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## Ramadan Kareem

The blessed month of the year has come. DT News family wishes all its readers a happy Ramadan.

## Ramadan starts today

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Today will be the first day of Ramadan in Bahrain, the moon-sighting committee convened at the Supreme Islamic Affairs Council (SIAC)'s headquarters has confirmed. The panel based its announcement on the Saudi statement which confirmed the advent of Ramadan as no testimonies were reported in Bahrain.

## 11th Hour

### HM the King pardons 211 prison inmates

Manama His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has issued a Royal Decree, pardoning and releasing 211 inmates who have served part of their jail terms during which they showed good conduct.

The Royal gesture, marking the Holy Month of Ramadan, reflects the King's keenness on providing the pardoned inmates the opportunity to integrate to society anew and participate in the country's development and progress.

# 22 killed in fresh carnage in Egypt

Cairo

Masked gunmen attacked a bus carrying Coptic Christians on a visit to a monastery south of the Egyptian capital yesterday, killing at least 28 people including children, officials said.

The assailants in three pick-up trucks attacked the bus as it carried visitors to the Saint Samuel monastery in Minya province, more than 200 kilometres (120 miles) from Cairo, before fleeing, the interior ministry said.

It was the latest attack on Copts after Islamic State (IS) group jihadists bombed three churches

in December and April, killing dozens of Christians. Pictures of the bus aired by state television showed the vehicle riddled with machinegun fire and its windows shot out.

Cellphone footage and pictures circulated on Egyptian media sites showed several victims who had apparently been shot dead scattered in the desert sand around the bus.

State television quoted a health ministry official as saying a "large number" of the victims were children.

"They used automatic weapons," Minya governor Essam el-Bedawi told state

television of the attackers. Bedawi said police were fanning out along the

road where the attack took place and had set up checkpoints. State television reported that the

attack killed 28 people, citing the health minister. The latest attack came after

jihadists had threatened more strikes against the Copts, who make up about 10 percent of

Egypt's 90-million population.

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## Assailants who came in pick-up trucks attacked visitors to a monastery before fleeing

## HM condoles with Egypt

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has sent a cable to President Abdul Fattah Al Sisi, expressing condolences on the death of people in the terror attack, which

targeted Christians in Minya province. His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa also extended condolences to President Al Sisi.

## Bahrain condemns attack

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Bahrain has condemned the terror attack in Egypt in strongest terms. Extending condolences to the families of the victims and wishing the injured a speedy recovery, the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed full solidarity with Egypt and offered support in fighting terror. "Bahrain supports Egypt against any threat to its stability and security. Such despicable acts will never succeed," the Foreign Ministry said.

Egyptians wait outside a hospital to retrieve some of the bodies of the victims of an attack,



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Floods, landslides kill 91 in Sri Lanka



An ambulance transporting wounded Egyptians arrives at a hospital in Cairo's northern suburb of Shubra

# Many children among victims

## Cairo

Children are among at least 28 killed in the attack carried out by masked gunmen on a bus carrying Coptic Christians on a visit to a monastery south of the Egyptian capital yesterday.

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The interior minister said in a statement that the assailants in three pick-up trucks attacked the bus as it was heading for the Saint Samuel monastery in Minya province, more than 200 kilometres (120 miles) from Cairo, before fleeing.

"They used automatic weapons," Minya governor Essam el-Bedawi told state television of the attackers.

The latest attack came after jihadists had threatened more strikes against the Copts, who make up about 10 percent of Egypt's 90-million population.

The north Minya town of Maghagha saw scenes of anger and despair on Friday.

A group of around 50 men gathered near a church where the funeral of two victims was held, calling for the interior minister to "beat it" and for his ouster.

Nearby, a dozen women dressed in dusty black robes cried and moaned.

In a statement on its spokesman's Facebook page, the Coptic Church called for "measures to be taken to prevent the dangers of those incidents that tarnish Egypt's image".

Al-Azhar, Egypt's top religious authority,

condemned Friday's shooting on the eve of the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

"The Minya incident is unacceptable to Muslims and Christians and it targets Egypt's stability," Al-Azhar's Grand Imam Ahmed al-Tayeb said in a statement.

Condemnation also poured in from Israel, the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Russia and France, with Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo saying the Eiffel Tower's lights would be turned off on Friday.

"Israel strongly condemns the severe terrorist attack in Egypt and sends the condolences of the Israeli people to President al-Sisi and the Egyptian people," a statement from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin denounced the "barbarism and cruelty of terrorism", and French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian tweeted that no one "should fear for their life by practising their faith".

Hidalgo said the Eiffel Tower would go dark after midnight in solidarity with the victims, as also happened on Tuesday after the Manchester Arena attack.

Copts have suffered sectarian attacks for years.

Friday's shooting came after a historic visit to Egypt by Roman Catholic Pope Francis to show solidarity with the country's Christians.

In his late April trip, Francis visited one of the bombed Coptic churches and condemned violence carried out in the name of God.

## Trump urges end to violence

### Washington

US President Donald Trump wished Muslims "a joyful Ramadan," yesterday, urging them to use the holy month to reject violence by Islamist extremists.

"On behalf of the American people, I would like to wish all Muslims a joyful Ramadan," said Trump, who is winding up a first overseas trip as president that included a stop in Saudi Arabia.

"This year, the holiday begins as the world mourns the innocent victims of barbaric terrorist attacks in the United Kingdom and Egypt, acts of depravity that are directly contrary to the spirit of Ramadan," said the US leader.

"Such acts only steel our resolve to defeat the terrorists and their perverted ideology," he said in his message to the world's estimated 1.6 billion Muslims.

Trump said that when he met dozens of leaders of Muslim countries in the Saudi capital Riyadh, he had vowed to stand with them to counter "terrorism and the ideology that fuels it."

## The Copts

Egypt's Copts, targeted by gunmen yesterday as they travelled in a bus to a monastery south of Cairo, are the Middle East's largest Christian minority and one of the oldest.

Making up about 10 per cent of Egypt's population of 90 million, the Coptic Orthodox form the largest Christian denomination in the Muslim-majority country.

The Copts trace their history to the dawn of Christianity, when Egypt was integrated into the Roman and later the Byzantine empire.

The word "Copt" comes from the same root as the word for "Egyptian" in ancient Greek.

The community's decline started with the Arab invasions of the 7th century and the progressive Islamisation of the country, which today is largely Sunni Muslim.

Copts, represented in all social classes, are present across the whole country, with the strongest concentration in central and southern Egypt.

Poorly represented in government, Copts complain that they are sidelined from many posts in the justice system, universities and the police.

Egypt's Copts have been the target of several deadly attacks since the 2011 uprising that toppled longtime president Hosni Mubarak.

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# Mind your own business, FM tells Iran's Khamenei



Shaikh Khalid

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**B**ahrain's Foreign Affairs Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa has asked Iran's supreme leader to "mind his own business" and not to interfere in domestic

affairs.

In his response to the latest statements made by Ali Khamenei about the situations in Bahrain and the recent security operation targeting terrorists gathered in Diraz, Shaikh Khalid tweeted, "Bahrain and its people are fine. The leader of the Iranian

Revolution should keep quiet and keep his evil away."

The minister shared a short video clip on his official Twitter page showing Khamenei commenting on the recent events and praising controversial religious cleric Isa Qassim.

