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London acid attack injures at least five

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 An acid attack in east London injured at least five people on Saturday, with police saying they had arrested one man, although they did not believe the incident was terror related. Police said they were called just before 8pm (1900 GMT) to the Stratford Centre, close to London's Olympic Stadium, following reports of a group of males spraying what was believed to be a noxious substance.

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Liquor, electronic cigarettes, sheesha smuggled from Bahrain seized

Terror funding forced to cut Qatar ties: FM

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 New York

Bahrain severed diplomatic relations with Qatar after the latter provided financial support and safe haven to terrorists and fugitives and spread hate and extremism via its media and institutions, Foreign Affairs Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa told the United Nations

General Assembly yesterday.

"Unfortunately, terrorism has become a tool of nations who use it to destabilize the world. We call for deterrence of states and organizations who support terrorism," Shaikh Khalid told world leaders.

Shaikh Khalid said that Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Egypt had every sovereign

right to take the decision to sever ties with Qatar after patiently waiting for their actions to change, pointing out that Doha supported terrorist acts in Bahrain to overthrow the regime.

"Terrorism is no longer confined to terrorist organizations that we can confront and eliminate. Rather, it has become a tool in the

hands of states determined to create crises in other countries in pursuit of their own agenda," he said.

"Bahrain firmly believes that maintenance of stability and security in the Middle East and in the entire world requires a strong and common political will as well as serious collective efforts to guarantee respect for the basic principles underlying

relations among states, such as good neighborliness, non-interference in the internal affairs and compliance with international conventions and instruments so that we can address the greatest challenge facing us, namely terrorism, and deter those individuals or entities supporting and financing it," he said.

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For legitimacy in Yemen



Shaikh Khalid addressing the UN

Bahrain supports the legitimate government under the leadership of President Abdrabuh Mansour Hadi, President of Yemen, Shaikh Khalid told the UN. "It is no longer acceptable that among us, there are rogue countries occupying others' territories," he told the UN.

Support for Palestine

"The Palestinian question comes on top of foreign policy priorities of the Kingdom of Bahrain which has always stood with the Palestinian people in their legitimate aspirations to enjoy all their legitimate rights, including an independent state, with East Jerusalem as its capital and within the borders of 4 June 1967, in conformity with the relevant international resolutions, the Arab Peace Initiative and the two states solution," Shaikh Khalid told the UN

Nuclear-Test Ban treaty

"The Kingdom of Bahrain stresses the need to achieve the universality of adherence to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, taking into account the right of all peoples to use nuclear power for peaceful purposes. Israel should implement the resolution issued by the Review Conference of the Parties to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty of 1995 pertaining to the Nuclear-free Middle East," Shaikh Khalid told the UN

False propaganda

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Manama

Bahrain is facing hostile propaganda orchestrated by vested interests to incite hatred, promote terrorism and defame the Kingdom, according to Faisal Fulad, General Secretary of Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society (BHRWS). More than 7,350 such hostile propaganda texts with aggressive content were circulated on social media in August alone, he said.

Fulad, who's also the General Coordinator of

the Civil Delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain to The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva, confirmed that all the materials were documented in a report published in Arabic, English and French languages to reveal the truth about the systematic campaign targeting Bahrain and the safety of its people.

"There are at least 250 fake accounts on different social media networks that have been detected while constantly targeting Bahrain and its civil security. Further investigations showed that



Faisal Fulad

these accounts were operated by individuals residing in Tehran, Beirut, London and Berlin. That is in addition to 89 aggressive articles

published by Iran-backed newspapers and websites in Arabic and Farsi languages," Fulad explained in his statement, adding that the articles aim to defame the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain, its official bodies, civil society, press, columnist and legislative authority.

Fulad also mentioned that some of the accounts belonged to banned terror groups that were responsible for the killing of various public security members and civilians here such as Al Mukhtar and Al Ashtar Brigades and February 14 Coalition. At least 230

statements, messages and media content targeting the safety of the Kingdom were posted on each day of the previous month, according to human rights activists.

The activist added that the hatred promoted by these individuals and organisations have increased since the failed coup attempt in 2011. He called them to commit to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which prohibits all calls for national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence.

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Shaikh Khalid with Antonio Guterres

FM meets UN Sec-General

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Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa met Antonio Guterres, the Secretary General of the United Nations, on the sidelines of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.


Shaikh Khalid conveyed the greetings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, 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 Prime Minister to the United Nations Secretary General, and their wishes of success in managing UN affairs at this important period for all countries.

The minister congratulated Guterres on the trust of the international community that led to his nomination to the post of UN Secretary General at a time the world organisation is facing extra burdens and

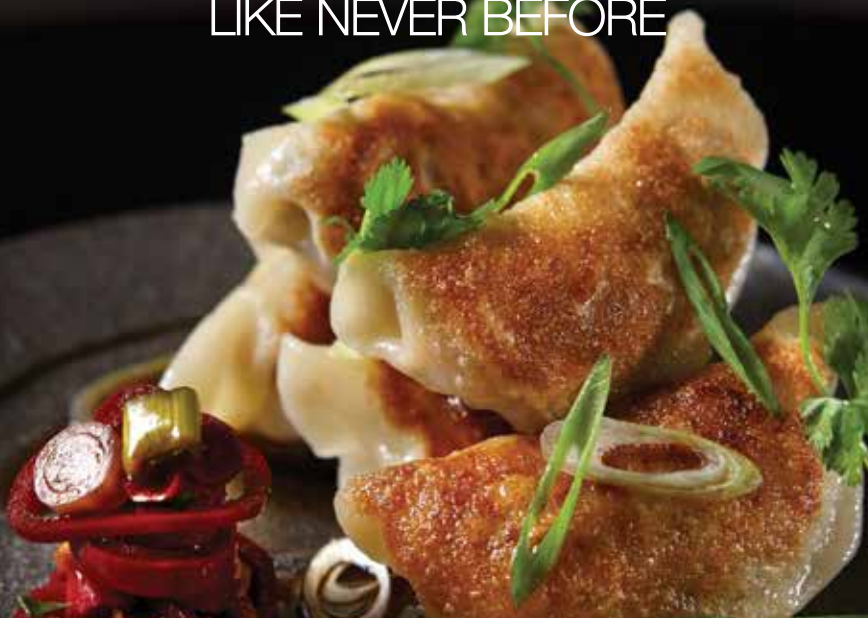
increasing tasks, especially in terms of peacekeeping, preservation of security and peace and achievement of international cooperation at multiple levels in lights of its capabilities and potentials to confront challenges and seek appropriate solutions to all developments.

The UN Secretary General conveyed his greetings to His Majesty the King, saying that he is looking forward to seeing the region which is enjoying security and stability.







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32 athletes to compete at Brave



Mohamed Shahid

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Thirty-two professional athletes will take part in the fight night hosted in Bahrain, a top Brave Combat Federation official said yesterday.

“It is a great opportunity to showcase the Kingdom of Bahrain as the leading sports destination. With athletes visiting to Bahrain from all across the world, it is a proud moment to showcase the kingdom as the focus on global attention,” said Mohammed Shahid, President, Brave Combat Federation.

On November 17, at Khalifa Sports city, 16 professional fights will be hosted featuring 32 International fighters from around the world. So far athletes have signed with the Bahrain based promotion from USA, UK, Brazil, India, Philippines, Russia and Egypt.

Brave has brought overwhelming exposure to Bahrain as the top combat sports destination in the region. Within a year of operations Brave Combat Federation has created global impact reaching out to 135 athletes from 32 different nations located across 5 continents in the world. Bahrain.

Liquor, electronic cigarettes, sheesha smuggled from Bahrain seized

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Customs authorities on the Saudi side of King Fahad Causeway have seized large quantities of liquor and other items smuggled from Bahrain. These items are banned in Saudi Arabia.

Quoting King Fahad Causeway General Director Sulaiman Al Bulaiheed, several Saudi journals mentioned that the items were seized during the recent Eid Al Adha Holidays, between August 27 and September 8.

They included 547 bottles and cans of alcoholic beverages, 225 electronic cigarettes and sheesha, 14, 111 boxes of cigarettes and more than 1, 000 boxes of molasses.

The confiscated items noticeably included more tobacco products, as new taxes were imposed on them there, raising its prices by double.

Al Bulaiheed also said that customs officials foiled attempts to smuggle banned animal drugs and around 14, 500 litres of banned petroleum products.

The Saudi Customs on King Fahad Causeway periodically announces foiled attempts to smuggle prohibited items into Saudi Arabia from Bahrain through the causeway.

The most common smuggled items are usually alcoholic beverages, drugs, weapons and sometimes humans.

Vehicles crossing the causeway are only checked on one side to save travellers' time, as announced by the customs of both the kingdoms. Cars coming from Saudi are only inspected on the Bahraini side of the causeway and vice versa.

Kingdom participates in anti-Daesh coalition meet

DT News Network
New York

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United States Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa headed Bahrain's delegation to the Anti-Daesh Coalition meeting, themed "Shaping the Peace: The Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS", held on the sidelines of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

In his remarks, the ambassador, on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, commended the efforts of the Iraqi Prime Minister, Haider Al Abadi and the Iraqi government in liberating Mosul, Tal Afar and the surrounding areas from Daesh.

Shaikh Abdullah affirmed that despite the multiple challenges, Iraqis came together, in a show of resilience and courage, to fight this existential threat to the future of their nation and expressed confidence that this spirit will continue to inspire the people of Iraq in their path to return to security and stability.

The ambassador reiterated the significant challenge

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of rebuilding Mosul and other heavily damaged areas in order to pave the way for the return of Mosul residents to their homes and cautioned the urgency of this endeavour to avoid the risk of the emergence of another terrorist organisation, looking forward to the international donor meeting to convene in Kuwait in the upcoming year.

On Syria, Shaikh Abdullah stressed on the importance of cooperation between all relevant global players and responsible regional countries to resume peace talks and pave the way for a political solution to the crisis, while ensuring the adequate provision of humanitarian

aid to all those who need it.

"In considering Syria's future, we must not ignore the threat to Syria's stability from terrorist groups such as Hezbollah. As the presence of Daesh decreases, we must put in place the proper mechanisms to prevent other terrorist groups from seizing territory and competing for influence within the Syrian state," he said.

Shaikh Abdullah reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to all aspects of the fight against Daesh and to continuing to be heavily involved in combating the financing of Daesh and similar terrorist groups, as well as to counter its deviated toxic ideology.



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Bahrain FM blasts Iran's 'evil' policies

New York

Foreign Affairs Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday lashed out at the 'evil' and 'destructive' policies followed by Iran in supporting terrorist organisation and sowing unrest in the region.

Shaikh Khalid told the United Nations that Iran is wasting people's resources to feed violence and undermine the region's security by supporting Hezbollah in

Lebanon and Syria and the militias in Yemen or the terrorist cells and groups in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq as well as in other countries.

Speaking on behalf of Bahrain at the 72nd UN General Assembly, the Minister affirmed that "establishing normal ties with Iran is subject to the latter dropping its hegemonic, sectarian, and ideological policies".

