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## 11th Hour

### King receives four ambassadors

**Manama**  
**H**is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa yesterday received, at Al-Sakhir Palace, the credentials of four ambassadors accredited to the Kingdom of Bahrain. The new ambassadors are Hideki Ito, Japan, Thanis Na Songkhla, Thailand, Anwaer, China and Shaikh Sultan bin Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the UAE.

### Tweet of the Day



Barack and I are thrilled to congratulate The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on their newest arrival! We hope to meet him soon for a Kensington Palace pajama party. I'll wear my robe!

@MichelleObama

### Today's Weather

	Max	Min
	30°C	24°C

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"We need to work together to build a better and smarter Kingdom"

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# Trump calls Iran deal a 'disaster'

## Warns of 'big problems' if nuke programme resumed

### Washington

**U**S President Donald Trump has warned Iran of "big problems" if it resumes the nuclear programme it agreed to curb in a 2015 international accord. Speaking in the White House Oval Office as he hosts French President Emmanuel Macron, Trump called the Iran deal "a disaster" and "insane".

The US president has been threatening to reject an extension of the Obama-era nuclear pact by a May 12 deadline. Macron is in Washington lobbying Trump to preserve the pact. Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel is due to visit the US capital on Friday

to make a last-minute bid to dissuade Trump from potentially torpedoing the Iran agreement.

"It won't be so easy for them to restart," Trump said on Monday when a journalist asked him about the possibility of Iran re-launching their nuclear programme if the deal is scrapped.

"They're not going to be restarting anything. They restart it they're going to have big problems, bigger than they've ever had before. And you can mark it down - they restart their nuclear programme, they will have bigger problems than they've ever had before," he said.

He added: "We're not going to allow certain things to happen that are happening. The Iran deal is a disaster. They're testing missiles. What's that all about?"

### Tehran defiant

Trump's stark warning comes a day after Iranian President Hassan Rouhani threatened "severe consequences" if the US withdraws from the nuclear deal.

Rouhani did not specify what retaliatory action Tehran might take. But his Foreign Minister, Javad Zarif, has said a probable response would be to restart the enrichment of uranium - a key bomb-making ingredient. - BBC



US President Donald Trump hugs French President Emmanuel Macron at the White House lawn

# Philippines apologizes to Kuwait

## Kuwait protests over sovereignty violation



● The two countries are working on a pact to protect overseas workers

● Philippines in January banned the dispatch of contract labor to Kuwait

### Manila

The Philippines yesterday formally apologized to Kuwait for actions the latter viewed as violation of its sovereignty after the southeast Asian nation's embassy "rescued" several overseas workers from employers' homes, the foreign secretary said.

Kuwait had protested over the "rescue" of Philippine citizens working as domestic help, summoned the Philippine ambassador to demand an explanation and arrested two embassy staff who were involved in Saturday's incidents.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano said Kuwait has accepted the Philippines' explanation after the Kuwaiti ambassador met President Rodrigo Duterte on Monday in southern Davao city

and held talks with Cayetano on Tuesday in Manila.

"We're sending a note now to my counterpart, and we are apologising for certain incidents that Kuwait view as violation of their sovereignty," Cayetano told an impromptu news conference.

He said measures had been agreed with Kuwaiti authorities to avoid a repeat of such incidents, footage of which was posted on social media.

The two countries are working on a pact to protect overseas workers after the Philippines in January banned the dispatch of contract labor to Kuwait over reports of abuse by employers that had driven many to suicide.

The ban was ordered after a Filipino migrant worker was found dead in a freezer, the latest incident in what Manila

called a pattern of abuse in the Gulf state.

Cayetano said the embassy was forced to "assist" Filipino workers who sought help to leave employers because some situations were a matter of life and death that precluded waiting for local authorities to act.

"We respect Kuwaiti sovereignty and laws, but the welfare of Filipino workers is also very important," he said, adding that domestic helpers account for more than 65 percent of the more than 260,000 Filipinos in Kuwait.

There are 600 workers in embassy-run halfway houses in Kuwait, Cayetano added, with about 120 more who have sought to be "rescued" from employers due to worries over tough working conditions, pay and abuse.



### Specialized in Brain Surgery

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## Dutch Lawyer seeks Qatari compensation

A prominent human rights lawyer demanded Monday that Qatar compensate Dutch-based victims of an al-Qaida-linked Syrian extremist group, saying the Al Nusra group was financed by Qatar-based funding networks.

In a letter sent to Qatar's ruling emir that was seen by The Associated Press, lawyer Liesbeth Zegveld accused the Gulf state of failing to take action against the al-Nusra Front and said: "Qatar is therefore liable for the damages suffered by the victims."

In her letter to Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Zegveld alleged that one of the victims was taken hostage by members of al-Nusra near Damascus in December 2012.

The man, whose identity was not released out of safety concerns, was repeatedly tortured, forced to watch the executions of two other hostages and subjected to a mock execution. The militants demanded nearly \$2 million for his release.

He eventually escaped and fled Syria, and has since been granted asylum in the Netherlands, Zegveld said.

While the country denies funding extremist groups, it remains a key patron of the Islamic Hamas movement, which rules the Gaza Strip. Western officials also have accused Qatar of allowing



or encouraging funding of extremists like the Nusra Front. It also has hosted members of the Afghan Taliban.

Qatar also has backed members of the Muslim Brotherhood, a pan-Arab Islamist organization.

The Nusra Front "was only able to arise and maintain its terrorist activities due to the financing provided by Qatar," Zegveld said in her letter. "Qatar supports and facilitates the terrorist organization in various ways."

Zegveld said that if Qatar fails to establish a compensation fund, she will launch legal proceedings against the country, state

officials and "other individuals and organizations residing in Qatar that are involved in the financing of terrorism."

She gave Qatar six weeks to respond. (AP)

**Prominent lawyer Liesbeth Zegveld accused the Gulf state of failing to take action against the al-Nusra Front**



### Management of Cases:

- ◆ Headache
- ◆ Pain of arms & hands
- ◆ Neck pain
- ◆ Epilepsy
- ◆ Memory, Cognitive & Behavioral Diseases
- ◆ Head, spine & spinal cord injuries
- ◆ Low back pain & leg pain (Sciatica)
- ◆ Facial pain & Trigeminal Neuralgia
- ◆ Dizziness & Vertigo
- ◆ Weakness & difficulty in walking
- ◆ Bleeding in the brain (stroke)



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# Al Romaihi: Keep abreast of media developments

## Information Minister attends 15th session of Arab Media Forum in Kuwait

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Kuwait

Media forums in the Arab world are an important platform to exchange experiences on various issues pertaining to the media and telecommunication sector, Information Minister Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumaihi has said.

Addressing the 15th session of the Arab Media Forum held under the patronage of Kuwaiti Prime Minister Shaikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah, he said an in-depth study is required on fast-paced media developments, pointing out the role of media forums and their contribution to working out effective solutions in this respect.

He thanked the Kuwaiti

Prime Minister for patronising the event and the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Shaikh Sabah Al Khalid Al Hamad Al Sabah for his presence and interest in such Arab media gatherings. He also thanked the organisers, including the forum Secretary General Madhi Khamis, for the good organisation and hospitality.

During his participation in a panel discussion, held under the theme "Media in a Changing World", the Information Minister spotlighted a number of issues pertaining to the media and telecommunication sector in the Arab world, pointing out the increasing role of the Internet in disseminating information. He underlined the need to change continuously

the media approaches in the Arab world in order to cope with ongoing and rapid changes in this sector. He also affirmed the importance of raising awareness of the existence of non-specialised analysts, pointing out the role of training in boosting competence.

The Information Minister underscored the importance of maintaining communication to face rumours, pointing out the recent misuse of social media networks.

Responding to a question on the Arab societies' vision about the West, he explained that the western mass media have a lot of problems, especially regarding the ethics of the profession, credibility and corruption.

He also warned of the role and danger of social media networks in shaping

personality and identity, stressing the need for parents to step up control on their

children and deal scientifically with technological progress to foster national unity.



Information Minister Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumaihi addressing the Arab Media Forum in Kuwait

## Southern Governor chairs security meeting

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Manama

Southern Governor, Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, chaired a security meeting, in the presence of officers representing relevant security departments, yesterday.

The governor welcomed the members of the security committee, highlighting the directives issued by the Interior Minister, Lieutenant-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, while chairing a meeting with governors, on the need to follow up on security matters, as well as to cooperate with the competent authorities in this regard.

He lauded the constant support enjoyed by the Southern Governorate from the Interior Minister in undertaking its security tasks, affirming the governorate's



Southern Governor HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa with officials during the security meeting

readiness to translate the minister's directives into the ground.

Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali discussed with the committee members issues related to traffic safety and ways to enhance them through intensifying traffic patrols and campaigns in Riffa and Zallaq to address the wrong practices by some drivers there.

The meeting also discussed tightening traffic control on

motorcycles allocated to the land areas to ensure that they are not used in the roads across the Southern Governorate.

Representative of the General Directorate of Traffic expressed readiness to address the issues discussed during the meeting to ensure the safety of road users.

The governor also discussed the security preparations for the holy month of Ramadan, including ensuring the

security of mosques and places of worship, and reducing the negative practices, such as the phenomenon of begging in the vicinity of mosques and some vital areas.

Brigadier Hamad Ali Al-Mari expressed the Southern Governorate Police's readiness to put in place the necessary plans to ensure the safety and comfort of worshippers.

The governor was then

briefed about the security work carried out by the General Directorate of Civil Defence, including preventive and precautionary plans to ensure the safety requirements in the petrol stations across the Southern Governorate.

Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali commended the efforts exerted by the members of the security committee to strengthen the pillars of security in the Southern Governorate.

## Verdict in spying case on June 21

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Manama

The High Criminal Court will deliver its verdict in the Qatar espionage case on June 21, Advocate General Osama Al Oufi has said.

In the case, Ali Salman Ali Ahmed, Hassan Ali Jumaa Sultan and Ali Mehdi Ali Al Aswad are accused of sharing intelligence with Qatar.

The accused are facing charges of sharing intelligence to carry out hostile acts against Bahrain, undermine its political and economic status as well as its national interest to overthrow the political system.

The suspects are also facing charges of passing defence secrets to a foreign country, accepting money from a foreign country for providing it with military secrets and information about the internal situation if the country, spreading tendentious rumours and fallacies abroad to weaken the Kingdom's economy and undermine its prestige.

The court yesterday heard the case in an open session as per the law. The first defendant attended the trial accompanied by his lawyers. The second and third defendants did not attend.

The prosecution presented its reply, commented on the defence of the first defendant and refuted his argument. The prosecution also presented additional evidence.

## Maintenance of 25 public schools to begin in May

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Manama

The planning and designs required for the maintenance of 25 government schools in various Governorates, costing BD1,800,000, has been completed, Building Maintenance Director at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs &

Urban Planning Huda Mirza has said.

The maintenance works are part of the complete 2018 maintenance programme, agreed upon with the Ministry of Education.

Mirza stated that the Ministry has prepared a detailed work scheme for the project, in addition to completion of the engineering

designs for the 25 schools, in coordination with specialised persons from the Ministry of Education.

The maintenance works are to commence early in May and are scheduled for completion before the start of the new academic year 2018-2019.

According to Mirza, the Ministry seeks to gradually transform all government

buildings, including schools, into environment-friendly buildings in order to preserve energy and natural resources in the Kingdom.

The maintenance works comprise civil, mechanical and electrical works, internal and external painting works, revamping toilets, fixing doors and windows, replacing electricity and water

extensions and damaged health tools. In addition to these, the old lighting system at some schools have to be replaced with power-saving lighting.

Maintenance works are to be implemented by qualified and experienced contractors registered at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning.



