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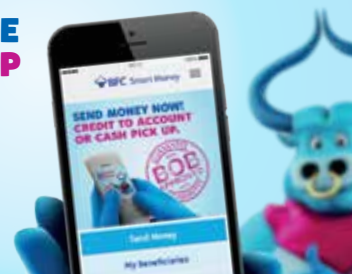
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Mid-air drama

Qatari fighter jets intercept UAE passenger plane

- Jets fly dangerously close to UAE civilian aircraft
- Hostile act puts the lives of passengers and property at risk



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In a hostile act, Qatari fighter jets yesterday intercepted a UAE civilian aircraft carrying 86 passengers including children.

The fighter jets flew dangerously close to the Emirati Airbus 320 flight from Dammam to Abu Dhabi at 10:50 am, the Civil Aviation Affairs said in a statement.

The flight ETD88 was crossing the Bahraini air space when the Qatari planes intercepted. The UAE passenger aircraft was following a scheduled flight path. The flight had met all requirements and the plane was flying at an altitude of 25,000 feet above the international waters, Route UN318 within Bahrain Flight Information Region, the Civil Aviation said.

"The Qatari fighter jets flew too close to the UAE civilian aircraft, jeopardising its safety, which required the intervention of the air control in Bahrain to take the necessary procedures to maintain safety of aviation and the pilot of the plane to manoeuvre and

Bahrain reserves the right to take all the measures with the International Civil Aviation Organisation and related organisations to put an end to such illegal practices carried out by the Qatari authorities,"
Civil Aviation Affairs

lower it to an altitude of 24,600 feet in order to avoid the Qatari fighters," the Civil Aviation said. It said the incident constituted a clear violation of international regulations, threatened the safety of international air traffic, posed serious risks to air traffic and put the lives of passengers and property at risk. "Bahrain

Ministry condemns flight interception

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday condemned the interception of Emirati Airbus 320 civilian aircraft by Qatari fighter jets. The Ministry said that these provocative and repeated acts, which the State of Qatar bears responsibility for, represent a threat to passengers and endangers their lives.

"It also threatens the safety of civil aviation and is a serious

violation of international laws and conventions," the Ministry said, affirming its right to take the matter with the International Civil Aviation Organization and UN agencies to preserve the safety and security of civil aviation and passengers against irresponsible and illegal Qatari practices. The Ministry reiterated its solidarity with the UAE in addressing repeated Qatari violations to ensure safety and protect the lives of civilians.

reserves the right to take all the measures with the International Civil Aviation Organisation and related organisations to put an end to such illegal practices carried out by the Qatari authorities," it said.

The UAE General Authority of Civil Aviation also confirmed the incident. "The Qatar fighter jets followed and approached the UAE

aircraft, reducing the horizontal distance to less than two miles and vertical separation to 700 feet, leaving just a few seconds before a possible collision of the aircraft. It was a dangerous approach endangering the lives of passengers," it said, as quoted by *The National*.

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This is the fifth time Qatari aircraft intercepting UAE passenger planes

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Al Jazeera slammed for spreading lies, rumours



Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa

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Foreign Affairs Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday slammed Doha-based Al Jazeera Satellite Channel for spreading lies and rumours.

Shaikh Khalid described the channel on his Twitter account as “despicable” and said that

“it’s causing disorder in our countries”.

The minister even said that demand number 14 is to sue the channel, referring to the 13 demands set by the Anti-terror Quartet -- Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the UAE -- to end their boycott with Qatar.

The demands included curbing diplomatic relations

with Iran, severing all ties to terrorist organisations, seizing Qatar’s support to terrorists and terrorist organisations, aligning itself with the other Gulf and Arab countries militarily, politically, socially and economically, and shutting down Al Jazeera and other malicious channels aired from several parts of the world.

MPs seek age-cap on expats working in govt institutions

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A group of MPs yesterday announced that they have submitted a proposal to ban expats over the age of 60 from working in government institutions.

The proposal comes less than a year after the council voted against a similar bill to do the same for foreign employees in the public sector aged above 50.

Submitted by MP Dr. Jameela Al Sammak and four fellow MPs, the proposal amends Article 11 of Law Decree 48 of 2014 promulgating the Civil Service Law by prohibiting expats above 60 from working in ministries, official authorities and public establishments.

The MPs said that the move would create more job opportunities for Bahraini citizens by terminating the employment contracts of foreigners who cross the age of 60 in these establishments by the force of the law.

“This category of workers isn’t included in the retirement system and enjoy the privilege of renewing their work contracts for unlimited periods, even after reaching the age of 60. This requires a legislative amendment to regulate the termination of their employment contracts by the force of the law. The amendment would prevent

The move is aimed at creating more jobs for Bahrainis by terminating expatriates who cross the age of 60

them from remaining in the job and allow citizens to be recruited in these positions,” Dr. Al Sammak explained.

She also said, “It has been confirmed that foreigners have remained in these positions for long periods of time, without replacing them with Bahraini citizens. This is against the basics of the constitution and harms citizens who aspire to serve their homeland.”

Justifying the proposal, the lawmaker quoted Paragraph A of Article 16 in the kingdom’s constitution, which states, “Public jobs are a national service entrusted to their incumbents, and State employees shall have the public interest in mind when performing their jobs. Foreigners shall not be entrusted with public posts

except in those cases specified by law.”

However, Dr. Al Sammak said that “foreigners should be appointed to public service in case of the absence of qualified Bahraini cadres to fill these positions, for a limited period”.

A similar proposal to ban expats above the age of 50 from working in the public sector was debated for over a year in the parliament.

Official authorities, including the Labour Market Regulatory Authority and Bahrain Chamber for Commerce and Industry in addition to a couple of local labour unions rejected the proposal back then, stating that “it contradicts with the International Labour Convention”. The Council of Representatives eventually rejected the proposal.

Bahrain’s efforts to combat human trafficking hailed

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CEO of the Labor Market Regulatory Authority, Chairman of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons, Osama bin Abdulla Al-Absi, yesterday received US Ambassador to Bahrain, Justin Hicks Siberell.

The US Ambassador

pointed out Bahrain’s effort to combat human trafficking, which boosts its international standing according to global reports, stressing his country’s support for challenging this international crime.

Al-Absi reviewed Bahrain’s efforts to confront the phenomenon and steps to develop work environment. He

also noted key initiatives and projects to protect labour rights, including the establishment of the Expat Protection and Assistance Centre.

He highlighted Bahrain’s resolve to combat this crime through developing a set of cooperation mechanisms and measures between government and private sides.

Interception an act of terror: UAE official

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One of the jets - a Mirage 2000 - reportedly flew within three vertical kilometres and 215 horizontal metres of the civilian registered aircraft, according to *The National*.

This is the fifth time a Qatari aircraft approaches a UAE plane while flying an approved route over a country’s airspace.

The UAE’s General Civil Aviation Authority said the

maneuver left just seconds before the collision of the two aircraft, endangering the lives of those on board, *The National* said.

“We will file a complaint with the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) regarding this infringement,” the GCAA said.

“The threat of passenger safety in any way is unacceptable. The incident is a

clear repetition of the threat to the safety of civil aviation and a violation of international laws and conventions,” it said in a statement.

In an interview with Sky News Arabia, Saif Al Suwaidi, director general of the GCAA, described the incident as “the greatest form of terrorism: using military weapons against civilians”.

He said the UAE would be

filing another official complaint with the International Civil Aviation Organisation, a UN specialised agency.

Mirage 2000 jets can fly up to 2,400kph, Al Suwaidi said, and should the jet have intended to move closer to the aircraft: “a collision could have occurred within just a blink of an eye.”

“A fighter jet flying that close to a defenceless civilian aircraft is an act of intimidation and a

show of power.

“If this is not stopped from happening again it could lead to an accident,” he said.

Last month, Qatari fighter jets came within just 200 metres of a UAE-registered aircraft in what was described as a dangerous escalation of the harassment of the Emirates by the country’s civil aviation authority.

The UAE, along with Saudi

Arabia, Bahrain and Egypt, have imposed travel, diplomatic and trade sanctions on Qatar since last June, accusing it of supporting terrorism.

Following the incident, the UAE General Authority of Civil Aviation said that it will file a complaint with the International Civil Aviation Organization.

- *The National* contributed to this report

King reviews national issues

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, at the Al-Sakhir Palace yesterday.

HM the King reviewed a number of national issues aiming to serve the national action march, push the development and modernisation further for the best interests of the nation and the citizens.

HM King Hamad expressed thanks and appreciation to HRH the Prime Minister and HRH the Crown Prince for the dedicated efforts they are exerting to serve Bahrain and consolidate its progress, as well as for their strenuous



HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa with HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and HRH Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa at Al Sakhir Palace yesterday

continuous endeavours to enhance the performance and work of the government to bring about more achievements and gains across various sectors.

HM the King lauded the “constructive” resolutions issued by the 29th Arab Summit

(The Al-Quds Summit”, hosted recently by sisterly Saudi Arabia.

Such resolutions will strengthen joint Arab action, and serve the just causes of the Arab Nation, HM the King said, praising the great efforts exerted by the Custodian of

the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, to ensure the success of the summit.

His Majesty the King Hamad highlighted the success of the “Joint Gulf Shield 1”, recently hosted by Saudi Arabia, lauding the effective

and positive participation of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) in the joint military drill.

HM the King hailed the competence, high morale, bravery and combat readiness shown by the BDF personnel throughout the joint drill’s

phases.

HM King Hamad stressed the pivotal role played by Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of King Salman, noting that it is an essential pillar of regional and global stability and security, and enjoys a distinguished status.

Prime Minister lauds patriotism of Bahrainis



HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa with dignitaries at Gudaibiya Palace

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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received economic and political figures, media persons, the intelligentsia and citizens at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday.

Paying tribute to the Bahraini people for their achievements and patriotic stances, which, HRH Premier said, will remain carved in the national memory with luminous letters.

HRH the Premier urged to put the reputation of the nation and its interests above everything else, thwart conspiracies and foil plots to drive wedges and sow sedition.

He stressed that Bahrain will remain immune against plots to incite division, thanks to the wisdom of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa as well as awareness and cohesion of its people.

He underlined the government’s support to all efforts aimed at documenting the important periods in the Kingdom’s history,

HRH Premier has urged to put the reputation of the nation and its interests above everything else and foil plots to sow sedition

highlighting the efforts of the patriotic people to foster the Kingdom’s growth and leading status.

HRH the Prime Minister paid tribute to the Bahraini people for their dedication and hard work to boost the Kingdom’s status, affirming Bahrain’s rich heritage and contribution of successive generations.

“We have to document this heritage and preserve it for future generations to learn the meaning of dedication for the sake of national progress and growth,” he said. He described Majlis as an inherent

characteristic feature of the Kingdom’s heritage which was inherited from the fathers and forefathers, urging to preserve it as it embodies harmony and understanding of the Bahraini community that will always remain a model of national unity and cohesion.

HRH the Premier called on to turn the revolution in the information and communication field to best account to serve the development march and foster social unity and cohesion.

HRH Premier lauded the political and legislative role of the Representatives and Shura Councils in the national march, stressing the government’s keenness on further consolidating cooperation between the executive and legislative branches in order to maximize the democratic gains.

He also hailed active contribution of the local press to serving national issues, commending the journalists’ patriotism and sense of responsibility.

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Career Move

The prospect of making a major career move can be very exciting. However, the reality is that successfully completing a career transition, especially for an executive position, can be a time-consuming, and complicated process. Therefore, it is in your best interest to develop an action plan to assist you in properly managing your job hunt.

Action plans will naturally be as varied as the people who create them. However, the following four elements should be critical elements of any effective action plan.

BEGIN WITH THE WHY

Many individuals know that they hate or have outgrown their current role. Many of these people, however, don't dig much deeper that.

You need to be clear on the why you really want to leave your current post before you just start steamrolling your way toward something new. Consider this: you may very well end up in a different position, but one that you will still be unsatisfied with. What's the point of undergoing all of this effort if you find yourself in the same situation?