Calling on Iran to end its occupation of the three Emirati islands (Greater Tunb, Smaller Tunb and Abu Mus), the Minister said: "Iran must abide by the principles of good neighbourliness and non-interference in the internal affairs."

Expressing his support to the US President Donald Trump in this regard, the Minister stressed that the world is "obliged to confront this regime and to stop it

from pursuing its policies and its support for terrorism and obliging it to respect its neighbours' sovereignty".

Trump has threatened to bin the nuclear agreement, saying Iran is developing missiles that may be used to deliver a nuclear warhead when the deal's restrictions are lifted in 2025.

Backs Iraq, Yemen

Shaikh Khalid reaffirmed Bahrain's support for Iraq in its fight against Daesh. "We reaffirm our constant support for all efforts aimed at restoring peace and security throughout Iraq and preserving its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Referring to the situation in Yemen, the minister said Bahrain firmly support the legitimate government under the leadership of President Abdrabuh Mansour Hadi,

President of the Republic of Yemen. Shaikh Khalid told the General Assembly that Bahrain is supporting Yemen through its participation in the "Arab Coalition to support legitimacy in Yemen".

Syrian crisis

On the situation in Syria, the Minister urged the international community to exert greater efforts towards protecting civilians and saving their lives by compelling all parties to abide by the cease-fire decision. "The solution should also see the abolition of all terrorist organisations and provide peace and security to all Syrians."

The minister, also reaffirmed the General Assembly, Bahrain's support for the Astana talks and the action of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria, Staffan de Mistura in this regard.

The Minister also

expressed his concerns on the situation in Libya, Morocco and regarding the plight of Muslims in Myanmar. Deploring the excessive use of force against Rohingya Muslims, the Minister called on the Myanmar Government to assume its responsibilities in protecting the Rohingya Muslims and facilitate their access to all forms of relief and assistance.

In this regard, the minister pointed out that "terrorism is no longer confined to terrorist organisations that we can confront and eliminate."

"It has become a tool in the hands of states determined to create crises in other countries in pursuit of their own agenda," he said adding: "Bahrain remains faithful to its consistent policy of enhancing partnerships with the United Nations and its various bodies and entities in achieving a more stable and prosperous world."

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Bahrain to showcase innovation at tech week

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Bahrain will host a "Technology Week" aimed at exploring the impact of Fintech, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and cloud computing on the future of the GCC.

Announcing the decision, Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) said yesterday that the event, held from 24 to 28 September 2017, is designed to showcase and dissect how disruptive technologies and digital trends are revolutionising global industry and the regional economy.

"Technology Week" will be anchored by two major ICT and entrepreneurship events – the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Summit (25 September) and the Innovation Forum, powered by MIT Enterprise Forum Pan Arab (28, 27 September) – alongside a range of other



Khalid Al Rumaihi

exhibitions, panel discussions and talks by global leaders.

Commenting, Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chief Executive of the EDB said: "Technology Week offers a unique opportunity to showcase how technology is driving changes in productivity, business success and the diversification of regional economies."

"It is essential that Bahrain continues to foster innovative technologies and frameworks that have led to world-class companies choosing the Kingdom as their home for regional operations," he said.

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As part of the Technology Week activities, Tamkeen will be hosting a Startup Bahrain competition with a total of \$75,000 worth of prizes.

Startups will have the opportunity to compete and showcase their work for a chance to be crowned as Startup Bahrain Champion and win \$50,000 as well as a trip to Web Summit in Lisbon.

The competition will also include a \$20,000 for runner up and \$5000 for people's choice as the most voted startups on social media.

Furthermore, Batelco will offer \$3000 worth of prizes for visitors who engage actively on social media via @StartUpBahrain page.

Guinness Record set to raise cancer awareness

Harpreet Kaur/DTNN reporter@dt.bh

Manama
Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) and Think Pink achieved a Guinness World Record by hosting the biggest charity initiative yesterday.

The event, organised at the BIC, Sakhir, built the largest pink chain ribbon to raise breast cancer awareness in Bahrain and across the Gulf.

With the aim of reaching 10 kilometres overall and with each piece of ribbon measuring 20 inches, over 60,000 pieces were combined to achieve the complete distance.

The event marked the first national scale community initiative in the Kingdom – with both individuals and corporate entities participating together. It not only raised awareness on breast cancer but also raised funds to the Bahrain Breast Cancer Society.

“It was a great day for both Bahrain International Circuit



Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa

and Think Pink Bahrain. Together we have achieved a unique milestone of 13.123km, a Guinness World Record, one that we can be truly proud of. We hope that, through our efforts and best intentions, this charity initiative helps achieve our goals in further spreading the word about the importance of breast cancer awareness,” said Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa, CE of Bahrain International Circuit.

“First of all a big thank you to all the sponsors and the participants for supporting the challenge as it wouldn't

have been possible without them. This event was a clear example of how as a society we could go further, in a lot of aspects. We have beat the world record by almost five km, also this event further saw the largest number of volunteer participation any event has seen in the Kingdom, this in itself is a milestone. Further, we would like to thank everyone who believed in us and participated and helped us in reaching the world record,” said Julie Sprakel Founder President, Think Pink Bahrain Breast Cancer Society.



The pink chain ribbon formed to raise breast cancer awareness in Bahrain and across the Gulf.



Julie Sprakel

Women and the World

Meredith Ann O'Connell



Bicycles and Empowerment

Riding a bicycle hardly seems daring or controversial: the bicycle is a useful invention for transportation as well as recreational purposes. But for much of its history, the idea of women riding a bicycle has been viewed at one time or another by society as contentious. Even today, in parts of the world, the bicycle is deemed as unsuitable for women. Yet, like in times past, the bicycle has the potential to empower and transform women's lives.

When the bicycle was first invented in the late 1800s it quickly became associated with feminists in Europe and the United States. Many feminists embraced the bicycle as a means of increased mobility, as a way to encourage dress reform (as it was difficult for women to bike in layers of heavy skirts, the style of the time) and as a way to show that women, too, could be strong and active. Society tried to stop women from biking, using all sorts of methods. From long lists of rules that only applied to women to outright banning and even the warning of

experiencing the unattractive “bicycle face,” it was some time before the idea of a woman biking was not viewed as wrong or vulgar.

As the invention spread throughout the world the bicycle was met with similar resistance as the idea of a woman biking was also found to be indecent. Today, in some parts of the world, female cyclists may not be banned but they are considered unacceptable and subject to harassment. It was only until 2013 that Saudi women were permitted to ride bikes, albeit only for recreational purposes. Yet the bicycle is an important economic tool, a potential source of mobility for women who are not allowed to drive (as in Saudi) or for poor women who cannot afford a car or do not have access to reliable public transportation.

Female cyclists are trying to change the perception of women biking. In Khartoum, Sudan, the “My Bicycle for me and my Environment” initiative was launched by two women and now includes more than 2,000 female riders. The project aims to encourage girls to ride bicycles and break the perception in Sudan that bicycles are only meant for men. In Afghanistan, a national women's cycling team was created in an attempt to help make cycling more acceptable in the country.

More than one hundred years after feminists first embraced it, the bicycle still has the ability to empower women. Beyond its health and recreational purposes, the bicycle can play an important role in financially empowering women.

(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.)

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Qi Zhenhong, Chinese Ambassador to Bahrain

Build a Community of Shared Future for Mankind and Realize Mutual Benefit and Win-win Result

On the auspicious occasion of the double happiness of the Islamic New Year and the coming Chinese traditional Mid-Autumn Festival, on behalf of the Chinese Embassy in Bahrain, I would like to extend my sincere greetings and best wishes to all the Bahraini friends and Chinese nationals in Bahrain.

Firstly, Mid-Autumn Festival marks the season of harvest. In 2017, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China with Comrade Xi Jinping as the core, has promoted the coordinated development of the "Four Comprehensives" to accomplish a moderately prosperous society, deepen reform, advance rule of law, strengthen strict Party governance, and chart the course for conducting major-country diplomacy with Chinese features, which make new and great contribution to realize the Chinese dream of national renewal and achieve lasting peace and common development of the world.

In the first half of this year, China's economy grew by 6.9% and accounted for over 30% of world economic increment. China continues to remain the world's second largest economy, first biggest foreign exchange reserve country and second biggest outbound investment country.

In May, China hosted the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing. All the honored guests of 29 presidents and premiers and over 1500 representatives from 130 countries and 70 international organizations have made common consensus on development strategic synergy in keeping with the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, which will continue to work for bigger progress in the Belt and Road Initiative to enhance policy coordination, facilities connectivity, unimpeded trade, financial integration and people-to-people bond.

The 9th BRICS Summit and Dialogue of Emerging Market and Developing Countries which just successfully concluded in Xiamen, China, reviewed the BRICS cooperation of the past decade, mapped out a blueprint for its future development and set sail on a new journey of second "Golden Decade" of BRICS cooperation. The new proposed "BRICS+" model will lend a strong impetus to deepening South-South cooperation and global development cooperation.

Currently, China is experiencing and undergoing the most prosperous and flourishing development. China has never been so close to the center of the world stage, so close to fulfilling the Chinese dream of national renewal, so confident and able to realize this goal.

China is always ready to joint hands with all the people in the world to realize mutual benefit and win-win result and build a human community with shared destiny.

Secondly, Mid-Autumn Festival represents the season of reunion. Friendship between China and Bahrain dates back to ancient times and old Silk Road. Since the establishment of diplomatic ties of 28 years, our bilateral relations have kept favorable momentum of development. The high-level exchanges have become more frequent, mutual trust has been constantly strengthened, economic cooperation has been greatly promoted, cultural and educational exchanges have achieved great success. China and Bahrain have become a friendly partner of mutual understanding and trust, a cooperative partner of win-win result and a respectable partner of learning from each other and mutual benefit.

I do believe that the comprehensive cooperation between China and Bahrain is bound to face great and historical opportunity, especially with the integration and implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative and Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030, and our bilateral relations will have more beautiful prospects!

All the Chinese nationals in Bahrain are the witnesses and contributors of the bilateral friendship and cooperation. The Chinese Embassy and all the Chinese nationals in Bahrain will unite up to make great efforts to promote the economic and social development of Bahrain and write the new chapter for our bilateral relations.

Thirdly, Mid-Autumn Festival symbolizes the season of new hope. The 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China will convene on 18 October in Beijing. The congress is a very important meeting to be held when China is striving for its final victory for achieving a moderately prosperous society in an all-round way, and at a critical time for the development of socialist with Chinese characteristics. China's domestic and foreign policy will definitely keep stable and countinuous. The congress will thoroughly examine the current international and domestic situation, take into account the new requirements for the development of the Party and the country as well as new expectations from the people, and draw out guidelines and policies that respond to the call of the times, to achieve the final victory of building a moderately prosperous society in an all-round way and to create new prospect for socialism with Chinese characteristics!

Bahrain TV celebrates National Day

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Bahrain Television celebrated the anniversary of the founding of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with great fanfare yesterday, dedicating its programmes to its 87th National Day. Special tributes were paid to the two neighbouring countries highlighting fraternity and friendship. Patriotic songs were played lauding the achievements of Saudi Arabia since it was established by King Abdulaziz Al Saud, the founder of the Kingdom.

