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DT News extends their best wishes to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and the people of Bahrain on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr, which is celebrated today.

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Woman narrowly escapes knife attack



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US, European guarantees needed: UAE




A handout picture provided by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) shows Saudi security forces inspecting the site of a foiled attack in the holy city of Makkah.

Suicide bomber targets Makkah

Six hurt in the blast

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Riyadh
Six foreign pilgrims were hurt yesterday in Saudi Arabia when a suicide bomber targeting Makkah blew himself up, the Interior Ministry said.

The incident happened around the Grand Mosque, where hundreds of thousands of worshippers gathered for early afternoon prayers on the last Friday of this year's Ramadan.

Ministry spokesman General Mansour al-Turki told Saudi television that police "foiled the terrorist

plan that targeted the security of the Grand Mosque, pilgrims and worshippers."

In dawn raids on Makkah and the Red Sea city of Jeddah officers arrested five suspects, including a woman, before surrounding the bomber's location around the Grand Mosque.

"Unfortunately he started shooting towards security personnel once he noticed their presence in the area, which led to an exchange of fire before he blew himself up," Turki said.

The blast partially collapsed the building where he had taken refuge, injuring the six pilgrims, Turki said.

He added that four had already been released from hospital, and five security men were also slightly hurt.

Purported images from the scene that circulated on social media showed an alley filled with bricks and other debris apparently from a blast. Video showed what appeared to be a bearded man's head lying among rubble from a collapsed structure. (AFP)

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'No Bahrainis hurt'

Muhannad Mansour/DTNN news@dt.bh

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No Bahrainis were hurt in the suicide bombing occurred near Islam's holiest site in Makkah, an official confirmed.

"No Bahrainis were injured or killed in the terrorist attack," MP Jamal Dawood, who was in Makkah performing Umrah at the time of the incident, told DT News.

"The explosion happened shortly after Taraweeh prayers during which most of the pilgrims were at the Mosque and we could barely hear the blast noise," said Dawood.

The attack occurred on Ayyad Road around 800 metres away from the Mosque.

"Some of the Bahraini pilgrims stay there, but luckily they were all at the Mosque.

"Security forces cordoned off the area for about half-an-hour. But they reopened it soon, as pilgrims and worshippers were exiting the Mosque at that time," Dawood added.

He also confirmed that he communicated with the heads of Bahraini pilgrims' groups and said, "All of them are safe."

The MP, however, said that it is difficult to give the exact number of Bahraini pilgrims there at the Holy Land.

He also strongly condemned the attack saying, "This is a coward move targeting innocent worshippers who came from all over the world to perform religious rites. These evil powers should be eradicated."

Jamal Dawood also expressed his support for Saudi Arabia in ensuring the safety and security of pilgrims.

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Jamal Dawood

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Woman narrowly escapes knife attack

“It is worrying that he is still out there and may target others”

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A woman living in Saar had a narrow escape when a knife-wielding man targeted her at the horse race track in Saar.

She shared her story with *DT News* in hopes of helping other women.

“It was a bit dark, so I never noticed him getting close,” Bethany Nash said. “When I spotted him he was already near me.”

Bethany Nash is from England and has been a long-time resident of Saar. “I grew up here in Bahrain and I never experienced any such incidents.”

She told *DT News* that the incident occurred at around 8:00 pm on Thursday when she was at the horse race track for a walk.

“He was holding a phone with a flashlight,” Nash said. “I had two big dogs with me, but he wasn’t scared.” The dogs were pets and never trained to be aggressive.

As soon as I saw him “he shushed me and pulled out a knife.”

“I panicked, screamed and ran away,” said Nash. “Fortunately, he also panicked upon hearing my scream.”

“I did not look back and ran towards the residential area,” she said.

Nash still doesn’t understand the motive. “I didn’t carry a purse or money, so I don’t know what he was after.”

“He was probably targeting the dogs or me,” she added.

Nash told *DT News* that she has been using the race

course for the past four years, almost every day, and never ever faced such an incident.

She used to go there with her dad, “but other days, I go alone,” Nash said. “I was not expecting anything like this to happen.”

“This is why I want others to be careful,” she warned. “I know many women, who walk with their dogs and they need to be careful.”

Nash has filed a case at the Budaiya police station. “I have given them the description of the man and the details of the incident.”

“It is worrying that he is still out there and may target others,” Nash said.

When asked about the man’s ethnicity, she said, “If I had to guess, I would say he looked Bangladeshi, but I cannot be sure.”

Realising dreams



Education Minister Dr Majid Al Nuaimi yesterday received 11 secondary school graduates who are suffering from cancer. The Minister congratulated the students on their achievement and praised the efforts exerted and patience shown by them in achieving great success. On the occasion, Dr Al Nuaimi pointed out the ministry’s decision taken years ago to treat students having cancer as students with special needs. The students praised the facilities and care given to them by the ministry and their schools, which helped them in achieving the success. Above, Education Minister, Dr Majid Al Nuaimi with the graduates during a group photo session.

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Bahrain condemns terror plot targeting Makkah

DT News Network

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Bahrain yesterday strongly denounced the attempt made by terrorists to attack the Holy Grand Mosque in Makkah as well as worshippers there.

“The despicable act of terrorism is contrary to all religious, moral and humanitarian values,” said Kingdom in a statement affirming that it stands “fully with Saudi Arabia in its leadership role to consolidate and enhance security and peace in the region and across the world.”

The statement also said that the Kingdom fully supports all the actions and measures by Saudi Arabia to eliminate terrorist organisations.

The statement further reiterated Bahrain’s firm position in rejecting terrorism and stressed the need for closer international cooperation to eliminate the phenomenon that threatens all nations and peoples without discrimination.

The Kingdom lauded the outstanding efforts of the security men in thwarting the cowardly terror plot and the role of Saudi Arabia under the wise leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud in providing all the comforts and tranquillity for worshippers, visitors and pilgrims.

In a similar statement issued, the Shura Council said that such acts will not impede the development and progress strides made by Saudi Arabia as well as its efforts to ensure

the safety of the visitors to the holy mosques in Makkah and Medina.

The Council also reiterated Bahrain’s full-fledged support to the kingdom and backing of all measures necessary to ensure its security and stability, and combat terrorism.

In a statement to the Saudi Press Agency (SPA), Information Minister Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumaihi lauded Saudi security forces for thwarting the attack which targeted the Holy Mosque and worshippers. The minister stressed support to Saudi Arabia in all its measures to combat terror acts.

The minister also affirmed that the attempt in Makkah can only be carried out by a criminal devoid of all religious and humanitarian sentiments.

Separately, the High Council for Islamic Affairs said that the attempt reveals the extent of disregard to the rituals of Allah the Almighty and the blood of the worshippers.

The Council lauded the vigilance of the Saudi security bodies in foiling the terror crime and protecting the worshippers.

Echoing similar sentiments, Al Eslah and Al Menbar National Islamic Societies said that the criminal act breaches all Islamic principles.

Both societies lauded the efforts of the security officers who foiled the plot thanks to their vigilance and high competence. The role of Saudi security officers was also hailed by Al Asalah Islamic Society.

Eid Al-Fitr prayer grounds

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The Sunni Endowments Directorate yesterday announced that Eid al-Fitr prayers will be performed at 5:10am at a number of Musallas (open prayer grounds).

The prayer grounds will be as follows:

1. **Muharrag: near the Muharrag Cemetery**

(Hamad bin Ali Kanoo, Al-Ghawi, Fatima Al-Huti, and Mariam Kanoo in Busaiten mosques will be closed)

2. **Arad: Arad Fort Square** (Nearby mosques will not be closed)

3. **East Riffa: near Riffa Fort** (Al-Qalaa, Shaikh Salman and Bin Ghatam mosques will be closed)

4. **Hamad Town: Opposite the Kanoo Centre Roundabout 17**

(Mus’ab bin Omair, HH Shaikh Faisal bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Isa bin Mohammed Ali mosques will be closed)

5. **Hamad Town: Suq Waqef** (First Roundabout)

(Hamad Town mosques near the First Roundabout will be closed). The directorate also announced that the temporary Ramadan mosques will be closed.

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Women and the World

Meredith Ann O’Connell



The Invisible Women

They are called the “Invisible Women,” and yet there are an estimated 258.5 million widows around the world. According to the Loomba Foundation’s World Widows Report, the number of widows increased 9 percent between 2010 and 2015 thanks to a rise in disease and conflict. Yet despite the efforts of the United Nations (which proclaimed 23 June as International Widows’ Day) and non-profit organizations, widows around the world continue to suffer poverty, abuse and stigmatization—all because they have lost their husbands.

Why do widows face such disrespect and maltreatment? After all, no woman wishes to find herself a widow, and yet women whose husbands die before them are often treated with disdain at best and violence at worst. Around the world, and particularly in parts of Africa and Asia, widows face harassment, ostracization and financial

deprivation. In the case of widowhood, men and women couldn’t be more unequal: men whose wives pass away before them do not suffer such consequences. While it may seem normal or is even encouraged for a man to remarry, in many communities widows are discouraged to find a new husband.

This practice is particularly harmful, as widows in certain communities often find themselves financially vulnerable. Having spent their time fulfilling traditional roles of caring the home rather than working, women who lose their husbands suddenly find themselves unable to take care of themselves and their children. Remarrying would be one way of affording them financial stability, and yet sometimes they are forbidden to remarry. In other cases, widows may be denied their husbands inheritance or they may be forced out of their home by relatives.

Losing a loved one is a traumatic experience, yet widows may not be given the chance to mourn. In some communities widows are blamed for the death of their husband, shifting blame onto women for an act they did not commit. Others force widows to go through humiliating or violent mourning rituals. More commonly, widows simply lose their standing in society and find themselves “invisible” and without a voice to speak up for them. Such treatment can cause a psychological and emotional toll, not to mention health issues, yet widows may find themselves without an emotional support system.

As conflicts continue to rage on around the globe, the number of widows will likely only rise. Societies need to step up and support these women with compassion. It is bad enough that a widow has lost her spouse: she does not deserve to be treated with disrespect or lose her dignity.

(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.)



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa during a recent Majlis visit

Manama
Bahrain yesterday announced Sunday as the first day of Eid al-Fitr, marking the end of the Holy Month of Ramadan.

The announcement was made by Bahrain's moon-sighting committee. All ministries and public institutions will be closed for three days on account of the auspicious occasion.

Saudi Arabia, UAE and other Arab countries also declared today as the first day of Eid al-Fitr.

The authorities in Saudi said in a statement carried by the official *Saudi Press Agency* that the new moon had been sighted, marking the end of the month of fasting. News agencies in the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait also announced that Sunday will mark the beginning of Eid al-Fitr.

Oman, however, has not sighted the moon and has declared Monday as the first day of Eid al-Fitr.

Ramadan, the ninth month of the lunar-based Hijri calendar, started on May 27 this year. Eid or Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan and the beginning of the next month, Shawwal. Eid begins when the first new moon is seen in the sky.

According to reports, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India will be sighting the moon on Sunday.

Greetings exchanged

Marking the advent of Eid al-Fitr, His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa exchanged greetings with His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier. HRH the Premier and HRH the Crown Prince also exchanged cables of congratulations.

King greets GCC leaders

His Majesty held phone calls with Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, the Amir of Kuwait Shaikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Dubai Ruler Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, King Abdulla bin Al-Hussein II of Jordan, Egyptian President Abdul Fattah el-Sisi, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and UAE Armed Forces Deputy Supreme Commander Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan and Al-Azhar Grand Imam Dr. Ahmed al-Tayyib marking the advent of Eid al-Fitr.

