was leaving the sport at the pinnacle as he had intended.

"As I walk away from the sport of boxing today, I leave at the top of your

glorious mountain, which was always my vision and my dream. I did it. We did it," he said.

In a separate interview with ESPN's First Take program, Ward said the intensive training camps for title fights had taken a steady toll on his body.

"People see what I do fight night. They see under the lights, but they don't see the toil, they don't see the grind, they don't see just the pain, the physical pain that you go through, not just in the fights, but to prepare and to get ready for those battles," he said.

"I felt the physicality of the sport, not just in the ring stuff, but the training and the preparation, start to take its toll on me for the last two or three years, and I bit down and continued to push through, and at this point, it's time, and I know it's time," he added.

Ward, a gold medallist at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, had been a controversial victor over Kovalev last November, winning the Russian's three 175-pound belts with a unanimous decision.

However he silenced those doubters with a decisive eighth-round knockout in the rematch in June. (AFP)



## England-West 2nd one-day abandoned

### Nottingham

**P**lay in the second one-day international between England and West Indies at Trent Bridge on Thursday was abandoned as a no-result washout.

Only 11 minutes play was possible at the Nottingham ground before rain saw the umpires take the players off the field with England 21 without loss after 2.2 overs, having been sent into bat.

Jonny Bairstow was nine not out and Alex Hales 10 not out.

The rain did not relent and several hours later, shortly before 4:15pm local time (1515 GMT) the match was abandoned.

England remain 1-0 up in a five-match series that continues in Bristol on Sunday.

## India vs Australia: Yadav lights up City of Joy

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**T**he deliveries he got the batsmen out with were unplayable."

Kohli added: "You can count on Bhuvneshwar for getting the breakthroughs. Two young spinners bowling with a lot of heart, speaks volumes about their characters."

Kumar struck early after removing the two Australian openers, including David Warner for one, in an inspired first spell that lasted six overs.

Skipper Steve Smith, who made 59, and Travis Head then forged a 76-run partnership as the duo tried to steady the innings by counter attacking the Indian bowlers.

But the introduction of spin once again proved troublesome for the visitors with leg-spinner Chahal sending back Head, for 39, and then the big-hitting Glenn Maxwell, for 14.

Maxwell, who looked threatening with two sixes during his brief stay, was stumped by wicketkeeper Mahendra Singh Dhoni who



was quick to clip the bails off.

Smith though carried on the good work to register a gritty 50 in his 100th ODI but the delight was short lived after he fell to paceman Hardik Pandya.

### Yadav strikes

Yadav, playing just his ninth ODI, then turned on the heat with his triple strike in the 33rd over that spelt doom for the

visitors.

He got wicketkeeper-batsman Matthew Wade (2), Ashton Agar (0) and Pat Cummins (0) to become only the third Indian after pacemen Chetan Sharma and Kapil Dev to record an ODI hat-trick.

Marcus Stoinis remained unbeaten on 62, but his valiant knock came too late in the day as Kumar, who returned figures

of 3-9 in his 6.1 overs, wiped up the tail.

"We were pretty happy with 250, thought we pulled things back pretty well. Did a really good job there. Batters though made poor decisions, and you can't do that against a quality team like India," said Smith.

"Stoinis was good at the end there, just needed someone to bat with. One of the top four needs to go on and make a hundred," he added.

Earlier fast bowlers Nathan Coulter-Nile and Kane Richardson claimed three wickets each to pull things back for the visitors after India started off strongly.

Pandya and Kumar also scored 20 each to add valuable runs to the total with their 35-run seventh-wicket partnership.

There was also a bit of drama in the 48th over of the Indian innings when Pandya was caught off a no-ball, but Smith ran him out only to see the batsman walking off the ground following a slight drizzle. (AFP)

### Scoreboard

#### India

A. Rahane run out (Cartwright/Wade)	55
R. Sharma c and b Coulter-Nile	7
V. Kohli b Coulter-Nile	92
M. Pandey b Agar	3
K. Jadhav c Maxwell b Coulter-Nile	24
M.S. Dhoni c Smith b Richardson	5
H. Pandya c Warner b Richardson	20
B. Kumar c Maxwell b Richardson	20
K. Yadav c Wade b Cummins	0
J. Bumrah not out	10
Y. Chahal run out (Wade)	1
<b>Extras (b1, nb1, w13)</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total (all out, 50 overs)</b>	<b>252</b>

#### Australia (target 253)

H. Cartwright b Kumar	1
D. Warner c Rahane b Kumar	1
S. Smith c Jadeja (sub) b Pandya	59
T. Head c Pandey b Chahal	39
G. Maxwell st Dhoni b Chahal	14
M. Stoinis not out	62
M. Wade b Yadav	2
A. Agar lbw b Yadav	0
P. Cummins c Dhoni b Yadav	0
N. Coulter-Nile c and b Pandya	8
K. Richardson lbw b Kumar	0
<b>Extras (b4, lb6, w6)</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total (all out; 43.1 overs)</b>	<b>202</b>
Result: India won by 50 runs	
Series: India lead the five-match series 2-0	



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# Yadav takes hat-trick as India beat Aussies

India's Kuldeep Yadav celebrates after completing his hat-trick



**Kolkata**

**K**uldeep Yadav's maiden hat-trick and a fluent 92 by Virat Kohli helped India cruise to a 50-run win over Australia in the second one-day international in Kolkata. Yadav once again combined with fellow wrist spinner Yuzvendra Chahal to

dismiss the visitors for 202 in 43.1 overs while chasing 253 and earn India a 2-0 lead in the five-match series.

Left-arm wrist spinner Yadav and fast bowler Bhuvneshwar Kumar claimed three wickets each while Chahal and paceman Hadik Pandya took two each.

But it was Kohli and Ajinkya Rahane, who scored 55, who laid the foundation for the victory with their 102-run second-wicket partnership that made India post 252 all out.

"We didn't feel like we had enough on the board at the break. But we knew if we had

a good start we (would) have a good chance of defending it," said Kohli, who received the man of the match award.

"Bhuvi's (Kumar) spell became even more important because we knew the wrist-spinners would do damage in the middle. (Continued on page 23)

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