The programmes highlighted the progress of Saudi Arabia into a

Kingdom with its special standing among Arab and Muslim countries and its advanced international status. The myriad aspects of life in Saudi Arabia were also portrayed in the programmes.

Saudi anchors were brought in to present some of the programmes, a gesture that indicated the depth of the media cooperation between the two kingdoms.

Officials interviewed on Bahrain Television praised the advances accomplished by Saudi Arabia in several fields and the prosperity enjoyed by the people.

On Friday, Minister of Information Affairs Ali bin

Mohammed Al Romaihi hailed in a statement to Saudi Press Agency the pivotal role of Saudi Arabia in serving Islam and championing the Arab and Islamic causes.

"Saudi Arabia is a pioneering model for regional and international peace, security and stability, led by Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud," Al Romaihi said. The minister paid tributes to late monarch King Abdulaziz Al Saud, who laid the foundations of a modern state with a spiritual stature in the heart of the Arab and Islamic nations.

Saudi marks national day with fireworks and concerts

Hundreds of women thronged a sports stadium for the first time to mark Saudi Arabia's national day, celebrated across the kingdom with a raucous display of concerts, folk dance and fireworks.

HM greets Saudi King



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of congratulations to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud on the occasion of Saudi Arabia's National Day.

HM the King expressed his best wishes of health, happiness and

long life to King Salman and of further progress and prosperity to the people of Saudi Arabia, under his wise leadership.

PM greets Saudi Prince



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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to the Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Defence Minister, Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud on the National Day of Saudi Arabia, expressing pride in the great role played by Saudi, under the leadership of

the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, to enhance joint Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) action. HRH Premier wished the Saudi Crown Prince abundant health and happiness, and the brotherly Saudi people further progress and prosperity.

National Day greetings



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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, has sent a cable of congratulations to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud on the National Day of Saudi Arabia.

HRH the Crown Prince wished King Salman abundant health, happiness and long life, and further progress and prosperity to the brotherly Saudi people.

The Crown Prince sent a similar congratulatory cable to the Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Defence Minister, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud.

Riyadh

With iconic buildings bathed in green light and planned cultural shows, concerts and fireworks, Saudi Arabia geared up to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the kingdom yesterday.

Car stereos blared patriotic songs as citizens began racing through the streets of the capital Riyadh at midnight in cars bedecked with the national flag to mark the annual event in the kingdom, founded in the 1930s.

"On this great occasion, we feel that the kingdom has become an important state with a pioneering role at the regional and international levels," Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said in a speech cited by the official Saudi Press Agency.

"What our country is witnessing today is due to the continuation by King Salman of what has been done by the former kings of this country of giving, goodness and development as well as efforts to serve Islam and support Muslims," he said.

The 32-year-old prince is set to be the first millennial to occupy the throne in a country where half the population is under 25, though the timing of his ascension remains unknown.

"The kingdom is an active member in the G20, the world's strongest 20 economies, and is keen to achieve the kingdom's Vision 2030 that represents the beginning of a new phase of hard work for a better future, with the same Islamic values," Prince Mohammed said in his speech.

The Crown Prince also reiterated the Kingdom's resolve to root out

terrorism and extremism. "Under the leadership of King Salman, this country has affirmed its right to uphold the truth and commitment to its principles to achieve justice as well as its quest for the achievement of regional security and world peace."

The kingdom's General Entertainment Authority is hosting 27 events across 17 cities to celebrate national day, including concerts, laser shows and firework displays.

Celebrations with the motto of "Strengthening Social Bonds," began on Thursday and will run through Monday in Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam, Hail, Alkhobar, Jazan, Abha, Onaiza, Tabuk, Sakaka, Jubail, Yanbu, Hafr Al-Batain, Hofuf, Madinah and Najran.

The festivities are part of a government bid to boost national pride and improve the quality of life for Saudis.

The main highlight will be a cultural event at the King Fahd stadium in Riyadh, where women have been invited for the first time to attend celebrations with their families, opening up a previously male-only venue. The presence of women at the King Fahd stadium marks a departure from previous celebrations in the Gulf kingdom where they are effectively barred from sports arenas by strict rules.

Women were allowed to enter the stadium, a previously male-only venue used mostly for football matches, with their families and seated separately from single men to watch a musical show and a play on Saudi history.

"We hope in the future that there will be no restrictions on our entrance to the stadium," Um Abdulrahman, a woman from the northwestern city of

Tabuk, told AFP.

As a swell of enthusiastic women cheering swept through the stadium, with a few wearing colourful wigs on top of their veils, some Saudi men on social media lauded their participation as a "historic" moment.

"Looks like women bought all the tickets!" one Saudi man quipped on Twitter.

The General Entertainment Authority, the government agency organizing the National Day festivities, expects some 1.5 million Saudis to attend events in 17 cities over four days.

Saudi chefs in the Red Sea city of Jeddah broke the Guinness world record for baking the biggest marble cake -- with green icing -- to mark national day, the government said. (Agencies)



Saudi families sit in a stadium to attend an event in the capital Riyadh

A Saudi boy flashes the victory gesture while carrying a flag bearing the image of the king

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Executive Chef Brian Becher

Petrol prices surge in North

North Korea's intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), Hwasong-14 being launched at an undisclosed place in North Korea

Pyongyang

Petrol prices are being pumped higher in Pyongyang in the wake of United Nations sanctions restricting exports of oil products to nuclear-armed North Korea.

Retail prices have gone up around 20 percent in two months in the capital -- and are now more than double what they were at the beginning of the year.

Two weeks ago the UN Security Council imposed its eighth set of sanctions on the North in an effort to rein it in following its sixth nuclear test, which Pyongyang said was a hydrogen bomb.

Under leader Kim Jong-Un, North Korea has made rapid progress in its weapons programmes, and it launched two intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) in July that appeared to bring much of the US mainland into range.

The latest UN sanctions for the first time imposed limits on supplies to the North of the fuel it needs to keep its citizens and soldiers moving. North Korea has few hydrocarbons of its own.

China confirmed in a statement late Friday it would adhere to the new sanctions from October 1. Exports of refined products will be

China says will limit oil

China will limit exports of refined petroleum products to North Korea starting October 1, its commerce ministry said.

In a statement posted to its website, the ministry reiterated the terms of the latest resolution, writing that UN member states would not export more than 500,000 barrels of refined petroleum products to the North in the final three months of 2017, and 2 million annually starting next year. "Chinese

government authorities will issue a notice based on the export situation when approaching the upper limit, and from that date implement a prohibition on exports of refined oil products to North Korea for the year," it said.

It added that China has issued a "comprehensive ban on imported textiles" from North Korea, reiterating another clause of the new sanctions that prohibits trade in both fabric and clothing.

capped at 2 million barrels a year beginning in 2018.

Under the sanctions, crude oil exports are limited to current levels.

According to the US mission to the United Nations, Beijing provides Pyongyang with around 4 million barrels a year of crude oil, and 4.5 million barrels of refined oil products such as petrol and diesel.

There is a livelihood exemption in the rules, but the measures would seem to amount to a cut of more than 55 percent in oil

product supplies, and it appears to be having an effect in Pyongyang.

In North Korea petrol is sold by the kilogram rather than the litre, and payment in hard currency is required for retail buyers.

"It was \$1.90 yesterday, today it is \$2," said a petrol station employee. "I expect the price will go up in the future."

In January prices were below \$1 per kilogram, and stood at around \$1.65 in July, so they have gone up about 20 percent in the last two months and more than doubled so far this year. (AFP)



In line with its strategy to promote Bahrain as a destination-wedding venue, The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain recently held a three-day familiarization trip for eight seasoned wedding agents and planners from India, showcasing the beauty of the island through its white sandy beach, cerulean seas and manicured gardens. The event, held in association with Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority and Visit Bahrain, hosted representatives from different wedding planning companies in New Delhi and Mumbai. Commenting on the initiative, Soufiane El Allam, Executive Assistant Manager for Sales and Marketing said, "After the great success of the recent Indian Wedding held in April of this year, The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain gracefully welcomes the select wedding planners and introduce the island as the newest venue for luxurious Indian weddings."

Facebook backs off plan for non-voting shares

San Francisco

Facebook on Friday reversed course on a plan to issue a new non-voting class of shares, avoiding a public trial in a suit filed by investors in the huge social network. The plan unveiled last year had been designed to allow founder and chief executive Mark Zuckerberg to maintain voting control as he divests to fund a philanthropic initiative with his wife Priscilla.



Greece to be under supervision

Athens

Greece will remain under supervision after it exits its current bailout and Athens must achieve "economic and political stability," the head of a group of Eurozone finance ministers said yesterday. Greece has received two multi-billion euro bailouts since 2010. The third rescue programme runs to August 2018 and Athens then hopes to fully return to market financing.



In Greece we will also have a supervision programme especially since there are outstanding debts with long repayments. In 2016, direct foreign investments were the highest in the last 10 years and in 2017 further improvement is expected."

-Alexis Tsipras,

Greek Prime Minister



Bahrain Financial Company's 100 Year Bonanza Campaign

PRIZE DRAW

Supported by Zayani Motors, the Kingdom's exclusive distributor of Mitsubishi, Peugeot, MG and FUSO, Bahrain Financial Company's 100 Year Bonanza Campaign came to an end. The third and final draw took place recently, revealing the last prizewinner.

2017 Mitsubishi ASX

Marilou Ignacio Basangan became the lucky owner of a brand new 2017 Mitsubishi ASX. She was handed her prize at BFC's Manama Branch, in the presence of the BFC team and Zayani Motors officials, Mohammed Zaki, General Manager, and Samya Alkindi, Marketing Manager, who congratulated the winner.

100 Year Bonanza

The 100 Year Bonanza Campaign was launched by BFC to celebrate its hundredth anniversary. From 28 May to 4 September, customers conducting banking transactions were given the chance to win amazing prizes during monthly draws, the largest being the three cars provided by Zayani Motors.

"I am absolutely thrilled. I can't express enough thanks to BFC and Zayani Motors for giving me this opportunity."

- Basangan, winner

"Once again we sincerely thank Zayani Motors for their esteemed cooperation with us. Their provision of three brand new cars greatly aided the success of our campaign, celebrating a century of banking excellence."

- Pancily Varkey, General Manager of BFC

"We are very pleased to witness the success of 100 Year Bonanza Campaign, supported by us. At Zayani Motors, we pride ourselves on our contributions to campaigns by various companies and institutions."

- Mohammed Zaki, General Manager

Google to help news outlets win subscribers

San Francisco

Google is seeking ways to help publishers win paying subscribers for news stories, a person close to the matter said.

To this end, the US internet giant is collaborating with NewsCorp, the Financial Times, and the New York Times, according to the source.

Google was said to be ramping up its support for subscription services in recognition of the fact that such revenue is vital for publishers who can't rely on advertising alone for financial survival.

Google declined to comment on word of this latest effort.