King Hamad also held congratulatory calls with Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and

Defence Minister Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, Kuwait Crown Prince Shaikh Nawaf Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Tabuk Province Governor Prince Fahd bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud. They exchanged Eid greetings, praying to the Almighty to bless Bahrain as well as the Arab and Islamic nations with progress and prosperity.

Cables of congrats

His Majesty also received cables of congratulations, marking the advent of Eid from senior members of the Royal Family. His Majesty was congratulated by Council of Representatives Speaker, Shura Council Chairman, Ministers, MPs, Shura Council members, Municipal Councillors, Governors, Bahraini Ambassadors abroad, heads of diplomatic missions accredited to Bahrain, Chairmen of associations, federations, Sport clubs and citizens.

King Hamad and HRH the Premier and HRH the Crown Prince also received cables of congratulations from National Guard Chief Lieutenant-General Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al-Khalifa, Rashid Equestrian and Horsing Club Chairman Shaikh Abdulla bin Isa Al-Khalifa and Royal Court Affairs Minister Shaikh Ali bin Isa Al-Khalifa.



Bahrain marks Eid al-Fitr

Religious committee in Bahrain sight new moon



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US ambassador conveys wishes

The US Ambassador, William Roebuck, in a message on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr, conveyed his warmest greeting to the leaders of the Kingdom and to all Bahrainis on behalf of the United States of America.

In the statement to His Majesty King Hamad bin

Isa Al-Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa, the Prime Minister, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, the US Ambassador said that US is looking



forward to "working with the Government of Bahrain to further strengthen bilateral relations, to deepen our security cooperation, and to ensure a prosperous, peaceful future for all."

Pakistan School students shine in SSC

Manama

Students of Pakistan School came out with flying colours in the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Islamabad's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) part II Examinations of 2017.

Out of a total of 272 students appeared, 235 students were successful and produced an overall pass percentage of 86.62. The result showed an enhancement of 13.62pc compared to last year (73pc).

Girls students dominated in clinching top positions and securing high marks. Overall success rate among Girls students is 89.47pc with Humanities

group topping with 100pc, followed by science group with 93.55pc.

Students were congratulated during a gathering held on the school premises on Thursday evening in the presence of parents and community members.

Pakistan School Chairman Sami Ur Rehman hosted an Iftar dinner in honour of the students who clinched excellent results in the SSC II examinations. The Iftar gathering was attended by leading members of the community, Board Members, Parents, Staff and Students. Certificates of merit and prizes were given away to the students who achieved top positions in the exams.



Science Group (Boys)



Saad Shahzad (915)



Umair Shakeel (899)



M.Ishaq M.Ishaq (808)



Maryam Azam (967)



Sohira Naz (934)



Abeer Jamil (929)



Tehreem Mumtaz (929)

Science Group (Girls)

Humanities Group (Boys)



Uthman Aslam (765)



Muhammad Akbar (702)



Muhammad Aqib M Rafi (644)

Humanities Group (Girls)



Samiat Kareem (790)



Ekra Javed (753)



Ayesha Adalat (722)

Pakistan Urdu School excels

Manama

Students of the Pakistan Urdu School attained excellent results in the recently conducted SSC II annual board examination 2017, the school said.

A total of 168 students appeared for the examinations, in which 108 students were from the Science Group and 60 were from the arts group. Pass percentage of Science Group-Girls is 94.74 and boys is 96.08pc. Pass percentage of Arts Groups- Girls is 96.67pc and boys is 90.00pc.

Science Group (Girls)



Humaira Mukhtar (Marks- 977, Grade A1) First Position



Maha Malik (Marks- 953, Grade A1) Second Position



Haiqa Adnan Ilyas (Marks- 950, Grade A1) Third Position

Science Group (Boys)



Junaid Qadir Khan (Marks- 983, Grade A1) First Position



Faisal Younas (Marks- 922, Grade A1) Second Position



Khizar Azhar (Marks-849, Grade A1) Third Position

Arts Group (Girls)



Fatema Hanif Chaudhry (Marks- 844, Grade A1) First Position



Nabila Shahzadi (Marks- 781, Grade A) Second Position



Amal Rehman (Marks- 765, Grade A) Third Position

Arts Group (Boys)



Ahsan Ali (Marks- 716, Grade B) First Position



Ammad Rana (Marks- 670, Grade B) Second Position



Sarmad Kaleem (Marks- 670, Grade B) Second Position



Zeyad Nahim Mohamed Afsar. (Marks- 656, Grade B) Third Position

US, European guarantees needed to solve Gulf crisis: UAE

Dubai
A top Emirati diplomat said yesterday that US and European guarantees would be needed to monitor any future agreement aimed at ending a row between Qatar and its neighbours.

The dispute erupted when Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Egypt and others broke ties with Qatar on June 5, accusing it of backing extremism. Doha denies the claim.

The UAE state minister for foreign affairs, Anwar Gargash, said the dispute could be resolved "through diplomacy if Qatar renounces its support for extremism and terrorism".

"We don't want European mediation, and I don't think the Europeans want to be mediators. Their role should be to put pressure on Qatar," said Gargash.

"If Qatar follows the path of wisdom... we would need a system of guarantees and controls" in order to implement an accord with Doha, he said, calling for "European and American guarantees".

Gargash did not elaborate, but on Thursday the UAE and its allies Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Bahrain delivered a list of 13 demands to Qatar through



UAE state minister for foreign affairs, Anwar Gargash

mediator Kuwait, including one to close down Al-Jazeera broadcaster.

The last point on the list calls for the establishment of a 10-year mechanism, that would operate monthly for the first year, to ensure Qatar is complying with the agreement.

Doha was given 10 days to meet the ultimatum.

During a visit to Paris on Monday, Gargash called on Western nations including the United States, France, Germany and Britain to help monitor any agreement reached with Qatar to ensure they are not cooperating with jihadists.

"They have the diplomatic clout and technical know-how," Gargash said at the time.

Sisi ratifies handover of islands to KSA

Cairo
Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi ratified a treaty that hands over two Red Sea islands to Saudi Arabia in a deal that had sparked protests and a police crackdown, the cabinet said yesterday.

Sisi ratified the maritime border treaty days after parliament approved the deal, which has been the subject of a confusing legal battle with one court annulling the treaty and another upholding it.

The treaty, first announced in April 2016, had fuelled rare protests and police have arrested dozens of activists over the past week after calls for more demonstrations.

It had also been challenged in courts, but the country's highest tribunal had suspended the contradictory rulings this week until a final decision determined which court has jurisdiction.

Parliament's vote on June 14 came after days of heated

debate, with opponents even interrupting one committee session with chanting.

The accord had sparked rare protests in Egypt, with Sisi accused of having traded the islands of Tiran and Sanafir.

The government has said the islands were Saudi to begin with, but were leased to Egypt in the 1950s. Opponents of the agreement insist that Tiran and Sanafir are Egyptian. (AFP)

Turkey detains 5 bomber suspects near Syria border

Istanbul
Turkish police have detained five suspected would-be suicide bombers including three Syrian nationals in southern Hatay province near the border with Syria, local authorities said yesterday.

Two of the suspects had been wearing suicide vests ready to explode, the local governor's office said in a statement, adding that they were arrested before reaching the city centre.

Authorities declined to say which group the five detained individuals claimed to belong to.

Organisers vow to hold Gay Pride despite ban

Istanbul
Organisers of the annual Gay Pride march in Istanbul insisted that it would go ahead in the city's Taksim Square despite a ban by the authorities over "safety concerns".

Activists had called the parade on Sunday but the city governor's office said that Taksim was not an official rallying ground.

City officials also said there had been no formal application to call a rally and that they only heard of the event through social media.

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Crisis a family issue, says US

Washington
The White House said yesterday it considers the deepening crisis in the Gulf to be primarily "a family issue," urging regional leaders to chart a way out while offering US help in enabling talks.

When asked about a list of demands placed on Doha by Saudi Arabia and its allies as the price for lifting an almost three-week "blockade" on Qatar, press secretary Sean Spicer declined to comment directly.

"We believe it's a family issue," he said. "If we can help facilitate those



Sean Spicer

discussions then so be it, but this is something they want to and should work out for themselves."

The demands placed on Qatar include the closure of Al-Jazeera television, a long-standing source of conflict

with neighbouring countries which accuse the network of fomenting regional strife.

Asked specifically about Al-Jazeera, and America's attachment to freedom of the press, the President's spokesman replied: "We are going to play a facilitating role in those discussions but that's a discussion that these countries need to have amongst themselves."

On June 5, Saudi Arabia and the UAE severed all links with Doha for allegedly supporting groups, including some backed by Iran, "that aim to destabilize the region."



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GPIC takes a green step

Honours winners of 13th Education and Environmental Research Programme



GPIC officials and guests during a photocall **Manama**

The Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) has honoured the winners of the 13th Education and Environmental Research Programme for the year 2016-17, during the celebrations of the Company's Safety, Health and Environment Day.

The top place was won by the Istiqlal Secondary School for Girls for its project on

the multiple use of lubricants for cars, while the Omaima Bint Al-Nu'man Secondary Girls School won second place for its research on Epiphytic plants. The Al Hidd Secondary School for Girls came in third place with its project on producing bioethanol from paper waste.

GPIC General Manager Manufacturing Fadhel Al Ansari honoured the winners

The top place was won by the Istiqlal Secondary School for Girls, the Omaima Bint Al-Nu'man Secondary Girls School won second place and the Al Hidd Secondary School for Girls came in third place

on behalf of the Company President, Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery.

The programme is the first of its kind in supporting and

sponsoring scientific research in the field of the environment. The programme, launched by the Company in cooperation and coordination with the

Ministry of Education in 2004, aims at encouraging students of Bahrain's schools to conduct research in environmental subjects.

In a statement, Dr. Jawahery spoke of the success of the programme and said the programme succeeded to a large extent in raising awareness of environmental issues and correcting many harmful environmental

practices.

Dr. Jawahery praised the cooperation of the Ministry of Education, headed by Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi, who had spared no effort to provide all support for the success of the programme.

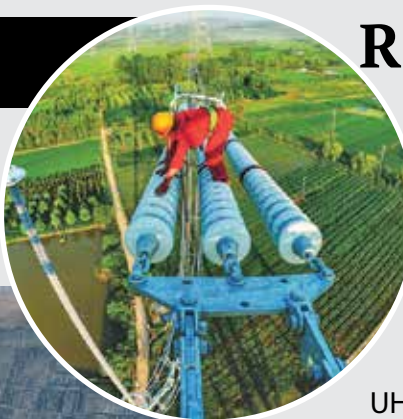
He said the Company would continue programmes and events that raise awareness and support and protect the environment.

China's major ultra-high voltage transmission line

China has a west-to-east ultra-high voltage direct current (UHV DC) power transmission project that has transmitted over 100 billion kilowatt-hours of clean electricity.

Power travel

The clean power has been carried from Xiluodu Hydropower Station in southwest China to east China's Zhejiang Province. The 1,680-kilometer line started operations in 2014.



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Clean hydropower from west China connected to the grid of east China's Zhejiang Province



Cool Trends

Xiluodu Hydropower Station

SOURCES: XINHUA, GETTY IMAGES, SCMP

Pakistan issues transgender passport

Peshawar

Pakistan has issued its first third-gender passport to a transgender activist, who hailed the move as a step forward for the marginalised community in the deeply conservative South Asian country. Farzana Riaz, a transgender in northwestern Peshawar city, said yesterday, "I have received my passport which mentions my gender as X and not as a male or female."