Think about these essential questions: Why do I want this? Why do I think this new professional role will make my life more satisfying? What might be the downsides or risks involved in a professional switch? By going through this exercise, you realize that things actually might not be as bad in your present situation. This process may also lead you to realize that the job hunting path will become even more appealing and make you push harder to achieve your goals.

DEFINE YOUR OBJECTIVES

Before beginning any plan, it is critical to know what you are planning for. What's your principle goal? Is there a particular position you are aiming to acquire? Is there a certain company you want to work for? Is there a timeline that must be adhered to? Have these objectives clearly focused and understood; perhaps even write these down to use as a constant reminder of what you are trying to achieve.

DEFINE MILESTONES

Once you have defined what your endgame is, it is important to set milestones that will guide you toward achieving your goal. These milestones may include brushing up on particular skills before you apply for positions and networking with key influencers/individuals. Other milestones that deserve more consideration during this process include having personal affairs in order to prepare for any career shift- which may include an eventual relocation.

PERFORM DAILY TASKS

Plan to structure your daily routine so that you can take incremental steps towards your goal. This may be as simple as getting up thirty minutes earlier each day so you have more time to check job listings and reach out to connections. You can also assign yourself tasks such as researching what companies in your industry are looking for in qualified candidates, or emailing friends and former colleagues to schedule more personal networking meetings, such as working lunches or evening cocktails.

Whatever individual tasks you aim to complete, be sure to take the time to continuously review your milestones and assess your progress and the issues that may be holding you back. Use this self-assessment to modify your routine and keep refining your action plan.

As you complete each of these smaller daily tasks, you will sure to notice how small steps can come together to have a snowball effect on your job hunt. Each small victory will increasingly give you both momentum and confidence, enabling your prospects of professional success to become a very real possibility.

(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.)

Govt to generate 5pc of energy from renewable sources

UoB Water and energy conference, exhibition opens



Electricity Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza inaugurating the water and energy conference organised by University of Bahrain

DT News Network Manama

Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza yesterday said that the government had set specific targets to achieve generation of renewable energy, with five per cent of energy use being renewable by 2025 and 10 per cent by 2035 as well as a goal to increase energy efficiency.

Opening the conference and exhibition on water and energy organised by the University of Bahrain (UoB) in cooperation with the Universities of Lafra, Oxford and Aston in the United Kingdom yesterday, Dr. Mirza discussed strategic steps Bahrain had taken in the water issues, its unified water strategy and renewable energy projects for sustainable development.

British Ambassador to Bahrain, the United Nations Resident Coordinator, the presidents of participating universities and a large number of senior officials, academics were among the 200 guests participating the conference.

Dr. Mirza spoke about the concerns of His Majesty the King, His Royal Highness the Prime Minister and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, on the issue of water and renewable energy.

He said Bahrain had set up the Water Resources Council under the chairmanship of the Deputy Prime Minister Sheakh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa. This had several ministers as members who pledged to work at the highest levels in terms of sustainability of water resources.

The minister said this is due to the concern of His Majesty and Their Highness the leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council countries to develop a unified water strategy until 2035. He said the strategy aims at addressing the problem of water scarcity in the region and seeks to provide safe and sustainable water resources in the long term.

Dr. Mirza also spoke about renewable energy projects in Bahrain, where the Government was seeking to invest in renewable and sustainable energy, one of the priorities of the environment and urban development in the programme of work.

The minister reviewed the construction of a 100-mw solar power plant in partnership with the private sector. He mentioned that one of the important steps taken by the government in this endeavor is the establishment of the sustainable energy unit in 2014 in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme.

The minister spoke of the setting up of the National renewable Energy Plan and the National Energy Efficiency Plan. He said the Cabinet also approved in January this year the introduction of the Net Metering system, which allows individuals and institutions to

install and use solar energy in their homes and facilities.

He said the launch of the first five solar homes and linking them to the government grid of electricity in March this year was a significant step, as was the launch of the first wind Atlas in Bahrain, which is a map showing scientifically the proportion of wind availability in different regions to operate turbines that generate clean energy and produce electricity from the wind. The minister thanked the organizers, the speakers and participants.

President of the University of Bahrain Professor Riad Hamza thanked the minister for patronizing the conference.

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Family of missing Saudi pilot questions Spanish police report



The Saudi Embassy said they will assign a lawyer to follow up on the case.

Riyadh

The family of Saudi pilot Omar Al-Mutairi, who went missing more than 17 days ago on a cruise in Barcelona, did not agree with the Spanish police report which found no criminal motive behind his disappearance.

The Saudi Embassy in Madrid in a statement released recently said they received a report from the Spanish Coast Guard on April 4 regarding the disappearance of the Saudi pilot aboard the ship on its way back to Barcelona after a two-week trip. The Saudi Embassy asked the Spanish authorities to intensify their search for the missing pilot.

It said they are following up on the case and continuing to follow up with the Spanish authorities, which announced on Friday the conclusion of the investigation. They handed over copies of the report to the Saudi Embassy and to the family of the victim.

Bad emotional state

According to the report, the incident took place on April 3. According to eyewitnesses on board the ship, Al-Mutairi was in a bad emotional state and crying before he jumped off the ship. The report concluded that there was no criminal motive behind the incident.

The Saudi Embassy said they will assign a lawyer to follow up on the case based on the desire of the family who were not convinced by the police report. Speaking to the Makkah Arabic newspaper, the brother of the victim, Ahmad Al-Mutairi, said that his brother worked in Aramco in Dhahran.

He was scheduled to report for work on April 8. When he did not show up, the company contacted the family and the family contacted the Saudi Embassy in Madrid to investigate the case.

Full of contradictions

Ahmad said the police report was weak and full of contradictions. He called on the authorities to intensify the search for his brother and recover his body if he was dead or rescue him if he was still alive and to provide a clear evidence.

His friend at work Essa Al-Mutairi said that Omar loved traveling and reading. Omar Al-Mutairi, 34, hails from Jeddah but lived in Dhahran because of work.

He got his Masters degree from Florida University in 2010 and joined Saudi Aramco in 2012 as a civil engineer. Later he was sent on scholarship to learn flying. (*saudigazette*)

Qatar PM seen with terrorist at wedding

Riyadh

The Qatari government admitted in a statement released on Saturday that their Prime Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa al-Thani did in fact attend the wedding of terrorist financier Abdulrahman al-Nuaimi's son, affirming that there is "no hypocrisy at work."

They added that he was "personally" invited by the groom, whom they described as "a government employee of the state of Qatar, and an upstanding young man."

An Al Arabiya recent expose on Qatar's open relationship between government officials and known terrorist financiers, some of whom are on Doha's on terror sponsor list, has shed light on the country's lack of seriousness on addressing its ties and support of extremists groups.

Last week, *Al Arabiya* reported that know terrorist financier Abdulrahman al-Nuaimi had been living out in the open despite having just been designated as a terrorist by his own country a month earlier.

"There is no hypocrisy at work here. The prime minister will continue to support the good work of his employees," the government communications office added in the statement.

In a new claim, the Qatari government said that prosecutors were "building a new case" against al-Nuaimi whom they added roams free "due to lack of evidence."

However, in March, and after significant international pressure, Qatar itself included Al-Nuaimi in their terrorist list, five years after he was first designated by the US as a supporter of terrorism, and



Qatar Prime Minister, right, greets the groom, while his father Abd al-Rahman bin Umayr al-Nuaymi looks on

a longtime after the United Nations Security Council and its GCC neighbours did so as well.

In the statement, the Qatari government claimed that "the Emir of Qatar has no authority to unilaterally jail an individual."

International experts said that the Qatari statement reaffirms the questioning of the credibility of Doha's government over its support of terrorism.

Last year Trump denounced that Qatar is a "funder of terror", after Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Bahrain severed diplomatic and trade links with

Qatar in June of 2017 for its support of terrorist activities and groups in the region.

Following further assurances made by Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, the Qatari Emir, during a visit to the White House on April 9, Trump welcomed the Emir's pledge to combat terrorist financing.

Sheikh Abdullah's attendance of the terrorist financier's son's wedding came just two days after this pledge.

"It throws into doubt Qatar's claims to be taking a zero-tolerance approach to terror financiers as it attempts to end a blockade by neighbouring states that accuse the country

of supporting terrorist groups across the region and of being too close to Iran," prominent UK newspaper *The Telegraph* wrote.

The Telegraph confirmed the information first exposed by *Al Arabiya.net* which revealed that the prime minister was photographed in the event only a few weeks after his government designated Nuaimi as a financier of terrorism.

The report pushed many terrorism experts and former US officials to call the White House and the international community to make Doha accountable for its double-sided policy. (*Al Arabiya*)

Saudis down new missile from Yemen rebels

Riyadh

Saudi air defences yesterday intercepted another ballistic missile fired by Yemeni rebels at the kingdom's southern border city of Najran, as pro-government forces inflicted heavy losses on the rebels in south-west Yemen.

"Saudi forces were able to intercept [the missile]," the Saudi Press Agency said, citing the Saudi-led coalition fighting

Iran-backed Houthi rebels.

"But the shrapnel scattered over residential areas and caused a fire at a farm belonging to a citizen, without causing any injuries."

The missile was launched from Saada, the Houthi stronghold in northern Yemen, the coalition was cited as saying.

The coalition said another missile crashed in a Saudi

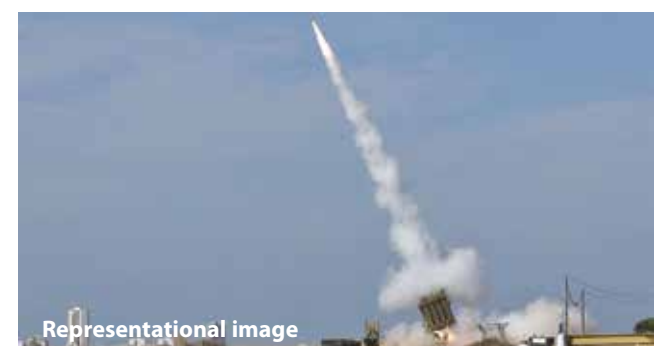
desert yesterday, without specifying a location, adding it caused no damage.

Meanwhile, pro-government troops backed by the UAE Armed Forces, a key member of the coalition, registered a fourth consecutive day of gains against the rebels in Taz province on the Red Sea coast.

The rapid advances in the direction of the port city of Mokha are significant steps

towards breaking the rebel siege of Taz city 50 kilometres away, a source in the Yemeni National Resistance Forces told UAE state news agency *Wam*.

Led by Brigadier GenTarek Mohamed Abdullah Saleh, the Yemeni National Resistance Forces have been joined by thousands of Yemeni nationals in recent days and are being supported by the Southern Resistance..(*The National*)



Representational image

57 killed in Kabul suicide blast

Attack shows growing concerns over security in lead-up to elections

Health ministry spokesman said 57 people were killed, 119 injured

Legislative elections in Afghanistan are scheduled for October 20

Kabul

An Islamic State suicide bomber killed at least 57 people including women and children and wounded 119 outside a voter registration centre in the Afghan capital Kabul on Sunday in the latest attack on election preparations.

The assaults underscore growing concerns about security in the lead-up to legislative elections scheduled for October 20, which are seen as a test-run for next year's presidential poll.

There were anguished and angry scenes at Isteqlal Hospital where many of the victims were taken, with relatives criticising the government for failing to protect their loved ones.

"Our patience is running out. This government should



An Afghan security force member stands guard at the site of the bomb blast in Kabul

take responsibility for the lives of all these innocent people lost every day," a man called Hussain, whose cousin was wounded in the blast, told AFP. "Nobody will go to vote anymore."

The health ministry gave the latest toll for the attack, which was claimed by the Islamic State group via its propaganda arm Amaq.

The interior ministry had earlier said 48 people were killed and 112 wounded. Its spokesman was not

immediately available to comment on the new toll.

"They are civilians, including women and children," interior ministry spokesman Najib Danish said earlier.

The centre in a heavily Shiite-populated neighbourhood in the west of the city was also being used by people to register for national identification certificates, which they need in order to sign up to vote.

"I found myself covered in blood, with dead people -- women and children -- around

me," said Ali Rasuli, who had been standing in a queue outside the centre when he saw a "fireball" in front of him. He was taken to hospital with leg and abdominal wounds.