As reported last week,

security forces dispersed an illegal gathering near Isa Qassim's residence in Diraz, where five people were killed and over 30 policemen were injured.

Shaikh Khalid also tweeted that Khamenei should pay attention to the endless issues his country is facing and

leave the Kingdom of Bahrain alone.

Iranian officials often interfere in the internal affairs of GCC states, especially Bahrain.

However, it's not common for the Supreme Leader to appear on screens with such statements.

## Road project nearing completion

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**W**ork on Malkiya entrance and roads in the vicinity are nearing completion, Roads Projects and Maintenance Director Sayyed Bader Alawi has said. The project is part of the paving of dirt roads programme, aiming to provide infrastructure services as per priorities set for the Northern Governorate.

The Ministry has completed paving 90 per cent of the roads in the block. Work is underway to implement storm water drainage tanks, construct speed humps and put in place traffic signs and ground markings. The project will serve 90 housing units and facilitate movement in Malkiya. Alawi explained that the project comprises of paving a total of 2.6km long roads, implementing ground channels for present and future use.

# Several arrested in Diraz released

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**M**ore than 40 people who were arrested in Diraz on Tuesday were released by the police on Thursday.

This was confirmed by the area's parliamentary representative MP Jalal Kadhim, following his meeting with several MPs with Interior Minister Lieutenant General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa.

Kadhim stated on his official Twitter page that the police directorate has communicated with the families of 45 people arrested from Diraz.

"They were all released



Jalal Kadhim

today in the presence of the area's representative and the governor. Following up on the matter is continued," Kadhim tweeted on Thursday.

The MP confirmed that the move follows the directives

of the minister to release the individuals arrested in Diraz events on Tuesday.

DT News reported on Wednesday that more than 280 people who participated in an illegal gathering in Diraz were arrested. Among the arrested were convicts and fugitives wanted in terror crimes. Five people were killed and more than 30 policemen were injured in armed clashes that occurred while security forces dispersed the crowd.

"We urge all for self-control and not to follow suspicious statements. We request religious clerics and eminent persons of the area to embrace the youth and preserve civil peace."



286 people were arrested in the recent Diraz security operation



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# Minister applauds Al Iman graduates

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**E**ducation Minister Majed Al Nuaimi has congratulated the graduates of Al Iman School on their success, wishing them further achievements in future.

The minister who was patronising the graduation ceremony in the presence of parents, relatives and school officials said that Al Iman had been steadily improving the performance of its students and that this year, it accomplished an outstanding score in the reading challenge competition, by ranking among the top three, selected from 30,000 schools that participated from across the Arab world. Al Nuaimi stressed that the



Education Minister Majed Al Nuaimi at the graduation ceremony of Al Iman School

ministry would spare no effort to support private educational institutions and encourage investment in the crucial sector to help keep the educational process move forward.

Several outstanding national and international achievements were accomplished, thanks

to the efforts exerted by the ministry to boost learning standards, he said. Bahrain achieved top score in the pan-Arab science competition and the second best in mathematics, the minister said.

Adel Al Muawda, the chairman of the board of

trustees of the school thanked the education minister for patronising the graduation ceremony, saying that Al Iman had adopted several measures to boost its educational and learning services and to provide special care for outstanding students.

## Leaders exchange Ramadan greetings

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**H**is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday received Ramadan greetings from His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and HRH Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister. Both extended greetings to HM the King, wishing him, the Bahraini people and the Arab and Muslim nations many happy returns.

HRH the Prime Minister prayed to Allah the Almighty to bless HM King Hamad with abundant good health and happiness so as to continue the progress and development march the Kingdom is witnessing under his leadership.

HM the King sent a cable of thanks to HRH the Prime Minister and HRH

the Crown Prince in reply to their greetings on the advent of the holy month of Ramadan.

HM the King expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to HRH Premier and HRH the Crown Prince for their noble feelings, wishing them steady good health and happiness, and the Arab and Muslim nations many happy returns.

The Prime Minister received a cable of congratulations from the Crown Prince on the advent of the Holy Month of Ramadan.

HRH the Crown Prince extended sincere congratulations to HRH Premier, wishing him abundant good health and happiness and Bahrain further progress and prosperity.

He also wished the Arab and Islamic nations many happy returns.

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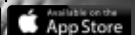


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Ramadan is a month which is very different than other months in terms of activities, praying and eating habits. The month call for not eating and drinking from sunrise to sunset to boost physical and mental endurance and to understand the hardships faced by the unprivileged human beings who do not have enough resources to satisfy their basic necessities. The true meaning of Ramadan is purifying ourselves, taking care of our body, soul, people, surrounding and ecosystems which is supporting us.

The month of Ramadan is a golden opportunity to consider making a shift towards a 'green lifestyle' that is environmental friendly, non-polluting, non-wasteful and aim toward saving of natural resources. The green lifestyle means improving the quality of life and achieving sustainable development.

Let us create awareness on our resources usage during Ramadan, think and act positively towards our environment and change our unfriendly habits which are impacting our ecosystem. Let us seize this opportunity provided by Ramadan and adopt a model for a green and responsible behavior that addresses the urgent environmental issues.

The month sees over consumption of meat, vegetables and fruits together with drinks, juices and syrups. We become more extravagant in terms of using food and resources. So, let us be patient on these consumptions, eat healthy and organic food in manageable quantities. Let us grow vegetables and fruits at our available land/ space. Use food items judiciously and avoid any wastage. Let us be away from our routine habits that pollute our air, soil and water resources. Let us be aware of our wasteful habits which are affecting the environment and our future generations. We need to understand that any mismanagement of our precious available resources will be having an irreversible impacts on our ecology and for our future generations. Let us make concerted effort to encourage and embrace "green" practices, especially during Ramadan.

Ramadan presents the perfect opportunity to recharge our spiritual batteries for the year. It is a time to seek forgiveness for our misgivings and to reflect upon the signs of creation from Allah. As human beings, we have a duty as stewards over this planet, and it is our responsibility to ensure that the resources and environment are used in a sustainable manner.

Let this month not only harness our mental and physical ability but also be a turning point for respecting our resources and environment. Some basic thoughts are:

- Support and utilize local produce.
- Plan food usage with no wastage.
- Reducing the water usage, especially during making 'wadoo'/ ablution. Be vigilant that the tap is closed. Any dripping should be eliminated to conserve precious water.
- Reducing our energy and carbon footprint.
- Generating less quantity of waste especially food waste. Support & practice recycling and reuse.
- No littering especially in common areas, commercial and religious places and shopping areas.
- Minimum or no use of plastic bags. Using less paper and stationery.
- Switching off appliances after use like lights, ACs, fans, heaters, iron etc.
- Using electrical appliances like washing machines, iron, vacuum cleaner and dishwashers in off peak hours.
- Replacing lights bulbs from incandescent to compact fluorescent and turning off lights when they are not in use.
- Eliminate use of disposables plates, cutlery, cups, containers etc. Avoid using Styrofoam containers and plastic cutlery.

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Panel rejects ban  
on publishing  
photos of accusedDT News Network  
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## Manama

A parliamentary committee recently rejected a proposal to ban publishing photos of the accused ahead of being convicted by the court.