UK parliament hit by cyberattack

London

Britain's parliament shut down external access to e-mail accounts yesterday following a cyberattack. A House of Commons spokeswoman said that "the Houses of Parliament have discovered unauthorised attempts to access parliamentary user accounts. "We have systems in place to protect member and staff accounts and are taking the steps to protect our systems."



"We already have two international (human rights) pacts... The idea is to create a third, for a third generation of rights -- environmental rights,"



- Francois Laurent Fabius

former French prime minister

Tips for selling products online

Effectively selling products online requires much more than just creating a product listing page and sharing it on Twitter, hoping for the sales to come flooding in. From creating product listings that are designed to sell, to increasing conversions, and creating a happy community, there's something here for everyone, no matter your business or product.

Create clear product titles and descriptions:

What is your buyer receiving? What type of value does your product provide? Make sure to list out everything a buyer would receive from purchasing your product, whether it's a digital guide to photography or a whole foods recipe ebook.

Use high quality product designs or photography:

Create product designs that are unique to your business by incorporating your logo, branding colours, and voice. If you sell physical products, a simple backdrop, bright lighting, and high quality photography (even with your iPhone) is key to showing off your item in all its glory.

Add customer reviews to the sales page:

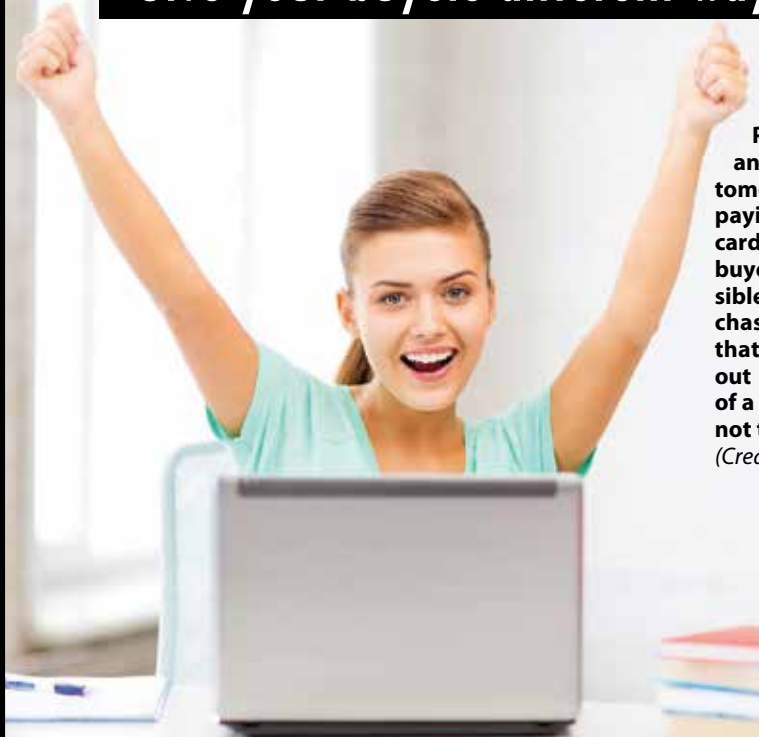
Social proof is huge. Add positive testimonials from previous customers to your product page to encourage a potential customer to click that 'Buy' button.

Make it easy to contact you:

Always include a contact page on your website, blog, or online store. Make it easy for your customers to contact you and increase buyer confidence.

Give your buyers different ways to pay:

Not every customer has a PayPal account, and not every customer is comfortable paying with a credit card online. Give your buyers as many possible options to purchase from you, so that you don't lose out on sales because of a simple reason like not taking PayPal. (Creativelive)



Google to stop scanning Gmail

San Francisco

Google said yesterday it would stop scanning the contents of Gmail users' inboxes for ad targeting, moving to end a practice that has fuelled privacy concerns since the free email service was launched.

A Google statement said Gmail users would still see "personalized" ads and marketing messages but these would be based on other data, which may include search queries or browsing habits.

Google Cloud senior vice president Diane Greene said in a blog that the free Gmail service would now follow the same practices as its corporate G Suite Gmail.

"Consumer Gmail content will not be used or scanned for any ads personalization

after this change," Greene said.

"This decision brings Gmail ads in line with how we personalize ads for other Google products. Ads shown are based on users' settings. Users can change those settings at any time, including disabling ads personalization."

Privacy activists have long complained that the scanning of email contents amounts to unwarranted "eavesdropping" on users.

The internet giant earlier this year reached a settlement in a class action lawsuit in the matter, but a federal judge rejected the deal as inadequate.

US District Judge Lucy Koh ruled in March that the settlement was difficult

to understand and "does not clearly disclose the fact that Google intercepts, scans and analyzes the contents of emails sent by non-Gmail users to Gmail users for the purposes of creating user profiles of the Gmail users to create targeted advertising."

Danny Sullivan, founding editor of the online blog Search Engine Land, called the move a "big change" for Gmail, noting that the scanning of email contents "has been the biggest hit against the services since it began."

But Sullivan wrote on Twitter: "On the other hand, does it reassure consumers to know that Google has better info now about how to target them than by reading their emails?" (AFP)

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GM reaches deal over faulty ignition switches

New York

US auto giant General Motors has reached a settlement with hundreds of car owners in a lawsuit over faulty ignition switches linked to 100 deaths, the company's lawyers said Friday.

In a letter to a federal judge in New York, the lawyers said GM has "agreed to a private, confidential aggregate settlement" with 203 eligible plaintiffs.



GM Headquarters

The deal "potentially resolves hundreds of state court claims as well."

The parties will work to

document the deal in the next month, and "will then turn to implementing the settlement terms, which will take some time," the letter said.

The defective switches would sometimes shut off unexpectedly during driving, and have been linked to more than 100 deaths and hundreds of serious injuries.

The issue potentially exposed GM to billions of dollars in claims.

Did You Know?



SpaceX scored its first big headline in 2010, when it became the first private company to launch a payload into orbit and return it to Earth intact—something only government agencies like NASA or Russia's Roscosmos had done before.



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BANGLADESH	0.00497	0.00469
CANADA	0.2923	0.2880
DENMARK	0.0599	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0217
EURO	0.4326	0.4284
HONGKONG	0.04985	0.04945
INDIA	0.00605	2.00593
INDONESIA	0.00003057	0.00002907
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NEW ZEALAND	0.2816	0.2780
NORWAY	0.0467	
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SAUDI	3.7500	3.6465	3.8564	3.3808

World Bank launches \$50 mln project in Jordan



The World Bank

Amman

The World Bank yesterday launched a new project to promote entrepreneurship in Jordan by providing critical, early stage financing to the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that have proven to be the engines of job creation.

The 50 million U.S. dollars project aims to support over 200 innovative start-ups from across the country, with the establishment of a private sector managed funding facility, the World Bank said in a statement.

The Innovative Startups Fund Project will help launch the "Innovative Startups and SMEs Fund" (ISSF).

The 50 million U.S. dollars investment from the World Bank will be complemented by 49 million U.S. dollars in co-financing from the Central Bank of Jordan, bringing the total working capital of the ISSF to 99 million U.S. dollars.

Along with providing early stage financing, the new fund will encourage entrepreneurship across the country with outreach

to entrepreneurs from lagging regions, underserved industries and underserved groups such as women entrepreneurs.

"Jordan's business ecosystem is relatively well developed. There is no lack of innovative and creative ideas. However, startup creation is low due to some barriers in the business environment and access to finance," said Kanthan Shankar, Acting Director of the World Bank Middle East Department.

"This project puts in

practice the very first recommendation of the Jordanian Economic Policy Council to set up a fund to facilitate financing to innovative startups and SMEs in an effort to increase the level of startups with high-growth potential."

The fund is expected to invest 50 million U.S. dollars in approximately 200 Jordanian companies and provide approximately 3.5 million U.S. dollars in investment support to partner investors. (Xinhua)

Jury awards \$218 million to farmers in GMO corn lawsuit

Chicago

A federal jury yesterday ordered Swiss agribusiness giant Syngenta to pay nearly \$218 million to 7,000 Kansas farmers after selling them genetically-modified corn seeds not approved for export to China.

The farmers suffered profound economic damage in 2013 when Chinese authorities refused imports of corn grown with Syngenta's bioengineered seeds, causing prices to plummet, according to a lawyer for the plaintiffs.

"The verdict is great news for corn farmers in Kansas and corn growers throughout the country who were seriously hurt by Syngenta's actions," Pat Stueve, a lawyer for the



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farmers, said in a statement.

The jury in Kansas found Syngenta negligent in the matter, and awarded \$217.7 million in compensation to the farmers, court papers showed. The company said the case is "without merit."

The verdict came down after only a half day of deliberations,

but covers only one of eight lawsuits targeting Syngenta over the matter, Stueve said.

"This is only the beginning. We look forward to pursuing justice for thousands more corn farmers in the months ahead."

Other cases involve farmers in agricultural states such as

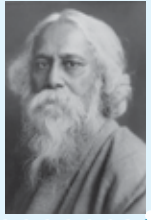
Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Ohio, with nationwide losses exceeding \$5 billion, he said.

The company said it was "disappointed" with the verdict and will appeal.

The ruling "will only serve to deny American farmers access to future technologies even when they are fully approved in the US," adding that the two strains of corn seeds in the case had approval of US regulators and "in the key import markets recommended at the time by the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) and other industry associations."

"American farmers shouldn't have to rely on a foreign government to decide what products they can use on their farms," the company said.

Don't limit a child to your own learning, for he was born in another time.
- Rabindranath Tagore



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AL Noor honours graduates



Al Noor International School celebrated the Graduation Ceremony of its tenth batch of Grade 12 (Thawjihiya) Bahraini Section students who achieved 100 per cent pass in the Ministry of Education Examinations at The Movenpick Hotel on June 11.

The Chief Guest, Ghanim bin Fadhul Al Buainain, Minister of Shura Council and Representatives Council Affairs, Bahrain handed out the certificates along with Ali Hasan, school's founder Chairman. Ali Hasan and Acting Principal of the school Amin Hulaiwah commended both the staff and students for the outstanding results.

Out of 41 students who appeared, 9 students obtained more than 90pc of marks. Thanking speech in Arabic was delivered by Mohammed Ahmed Hussein, in English by Yasmine Ali Shaker, while Anas Mustafa recited verses from the Holy Quran

Dr. Muhammad Mashood, the school Director said that the management is looking ahead for better prospects and aiming at greater heights.