"We work closely with news publishers across the world to build products that help support their business and add value to users," Google spokesperson Maggie Shiels said in response to an AFP inquiry. "At the moment we don't have



Representative picture anything to announce." Google already uses its technology to let readers of online news subscribe to publishers with a single click, in an internet age spin on tossing a free copy of a newspaper on a doorstep in the hope people sign-up for daily deliveries.

Google chief executive

Sundar Pichai has made a priority of investing in artificial intelligence, and has spoken publicly about infusing the company's array of offerings with software smarts.

Artificial intelligence could be combined with troves of data at Google to try to better win over potential news subscribers. Publishers have complained at times that Google is making money off their work by surfacing stories in search results.

Google has countered that it shares revenue with publishers, drives traffic to their websites where stories are hosted, and that they can opt not to show up in search results.

The need to support reliable news organizations has been highlighted by controversy over bogus stories crafted to influence politics, promote social division, or simply rake in online ad revenue. (AFP)



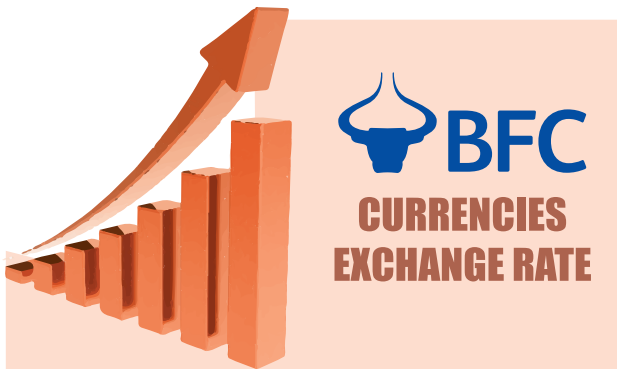
Mohammed Zaki (fifth from right) handing over the prize to the winner in the presence of senior officials from both companies



Khaleeji Commercial Bank (KHCB) conducted a workshop on 'Corporate Governance' in co-ordination with GFH Financial Group on 19th September at the Four Season Hotel, Bahrain Bay. Presented by Professor Nabil El-Hage, from PR Academy of Executive Education LLC based in San Juan, Puerto Rico USA, the one-day workshop was held in the presence of Chairman of KHCB's Board, Dr. Ahmed Khalil Al Mutawa, Tawfeeq Mohamed Bastaki, Acting CEO of KHCB, members of management, board and executives from both organisations.



Did You Know?
Many of you may know this, but despite the vote to leave the EU being a majority one, it wasn't an overwhelming majority, with only 51.9% of voters opting to leave. Also, while England and Wales voted to leave the EU, Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to stay. The close-call nature of this vote may make one wonder if many in Britain still want to be a part of the EU, something quite difficult now.



COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.3080	0.3055
BANGLADESH	0.00476	0.00465
CANADA	0.3124	0.3092
DENMARK	0.0639	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0217
EURO	0.4587	0.4562
HONGKONG	0.04969	0.04929
INDIA	0.00606	0.00586
INDONESIA	0.00003055	0.00002899
IRAN TUMAN	0.000323	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000304	
JAPAN	0.00353	0.003460
JORDAN	0.5350	0.5354
KOREA	0.00038297	
KUWAIT	1.249	1.249
MALAYSIA	0.0924	0.0921
NEW ZEALAND	0.2819	0.2820
NORWAY	0.0506	
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PHILIPPINES	0.00766	0.00745
QATAR	0.2831	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10058	0.10066
SINGAPORE	0.2849	0.2829
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THAILAND	0.011620	0.011600
TURKEY	0.1140	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5180	0.5151
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102500	0.102840
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37790	0.37800
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KUWAIT	0.2855	32.0274	0.2930	0.2545
OMAN	0.3849	0.3750	0.3951	0.3431
QATAR	3.6420	3.5484	3.7381	3.2466
UAE	3.6730	3.5786	3.7699	3.2742
SAUDI	3.7500	3.6536	3.8489	3.3428

Britain asks for transition deal after Brexit



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May delivers her Brexit speech at the Complesso Santa Maria Novella in Florence, Italy

Florence
British Prime Minister Theresa May on Friday called for a two-year transition after Brexit in which Britain would largely maintain its current ties with Brussels, in a charm offensive intended to unlock stalled negotiations with the European Union.

In a major speech in Florence, May promised to meet Britain's existing EU budget commitments until 2020 and outlined new legal guarantees for the rights of around three million EU nationals living in Britain.

She also committed to maintaining Europe's security, saying in a direct pitch to EU leaders: "We want to be your strongest friend and partner as the EU and UK thrive side by side."

A fourth round of negotiations with the European Commission is due to start next week, with London keen to make progress on the terms of the

Moody's lowers Britain's rating

Washington
Moody's cut Britain's long-term credit rating, citing economic uncertainty sparked by complex Brexit negotiations and the likelihood of weaker public finances.

The ratings agency cut the debt grade one notch to Aa2 from Aa1 with a stable outlook, which reflects expectations Britain's debt will "continue to rise," and worries that whatever trade agreement is reached with

the European Union, even a "best-case scenario would not award the same access to the EU... that the UK currently enjoys."

Moody's predicted "weaker public finances going forward" as the government boosts welfare spending after several years of cuts and Prime Minister Theresa May's parliamentary coalition faces pressure to make good on promises to boost spending for Northern Ireland.

divorce so that talks can move on to trade.

May said she wanted a transition period after Brexit in March 2019 of "around two years" during which "access to one another's markets should continue on current terms" for Britain and the EU.

She also promised to

honour Britain's financial commitments for the remainder of the EU's current budget plan. Britain's contributions for two years would be at least 20 billion euros (£18 billion, \$24 billion) -- though this falls well below European estimates of Britain's total Brexit bill.

The EU's chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier welcomed the "constructive spirit" of the speech, but said he would wait to hear the "concrete implications" -- particularly on the money.

He said that if Britain wanted to continue to benefit from access to the single market after it leaves the EU, all existing rules must apply.

French President Emmanuel Macron noted "advances" and "openings" in May's speech.

"The signals sent by the British prime minister show a willingness" ahead of next week's round of negotiations, he told reporters.

But Brexit campaigner Nigel Farage expressed outrage at the idea, saying: "Theresa May's Brexit vision is that we leave the EU in name only. All areas of integration we have currently will be rebaded." (AFP)



Gulf Hotels Group donated BD1,000 to support Al Areen Wildlife Park as part of the Group efforts to contribute in creating all means and possibilities to protect and enhance the wealth of the wildlife. The Gulf Hotels Group Chief Executive Officer, Garfield Jones, handed over a cheque for the amount to Dr. Ismail Mohamed Al Medani, General Coordinator of Al Areen Wildlife Park at his office in the presence of Ron Peters, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Gulf Hotels Group

The only thing more expensive than education is ignorance
- Benjamin Franklin



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Royal University of Women holds Orientation day



Manama

The Office of Student Affairs at the Royal University for Women (RUW) held its annual Student Orientation Programme on 17 and 18 September 2017.

The programme, according

to RUW President Prof. Mazin Jumah, is an integral part of welcoming new students to the RUW family as well as a broader plan to provide world-class educational services.

An overview of the services

offered by RUW, including extra-curricular activities, student clubs activities and other facilities, were given on the occasion by, Sameeneh Shirazie, Director of Student Affairs.

"RUW provides world-

class resources that serve the students and aimed at becoming one of the region's leading university devoted to the higher education of women," she said.

Essra Haji, President of the RUW Student Council,

detailed the activities planned for the new academic year by the council and extended full support of the student-led body to the students.

A campus tour and other familiarising activities were

also held on the occasion. Students were also provided with an opportunity to meet the representatives of various Clubs and Council as well as Alumnae of the Royal University for Women.

Students summer camp a big success, says INJAZ Bahrain



Manama

INJAZ Bahrain announced it has successfully concluded the latest edition of its summer camp with the participation of over 350 students and 55 volunteers from Bahrain's primary and secondary schools as well as university interns.

The camp titled 'INJAZ Bahrain Summer Camp 2017' was held during the months of July and August at the premises of INJAZ Bahrain's partnered companies.

Commenting on the initiative, Hana Sarwani, INJAZ Bahrain's COO, said: "INJAZ Bahrain is dedicated to providing Bahrain's youth with exciting and educational

initiatives aimed to equip them with the skills and tools to succeed as Bahrain's future business leaders."

The camp delivered hands-on activities and programmes designed to provide students with necessary skills and practical experience in dealing with real-world business scenarios.

Additionally, as part of its summer activities, INJAZ Bahrain participated in the annual 2030 Youth City event in its seventh year. The event, organised by Bahrain's General Organisation for Youth and Sports (GOYS), provided the platform for INJAZ Bahrain to offer its

signature Company and ICAMP programmes.

INJAZ Bahrain is a non-profit organisation established in 2005 as part of Junior Achievement Worldwide, aimed at inspiring and preparing youth to succeed in a global economy. INJAZ Bahrain programmes focus around three pillars: Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy, and Work Readiness. The programmes are offered by hundreds of volunteers from across the private sector institutions every year. Over the past 12 years, more than 130,000 students benefited from the 15 programmes that the organisation offers.



Bahrain Indian School (BIS) organised a 'Fire & Safety' workshop at its campus for its staff and senior students. Officers from Civil Defence School, Ministry of Interior, conducted the workshop on 14 September 2017. Saqib Raza (Rank Areef) and Yusuf Wali (Rank R/A) were the guest speakers. During the two-hour long session, Saqib Raza briefed the audience on how to tackle emergency situations, use of different fire extinguishers as well as necessary precautions to be taken to avoid incidents/mishaps. It was followed by an interactive Q & A session where he shared safety tips with the audience. School Director Ritu Verma handed over appreciation letters to the presenters. Above, highlights of the event



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday met the members of the American Jewish Committee on the sidelines of the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly in New York City. During the meeting, the minister discussed ways to promote strategic partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United States of America in all fields. They also discussed regional and international issues of common concern



Minister of Housing Basim Alhamer received a delegation from the US Congress on the occasion of their visit to Bahrain. Discussion focused on enhancing bilateral cooperation and the housing services provided by the Bahraini government for citizens with limited income as well as criteria and policies followed by the ministry in implementing housing projects in the kingdom



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza received a delegation from the US Congress officer Kujtim Hyseni. The delegation was accompanied by Jamil Al-Husseini. They discussed various activities and programmes of the company and their desire to develop clean and green energy



Commander of the Coast Guard, Commodore Alaa Abdullah Sayadi, received Commodore Steve Dainton the Commander of the British Naval Component. The meeting discussed various means of boosting the bilateral cooperation as well as various topics of shared interest



Deputy General Director of Traffic honoured a number of university law students after completing their internship at the department. He hailed their dedication and wished them all the best. The students were trained at the traffic's legal affairs department



A delegation of students participated in an internship program at the traffic department, M...



Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) Bahrain Chapter held a meeting at K-Hotel to review the progress of GOPIO biennial meeting in January 2018. In addition to prominent speakers like Sam Pitroda, Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Lord Billimoria, Lord Loomba, Lord Dilgit Rana, several other speakers from various countries will attend the three-day global event. Leading businessmen from over 40 countries including Africa and other countries have agreed to work in partnership with Veritas Public Relations WLL to conduct the event in the presence of the Global Ambassador of GOPIO Sunnykulathakal. Above, Dr. George Cherian President of Bahrain Chapter handing over the MOU to Abraham M...