This comes as Foreign Affairs, National Security and Defence Committee in the House of Representatives issued a report rejecting a proposal submitted by MP Khalid Al Shaer to amend the Kingdom's Penal Code,

criminalising publishing pictures of the accused ahead of conviction and subjecting violators to punish not exceeding one year and or fines not exceeding BD100.

Al Shaer, who's a member of the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) and the former head council's Human Rights Committee, justified his proposal by quoting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights saying, "Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent

until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence."

He also quoted Article 20/C of the Kingdom's constitution, which reads, "An accused person shall be presumed innocent until proved guilty in a legal trial in which the necessary guarantees for the exercise of his right of defence in all the stages of investigation and trial are ensured in accordance with the law."

However, the MP's justifications didn't convince

the committee which rejected the proposal in a report published yesterday and will be reviewed by the Council of Representatives on Tuesday.

The committee's decision came after discussing the proposal with several parties including the council's Legal and Legislative Affairs Committee and Legal Consultant, in addition to Interior Ministry and NIHR, which earlier expressed its rejection to publishing pictures of the accused ahead of conviction.

Driver gets 18  
months jail as  
crash leaves  
victim in comaDT News Network  
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A reckless driver was sentenced to 18 months in prison and BD1000 fine for causing an accident that resulted in the complete paralysis of a female driver.

This was revealed in the final verdict by the Seventh Lower (Traffic) Court against the defendant on Thursday.

Court files showed that the mishap occurred on Al Ghou Highway in Muharraq.

The defendant was over-speeding on the flyover near Shaikh Hamad Bridge. He lost control of the vehicle and rammmed into the victim's car, before both vehicles tumbled down the flyover. The driver and a passenger suffered minor injuries, while the victim, who's a newly-wedded university student, remains in a coma to this day. It was revealed by the attorneys that the victim was driving back home at the time of the accident. She suffered serious head injuries and is now bedridden and surviving on life-support, unaware of her surroundings.

The Public Prosecution had earlier accused the driver of reckless driving, injuring the victim and resulting in a 100 percent disability for her, in addition to causing several damages to public and private properties.

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**Manchester**

**B**ritain has arrested a “large part” of the network behind Manchester’s suicide bomb attack, police said yesterday, as the government came under fire for cutting police budgets and election campaigning resumed.

Eight suspects are currently in detention on UK soil in connection with the blast, for which the Islamic State group has claimed responsibility. While police in Libya have detained the father and brother of 22-year-old bomber Salman Abedi.

Mark Rowley, head of Britain’s counter-terrorism police, said police had got hold of “a large part of the network” linked to the atrocity in which seven children aged under 18 were among the 22 dead.

“We are very happy we’ve got our hands around some of the key players that we are concerned about but there’s still a little bit more to do,” he said.

Police said the eight men ranged in age from 18 to 38, including a 30-year-old arrested in the Moss Side area of Manchester in the early hours of Friday.

“I woke up because I heard the police shouting, they were shouting ‘Get down, it’s the police, hands on the ground, get on the ground,’” said local resident Anita Santonelli, who said she looked out to see around 10 armed police officers.

Opposition Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said it was the “responsibility” of governments to minimise the

People gather to lay flowers and messages of support in St Ann’s Square in Manchester



**Manchester bomber’s terrorist links**

**Monday, May 22, 21:33GMT:** Suicide bomb kills 22 people as they are leaving Manchester Arena following Ariana Grande concert

**1 Salman Abedi:** Suicide bomber, 22, in Libya in early May. Flew back to Manchester via Istanbul and Dusseldorf on May 18, according to Der Tagesspiegel, citing German intelligence

**2 May 23:** Salman’s older brother, **Ismail Abedi**, is arrested in Chorlton

**3 May 24:** Two arrested in Wigan and Nuneaton

**4 May 24:** Armed police raid city-centre apartment block in Granby Row

**5 May 24:** Libyan security forces in Tripoli detain Salman’s father, **Ramadan Abedi**, and younger brother, **Hashem Abedi**. Ramadan fought against regime of **Muammar Gaddafi** during Libyan revolution in 2011

**6 Hashem Abedi:** Arrested for allegedly planning terrorist attack in Tripoli. Salman transferred €2,900 to Hashem on May 22

**7 Abd al-Baset Azzouz:** Bomb-maker – lived in Elsmore Road. Now in Libya

**8 Raphael Hostey:** Lived in Whalley Range. Key recruiter for so-called Islamic State – now dead

**9 Jamshed Javeed:** Lived in Levenshulme. Jailed for six years in 2015 for preparation of terrorist acts for IS in Syria

**Jun 2014, Chorlton:** Twins **Salma** and **Zahra Halane** (below) travel to Syria after being radicalised online

**May 25, Blackley:** One man arrested

**May 24, 26, Whalley Range, Moss Side:** Two men arrested

**May 24, Fallowfield:** Three men arrested. Salman Abedi lived in Elsmore Road

**Eastern Libya:** Training camp for Al Qaeda-linked militants run by **Abd al-Baset Azzouz**

**Islamic State:** Forced out of Sirte in December 2016 – relocated around Bani Walid and Zalla

**LIBYA** 400km 250 miles

**UNITED KINGDOM** Manchester Wigan London

**LIBYA** Bani Walid Zalla Sirte Misrata Benghazi Derna

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risk of terror by giving police the funding they need after cuts made while Conservative Prime Minister Theresa May served as interior minister.

**US ‘full responsibility’**  
Washington’s top diplomat Rex Tillerson also visited London yesterday in an expression of solidarity after Britain reacted furiously to leaks of sensitive details about

the investigation to US media. “We take full responsibility for that and obviously regret that that happened,” Tillerson told reporters.

Britain briefly suspended intelligence-sharing with the United States on Thursday over the leaks, but Tillerson said the “special relationship” between the two countries would “withstand this particular unfortunate event”.

US President Donald Trump has threatened to prosecute those responsible for the “deeply troubling” security breach.

**Hunting accomplices**  
May was at the G7 summit in Sicily yesterday where she emphasised the importance of tackling the spread of terror online by urging internet companies to do more to

remove extremist content. “Make no mistake: the fight is moving from the battlefield to the internet,” she told the G7.

Manchester-born Abedi, a university dropout, grew up in a Libyan family that reportedly fled to the northwestern English city to escape the now-fallen regime of Libyan dictator Moamer Kadhafi. Libyan officials said he and

his brother Hashem belonged to the Islamic State group, while their father Ramadan once belonged to a now-disbanded militant group with alleged ties to Al-Qaeda.

Libya said it was working closely with Britain to identify possible “terrorist networks” involved, while a British official said that Abedi had been on the intelligence radar before the massacre. (AFP)

**Britain arrests ‘large part’ of attack network**



An army bomb disposal unit is parked near Springfield Street, which has been evacuated in a police operation following a terror attack in Manchester

# Nations bombing IS failing to protect civilians



Smoke rises from buildings following a reported air strike on a rebel-held area in the southern Syrian city of Daraa

## Geneva

The UN yesterday urged all nations bombing jihadist targets in Syria to better distinguish between civilian and military targets, following reports that US-led coalition strikes killed dozens of non-combatants.

Air raids on Islamic State group targets in Syria have left hundreds of civilians dead since 2014.