School Toppers:

S.no.	Name of student	Percentage
1	Yasmeen Ali Shaker	97.5
2	Hasanain Abdul Redha Abdul Amir	97.1
3	Hussain Abdulla Al Jabal	96.5
4	Sarah Mohamed Ahmed Madany	96.2
5	Yousif Khalid Yaqoob Alqattan	96.0
6	Mohd Khalid Mosad	94.4
7	Mohsin Faisal Abdul Husain Jahromi	93.8
8	Ghina Ali Mansoor Isa Mohammed Alsawad	93.4
9	Noor Hasan Al Aradi	90.3



In pictures highlights of the event



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa visited the Majlises of the President of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs Shaikh Abdullah bin Khalid Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalfan and other members of the Council during the auspicious month of Ramadan. HM the King and guests at the Majlises exchanged talks and greetings on the last 10 days of the holy month



The moon-sighting committee convened yesterday at the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs to discuss the moon-sighting and announce Eid Al Fitr. Attending the meeting were Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs Chairman Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalid Al Khalifa, Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs & Endowments Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa and committee members Shaikh Adnan bin Abdullah Al Qattan, Shaikh Dr. Ibrahim bin Rashid Al Muraikhi and Shaikh Rashid bin Hassan Al Buainain, as well as Astronomer Professor Waheeb Al Nasser



UAE Exchange hosted grand Iftar at Muharraq old age home. Present on the occasion were MP Ahmed Abdul Wahed Qarata and Wafaa Al-Shroogi (Senior Social Specialist - Muharraq Social Welfare Center) as Chief Guests along with the inmates of the old age home, media personnel, UAE Exchange Executive Director and General Manager Vineesh Kumar and other officials of UAE Exchange





Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the BDF Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa and BTF President Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa. The visit is part of HM the King's keenness on



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza received Bahraini traveller Dr. Fahad Ibrahim Al-Shehabi, who presented the minister with a copy of his new book. This book included Dr. Al-Shehabi's travels to several countries, and addresses their various historical, social, economic, tourism and political aspects, in addition to other information, which has been documented in pictures and figures



Malabar Gold and Diamonds hosted a Ghabga for the orphans of Royal Charity Organisation in Officer's Club, Nabih Saleh. 100 members from the organisation attended the Iftar event which was followed by games and fun filled activities. Gifts were distributed for the winners of various games conducted on that day. Rafeek, Branch Head, Malabar Gold and Diamonds, Abdulla Hassan Fardan, Head of PR, Royal Charity organisation, Alaa Budlamma, Head of events, Royal Charity Organisation were present



Rising Stars Gavel Club celebrated their anniversary and induction ceremony on Wednesday at ashrafs multipurpose hall, Hooraa. Ahmed Rizvi installed the new Executive Committee for the term 2017-18. In pictures, Counsellors Rosaline Roy Charlie and Gowri Muthukumar, Chairman Ahmed Rizvi, New Excom members and Coordinators Archana Jalan and Alka Kumari



As part of humanitarian services to the community, Samskruthi Bahrain in coordination with SMC blood bank conducted blood donation camp at SMC on Friday. More than 150 members participated in this generous cause



Under the Patronage of the Royal Academy of the Police Commander, the academy's Ramadan Sports Games were concluded yesterday. The tournaments included different competitions in football, billiards and running. The commander honoured the winners in each sport in the presence of senior officers and staff

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Winslet stopped from filming with a mountain lion

Los Angeles

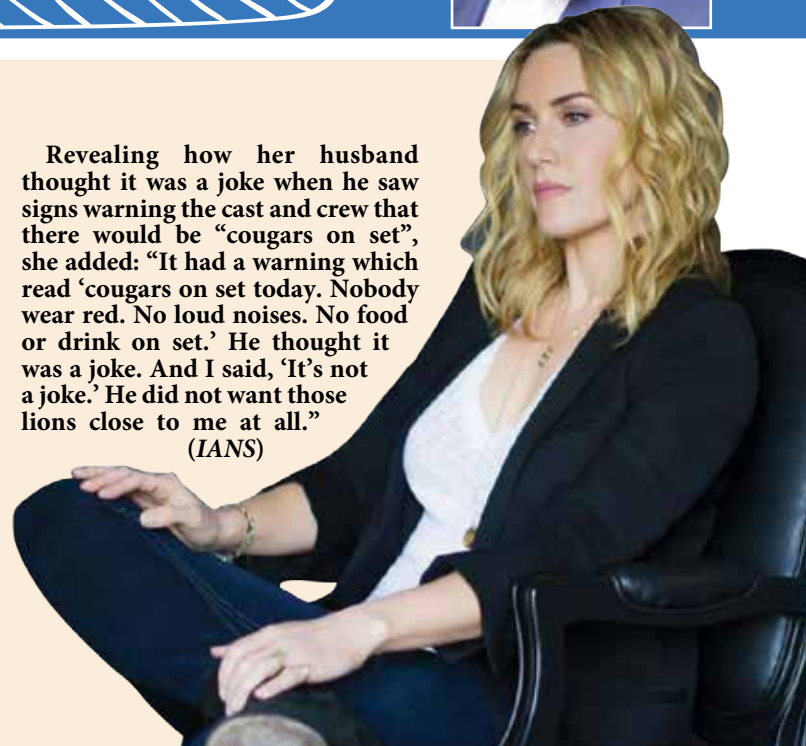
Actress **Kate Winslet** was good with shooting a scene with a mountain lion for her new movie "The Mountain Between Us", but the producers and her husband Ned Rocknroll did not let her go close to the animal.

The 41-year-old will star opposite Idris Elba in plane crash survival story "The Mountain Between Us" and for one particular scene, Winslet's character, photojournalist Alex Martin, comes face-to-face with a big cat in the wilderness, reports dailymail.co.uk.

"They never let the lion into the plane while I was in there. I was up for it. But the studio was like, 'No! It is not going to happen,'" Winslet said.

Revealing how her husband thought it was a joke when he saw signs warning the cast and crew that there would be "cougars on set", she added: "It had a warning which read 'cougars on set today. Nobody wear red. No loud noises. No food or drink on set.' He thought it was a joke. And I said, 'It's not a joke.' He did not want those lions close to me at all."

(IANS)



Pattinson doesn't feel as stressed post

London

Actor **Robert Pattinson**, who gained global fame through the "Twilight" franchise, is thankful that he no longer has to live a stressful life.

The 31-year-old actor is thankful he no longer comes under the scrutiny he used to and is able to make more fulfilling career choices, reports femalefirst.co.uk

"It's a lot less stressful. And in terms of the work I'm doing now, it feels more honest and authentic. I used to be treated like a baby bird that needed to be protected from the outside world and I hated that. I like having people around me now who are willing to tell me what they really think," Pattinson told *Ok!* Magazine.

"I like having my management let me know if they think I'm making the wrong choices," he added. (IANS)

Bieber is flexible like a chameleon

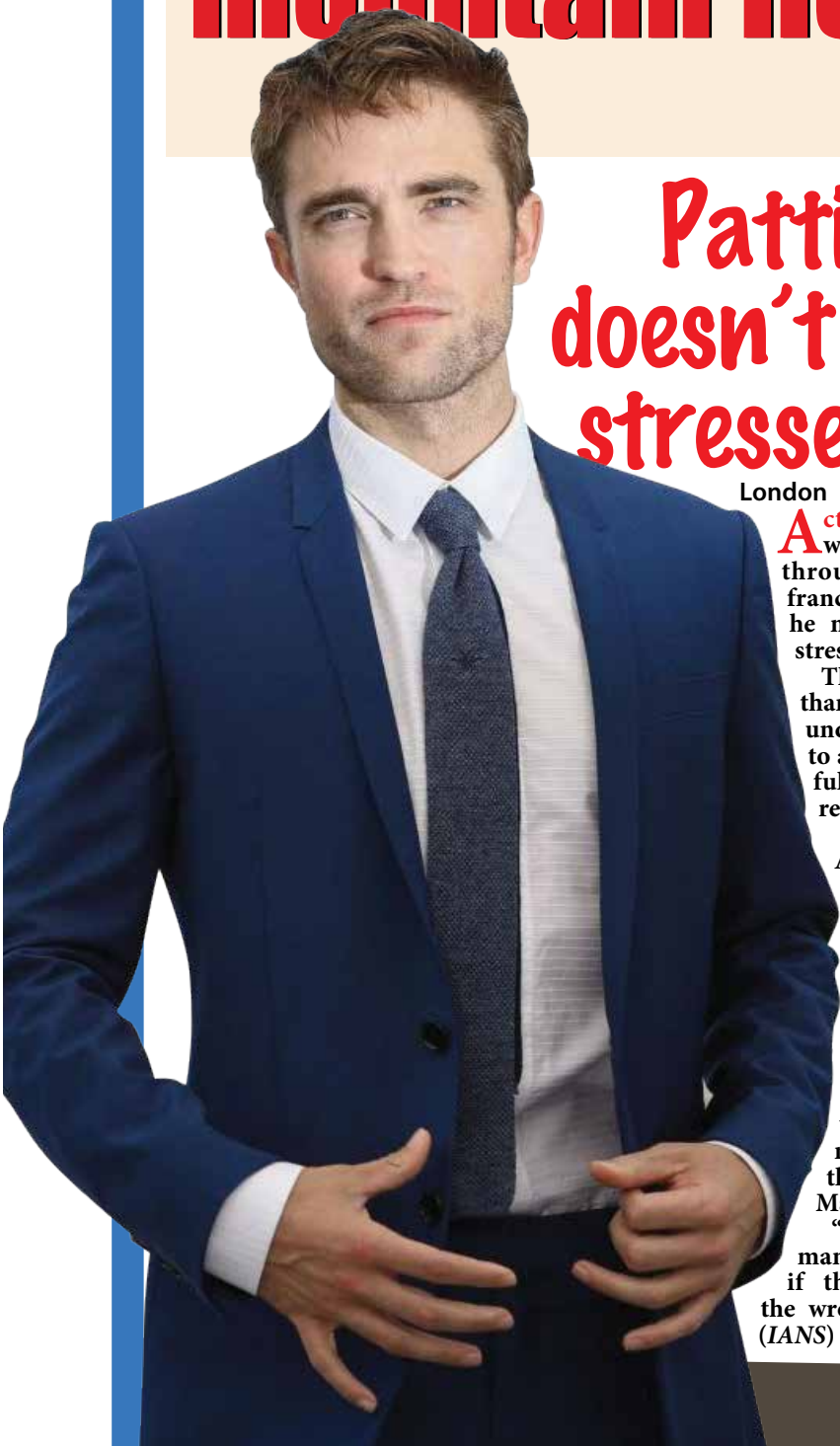
Los Angeles

Grammy winning singer Justin Bieber is a chameleon, says songwriter Poo Bear whose real name is Jason Boyd. He has praised him for his ability to adapt and sing any genre of music.

The 38-year-old record producer has collaborated with the 23-year-old singer on numerous tracks, including "Where are u now?" and "What do you mean?". He says the "Baby" hitmaker is very flexible, reports billboard.com.

"Working with Justin Bieber, I learned that he can literally do any genre -- he's a chameleon. His voice is so flexible that he's not locked in to one genre and it just shows the world that he can really sing anything," Boyd said.

Although Bieber has been slammed for forgetting the lyrics to his recent hit "Despacito" during a recent concert, Boyd has praised him for belting out the Latin lyrics, which he says is not easy for a pop star to connect with. (IANS)





STARRY
Birthday
Linda Cardellini

June 25, 1975

Linda Edna Cardellini is an American actress. She is known for her roles as Lindsay Weir on *Freaks and Geeks*, Samantha Taggart on *ER*, Velma Dinkley in the live-action *Scooby-Doo* feature films.

'I feared fame on a few levels'



Actor Ricky Gervais has said that when he started getting recognition, he initially had a fear of becoming famous. The 55-year-old star says he was scared that a mob will tag him as a famous personality and he will lose his individuality.

"When I was about to be famous, I feared it on a few levels. I feared it because I didn't want people to lump me in with those people who'd do anything to be famous," Gervais said.



The 'Special Correspondents' actor says he used to despise the word celebrity and did not want his private life to bear the cost of fame. "I didn't like the word 'celebrity'. I feared intrusion, you know? Make me famous, and suddenly you can go through my trash bins. I was very protective of my privacy."