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa yesterday received at Al-Sakhir Palace, the newly-appointed Bahraini Plenipotentiary Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah bin Ali Al-Khalifa, who took his oath. HM the King congratulated the new head of diplomatic mission and commended his competence in assuming his national responsibility, wishing him success in performing his diplomatic duties. He directed the ambassador to consolidate bilateral relations binding the Kingdom of Bahrain and the UAE, stressing the need to heed the interests of Bahraini citizens and meet their needs. HM the King extended greetings to UAE President His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, Vice President, Prime Minister and Dubai Ruler HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and UAE Armed Forces Deputy Supreme Commander HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan and the Emirati people, wishing them all further progress and prosperity.

# Govt committed to the growth of real estate sector: PM

## Manama

The government is fully committed to driving the growth of realty sector by ensuring a business-friendly environment capable of pushing the sector to a higher growth trajectory, said His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday.

Bahrain, HRH the Premier said, has put in place suitable atmosphere as well as "legislative and technical infrastructure" to support investors in the real estate sector. His Royal

**"Private sector plays a key role in boosting development"**

Highness further stressed that "development projects are being implemented in the Kingdom in accordance with a well-thought-out vision, thanks to a highly motivated private sector."

This came as HRH the Premier was opening the Gulf

Construction Expo (GC Expo 2018), the Gulf Property Show 2018 and the Gulf Interiors 2018, HRH the Premier, at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre.

Bahrain, the Prime Minister said, has maintained its leading position in the sector by providing required guarantees and protection for investors. "This has been greatly helpful in attracting foreign investors to the country," HRH Premier stressed.

Following the opening ceremony, the Premier was

taken on a tour of the expo, where he was informed about various products.

Prince Khalifa expressed his admiration of the exhibits and affirmed that the construction and real estate sector is witnessing continuous progress.

The Premier also lauded the role played by the private sector and real estate developers in supporting development saying, "The current boom in the real estate projects provides more opportunities to carry on the sustainable development march."

## HRH Prince Salman thanked by Saudi King, Crown Prince



### Manama

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier received a cable of thanks from Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Defence Minister His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdul-Aziz Al-Saud in reply to a cable in which HRH the Crown Prince strongly condemned the Houthi militias for launching ballistic missiles targeting civilian populated areas in parts of Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi Crown Prince extended deepest thanks

to HRH the Crown Prince, praying to Allah the Almighty to protect the two kingdoms from any harm and bless them with security, development and progress.

His Royal Highness also received a similar cable of thanks from Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul-Aziz Al-Saud.

The Saudi leader extended deepest thanks to HRH the Crown Prince, praying to Allah the Almighty to protect the two kingdoms from any harm and bless them with security, development and progress.

## ASBB announces new group CEO

### Manama

Al Salam Bank-Bahrain (ASBB) yesterday announced the appointment of Rafik Nayed as Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Bank following the approvals of the Board of Directors and the Central Bank of Bahrain.

Chairman of the Board of Directors of ASBB, Khaleefa Butti Bin Omair Al Muhairi, said: "Rafik has a proven international track record in banking and finance as well as the necessary expertise which we are confident will give the Bank the momentum to reach new heights in Bahrain and beyond."

Rafik Nayed is a seasoned banker with over 25 years' experience. He joins Al

Salam Bank from Deutsche Bank where he was most recently the Vice Chairman of the MENA region, Chief Country Officer for the UAE and Senior Executive Officer of Deutsche Bank AG Dubai (DIFC). Before joining Deutsche Bank, Rafik was the Chief Executive Officer of the Libyan Investment Authority and prior to that worked for many years in the oil and gas and financial services industries in a variety of international senior positions.

Commenting on his appointment, Rafik Nayed, Group CEO of ASBB said: "It is an honor to join Al Salam Bank, a successful organization that is fast establishing itself as one of the pioneering Banks in the Kingdom with strong ambitions for growth."



Rafik Nayed

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# Imports up 15% in Q1

**Imports reach BD1.293 Billion**

**Value of Exported National Origin at BD538m**

**Aluminium oxide top product imported to Bahrain**

**Four-wheel drive cars top re-export list**

**Deficit reaches BD637 Million**

**Manama**

Aluminium oxide emerged as the top product imported to Bahrain in the first quarter of 2018 with its value reaching BD60 Million, according to the latest iGA report.

The report, issued by Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA), encompasses balance of trade, imports, exports (National Origin) and re-exports in the first quarter of 2018.

As Aluminium oxide occupied top spot, four-wheel drive cars took the second spot with an import value of BD51 Million. Closely following four-wheelers where Sedans with BD45 Million during first quarter of 2018 at the third place.

iGA report states that the value of imports increased by 15 per cent as it reached BD1.293 Billion during first quarter 2018 versus BD1.124 Billion for the same quarter of the previous year.

Top ten countries account for 67pc of the imports value and 33pc for other countries.

China was ranked as the first country that exports to Bahrain with BD160 Million; United Arab Emirates (UAE) as the second with BD116 Million whereas Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) ranked third with BD99 Million.

**KSA tops buying list**

Additionally, the value of the exported national origin decreased by 9pc as it reached BD538 Million during first quarter of 2018 versus BD594 Million for the same quarter of the previous year. The top ten countries account for 79pc of the exported national origin value and 21pc for other countries.

KSA was ranked as the first country importing from Bahrain with BD145 Million, UAE second with BD67 Million and USA comes third place

with BD63 Million.

**Aluminium wire demand rise**

As for national exported products, aluminium wire emerged as the top products exported in the first quarter of 2018 with BD66 Million; agglomerated iron ores and concentrates were positioned second products imported with a value of BD55 Million; and rectangular alloyed aluminium plates stood third place for exported products with BD40 Million.

**Saudi dominates**

As for re-exported field, the value of re-exports decreased by 10pc as it reached BD118 Million during first quarter of 2018 versus BD131 Million for the same quarter of the previous year. The top 10 countries account for 91pc of the re-exported value and 9pc for other countries.

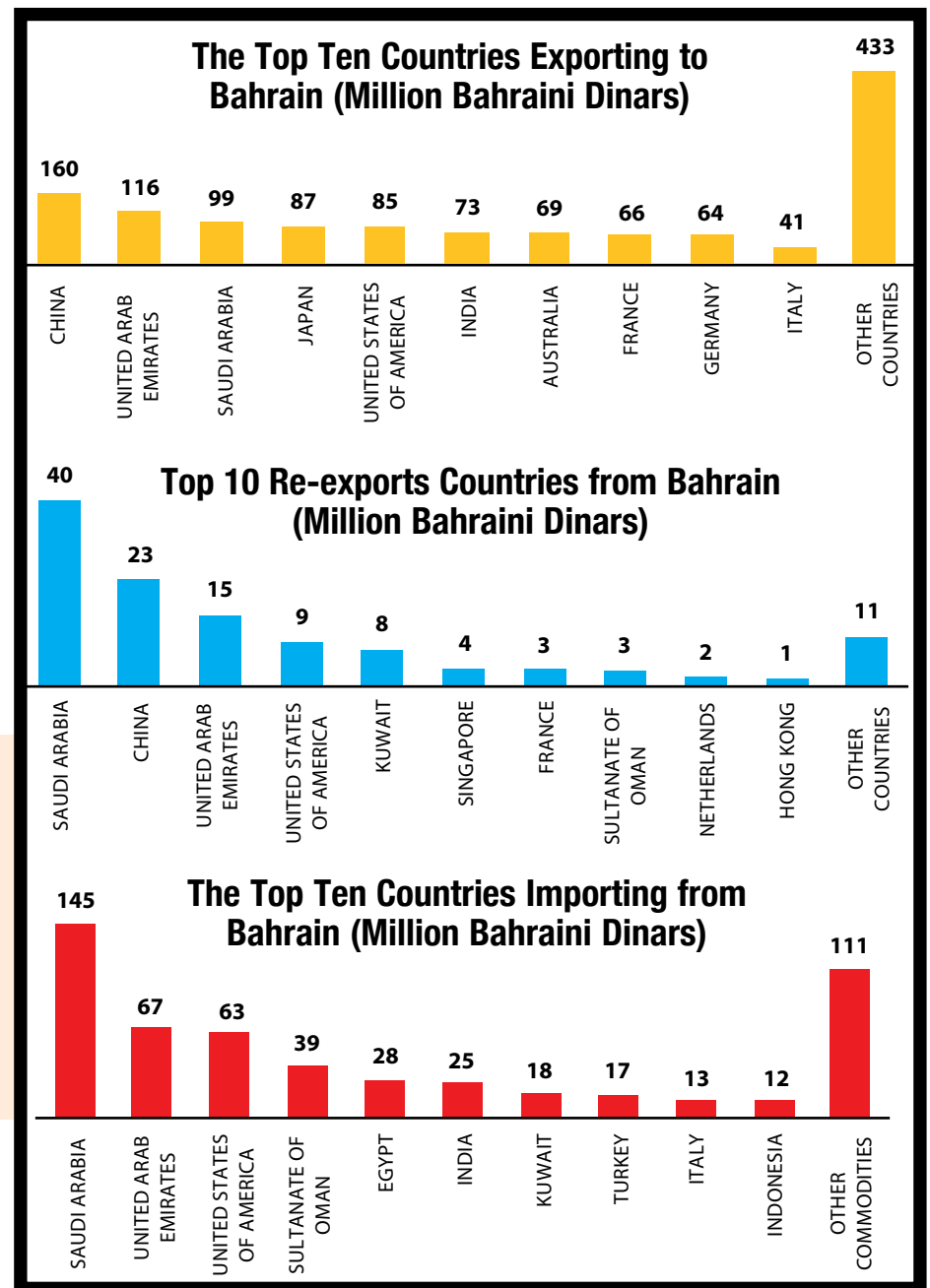
Saudi Arabia was ranked as the first country to re-export from Bahrain with BD40 Million, China ranked as the second with BD23 Million, and UAE as the third with BD15 Million.

**Four-wheel drive again**

Four-wheel drive cars emerged as the top product re-exported from Bahrain with BD24 Million, cigarettes came as second products with BD7 Million, and Sedan cars as third with BD3 Million.

**Deficit reaches BD637 Million**

The value of trade balance, difference between exports and imports, increased the deficit reaching BD637 Million during first quarter 2018 versus BD399 Million for the same quarter of the previous year with increase of 60pc.



## Qatar should pay for US troops in Syria: Saudi FM



**Riyadh**

Qatar should pay for the presence of US military forces in Syria, Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir said in a statement carried by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA).

FM Jubeir's statement came following comments made by US President Donald Trump during a joint press conference with his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron.

Jubeir stated that Qatar must send its military forces to Syria "before the American President cancels American protection of Qatar, which hosts a (US) military base on its lands".

In his statement, the Saudi FM also that if US does withdraw its protection - in the form of military base - "the (Qatari) regime "would fall there in less than a week". (Arab news)

## Annual Heritage festival begins

**Manama**

Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the 26th edition of the Annual Heritage Festival will kick off today at its new location in the special functions tent near Arad Fort and its associated heritage village.

The event, held under the theme "Muharraq Memory", will continue until May 5 and will feature programmes by Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) depicting Bahrain's folkloric heritage that characterises Muharraq.

This year's festival is part of BACA's programme to celebrate Muharraq as "Capital of Islamic Culture 2018".

## TRA holds VAT for Telecoms Workshop

**Manama**

As part of its initiatives under the Fourth National Telecommunications Plan to develop human resources capacity in the telecommunications sector, The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) held "VAT for Telecoms Workshop" in collaboration with KPMG from 24th to 26th April 2018.

The workshop was conducted with the purpose to discuss VAT which will be introduced soon in the Kingdom of Bahrain and which will have an effect on several functions within the telecoms sector.

## 'VAT for Beginners' -Part 9

# Preparing for Value Added Tax in Bahrain



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## VAT FOR BEGINNERS – TAX DUE DATE

We saw in our previous two articles how determining the nature of 'Supply' (Goods or Services) and 'Place of Supply' (Country having the right to tax the transaction) could potentially impact the manner in which an organization's VAT compliance has to be undertaken. Similarly, today we are going to delve into the concept of 'Tax Due Date' and how businesses might face challenges in complying with this aspect of VAT.