The latest strikes that hit a series of residential buildings on Thursday in Mayadeen, a town in Syria's eastern province of Deir Ezzor, killed at least 35 civilians, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

UN human rights chief

Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein said "all states" whose air forces are active in the anti-IS missions needed "to take much greater care to distinguish between legitimate military targets and civilians."

The rights office had no specific information about Thursday's bombings.

Zeid's spokesman Rupert Colville told reporters in Geneva that identifying the air force responsible for civilian deaths is often difficult given the number of countries in the anti-IS coalition and the lack of credible information.

The US military had said coalition airstrikes in Iraq and Syria had "unintentionally" killed a total of 352 civilians



UN human rights chief Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein since 2014.

Zeid underscored that civilians were now being hit by both sides in the conflict.

"The same civilians who are suffering indiscriminate

shelling and summary executions by (IS), are also falling victim to the escalating air strikes", he said in a statement.

The rights office has also received credible information that IS fighters slit the throats of eight people earlier this month who were accused of providing the coalition coordinates to guide strikes, Colville said.

"Scant attention is being paid by the outside world to the appalling predicament of the civilians trapped in (IS-held) areas," Zeid said. (AFP)

## US-led strikes kills scores of relatives of IS

### Washington

Dozens of relatives of Islamic State group fighters were killed yesterday in Syria in US-led strikes, regime or Russian raids.

Scores of civilians, many of them families of IS members, have been killed in

bombing raids in recent days on the eastern Syrian town of Mayadeen, held by IS since 2014. Early Friday, at least 80 relatives of IS fighters were killed in US-led coalition bombardment, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

"The secondary explosion triggered a rapid failure of the structure which killed the two ISIS snipers, 101 civilians sheltered in the bottom floors of the structure," said US Air Force Brigadier General Matt Isler, the lead investigator.

## Syria dismissed 4,000 judges

### Ankara

Turkey has dismissed over 4,000 judges and prosecutors accused of links to last year's failed coup after an investigation of the judiciary, the Turkish justice minister said Friday.

Ankara blames the attempted overthrow of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on an Islamic movement led by Muslim preacher Fethullah Gulen.

"Over 4,000 judges and prosecutors have been removed from their posts inside the Turkish judiciary over their links to the Fethullah Terrorist



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Gulen, living in self-imposed exile in the United States, vehemently denies the claim that he ordered the coup attempt.

"The investigations have finished. At this moment, there is no judge or prosecutor left that we have not screened," Bozdog said in a speech in Ankara.

He added that there could be further investigations "because of the nature of the organisation", saying: "We are facing a very different kind of terror organisation."

More than 100,000 people

have been sacked or suspended from the public sector including teachers, academics, doctors and members of the armed forces under the state of emergency imposed a few days after the attempted putsch and renewed three times.

Meanwhile, more than 47,000 people have been imprisoned because of suspected links to the movement and the failed putsch.

Ankara claims the Gulen movement had infiltrated the state and the series of purges are necessary to remove the "virus" inside the public sector.

## New Taliban attack kills at least 15 soldiers

### Kandahar

At least 15 Afghan soldiers were killed when Taliban fighters attacked their base in Kandahar, officials said Friday, in the third major insurgent assault this week on the military in the southern province.

The assault in Shah Wali Kot district late Thursday comes after hundreds of insurgents stormed other bases in the same area and Maiwand district earlier this week, bringing the death toll among Western-backed troops to around 60.

The attacks highlight a growing insurgent offensive in Kandahar, a Taliban hotbed where security has relatively improved in recent years under the iron grip of police chief and regional strongman General Abdul Raziq.

"The Taliban launched a coordinated assault on an army base last night (Thursday) in Shah Wali Kot," defence ministry spokesman Dawlat Waziri said.

A provincial official who spoke on the condition of anonymity gave a higher death toll of 20, adding that some soldiers were missing after the attack and the Taliban had seized four military humvees.

## Tunisia opens trial over 2015 beach massacre



Seifeddine Rezgui killed 38 people in the Sousse attack in June 2015

### Tunis

A Tunisian court held its first public hearing yesterday in the trial of 26 people in connection with a 2015 jihadist beach massacre that killed dozens of foreign tourists.

A student armed with a Kalashnikov assault rifle and grenades went on a rampage in the Port el-Kantaoui resort near Sousse killing 38 holidaymakers, 30 of them Britons, before being shot dead by police.

It was the second of two deadly attacks on foreigners claimed by the Islamic State group that year, which devastated Tunisia's once-lucrative tourism sector.

Security was unusually tight at the Tunis courthouse for Friday's hearing, which lasted around an hour and a half and was attended by British diplomatic officials.

Six of the defendants are policemen accused of failing to assist a person in danger.

The remainder, all Tunisians, are accused of terrorist offences, murder and "conspiracy against the security of the state", the prosecution said.

## Syria army takes control of Damascus-Palmyra road

### Beirut

The Syrian army is in full control of the highway from Damascus to ancient Palmyra for the first time since 2014 after driving out jihadists, a monitor said yesterday.

Since troops recaptured Palmyra from the Islamic State group in March, the UNESCO World Heritage site had been accessible via Syria's third city Homs, about 150 kilometres (95 miles) to the west.

But after major advances on Thursday night, the army now controls the direct road from the capital to Palmyra, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

IS fighters first overran Palmyra in May 2015, and government troops recaptured it 10 months later.

# Car wars begin

**Taormina**

**US President** Donald Trump has launched a salvo against German car exports to the United States, officials confirmed yesterday, in the latest sign of simmering transatlantic trade tensions.

Speaking after German media reported the US president as having described the Germans as "bad, very bad", European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker tried to play down the latest spat

to erupt since Trump came to power pursuing a protectionist agenda.

Suggesting the comment attributed to Trump had been mistranslated, Juncker confirmed that Trump had raised Germany's large trade surplus with the US in the automobile sector during trade talks in Brussels on Thursday.

"I don't want to

comment but I have to," said the head of the EU executive, who is in overall charge of the giant economic bloc's trading relationship with the rest of the world.

"It is not true the president was aggressive in his approach. This a translation problem," he said in Italy at a G7 summit attended by Trump, German Chancellor Angela Merkel

and other leaders.

"He did not say the Germans were behaving bad. He said we have a problem. It was not aggressive."

Trump's economic advisor Gary Cohn also insisted the exchanges had been amicable but that an important issue for the new administration had been put on the table.

"He said they're very bad on trade but he doesn't have a

problem with Germany," Cohn told reporters, saying Trump had highlighted his father's German heritage.

"He (Trump) said: 'I don't have a problem with Germany, I have a problem with German trade,'" Cohn insisted.

According to the German media reports Trump had complained bitterly about the likes of Volkswagen, BMW and Mercedes selling millions of vehicles to the US and vowed to stop it. (AFP)

## ArcelorMittal tipped to take over Italy's Ilva



**Milan**

**A consortium** led by global steel giant ArcelorMittal is tipped to take over Italy's troubled Ilva steelworks, one of the most polluting industrial sites in Europe, a source said yesterday. The choice made by the administrators in charge of Ilva must still be approved by the government's economic development ministry.

Ilva was nationalised and placed under special administration in 2015 after the Riva family, which owned it, was accused of failing to prevent toxic emissions from spewing out across the southern city of Taranto.

ArcelorMittal, allied with Italian steelmaker Marcegaglia, was up against a consortium made up of the Indian group Jindal South West Steel, Italian specialist steelmaker Arvedi, the Italian state's CDP investment bank and Delfin, the holding company of Italian businessman Leonardo Del Vecchio.