"I didn't want people to write bad things about me that weren't true because that's just not fair. Fifty percent of everything written about me is wrong," he said. (TOI)

There are two different Harry Potters



London

Author JK Rowling has revealed there were two different Harry Potters in the "Harry Potter" franchise.

When it comes to Harry's name, Rowling has now revealed the existence of a second Harry Potter who was never mentioned in

the books, reports *mirror.co.uk*.

The revelation came in her latest post to Pottermore, a blog.

Henry Potter -- known as Harry to his friends -- was Harry's great grandfather who enjoyed an illustrious career as part of the Wizengamot from 1913 to 1921. Like the younger Harry, he was very pro-Muggle rights, which meant the author of pure blood guide "The Sacred Twenty-Eight" refused to recognise the Potter clan

as pure blood.

Rowling posted: "Henry caused a minor stir when he publicly condemned then Minister for Magic, Archer Evermonde, who had forbidden the magical community to help Muggles waging the First World War. His outspokenness on the behalf of the Muggle community was also a strong contributing factor in the family's exclusion from the 'Sacred Twenty-Eight'." (IANS)



Queen and Adam Lambert perform onstage during the North American Tour kickoff at Gila River Arena yesterday in Glendale, Arizona (AFP)

OUT & ABOUT

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MARK YOUR Calendar

IFTAR & GHABGA

Date: During Ramadan
Venue: AL QASR TENT

Al Areen Palace & Spa will create a memorable event during the Holy Month of Ramadan this year, with a 1001 Arabian Nights theme at Al Qasr tent. The festivities will have an Arabic atrium setting, offering a medley of spaces for families, friends, corporate guests and VIPs. Discover our exquisite Iftar and Ghabga buffet of Arabic and International cuisine with live cooking stations for everyone's delight as you gather around for this joyous celebration. It will also include various live counters and BBQ stations.

Iftar Buffet:

Weekdays BD 15++
Weekends BD 17++ (Thursday and Friday)

Daily - from Sundown to 9:00PM

Ghabga Buffet:

Weekdays BD 13.5++
Weekends BD 15++ (Thursday and Friday)

Daily - from 9:30PM to 2:00AM

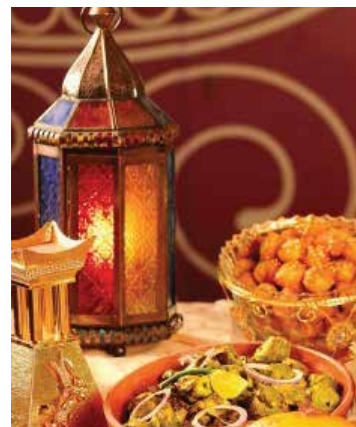
Price per person inclusive of lavish buffet, Arabic sweets and Ramadan juices. Live entertainment.

Eid Al Fitr Brunch:

BD 15++
Enjoy a family-friendly Eid Brunch including Arabic and International dishes plus live cooking stations at Al Qasr Tent in Al Areen Palace & Spa from 12.30PM - 4.00PM. There will be live entertainment from our band, face painting, henna, mascot, kids' corner, and many more. Diners will have access to the swimming pool during the period of brunch and a ticket to The Lost Paradise of Dilmun Water Park. You can also stand a chance to win from our Grand Raffle Draw. Served on the second day of Eid.

Price per person inclusive of lavish buffet, Arabic sweets and Ramadan juices. Live entertainment.

IFTAR AND GABGAH AT THE KAIMAT AL KHALEEJ TENT



Date: Till June 24

Venue: The Gulf Hotel Bahrain

Iftar BD 19++ per person
Gabgah BD 17++ per person
Weekends: BD 19++ per person
Takht Jamsheed Persian Restaurant Iftar BD 19++ per person.
Outlets Schedule during Ramadan

La Pergola Italian Restaurant:

Breakfast buffet from 6:00 am to 10:30 am BD 10++ per person
Lunch from 12 pm till 3pm, serving Salad and Soup Buffet, Main Course will be at Al Waha Restaurant a la carte menu. BD13++ per person.
Dinner: from Iftar Time till 11:00pm Serving regular La Pergola a la carte menu.

Sato Japanese Restaurant:

Open Daily for Lunch: 12pm - 3pm
Dinner from Iftar time - 11pm
Serving regular Sato a la carte menu.

Takht Jamsheed Persian Restaurant.

Open daily from Iftar till 9:00pm.
Iftar Buffet BD 19++ per person.

Café Delice

Open Daily form 7:00 AM till 7:00PM
Andalus Lounge:
Open Daily from Iftar time till 11:00pm
Waterside Café
Open daily from 10am till 8pm

EID AL FITR CELEBRATION



Date: During Eid Al Fitr
Venue: The Gulf Hotel

Zahle Restaurant: Our Lebanese restaurant Zahle will launch its new exclusive entertainment program in EID. Famous belly dancer - "The Flaming Duo" with accompanied celebrated Arabic singers for daily live-entertainment. An exclusive dinner set menu will be offered to the guests for dinner during this 3 days celebration. Price: BD 26++

Al Waha Restaurant: Special EID buffets will be served for 3 days in Al Waha for both lunch and dinner with live entertainment by the new in house band - "QBA Inside". Price: BD 19++

Takht Jamsheed Restaurant : Talented all Iranian team will set the stage for a perfect Eid lunch buffet for 3 days, taking inspiration from Persia's Royal place, Takht Jamsheed. Price: BD 19++

Rasoi by Vineet : Celebrate EID this year at Bahrainis Award winning restaurant with an exclusively designed set menu by Michelin Starred Chef Vineet Bhatia. Price: BD 22.000++

ROYAL THAI: THAI FRIDAY NIGHTS



Thai culinary Nights with live cooking counters serving, papaya salad, satays, carvings and selection of main courses with an all you can eat menu.

-Price @ BD15 NET per person inclusive of 2 selected beverages
The Art of Cooking Classes.

The famous art of cooking class will begin on 8th of July every Saturday onwards The Art of Cooking Classes begins with China Garden's Chef Ding, featuring exotic Chinese delicacies.

About the Art of Cooking Classes at The Gulf Hotel Bahrain: The Art of Cooking Class is design for home cooks with busy lifestyles who have a passion for food, we offer intimate hands-on and demonstration classes, from the building blocks of cooking to delicious and exclusive mouthwatering menus, led by our professional chef instructors.

There will be an exclusive Cooking Class on the 29th featuring an exclusive opportunity for Parents with their child to learn together with our Pastry Chef Daniel!

FOUR SEASONS RAMADAN TENT

Main venue: Al Bahrain Ballroom includes the main dining area and shisha lounge overlooking the Arabian Gulf, all dressed up in a modern Arabesque theme.

The buffet: Features a wide selection of traditional Bahraini fare as well as Lebanese, Moroccan, Indian, Turkish and global cuisine with a number of live cooking stations.

For Ghabga:

We will offer an array of Arabic and internationally inspired dishes and desserts.

Pricing:

Iftar = BD 26++ (including beverages: still or sparkling water, soft drinks, chilled juice, Arabic coffee pass around)
Ghabga = BD 28++ (including beverages available at the buffet only)
Shisha = BD 8++
Kids below 5 years = Free
Kids between 6 years and 12 years = BD 12.5++ From 13 years and above = Full price

For groups: (minimum 30 pax)

Iftar = BD 23++ (including beverages)
Ghabga = BD 25++ (excluding beverages)

Timing:

Iftar: Sunset till 8 pm Ghabga from 9 pm till 2 am

During the holy month, a professional live band will be playing mellow traditional tunes (Oud) in the Ramadan tent.

A Ramadan tent will add to the holy celebrations.

Reservations:
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Kids For All Seasons Ramadan Tent

Complimentary access for Iftar and Ghabga guests. A large tent connected to the ballroom will feature the kids club with great number of fun activities. Gergaoun Celebration: on June 10th the Kids for All Seasons Club has arranged many fun activities such as spreading candies, singing traditional songs and storytelling.

Reservations:
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Bay View Lounge

Bay View Lounge is open nightly after sunset during the month of Ramadan. Guests can replenish and reenergise by enjoying their first cup of freshly brewed coffee or linger over a fragrant cup of aromatic tea.

Re/Asian Cuisine by Wolfgang Puck

re/Asian Cuisine is presenting an a la carte menu for breakfast as well as a special dim sum style cuisine for lunch and dinner during the holy month of Ramadan.

Breakfast: 7:00am - 11:00am
Lunch: 12:30pm - 3:30pm Dinner:
Weekdays: sunset - 11:00pm
Weekends: sunset - 11:30pm

Restaurant will be closed on Mondays.
Reservations:
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Eid AlFitr

Eid Brunch at Bahrain Bay Kitchen Festivities will commence in Bahrain Bay Kitchen with 3 days brunch buffet, live cooking stations and a vibrant family atmosphere.

Pricing:

BD 27++ (including soft beverages) BD 37++ (including beverages)
Reservations:
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Spa: Ramadan Specials

This Ramadan, dip into a sanctuary of calm and rejuvenate your mind and body with one of our special offers. Book any of the following 30-minute spa tapas of your choice for BD 40.

Back Tension Reliever Express Facial
Detoxifying Body Scrub Shoulder and Neck Massage
Foot Massage

CELEBRATE EID AL FITR WITH AL AREEN PALACE & SPA

Date: Second And Third Eid

Venue: Al Areen Palace and Spa

Al Areen Palace and Spa cordially invites guests to a royal brunch at the Al Qasr tent on the second and third days of the blessed Eid Al Fitr.

In Ramadan, Al Areen transformed their Wadi Tent to a One thousand And One Arabian Night themed extravaganza called Al Qasr (The Palace). Now, the fully-fledged Ramadan experience Al Qasr naturally evolves to an aristocratic host to the Eid Al Fitr celebrations.

The brunch will feature national and international cuisines, live cooking stations, from 12:30-4:00 PM. Children will be treated to a plethora of activities including face painting, interacting with mascots, a kid's corner, and a magic show. Mothers will be able to join their daughters at the henna station.

Prices are BD15++ per person, inclusive of a three course all-you-can-eat buffet and the live musical entertainment of DJ Mysterioo Aref.

Guests will also have access to the swimming pool, as well as the Lost Paradise of Dilmun Water Park, inclusive of entry into a raffle contest with prizes including an open Gulf Air ticket and a stay at one of Al Areen's exotic villas.

When asked about his outlook on the event, CEO of Al Areen Investment Company Dr. Essa Faqeeh said "We would be honored to welcome the people of Bahrain, the GCC, and our international guests to join us at Al Qasr during this special time of the year. We are committed to provide our guests with the highest standards in hospitality, complemented by luxurious accommodation and facilities for the entire family. Al Areen Palace & Spa is proud to be a destination for families this Eid."