Sheets of paper and passport-sized photos lay scattered amid shattered glass and pools of blood on the street near badly damaged cars -- grim evidence of the force of the blast.

"This senseless violence shows the cowardice and inhumanity of the enemies of democracy and peace in

Bahrain condemns Kabul terrorist blast

Manama

Bahrain strongly condemned the terrorist bombing Kabul, Afghanistan.

The Foreign Ministry extended sincere condolences to the families of the victims, wishing speedy recovery to all those injured as a result of this terrorist act.

It affirmed Bahrain's support to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in its actions to counter terrorism

and to establish security and stability throughout Afghanistan.

In a statement yesterday, it reiterated the Kingdom's rejection of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations regardless of its motives and justifications, urging international concerted efforts to eradicate this dangerous scourge that threatens world peace and security.

Afghanistan," US ambassador John Bass wrote on Twitter. NATO and the United Nations also condemned the bombing.

The last major attack in Kabul was on March 21 when an IS suicide bomber blew himself up in a crowd celebrating the Persian New Year holiday and killed at least 33 people.

Ariana TV showed angry crowds shouting "Death to the government!" and "Death to the Taliban!"

A wounded man in a

hospital bed wept as he told the network: "I don't know where my daughters are. God damn the attackers!"

A witness to the attack named Akbar told *Tolo TV*: "Now we know the government cannot provide us security: we have to get armed and protect ourselves."

Elsewhere, a roadside explosion in the northern province of Baghlan yesterday killed six people, including three women and two children. (AFP)

Family accuses Mossad of killing Palestinian in Malaysia



Pedestrians walk past a bullet-riddled wall at the scene where Palestinian scientist Fadi Mohammad al-Batsh was gunned down

Gombak, Malaysia

An autopsy was being carried out yesterday on the body of a Palestinian professor who was gunned down in what his family claim was an assassination by Israel's Mossad spy agency. Fadi Mohammad al-Batsh, 35, was killed in a drive-by shooting on Saturday, according to Malaysian authorities.

He was walking from his highrise apartment to dawn prayers at a local mosque in the Kuala Lumpur suburb of Gombak when he was shot by two gunmen riding a motorcycle, officials added. At the crime scene, police markers indicated 14 bullets had been sprayed at the victim, some of them hitting a wall. An iron grill hit by a bullet was

dented. Malaysian Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, was quoted by the state-run Bernama news agency as saying Batsh was "an electrical engineer and an expert at making rockets". Kuala Lumpur police chief Mazlan Lazim said the investigation was ongoing. (AFP)



REMINDER TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF GULF HOTELS GROUP B.S.C. FOR COLLECTING THEIR DIVIDEND CHEQUES

The Board of Directors of Gulf Hotels Group B.S.C. "GHG" is pleased to request its shareholders for approaching GHG's Registrar Karvy Computershare W.L.L. at the address shown below to receive their previous years' uncollected dividends. Kindly ignore this notification in case the dividends are already received / collected.

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Requirements to receive the dividends:

Shareholders based in Bahrain:

- In case a shareholder is collecting the dividends in person, he / she should present a copy of his/her valid ID or passport.
- In case an authorized person is collecting the dividends, copies of the ID or the passport of both the shareholder and the authorized person along with the authorization letter should be presented.
- In case the shares are held in certificate (physical) form, original share certificate should be presented and if the shares are held in electronic (CDS) form with Bahrain Clear then a latest statement of account issued by the Bahrain Clear should be presented.

Shareholders based in all other locations:

- Shareholders in all other locations are requested to contact the Registrar with their postal address. Following which, dividend cheques will be sent by Registered Post to their addresses.

For further information, please contact our Registrar Karvy Computershare W.L.L. at the address mentioned above.

Finance Minister commends package for improving WBG

US\$100 bn Boost for the Bank between 2019-2030

US\$315 bn Additional Development Financing over the same period

Future of Development Finance Slanted towards Private Sector

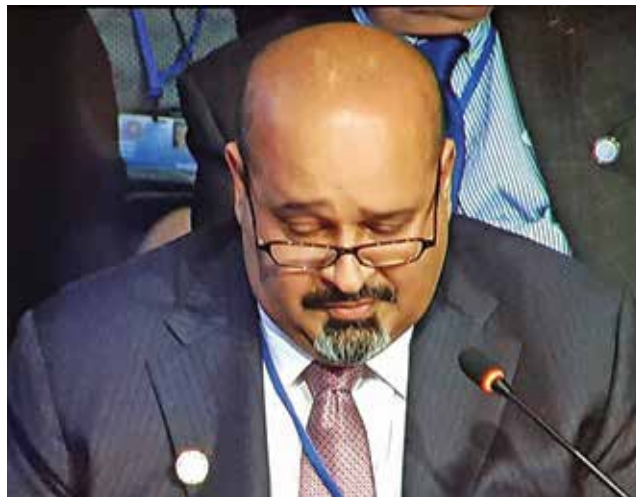
Call for Maintaining WBG's Leadership on Global Issues

Manama

The Minister of Finance, Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, referred to the proposed capital package for improving the World Bank Group (WBG) as a transformational change in how the group deals with development challenges, and the scale of financing and engagement in this respect.

He stressed that its four main pillars remain extremely relevant: serving all clients, maximizing finance for development through mobilization of private sector investments and solutions, leading on global issues, and improving the business model.

In his statement to the Development Committee, the Minister said that the package aims to provide the WBG with an average annual financing capacity of about US\$100 billion between the fiscal years 2019-2030. Further, the package would generate US\$315 billion of additional development



Minister of Finance, Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa financing over the same period, including an additional US\$110 billion mobilized from the private sector.

The statement was delivered on behalf of the Arab Group and the Republic of Maldives to the 97th meeting of the committee, held in Washington, D.C. on the sidelines of the spring meetings of the WBG and the

International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Sustaining and accelerating progress towards global development goals necessitates a bigger and stronger WBG, with ample financial capacity, that addresses the myriad of global challenges, Minister said.

He argued that expanding financial capacity for low-



Minister during a meeting

income countries through the transformation of the International Development Association (IDA) financial model, and for middle-income countries through the capital package, complements and strengthens the WBG's reach. Moreover, maximizing financing for development and adopting private sector

solutions, while assisting clients in strengthening their own domestic resource mobilization and the effectiveness of their public spending, is crucial.

Strengthening the capital base of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) was strongly welcomed by the Minister, given that the WBG and the development community as a

whole had clearly established that the future of development finance would be clearly slanted towards the private sector, requiring a much stronger and larger IFC, equipped with the financial means to mobilize untapped private capital, create markets, and expand deployment of private sector solutions.

BAC hosts professional accreditation programme



Participants of AMPAP

Manama

Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the operator and managing body of Bahrain International Airport (BIA), hosted the global Airport Management Professional Accreditation Programme (AMPAP).

Management staff from BAC, Bahrain Airport Services (BAS), and other airports in the region participated in the programme, which was held in the Kingdom for the first time from 15 to 19 of April.

The AMPAP executive training programme is well recognised internationally. It seeks to develop a new generation of airport leaders in all functional areas of the airport business by promoting adherence to

the highest professional standards and encouraging effective sharing of best managerial practices. It is offered jointly by Airports Council International (ACI) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and is held in various approved locations.

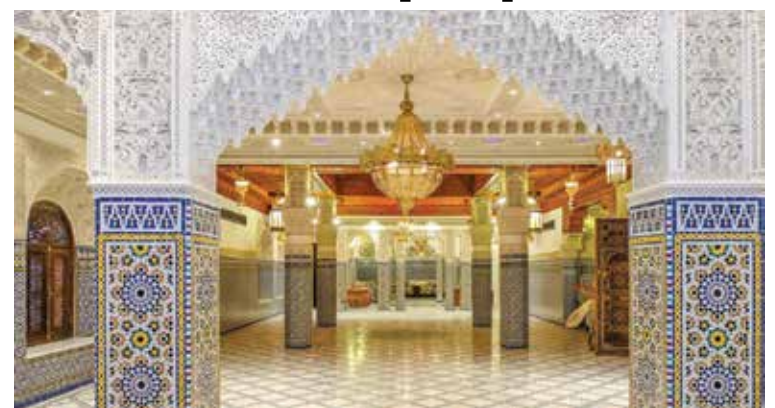
The programme was delivered by three course leaders: Jean Marc Trotter, Executive Vice President of Aviation Strategies International; Peter Adams, Senior Practice Executive of Aviation Safety and Risk Management; and Dr. Ruwantissa Abeyratne, Senior Associate, Air Law & Policy.

BAC Human Resources Vice President, Hind Mahmood,

said: "AMPAP is a barometer of professional airport management on a global scale. It is the only airport-related management accreditation programme that has been recognised by airport regulators and ACI, and has had over a thousand participants in more than 100 countries so far."

Candidates who successfully complete the requirements of the programme will receive the International Airport Professional (IAP) designation, whose holders are recognised by ACI and ICAO as having achieved highly rigorous standards for expertise in the field of airport management. They will also be part of the IAP Community of Practice (COP).

FES 518 organises Pre Ramadan Pop Up Bazaar



FES 518

Manama

FES 518 at The Jawad Dome - Barbar is organising pre Ramadan pop up market on April 27 and 28.

FES 518 is inspired by Fes, a city located in a Northern part of Morocco. The unique architecture of this space and design is a reflection of traditional Moroccan structures and culture.

The exquisite interiors are created to showcase the best of Moroccan culture from craft, colour to decorative flourishes. The walls showcase intricate tiling work known as Zellige (often wrongly referred to as mosaic).

The space spread over 2 floors is perfect for intimate gatherings or product exhibitions and can accommodate 150-200 seats. The intricate, rich and bright architectural elements make the perfect backdrop for stunning pictures making this an ideal venue for private dinners, event hall, art exhibitions, Ambassadorial dinners, bridal showers, weddings, ghabghab and exclusive corporate events.

A good number of customers are expected to attend the Ramadan pop up market, the vendors are currently fully booked. Call 36326666 for more information.

Four Seasons beach offers island resort experience

Luxury hotel in the heart of the Kingdom's capital city adds the ultimate vacation feature for guests

A destination within a destination awaits visitors to Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay, as the property transforms from an urban resort to a complete island resort with the addition of The Four Seasons Beach.

The new beach

Curving along the private island's sun-drenched southern shore, the 160-metre (525-foot) expanse of pristine white sand is the ideal retreat for all the family. In addition to a dedicated play area where children can enjoy building sand-castles, parents and couples can look forward to a quieter zone, providing a tranquil haven to lounge in the sun, sip a cool drink or take in the city's spectacular sunsets.



FSBahrain_Beach



"During our first three years, guests have been generous in their praise of Four Seasons, revelling in the many diversions we offer right here on our own private island in the city. When we asked what would make their experience more memorable, the answer was almost always the same: a beach. So we are delighted to now open the beach, which completes the Hotel's transition to a fully-fledged island resort."

- Richard Raab, General Manager of Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay

Attractive services

Beach lovers can look forward to the attentive service of Four Seasons staff on hand to offer everything from fresh fruit skewers and refreshing beverages, to an array of high-end sun care products and a chair-side sunglasses cleaning and repair service. Guests can also choose from a delicious lunch and snack menu, with food served directly on the beach. After dark, the new outdoor space will transform into a vibrant venue hosting torch-lit events, and it is also available for group bookings.

Special packages

Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay is giving guests an extra reason to celebrate the summer, with a special Family Package. Guests who book a suite for three or more nights will receive 50 percent savings on the rates for a connecting room, offering additional space and comfort for the whole family to enjoy. Premium high-speed internet access and a round-trip transfer by water taxi for two adults and two children per night are included as part of the package.

For bookings, call +(973) 1711 5000.

Opening this summer

Set to open by this summer, The Four Seasons Beach will welcome Hotel guests and Spa members throughout the day at no additional charge.