The ArcelorMittal-led offer was nearly 2 billion euros (\$2.2 billion), according to Italian media. (AFP)



**Trump-Germany salvo raises EU-US trade fears**

From left : Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, U.S. President Donald Trump, Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni, French President Emmanuel Macron, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May, European Council President Donald Tusk and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker sit around a table during the G7 Summit of the Heads of State and of Government in Taormina, Sicily

## Cool Trends

### South Korea tests Olympic bullet train

A new high-speed rail line linking South Korea's capital Seoul and the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympic venues has been completed and is in its "testing phase", according to Olympic organisers

**KOREA TRAIN EXPRESS (KTX) SANCHEON**  
Built by Hyundai Rotem, based on French TGV Réseau



Maximum operating speed: **300km/h** Passenger capacity: **410 seats**  
Total length of train: **201m (15 cars)** Weight: **406 tonnes**



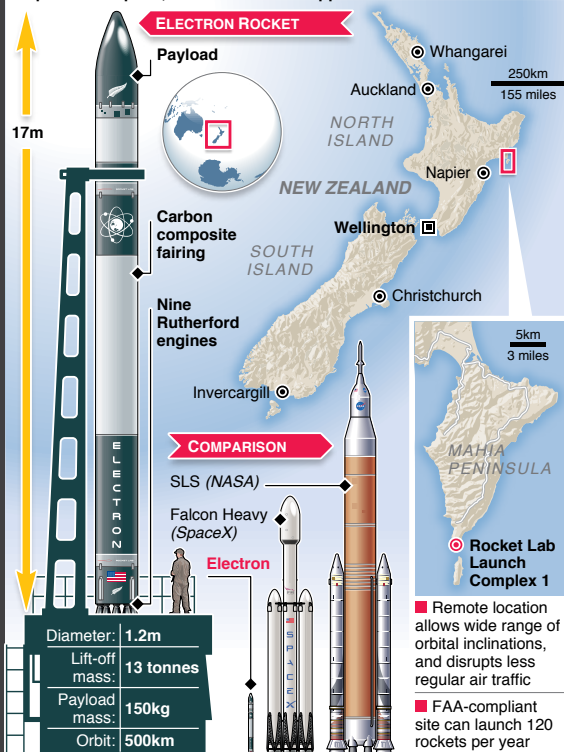
**New 120km-long high-speed line means trains can travel from Incheon to Gangneung in under two hours – journey currently takes four hours**

Sources: Inside The Games, PyeongChang 2018

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### New Zealand hosts first private space launch

U.S. company **Rocket Lab** has launched a rocket from New Zealand, the world's first from a private facility, showing it is possible to provide frequent, affordable launch opportunities to low Earth orbit



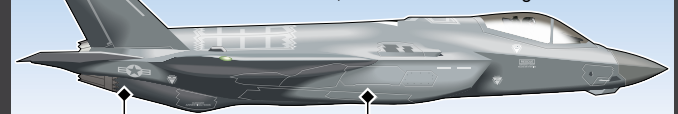
Sources: Rocket Lab, Twitter, wire agencies

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### F-35 to make Paris Air Show debut

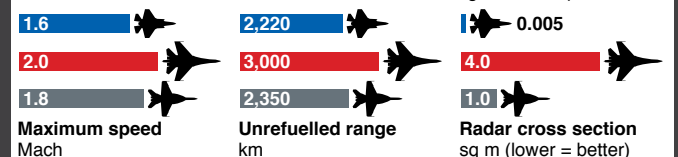
The U.S. Air Force's F-35 stealth fighter is scheduled to appear at this year's Paris Air Show, with Lockheed Martin pilots performing the first aerial demonstration in the skies above Le Bourget

**LOCKHEED MARTIN F-35A LIGHTNING II**  
U.S. Air Force variant, entered service in August 2016



**Powerplant:** Pratt & Whitney F135 **Internal weapons:** Two 900kg bombs, two air-to-air missiles, 25mm cannon

**Performance** ■ F-35A ■ Sukhoi Su-30 ■ Boeing F/A-18 Super Hornet



**POSSIBLE AEROBATIC MANOEUVRES**

**Aileron roll:** Full 360° rotation about plane's longitudinal axis

**Cobra:** Pilot momentarily raises nose of plane to vertical position or slightly beyond before recovering

Speed slows to about 150km/h

**High alpha:** Pilot pitches nose upwards while maintaining slow, level flight



Sources: Aviation Week, Global Security, Kable, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy

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## China for tighter controls on yuan

Shanghai

China said yesterday it is considering a change to its mechanism for managing its currency to buffer it against market forces. The potential new system would introduce a “counter-cyclical factor” to China’s current system of allowing the yuan to trade within a government-set band, according to a statement on the website of the Foreign Exchange Trade System.



## IMF sets tough new Ukraine loan demands

Kiev

The International Monetary Fund said yesterday it will only release a new tranche payment to Ukraine once parliament approves a long-stalled pension system overhaul and land privatisation legislation. Ukraine is using a \$17.5-billion IMF lifeline to recover from crises sparked by the war that began in April 2014 and has claimed more than 10,000 lives.



Since our last G7 summit in Japan, we haven’t seen anything that would justify a change in our sanctions policy towards Russia. I will appeal to the other G7 leaders to reconfirm this policy.”

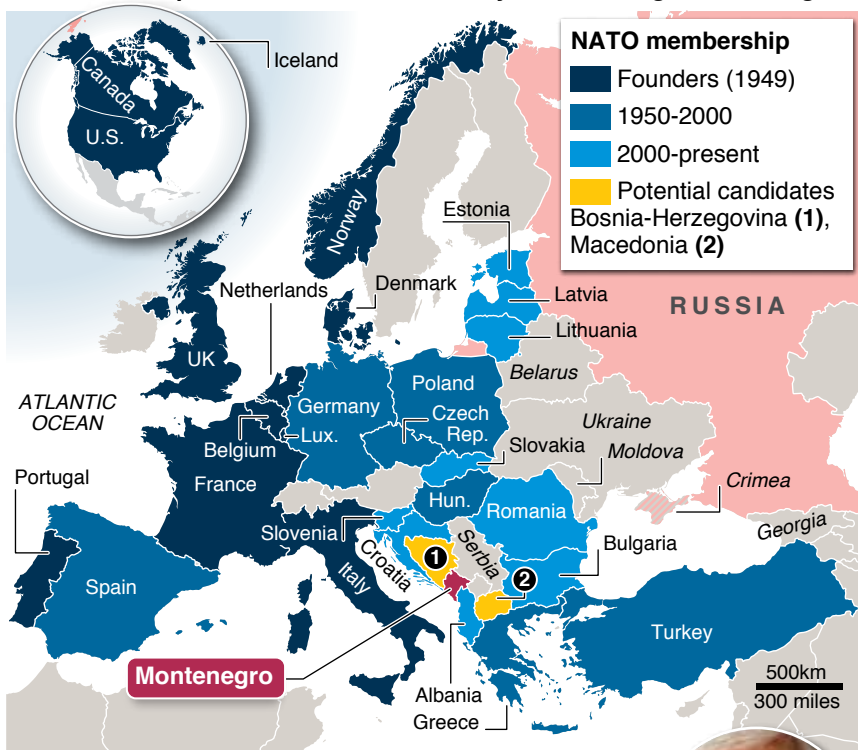
Donald Tusk

European Union President



## Montenegro defies Russia to join NATO

NATO is set to expand for the first time in eight years by welcoming Montenegro into the alliance. Russia says NATO’s steady expansion into eastern Europe threatens its own security and cannot go unchallenged