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday held discussions with the Minister of Foreign and Expatriates Affairs of the brotherly Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Ayman Safadi, on the sidelines of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 72) in New York. During the meeting, they reviewed the fraternal relations between Bahrain and Jordan and ways to develop them in all fields for the benefit of the brotherly countries and peoples



Minister of Finance Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa yesterday participated in a workshop jointly organised by the Finance Ministry and the World Bank, held under the title "Financing Government Capital Expenditure through PPPs. The Minister praised the bank's expertise in providing financing to infrastructure projects and highlighted the great potential for Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) as an efficient and reliable financing tool



Minister of Finance received a delegation from United Science and Capital, headed by its chief executive officer, Jamil Ali Abdul Aal Group Chairman Jamil Ali Abdul Aal. The minister was briefed on the open prospects for joint cooperation in existing and future projects in the fields of



Southern Governor Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa visited a majlis in the village of Zallaq. Shaikh Khalifa stressed the importance of reaching out to citizens and hearing their needs and pledged to continue field visits



Minister of Finance received a delegation from the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority (BTEA) to attend the 'Seatrade Europe' exhibition held in Germany. The event was also attended by representatives from the Economic Development Board, At Bahathias Tourism and Visit Bahrain



Palakkad Arts & Cultural Theatre (PAACT) celebrated PAACT Onam 2017 on 22 September at Jashanmal Auditorium, Indian School Bahrain. Chief Guest of the event was Shafi Parambil MLA



A convention and the Pravasi Sammelan to be held at Gulf Hotel Convention Center from 7 to 9 September. The event will have the participation of Union Ministers, Chief Ministers, present and former Prime Ministers of Indian Origin from various states. The MoU was signed between GOPIO Bahrain Chapter President George Cherian and Veritas International, Managing Director of Veritas. Sunnykulathakal can be seen at the centre



Middle East School organised a seminar-workshop on 'Reinventing the Classroom through Differentiated Instruction' for English-speaking Teachers at the School Library. Assistant Principal/ HoD- English Edna Hisoler conducted the seminar

CELEBS

Ellen DeGeneres @TheEllenShow
I'm not telling you to go see #Kingsman just because @ChanningTatum & @HalleBerry are my friends. But they are, in case you were wondering.



Aaron Carter checks into rehab



Los Angeles

Singer Aaron Carter has checked into rehabilitation centre to improve his health, his representative confirmed.

"Aaron (Carter) has decided to enter a facility to improve his health and work on his overall wellness," Aaron's publicist, Steve Honig told the *hollywoodreporter.com*.

Honig added: "He is going to do this privately and focus all his attention on being the best person and performer possible. He is grateful for the support and love from his fans and looks forward to coming back stronger than ever before."

The singer was arrested in July on charges of driving under the influence, possession of marijuana and possession of drug-related objects. (IANS)

Meyer calls Tobey the 'best ex on the planet'

Jennifer Meyer, the 42-year-old, separated from Tobey Maguire, 42, after nine years of marriage last October, still considers him as her best friend.

In an interview, Meyer said, "I don't know what I would do without him, Tobey's my best friend. I lucked out in the biggest of ways. He's still very sweet to me."

In May, the Spider-Man actor asked Meyer what she wanted for Mother's Day. She said, "Three hours alone to cozy up in bed and watch 'Big Little Lies'."

To which he replied, "He was like, 'that's it, that's all you want?' and I was like, 'yep.' I wanted brunch and a big dinner with our kids, but some binge-watching in between." (TOI)



TOM SURPRISED BY HIS LONG STINT IN 'THOR' FRANCHISE

Los Angeles

Actor Tom Hiddleston is surprised that he is still playing Loki in "Thor" film franchise, and says it is a huge responsibility to find new sides of the fictional character with every outing.

"Every time I play Loki, the challenge is to find new ways of playing him," Hiddleston said in a statement.

"It is a source of constant surprise to me that I'm still here. I never expected that when I started playing him. I feel a huge responsibility to deliver the character people know, even though it's been four years since I last played him, and also to try to take him in new directions," he added.

He will be back in the third part "Thor: Ragnarok". Hiddleston describes Loki as a "mercurial character". (IANS)



STARRY
Birthday
Ben Platt

September 24, 1993

Stage actor who had his breakout film role as Benji in the 2012 comedy film, *Pitch Perfect*. His rendition of "I've Got the Magic in Me" earned him a Teen Choice Award nomination for Male Scene Stealer.

I'm excited to have a child one day

Los Angeles

Actress Shailene Woodley says she is excited to have a child one day and will empower them to be an individual, but will not give them a false reality about the world.

Talking about being a mother, the actress said in a statement: "I'm excited to have a child one day, but I want to be very cautious and aware - you need to give your child power, empower them to be an individual, but at the same time, not give them a false reality of what the real world is like."

She said her mother is a parent coach. (IANS)



IT IS COOL TO BE A MARVEL SUPERHERO

Actor Benedict Cumberbatch said even though he is late to the genre of superheroes, it is 'very cool' to be a part of Marvel Cinematic Universe.

The 41-year-old actor, who played superhero Doctor Strange, is set to reprise his role in both 'Thor: Ragnarok' and 'Avengers: Infinity War'.

"It's 10 years coming. It's just a huge, huge amount of work, huge amount of story lines and it's all sort of pointing to this confrontation. It's amazing to be part of it even though I'm late to the party. It's a very cool to be part of it," he told. (TOI)



Acting helped Stone to cope with anxiety

Oscar winner Emma Stone has revealed that she has been dealing with anxiety since her childhood.

The actor, said she had been in therapy for anxiety while she was just seven. "I was a very, very anxious child and I had a lot of panic attacks.

I benefited in a big way from therapy - I started it at seven. Acting and improvisation helped me so much," she said. Stone said while growing up she never believed that she would be able to leave Arizona but she moved to Hollywood for a career in acting when she was 15. (TOI)



Chris Martin of music group Coldplay performs onstage during the 2017 iHeartRadio Music Festival at T-Mobile Arena yesterday in Las Vegas, Nevada (AFP)

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ISB MEGA FAIR AND FOOD FESTIVAL



Date: October 12 & 13
Venue: Isa Town campus

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

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

FIRST INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL



Date: October 6
Venue: Royal Golf Club golf course

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

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

The festival will feature internationally acclaimed acts such as Electric Swing Circus (UK), The Ska Vengers (India), The Speakeasies Swing Band (Greece), Swing Zazou (UK) and the Dihann Moore & the SheGroovee Band (USA) as well popular local acts AQ's Jazz Experience, Mohammed Rashid Trio featuring Banah and Captain Tea. The family friendly event is open to all ages and starts at 12noon until 10 pm and will host activities for the whole family such as interactive children's tents, food trucks, corporate hospitality areas, activation zones and all day markets.

THE MACAO CHINESE ORCHESTRA



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

Celebrating International Tourism Day and coinciding with the Chinese Cultural Days, The Macao Chinese Orchestra, founded in 1987, will bring the distinguished music of the Chinese nation to the Kingdom of Bahrain. In recent years, the Macao Chinese Orchestra has made an open recruitment of new instrumentalists from Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Malaysia. Since it welcomed this "new blood", the orchestra has constantly enhanced its level of performance and received critical acclaim from the musical circle both inside and outside of China. The Macao Chinese Orchestra will be performing both traditional and modern pieces. In addition to exploring and developing symphonic orchestral traditional Chinese music, they will be emphasizing on performing commissioned works that feature elements of Macao's culture. Organically integrating both Chinese and Western cultures, these works are novel, elegant and unique.

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Date: Fridays 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm
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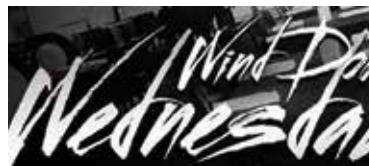
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Date: September 28
Venue: Airmech WLL

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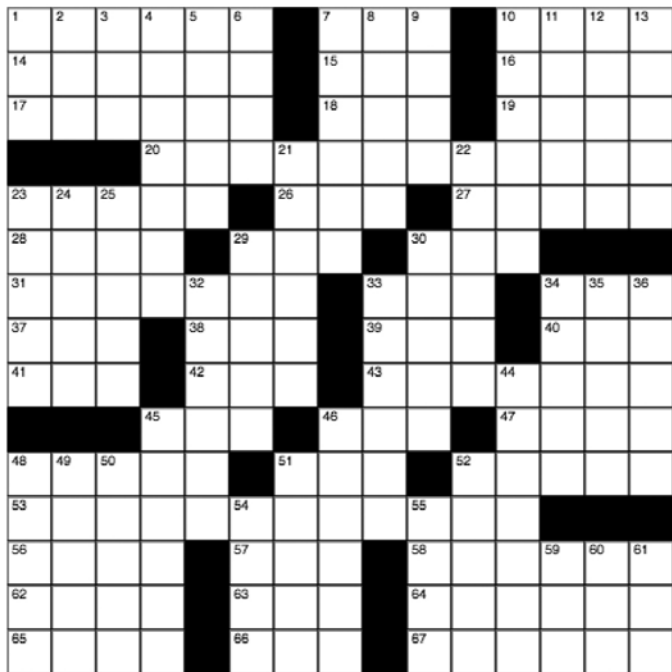
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How to play:

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

Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



You might host a gathering of friends and neighbours interested in astrology, tarot, numerology, or other forms of psychic focus. You'll probably enjoy yourself, both because of the information discussed and the camaraderie between you and your guests. This might have been planned as a one-time thing.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



This could prove a busy day for you. You may attend at least one party, or perhaps just meet with a group of friends for drinks or dinner. On this occasion you're apt to find the banter and camaraderie shared with people you care about not only stimulating but also relaxing. You could also receive a lot of useful information.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Some extra income could come your way through the use of computers or other technology. You should have a busy day, but you'll like what you do and be excited by the prospect of the extra money. Though you might not be thinking about it now, what you're doing could develop into a lucrative business?

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Are you interested in video or computer games? If not, someone close to you may be, because all signs are that you might spend a lot of time now in the company of friends entertaining yourself with technology. This could be more enjoyable than you expect. You like being with these people and basking in their energy. The conversation will be interesting, too.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Today you might entertain a houseful of astrologers, with a few psychics and healers thrown in for good measure. Your head may spin as a result of all the concepts discussed, as if your brain can't process the information quickly enough. Don't despair. You're absorbing more than you think you are. After everyone leaves, take a walk or you won't be able to sleep.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



A lot of activity could take place in your neighbourhood today. If you live in a major city, perhaps a movie or news event is being filmed nearby and the crowds are gathering. Don't be too shy to go out and see what's going on. If you don't live in a city, this could be something more innocuous. Either way, expect some excitement.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Making use of state-of-the-art technology to increase your income could take up your time and energy today. You might be starting a new business or enhancing the efficiency of a current one, but in order to do it your brain will have to process a lot of information. Don't be intimidated by the technical stuff. Just take it step by step and you'll catch on.