## 1. 'Tax Due Date' – meaning and relevance

- 'Tax Due Date' is the point in time at which the tax becomes payable/due to the VAT Authorities.
- It is essentially deciding the month for which the Tax liability can be associated with. Tax associated for a return period (month / quarter) needs to be paid by a particular date e.g. Tax for the month of March will be paid by end of April.
- Every transaction has many aspects i.e.:
  - Date of contract or agreement or purchase order (PO)
  - Actual date of supply / provision of goods and services
  - Date of raising Invoice on customer
  - Date of payment(s) from customer
  - Question arises which of these events will trigger a VAT liability.
- On the accounting side, there are 2 broad methods: Cash based accounting and Accrual based accounting. In cash based accounting revenue is recognised only when the customer pays for the goods supplied / to be supplied. However in accrual based accounting, the revenue is recognised when the supply has happened and customer has accepted the supply. Hence the method of accounting has a direct impact on the revenue and profit that is reported in a given period.
- Similarly, the VAT law / rules prescribe its own method or rule in determining the revenue (tax base) and tax liability thereon to be reported for a particular period by the tax payers.
- Interestingly, the VAT method applicable in most of the cases is a combination of the cash and accrual principles i.e. the VAT liability or the 'Tax Due Date' or internationally referred as "Point of Taxation" gets fastened on earliest of the following events:
  - the date of supply;
  - the date of issuance of the invoice on customer;
  - the date on which full/partial consideration is received from customer

### VAT will be due on the EARLIEST of the following dates



- The objective of VAT law is clear – collect tax on earliest of the events to prepone the tax collections. This, unfortunately, is in line with practices in many countries.

### Why is Tax Due Date important

- The determination of 'Tax Due Date' is important for taxpayers, since it directly impacts:
  - the point when revenue from supplies would have to be reflected in their VAT returns and tax paid on the same.
  - An error in determination of 'Tax Due Date' could result in incorrect declaration in the VAT return, which can attract fines/penalties for delayed payment of tax.
  - The rate of tax to be applied in case where there is a change in rate of tax (may be relevant for future).
- Accordingly, taxpayers must be mindful of the same.

### Lets discuss the item number 4 in the above table.

- 'X' (Customer) goes to a Supplier for purchasing a TV on 31.01.2018 and makes full payment on the same date
- The Supplier, on 1.02.2018 makes delivery of the TV to 'X'.
- In this scenario, the date of supply will be 31.01.2018, and the Supplier will have to reflect the same in the VAT return being filed in the month of January (assuming a monthly return).
- So even if there is no sale in the month of January but since the Supplier received the payment in January' 18, VAT liability pertains to the month of January.
- In the month of January, Supplier would only record receipt of advance and no sales (assuming that the Supplier is following an accrual-based accounting). Hence for VAT purposes sales has happened and for accounting no sales has happened. This will necessitate preparation of reconciliation between 'book numbers' and 'return numbers' with proper back up / records to support the difference (the difference due to such cases will occur in 2 months – 1st in the month of receipt of advance and 2nd in the month of sales).

### Illustration of Tax Due Date

Sr. No.	Date of Supply	Invoice date	Payment date	Due Date of Supply
1	1 January 2018	1 February 2018	1 March 2018	1 January 2018
2	1 February 2018	1 January 2018	1 March 2018	1 January 2018
3	1 March 2018	1 February 2018	1 January 2018	1 January 2018
4	1 February 2018	To be raised	31 January 2018	31 January 2018
5	To be delivered	31 January 2018	1 February 2018	1 January 2018
6	1 January 2018	1 February 2018	To be paid	1 January 2018

## 2. 'Date of Supply' – meaning

- ▶▶ In the above discussed criteria, one of the prominent event is “date of supply”.
- ▶▶ Now what is meant by this phrase. Lets take a case of sale of goods. Following dates will be relevant:
  - The date on which goods were despatched from Supplier’s location
  - The date on which goods were received at Customer’s location
  - The date of acceptance of goods by the Customer
- ▶▶ Now, which of these dates are to be taken to determine the ‘date of supply’
- ▶▶ The GCC VAT agreement provides guidance on the same. There are different rules prescribed for different types of transactions for goods and services.
- ▶▶ The ‘date of supply’ is generally determined as below:
  - i. For supply of goods with transportation, date when the transportation commences
  - ii. For supply of goods without transportation, date when the goods are made available at customer’s disposal
  - iii. For supply of goods with installation at site, date on which the assembly or installation of Goods was completed
  - iv. For supply of services, date on which the service was completed
  - There are specific rules for some other cases also, which can be referred.

## 3. Tax Due Date for transitional transactions

▶▶ Assuming VAT comes into Bahrain w.e.f. 1st October’ 18 (‘go-live date’). There will be many transactions for which one or more events (supply / invoicing / payment) would happen prior to the go-live date.

▶▶ The issue arises whether the normal rules for “Tax due date” will apply for these Transitional cases.

▶▶ If the same rules apply, then if any of the event (supply / invoicing / payment) happens prior to the go-live date then no tax (VAT) will apply on these transactions.

▶▶ However, the GCC VAT agreement has advocated special rules for these cases. The rule is that if the supply of goods or services (completion of full or part of services) happened post go-live date then irrespective whether payment received or invoice raised prior to go-live date, VAT will apply on these transactions (or part thereof) which happens post go-live date.

▶▶ The same can be summarised and understood with the help of the following example:

Invoice	Payment	Supply / Delivery	Tax impact
Before / After	Before / After	Before	No VAT applicable
Before	Before	After	VAT applicable
Before	After	After	VAT applicable
After	Before	After	VAT applicable
After	After	After	VAT applicable

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*Hence for transitional cases, the only focus has to be the date of supply.*

# Gulf Air takes part in Arabian Travel Market

## Manama

Gulf Air alongside Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority and a number of Bahraini travel and tourism industry representatives, is participating in the Arabian Travel Market 2018 (ATM), the region's leading travel and tourism exhibition.

Gulf Air is displaying its latest state of the art product at the event taking place at the Dubai World Trade Centre. The expo which began on April 22 ends today.

Guests at the Bahrain stand will have the opportunity to experience Gulf Air's incoming Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner premium, business class seat. The Bahrain stand is located in Hall 2 stand ME1410 at ATM.

Captain Waleed AbdulHameed Al Alawi, Gulf Air Deputy Chief Executive Officer commented, "We are

only days away from officially taking delivery of Gulf Air's first Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner – a historic moment for Gulf Air and Bahrain and yet another important step in our strategic direction towards furthering Gulf Air's fleet modernization process and supporting our network and overall passenger experience enhancement strategies." Gulf Air's new and highly anticipated Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner fleet entry will be delivered on 27th April and will ultimately serve Gulf Air's double daily London Heathrow service, offering increased capacity and enhanced, superior on-board products and services, from 15th June 2018.

Gulf Air will begin launching flights to its newest destinations with flights to Bangalore from 1st May, to Alexandria, Egypt from 10th June, Casablanca



Gulf Air Deputy Chief Executive Officer Captain Waleed AbdulHameed Al Alawi, Zayed R. Alzayani Chairman of Gulf Air's Board of Directors and Shaikh Khalid bin Humood Al-Khalifa, Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) Chief Executive Officer are seen at the Arabian Travel Market 2018

in Morocco from 11th June, Baku in Azerbaijan from 12th June, Abha and Tabuk in the

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 15th June, Calicut, India from 15th June and Sharm El

Shaikh, Egypt from 16th June. In 2018, Gulf Air will serve 49 cities in 26 countries.

## Oil tops \$75 on supply cuts

### London

Oil rose above \$75 a barrel yesterday to its highest since November 2014 before paring some gains, supported by OPEC-led production cuts, strong demand and the prospect of renewed U.S. sanctions on Iran.

Brent crude, the global benchmark, rose to its highest level since OPEC on Nov. 27, 2014 turned its back on curbing output to support prices, a move that triggered a battle for market share and helped deepen a collapse to \$27 in early 2016.

Oil prices began to recover in 2016 as OPEC discussed a return to market management with the help of Russia and other non-members. A supply-cutting deal started in January 2017 and has been deepened by a steep output drop in Venezuela.

Brent LCOc1 traded as high as \$75.27, gaining for a sixth day, and was up 4 cents at \$74.75 by 1315 GMT. U.S. crude CLc1 rose 3 cents to \$68.67, having hit its highest since Nov. 28, 2014 on Thursday.



## K-pop World Festival 2018

Once more, the Bahraini audiences, especially Korean pop music lovers, are up for the biggest show which not only to be seen but also to participate in!

@ Bahrain City Centre

The K-pop World Festival will take place on Friday, April 27, 2018 at the Grand Galleria of the Bahrain City Centre at 7:00pm. Event is public and open for all age categories.

All are invited

The K-pop world Festival will exhibit the affluent talents in singing and dancing in a spectacular performance bringing participants on the dance floor staging their capabilities to the jury.



### Surprise performances

Along with the talent show, the audiences must gear up for two surprise performances; for the first time in Bahrain, the famous Korean Idol Girl Group "Girl-Kind" will perform and the other one is the dancing martial arts exhibit by the Bahraini Taekwondo Team that will open the Contest.

The K – pop World Festival 2018 is organized by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Manama as part of the cultural promotion programmes the Embassy is organizing. The Festival is also sponsored by the Samsung Bin Hindi Informatics and Al Hawaj Techno Blue.



The Gulf Hotels Group participated in the region's largest travel trade and consumer event, Arabian Travel Market in Dubai. During the event, Shaikh Khalid bin Humood Al Khalifa, CEO of Bahrain Tourism Exhibition Authority, visited the Gulf Hotels Group stand. He met with Gulf Hotels Group CEO Garfield Jones and the General Managers of some of the Group's properties, Fares Yactine (Gulf Hotel), Volker Mandlowsky (The K Hotel) and Hussain Al Samaheji (Asdal Gulf Inn). Shaikh Khalid congratulated the Group on the stand, which promoted the Group's hotels and upcoming projects, including the construction of the Gulf Executive Residence in Juffair, the new Gulf Court Hotel Business Bay, Dubai and the refurbishment of the Gulf Convention Centre. Jones briefed Shaikh Khalid that it was the Group's 9th year of exhibiting at the event.





## Huawei Bahrain CEO, Lu Yuedong's exclusive interview to *DT News*

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Huawei has its own cloud business and we guarantee data security

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Balong chipset gave us a competitive edge in the industry

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**H**uawei CEO of Bahrain Lu Yuedong aims at preparing for the inevitable digital world with innovative Information and Communication Technology.

"Information and Communication Technology can be used to empower new age life," he said.

Following the Middle East ICT ecosystem conference at Ritz Carlton Bahrain yesterday, Lu Yuedong sat with *DT News* for an exclusive interview.

Having completed 30 successful years in the Information and Communication Technology industry, Huawei has now set its sight on the next 30-year strategy.

"The past 30 years our vision was to enrich people's lives through telecommunication. Our next 30-year vision is to bring digitalisation to every person, home and organisation," said Lu Yuedong.

"Huawei owes its success to two core values, being customer-centric and long-term dedication," he added.

The largest telecommunications equipment manufacturer in the world had been rigorously focusing on telecommunication and has now expanded to dealing with smart devices and business enterprises.

Huawei recently achieved heights with remodelling the city of Yanbu in Saudi Arabia where issues such as limited network bandwidth, road damage caused by heavy vehicles, public parking difficulties and security risks hindered the efficiency of the industrial city.

"Heavy vehicle management, smart waste management, smart streetlight and smart parking are among the innovations we implemented in Yanbu," Lu Yuedong told *DT*.

"Yanbu is our first benchmark in the Middle East," he added.

Huawei has played an active role in extending their expertise and services to the Kingdom of Bahrain by working with Alba, Viva, Batelco, Bahrain International Airport, University of Bahrain and Polytechnic.

"Huawei ICT centre in Bahrain Polytechnic shows our concentration toward education," says, Lu Yuedong.