Prime minister **Dusko Markovic** says membership will bring regional stability. But public opinion remains divided, with pro-Russian opposition saying NATO entry is betrayal of traditional allies Serbia and Russia



Moscow considers Montenegro, whose population is mostly Slavic Orthodox, to be within its historic sphere of influence

Montenegro has accused Russia of being behind foiled coup in October allegedly designed to throw country off its path towards NATO

**Montenegro:** Part of communist Yugoslavia until 1992. Joined with Serbia, first as **Federal Republic of Yugoslavia**, then as **Serbia and Montenegro** after 2003. Independent in 2006 after 55 percent of population voted for severing ties with Serbia

Montenegro has population of 632,000 and military of only 2,000 troops, but it is strategically positioned to give NATO full control of Adriatic coastline and of entire northern coast of Mediterranean

Source: North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Picture: Associated Press

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# US Q1 growth revised up to 1.2pc

Washington

The US economy grew much faster than originally reported in the first quarter due to sharp increases in business and consumer spending, the Commerce Department reported yesterday.

The revised data mean GDP growth in President Donald Trump’s first quarter was 1.2 per cent, half a percentage point higher than the first report, which had US economic expansion at its slowest pace in three years.

Businesses fixed investment rose at the fastest pace in five years, which helped put a far rosier on the January-March period.

Analysts had been expecting a revision of only a tenth of a point.

The result was still far slower than the final three months of 2016, when GDP grew 2.1pc but analysts say first quarters have trended low in recent years.

Having risen to office with an agenda of economic revival, Trump has pledged to return the world’s largest economy to annual expansion of three percent or more.

The administration is counting on that robust growth -- which economists say may not be realistic -- to help pay for a proposed military buildup and multi-trillion-dollar tax cuts.

The revised GDP estimate, based on a more complete set of a data than was available in April, also reflected a smaller decrease in spending by state and local governments than originally reported. The Commerce Department will revise the data again in June.

Economists have been expecting a rebound in the April-June period, but a key indicator for the first month of the second quarter was only fair.

In a separate report, Commerce

Department figures showed a dip in civilian aircraft sales helped depress orders for big-ticket US-manufactured goods in April, marking the first decline in five months.

The slowdown was smaller than analysts were expecting but appeared larger due to the steep upward revision in March’s numbers.

Total orders for durable goods fell by 0.7pc in April to \$231.2 billion, down from March’s robust 2.3pc gain, and the slowest expansion since November.

An analyst consensus forecast had called for a far greater decrease of 1.8pc last month.

The decline was largely driven by 9.2pc drop in orders for civilian aircraft, but there were other signs of weakness.

Excluding the volatile transportation category, durables orders fell 0.4pc, their biggest monthly decline in 10 months.

Representative picture



# UPS fined \$247 million for illegal cigarette shipments



Representative picture

New York

A US judge ordered the American shipping giant UPS to pay \$247 million to New York state and city governments, for shipments of cigarettes that illegally evaded taxes.

Federal district court judge Katherine Forrest found UPS “liable in each claim” and therefore the city and state “are entitled to compensatory damages and penalties,” according to court

documents.

Noting that UPS repeatedly denied any wrongdoing, the judge ordered the company to pay \$166 million to New York state and \$81 million to the city of New York. The two plaintiffs claimed approximately \$872 million in damages.

UPS said it was “extremely disappointed in the court’s ruling and imposed penalties and we will vigorously appeal the decision.”

The company said the penalties were “excessive and far out of the bounds of constitutional limits, particularly given that the shipments at issue generated around \$1 million in revenue,” UPS said in a statement.


New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman filed the lawsuit against UPS in February 2015, accusing the company of delivering 683,000 cases of undeclared cigarettes to private individuals and

resellers without a license between 2010 and 2014.

That represented a total loss of \$34.4 million in taxes not paid to the city and the state of New York.

But the company said the authorities “sought to force UPS to serve in a quasi-law enforcement role which involved monitoring, inspecting and reporting package contents, which is not appropriate for a common carrier.” (AFP)

### Did You Know?



Chrysler bought Lamborghini back in 1987 and played around with design, finally designing a 4-door Lambo named Portofino. It never made it to the production phase, however, Chrysler used those design 'moves' to create Intrepid.



### BFC CURRENCIES EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2885	0.2860
BANGLADESH	0.00493	0.00469
CANADA	0.2868	0.2837
DENMARK	0.0600	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0217
EURO	0.4293	0.4272
HONGKONG	0.04980	0.04940
INDIA	0.00584	0.00591
INDONESIA	0.00003016	0.00002902
IRAN TUMAN	0.000323	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000304	
JAPAN	0.00353	0.003460
JORDAN	0.5350	0.5351
KOREA	0.00038700	
KUWAIT	1.249	1.249
MALAYSIA	0.0902	0.0902
NEW ZEALAND	0.2692	0.2693
NORWAY	0.0474	
NEPAL	0.00391	0.00365
OMAN	0.97962	0.98262
PAKISTAN	0.00371	0.00360
PHILIPPINES	0.00779	0.00758
QATAR	0.10381	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10058	0.10066
SINGAPORE	0.2769	0.2749
SOUTH AFRICA	0.03060	0.03050
SRI LANKA	0.00273	0.00247
SWEDISH	0.0466	
SWITZERLAND	0.3950	0.3925
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0017
TAIWAN	0.012700	
THAILAND	0.011210	0.011220
TURKEY	0.1120	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.4967	0.4938
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102810	0.102810
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37780	0.37800
YUAN	0.056800	0.056800

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### GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	#REF!	0.3857	0.3376
KUWAIT	0.2855	31.8846	0.2921	0.2556
OMAN	0.3849	0.3762	0.3938	0.3446
QATAR	3.6420	3.5597	3.7262	3.2611
UAE	3.6730	3.5900	3.7579	3.2889
SAUDI	3.7500	3.6653	3.8367	3.3578

# London stocks set records as pound suffers



A trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange

**London**  
**L**ondon stocks hit record highs yesterday after the pound took a beating on an opinion poll surprise two weeks before Britain's general election.

The blue-chip FTSE 100 index rose 0.4 per cent to close at 7,547.63 points, having hit a record 7,554.21 points during the afternoon.

Meanwhile, the British pound dived to a month low against the dollar after a Yougov opinion poll put the opposition Labour Party just five points behind the ruling Conservatives before a June 8 general election.

That raised concerns the government's expected poll win might not be as big as expected, which could weaken its hand in Brexit talks. Against the euro, the pound fell to a two month low.

"Today's weakness in the pound has helped push both the FTSE100 and FTSE250 to new record highs," said market analyst Michael Hewson at CMC Markets.

"On the flip side of the coin broader European markets have continued to struggle despite economic data which to all intents and purposes points to a continued improvement in economic activity across the whole of Europe."