Batelco achieves ISO 22301:2012 certification

Manama

Batelco, Bahrain's leading communications solutions operator has been awarded with ISO Certification in Business Continuity (ISO 22301:2012), following a thorough and vigorous auditing process conducted by Bureau Veritas. The ISO 22301:2012 Certification has been awarded to the following units of Batelco:

- IT Units: Operations, Development and Support.
- Network Units: Network development, Core NGN & IP Transmission, Network Operation Centre, Access Network, Cyber Security Operation Centre, Mobile Core & VAS, Radio Access, Power O&M Development.

A number of experienced Batelco staff, headed by the Business Continuity team, have worked together to establish comprehensive practices and ensured that they meet all the requirements of the international ISO standard; which were further verified by an independent auditing team from Bureau Veritas.

ISO 22301 is a comprehensive standard that represents the highest level of commitment to business



continuity and disaster preparedness. By achieving ISO 22301 certification, Batelco continues to demonstrate its focus on high availability and business continuity, as well as the commitment to constantly provide reliable services to its customers.

Batelco Bahrain CEO, Mohamed Bubashait expressed his thanks and gratitude to all the teams who participated in this achievement. Batelco is among the largest telecommunication companies in terms of size and specialised departments and its board of directors

ISO Certification in Business Continuity was awarded, following a thorough and vigorous auditing process

pays special attention to building flexible and resilient practises.

"Achieving ISO Certification demonstrates that we take business continuity seriously and are committed to providing best in class service to our customers. Batelco always emphasize its commitments to the regulatory commitments of the TRA," Bubashait added.

Batelco Business Continuity Manager Maha Ali added, "Batelco's achievement of ISO 22301:2012 certification reflects the top management's commitment to the efforts of teams working towards achieving a common goal."

Bahrain Middle East Bank enters into partnership with ICIEC



ICIEC CEO Oussama A. Kaissi and BMB CEO Korhan Alev signing the agreement

Tunisia

Bahrain Middle East Bank B.S.C. (BMB), announced its added gear in its product line, with agreements being entered into with The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC), a Member of the IDB Group (Islamic Development Bank Group, Jeddah, KSA), to consolidate its trade financing activities, with specific emphasis to GCC and MENA.

BMB signed two agreements with ICIEC - a Documentary Credit

Insurance Policy (DCIP) and Bank Master Policy (BMP).

Bank Master Policy agreement (BMP) will assist BMB to cater to export financing on an Islamic basis and utilize export receivables as security for the repayment of the credit extended.

Documentary Credit Insurance Policy (DCIP) will help BMB effectively manage risks affecting its Letter of Credit (LC) transactions in ICIEC member countries.

The agreements were signed on

behalf of ICIEC by Oussama A. Kaissi - ICIEC's Chief Executive Officer - and, on behalf of Bahrain Middle East Bank (BMB) by Korhan Alev, Chief Executive Officer.

Alev said, "We are extremely happy to advance our cooperation with the IDB's ICIEC by signing the DCIP and BMP policies. Trade finance forms an important focus of our diversification strategy and contributes significantly to our mandate to support The Kingdom of Bahrain, GCC and MENA industry development."

Did You Know?



There have been more astronauts than pilots who have flown the Concorde, which is now out of service. The Concorde was a turbo jet-powered, supersonic passenger jet airliner that was in service from 1976 to 2003. Many consider the aircraft an engineering marvel



BFC
CURRENCIES
EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2970	0.2945
BANGLADESH	0.00472	0.00452
CANADA	0.3021	0.2989
DENMARK	0.0656	
EGYPT	0.0237	0.0219
EURO	0.4714	0.4689
HONGKONG	0.04967	0.04927
INDIA	0.00585	0.00575
INDONESIA	0.00002941	0.00002793
IRAN TUMAN	0.00010959	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000317	
JAPAN	0.00366	0.003590
JORDAN	0.5359	0.5351
KOREA	0.00040312	
KUWAIT	1.263	1.264
MALAYSIA	0.0992	0.0992
NEW ZEALAND	0.2767	0.2768
NORWAY	0.0505	
NEPAL	0.00395	0.00358
OMAN	0.98168	0.98301
PAKISTAN	0.00349	0.00327
PHILIPPINES	0.00747	0.00725
QATAR	0.10381	0.10404
SAUDI ARABIA	0.1006	0.10067
SINGAPORE	0.2919	0.2899
SOUTH AFRICA	0.03280	0.03270
SRI LANKA	0.00273	0.00242
SWEDISH	0.0479	
SWITZERLAND	0.3959	0.3929
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0017
TAIWAN	0.013600	
THAILAND	0.012240	0.012240
TURKEY	0.0981	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5377	0.5348
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102850	0.102870
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	0.3893	0.3518
KUWAIT	0.2855	30.5913	0.2948	0.2664
OMAN	0.3849	0.3727	0.3975	0.3592
QATAR	3.6420	3.5269	3.7608	3.3990
UAE	3.6730	3.5569	3.7929	3.4279
SAUDI	3.7500	3.6315	3.8724	3.4998

Saudi petchems fall in weak region

Dubai

Middle Eastern stock markets mostly fell yesterday, with Saudi Arabian petrochemical shares hit particularly hard, in response to a drop by global bourses at the end of last week.

The Saudi index slipped 0.3 per cent as Saudi Basic Industries, the biggest petrochemical firm, slid 0.6pc and Sahara Petrochemicals, the worst performer, dropped 5.1pc as it went ex-dividend.

Yanbu National Petrochemicals was down 2.1pc after announcing a net profit of 630.6 million riyals (\$168 million) in the first quarter, 3.7pc higher year-on-year. Analysts surveyed by Reuters had forecast on average a 750 million riyal profit.

Miner Ma'aden, which had surged 6.1pc on Thursday because of soaring international aluminium prices, fell back 0.5pc.

But Al Sagr Cooperative Insurance climbed 2pc, rising sharply for a second straight day after saying it would discuss a possible merger with Wala'a Cooperative Insurance, which edged up 0.6pc.

Dubai's index slipped 0.1pc as blue chip Emaar Properties dropped 0.7pc to 5.60 dirhams, returning near a two-year low of 5.52 dirhams hit earlier this month.

Investment company Amanat Holdings, the best performer in Dubai, rose 2.9pc. At a general meeting yesterday, shareholders were expected to approve the distribution of 1.5pc in cash dividends for 2017.



Closing Bell

SAUDI ARABIA shed 0.3pc to 8,257 points.

DUBAI edged down 0.1pc to 3,080 points.

ABU DHABI lost 0.5pc to 4,682 points.

QATAR dropped 0.5pc to 9,156 points.

EGYPT climbed 0.7pc to 17,898 points.

KUWAIT ticked up 0.1pc to 4,776 points.

OMAN edged up 0.03pc to 4,761 points.

BAHRAIN was flat at 1,301 points.

Abu Dhabi National Energy Co (TAQA) was up 3.4pc and was the most heavily traded stock in that market, continuing a sharp uptrend that began in March and based

partly on strong oil prices. The stock has soared more than 50pc since the end of March.

In Qatar, Doha Bank lost 0.7pc despite reporting yesterday 382 million riyals

(\$105 million) in first-quarter net profit, a 4.7pc increase year-on-year, and beating the estimates of three analysts polled by Reuters who forecast 348 million riyals on average. The Qatar index closed 0.5pc down.

Egypt's index climbed 0.7pc as investment firm Qalaa Holdings soared 9.7pc to a three-year high of 2.71 Egyptian pounds, rising above the March peak of 2.60 pounds. Early this month Pharos Research calculated a fair value of 3.00 pounds for the stock, which has been rising partly in anticipation of the planned trial start-up of its oil refinery this year. (Reuters)

Korean Air boss apologises as hot-tempered daughters resign

Seoul

Korean Air Chairman Cho Yang-ho yesterday apologised for the "immature" behaviour of his two daughters and said they would both immediately resign from their company posts following separate controversies.

Cho Hyun-min, the younger daughter who is marketing executive at the South Korean flag carrier, is under police investigation for assault after she was accused of throwing water into a man's face at a business meeting.

Four years ago her older



The elder sister, Cho Hyun-ah, spent five months in prison over the 'nut rage' incident

sister Cho Hyun-ah made global headlines for angrily kicking a cabin crew member off a plane after being served

macadamia nuts in a bag rather than a bowl -- an incident quickly dubbed "nut rage".

"As chairman of Korean Air, as well as a father, I feel terrible about the immature actions of my daughters," Cho said in a statement.

"Everything is my fault and my wrongdoing. I apologise to the people."

The Korean Air chief added his two daughters will immediately step down from all positions within the company.

Seoul police said last week they were launching a formal investigation into the younger Cho, based on the testimonies of people present at the meeting. (AFP)

Nature is the source of all true knowledge. She has her own logic, her own laws, she has no effect without cause nor invention without necessity. -Leonardo da Vinci



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Al Noor Kindergarten celebrates annual day

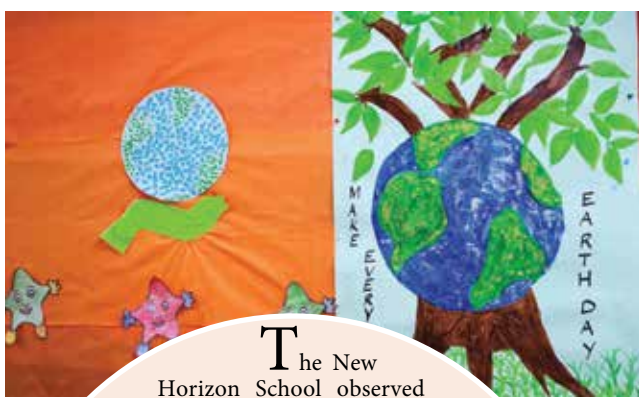
The 25th Annual Day of the Kindergarten-Reception of Al Noor International School was celebrated with 51 students being awarded prizes for outstanding talents in extra-curricular areas.

School Chairman Ali Hasan, Director Dr. Muhammad Mashood, Principal Ameen Mohammed Hulaiwah, Head Teachers, teachers and over 600 parents attended the event. The theme of Reception programme was "A School with a Difference" and children expressed it through their scintillating performance.

The School congratulated Isa Mohamed Isa of Reception 16 on winning MMA boxing championship held in Kuwait.



NHS makes a difference on Earth Day



The

New Horizon School observed the Earth day yesterday with a view of creating an awareness of Mother Earth among the young generation. Each class was given a topic in advance to work on. The students of grade 1 were engrossed in vegetable carving. Grade 2 students recreated a rainy day in their classrooms with giant clouds, smiling raindrops and happy children playing in the rain. 'Stones and pebbles' was the theme for grade 3 students who made breath-taking views out of stones. The students of grade 4 worked on collages on natural resources.

Grade 5 students artistically and informatively depicted marine life in their classrooms through outstanding mural work. Students of grade 6 turned trash into treasure by creating paper mache lanterns, wall hangings and decorative pieces.





Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received the newly elected Board of Directors of the Bahrain Medical Society (BMS) led by Chairperson Dr. Ghada Al-Qassim. Prime Minister stressed the government’s interest in providing quality health and medical services and took pride in the successes achieved in the health and medical sector.



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Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa inaugurated The Terminal project developed by Bahrain Real Estate Investment Company (Edamah) the property investment arm of Mumtalakat. Deputy PM has affirmed the current progress of tourism infrastructure was in pace with the exponential contribution of the tourism sector in the gross domestic product (GDP) and meets the needs of frequenters of this vital sector’s facilities and establishments.



BDF Commander-in-Chief and Australian CDF Jaimie Hutchings. They are both wearing military uniforms and are standing together for a formal photograph.



Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel Humaidan met Head of the organising Committee of the Technical Creativity in Charity Work conference and exhibition Ahmed Bu Haza. They reviewed the main goals of the conference, stressing success of its first and second editions in 2015 and 2016.



CEO of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority Osama bin Abdulla Al-Absi received US Ambassador Justin Hicks Siberell. The US Ambassador pointed out Bahrain’s effort to combat human trafficking, which boosts its international standing according to global reports, stressing his country’s support for challenging this international crime.





King Salman Al Khalifa received at Gudaibiya Palace economic and political figures, media persons, journalists, the intelligentsia and citizens. Prime Minister paid tribute to the Bahraini people for their achievements and the reputation of the nation and its interests above anything else.



Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received the commanders of Combined Operations Admiral John Johnston and Australian Forces in the Middle East V. Admiral Johnston, and their accompanying delegation. They reviewed the bilateral friendship and cooperation plans of further boosting them.



Foreign Affairs Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received An Wa'er, who presented a copy of his credentials as the newly appointed Ambassador of China to Bahrain. The minister praised the friendly ties between Bahrain and China, affirming the Kingdom's keenness to further boost them at all levels, wishing the ambassador all success in his duties.



Chief of Staff of BDF Lieutenant General Dhiab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi attended the opening of the mobilisation drill "Dawn of Storms 22" at the Royal Bahrain Naval Force (RBNF) which is performed by RBNF with the participation of a number of BDF weaponries, the Interior Ministry's Coastguard and the National Guard. The military exercise is part of the "Dawn of Storms" series of drills aimed at training, grooming and raising the competence of the participants.



The Nine Training Centre had recently conducted a training program on Customer Service Excellence for their valued client Lulu Group at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, Juffair. The Tamkeen Supported Training Program was attended by 20 participants and delivered by a certified trainer with a hands-on approach towards the training and exceptional knowledge on modern training methodologies and practices.



Attorney General Dr. Ali bin Fadhl Al Buainain has received Dr. Arif Ahmed Al Zayani, Director of Criminal Procedures Department who presented to him a copy of his doctoral thesis from the Faculty of Applied, Economic and Social Sciences at Sidi Mohamed ben Abdellah University in Fez-Morocco, titled "Administrative Investigation with Public Service Employees in Bahrain: A Comparative Study." Attorney General praised Dr. Al Zayani's efforts to obtain this advanced academic degree.

CELEBS



Demi Lovato @ddlovato
I want you to ring ring ring ring ring...



Celeb Facts

Singer-songwriter Adele came in sixth on Forbes' list of highest paid celebrities under the age of 30 in 2012. (thefactsite)



Marriage wasn't an 'impulsive' affair

Los Angeles

Actress-comedian Amy Schumer says her surprise wedding in February wasn't an "impulsive" affair, even though she has known Chris Fischer for only a year.

Schumer insists their relationship didn't move that quickly as they had managed to keep their romance under the radar for some time before it made headlines, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"I'm not a like, a fool, I'm not impulsive like that," the actress said on the TV show "The View." (IANS)



Avicii mourned at Coachella music fest

Los Angeles

The unexpected death of world-renowned Swedish DJ and electronic dance music producer Avicii brought a sombre note to the 2018 Coachella music festival, especially near the Sahara Tent - the stage where the DJ closed the night in 2012.

Avicii received a loving tribute from Norwegian DJ Kygo, who performed on the Sahara Tent on Saturday, reports variety.com.

Towards the end of his set, an image of Avicii appeared on the video screens while the 2017 song "Without you" played.

The screens then flashed Avicii's name and the words: "Rest in peace. We will miss you." (IANS)

Johnson surprises high school student

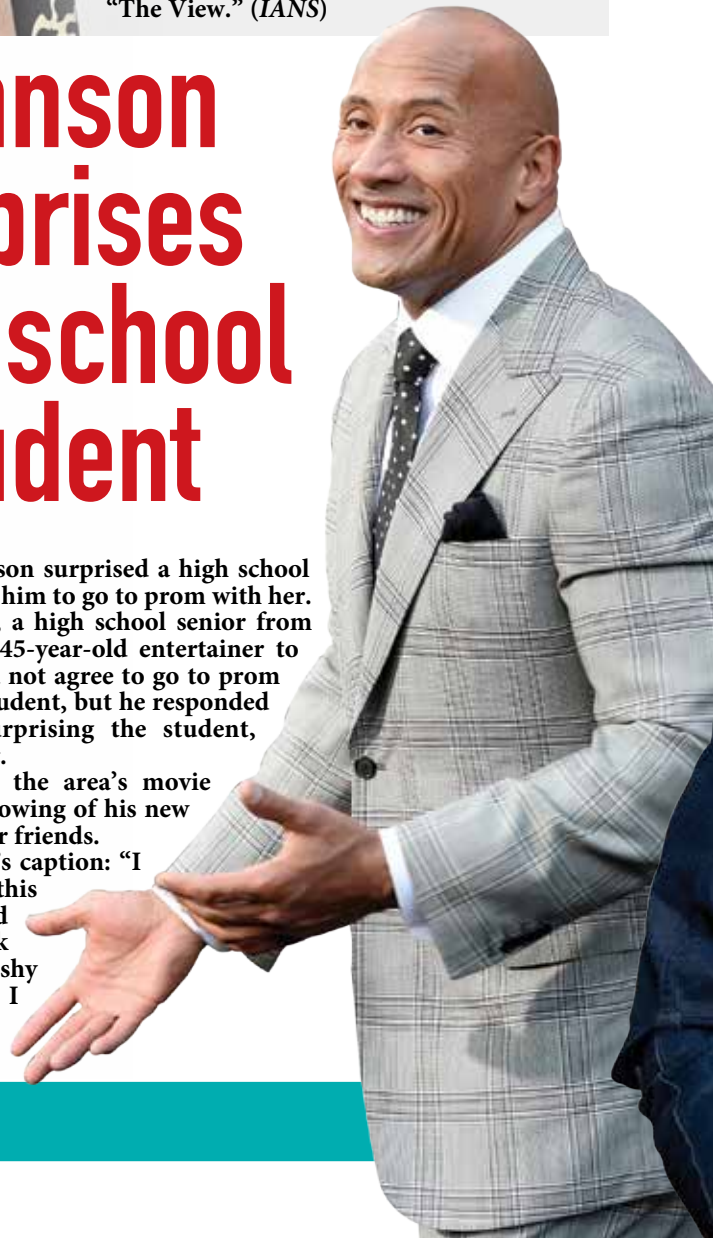
Los Angeles

Actor Dwayne Johnson surprised a high school student who asked him to go to prom with her.


Last weekend, Katie, a high school senior from Minnesota, asked the 45-year-old entertainer to her prom. Johnson did not agree to go to prom with the high school student, but he responded to the request by surprising the student, reports dailymail.co.uk.

Johnson rented out the area's movie theatre for a special showing of his new movie for Katie and her friends.

He wrote in the clip's caption: "I was so impressed by this young lady's charm and confidence to even ask me (ladies always get shy in front of me) that I had to do something special. (IANS)







STARRY
Birthday

Jaime King

April 23, 1979

Starred in the TV series Hart of Dixie from 2011 to 2015 and played her first prominent film role in 2001's Pearl Harbor. Her other film credits include Sin City, White Chicks and Cheaper by the Dozen 2.

Fashion tip of the week



American singer Selena Gomez wearing double denim on St. Patrick's Day as she runs errands. Accessorized with white sneakers and green nail polish

Jackman got caught sneaking into cinema hall

Los Angeles
Hugh Jackman was caught sneaking into a cinema hall that was screening of his latest release, 'The Greatest Showman'.
The 49-year-old star took to Twitter to post his video in which he could be seen singing and dancing to his own songs from the musical, until he was noticed by the audience.
"Wanted to experience the singalong too! So I snuck in the back of the theatre. Then I got busted," Jackman captioned the clip.
The 'Logan' star features alongside Zac Efron in the Michael Gracey-directed musical film, which released last year.
'The Greatest Showman' also stars Michelle Williams and Zendaya, and follows the true story of P.T. Barnum, an American showman, remembered for promoting celebrated hoaxes and for founding the Barnum & Bailey Circus. (PTI)



CAMERON COMPARES 'AVATAR' TO 'THE GODFATHER'

Los Angeles
Veteran filmmaker James Cameron has compared 'Avatar' sequels to 'The Godfather' saying his upcoming projects are generational family saga just like the 1972 iconic film and its follow-ups.
The writer-director was speaking at a promotional event.
"I found myself as a father of five, starting to think about what would an 'Avatar' story be like if it was a family drama, if it was 'The Godfather'. Obviously very different genre, but I got intrigued by that idea. So, that's really what it is. It's a generational family saga. And that's very different from the first film. Now, it's the same type of setting, and there's the same respect for the shock of the new. (PTI)

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OUT & ABOUT

LITERARY TRIBUTE TO KANNADASAN

Date: April 27

Venue: Tropicana Hotel

Bharathi Association Literary Wing is planning to conduct a Literary Tribute to Kannadasan who is attributed as "Kaviarasu" which means "King of Poets", on this coming Friday at Tropicana Hotel, Mahooz at 6.30 pm.

Professor Lion P.M.Mansure, a great Tamil Scholar, Former Vice Principal of Jamal Mohammed College and Former Principal of M.I.T., Tiruchirappalli will be giving a speech on Kannadasan with a comparative study on his works with Tamil literature of "Sangam" age. Prof. Mansure is on short private visit to Bahrain and he is well versed in Tamil Literature.

Kannadasan has contributed nearly 5000 film lyrics apart from 6000 poems and 232 books including novels, epics, plays, essays, his most popular being 10 religious essay on Hinduism, "Arthamulla Hindumatham" (Meaningful Hindu Religion).

Tamil Literary Enthusiasts are all welcome for this brainstorming literary session. Entry is free.

26TH ANNUAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL - MEMORY OF MUHARRAQ

Date: 25 April - 5 May 2018, 5:00 - 9:30 pm

Venue: Events Tent By Arad Fort

Under the Patronage of his Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa AlKhalifa, the 26th Annual Bahrain Heritage Festival brings the island's unique culture to the forefront and showcases the variety and diversity of local heritage. The festival portrays the theme of "Memory of Muharrarq" which features exhibition spaces, craftsmen, workshops, food

vendors, and live traditional music. It also offers a chance to see some of Bahrain's finest craftsmen at work. A balanced mixture of contemporary and traditional products at the souq which is surrounded by Bahraini cafes and offers the visitor to experience flavours of the Kingdom.

THE 13TH SPRING OF CULTURE FESTIVAL

Date: February - April 2018

Venue: Different Locations

The 13th edition of the Spring of Culture Festival brings with it a treasure trove of surprises that cover the different interests and tastes of the culture and art audience. Hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain's numerous cultural institutions, historical sites and landmarks, the festival's wide variety of events, programs and activities continue to build bridges of cultural communication between Bahrain and the rest of the whole world.

This year's edition of the festival is part of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities' celebration of Muharrarq, the Capital of Islamic Culture in 2018, in which it highlights the deep-rooted heritage and traditions of this ancient city, particularly the history of pearl diving, a glorious history whose details are revealed by the Pearling Trail, Bahrain's second site to be inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage site.

The festival kicks off in conjunction with Arab Tourism Day, an initiative which was adopted when Manama was the 2013 Capital of Arab Tourism to mark the anniversary of the birth of the Arab traveler Ibn Battuta.

ART EXHIBITION

Date: 8th April to 22nd April

Venue: Albareh Art Gallery

Enchained Dyads showcases the works of Annie

Kurkdjian, a Lebanese artist who has exhibited extensively in her home country and in France, Jordan, and Bahrain. Her art questions the grand themes of life and death through the topics of religion and eroticism and reflects on their current state far removed from their early beginnings as central to humanity. The exhibition will run from Sunday 8th April to 22nd April at Albareh Art Gallery. Time: Saturday-Thursday, 10am-2pm and 4pm-8pm

EVENING CONVERSATION: "THE MAGIC OF NATURAL PEARLS"

Date: 30 April 2018, 7:00pm

Venue: Bin Matar House

In collaboration with the Pearling Path, the Parisian-based L'Ecole Van Cleef & Arpels brings together two pearl experts: Talal Mattar, a 6th generation pearl merchant from one of the oldest pearl merchant families in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and Olivier Segura, Director of the French Gemological Laboratory (LFG) and natural pearl expert, for an insightful discussion about this gem that has fascinated civilizations since ancient times.

TRIBUTE TO THE TRINITY

Date: May 3

Venue: Bahrain Society of Engineers auditorium

"Samarpan", an entity formed by Carnatic musicians in Bahrain seeks to promote Indian classical music. The upcoming program, "Tribute to the Trinity", the first ever in Bahrain, will be held on 3rd of May at the Bahrain Society of Engineers auditorium at 7pm under the aegis of Convex Corporate Events.