(Oct 24th - Nov 23rd)



Adventure is always one of your main priorities. Today you might have your mind on a type of adventure that you've never tried before. You might consider climbing a mountain, exploring Rome, or visiting the South Pacific. Whatever it is you want to do, you'd better start making serious plans now or you'll be too antsy for words.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



The study of astrology and psychic disciplines might be your primary focus today. You might even take a class in whatever subject interests you. You can also expect to meet some intriguing new people who may be a bit weird but nonetheless could become close friends. If it isn't too dangerous, walk home after class. You'll need to clear your head so you can sleep.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



Friends, group activities, and social events could take up a lot of your time today, so expect to spend your day interacting with people. They could range from any kind of social, ethnic, educational, or national background. You'll probably find the day interesting, entertaining, and gratifying. You could also make some new friends and meet at least one potential love partner.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



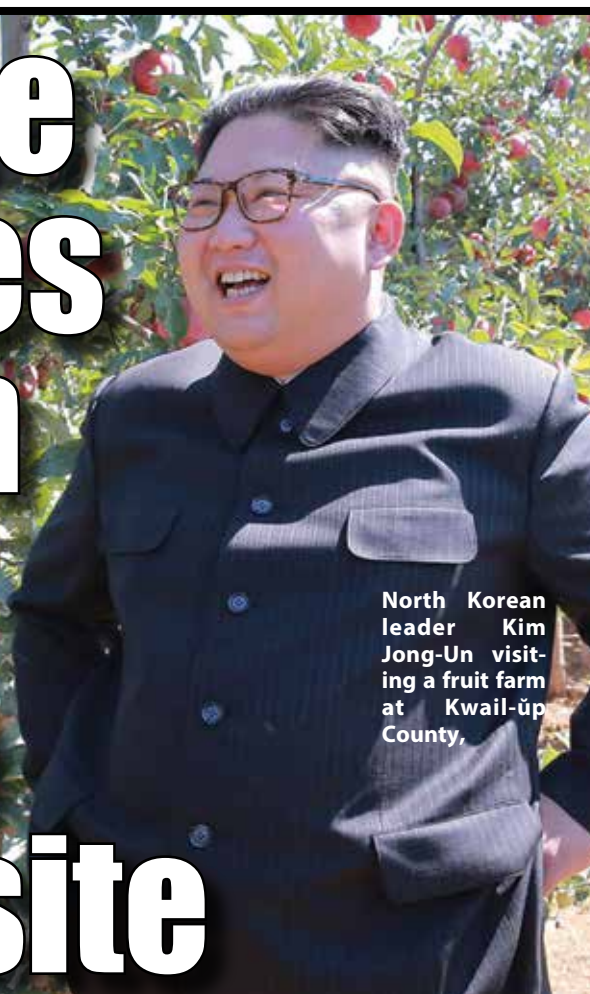
This could shape up to be a busy day. You're concentrating on two things. The first is working with computers and other technology, possibly in a creative capacity. The second is interacting with a lot of new people. Your contact with these people could be very pleasant and quite stimulating, so make the most of the opportunities.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Today you should feel excited and enthusiastic about life in general. Your mind might jump from possible creative projects to philosophy, travel, distant places, and you may consider all of them to be the focus of potential future activities. Romance could also be on your mind, but not in an obsessive way. Entertain yourself in a lighthearted manner.

Quake rattles North near nuke test site



North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un visiting a fruit farm at Kwail-up County.

Beijing
A shallow 3.5-magnitude earthquake hit North Korea near the country's nuclear test site Saturday, US seismologists said, in what Chinese experts said was a "suspected explosion", but Seoul deemed a "natural earthquake".

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) said the quake struck around 20 kilometres (12 miles) away from the North's nuclear test site, where earlier this month Pyongyang detonated its sixth and largest device, which it claimed to be a hydrogen

bomb capable of being launched onto a missile.

"This event occurred in the area of the previous North Korean Nuclear tests. We cannot conclusively confirm at this time the nature (natural or human-made) of the event. The depth is poorly constrained and has been held to 5 km by the seismologist," USGS said in a statement.

Regional experts differed on their analysis of the tremor, with the China Earthquake Network Centre (CENC) service calling it a "suspected explosion" while

Seoul's Korea Meteorological Agency (KMA) judged it a "natural quake".

"There is no possibility that this could be an artificial quake," Yonhap news agency quoted a KMA official as saying.

The North's last test, on September 3, was the country's most powerful detonation, triggering a much stronger 6.3-magnitude quake that was felt across the border in China.

A second tremor soon after that test was possibly caused by a "cave-in", CENC said at the time. (AFP)

Pyongyang mounts show of support for Kim Jong-Un



Students march during a mass rally on Kim Il-Sung square in Pyongyang

Pyongyang
Tens of thousands of Pyongyang residents were gathered in the capital's Kim Il-Sung Square yesterday to laud leader Kim Jong-Un's denunciation of US President Donald Trump.

Such set-piece rallies, organised by the authorities, are a regular feature of political life

in Pyongyang, and are intended as a physical demonstration of popular support for the leadership.

Students in white shirts and red ties held up the red flag of the ruling Workers' Party, with a yellow ink brush representing intellectuals, a hammer for the workers, and a sickle for the peasantry.

Ranks of workers and

residents listened, their fists clenched, as speakers repeated Kim's denigration of Trump as "mentally deranged" and a "dotard".

The US president dubbed Kim "Rocket Man" in a speech at the United Nations last week in which he threatened to "totally destroy" the North if it attacked the US or its allies.

#PollToday



Despite opposition from Turkey, Iraq and Iran as well as the United States, Iraqi Kurdish leader Massud Barzani insisted that the referendum would go ahead. Do you think the vote, as claimed by Turkey, will produce "civil war" and will "have a cost".
 Yes No Cant Say



"It would be sensible, reasonable and democratic to stop and say, there won't be a referendum, which they know won't happen,"

Mariano Rajoy, Spain's Prime Minister told Catalan separatist leaders

Rest in sight

Puerto Rico rushes to evacuate thousands



Authorities in Puerto Rico rushed Saturday to evacuate tens of thousands of people living downriver from a dam said to be in danger of collapsing because of flooding from Hurricane Maria.

US to notify refugees of acceptance in Australia deal

The United States will notify a first batch of 54 refugees of their acceptance to be resettled under a deal with Australia within days, a US official said Friday.

Rio favela back under control

Security officials said the giant Rocinha favela in Rio de Janeiro was back under control yesterday after hundreds of soldiers and police were sent to battle heavily armed drug traffickers.

Bangladesh says Rohingya influx grinds to a halt

The flood of Rohingya refugees into Bangladesh has come to a virtual halt, Dhaka officials said yesterday.

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Prince Harry visits hospital ahead of Invictus Games



Prince Harry poses with U.S. first lady Melania Trump for the first time as she leads the USA team delegation ahead of the Invictus Games 2017

Toronto

Prince Harry met with staff and patients at a Toronto mental health facility also visited by Princess Diana, hours before the opening ceremony of the third Invictus Games yesterday.

The British royal was scheduled to officially open the games -- for disabled or wounded soldiers and veterans -- alongside US First Lady Melania Trump and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Saturday night.

As on Friday, Prince Harry -- dressed in a blue blazer and beige pants -- spent time with athletes Saturday, following

a tour of Toronto's Center for Addiction and Mental Health, where his mother Diana visited 26 years ago.

The prince, who was not joined by girlfriend Meghan Markle, met hospital staff and young patients before greeting fans and posing for pictures outside.

Hours before the opening ceremony, speculation mounted over whether the British royal would arrive at the event with Markle.

Since the "Suits" actress, 36, told Vanity Fair the couple are "in love" last month, fans and the press have been eagerly awaiting an official appearance.



Prince Harry greets children as he leaves The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

At least 3 killed by pirates in Nigeria's oil region

Warri

Sea pirates shot dead at least three people, including a policeman, in an ambush in southern Nigeria's restive oil region, police said Saturday.

Bayelsa state police spokesman Asinim Butswat said the incident happened on Friday.

"A tugboat, towing a barge with a combined team of policemen from the Nigerian Inland Waterways, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corp (NSCDC), and civilians on board was attacked by suspected sea pirates at Ekebiri Waterways," he said.

"A reinforced team arrived shortly and rescued one policeman, three NSCDC

personnel and four civilians," he said.

"However, a policeman, one NSCDC personnel and a civilian were shot dead by the sea pirates, one policeman is still missing," he said.

Other groups gave different reports on those killed in the ambush.

Area NSCDC head Desmond Agu told AFP two police and one paramilitary officer were killed while three other security personnel were injured in the attack.

An official of the Nigerian secret police who did not want to be named, said four security personnel were killed.

New quake shakes traumatized Mexico

Mexico City

A new quake sowed panic in Mexico City yesterday, suspending rescue operations to free survivors from the earlier, more powerful earthquake this week that devastated parts of the capital.

The seismic disturbance, with a magnitude of 6.1, was smaller and farther to the south than the 7.1-magnitude one that struck on Tuesday, killing nearly 300 people and toppling 39 buildings in the capital. But

as an alarm sounded, hundreds of residents raced out into the street, some barefoot, some carrying children.

Trauma from the previous quake was evident.

"Oh God, have mercy," exclaimed Teresa Martinez, 74, who had run out in to the street for safety. She stood with other women, all crying.

Two women died of heart attacks as they tried to evacuate their homes, according to local media reports. One was in

her 80s and the other was 52, according to the website of the daily Reforma.

The quake rattled crockery and made buildings sway, but some didn't notice.

"This time we didn't feel the ground move... maybe since the last one we're getting used to them," said Pablo Martinez, who had run out of his central apartment block with his 6-year-old daughter in his arms.



Rescue workers embrace each other deeply moved after a seismic alert sounded in Mexico City

Iraq Kurd leader delays vote announcement



A Kurdish woman takes a selfie with a man as they take part in a gathering to urge people to vote in the upcoming independence referendum in the town of Bahirka, north of Arbil, the capital of the autonomous Kurdish region of northern Iraq

Erbil

Iraqi Kurdish leader Massud Barzani yesterday delayed a scheduled news conference on a controversial independence referendum he has called for next week as international pressure mounts for a postponement.

There has been uncertainty about whether the vote will go ahead on Monday as Iraq's key allies the United States and Iran, as well as powerful neighbour Turkey, have stepped up their opposition.

"The news conference will take

place on Sunday and the time and venue will be announced later," Barzani's office said without elaborating. On Friday, the Iraqi Kurdish leader had insisted that the vote would be held as planned, despite a warning from the UN Security Council that it was "potentially destabilising"

"The referendum is no longer in my hands, nor is it in those of the (political) parties -- it is in your hands," Barzani told a large crowd at a football stadium in Arbil, capital of the Kurdish region.

Kirkuk residents stock up ahead of independence referendum

Kirkuk

Residents of the multi-ethnic city of Kirkuk north of Baghdad were stocking up with supplies yesterday ahead of the planned controversial referendum on independence for Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region.