Frankfurt finished the day down 0.2pc while Paris ended flat. Meanwhile, the euro slipped below \$1.12 after US first quarter growth was revised sharply higher to 1.2pc.

**Oil volatility**  
 Elsewhere, oil prices stabilised, after having plunged almost fivepc on Thursday as traders were left disappointed by OPEC's latest output cut deal.

Europe's energy sector shrugged off the market's OPEC-inspired volatility.

Asian equities were broadly weaker, despite another record close for the S&P 500 and Nasdaq on Wall Street that come on the back of upbeat US retail data.

Wall Street was down in late morning trading despite

## Key figures

- London - FTSE 100: UP 0.4 percent at 7,547.63 points (close)
- Frankfurt - DAX 30: DOWN 0.2 percent at 12,602.18 (close)
- Paris - CAC 40: FLAT at 5,336.64 (close)
- EURO STOXX 50: DOWN 0.2 percent at 3,577.25
- New York - Dow: DOWN 0.04pc at 21,074.60
- Tokyo - Nikkei 225: DOWN 0.6pc at 19,686.84 (close)
- Hong Kong - Hang Seng: FLAT at 25,639.27 (close)
- Shanghai - Composite: UP 0.1pc at 3,110.06 (close)
- Euro/dollar: DOWN at \$1.1180 from \$1.1208
- Dollar/yen: DOWN at 111.26 yen from 111.85 yen
- Pound/dollar: DOWN at \$1.2787 from \$1.2940
- Oil - Brent North Sea: UP 22 cents at \$51.68 per barrel
- Oil - West Texas Intermediate: UP 12 cents at \$49.02

## Total to up production capacity



**Paris**  
**F**rench oil giant Total said yesterday it plans to go ahead and invest in additional production capacity, even while crude prices are falling in the wake of OPEC's latest output decision.

"In raw materials sectors such as ours, the right strategy is to invest counter-cyclically," Total's chief executive Patrick Pouyanne told the group's annual shareholder meeting.

This means that Total will invest in additional capacity even at a time of falling prices so that it can ratchet up output quickly once oil prices start to rise again.

"Our aim... is to decide within the next 18 months on around 10 new projects representing additional production capacity of around 350,000 barrels per day and which will be profitable" with an oil price of \$50 per barrel or more, he said.



# Syria girls escape war with Snow White fable

## Doum

To escape the nightmare of life in their besieged hometown near Syria's capital, 13 young girls sought refuge in a fairytale performance of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs".

The all-girl cast spent months memorising lines from the classic Brothers Grimm fable before performing in front of a packed audience this week in the elementary school in Douma.

"It was really hard, but I memorised all my lines in English," said proud 10-year-old Afnan, who played the story's lead antagonist, the Queen.

"When I act, I forget the war that we're living through in Douma and I feel happy and hopeful," she said.

Afnan's hometown is the de facto capital of the Eastern Ghouta region, the last remaining rebel enclave near Damascus and besieged by government troops since 2012.

Until this month, Eastern Ghouta had been regularly targeted by air strikes and artillery as part of a government offensive chipping away at rebel territory.

The bombardment would often wound or kill children as they headed to street markets, played outside, or walked to school.

But the skies have been quiet since a landmark deal earlier this month to create four "de-escalation zones" in Syria, where more than 320,000 people have been killed since conflict broke out in 2011.

## 'Bombing is their normal'

On-stage, her character is consumed by a search for youthful beauty, but Afnan said her own ambitions in life lie elsewhere.

"The lesson from the play is that beauty is in your heart and your soul, not in your looks! I want to be a doctor -- I want to be brave and treat sick people," Afnan said.

With the glittering stage decorations and nervous murmurs of young students, the evening could have almost taken place in any school around the world.

But halfway through the performance, two distant booms shook the room -- rockets that hit the edge of the town, residents later said.

"These children don't know what it's like not to have shelling. For them, bombing is their normal," a female stagehand said.

Earlier this year, international aid group Save the Children warned that a whole generation of war-scarred Syrian children may be "lost to trauma and extreme stress".

For the school's director of extracurricular activities, Yasser al-Assaad, theatre is one of the most effective ways to offset years of traumatic experiences -- for the young students and their mentors alike.

"I get my rehab from a student's smile, and that student draws her psychotherapy from the teacher that came to her school to motivate her," Assaad said.

It is his third fairytale performance: in 2015, he helped put on "Little Red Riding Hood", and last year his students performed "Beauty and the Beast".

"We want to send a message to all of humanity that Syrian children can create, that we are open to all civilisations," he said.

## 'Flowers can grow'

Despite efforts to leave Douma's devastation behind, death seemed to touch the cast of Snow White.

Just days before the final performance, the director's husband was killed by a stray bullet from intra-rebel clashes in the town.

And the play's rosy-cheeked narrator, Dania, recalled how her own school had been bombed just a year and a half ago.

"It was all blood and (the bodies of) girls in front of me," the 11-year-old said.

Even lead actress Rayhana Noaman, who played Snow White, said her favourite part of the story was escaping a tragic fate.

"The witch wanted to kill me, but the charming prince saved me from death!" she said with a shy smile.

Slender Amal al-Kurdi burst onto the stage with an explosive introduction: "A-a-achoo! I'm Sneezzy!"

The eight-year-old actress donned a white felt beard and brown shirt like her fellow dwarfs.

"I really liked acting because we learned how to be brave and how not to be afraid to speak in front of an audience," she said.

As his students prepared to raise the curtain, Assaad said the performance was a sign that "flowers can grow amid rocks of pain."

"Every household in Douma has lost someone and tasted the anguish of pain, war, and siege. Despite this, we can build Syria anew," he said. (AFP)



Minister of Labour & Social Development Jameel Humaidan received Bahraini Author Fadhel Habeeb, who presented the minister his latest books titled "Women Subjected to Domestic Violence"



Pakistani Community members stood united in expressing solidarity with Pakistan under the leadership of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on the occasion of Yaum-e-Takbir. Pakistani Ambassador Javed Malik was the chief guest of the ceremony organised by prominent businessman Muhammad Ejaz Chaudhary at Hid Club Bahrain. More than 300 community members participated



Khalid Al Rumaihi, CEO of the Economic Hotel on Wednesday. Al Rumaihi stated that this would be a positive disruption or a n



Skating enthusiasts performing at a figure skating show at Funland on Al Fateh Corniche yesterday. Children aged between three and 18 performed at the event



Under the patronage of Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalidun National School held its 26th graduation ceremony at Gulf Hotel





GPIC President Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery opened the IFA's 85th annual conference, held in Marrakesh, Morocco from May 22 to 24. More than 1,400 participants from 75 countries participated. Discussions focussed on the future of chemical fertilizers and the importance of alternative energy sources



Development Board was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Sulmaniya's meeting at the Golden Tulip that the country is presently undergoing challenges in the field of oil export and that it isn't clear whether negative one



Alifa, Ibn



Indian Film Director Sha-joon Kariyil inaugurated the Photography Exhibition organised by the Bahrain Kerala Samajam Photography Club in association with 'Intercol Canon'. More than 150 photographs are on display at the exhibition, which concludes today



Awal Gulf Toastmasters Club celebrated its Family Gala on Wednesday at Diva Hotel. More than 60 members attended the function



Close to 100 paintings and illustrations are on display at the 13th annual art exhibition by GCSE Art students of the British school. The exhibition, inaugurated by Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities Culture and Arts Director Shaikha Hala bint Mohammed Al Khalifa and British Ambassador Simon Martin, showcases the works of 22 students in oil pastels, acrylic and oil paint created over a period of two years. Deema Turkomani, one of the GCSE students, whose work is on the display, said: "I love to create and nothing excites me more than being able to study what I love and ardent of."