The Trinity of South Indian classical music refers to the outstanding trio of composers Thyagaraja Swamy, Mutthuswamy Dikshitar and Shyama

Sastri. These 18th century contemporaries were prolific composers and are known for creating a new era in the history of South Indian classical music. To celebrate their genius, the local musicians and students of music will be rendering renowned compositions of the trinity.

KNIGHTS OF RIZAL BOWL-O-RAMA

Date: May 4

Venue: Dana Mall

The Knights of Rizal, a Filipino Community organization chartered under Philippine Laws, will open its annual activities with a one-day bowling tournament to be held on Friday, 4th of May 2018 under the auspices of the Philippine Embassy in Manama, tagged as "Bowl-O-Rama."

It is expected that the bowling tournament will be participated by Knights of Rizal members from the Middle East region, most particularly from the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia. It will be a day for Family, Food and Fun for OKOR members and their families.

This annual gathering in Bahrain of knights from the GCC region showcases the strong bond and camaraderie among members and chapter of the KOR in the region. The organization which was named after the Philippine national hero, promotes patriotism, civic works, nationalism and educational programs among the Filipino youth. Occasionally, it also extends assistance to distressed OFWs in the Kingdom of Bahrain and elsewhere.

Trophies and medals, as well as door prizes and tokens, will be given away to the winners and participants. Companies interested to sponsor the event may kindly coordinate with Rene Caceda through mobile no. 33456449.

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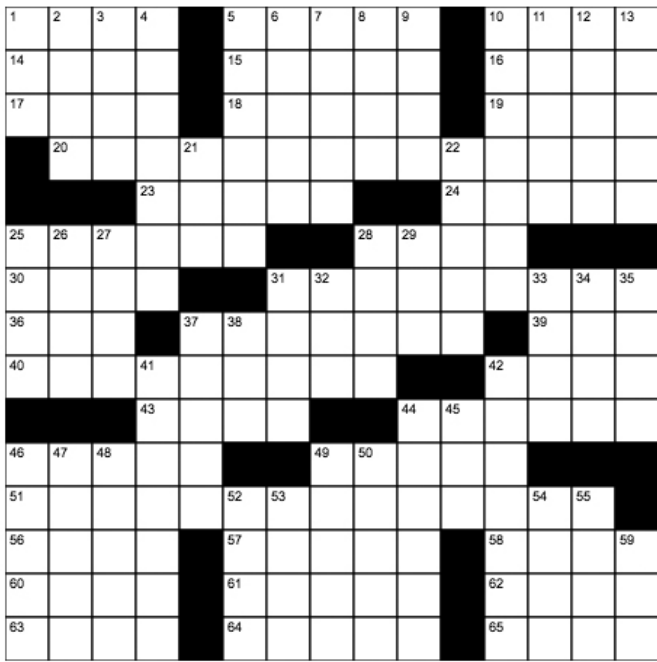
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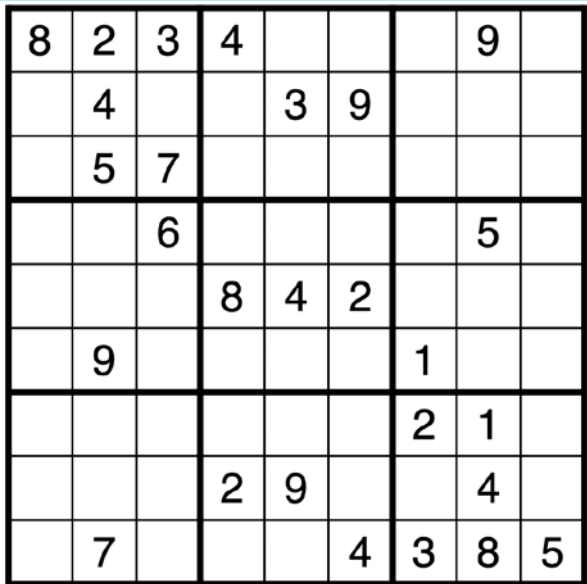
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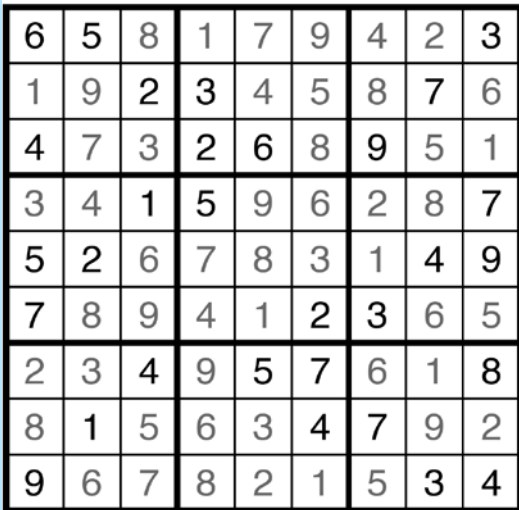
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(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



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(Apr 21st - May 21st)



If you're single, tonight you could find yourself longing for a lover from the past and wondering what's happening with this person right now. If you're currently involved, you might be experiencing a temporary separation from your beloved, and could feel inclined to spend the evening at home. If you choose to do this, entertain yourself with a favourite book.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Are you waiting for a love partner to phone you at work? As much as you want to hear from your friend, you could well get so caught up in your work that you wouldn't hear a marching band go by. As you work, be sure to keep one ear tuned to the real world by looking up or getting up and walking around occasionally.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Your sensuality is tempered today with a touch of the mystical sort of romantic feeling found in fairy tales. This might be unusual for you, but your current partner is going to love it! If you're single, you're likely to attract a lot of attention and possibly meet someone new and exciting. Take care that you make the effort to see the real person and not just a romantic image.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



A desire to spruce up your home might start with a thorough cleaning from attic to basement. You could go through that chore like gangbusters and then do some repairs or go for the fun stuff, such as redecorating with plants or even some new furniture. You can have a lot of fun with this, especially if your partner or friends help out.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



A love partner could contact you out of the blue, perhaps proposing that the two of you get together tonight - alone. You're in just the mood for this, since you're feeling especially sexy and not particularly afraid to show it. An evening at home or in a dark corner of your favourite restaurant might be just the ticket.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Have you been waiting to hear about some funds, perhaps to create a piece of art, write a book, or make a documentary film? If so, you could have a lot to celebrate today when you receive news that the money is forthcoming! Don't be surprised if there's a delay, however. The project is still going to happen, but just a little later than you'd hoped.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Someone at your workplace could suddenly find you very attractive and make no secret of it today. How you respond, of course, is up to you, but if you don't reciprocate this person's feelings, don't respond positively simply because you're flattered. This could cause trouble for you down the line, particularly if this person is in a position of authority. Hold out for the right person!

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



Your desire to respect and honour the special someone in your life clashes today with an equally strong desire to become a passionate persuader. The secret to resolving this conflict lies in knowing that the two aren't mutually exclusive. Also, if you're going to make the most of both drives, you need to tune in to your partner's thoughts and feelings.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



Have you been harbouring a secret desire for someone you believe thinks of you only as a friend? Don't be surprised if you learn differently today. This is a day when hidden passions may suddenly be revealed - and your friend could unexpectedly divulge a covert attraction to you! The only downside is that sometimes it can be a letdown when fantasies become reality.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



Today you could encounter a work colleague and suddenly feel an unexpected romantic attraction. This could catch you off guard because you never before thought about this person in that way. Before jumping in with both feet, give yourself some time to come down. You're feeling especially sensual today, so this might well pass by tomorrow.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



A sum of money that you might have been expecting from far away may be delayed. This could be frustrating for you, but don't panic. The money is indeed coming. So unless your situation is urgent, just sit back and wait. If you want to check with those who are sending it, by all means do so. However, you'll probably find that the matter is out of their hands.

Nude gunman kills four in Waffle House



Law enforcement officials work the scene of a fatal shooting at a Waffle House in the Antioch neighborhood of Nashville

Nashville, Tenn.

A man wearing nothing but a coat stormed a Waffle House restaurant in Tennessee before dawn Sunday and shot four people to death, according to police, who credited a customer with saving lives by wresting a weapon away from the gunman.

The Metropolitan Nashville Police Department said via its Twitter account that authorities are searching for 29-year-old Travis Reinking of Morton, Illinois. Police said he was named as a person of interest because the pickup truck that the gunman used to drive to the restaurant was registered to Reinking.

Police spokesman Don Aaron said three people died at the scene and one person died at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Two other

people were being treated there for gunshot wounds. Medical Center spokeswoman Jennifer Wetzel said one was in critical condition and the other was in critical but stable condition.

Aaron said the gunman arrived at the restaurant, sat in the parking lot for four minutes and shot two people with an assault rifle. The gunman then went inside and continued firing.

A 29-year-old male patron inside the restaurant grabbed the rifle from the suspect and tossed it over a counter, Aaron said.

"No doubt he saved many lives by wrestling the gun away and tossing it over the counter and prompting the man to leave," Aaron said. He called the patron a "hero."

Aaron said Reinking was

known to law enforcement both in Illinois and in the federal system.

A Waffle House spokesman didn't immediately return a telephone message seeking comment.

The victims' names weren't immediately released.

The suspect, wearing only a green jacket, shed the jacket after fleeing the restaurant. Aaron said he lived at an apartment complex in the area and, based on witness reports, went to the complex and put on a pair of pants.

Aaron said witnesses saw a man in a nearby wooded area, and police were still tracking the man, more than six hours after the 3:25 a.m. shooting.

Nashville Mayor David Briley said the shooting represents "a tragic day" for the city. (AP)

World's oldest person dies

Tokyo

A 117-year-old Japanese woman, thought to be the world's oldest person, has died, a local official told AFP yesterday.

Nabi Tajima, who was born August 4, 1900, died around 8:00 pm (1100 GMT) Saturday at a hospital on her native Kikai Island in Kagoshima region, according to Susumu Yoshiyuki, a health and welfare official.

Tajima, who became the oldest woman in Japan in

September 2015, could have been the oldest person in the world since Violet Brown of Jamaica died in September 2017 at age 117, Japanese media said.

Since Brown's death, Guinness World Records has been investigating who is the oldest person in the world and was yet to recognise Tajima as such.

The oldest man in the world is 112-year-old Masazo Nonaka of Japan, the organisation announced on April 10. (AFP)



Nabi Tajima, the world's oldest person, a 117-year-old Japanese woman

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Trump says about North Korea that the work he is doing now should have been done a long time ago. Do you agree?

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"We are a long way from conclusion on North Korea, maybe things will work out, and maybe they won't - only time will tell... But the work I am doing now should have been done a long time ago!"

-Donald Trump
U.S. President

Rest in sight

Nicaragua journalist killed while reporting



A Nicaraguan journalist was shot dead Saturday while filming a confrontation between demonstrators and the police, amid a wave of protests against the government which have left 11 people dead.

Germany's SDP elect first female chair

Germany's centre-left Social Democrats elected Andrea Nahles, a combative and outspoken former labour minister, as the first woman leader of the 155-year-old party

French tourist site evacuated after threat

Authorities evacuated Mont Saint Michel, one of France's busiest tourist sites, and were searching for a suspect who allegedly threatened to attack local security forces.

Two killed in Pak sectarian attack

Two people from the ethnic Hazara community were shot dead in a sectarian attack in southwestern Pakistan.

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17 killed as 2 dragon boats capsize in southern China

Beijing

Seventeen people were killed after two dragon boats capsized in southern China, authorities said yesterday.

The boats were practicing Saturday for a race in the Taohua River in the city of Guilin when the accident happened, said the fire department of the city of Guilin, capital of Guangxi

region.

It was not immediately clear what caused the boats to capsize.

The fire department said on its official account on the social media site Sina Weibo that search efforts ended late Saturday and 17 people had been confirmed dead. A total of 60 people fell into the water. (AP)

Armenian police detain almost 200 in protests



Law enforcement officers disperse the protesters

Yerevan

Armenian police detained three opposition leaders yesterday and held nearly 200 protesters during the latest demonstrations against the appointment of the former President Serzh Sargsyan as prime minister.