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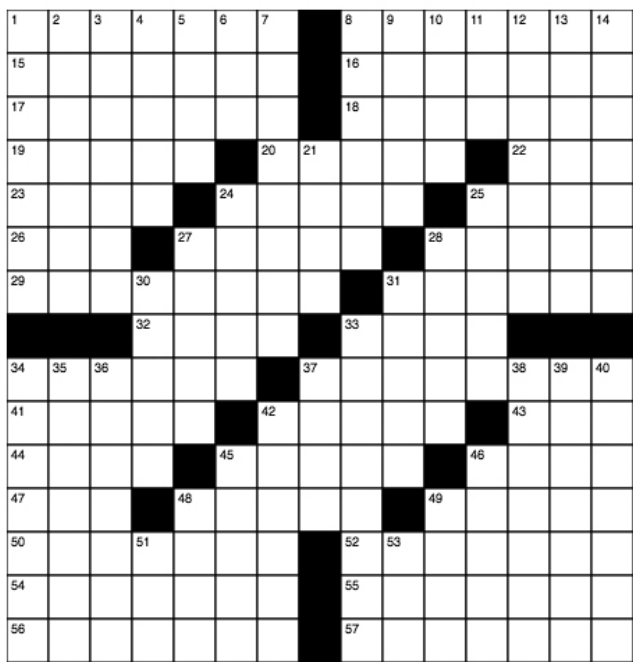
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Down

1- Authorize; 2- Arranged in order; 3- Southeasternmost hill of Rome; 4- It's a good thing; 5- Answered a charge; 6- Poet's dusk; 7- Guess; 8- Globe; 9- Stretch the neck; 10- Bern's river; 11- Cover; 12- Before; 13- Primitive form of wheat; 14- Beneficiary; 21- Knowledge; 24- Give merit; 25- Hard drinker; 27- Shun; 28- Nostrils; 30- Verdi work; 31- Roman god of carnal love; 33- Boxer; 34- Into separate parts; 35- Catch; 36- Agent of retribution; 37- Linebacker Junior; 38- Admire servilely; 39- Greek goddess of agriculture; 40- Make blue?; 42- Immediately; 45- Now you ___; 46- Magistrate; 48- ___ precedent; 49- Actress Russo; 51- DDE's predecessor; 53- Driver's aid;

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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)



You would do well to join the intensity of the day. You have the ability to unravel any riddle and find the underlying cause of any dispute. There's a great deal of potential for you to follow through on some major projects today. Work to press through with your ideas. Don't back down.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Today might end up being quite combative. There may be people opposing you from all sides. There are apt to be some serious disruptions to your daily routine. Others may be quite stubborn, and you're apt to fall into a situation in which no one is willing to back down. Whatever happens, you will be called upon to act.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Your flexibility will be tested today. You may end up twisting and flexing your body to fit the contours of the day. You will find that if you join forces with the powerful movers, you will get quite a bit done and be successful. Don't be intimidated by the intensity of other people's emotions. You will find strength in your calm, grounded self.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



You may have a hard time figuring out why everyone is so worked up today. Don't waste your time. You're better off accepting that things simply are the way they are and allowing other people to have their drama. Your job is to maintain balance. This may be easier said than done. You're working with some pretty intense issues, but nothing you can't handle.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



If anyone is capable of dealing with the intense emotional energy of today, it's you. Other people may be angry and unable to stomach the sensitive issues that may arise. Take care, since there may be some major opposition coming at you that disrupts your plans. You will face a practical, grounding force that questions your methods of operation.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



Stubborn forces may challenge your easygoing nature today. You would do well to tap into this aggressive energy and use it to follow through on some projects that you've left hanging. Other people may be unyielding in their positions, but you can easily overcome this by tapping into your flexible, adaptable nature. Don't get upset and restless. Go with the flow.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Tune into the aggressive energy of today, and use it to push your intentions forward. Today's emotional intensity will bring you to your knees if you aren't careful. The secret is to harness the energy and use it to your advantage. Try not to get caught between the crossfire of conflict. Tap into the slow-moving, generous force that's helping you ground your thoughts.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



This is one of those days in which you need to act or else you will be acted upon. Stubborn, aggressive forces are working counter to your aims. You will find yourself swept up in the thick of things if you aren't careful. Don't get too worried about what other people consider wrong. Have confidence in what you know is right.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



The intense energy of the day is helping you streamline your projects and solidify your thoughts. Work to manifest the ideas and dreams that constantly swirl in your head. Today is a great day to bring your mind into focus and get down to the nitty-gritty. Clean up the scraps off your plate and make room for the next gourmet course to be served.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



Suddenly your emotions are much more intense. You notice that people are on edge and they're likely to go to extremes in all situations. This is one day to do things with passion. If there is any sort of detective work you need to get done, now is the time to do it. Try not to start any arguments. Others aren't likely to back down. All-out wars are likely to ensue.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



There's a strong force working to oppose you today. Another's unbending attitude may be holding you back from things you're trying to accomplish. Take the time to see the other side of the situation. You can gain a great deal of perspective and come to a healthy point of balance, thanks to the events of the day.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



There's an intensity about the day that may cause you to recoil from certain events and conversations. Issues could get uncomfortable and perhaps a bit too involved. Other people may want to go to places that you don't want to go to. Don't get upset or frustrated. Either join in and roll with the punches or walk away and deal with the issues later.

China landslide: 6 dead, over 100 missing



Rescuers workers carrying out search operations after a landslide Xinmo Village (Xinhua)

Beijing

At least six people were found dead and over 100 remained missing hours after a massive landslide buried a mountain village in southwest China yesterday as rescuers frantically scoured through rocks for survivors.

A couple and a baby were rescued and taken to hospital after 62 homes in Xinmo village were swallowed by boulders when the side of a mountain collapsed, according to the Maoxian, or Mao county, government.

The Maoxian government said on its Weibo social media account that six bodies were recovered while 112 people remained missing. State media had earlier revised the number of missing people down from 141 to over 120.

The early morning landslide, which officials believe was triggered by heavy rains, blocked a two-kilometre (one-mile) stretch of river and 1.6 kilometre of road, according to state media.

Rescuers and local residents

used ropes to move a boulder while dozens of others, aided by sniffer dogs, searched the rubble for survivors, according to videos posted online by the Maoxian government and state broadcaster CCTV.

Bulldozers and heavy diggers were also deployed to remove boulders, while villagers and soldiers lifted rocks with their bare hands.

Rescuers brought spotlights to continue the search after sunset. Nearly 2,000 police, soldiers and civilians were taking part in the rescue.

Medics were seen treating a woman on a road.

No sign of the village could be seen in aerial footage, which showed a grim and grey rock-strewn landscape covering the area where it once existed by a river.

A fourth survivor had been spotted earlier in the day but officials did not say whether he was finally pulled out of the rubble hours later.

"It's the biggest landslide in this area since the Wenchuan earthquake," said Wang

Yongbo, one of the officials in charge of rescue efforts, referring to the disaster that killed 87,000 people in 2008 in a town in Sichuan.

More rain forecast

Local police captain Chen Tiebo said the heavy rains that hit the region in recent days had triggered the landslide.

"There are several tonnes of rock" over the village, he told CCTV.

"It's a seismic area here. There's not a lot of vegetation," Chen said.

Trees can help absorb excess rain and prevent landslides.

Tao Jian, director of the local weather service, told CCTV that the 2008 earthquake had "weakened the mountain" and that "a weak rain can provoke a geological catastrophe".

President Xi Jinping called for rescuers to "spare no effort" in their search for survivors and prevent more disasters, state media said. (AFP)



Rescuers work at the accident site

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SpaceX launched its second reused rocket on Friday. Do you think the reusable rocket is a major breakthrough in space technology?

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Sudan has made positive steps towards meeting Washington's conditions for permanently lifting 20-year-old sanctions on the African country."

- Steven Koutsis, US charge d'affaires in Khartoum,

Rest in sight

Death toll from Pakistan attacks rises to 57



The death toll from multiple attacks in Pakistan rose to 57, officials said yesterday.

Ex-min to run France's ruling party in parliament

A former minister in French President Emmanuel Macron's government was elected head of the ruling party's parliamentary group yesterday.

French TV journo dies of wounds from Mosul blast

Journalist Veronique Robert, wounded in the same landmine blast that killed two colleagues in the Iraqi city of Mosul earlier this week, has died.

Sri Lanka doctors end strike

Sri Lankan doctors ended a three-day strike following talks with the government, their professional association said yesterday.

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Second N. Korean soldier defects to South in a month

Seoul

A North Korean soldier defected to the South after crossing the heavily fortified border, a defence ministry spokesman said yesterday, the second soldier to defect this month.

"A North Korean soldier defected to one of our Guard Posts at around 9:30 pm on Friday at the middle section of the border," the spokesman said, according to a report by the Yonhap news

agency.

"He has been taken into custody for questioning," he added.

There was no exchange of fire between the two sides when the North Korean soldier, a private, smuggled himself across the border to the south, the Yonhap report said.

His defection came after another North Korean soldier walked across the tense border on June 13.

Panda mania hits Germany



A panda is seen in a transport box after landing at Schoenefeld airport near Berlin

Berlin

Germany was bracing for panda mania as furry ambassadors arrive from China yesterday, destined for a new life as stars of Berlin's premier zoo.

The pair, named Meng Meng and Jiao Qing, will be jetting in on a special Lufthansa cargo plane, accompanied by two Chinese panda specialists, the Berlin Zoo's chief vet and a tonne of bamboo.

Berlin's mayor, China's ambassador to Germany and a gaggle of journalists will greet the VIPs as LH8415 pulls to a stop on the tarmac of Schoenefeld airport.

After just over a week's acclimatisation, they will be unveiled to the public by no less than Chancellor Angela Merkel and Chinese President Xi Jinping, most likely two days before the G20 summit of world leaders hosted by Germany.

CIA knew in August that Putin sought to boost Trump

Washington

The CIA had top-level intelligence last August that Russian President Vladimir Putin personally ordered an operation to help Donald Trump win the US presidential race, the Washington Post reported Friday.

The intelligence shocked the White House and put US security chiefs on a top-secret crisis footing to figure out how to react.

But amid confidence that Democrat Hillary Clinton still had the election in the bag and worries over president Barack Obama himself being seen as manipulating the election, the administration delivered warnings to Moscow but left

countermeasures until after the vote, the Post reported.

After Trump's shock victory, there were strong regrets among administration officials that they had shied from tough action.

"From national security people there was a sense of immediate introspection, of, 'Wow, did we mishandle this,'" a former administration official told the newspaper.

The Post said that as soon as the intelligence on Putin came in, the White House viewed it as a deep national security threat. A secret intelligence task force was created to firm up the information and come up with possible responses.

US wanted terror leader may have fled Philippine city: army



Isnilon Hapilon (2nd L), leader of hardline group Abu Sayyaf looks on, as the group plan an attack on Marawi (file photo)

Marawi

One of America's most wanted terrorists may have escaped a five-week battle with Islamist militants in a southern Philippine city, which began with a raid to capture him, the military said yesterday.

Isnilon Hapilon, a veteran

Filipino militant said to be the leader of the Islamic State (IS) group in Southeast Asia, has not been seen in the battle zone in Marawi City, said Lieutenant General Carlito Galvez, head of the military's Western Mindanao Command.

An attempt by government

troops to arrest Hapilon in Marawi on May 23 triggered a rampage by Islamist militants flying black IS flags and backed by some foreign fighters who seized parts of the mainly Muslim city.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte declared martial law in Marawi and

the entire southern region of Mindanao, unleashing an offensive to crush what he said was an attempt by the jihadist group to establish a province in the area.

"He (Hapilon) has not been seen in the area. We have some reports that he was already able to slip somewhere but as

of now we are still confirming the reports," Galvez said in an interview with DZBB radio station.

Asked if Hapilon was on the run, he said: "Yes, yes because reportedly he suffered a lot of casualties. Majority of his group, more than half, were casualties." (AFP)

CNN uses sketch artist at no-camera WH briefing

Washington

US media went back to the past on Friday to cover the daily White House press briefing, after President Donald Trump's administration banned cameras from the event.