Bahrain Polytechnic's School of ICT & Web Media hosted the 10th ICT & Web Media Project Exhibition on January 17, 2018. Campus cloud technology is the most recent projects undertaken by Huawei to pave

the path the quality education.

### Assures privacy

In light of the recent issues faced by Facebook with regard to the invasion of users' privacy and data, Lu Yuedong provides the assurance that user privacy will be protected.

"Huawei has its own cloud business and we guarantee data security," he stated.

The second largest smartphone manufacturer in the world maintains its competitiveness through large and persistent investments in the Research and Development department. "In the past few decades, on a global scale, we have invested over 310 billion US Dollars with 10 to 12 billion dollars every year," revealed Lu Yuedong.

"This investment guarantees Huawei's competitiveness and leading position," he added.

The 7.3 Billion dollar industry invests over ten percent of their income in the company's Research and Development department.

In February this year, Huawei unveiled world's first commercial chipset, Huawei Balong 5G01, that meets 5G standards and enable mobile devices to access 5G internet.

"The introduction of Balong chipset gave us a competitive edge in the industry," said Lu Yuedong.

Apart from the chipset, the company's strength lies in cloud and networking.

"The intelligent world is around the corner we need to work together to build a better and smarter kingdom together," stated Huawei CEO of Bahrain Lu Yuedong.

**"We need to work together to build a better, smarter kingdom"**

**The digital world is coming soon**

## Did You Know?



Former US President Barack Obama was known as "O'Bomber" at high school for his skill at basketball



## BFC CURRENCIES EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2936	0.2912
BANGLADESH	0.00472	0.00452
CANADA	0.2997	0.2964
DENMARK	0.0649	
EGYPT	0.0237	0.0219
EURO	0.4673	0.4647
HONGKONG	0.04967	0.04927
INDIA	0.00582	0.00572
INDONESIA	0.00002941	0.00002778
IRAN TUMAN	0.00010959	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000317	
JAPAN	0.00362	0.003550
JORDAN	0.5359	0.5351
KOREA	0.00040082	
KUWAIT	1.263	1.264
MALAYSIA	0.0988	0.0987
NEW ZEALAND	0.2727	0.2728
NORWAY	0.0499	
NEPAL	0.00391	0.00356
OMAN	0.98168	0.98301
PAKISTAN	0.00349	0.00327
PHILIPPINES	0.00745	0.00723
QATAR	0.10381	0.10404
SAUDI ARABIA	0.1006	0.10067
SINGAPORE	0.2894	0.2874
SOUTH AFRICA	0.03200	0.03190
SRI LANKA	0.00273	0.00241
SWEDISH	0.0474	
SWITZERLAND	0.3933	0.3902
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0017
TAIWAN	0.013600	
THAILAND	0.012200	0.012160
TURKEY	0.0978	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5336	0.5307
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102850	0.102870
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37790	0.37800
YUAN	0.056800	0.056800

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## GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5738	0.3860	0.3503
KUWAIT	0.2855	30.7255	0.2923	0.2653
OMAN	0.3849	0.3759	0.3941	0.3576
QATAR	3.6420	3.5568	3.7293	3.3841
UAE	3.6730	3.5871	3.7610	3.4129
SAUDI	3.7500	3.6623	3.8399	3.4845

# Gulf end mixed as Saudi falls back



Representative picture (Courtesy Daily Star)

Saudi blue chips seen as expensive after recent gains

Dallah Healthcare, Arabian Cement slump after poor earnings

Dubai index hits new two-year low as Emaar sags

DAMAC erases most early losses

Kuwait's HumanSoft slips on dividend decision

**Dubai**  
Saudi Arabia's stock index fell back yesterday as many blue chips were seen as fully valued or expensive after the market hit a more than two-year high the previous day. Other Gulf markets were mixed, with property stocks dragging Dubai lower.

The Saudi index ended 0.2 per cent lower, remaining near levels last seen in August 2015. The index is up 15pc this year because of inflows of foreign funds and strong corporate earnings.

Saudi Basic Industries (SABIC) and Al Rajhi Bank both dropped 0.3pc.

"In terms of broad valuation metrics at a 16 times price to earnings multiple, it is definitely not cheap, given earnings growth is not yet visible," Vrajesh Bhandari, portfolio manager at Al Mal Capital in Dubai, said of Saudi Arabia.

"For instance, SABIC at 19 times is a good 15pc more expensive than its historical average ratios. In fact, I feel

most large caps are either full or have built a 5-10pc froth over their fair market value."

Dallah Healthcare dropped 3.6pc to its lowest close this year after its first-quarter net profit fell 32pc.

The company said it was hit by higher start-up expenses from a new hospital project, the imposition of value-added tax, and provisions for credit losses as it adopted International Financial Reporting Standards.

Arabian Cement tumbled 8.3pc in its heaviest trade since April 2016 after reporting a surprise first-quarter net loss of 6.1 million riyals (\$1.6 million). Three analysts surveyed by Reuters had on average forecast a profit of 69 million riyals.

Dubai's index fell 0.9pc to a two-year low, hurt by selling in property stocks. Emaar Properties closed 1.6pc lower after opening higher; the stock is down 16pc so far this year.

DAMAC Properties ended the day 0.4pc lower but erased some of its losses in early trade, when it was down 2.9pc.

## Closing Bell

SAUDI fell 0.2pc to 8,315 points.

DUBAI dropped 0.9pc to 3,034 points.

ABU DHABI edged down 0.1pc to 4,689 points.

QATAR fell 0.7pc to 9,091 points.

EGYPT rose 0.2pc to 18,122 points.

KUWAIT edged up 0.3pc to 4,794 points.

OMAN edged up 0.1pc to 4,762 points.

BAHRAIN was down 1.2pc at 1,282 points.

The stock suffered on Monday after it lowered its annual dividend, which was not a shock for institutional investors who track the company's cash flow, but caught retail investors by surprise, analysts said.

Qatar's index fell 0.7pc on profit-taking after a spate of strong earnings helped recent gains. Qatar National Bank dropped 1.6pc and Qatar

Electricity & Water fell 2.5pc. The index is up nearly 7pc so far this year.

Kuwaiti education company HumanSoft dropped 2.8pc after a shareholder meeting declined to approve a board proposal to distribute a stock dividend of 70 shares for every 100 shares, though it did approve a motion to raise the annual cash dividend to 175 fils per share from an originally proposed 160 fils. (Reuters)

## Alba set to become world's largest smelter



Chief Executive Officer Tim Murray

### Manama

Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) will soon become the world's largest smelter with an annual production capacity of 1.5 million metric tonnes per year, said a top Alba official.

Speaking during CRU's 23rd World Aluminium Conference, Chief Executive Officer Tim Murray said he is confident that Alba will "succeed in taking-off Line 6 Expansion Project into reality and deliver the First Hot Metal on 01 January 2019."

"I am proud to say that

in CRU 2019, Alba will be the world's largest smelter with an annual production capacity of 1.5 million metric tonnes per year," he added.

Alba, according to the Chief Executive officer, is currently the fifth largest smelter in the world.

This came as the Chief Executive Officer Tim Murray presented Alba's 'Line 6 Expansion Project Update' during a keynote panel on 'Primary Aluminium' during the conference held

at Jumeirah Carlton Tower, London. The conference that began on Monday concludes today.

CRU's World Aluminium Conference is an annual event that is widely recognised as one of the top industry events, which attracts influential delegates and key decision makers from the global aluminium industry. The event brings together over 200 delegates from around the world such as China, Europe, USA, The Middle East, India, Africa and Australia.



### Japan to test urine to spot cancer

A Japanese firm is poised to carry out what it hailed as the world's first experiment to test for cancer using urine samples, which would greatly facilitate screening for the deadly disease. Engineering conglomerate Hitachi developed the basic technology to detect breast or colon cancer from urine samples earlier. It will now begin testing the method using urine samples, to see if samples at room temperature are suitable for analysis. (AFP)



### Low dose of antibiotics can cause resistance

Even low concentrations of antibiotics can cause resistance to develop in bacteria. Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria change in response to the use of these medicines, used to prevent bacterial infections. Over time, bacteria exposed to low doses of antibiotics developed resistance to antibiotic levels that were over a thousand times higher than the initial level to which the bacteria were subjected. (IANS)

# Ramadan preparation for diabetic patients

With less than a month away to start the holy month of Ramadan, all patients with diabetes who wish to fast during Ramadan should undergo the required arrangements to undertake the fast as safely as possible. These include medical assessment and educational counselling.

This assessment should take place within one month before Ramadan. They must visit their Diabetes doctor. Specific consideration should be devoted to the overall well-being of the patient and to the control of their sugar levels, blood pressure, and level of hydration.

Appropriate blood studies should be ordered and evaluated. Specific medical advice must be provided to each individual patient concerning the potential risks they are accepting in deciding to fast, even if they fast against medical advice. During this assessment, necessary changes in their diet or medication regimen and doses should be made earlier so that the patient initiates fasting while being on a stable and effective program.

Based on age, type of diabetes (type 1 vs Type 2), type medications, existing kidney or heart complications, frequency and seriousness of low blood sugar attacks, pregnancy, presence of family

support, availability of blood sugar measuring device and their 3 months sugar average A1c level before Ramadan, the doctor will then recommend against or allow fasting if safe. Low blood sugar mostly during fasting, High Blood sugar mostly in the evening, developing ketone bodies in those on Insulin or others severely distressed, dehydration, low blood pressure and increase risk of vein thrombosis are all feared outcome in prolonged fasting.

Majority of patients who fast are type 2 diabetes (adult onset diabetes on oral medications or Insulin) and around 50% of type 1 Diabetes (children with Insulin multiple injections or Insulin Pump). In pregnancy, fetal distress and mother distress should be discussed and many physicians advice against fasting unless pregnant patient is well controlled on diet alone.

It is vital that the patients and family receive the necessary education concerning self-care, including signs and symptoms of high and low blood sugar levels, blood glucose monitoring, meal planning, physical activity, timing of medication administration and dose adjustments, and management of acute complications.

Adequate nutrition and hydration



**Dr Wiam Hussein**

Senior Consultant in Diabetes and Endocrinology. American Board of Endocrinology. Royal Bahrain Hospital

should be emphasized, in addition to ensuring preparedness to treat low sugar reactions promptly should it occur, even if it is mild (use of glucose gel, glucose-containing liquids, glucose tablets, or glucagons injection by family members or friends; wearing of medical alert bracelet).

*Wishing you all a safe and healthy Ramadan*

## PET VET

Dr. Rajani Rajesh



### Feline acne

Cat acne is very common in cats and can occur at any age and any breed, although Persian cats are also likely to develop acne on the face and in the skin folds. This is happened as a result of hair follicles in the chin becomes clogged with an oily substance called sebum. The clogged follicle forms blackheads (comedons) that often resemble dirt on cat's chin and lips. These can turn in to red, itchy bumps which can progress to pimples, which can progress to abscesses that rupture and become crusty. Cats may continue to scratch and reopen wounds, allowing bacterial infections to grow worse.

The exact cause of feline acne isn't known, but there seem to be several contributing factors, including hyperactive sebaceous glands, and contact or allergic dermatitis. Sensitivity to foods or chemicals in the diet can be a cause, as can reactions to certain medications, hormone imbalances, and poor grooming habits. Cats with feline immunodeficiency virus or feline leukemia virus can be predisposed to feline acne. Other causes of feline acne include a compromised immune system, and stress.

Pet shampoos containing benzyl peroxide are useful to treat feline acne, because the benzyl peroxide penetrates deep clean the follicle, destroy the bacteria, and remove excess waxy grease that might contribute to feline acne. If your cat has a history of acne, wipe his chin after he eats and pat the area dry. This can prevent oil buildup and bacterial infection from food that's become trapped in the hair follicles. Once the acne has cleared up, monitor your cat regularly so you can catch the sign of any potential recurrence in the earliest stages. In more severe cases, prolonged oral antibiotic treatment with bactericidal antibiotics should be prescribed.