Protesters accuse Sargsyan of clinging to power after he was appointed premier this month following 10 years as president. Tens of thousands of opponents have marched through the capital Yerevan, blocking streets in the city centre and staging sit-ins.

Under a revised constitution approved in a 2015 referendum, most state powers have shifted to the prime minister while the presidency has become a largely ceremonial post.

Police said in a statement that opposition politician Nikol Pashinyan and two other lawmakers had been "forcibly removed" from the protest. A Reuters reporter witnessed the 'red berets', as Armenian special forces are known, grab one lawmaker by his hands and feet and carry him behind the police cordon. (Reuters)

Family of whistleblowing cop evicted after testimony

Yangon

The family of a Myanmar policeman who testified in court that two Reuters reporters had been set up was evicted from their police housing a day after his evidence, his wife said.

Deputy police Major Moe Yan Naing, a prosecution witness, surprised the Yangon courtroom on Friday by describing how his colleagues were ordered by a senior officer to "get"

reporter Wa Lone by handing him sensitive documents at a meeting.

The 32-year-old Myanmar journalist and his colleague Kyaw Soe Oo, 28, have been detained since they were arrested in December and accused of possessing classified papers.

The case, which has sparked global alarm over eroding press freedom in Myanmar, could see the pair jailed for up to 14 years. (AFP)

Chelsea book final against Man United



Olivier Giroud celebrates after scoring the opening goal at Wembley (Pic courtesy: AFP)

Wembley
Olivier Giroud proved the scourge of Southampton once again, setting Chelsea on course for FA Cup semifinal success and a mouth-watering clash with Manchester United.
 A week after coming off the bench to net a brace and inspire a remarkable comeback win at embattled Saints in the Premier League, the 31-year-old returned to haunt Mark Hughes' side at Wembley.
 Southampton's first FA Cup semifinal appearance since 2003 ended in disappointment as Giroud showed impressive composure to slot home a goal added to by substitute Alvaro Morata as Chelsea ran out 2-0 victors.

Ex-Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho lies in wait for Antonio Conte's men on May 19, when they can atone for last year's shock FA Cup final defeat to Arsenal -- and perhaps give their manager a victorious send-off as speculation continues over his future.
 Chelsea were firm favourites to win this semifinal and Willian hit the crossbar early in a one-sided first half, yet Saints managed to batten down the hatches.
 But just seconds after half-time that hard work was undone as Giroud was all too easily allowed to jink through and turn home a smart individual goal.
 Southampton rallied as

substitute Nathan Redmond came close, but Morata headed the Blues through to a second successive FA Cup final as Saints' dreams of adding to their 1976 triumph died.
 There were plenty of empty seats in the Southampton end on Sunday -- although perhaps that is no surprise when you factor in the terrible football that leaves them 18th in the Premier League and facing the drop.
 Such dreadful form led last year's EFL Cup finalists to be gripped by apprehension early on as Chelsea flew out of the blocks, with Eden Hazard flashing just wide before Willian struck the crossbar after cutting inside.
 Maya Yoshida produced

an outstanding last-ditch challenge to deny man-of-the-match Hazard after meek defending from Ryan Bertrand, with Willian then lifting a well-placed free kick over the bar.
 Mario Lemina's tame effort 25 minutes in was Southampton's first shot on target, but by now they had at least looked to have found a modicum of composure.
 Still, Saints' midfield was being too easily bypassed and Giroud came close with an acrobatic hooked effort as half-time approached.
 Chelsea surprisingly failed to get a shot on target in the first half, yet seconds into the second half they managed it. And it put them ahead. (PA Sport)

Arsenal beat West Ham



Lacazette celebrates scoring the fourth for The Gunners (Pic courtesy: theguardian)

London

Alate flurry of goals saw Arsenal secure a 4-1 win over West Ham in their first game since Arsene Wenger revealed he is stepping down as boss.

It took the Gunners 51 minutes to open the scoring on a day of high emotion at the Emirates as Nacho Monreal fired in his sixth goal of the season in all competitions.

Marko Arnautovic drew the Hammers level with a fine strike in the 64th minute but after a defensive error saw Aaron Ramsey put Arsenal back in front, a late Alexandre Lacazette brace made sure of the points.

Wenger made the surprise announcement on Friday morning that he will bring the curtain down on his Gunners tenure at the end of the season after almost 22 years in charge.

Arsenal did not put on a vintage display for their boss

in the first half but they had the game's first real chance as Laurent Koscielny headed narrowly wide from Granit Xhaka's corner.

Arnautovic latched onto West Ham goalkeeper Joe Hart's punt forward before bursting into the box a few minutes later, only to be dispossessed by Shkodran Mustafi before he could get a shot away.

The Austrian went close again in the 15th minute as his fierce angled shot was beaten away by Gunners goalkeeper David Ospina after some shaky defending from the hosts.

Cheikhou Kouyate then headed onto the top of the bar as West Ham began to dominate. (PA Sport)

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Barcelona lift Copa del Rey trophy



FC Barcelona's players and team members celebrate (Pic courtesy: Xinhua)

Madrid

Barcelona won their fourth successive Copa del Rey with a merciless 5-0 thrashing of Sevilla as departing hero Andres Iniesta joined the usual suspects on the scoresheet.

Luis Suarez netted twice in the first half, Lionel Messi grabbed his 40th of the season and Philippe Coutinho marked his first final for the club with a successful penalty, but it was a

rare strike from Iniesta which drew the broadest smiles in a one-sided romp at the Wanda Metropolitano.

The Spanish great is set to depart for China at the end of the campaign and he showed characteristic timing by popping up with a delicate effort before tearing up following an emotional tribute from the Barca faithful. (Esn)

Marquez explains Vinales impeding

Austin
Reigning MotoGP champion Marc Marquez says the block on Maverick Vinales that cost him pole for the Austin race happened because he was focused on keeping Andrea Iannone ahead.

Vinales was on a quick lap and set to challenge Marquez's provisional pole benchmark when he came up on the Honda rider in the final sector and was forced to back out, gesticulating angrily at Marquez as he rode past.

He recovered with his next lap, finishing four tenths off Marquez in second, before a three-place penalty for the latter promoted the Yamaha man to first place on the grid.

Speaking after qualifying, Marquez insisted he'd tried to move out of Vinales' way as quickly as he could - and that he hadn't noticed his rival sooner because he

was preoccupied with Iannone slipping slow up ahead.

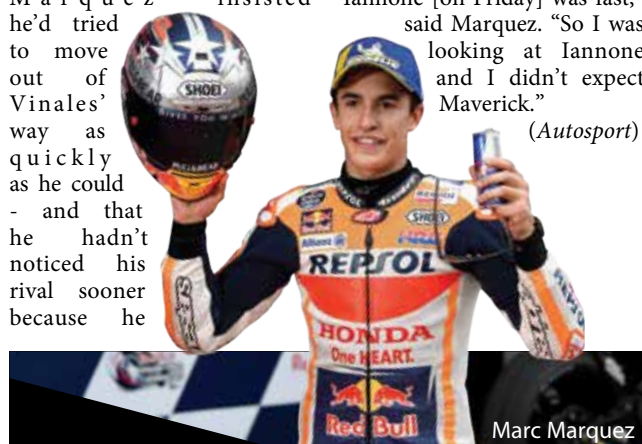
"Unluckily, I was going out of the box, I expected that nobody was coming behind and suddenly I heard an engine," Marquez recalled.

"I was looking more for Iannone than who was coming behind, and when I heard the engine I go in as quick as possible - but looks like I disturbed the lap."

Marquez explained that he was concerned about having Iannone follow him on his flying lap, given the Suzuki rider had been quick throughout the weekend.

"Here normally I don't need slipstream but I know that a fast rider behind me can improve his laptime a lot and Iannone [on Friday] was fast," said Marquez. "So I was looking at Iannone and I didn't expect Maverick."

(Autosport)



Marc Marquez

Tom Sykes' first victory ends Jonathan Rea's winning streak

Assen
Tom Sykes recorded his first World Super Bike victory of the season as he ended championship leader Jonathan Rea's Assen winning streak.

Reigning world champion Rea had claimed his eighth straight win at the Dutch circuit on Saturday.

But Sykes overshadowed the Northern Irishman this time, with Michael van der Mark (Yamaha) finishing behind the two Kawasakis to claim a

second successive podium in front of his home crowd.

Sykes started from pole and produced a dominant performance to repeat his 2013 Assen win.

Xavi Fores (Ducati) finished fourth, with Welshman Chaz Davies (Ducati) fifth and Jordi Torres (MV Agusta) sixth.

Rea's lead at the top of the championship standings from Davies now stands at 30 points. (Autosport)



Tom Sykes rides

London Marathon

Farah finishes third as Kipchoge wins

London
Britain's Mo Farah finished third at the London Marathon in a new British record as Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge won the race for a third time.

Farah kept pace with the leaders for much of the race but was two minutes and four seconds behind Kipchoge.

He crossed the line in two hours, six minutes and 21 seconds to beat Steve Jones' 33-year-old British record.

The four-time Olympic champion was competing in his first 26.2-mile race since retiring from the track.

Kipchoge - regarded as one of the greatest marathon runners of all time - was on course for a new world record but slowed in the final stages of a gruelling race in record-high temperatures to finish in 2:04:17.

That was 80 seconds outside the record held by his compatriot Dennis Kimetto.

Ethiopia's Tola Shura Kitata finished in a surprise second place, 32 seconds behind



Medallists Eliud Kipchoge (C) of Kenya, Tola Shura Kitata (L) of Ethiopia and Mo Farah of Britain celebrate (Pic courtesy: Xinhua)

Kipchoge.

Farah's only previous marathon was in London in 2014 when he finished eighth.

He returned this year having given up track racing to focus on the marathon and faced a stellar field including Kipchoge, three-time Olympic gold medallist Kenenisa Bekele and last year's London Marathon winner Daniel Wanjiru.

He beat both Bekele and Wanjiru and finished 52 seconds inside Jones' British record, set in 1985.

That was despite confusion at a water bottle station earlier in the race where he missed his drink and turned back on the course to collect a different bottle before being involved in a heated exchange with one of the motorbike safety officers as he made his way back to the front of the race.

"I was saying to the people on motorbikes to tell the staff

to be a bit helpful instead of taking pictures," Farah said afterwards.

"I wasn't wasting energy, I just needed a drink. I had to get it right."

Farah also said he was "knackered" after the race and has "a lot to learn about marathons".

"I really enjoyed today," he added.

"It's so different to being on the track, it's different pain and different training but I've enjoyed it."

"You get heavy legs. Mentally you need to be strong and pace yourself." (BBC)



Mo Farah reacts (Pic courtesy: Xinhua)

Cheruiyot claims women's elite title

London

Kenya's Vivian Cheruiyot won the 2018 London Marathon but Paula Radcliffe's 'mixed-gender' race world record remained intact.

Cheruiyot, 34, crossed the finish line in an personal best two hours, 18 minutes and 31 seconds.

That was more than three minutes slower than the 2:15:25 four-time British Olympian Radcliffe ran in 2003.

Mary Keitany and Tirunesh Dibaba had been looking to break Radcliffe's record but both faded.

Olympic 5,000m champion Cheruiyot ran her first marathon in London last year and finished fourth overall



Vivian Cheruiyot crosses the finish line (Pic courtesy: Xinhua)

before winning in Frankfurt in October.

Kenya's Brigid Kosgei (2:20:13) finished second, with Ethiopia's Tadelech

Bekele (2:21:30) third.

Keitany had been on course to break Radcliffe's record but eventually finished fifth (2:24:27) having lost the

lead she had held from the start with around five miles remaining. Great Britain's Lily Partridge (2:29:24) claimed a personal best to finish eighth, with team-mate Tracy Barlow (2:32:09) ninth.

Keitany had made her intentions clear before the race by running with male pacemakers in an attempt to overhaul Radcliffe's record.

And everything looked in control through 10km before Keitany began to pull slightly clear of Dibaba at nine and a half miles, half a minute quicker than Radcliffe.