Cable news channel CNN sent sketch artist Bill Hennessy to the famous West Wing press room, a change from the American courtrooms where he normally works.

Instead of broadcasting the briefing live, CNN carried only audio of White House spokesman Sean Spicer's session with journalists.

The channel then prominently featured Hennessy's sketches in its afternoon programming while stressing that cameras had not been allowed.

The Trump administration, which has a largely adversarial relationship with the media, has been restricting coverage of the White House press briefing of late, either by not holding it every day, or by banning cameras.

Pentagon's nuke-proof 'Doomsday' planes damaged by tornado

Washington

Two of the Pentagon's specially reinforced "Doomsday" planes, designed to withstand the heat from a nuclear blast, were grounded after being damaged by a tornado, the Air Force said Friday.

The E-4B Boeing 747s, built in the 1970s during the Cold War, are essentially flying command centres that can refuel in the sky and are designed to remain airborne for days on end in times of crisis.

The Air Force has four E-4Bs, which also shuttle the secretary of defence around the world.

Two were damaged June 16 at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska when a tornado whipped through the area with little advance warning.

"Two E-4B National Airborne Operations Center aircraft stationed at Offutt AFB received storm damage," Air Force spokesman Colonel Pat Ryder said.

'Mud people' festival celebrated in the Philippines

Aliaga

Filipino devotees muddied their faces and covered themselves with dried banana leaves yesterday to celebrate a religious festival which also has roots in Japan's occupation of the country during World War II.

The annual "Taong Putik" or "Mud People" festival, held in the town of Aliaga, 100 kilometres (60 miles) north of Manila, honours John the Baptist.

Hundreds of men, women and children walked to a muddy field at dawn and covered themselves from head to toe with mud and dried banana leaves, with some residents saying their appearance was meant to evoke the attire of John the Baptist in Biblical times.

According to the Bible, the prophet John donned clothes made

of camel's hair and ate locusts and wild honey as he announced the coming of Jesus Christ.

The prophet, also honoured as a saint, is revered in largely Roman Catholic Philippines.

But the celebration, which concludes with a mass at Aliaga's Saint John the Baptist church, can also be traced back to Japan's wartime occupation of the former US colony in the 1940s.

Residents say Japanese soldiers ordered all the men from one of the villages in Aliaga to be executed outside a church.

As women and children prayed to John the Baptist, there was a heavy downpour that forced the troops to scamper, and prompted the grateful villagers to roll happily in the mud.



Devotees wear costumes made of banana leaves as they head to church to attend mass as part of a religious festival,



Grmay wins National TT

DT News Network
Manama

Team Bahrain Merida rider Tsgabu Grmay won the National Time Trial Championships in Ethiopia for the fourth time, which was held in Awassa and covered the course of 40 km on the

roads around the city in 50 minutes 52 seconds.

"I'm very happy because it's always an amazing feeling to wear the Ethiopian flag on the race" said Grmay. "I'm proud to show the flag of my country on the Individual Time Trial all over the world," he added.

Meanwhile, Bahrain Merida's Italian rider Niccolo Bonifazio will miss today's Men's Italian Road Championship Road Race from Asti to Ivrea over 236km in the Piedmont region of North West Italy because he is suffering from inflammation

of the tonsils, which caused a rise in temperature since last Wednesday.

Bonifazio is being treated with antibiotics under the supervision of the medical staff of the team, but will not recover in time for today's race.

Trials set for Under-16 team

DT News Network
Manama

Cricket Bahrain Association (CBA) under the patronage of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) have announced an 'Open trial' for selection of Bahrain's under 16 National Cricket team for ICC Asia Western Region U-16 tournaments.

The selection will be based on ICC ACC criteria which mandates players on or after 1 September 2001 either Bahraini nationality or born in Bahrain or 7 year/4 year or above of residency in Bahrain.

Apart from this age verification approval will be based on medical test T3 bone age verification by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), players fitness, performance in school tournament and performance shown during the camp and practice matches.

Selection will be done at Alba Club Cricket Academy, Sanad in Riffa by a selection panel of national coach and selectors on 30 June and 1 July 2017 from 5pm.

Players are requested to register with Mirza on 39186620. The selected players will undergo training from July till September at Alba's Academy.

Srikanth sets up Chen final



Sydney

India's Kidambi Srikanth blew away China's Shi Yuqi with a "dream" performance to set up an Australian Open final against Olympic champion Chen Long yesterday.

The 11th-ranked Srikanth beat Shi, the world number four, 21-10, 21-14 in just 37 minutes to reach his third successive Superseries final.

China's Chen gave himself a shot at his first Superseries title this year by fighting off South Korean veteran Lee Hyun-Il 26-24, 15-21, 21-17 in 68 minutes.

The women's final today will be an all-Japanese affair between Akane Yamaguchi and Nozomi Okuhara.

Okuhara made her first Superseries final in over a year, wearing down China's Sun Yu 21-18, 18-21, 21-14, while Yamaguchi played a brilliant counter-attacking game to shock Taiwanese top seed Tai Tzu Ying 21-19, 21-12.

Srikanth, who won last week's Indonesia Open and also reached the Singapore Open final in May, gave a masterclass in net play and deception to blitz Shi.

"Yes, it's a dream performance," Srikanth said. "I played a World Superseries final (Singapore Open) after two years, and then to play the next two finals is a dream for sure. "I was in control of the whole match, I didn't

give him any easy points at the start. It's just that I had to stay there and not give him easy points. I was in control at the net."

In the other men's semi-final, Lee pinned Chen to the lines and kept things tight until he chose his moment to attack.

Chen's usually airtight defence was frequently pierced as he struggled to read the lines of Lee's attack.

The Korean dominated the Olympic champion but failed to convert any of four game points in the opener. He took the second game and had his chances in the third until a late surge by Chen proved too much. (AFP)

Endurace team ready to race this weekend

DT News Network
Manama

Bahrain Endurance 13 team members are set to race over half distances this weekend, with Holly Lawrence set to defend her Ironman 70.3 Mont Tremblant Quebec, Canada, Fredrik Croneborg takes on the inaugural Challenge Nakhon Nayok in Thailand and Mikel Calahorra races at Ironman 70.3 Coeur d'Alene in Idaho, US.

Holly Lawrence has gone undefeated at this distance since her win here in Mont Tremblant last year. The reigning Ironman 70.3 world champion is looking to keep the streak alive. "Getting ready to race one of my favourite races and where I got my very first Ironman win last year," Lawrence said.

Fredrik Croneborg has kept a low profile since he won the full distance at Challenge Taiwan back in April. The Phuket-resident Swede will stay close to home on return to long-distance racing, with Nakhon Nayok only a 90-minute drive from

Bangkok. "I have been a bit tired since the race in Taiwan, but the last couple of weeks I started to feel good and now riding with power I have better numbers than before and have changed to a more aggressive bike position. I hope I can show a good result on the flat course," Croneborg said.

In racing Ironman 70.3 Coeur d'Alene, Mikel Calahorra will attempt to secure an age-group qualifier spot for the Ironman 70.3 World Championship. Training through the fasting season of Ramadan in Bahrain has been challenging since one can only take food and water in after sunset, but the Spaniard has found the silver lining.

"Ramadan timing starts the first workout at sunset and finishing the second session at 2am every day," Calahorra said.

"Even though they are not the ideal times for training and resting properly, it allowed me to skip the heat and to train on US time so jet lag won't affect me. Now is time to rest properly, recover, and let the work come out," he added.



Rising Star beat Smart CC

DT News Network
Manama

Rising Star defeated Smart CC by five wickets in the latest matches of the Kerala Catholic Association (KCA) Summer Cricket Tournament at its premises in Segaiya.

Batting first, Smart CC made 87 in eight overs with the main scorers being Niklesh

(26), Sumesh (25) and Sarfranz (24), with wickets coming from Yousuf (three for 30) and Israr (two for seven).

Rising Star reached the target in scoring 92 for one, thanks to a fine knock by Eshan (60) with good support from Yousuf (12) with Nicklesh (one for 12) taking the lone wicket.

Other results:

Smart CC 39 runs in 5.1 (Niklesh 18, Jithin 2/0, Rahul 1/1 bt Spider CC 17/5 (Zeeshan 1/1, Shabir 1/2) by 22 runs. Sportia Adliya 30/3 bt AIM Super Giant 28ao (Satya Raj 12, Sony 2/3) by 3 wickets. Telly Kings 83/4 (Shabeer 34, Fajjis 15) bt Central Cafe 40 runs in 5.2 (Adil 14, Sachin 11, Fajjis 2/12, Raes 1/2) by 43 runs.



Roger Federer

Federer advances to Halle final

Berlin

Roger Federer continued his Wimbledon preparations by reaching the Gerry Weber Open final with a hard-fought win over young Russian Karen Khachanov.

The 35-year-old, who is bidding for a record eighth title at Wimbledon next month, won 6-4 7-6 (7-5) in Halle.

Khachanov missed two set points to take the match into a decider, with Federer hanging on before taking the tie-break.

The Swiss top seed will play either Germany's Alexander Zverev or France's Richard Gasquet in today's final.

Eighteen-time Grand Slam winner Federer lost to 39-year-old Tommy Haas at the Stuttgart Open last week, his first match in

two months, but is yet to drop a set as he bids for a ninth title at Halle.

However, he was given a stern test by 21-year-old Khachanov in their first meeting.

While Federer is considered one of the greatest grass-court players of all time, 38th-ranked Khachanov was playing in his first tournament on the surface.

Federer took an early advantage after the opening three games all produced breaks of serve, going on to seal the first set at the second attempt before Khachanov pushed him in another tight set.

Federer took his opponent's serve for 5-4, leaving the world number five serving for the match, only for Khachanov to break back and level.

After missing his chances to win the set at 6-5, Khachanov fought back from two mini-breaks in the tie-break, but fired long after his own serve on match point. (BBC)

India hammer England in Women's World Cup opener

London

India beat hosts England by 35 runs on the opening day of the 2017 Women's World Cup at Derby yesterday.

India piled up an imposing 281 for three in their 50 overs thanks to fifties from Smriti Mandhana (90) and Punam Raut (86), who put on 144 for the first wicket, as well as 71 from skipper Mithali Raj.

Only reigning world champions Australia had previously made a success of chasing a bigger target in a women's one-day international. England just about kept themselves in the hunt and were still in with a chance thanks to Fran Wilson's maiden fifty at 229 for six in the 44th over.

But her departure for 81 -- one of four run-outs in the innings -- left the lower order of England, now a team of full-time professionals, with too much to do.

Three-times champions England, who've won the previous two World Cups staged in their own country, were eventually bowled out for 246. (AFP)

Petra Kvitova faces Barty for Birmingham title

Birmingham

Petra Kvitova, the two-time Wimbledon champion who is making a courageous comeback from injury, will face unseeded giant-killer Ashleigh Barty in the final of the Birmingham grass court tournament.

Kvitova showed few signs of the appalling knife injuries to her left playing hand, securing a one-sided victory by 6-1, 1-0 retired over her friend and compatriot Lucia Safarova, who quit with a thigh strain.

The on-court drama came later when Barty, a 21-year-old Australian who began the year ranked down at 271 in the world, showed such dexterity with grass court skills that she brought down the sixth-seeded former French Open champion Garbine Muguruza 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Barty won the Wimbledon girls title six years ago and proved a revelation in the way she used slice to blunt her famous opponent's attack before counter-attacking with heavy forehand drives.