*(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.)*

## With you... 9 months and beyond



Twins Iona and Fiona

As an obstetrician/gynaecologist, there is nothing that gives me more pleasure than helping my patients through the miracle of childbirth. It is the culmination of all my studies and clinical training to help deliver a new baby into the world.

There is a special pleasure for me in helping couples with fertility problems manage to conceive and deliver a baby that others had told them they could never have.

Having children is important for every couple. I have seen the stigma of being unable to become pregnant, which can threaten a marriage and destroy family life. This has driven my interest in helping infertile couples throughout my career. I have always maintained

**Dr. Mahnaz Keshavarzian**  
 Middle East Medical Centre

an infertility clinic in addition to my standard OB/GYN practice, and have developed expertise in helping barren couples to conceive in a natural and affordable way, without recourse to expensive and traumatic in vitro fertilization (IVF) procedures.

I have delivered many children around the world from my infertility cases many of whom stay in regular touch with me. My Instagram account ammehmahnaz has many comments from babies I have delivered, some of whom are now beautiful young adults.

One of my recent joys was in helping a couple from our MEM family to achieve parenthood. The picture on left is the outcome -- beautiful twins Iona and Fiona.

## Variety of interventions may assist children to improve self-regulation

Yoga, exercise, education and personal skills training are among the many types of interventions that may help kids improve what's known as self-regulation, or their ability to manage their behaviour and emotions, a study suggests.

Self-regulation covers a lot of things that kids need to succeed inside and outside the classroom, ranging from the ability to have positive interactions with others, the capacity to avoid inappropriate or aggressive actions, and the ability to carry out self-directed learning. Cognitive processes contributing to self-regulation are often referred to as "executive function" and can

include impulse control as well as the ability to direct or focus attention, adapt flexibly to changes, and retain information.

For the current study, researchers examined data from 49 previously published studies with a total of more than 23,000 children and teens who were randomly selected to receive an intervention to improve self-regulation or join a control group that didn't get help.

Most of the interventions were associated with improvements in kids' ability to appropriately adjust their behaviour and emotional responses to fit different situations, researchers report in JAMA Pediatrics. (Reuters)



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa received, at Al-Sakhir Palace, the credentials of four ambassadors accredited to Bahrain. The new envoys are Hideki Ito (Japan), Thanis Na Songkhla (Thailand), Anwar...



President of the Supreme Council for Health (SCH) Lt-Gen Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa and Health Minister Faeqa bint Saeed Al-Saleh met South Korea's Ministry of Health and Social Welfare Park Neunghoo and discussed health cooperation. The SCH President reviewed Bahrain's National Health Plan (2016-2025), which is one of the national initiatives and a key aspect of the royal reforms.



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Al-Saleh met with the leading Irish electrical company ESBI International. The meeting discussed energy, as well as the latest projects implemented by E...



The US Ambassador Justin Siberell visited the Northern governorate where he met Northern Governor Ali bin Al-Shaikh Abdul Hussain Al Asfoor. The Ambassador lauded the national and social programmes carried out by the Governorate within the framework of "We Are All partners In Peace" initiative. He praised the wide range of programmes and projects implemented by the governorate for the people there.



Survey and Land Registration Bureau (SLRB) signed a cooperation agreement with the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO). SLRB Chairman Shaikh Salman bin Abdulla bin Hamad Al-Khalifa signed the agreement in the presence of British Ambassador Simon Martin. Under the agreement, the hydrographic charts and geospatial maps issued in Bahrain would be promoted and sold worldwide. Training programmes will be provided for Bahraini personnel in cartography.



Undersecretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duajj Al Khalifa has opened the 24th Art at the Harbour exhibition being held in the Harbour Gate South Entrance, within Bahrain Financial Harbour. "Silhouette of Colors" by Al Raja School students went on display at the expo showcasing the talents of this young generation and highlighting their sense of responsibility towards their community.



Jalal Ionics (Aqua Cool) received the ISO 22000:2005 Food Safety Management System (FSMS) certification on March 10. The company has implemented a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) based food safety management system and features an in-house laboratory that is fully-equipped with the latest technology and highly qualified technicians.



Former Indian Parliamentarian Khursheed Alam and ISB Secretary General... presence of ISB Secretary General... Khursheed Alam and Pr...



Wang Wei (China) and Shaikh Sultan bin Hamdan Al Nahyane (UAE).



Dr. Mirza received Irish Ambassador Joseph Anthony Cotter and senior officials of the Irish State. They reviewed bilateral relations in the fields of electricity, water and renewable energy.



Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) Hala Al-Ansari held a meeting with Chief Executive of the Labour Fund Authority (Tamkeen) Dr. Ibrahim Janahi to discuss indicators of the Bahraini women's participation in the private sector to contribute to promoting the national economy. Al-Ansari praised Tamkeen's effort to support Bahraini women's participation in the private sector, encouraging them to launch their own businesses and benefiting from training programmes to develop their qualifications in the field of work.



Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery, GPEC President, announced the completion of the Company's comprehensive periodic maintenance for the year. He said 53 pieces of equipment of various sizes and dimensions, including those manufactured in giant workshops within Bahrain, and from Italy, Germany, Spain, the Netherlands, Japan, Singapore and Austria were used. Other equipment, besides being locally procured, was also imported from the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. GPEC carries out a turnaround of its plants every three years.



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Guest member Ganesh Prasad Singh was given a warm reception at the Indian School Bahrain. Chairman Prince S Natarajan presented a memento to Ganesh Prasad Singh in the presence of school principal Saji Antony, EC Members Binu Mannil Varughese, Rajesh Nambiar, Mohammad Mannil and Principal VR Palaniswamy.



On the occasion of Nriethanjali 2018, the Indian classical dance debut of students trained by teacher Subha Ajith was staged at the Bahrain Keraleeya Samjajam(BKS) Diamond Jubilee hall. BKS General Secretary M.P Raghu lighted the lamp in the presence of chief guest SPAC Group Chairman P. Unnikrishnan.

# CELEBS



**Oprah Winfrey @Oprah**  
 Let's just say it @IyanlaVanzant is a mighty, mighty Healer! #FixMyLife



## PRINCE WILLIAM, KATE RETURN HOME WITH NEWBORN SON

London  
**Britain's Prince William** accompanied his wife Kate as she left hospital Monday evening after giving birth to a baby boy, the couple's third child who is fifth in line to the British throne. The boy, weighing eight pounds and seven ounces (3.8 kilograms), was born at 11:01 am (1001 GMT) with William, the Duke of Cambridge, present for the birth, Kensington Palace announced.  
 "The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and their son will travel home to Kensington Palace," it said.  
 "Their Royal Highnesses would like to thank all staff at the hospital for the care and treatment they have received.  
 "They would also like to thank everyone for their warm wishes," the palace added in a statement.  
 The couple stepped out of St. Mary's Hospital in central London around 6:00 pm to cheers from a crowd of supporters and



global media outlets gathered outside. -- had met the latest addition to the family earlier in the afternoon, before returning home to Kensington Palace ahead of their parents. (AFP)

## Hardy impresses all with 'Venom' avatar

Las Vegas  
**Actor Tom Hardy** impressed everyone at CinemaCon convention here by showing an extended footage from upcoming superhero movie "Venom".  
 The film, which doesn't resemble a superhero tentpole, began with Hardy's Eddie Brock as a tough journalist dealing with Michelle Williams and Riz Ahmed as he uncovers exploitation at a corporate entity -- resulting in a subsequent visit at his run-down apartment from henchmen who are there to dispatch him.  
 At that point, Hardy transforms into Venom -- a much-larger goeey alien symbiote with massive powers who quickly kills his attackers, reported *variety.com*. (IANS)



STARRY  
 Birthday  
 Al Pacino

April 25, 1940

Had his breakthrough as mobster Michael Corleone in the Godfather trilogy and won an Academy Award for Best Actor for his role as Frank Slade in the 1992 film Scent of a Woman.



# START CAMERA ACTION

## Rockwell in talks to join 'Jojo Rabbit'

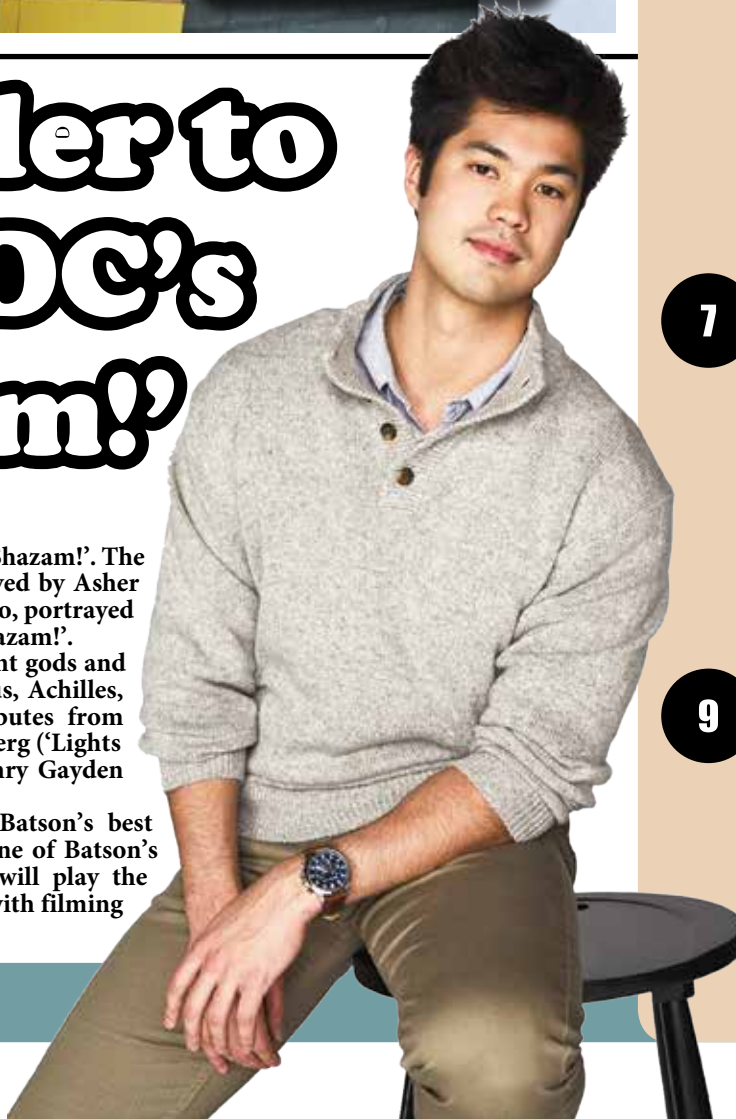


Los Angeles **Oscar-winning** actor Sam Rockwell is in negotiations to star alongside Scarlett Johansson in Taika Waititi's 'Jojo Rabbit'. The story revolves around Jojo, a young boy who longs to be part of the Hitler Youth and whose imaginary friend is Adolf Hitler.

He discovers a Jewish girl living in his attic and, after initially trying to find ways to get rid of her, begins to see her as human.

According to a reports, Johansson is playing Jojo's mother, a woman who is secretly working for the resistance. Waititi is playing the imaginary Hitler. If things workout, Rockwell will play a Nazi captain who runs a Hitler Youth camp. (PTI)

## Ross Butler to star in DC's 'Shazam!'













Los Angeles **A**ctor Ross Butler has joined the cast of DC's 'Shazam!'. The film follows a boy named Billy Batson, played by Asher Angel, who can transform into an adult superhero, portrayed by Zachary Levi, by uttering the magic word 'Shazam!'.

The name Shazam is an acronym of the ancient gods and historical figures Solomon, Hercules, Atlas, Zeus, Achilles, and Mercury. Batson derives his heroic attributes from those figures when in adult form. David F Sandberg ('Lights Out') is directing from a script penned by Henry Gayden and Darren Lemke.