Keitany's problems emerged with around 10 miles to go and she eventually fell 14 seconds behind the world record pace after 18 miles. (BBC)

Nadal beats Kei Nishikori 6-3, 6-2 in 93 minutes

Nadal clinches record 11th title in Monaco



Rafael Nadal celebrates with the trophy (Pic courtesy: Reuters)

Monaco
Rafael Nadal powered to a record 11th Monte-Carlo Masters title with a straight-sets victory over Kei Nishikori.

The world No 1 recovered from going a break down early in the first set to win 6-3 6-2 in 93 minutes and has now won 36 consecutive sets on clay, a run which stretches back to the first round of last

year's French Open.

None of Nadal's opponents have won more than four games in any of those sets, a statistic Nishikori looked like changing when he broke for a 2-1 lead at Monte Carlo Country Club.

However, Nadal had other ideas and broke straight back on his way to winning five of the next six games, the 31-year-old then broke Nishikori twice more in the second set to seal a 31st Masters 1000 title, one more than Novak Djokovic.

Nadal said: "I want to thank all my team and my family. We had some tough moments during

the last five months after a couple of injuries in a row. It's great to have a group of great people behind me. I can say thank you very much always for being there and supporting me when I really need it.

"It's always special for me to be back here, having this trophy. It's one of the most important events of the year for me."

After retiring with a hip injury during his Australian Open quarter-final against Marin Cilic, Nadal withdrew from the Mexican Open, Indian Wells Masters and Miami Open due to the problem. (theguardian)

Khan makes emphatic return

Liverpool

Amir Khan made a blistering return to the ring by beating Phil Lo Greco by stopping his opponent inside 39 seconds at Liverpool's Echo Arena.

The 31-year-old had not fought for two years, since being beaten by Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez in Las Vegas in May 2016, and he made up for lost time by knocking Canadian Lo Greco down twice in the early stages.

Khan, in his first bout on British soil in five years, sent Lo Greco to the canvas with a swift one-two combination inside the opening 30 seconds.

The contest was over moments later as the Briton's devastating hand speed pinned his opponent up against the ropes to ensure it was over moments after it had started.

It meant Khan delivered an emphatic statement to Kell Brook, who was watching on from ringside, ahead of a possible all-British grudge match between the two Matchroom stable mates.

Following the fight, the victorious Khan said: "I've been out of the ring for two years I've never taken a day off the gym. I've had a hand operation and the hand felt good in the fight. (PA Sport)

Madison Keys sends U.S. into Fed Cup final



Madison Keys celebrates

Stuttgart

Madison Keys battled past Pauline Parmentier of France 7-6(4) 6-4 to lead the U.S. into their second consecutive Fed Cup final in Aix-en-Provence yesterday.

Keys rallied back from 4-1 down to claim the opening set before a decisive break in the ninth game of the second ensured the victory.

Keys' victory handed the defending champions an unassailable 3-1 lead over France

in the semi-final tie before the hosts won the dead doubles rubber.

The French pair of Amandine Hesse and Kristina Mladenovic edged Vandeweghe and Bethanie Mattek-Sands 6-4 3-6 10-6.

Earlier in the day, U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens thrashed Mladenovic 6-2 6-0 to collect her second singles victory this weekend.

Stephens was aided by 25 unforced errors from world

number 20 Mladenovic, whose touch eluded her far too often in the match.

"That was a really good one. You never anticipate a scoreline like the way it turned out but it was really solid," Stephens said.

The Americans extended their winning record to 12-2 against the French.

They will defend their title on Nov. 10-11 against the Czech Republic, who reached the final by defeating Germany 4-1 in Stuttgart. (Reuters)

GB beaten by Japan to miss out on promotion

Stuttgart

Johanna Konta and Heather Watson were beaten by Miyu Kato and Makoto Ninomiya in the deciding doubles rubber.

Great Britain narrowly missed out on qualification for Fed Cup World Group II after losing the deciding set of their tie with Japan in Miki.

Johanna Konta beat Naomi Osaka 6-3 6-3 to move GB to within one win of promotion but Heather Watson was beaten 7-6 (9/7) 6-4 by Kurumi Nara as Japan levelled the tie.

Konta and Watson then joined forces in the doubles and looked set to lead

Britain to glory when they won the first set, but Japanese pair Miyu Kato and Makoto Ninomiya rallied for a 3-6 6-3 6-3 victory to send Japan, and not Britain, up.

Watson and Konta started slowly as the Japanese duo reeled off five points in a row to break the Konta serve in the opening game and then held their own serve to love to move 2-0 ahead.

However, Konta and Watson rallied to win five games in a row and take control of the set, establishing a 5-2 lead.

Kato and Ninomiya stopped the rot to get it back to 5-3 but Konta held to 15 to close out the set. (Eurosport)



Britain's Johanna Konta returns a shot

National Race Day

Shaikh Salman, Almuyni shine

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Shaikh Salman bin Isa bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa and Ahmed Almuyni dominated the final round of National Race Day at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), held over the weekend in Sakhir.

Shaikh Salman clinched both races in the BIC 2,000cc Challenge while Almuyni swept through the sprints in the Bahrain Superbike Championship (BSBK) and the Bahrain Motorcycle Racing (BMR) 600.

Hussain Al Aswad also had reason to celebrate, winning the meeting's lone race in the Bahrain Super Sport Championship (BSSP).

All the action took place around BIC's 2.550-kilometre Inner Track. Shaikh Salman enjoyed virtually a perfect weekend, topping the times in practice and securing pole position for race one during qualifying before securing his fantastic double.

Driving a Honda Civic, Shaikh Salman won the



Winners celebrate on the podium

opening 12-lap challenge in a total race time of 15 minutes 43.511 seconds. He finished 2.007 seconds ahead of Ahmed Bin Khanen and 14.857s in front of Tareq Al Tajer, who was driving a Ford Focus.

Raed Himmo in another Civic, Tim Bikin and Nasser Al Alawi in a Honda S2000 rounded out the top six.

Shaikh Salman posted the sprint's fastest lap of 1:17.391

en route to victory.

In race two, after starting from seventh on the grid, Shaikh Salman completed his double in 15:54.966. Bin Khanen was again the runner-up 1.359s back, while Al Alawi claimed the final podium place of the season a distant 20.612s from first. Birkin, Al Tajer and Mohamed Faqihi in another Civic completed the top six.

Shaikh Salman once again

had the race's best lap, clocking an ultra-quick 1:16.325.

Meanwhile, Almuyni was in a class of his own as he took on the competition in both the BSBK and the BMR 600.

In the BSBK, Almuyni captured the race one chequered flag after 11 laps in 12:52.346 – a narrow 1.252s ahead of Salman Khalaf. In third was Saska Totaro 6.592s behind.



Highlight from the race

Wesley Pearce, Kyle Martin and Masoud Behbehani completed the top six from nine competitors.

Khalaf had the fastest lap of 1:09.422 in the event.

In the second race, Almuyni led the same trio onto the podium. He won in 12:54.346, again with a small gap of 1.354s between Khalaf. Totaro came third 3.594s behind, followed by Pearce, Martin and

Behbehani.

Almuyni set the best lap for the sprint at 1:09.078.

In the BMR 600, Almuyni won the first 11-lap race in 12:56.087. He finished well clear of the field as Mohammad Al Zaidan was the runner-up 8.822s behind, while Nasser Al Khadra came third 23.286s back. All three top placers were competing in the Super Stock category.

Cricket fiesta with full throttle



The Ritz-Carlton team

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Ramada Manama City Center scored their third win of the evening of the Ritz Carlton Bahrain Inter Hotel Charity Cricket Tournament.

Ramada defeated Marriott by four wickets in a close encounter between them. Public is enjoying the

event more and more by the passage of time.

Both teams of the Ritz Carlton have scored comfortable wins whereas Farrukh from Ritz Carlton A have made a strong entry by becoming Man of the match in his first game of the tournament.

Ramada Manama City Center, Ritz Carlton

A, Diplomat Radisson Blu and Ritz Carlton B have won their matches against Marriott Executive Apartment, Golden Tulip, Move n Pick and Gulf Hotel respectively.

All winning teams have given the tough competition to all of their opponents and are hoping best to qualify for the quarter finals.

Equestrian efforts noted

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Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) general secretary Abdulrahman Askar gave thumbs up to the work undertaken by the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation to achieve its aspirations.

This came at Askar's reception of federation president Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa at the committee offices in Seef.

Askar commended the efforts of Shaikh Faisal in the development of the federation, and also extended the committee's support to the federation plans, especially the recently-launched programme 'Estijabah'.

'Estijabah', which is also known as (Response), was declared by HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman, and BOC President, in an attempt to create a new march for Bahraini sports.

BOC receives third ISO certification

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The Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) was recently received the ISO 9001 certification for its quality management system for the third consecutive year.

The certification was granted as representatives of French firm Bureau Veritas Certification, which handles the ISO certification, made some auditing procedures on BOC directorates' administrative work to ensure their commitment to the quality system.

BOC Strategic Planning manager Hasan Abdullatif attributed this achievement to the significant support from HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman, and BOC President, to the committee.

Abdullatif also noted that the efforts of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports deputy general secretary and BOC general secretary Abdulrahman Askar played a major part in the committee winning this award for the second year in a row.

He added that having granted the ISO 9001 certification is in line with the strategic plan of the committee, and asserted the hard working efforts of the Strategic Planning Directorate and coordinating together with other directorates of the committee, which contributed to this achievement.



Hasan Abdullatif



SCORECARDS

Match 1:
Marriott Executive Apartment (44 for 5 in 6 overs) lost to Ramada Manama City Center (50 for 2 in 5.4 overs) by 4 wickets. Man of the Match: Sreekanth

Match 2:

Ritz Carlton A (48 for 5 in 6 overs) defeated Golden Tulip (29 for all out in 4.1 overs) by 19 runs. Man of the Match: Farrukh Farooq

Match 3:
Diplomat Radisson Blu (70 for 2 in 6 overs) defeated Move n

Pick (4 for all out in 2.2 overs) by 66 runs. Man of the Match: Raja Shahzad

Match 4:
Gulf Hotel (36 for all out in 5.2 overs) lost to Ritz Carlton B (38 for 1 in 4 overs) by 5 wickets. Man of the Match: Vijay.



KHK MMA fight team

KHK MMA announces team to compete at Jakarta

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KHK MMA Fight Team has announced the most number of athletes to compete at the upcoming edition of Brave Combat Federation for

Jakarta, Indonesia.

Apart from holding the training camp for top Bahraini fighters, global athletes Eldar Eldarov, Mehdi Baghdad, Gamzat Magomedov, Hardeep Rai and Marat Magomedov

are the others who are a part of KHK MMA in their careers.

Hamza Kooheji and Hussain Ayyad are the Bahraini athletes who are undergoing training for Brave 12.

KHK MMA was found by His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa to nurture the growth of MMA in the region.

The facility has attracted global athletes to the Kingdom

of Bahrain for training and to access world class resources.

The national team and professional fighters who had emerged from the Kingdom of Bahrain had their training in KHK MMA gym.

Brave 12: KHK Legacy also marks for the first time maximum number of professional athletes are trained and represented to be a part of a pro MMA event from KHK MMA Bahrain.

Gamzat Magomedov to feature at Brave 12



Gamzat Magomedov (C)

DT News Network
Manama

KHK MMA Bahrain has announced to feature Gamzat Magomedov at Brave 12: KHK Legacy hosted in Jakarta, Indonesia on 11th May.

Gamzat Magomedov is a member of the KHK MMA Bahrain Fight Team. He had a successful amateur career representing KHK MMA Bahrain Team at multiple events.

Magomedov had won medals at IMMAF African Open and IMMAF World Championships.

In 2017 IMMAF World

Championships hosted in Bahrain, Magomedov secured Gold representing the Kingdom of Bahrain. The previous day Brave Combat Federation had concluded the signing of Benjamin Bennett from the United States of America who was also a 2017 IMMAF Gold Medallist in the welterweight division.

Currently Gamzat is undergoing his training camp at KHK MMA Bahrain gym alongside athletes who are set to take part in the twelfth event set to be hosted in Jakarta, Indonesia.