People fear the situation could deteriorate if the plebiscite set for Monday goes ahead, as the oil-rich province is disputed between the federal government in Baghdad and the regional government in Arbil. Iraq has called the referendum unconstitutional, with Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi rejecting

it, "whether today or in the future".

"The price of food has gone up by 20 percent. What the politicians are doing only benefits businessmen, and it's the poor residents who suffer," market vendor Omran Khodr said. Kirkuk is not one of the three provinces that have been part of the autonomous Kurdish region in Iraq since 2003.

It is in an area disputed between Baghdad and the Kurds who claim it is theirs historically, since Iraq's former dictator Saddam Hussein chased them out and replaced them with Arabs. (AFP)

India at UN calls Pakistan 'export factory for terror'

United Nations

India's foreign minister took a swipe at Pakistan yesterday, telling the United Nations that its neighbour had given the world "terrorists" while India was producing top-notch doctors and engineers.

"Why is it today India is a recognised IT superpower in the world, and Pakistan is recognised only as the pre-eminent export factory for terror?" Sushma Swaraj told the General Assembly.

"We produced scholars, doctors, engineers. What have you produced? You have produced terrorists," she said.

Swaraj offered a response to an address earlier in the week by Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi who at the UN podium accused India of "massive and indiscriminate force" in Kashmir.

Relations between India and Pakistan have been tense in recent times, mainly over Kashmir, which is divided but claimed by both countries in full.

The two nuclear-armed nations have fought three wars since gaining independence from Britain



India Minister of External Affairs Sushma Swaraj addresses the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York

in 1947, two of them over the disputed Himalayan territory.

Following Abbasi's speech on Thursday, an Indian diplomat took to the floor of the General

Assembly in a reply and branded the country "Terroristan".

India accuses Islamabad of training, arming and infiltrating militants into Kashmir, a claim that

Pakistan has denied.

On Friday, the Pakistani military said six people were killed and over two dozen wounded in firing by Indian troops near the Kashmir border. (AFP)

Rossi secures front row start



Movistar Yamaha MotoGP's Spanish rider Maverick Vinales (C), Ducati Team's Spanish rider Jorge Lorenzo (L) and Movistar Yamaha MotoGP's Italian rider Valentino Rossi pose

Alcañiz, Spain

Valentino Rossi stole the Aragon MotoGP qualifying headlines yesterday by securing a front row seat on the grid a mere three weeks after double leg fracture surgery.

The wounded nine-time champion, wearing a surgical stocking, defied medical experts and gritted his teeth through the pain to post the third fastest time for today's race behind his Yamaha teammate Maverick Vinales and Ducati's Jorge Lorenzo.

World champion Marc

Marquez appeared set for pole only to crash on his Honda two minutes from the end of the session, having already taken a tumble in final practice.

The Spaniard starts on the second row in the company of Cal Crutchlow and Dani Pedrosa.

Seconds after Marquez's premature exit Rossi was topping the timesheets, only to be bettered as the session drew to a dramatic close by first Vinales with a 1min 47.635 lap and then Lorenzo at .100s.

Rossi, placed fourth in the world championship standings,

broke his leg in two places in a training accident on August 31. Operated on the following day his medical team had initially forecast a return for the next race in Japan.

But that was without counting on the 38-year-old veteran's remarkable resilience as he targets a tenth world title and eighth in the top category.

"It's a big

surprise for me, one week ago I started to think I could race but I didn't know what to expect," a beaming Rossi, told *BT Sport*. (AFP)



Movistar Yamaha MotoGP's Italian rider Valentino Rossi rides

Axelsen faces Lee in Japan Open final

Tokyo

Denmark's Viktor Axelsen defeated world number one Son Wan-Ho in the men's singles semi-finals at the Japan Open yesterday.

Axelsen, who beat two-time Olympic champion Lin Dan of China to clinch the world title in Glasgow last month, overpowered South Korea's Son with a 21-16, 21-16 win.

He now faces Malaysian Lee Chong Wei who has won the Japan Open six

times. Lee booked a spot in the final after a 21-19, 21-8 win over China's Shi Yuqi.

In the women's singles, Spain's Carolina Marin, Olympic gold medallist last year, reached the final as Japan's Nozomi Okuhara dropped out from the semi-finals due to knee trouble.

Marin faces China's He Bingjiao who beat Chen Yufei 21-14, 25-23.

Okuhara, newly crowned women's world champion, was aiming to reclaim the trophy on home soil after winning it in 2015.

Home fans at the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium expressed disappointment when the organisers announced her withdrawal.

"I did my best (to recover) but this morning, I wasn't in the condition to play," Okuhara, 22, told reporters, according to Sankei Sports.

"I was ready for a battle mentally but my body was telling me I couldn't," she said in tears. (AFP)



Viktor Axelsen celebrates his victory



Peter Sagan

Sagan uninterested in worlds recon

Bergen, Norway

Reigning champion Peter Sagan admitted yesterday he hasn't yet ridden the world championship circuit in Bergen, Norway and has no intention of doing so before today's race.

World champion in Richmond two years ago and Doha last year, the 27-year-old Slovak can equal the record number of rainbow jerseys won by the likes of Belgian great Eddy Merckx if he triumphs on today's 276.5km race.

And if he does, he'll be the first person to win three world titles in a row.

But Sagan was typically laid back when meeting the press yesterday, insisting he has no intention of checking out the 19km circuit that will be ridden 12 times following an initial 40km ride from Rong to Bergen.

"We have to do the lap 11 times or 12," quipped Sagan. "That's a lot of time to see it."

Asked if he still had a chance to ride the circuit before today's race, Sagan

added: "It's a possibility, yes, but I don't want (to)."

As for the tactics he would employ, whether to try to get away in a break or wait for a bunch sprint finish, Sagan simply shrugged.

"I don't think about this scenario, you can see just in the last lap or the last two laps what's going to happen, not before.

"I don't expect anything, I don't prepare anything, I just see in the moment."

Following several drizzly days in Bergen, though, Sagan did express one sentiment.

"For sure it's better if it's sun, who wants to ride in the rain for 270km?"

In his typically deadpan manner, Sagan also dismissed any talk about potential history-making.

"I don't like to speak about the future or history. What's going to happen will happen.

"I'm like last year -- I've got nothing to lose. I'm here to enjoy, I'm very happy already with what I did the last few years and I want to enjoy tomorrow." (AFP)

Blaak wins world title despite crash

Bergen, Norway

Dutch champion Chantal Blaak overcame a painful crash to take a surprise victory in the women's world championship road race in Bergen yesterday.

The 27-year-old used her more illustrious team-mates Anna van der Breggen, the Olympic champion, and Annemiek van Vleuten, the time-trial world champion, as foils to escape to a solo victory at the end of the 152.8km street circuit course.

Australia's Katrin Garfoot took silver with last year's champion Amalie Dideriksen of Denmark in bronze.

"No, I can't believe it.

Everything happened in the race: I crashed, it took a pretty long time to get back up, I was in a lot of pain -- in that moment I thought my race was over," said Blaak about her crash with around 65km to ride.

"(Then) I thought I can come back and see what I can do. The plan was not that I should win the race but to do my best possible for the team.

"After that (attack) I just followed my heart and stayed away."

Blaak had instigated an attack with 23km left that saw Briton Hannah Barnes and Audrey Cordon of France join her. (AFP)

Wozniacki reaches Pan Pacific final

Tokyo

Defending champion Caroline Wozniacki flattened world number one Garbine Muguruza 6-2, 6-0 yesterday to reach her fourth Pan Pacific Open final.

The Danish former number one will face Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova as she chases a third Tokyo title after the Russian toppled Angelique Kerber 6-0, 6-7, 6-4 in a see-saw first semi-final.

Top seed Muguruza, playing her first tournament since reaching the top of the women's world rankings, was blown off court in just under an hour in a stunningly lopsided match.

"I didn't feel that fresh," the Spaniard told reporters.

"It was always going to be a battle but I felt my energy was a little bit low," added Muguruza.

"I was struggling a bit in the long rallies and didn't make the important shots. I'm very disappointed, but she just played better."

Third seed Wozniacki tore through the first set, sealing it when Muguruza wafted a routine forehand badly wide.

Muguruza cut a forlorn figure as she trudged back to her seat but things went from bad to worse for the Wimbledon champion in the second set.

A dipping forehand pass gave Wozniacki an early break, consolidated after another wild Muguruza backhand in the fourth

game. Wozniacki, a two-time Tokyo winner and finalist in 2014, put Muguruza out of her misery by forcing the Spaniard into another whiffed backhand on match point after just 59 minutes.

"Obviously you don't go on court thinking that's going to be the scoreline," said Wozniacki. "But I just kept my head down and stayed aggressive."

Seventh seed Kerber, another former world number one, looked in danger of being fed the dreaded "double bagel" after losing the first eight games in the Tokyo sunshine. But the German recovered from 6-0, 5-2 down to pinch the second-set tiebreak as Pavlyuchenkova suddenly tightened up, the Russian

slamming her racquet to the ground in disgust.

Kerber, who has slipped back to 14th in the world since winning last year's Australian and US Open titles, clinched the breaker 7-4 with a fizzing serve down the middle which she celebrated with a little fist pump.

The 29-year-old Kerber, a former Tokyo finalist, then quickly raced to a 3-0 lead in the deciding set, only to be pegged back once more. But Pavlyuchenkova, who beat Wozniacki in the final at Monterrey earlier this year. (AFP)



Caroline Wozniacki celebrates

Roger Federer thanks lucky stars for Rafael Nadal fightback

London

Roger Federer has admitted this year would have been "very different" had he not battled back from a 1-3 fifth-set deficit in his Australian Open triumph against Rafael Nadal.

Without a Grand Slam title since 2012, Federer fought back to beat Nadal in January's decider in Melbourne, setting himself up for a stunning return to form.

He followed it up with back-to-back Masters victories at Indian Wells and Miami before winning his 19th Grand Slam title at Wimbledon and has risen to number two in the ATP ranking.

"I don't think I would have won both Indian Wells and Miami," said Federer, 36, in an interview published in Saturday's edition of The Times newspaper.

"Maybe I would have won one. I would have played on the clay maybe. The season would have been very different.

"My plan was to play maybe the quarters at best at the Aussie and then take it from there.



Spanish player Rafael Nadal (L) with Swiss Roger Federer

"By winning all those big three events at the beginning of the year, it allowed me to sit there in the top eight of the world already after a few months of the season and not worry about being ranked number 35 if I had lost early in the Australian Open because of the points I had to defend.

"It changed the entire mindset. Thank God it

happened like this."

Federer and Nadal's resurgence coincided in difficult seasons for Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic, both of whom saw their years curtailed by injury.

Stan Wawrinka, Kei Nishikori and Milos Raonic are also currently sidelined, but Federer does not believe players are put under too much

strain on the tour.

"I think that all of the guys had to take a break because either they are carrying an injury for a while or they are really not doing well. Some have had surgery," Federer said. "I think this is just a freak moment in time that it hit a lot of the guys at the same time. The US Open wasn't quite the same. (AFP)

Fabio Fognini beats Bautista, enters final

Saint Petersburg, Russia

Fierce Italian Fabio Fognini beat top seed Roberto Bautista Agut yesterday to reach the final at St Petersburg in his first tournament since being kicked out of the US Open.