Jack Dylan Grazer will play Freddy, Billy Batson's best friend. Grace Fulton is also on board to play one of Batson's friends. There are reports that Mark Strong will play the villain in the movie. Peter Safran is producing, with filming planned for this year. (PTI)

# Top Album Sales this Week

- 1  Rearview Town  
Jason Aldean
- 2  Ember  
Breaking Benjamin
- 3  The Greatest Showman  
Soundtrack
- 4  The Tree Of Forgiveness  
John Prine
- 5  PTX Presents: Top Pop, Vol. I  
Pentatonix
- 6  6. Invasion Of Privacy  
Cardi B
- 7  The \$5.98 EP: Garage Days Re-Revisited  
Metallica
- 8  Hardwired...To Self-Destruct  
Metallica
- 9  DAMN.  
Kendrick Lamar
- 10  My Dear Melancholy, (EP)  
The Weeknd

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# OUT & ABOUT

### LITERARY TRIBUTE TO KANNADASAN

**Date: April 27**

**Venue: Tropicana Hotel**

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

Professor Lion P.M.Mansure, a great Tamil Scholar, Former Vice Principal of Jamal Mohammed College and Former Principal of M.I.T., Tiruchirappalli will be giving a speech on Kannadasan with a comparative study on his works with Tamil literature of "Sangam" age. Prof. Mansure is on short private visit to Bahrain and he is well versed in Tamil Literature. Kannadasan has contributed nearly 5000 film lyrics apart from 6000 poems and 232 books including novels, epics, plays, essays, his most popular being 10 religious essay on Hinduism, "Arthamulla Hindumatham" (Meaningful Hindu Religion).

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

### 26TH ANNUAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL - MEMORY OF MUHARRAQ

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

**Venue: Events Tent By Arad Fort**

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

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

### THE 13TH SPRING OF CULTURE FESTIVAL

**Date: February - April 2018**

**Venue: Different Locations**

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

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

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

### EVENING CONVERSATION: "THE MAGIC OF NATURAL PEARLS"

**Date: 30 April 2018, 7:00pm**

**Venue: Bin Matar House**

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

### TRIBUTE TO THE TRINITY

**Date: May 3**

**Venue: Bahrain Society of Engineers auditorium**

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

The Trinity of South Indian classical music refers to the outstanding trio of composers Thyagaraja Swamy, Mutthuswamy Dikshitar and Shyama Sastri. These 18th century contemporaries were prolific composers and are known for creating a new era in the history of South Indian classical music. To celebrate their genius, the local musicians and students of music will be rendering renowned compositions of the trinity.

### KNIGHTS OF RIZAL BOWL-O-RAMA

**Date: May 4**

**Venue: Dana Mall**

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

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

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

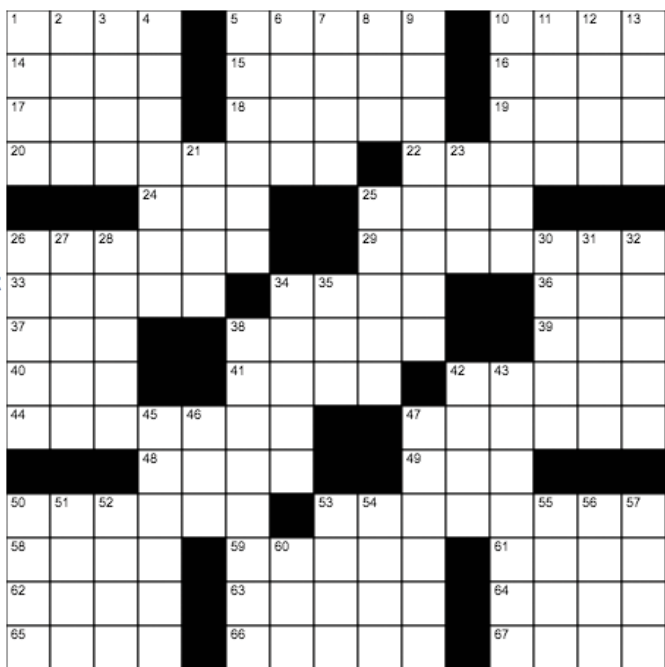
Trophies and medals, as well as door prizes and tokens, will be given away to the winners and participants. Companies interested to sponsor the event may kindly coordinate with Rene Caceda through mobile no. 33456449.

The tournament is open to the public and entries should be composed of a 5-man team plus one alternate.





# CROSSWORD



## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



### Across

Young cow; 5- Clear the board; 10- Spy; 14- Cameo shape; 15- Second king of Israel; 16- In a bad way; 17- Soup with sushi; 18- Cabinet department; 19- Cartoonist Silverstein; 20- Abroad; 22- Aboriginal; 24- Sick; 25- \_\_\_ extra cost; 26- Some sculptures; 29- Postal carrier's tote; 33- Role for Clark; 34- Fail to include; 36- Compass dir.; 37- Musical ability; 38- Look happy; 39- From \_\_\_ Z; 40- Altar constellation; 41- River to the Ubangi; 42- Church council; 44- Converting to leather; 47- Zero; 48- South American Indian; 49- CPR expert; 50- Place of contentment; 53- Most lucid; 58- Monumental; 59- Swift; 61- \_\_\_-Tass (Russian news agency); 62- Don't look at me!; 63- Related on the mother's side; 64- Magazine founder Eric; 65- Slippery \_\_\_ eel; 66- Gave a measured amount; 67- Church service;

### Down

1- Singer Perry; 2- Tel \_\_\_; 3- Emit coherent light; 4- Retailer of flowers; 5- Ford flops; 6- Pro \_\_\_; 7- Gardner and others; 8- Join a poker game; 9- Toothless; 10- Firearm; 11- K through 12; 12- Mtn. stat; 13- "South Park" kid; 21- Type of machine found in Las Vegas; 23- Black cuckoo; 25- Miss by \_\_\_; 26- Rare delight; 27- Scarlett of fiction; 28- Aired again; 30- Game of chance; 31- Composer Bruckner; 32- Crystal-lined rock; 34- Last letter of the Greek alphabet; 35- Wire measure; 38- Preserved by exposure to the sun; 42- Body of an organism; 43- Rare metallic element; 45- Nicotinic acid; 46- Not Rep. or Dem.; 47- Required; 50- Lucy Lawless role; 51- Mil. addresses; 52- Actress Talbot; 53- Tax experts: Abbr.; 54- Lo-cal; 55- Jazz singer James; 56- Without; 57- Very, in Versailles; 60- Year abroad;

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## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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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)



Change is in the air. Whether it's a dramatic change of faith or a major shift in your life's goals, prepare yourself for a profound transformation. It's likely due to the fact that you now have more freedom to do what you want, when you want. Perhaps a financial windfall has made this possible. Take care to choose your new path wisely.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



It's time to refill the well of your soul. You spend so much of your life in service to others that it's only natural that you feel drained sometimes. Rather than try to push past this feeling and go on as though nothing is the matter, consider it a sign that something is amiss. Admit if you're feeling unappreciated.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



You would make an excellent judge. You're able to consider all aspects of a situation. This is a bit of a blessing and a curse, because it can make it difficult to come to a decision. Today you could face the challenge of reconsidering past decisions. Once-binding contracts need to be reviewed and new ones created.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Just because one person is no longer a part of your life doesn't mean that all people are unreliable. People change, as do situations. It's possible that this person was no longer a healthy influence on you, in which case the departure is for the best. You're going to have to become more adaptable, because there are more changes on the horizon.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



It can be hard to release old habits and beliefs even as new, better ways of thinking struggle to gain a foothold. It's time for you to do this. You might find it difficult to confide your feelings to another, but a frank conversation with close friends will do much to ease your mind. There's no question that you're changing.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



You always suspected that your job was making you crazy, but it never occurred to you that it could make you sick, too. Is it really worth it? You may be asking yourself this question today. Fortunately, your talents apply to several professions. Why not take a closer look at other fields? One way or another, it's clear that change is coming.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Just how long has it been since you indulged in a big helping of your favourite guilty pleasure? It's time to let the youngster in you come out and play today. Eat that chocolate, read those mindless magazines, or skip down the sidewalk. You've been taking life much too seriously lately. Even grownups are entitled to indulge in the pleasures of youth from time to time.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



If you feel like you're trying to push a square peg into a round hole, you're probably right. Whether you're having personal or professional difficulties, there are times when it just doesn't pay to try so hard. In fact, it's often a sign that there is something fundamentally wrong with the relationship. Try to take more of a philosophical attitude, Scorpio. If it's meant to work, it will.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



Things aren't always as they first appear. People you thought you knew well and circumstances that you thought you understood thoroughly now seem anything but straightforward. Has the world really changed that much or has your perception altered somehow? It's time to direct this "altered" vision inward. You're ready for a change.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



Difficult as it may be for you to face all those projects you've left undone, know that you'll be free to move on once they're complete. People from your past figure prominently now. Perhaps they come forward to repay an old debt or possibly claim repayment from you. Don't abandon your dreams. Once you've cleared a path for them, they're more likely to come true.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



You could have a "eureka!" moment today, as events from your past unexpectedly bubble to the surface of your mind and crystallize in a surprising new way. Suddenly, you have a clear understanding of how these past events affect your present behaviour. You can use this new knowledge to bring about change.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Sometimes it's easier to tend to life's mundane details rather than lift your eyes and see the big picture. For example, it's likely that you've grown complacent at work. Could it be that you aren't at the right job or in the right career after all? Busing yourself with trivia isn't the way to avoid answering the question. It's imperative that you face it head on and make the necessary changes.

# Murder charge on van driver



Police are seen near a damaged van Toronto

The 25-year-old suspect who ploughed a van into a crowded Toronto sidewalk was ordered held Tuesday on 10 counts of murder and 13 of attempted murder as Canadian authorities and the public sought to make sense of one of the deadliest mass killings in the country's modern history.

Alek Minassian showed little emotion as he made a brief appearance in a Toronto courtroom in a white jumpsuit and handcuffs. The judge ordered him detained without bond and scheduled the next hearing for May 10.

His father, Vahe Minassian, cried and looked stunned inside the courtroom. Asked outside if he had any message for the families of the victims, he said quietly: "I'm sorry."

Police, meanwhile, continued to gather evidence. About 20 officers made their way down the van's deadly

## Jordanian citizen killed

One Jordanian citizen was among 10 people killed on Monday, an official at the Embassy of Jordan in Ottawa said yesterday.

"We can only confirm that a Jordanian citizen

was among the deceased," a woman at the embassy who would only give her name as Noor Kh, told Reuters, declining to give any details about the identity of the victim. (Reuters)

path on Yonge Street, which remained closed to traffic on Tuesday and taped off with yellow crime scene tape. Nearby, mourners had put together a makeshift memorial to the victims.

"It was like he was playing a video game, trying to kill as many people as possible," said Panna Patel, 42, who stopped by the memorial and had been at the scene a day earlier, getting cash from an ATM. "He was looking people directly in the eye, making eye contact, it was so scary. He

wasn't remorseful at all."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau dismissed the possibility of terrorism, saying that authorities saw no national security element in the case.

The incident "hasn't changed the overall threat level in Canada," he said, though it occurred as Cabinet ministers from the G7 nations were meeting in Toronto.

Authorities have not disclosed a possible motive, though "the incident definitely looked deliberate," Police Chief Mark Saunders said. (AP)

## Kim's 'bitter sorrow' after bus crash

Beijing North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has expressed his "bitter sorrow" after dozens of Chinese tourists were killed when a bus they were travelling in plunged off a bridge.

Thirty-two Chinese tourists and four North Koreans perished in the accident south of Pyongyang Sunday night, Chinese officials and state media said. Two other Chinese nationals were injured.

In a rare admission of negative news from North Korea's tightly controlled propaganda network, the KCNA news agency on Tuesday said Kim met personally with the Chinese ambassador in Pyongyang and later visited



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un visited survivors in hospital, calling the bus crash his people's "own misfortune"

survivors in hospital. The Rodong Sinmun newspaper, the mouthpiece of the ruling party, carried a front-page on Kim's actions,

including pictures of him in a doctor's white coat, holding the two survivors' hands as they lay in their hospital beds. (AFP)

### #PollToday



Do you think Kim visiting bus crash survivors hints the regime's policy changes?