The strongest emotions though were generated by Kvitova's continued progress. This is only her second tournament since a seven-month hole was torn from

her career, and it was only her sixth match -- yet she reached her first grass court final since her great Wimbledon triumph of 2014.

Kvitova is already beginning to suggest she can again do well at the grass court Grand Slam starting in nine days' time, and -- perhaps against her original intention -- even she is beginning to admit it.

"I could not have imagined a comeback better than the one I am having now," she said.

"The hand is good which is the

best news I could have, and I am not feeling any pain -- and that's the best news," she repeated.

Earlier she said: "I am sorry for Lucie and hope she soon gets a bit better. I love playing finals, I like big matches, and I've missed it over the last six months. So this is quite a dream."

Kvitova had never lost any of her nine WTA Tour encounters with Safarova, and this brief encounter had a sense of inevitability about it from the start. (AFP)



Petra Kvitova (file pic)

Cilic reaches Queen's final

London

Spain's Feliciano Lopez succeeded in his Queen's Club revenge mission against world number 11 Grigor Dimitrov to set up a final showdown with Marin Cilic.

Lopez held a championship point in the 2014 Queen's final against Dimitrov before crashing to a three-set defeat, but the world number 32 made amends for that painful loss in yesterday's semi-finals as he beat the Bulgarian 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.

The 35-year-old will face Cilic in today's title match at the Wimbledon warm-up event after the Croatian reached his third Queen's final with a 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 victory over Gilles Muller.

Lopez has won eight of his nine grass-court matches this year and will look to clinch his first ATP title of 2017 after losing in the Stuttgart final last week.

Cilic became the first player to break Muller in the tournament despite a barrage of 22 aces from the world number 26 and hammered down 20 aces of his own to return to the Queen's final for the first time since 2013. The 28-year-old lifted the Queen's trophy in 2012 and finished runner-up to Andy Murray a year later. (AFP)



Croatia's Marin Cilic celebrates

Cristiano Ronaldo hits 75th international goal

Portugal enter Confed semis

Saint Petersburg

Cristiano Ronaldo scored his 75th international goal as Portugal trounced New Zealand 4-0 in Saint Petersburg yesterday to advance to the semi-finals of the Confederations Cup.

The Real Madrid star struck from the penalty spot on 33 minutes to fire the European champions in front before Bernardo Silva turned in a second goal four minutes later.

Andre Silva added a third on 80

minutes before Nani completed the rout in stoppage time to ensure Portugal progressed to last four as winners of Group A, finishing above Mexico on goal difference.

Mexico eliminated hosts Russia with a 2-1 win in Kazan to join Portugal on seven points, with Fernando Santos' side to face the runners-up of Group B on Wednesday for a place in the July 2 final.

Copa America holders Chile lead Germany on goal difference ahead of the final round of matches in Group B, although Australia and Cameroon still harbour outside qualification hopes.

Santos fielded an attacking line-up packed with experience and resisted the temptation to rest Ronaldo with Portugal still requiring a point to qualify and vying with Mexico and Russia for top spot.

Ronaldo twice threatened the New Zealand goal in quick succession, nodding straight at goalkeeper Stefan Marinovic on 24 minutes and then clattering the crossbar shortly after with another header from a Ricardo Quaresma cross.

But the Portugal captain made no mistake after Danilo was wrestled to the ground in the area by a combination of Tom Doyle and Tommy Smith following a corner. Ronaldo buried the resultant penalty beyond Stefanovic to

draw level with former Hungary great Sandor Kocsis and within nine goals of the legendary Ferenc Puskas' European record of 84 at international level.

Portugal swiftly doubled their lead when Eliseu's dangerous low cross from the left was forced home by Silva, although there was brief concern for the new Manchester City signing as he landed awkwardly on his ankle.

New Zealand skipper Chris Wood nearly grabbed a lifeline for the All Whites on the hour, but his back-post

effort was scrambled off the line by a combination of Rui Patricio and Bruno Alves. Ronaldo could have added to his tally when he climbed to meet a Nelson Semedo delivery, his header scooped away by Stefanovic who then stood tall to superbly deny Andre Silva.

Santos withdrew Ronaldo on 67 minutes with the semi-finals in mind, and his replacement Nani struck within moments of his introduction only for Stefanovic to brilliantly tip behind his deflected shot. (AFP)



Portugal's forward Nani (R) celebrates with midfielder Pizzi

Zarco claims maiden pole in Assen

Assen

Yamaha Tech3's French rider Johann Zarco edged four-time champion Marc Marquez in final qualifying to claim his maiden MotoGP pole yesterday for the Dutch Grand Prix in Assen.

Honda's Marquez and Ducati's Danilo Petrucci keep Zarco company on the front row with world championship leader Maverick Vinales only managing to make the fifth row.

Italian veteran Valentino Rossi sets off on the second row with Briton Scott Redding and Zarco's teammate Jonas Folger.

Reigning Moto2 champion Zarco, at only his eighth attempt, becomes the first Frenchman since Olivier Jacque in Germany 15 years ago to set off from pole in the world championship's top category.

The 26-year-old coped best with a wet circuit and windy conditions to

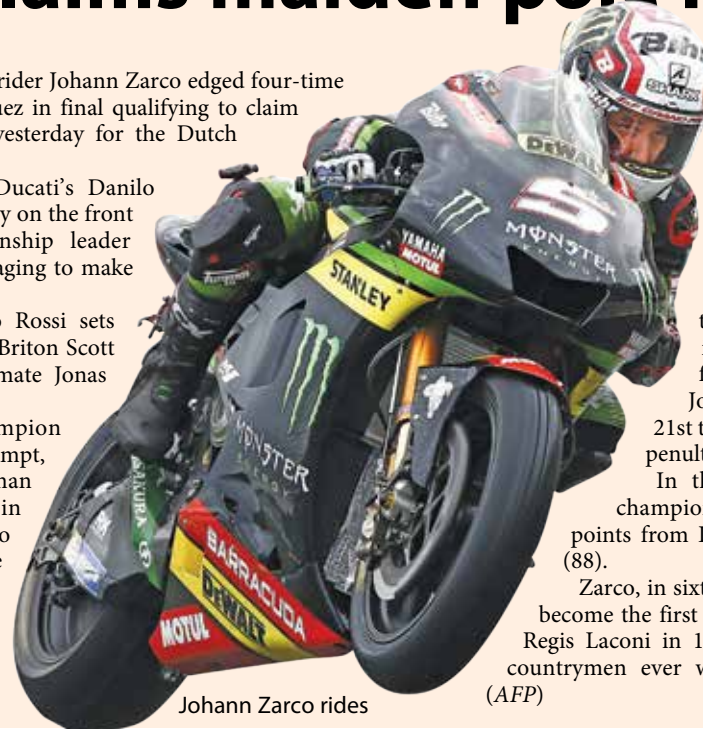
shade Marquez by .065sec and Petrucci by .385s as Vinales, who had posted the fastest time in practice, failed to make an impact.

Yamaha's Spanish rider trailed in 11th in the pole-deciding session, a full 2.125s adrift.

At least Vinales made it through to second qualifying, in contrast to three time former MotoGP titleholder Jorge Lorenzo who trailed in 21st to leave him languishing on the penultimate row on Sunday's grid.

In the race for the 2017 world championship Vinales leads on 111 points from Dovizioso (104) and Marquez (88).

Zarco, in sixth with 75 points, is seeking to become the first French MotoGP winner since Regis Laconi in 1999, with none of his fellow countrymen ever wearing the MotoGP crown. (AFP)



Johann Zarco rides



Hamilton beats Bottas to pole

Baku
Lewis Hamilton snatched pole position for today's Azerbaijan Grand Prix after eclipsing Mercedes team-mate Valtteri Bottas on his final qualifying lap yesterday.

The three-time world champion starts ahead of Bottas with Ferrari duo Kimi Raikkonen and Sebastian Vettel, the championship leader, occupying the second row of the grid.

Hamilton claimed the 66th pole of his career, pulling clear of Brazilian great Ayrton Senna's mark and leaving the Briton just two shy of Michael Schumacher's record of 68.

The 32-year-old bounced back from a frustrating practice outing on Friday to clinch his fifth pole in eight races this season as Mercedes locked out the front row.

Hamilton's quickest lap of 1min 40.593sec came in the final seconds of the session following a red-flagged stoppage which turned the finale into a 3min 30sec showdown.

"I am so pumped - that's how qualifying should be," said an ecstatic Hamilton, who was more than a

second off the pace on Friday. "It is going to be a long hard race, but it's the best place to start."

Bottas, who had been fastest in Q3 until Hamilton's stunning final lap, admitted he was disappointed.

"The lap, in the end, wasn't quite perfect, I was struggling the front left temperature and Lewis then did his lap! It's disappointing, but second place is not bad."

Hamilton is 12 points behind Vettel in the championship after seven races.

Max Verstappen was fifth for Red Bull ahead of the two Force India's of Sergio Perez and Esteban Ocon, Canadian teenager Lance Stroll who was eighth ahead of his Williams team-mate Felipe Massa and Australian Daniel Ricciardo, who crashed his Red Bull to engage the red flag and create the final drama. (AFP)



Grand Opening



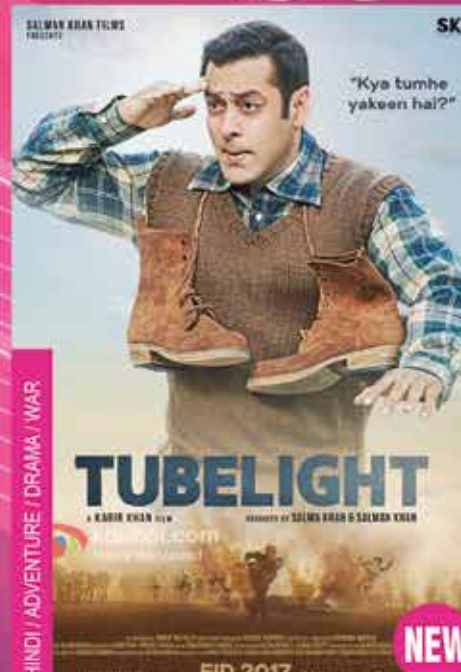
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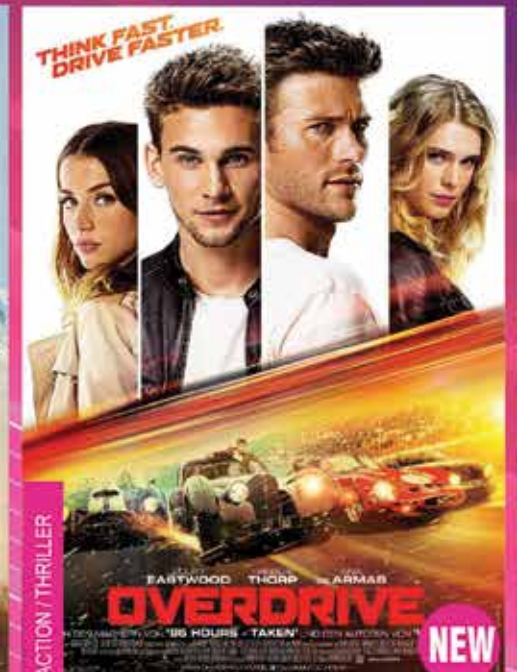
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