The 30-year-old was disqualified from the doubles tournament at Flushing Meadows after launching into a sexist tirade against a female umpire during his first-round singles defeat.

Fognini, who has since said that he would also accept a ban from the Australian Open next year for his misdemeanour, saved two match points to battle past Spaniard Bautista Agut 2-6, 7-6 (9/7), 7-6 (7/5) and set up

a final with Bosnian Damir Dzumhur.

"It was a very tough match, it's never easy to play Roberto," Fognini, who is bidding for a sixth career ATP Tour title, said.

"My main goal now is to recover for the final. I've played two times on the clay with Dzumhur and I expect a difficult match tomorrow."

World number 55 Dzumhur had earlier seen off German Jan-Lennard Struff 6-3, 7-5 in the first semi-final.

"Today I played well from the start," Dzumhur said. "It was one of my best matches in the last few months. And I'm really happy to advance into my second final this year." (AFP)



Fabio Fognini (file pic)

Ostapenko powers into Korea Open final

Seoul

Top seed Jelena Ostapenko powered her way into the Korea Open final yesterday after a tight three-set battle with Thailand's Luksika Kumkhum, moving closer to claim the \$250,000 title.

The 20-year-old French Open champion from Latvia beat Luksika Kumkhum, who had earlier upset the number four seed Sorana Cirstea, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3 in 110 minutes.

The 24-year-old Thai stunned the world number 10

by winning the opening set 6-3 before Ostapenko won the following two sets to reach her third final of the 2017 season.

Ostapenko is a favourite to win the title after her surprise upset win over third-seed Simona Halep at the French

Open in June.

Ostapenko will face Brazil's Beatriz Haddad Maia, who sailed into the final after defeating Richel Hogenkamp of the Netherlands 6-1, 7-6 (9/7) in the semi-final yesterday. (AFP)

Ceballos ensures Real bounce back

Madrid

Dani Ceballos scored twice on his full debut as Real Madrid bounced back from a shock midweek defeat by Real Betis to close to within four points of La Liga leaders Barcelona with a 2-1 win at Alaves yesterday.

Earlier, Diego Costa was an interested spectator as Atletico Madrid leapfrogged Sevilla into second thanks to goals from Yannick Carrasco and Antoine Griezmann in a 2-0 win at the Wanda Metropolitano.

Barca can re-establish their four-point lead over Atletico with victory later at Girona.

"Today we needed the three points. We are not in brilliant form, but for sure we will play better on other days," said Real boss Zinedine Zidane.

Ceballos was one of three changes made to the side that lost to Betis by Zidane as Luka Modric and Gareth Bale were left on the bench ahead of Tuesday's Champions League trip to Borussia Dortmund.

And the Spanish under-21 international settled Madrid's nerves after just 10 minutes as he caught Fernando Pacheco flat-footed by pulling the ball inside the goalkeeper's near post from the edge of the area.

Alaves caretaker coach Javier Cabello had denied Enzo Zidane the chance to face his father Zinedine and former club as he was left out the Alaves squad.

However, Cabello did manage



Real Madrid's midfielder Daniel Ceballos (R) celebrates after scoring his team's first goal beside Real Madrid's defender from Spain Dani Carvajal

to inspire a more spirited display from the hosts, despite a sixth straight defeat, as they scored their first goal of the season five minutes before half-time.

Alaves captain Manu Garcia met Munir El Haddadi's cross flush to power a header into the top corner. Madrid retook the lead just three minutes later, though, as Ceballos pounced on a poor punch from Pacheco to fire into the bottom corner.

Real should have ensured a

far more comfortable afternoon after the break as Pacheco made a great save to deny Isco, Cristiano Ronaldo struck the woodwork twice and Sergio Ramos blazed over with the goal at his mercy.

Yet, Alaves could also have snatched a first point of the season as Alfonso Pedraza's deflected effort hit the bar before Pedraza struck the post when clean through on goal.

"When you go away having only scored two goals for the chances

we had it isn't a lot," added Zidane. "But the most important thing was to win the game."

Atletico maintained their impressive start to the season despite the difficulties of a ban on registering new players.

Costa won't be able to feature until January after completing his prolonged return to the club from Chelsea for a reported club record fee of 55 million euros (\$66 million), plus 10 million euros in add-ons. (AFP)

El Shaarawy brace as Roma down Udinese



AS Roma's Stephan el Shaarawy runs with the ball past Udinese's defender Giuseppe Pezzella (rear)

Milan

Stephan El Shaarawy bagged a first-half brace as AS Roma overwhelmed Udinese 3-1 to secure a third straight Serie A win yesterday.

Italian forward El Shaarawy scored twice after Edin Dzeko's 12th-minute opener, as Roma move up to fourth in Serie A with 12 points from five games, and with a game in hand just three points behind leaders Napoli and Juventus who play later.

Coach Eusebio Di Francesco said he was delighted that the pieces were beginning to fit into his jigsaw after early criticism of his tactics.

"I see the lads are ready to do what I ask," said Di Francesco. "El Shaarawy is an ideal forward for my system."

"I saw an excellent team movement. It's a pity we conceded that goal, and we could have scored a few more, but were not determined enough. I can't help but be satisfied with my team."

Luigi Delneri's visitors were struggling from the outset at the Stadio Olimpico with Dzeko on hand for the opener and his sixth goal of the season after Radja Nainggolan pushed his way through a porous Udinese defence.

Dzeko rolled in a cross for El Shaarawy's first after half an hour with a blunder by Udinese's Danish defender Jens Stryger Larsen giving the player nicknamed 'The Little Pharaoh' his second just before the break.

Diego Perotti had a chance to make it 4-0 late in the game but fired his spot-kick off target with Stryger Larsen getting one back after his earlier misfortune beating the offside trap to score a consolation goal in the final minutes. (AFP)

Football

Scores as of closing

English Championship:

Bolton	0	Brentford	3
Derby	1	Birmingham	1
Fulham	1	Middlesbrough	1
Leeds	3	Ipswich	2
Norwich	0	Bristol City	0
Preston	0	Millwall	0
QPR	0	Burton	0
Reading	1	Hull	1
Sunderland	1	Cardiff	2
Wolves	2	Barnsley	1

English Premier League:

Burnley	0	Huddersfield	0
Everton	2	Bournemouth	1
Southampton	0	Manchester United	1
Stoke	0	Chelsea	4
Swansea	1	Watford	2
West Ham	2	Tottenham	3
Leicester	2	Liverpool	3

German league:

RB Leipzig	2	Eintracht Frankfurt	1
Hoffenheim	2	Schalke 04	0
Werder Bremen	0	SC Freiburg	0
VfB Stuttgart	0	FC Augsburg	0
Mainz 05	1	Hertha Berlin	0
Borussia Dortmund	6	Moenchengladbach	1

Neymar-less PSG held by Montpellier

Paris

Paris Saint-Germain lost their perfect start to the Ligue 1 season as they struggled to a 0-0 draw at Montpellier yesterday without the injured Neymar.

With the world's most expensive player on the sidelines to ensure his fitness for Tuesday's Champions League clash against Bayern Munich, PSG were uninspiring in attack against a stubborn Montpellier side playing in a 5-4-1 formation.

Rising star Kylian Mbappe had the best of the visitors' chances, but the 18-year-old was profligate in front of goal as Unai Emery's men could only extend their lead at the top of the table over reigning champions Monaco to one point.

PSG started slowly as Montpellier comfortably kept



Paris Saint-Germain's Brazilian defender Thiago Silva (L) outruns Montpellier's French forward Isaac Mbenza

them at arm's length.

The visitors unsurprisingly had most of the ball, but Montpellier looked a threat on the counter-attack with the pace of Claude Ninga up front.

Without Neymar pulling the strings, Paris were toothless for the first 45 minutes, with some

players perhaps keeping one eye on the Bayern game.

PSG did finally create a decent chance shortly after the restart, as Montpellier threw away possession on the edge of their own area and Mbappe curled a tame shot straight at home goalkeeper Benjamin Lecomte.

The teenager, who will become the world's second-most expensive player behind Neymar when he completes his permanent transfer from Monaco next year, should have broken the deadlock, but headed wide when unmarked from only a few yards out.

Mbappe was starting to make an impact, as he raced through on goal only to scuff his shot and allow the home defence to clear.

PSG coach Emery belatedly made his first change in the 66th minute with Lucas Moura replacing the ineffective Julian Draxler. Striker Edinson Cavani, who missed a penalty last week after an argument with Neymar, had an appeal for a spot-kick waved away after going down in a heap under a potentially goal-saving tackle from defender Pedro Mendes. (AFP)

Sane inspires Man City in Palace defeat

Manchester

Leroy Sane was the difference as Premier League leaders Manchester City claimed a comprehensive 5-0 win over bottom club Crystal Palace yesterday to extend their unbeaten start.

"Shall we score a goal for you?" the home fans chanted, and well they might, with Pep Guardiola's side having now scored 16 goals in three Premier League games.

By contrast, Palace are still yet to score in the league and have now lost six games in succession.

Sane and Raheem Sterling, who scored twice, did the damage, while Sergio Aguero and Fabian Delph added gloss to the scoreline at the Etihad Stadium.

The win keeps City on top of the table, edging in front of rivals Manchester United on goal difference.

It was frustrating for City until they were able to edge in front just before the break.

Palace defender Mamadou Sakho

flicked Kevin De Bruyne's cross onto his own post and Sane fired

over after skipping through several challenges.

But for all of City's early possession, it was Palace who had the better chances in the opening stages.

The south London side, playing under Roy Hodgson for the second time in the league, looked well drilled and could have stung the hosts on the break.

Ruben Loftus-Cheek had an effort deflect off Nicolas Otamendi and onto the post, having beaten England centre-back John Stones twice to get into a shooting position on 19 minutes.

Loftus-Cheek went close again, sliding a shot wide when it seemed easier to score after Timothy Fosu-Mensah's low cross nicked off Fernandinho.

City's disjointed start to game was not helped as the home side lost Benjamin Mendy to injury mid-way through the first half.

The France left-back clashed knees with Andros Townsend, giving away a tactical foul as the winger skipped past, and was replaced by Danilo.

City had to work to forge chances, but the pressure was eased on the stroke of half-time.

Quick interplay between Sane, De Bruyne and David Silva allowed the Spaniard to lift a pass to Sane on the left.

He flicked it over the head of Scott Dann and slid a shot through the legs of Wayne Hennessey.

The goal opened the visitors up. Six minutes into the second half, a quick break saw City double their lead.

Again Sane was key. His break down the left flank was picked out by De Bruyne and a perfect low cross into the path of Sterling meant the England winger could not miss.

Presented with what seemed an even easier opportunity a minute later after Hennessey's touch on De Bruyne's cross presented him with an open goal, Sterling side-footed wide.

Aguero was now on the hunt for the goals to take the club's scoring record. (AFP)



Manchester City's Raheem Sterling (top) celebrates after scoring with Leroy Sane



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