Yes  No  Cant Say



"We were and are concerned on the humanitarian side by Idlib. Because Idlib is the big new challenge, 2.5 million people. And you will not believe that all of them are terrorists of course. There are women, children, civilians, and this is looming up there,"

-Staffan de Mistura  
UN Syria envoy

### Rest in sight

Indonesia's former speaker jailed



Indonesia's former parliament speaker was given a 15-year prison term on Tuesday in one of the country's toughest sentences for graft, marking a victory in a continuing clampdown on widespread corruption.

5.2-magnitude quake strikes Turkey

An earthquake struck Turkey's southeastern province of Adiyaman, injuring 13 people and causing damage to buildings.

George H W Bush in intensive care

Former President George HW Bush has been hospitalised with an infection, just after attending the funeral of his wife, Barbara.

Nicaragua protest deaths rise to 27

Nicaragua was sliding into uncharted territory with protests against longtime President Daniel Ortega swelling to outpace a robust police crackdown in which at least 27 people have been killed.

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## Australia boy runs away to Bali using family credit card

Sydney

Australian police were yesterday investigating how a 12-year-old boy managed to fly alone to the Indonesian island of Bali and spend four days at a resort using his parents' credit card.

The boy ran away from his Sydney home after a row with his mother, flying first to the Western Australian city of Perth on budget airline Jetstar and then on to Bali, according to commercial broadcaster Channel Nine.

"He just doesn't like the word 'no', and that's what I

got, a kid in Indonesia," his mother, Emma, told Channel Nine in a programme that aired late Monday.

"It's too easy, it's way too easy. There's a problem in our system," she said, calling for tighter controls on air travel by young people.

The family had previously visited Bali on holiday and Emma said her son had already tried to book flights there on his own but had been knocked back by airlines because he did not have a letter from her. (AFP)

## High security as Philippines readies Boracay shutdown



Tourists and residents walk past a security check at the Caticlan jetty to get to Boracay

Manila

Police with assault rifles patrolled entry points to Boracay island yesterday just days before a six-month shutdown and clean-up of one of the Philippines' top tourist attractions.

President Rodrigo Duterte had branded the renowned white-sand resort a "cesspool" fouled by dumped sewage and imposed the temporary ban on visitors that is due to take effect Thursday.

Authorities yesterday held a practice run of security measures, asking residents of the tiny island to present identification cards at the gateway port of Caticlan to be allowed entry.

In Boracay, police conducted exercises simulating clashes with protesters, terrorist attacks and a hostage incident even as they said there was no specific threat. (AFP)

## China karaoke bar fire kills 18, arson suspect detained

Hong Kong

Police in southern China yesterday captured a man suspected to have started a blaze in a karaoke TV lounge that killed 18 people, shortly after authorities offered a reward for information on his whereabouts.

The fire in the city of Qingyuan in Guangdong province broke out just after midnight in a three-storey building, police said on their official account on China's Twitter-like Weibo,

adding that five people were injured.

Police investigating the case as suspected arson said they had captured the man, a 32-year-old surnamed Liu, in a nearby village.

"The suspect in the arson case, Liu Chunlu ... has been successfully captured," the police wrote on Weibo.

A reward of 200,000 yuan (\$31,676) had been offered to anyone who provided information leading to the capture. (Reuters)

Real Madrid to face Bayern Munich in Champions League semi-final first leg today

# Ronaldo the sole survivor of Real's 'BBC'

London

**C**ristiano Ronaldo, Gareth Bale and Karim Benzema were once the untouchable trio, but only one of Real Madrid's feted "BBC" can be sure of their place against Bayern Munich today.

Ronaldo has dragged Real into the Champions League semi-finals with, even by his standards, an astonishing goal glut that includes 22 in 12 games, and at least one in each of his last 11 matches in Europe.

"It's impossible to completely stifle Ronaldo, we can only stop him as a team," Bayern defender Jerome Boateng said on Monday.

"An attacker can not be more complete than him -- left foot, right foot, head, he controls everything and in front of

the goal, he's a machine".

But while Ronaldo has enjoyed a fresh spurt in his new role of predatorial centre-forward, his two partners have found their responsibilities reduced ahead of the first leg at the Allianz Arena.

Bale's decline began first. After returning from injury earlier this year, he was on the bench for both legs against Paris Saint-Germain and the first leg against Juventus.

In the second leg, he did start, only to endure the humiliation of being taken off at half-time. Benzema's fall has been more surprising given the striker had been Zinedine Zidane's preferred partner for Ronaldo, his work rate and supply highly valued despite the Frenchman's lack of goals.

But Benzema's link-up play has slackened, thrusting that dry patch -- one goal in 10 games and only four in 24 -- more clearly into view.

## 'A little blip'

"He does suffer a little bit, when he misses chances he suffers but the solution is easy," Zidane said. "He has to keep working. It is just a little blip he is in at the moment."

Bale and Benzema's dip has coincided with Ronaldo's golden run, a parallel that may not be entirely coincidental.

Ronaldo in a Real team centred on playing to his strengths is nothing new, but as the

Portuguese has grown narrower in his scope, perhaps his team-mates have had to sharpen their focus in providing service to him.

Zidane has often deployed 4-4-2 in the biggest games this season, with Lucas Vazquez and Marco Asensio preferred on the flanks for their defensive discipline and willingness to send crosses into the box.

Bale is not viewed as conscientious enough in the wide midfielder role while Benzema's key selling point was his link-up play. When that broke down, his appeal diminished.

"I don't see anyone looking sad," Zidane said. "I said to the pair of them the other day, they would both like to score more goals but everyone is working well."

"It is always going to happen in a side like ours, there are players in good form and in the team and playing well."

Even if Isco is selected, it means Real are likely to line up with one of their more modest-looking attacks for a crunch Champions League tie.

"I'm not worried," Zidane said last week. "It's true that in the last two games we have had chances and we have not taken them but now we are going to have a game on Wednesday away from home."

"We are going to try to score and what we have to do is to think positively and realise that this is football anything can happen, no matter who is playing on the pitch." (AFP)



Cristiano Ronaldo (file pic)

# Walcott lifts Everton to victory

## Everton up to eighth in Premier league table since August

### London

**T**heo Walcott's second-half winner against Newcastle moved Everton up to eighth -- their highest position in the Premier League table since August.

In the first match since Everton fans were asked by their club to rate manager Sam Allardyce out of 10, Walcott's strike six minutes after the interval at Goodison Park elevated them to a place they had not been in since the second game of the season.

The 1-0 victory also ended Newcastle's four-match winning streak and prevented Rafael Benitez's side from leapfrogging the Toffees in the standings.

Despite the upturn in form under Allardyce, there was a visual indicator of the fan feeling towards him when a banner was unfurled before kick-off that read "Our survey says... get out of our club."

Toffees supporters were goaded by the travelling Newcastle fans over their current boss too, with the airing of a "You've got Sam Allardyce" chant recalling

their displeasure at his time on Tyneside.

An early Everton goal may have silenced them but Cenk Tosun sliced wide after the ball had broken to him when Paul Dummett almost caught Walcott with his attempted clearance.

There were 31 minutes on the clock before either side registered a shot on target and when it did Ayoze Perez's tame effort was underwhelming.

The hosts did have a pair of opportunities of note moments later. Magpies goalkeeper Martin Dubravka was stranded when Michael Keane met Wayne Rooney's corner with a header that Jonjo Shelvey blocked. When the ball came back in from Rooney, Keane again met it with a header he guided to central-defensive partner Phil Jagielka, who poked the ball over with a stretching try.

Former Sunderland goalkeeper Jordan Pickford was another subject of the Newcastle supporters' songs and it was his clearance, blocked by Kennedy, that would have presented Islam Slimani with an opportunity



Theo Walcott of Everton (L) fights for the ball (Pic courtesy: AP)

had Perez's pass not been too heavy. Walcott blazed over the top with the final act of an

opening 45 minutes where the home side failed to register a shot on target.

However, after an off-balance Perez had fired wide early in the second half, an effort was finally directed on Dubravka's goal and Walcott made it count. (Esn)

## Europa League win would be perfect send-off for Wenger

### London

**A**rsenal defender Per Mertesacker says the players are focused on winning the Europa League as well as their four remaining Premier League games to give manager Arsene Wenger the perfect send-off.

Wenger announced on Friday he would leave Arsenal at the end of the season, bringing an end to his near 22-year reign during which they won three Premier League titles and seven FA Cups.

European success eluded Arsenal under Wenger but they take on Atletico Madrid in the first leg of the Europa League semi-finals on Thursday.

"He made it very clear to us that this is his clear target now, to win the Europa League and every match we are going to face now. Now we can come together and let him leave in style..." Mertesacker told reporters.

"The team responded to his announcement fairly quickly. We had an atmosphere that, we want to do it for you to send you off in the best possible way."

Arsenal have yet to name a successor to Wenger, who Mertesacker said had been the "best possible fit" for the side.

"Now we have to find another good fit to start a new era," the German added. (Reuters)



Per Mertesacker (file pic)

## Costa in Atletico squad

### London

**D**iego Costa has been named in the Atletico Madrid squad for the first leg of the Europa League semi-final against Arsenal following concerns over a hamstring injury.

Atletico confirmed the former Chelsea striker as part of the 20-strong group which would travel to England in a post on the club's official website and Twitter feed.

Costa had been taken off early in the second half against Sporting Lisbon on

April 12 as Atletico went on to secure their place in the last four of the Europa League despite a 1-0 defeat, progressing 2-1 on aggregate.

Speaking ahead of Sunday's LaLiga match

against Real Betis, which finished goalless, Atletico manager Diego Simeone had suggested Costa stood "no chance" of being fit for the first leg of the European tie at the Emirates Stadium. (PA Sport)



Diego Costa (file pic)

## Former France manager Henri Michel dies

### London

**F**ormer France manager Henri Michel, who guided the national team to an Olympic gold medal and third place in the World Cup, has died at the age of 70, the French Football Federation announced yesterday.

Michel managed the team that won gold at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984. Under him, France

made the semi-finals of the World Cup in Mexico two years later where they lost 2-0 to West Germany before beating Belgium 4-2 to seal third place.

As a player, Michel made over 500 appearances for French side Nantes and won three league titles in a 16-year career with them. He was also capped 58 times by the national team. (Reuters)



# Sharapova falls to Garcia

**Maria Sharapova loses in three sets, 3-6 7-6(6) 6-4**

**Stuttgart**

Maria Sharapova's claycourt season got off to a poor start yesterday as she lost in three sets to Caroline Garcia in the first round of the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix in Stuttgart.

France's Garcia staged a strong fightback to prevail 3-6 7-6(6) 6-4 in two hours and 44 minutes for her first victory over the former world number one in her fifth attempt.

"It was a very close match. I know she is a fighter and it would be difficult until the end," sixth seed Garcia, who saved two match points in the second set, said.

Sharapova, who came back from a 15-month doping ban at this tournament last April, won the first set with ease but the 31-year-old could not prevent a determined Garcia from dragging herself back into the contest through a tiebreak.

A 10th double fault by Sharapova at 4-4 handed Garcia the crucial break in the decider and the world number seven clinched the contest on her serve in the next game.

"I was a little more aggressive today and I returned a bit better. Finally I can say that after seven years I have beaten her... it's an important win," Garcia added.

Up next for Garcia is Ukrainian teenager Marta Kostyuk who beat Antonia Lottner 6-4 6-1. The 15-year-old qualified for the main draw by overcoming France's Alize Cornet on Monday.

"I can't say I'm super surprised, because that's what I work for, and I know I can play at this level," Kostyuk said.

World number six Karolina Pliskova also advanced with a 6-2 6-2 win over Kiki Bertens while Magdalena Rybarikova dumped out Russia's Daria Kasatkina 6-2 6-2. (Reuters)



Maria Sharapova (file pic)



Caroline Garcia (file pic)



Andy Murray (file pic)

## It's been harder than ever to come back

**London**

Andy Murray has revealed that his recovery from his hip injury has been harder than any previous fitness issues in his career.

Murray, 30, is expected to make his first appearance since Wimbledon when he competes at the Challenger Tour event in Glasgow at the end of the month. But the former world number one has admitted that coming back from his latest injury has been far harder than any other recovery in his career.

"This time has been harder. There's been a lot more ups and downs this time. It's been longer and a lot more complex than the back issue," Murray said.

"Having been through a back injury and a difficult surgery before helps, but the back injury was easier because I was

back on the court competing quite soon afterwards.

"I will enjoy it more (returning to action). I think when you go through an injury like this you realise how much you miss playing, how important it is to you."

Murray's injury absence has been the longest of his career, and the two-time Wimbledon champion says he has missed the thrill of competition.

"I like pressure, I miss that, something that you don't get in day-to-day life, something that I've had as part of my life for 13, 14 years since I became a pro," Murray said. "I miss that, I miss the competition."

"You never quite know what's around the corner. I certainly never anticipated something like this, so I certainly won't take anything for granted when I come back." (Eurosport)

## Root backs plans for 100-ball format

**London**

England captain Joe Root says controversial plans for a domestic 100-ball competition could attract a new audience to Test cricket.

The England and Wales Cricket Board's proposal to introduce a new format, tentatively titled "the Hundred", with 15 regular six-ball overs and one 10-ball over, has proved divisive since an announcement last week but the England skipper is on board with the idea.

One of the fundamental aims of the ECB is to simplify the game for a fresh audience, specifically women and children, and Root thinks if the format takes off it could lead to interest in the longer forms of the game.

"It's going to appeal to a completely new audience and I think that's great," Root told the i newspaper. "The more people and kids we can get into sport, the better."

"We've got to be very careful we don't measure it against the other formats... it's something to gather a new audience and gain interest, not a threat to other formats. As players, working with the ICC (International Cricket Council), we've got to make sure the other formats don't suffer but it has a place in the game and, hopefully, we'll see that over time." (AFP)



Joe Root (file pic)

## Michael Matthews wins Prologue



Michael Matthews rides

**Fribourg**

Michael Matthews (Sunweb) won stage 1 of the Tour de Romandie after pipping Tom Bohli (BMC Racing) and Primoz Roglic (LottoNL-Jumbo) in the testing 4km time trial in Fribourg.

The surprising Bohli spent much of the afternoon in the hot seat after setting the quickest mark early on, and his closest challenger was his teammate Rohan Dennis, who finished just fractions of a second outside his time, good enough for fourth place come the end of the day.

Bohli was ultimately denied the biggest win of his career by Matthews, who delivered a perfectly-timed effort on the stiff climb to the finish to come home a second inside the Swiss rider's mark.

"It was a little bit of a surprise because I didn't have such a good day in Liege on Sunday," said Matthews. "I had one easy day yesterday and then straight back into it today. I didn't know how my legs were going to feel but I just gave it my best and it was enough to win."

It was Matthews' maiden victory of a 2018 campaign that began on a trying note when he fractured his shoulder in his first race, Omloop Het Nieuwsblad.

The Australian returned in time to place seventh at Milan-San Remo and battle in the cobbled Classics, but he endured further ill fortune when a late puncture ended his challenge at Amstel Gold Race. (Cyclingnews)

### Tour de Romandie 2018 results:

Prologue: Fribourg to Fribourg, 4.02km

1. Michael Matthews (Aus) Team Sunweb, in 5 hrs 33 secs
2. Tom Bohli (Sui) BMC Racing, at 1 sec
3. Primoz Roglic (Slo) LottoNL-Jumbo, at 1 sec
4. Rohan Dennis (Aus) BMC Racing Team, at 1 sec
5. Victor Campenaerts (Bel) Lotto Soudal, at 5 secs
6. Geraint Thomas (GBr) Team Sky, at 5 secs
7. William Clarke (Aus) EF Education First-Dracpac, at 6 secs
8. Diego Rosa (Ita) Team Sky, at 6 secs
9. Pierre Latour (Fra) Ag2r La Mondiale, at 6 secs
10. Gorka Izagirre (Spa) Bahrain-Merida, at 9 secs

General classification:

1. Michael Matthews (Aus) Team Sunweb
2. Tom Bohli (Sui) BMC Racing, at 1 sec
3. Primoz Roglic (Slo) LottoNL-Jumbo, at 1 sec
4. Rohan Dennis (Aus) BMC Racing, at 1 sec
5. Victor Campenaerts (Bel) Lotto-Soudal, at 5 secs

# LuLu beat Pristine CC

## Ebin, Pradeep take 2 wickets each for LuLu

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**L**uLu beat Pristine CC by 32 runs in the latest matches of the CBA Division C cricket tournament.

Toss was won by LuLu and elected to bat first, Opener Pradeep scored a brilliant century helped his team to score 179 runs at the end of 25 overs. Mehaboob took two wickets for Pristine CC.

Chasing the target, Pristine CC wickets were falling in regular interval, expect Sami

who scored 58 runs others failed to contribute.

Ebin and Pradeep took two wickets each for LuLu and restricted the opponent for 147.

### Other scores:

Karnataka Royals 84/0 (Charan 49, Prakash 28) beat Falcon 83/10 (Jijo 19, Prakash 5/9, Vinay 3/15) by 10 wickets.

Bassali Tiger 84/3 in 17.5 over (Salman 28, Ramzan 2/20) beat Young Star 83/10 (Sathis 24, Saad 4/12) by 7 wickets.

RKCT 237/6 (Getesh 78,

Harpreet 48, Vijay 2/50) beat Unique CC 96/10 (Noushad 27, Karamjit 3/18) by 141 runs.

Bahrain Indians 205/9 (Praveen 55, Hari 51, Venkatesh 34, Faizan 3/24) beat Mumbai Riders 96/10 (Waheed 22, Saheen 3/10, Jamsheer 3/19) by 109 runs.

Central Café 131/6 in 22 overs (Ashwin 37, Ganesh 29, Ziya 2/21) beat Pak Panthers 130/10 (Naqeeb 34, Ashwin 2/21) by 4 wickets.

Awali Camel 203/8 (Isthiaq 72, Vishal 37, Mosin 2/21) beat



Isthiaq - Awali Camel

Union Group 198/10 (Asif 48, Narash 4/24, Ahmad 3/21) by 5 runs.



Jagan - Awali Bapco

**Division C T20 Semi Final:**  
Awali Bapco 155/4 (Jagan 53, Xavier 45, Faizan 3/17) beat



Praveen - Bahrain Indians

Sultan Palace 154/8 (Suresh 47, Shabeer 3/18, Jagan 3/34) by 6 wickets.

# Rotana Amwaj stuns Lagoona

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**A**rt Rotana Amwaj crashed Lagoona in the last match of the night which was drawn and extended to the super over.

Chasing a target of 48 from 6 overs, Rotana Amwaj lead by vinod reached 47 in 6 overs which resulted in super over.

Rotana Amwaj posted a target of 12 runs for Lagoona who were able to make only 1 and lost by 10 runs.

Le Meridien and Downtown Rotana have also won their matches against Domain and Four Seasons A respectively.



Art Rotana Amaj Island

## SCORECARDS

**Match 1:**  
Le Meridien (59/3 in 6 overs) defeated Domain (28 all out in 3.3 overs) by 31 runs. Man of the Match: Macedon.

**Match 2:**  
Four Seasons A (37/6 in 5.4 overs) lost to Downtown Rotana (38/5 in 5.2 overs) by 1 wicket. Man of the Match: Mishra.

**Match 3:**  
Lagoona (47/3 in 6 overs) & Super over (1 for 2 from 0.3 overs) lost to ART Rotana Amwaj (47/5 in 6 overs) & Super Over (11 for 2 from 1 over) by 10 runs. Man of the Match: Vinod.

# Baby Games impact stressed

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**N**urseries and pre-schools officials commended the step undertaken by the Bahrain Olympic Committee to launch the First Baby Games, to be held from May 5 to 10 in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, and the Ministry of Education.

They noted the positive implications of this trend in creating a healthy generation of athletes, thus contributing to add more hero athletes representing the Kingdom at international competitions.

Senior physical education

specialist at the Ministry of Education Dr. Nawal Janahi affirmed that the course is a crucial step to develop Bahrain's children academically and

educationally, in addition to developing it to make future achievements for their nation in the sports field.

She said the games would greatly contribute

to promoting the Olympic values and principles in Bahrain, and consolidates the concept of sport as a way of life. She thanked HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty's Representative for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports chairman and BOC president, for his support for this initiative.

Disney Nursery's principle Maryam Radi said she is pleased for taking part in this first-of-its-kind event in Bahrain, and noted that the games would assist the kids in developing their overall capabilities.



Bahrain Baby Games



The First Baby Games will help the kids explore their sports skills

# Bahraini rider shines in Belgium



Adnan Al Alawi (file pic)

Brussels

**B**ahraini horse-rider Adnan Al Alawi has concluded his participation in Belgium's WEF-single-star-classified international showjumping championship.

Adnan Al Alawi achieved third place preceded by British horse-riders Chloe Aston who finished first and Declan Irvine who finished second in the 125-130cm competition for horse-riders from 22 countries.

# Pacatiw to make a return at Brave

Pacatiw is the fighter from Philippines who have made the most number of appearances



Jeremy Pacatiw

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**B**rave Combat Federation has announced that Jeremy Pacatiw will compete in Brave 12: KHK Legacy hosted in Jakarta, Indonesia on 11 May. The event will take place at Balai Sarbini Hall.

Jeremy Pacatiw is the fighter from Philippines who have made the most number of appearances in Brave Combat Federation.

Even though Pacatiw started in the promotion with a well fought loss, he bounced back with victories over Chaitanya Gavali and Thiago Dela Coleta.

Earlier Brave Combat federation had announced that his team mate Jomar Pa-ac will be competing in the event facing Hussain Ayyad from Bahrain. The athletes from Philippines are trained by Mark Sangio, who is the Head Coach of Team Lakay which is among the top MMA gyms in Asia. Jeremy Pacatiw will be trying to make a return after the shocking loss against Jalal Daaja at Brave 9: The Kingdom of Champions.

## General Dr. Moeldoko welcomes KHK Sports



Officials from KHK Sports welcomed by Chief of Staff of Presidency

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**O**fficials from the KHK Sports Bahrain represented by Mohammed Shahid, President of Brave Combat Federation, was welcomed by General Dr. Moeldoko, Chief of Staff of Presidency for the President of Indonesia.

General Dr. Moeldoko has previously served as a Commander of the Indonesian National Armed Forces.

Mohammed Shahid alongside officials from KHK Sports was at the hosting city to have an overview of the developments.

The commitment of the Kingdom of Bahrain towards

the growth of sports and using the platform created by sports to bring nations together was appreciated in Indonesia.

Brave Combat Federation has announced to host the twelfth edition of the event on 11 May at Balai Sarbini in Jakarta, Indonesia. The event is the first by Brave Combat Federation in South East Asia.

Indonesia hosting the largest sporting event from the Kingdom of Bahrain has developed economic and cultural relations between the two nations. The evolving economic cooperation has opened new corridors for investment and cultural exchange between the nations.

The event marks the third

for Brave Combat Federation in the year 2018 and will feature athletes from 15 nations competing in 8 weight classes.

“We are honoured by the welcome and hospitality that KHK Sports has received in Indonesia. These developments usher a bright future for the economies of Indonesia and for the Kingdom of Bahrain by opening new corridors for investment, employment, technology and cultural exchange. It is a proud moment to be a part in executing this major vision of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa,” said Mohammed Shahid, President of Brave Combat Federation.