# CELEBS

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For every dollar you give to #RedNoseDay, Bill and Melinda Gates will give another dollar. Amazing.



## Stars raise \$20 million at AIDS

Cannes

A galaxy of stars including Leonardo DiCaprio, Dustin Hoffman, Nicole Kidman and Will Smith raised more than \$20 million (18 million euros) at the AIDS benefit that is the social highlight of the Cannes film festival, organisers said yesterday.



The annual amfAR Foundation for AIDS Research gala dinner late Thursday saw celebrities and benefactors paying up to \$500,000 for a table at the exclusive Eden Roc hotel just along the French Riviera at Cap d'Antibes.

Actresses Jessica Chastain, Milla Jovovich and Eva Longoria, former footballer David Beckham, and directors David Lynch and Pedro Almodovar were among the other A-listers present for the auction to help the charity founded by the late Hollywood legend Elizabeth Taylor.

The starry guest list which also included Uma Thurman, Tobey Maguire, Adrien Brody, Christoph Waltz and model Bella Hadid were entertained by Motown legend Diana Ross who sang "I Will Survive", while rapper Nicki Minaj belted out her hit "Truffle Butter". (AFP)



## Manchester horror looms over Kruger movie

Cannes

Hollywood actress Diane Kruger said Friday she took her new film role as a mother who loses her family in a terror attack to show how survivors are often left alone with their suffering.

Kruger, who drew glowing reviews for her part in "In the Fade" by German-Turkish director Fatih Akin, said the cast and crew in Cannes for the film's premiere were haunted by the 22 victims of the Manchester bombing and the fate of their families.

"I haven't slept in days thinking about what happened, not just in Manchester but (in other attacks) all around the world," Kruger told reporters.

"We live at a time when such horrors are occurring almost daily. You read about 22, 23, 100 dead but you never see a film about the people who are left behind. How do you continue to live after experiencing something horrible like that, how can you come to grips with such injustice?" (AFP)



## DR Congo film about coal seller wins top prize

A documentary about the back-breaking work of a young Congolese coal seller to feed his family has won the top prize at the Cannes film festival's Critics' Week.

"Makala" by French director Emmanuel Gras follows Kabwita, who goes door-to-door selling coal on his bicycle in the southern Democratic Republic of Congo.

"Makala" means coal in Swahili.

"There is something beautiful and dignified in his work," the director told, "earning his living by the sweat of his brow."

"I wanted to show a man of action, not someone in (the misery) of poverty but someone who lives their life," he added. (AFP)



(FromL) Bulgarian actor Stefan Denolyubov, Bulgarian actor Dimitar Banenkin, Bulgarian director Stephan Komandarev, Bulgarian actress Borislava Stratieva, Bulgarian actress Irini Zhambonas, Bulgarian actor Ivan Barnev and Bulgarian actor Dobrin Dosev pose yesterday during a photocall for the film 'Posoki' (Directions) at the 70th edition of the Cannes Film Festival in Cannes (AFP)



**STARRY**  
*Birthday*  
- Jack McBrayer

May 27, 1973

Played the role of Kenneth on the Emmy-nominated TV series *30 Rock* alongside Tina Fey and later played the eponymous character, Wander, of Disney's *Wander Over Yonder*.

# Rosario Dawson in talks for 'X-Men: The New Mutants'



Los Angeles

**A**ctress Rosario Dawson is in talks to join "X-Men" spin-off "X-Men: The New Mutants".

Dawson, who has already played Claire Temple and Night Nurse on Marvel and Netflix's series including "Daredevil" and "Luke Cage", is in talks to join the X-Men spin-off, reports *aceshowbiz.com*.

Dawson will play Dr. Cecilia Reyes, a trauma surgeon who has the ability to generate a protective bio-field around herself. After she was outed as a mutant by a government Sentinel programme called Operation: Zero Tolerance, she serves as a mentor for the group of fledgling heroes.

Newcomers Blu Hunt and True O'Brien will play Danni Moonstar and Mirage respectively.

Maisie Williams will play Wolfsbane, who is a girl struggling to reconcile her religious beliefs with her power to turn into a wolf. (IANS)

## MIDDLE EAST MOVIE BUZZ

### Encounter Point

**A**t first glance, there isn't anything unusual about the Bereaved Families Forum. Fathers, mothers, spouses and siblings gather to talk about their loved ones who have died and the sometimes agonizing process of working through their grief.

But in this support group some members are Israeli, and some are Palestinian, holding hands both literally and figuratively, mourning deaths on opposite sides of a long, bloody conflict.

It isn't often that you see a film about Israelis and Palestinians that can be called hopeful, but Ronit Avni's assured, thoughtful and clear-eyed "Encounter Point" certainly qualifies. Ms. Avni; her co-director, Julia Bacha; and their crew took their cameras to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron and wherever else they could find men and women urging and working toward reconciliation.

One is Robi, whose son was killed by a Palestinian sniper. She sees frightening parallels between Israel's stance today and the language of apartheid in South Africa, where she spent her childhood.

Another is George, who was driving home from the supermarket with his family when Israeli soldiers opened fire on their car. His 12-year-old daughter was killed.

The documentary also includes scenes that illustrate just how difficult reconciliation can be. Ali, a Palestinian pacifist whose brother was killed by an Israeli soldier, is seen visiting his wounded nephew in the hospital and sitting in the cafeteria there, talking to a group of Palestinian civilians who were attacked and injured.

Yousef, who lost his leg in the attack, tells Ali angrily, "With Jews there's no peace." Then a little boy with the group adds firmly, "We don't want peace." But as "Encounter Point" skillfully reassures us, a lot of people on both sides do. Their organizations, publications and vigils offer some hope that what happened in India, an example of nonviolent resistance that is mentioned frequently, could happen here. (*nytimes*)



## Fatherhood changed my life: Liam Payne

London

**S**inger Liam Payne says his life changed forever when he became father to his son, Bear, whom he has with his girlfriend Cheryl.

The "Strip that down" singer and his 33-year-old girlfriend Cheryl welcomed their son Bear Grey Payne two months ago. Payne says his life changed when the baby looked into his eyes for the first time, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.

"The moment that little boy or girl looks in your eyes, your life is changed forever," he told Australian radio show "The Kyle and Jackie O Show".

The 23-year-old says he did struggle a little when he first entered fatherhood, as he had never had any younger siblings and therefore he had no idea how to change a nappy. (IANS)



## Now & Then



*Kate Winslet*

Kate Winslet is an English actress and singer. She is the recipient of an Academy Award, three BAFTA Awards, a BIFA Award, four Golden Globe Awards, a Grammy Award, a Primetime Emmy Award, an AACTA Award and three Screen Actors Guild Awards. Winslet is the youngest person to receive six Academy Award nominations, with seven nominations in total, and is one of the few actresses to win three of the four major American entertainment awards (EGOT). In addition, she has won awards from the Australian Academy of Cinema.

# OUT & ABOUT

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## MARK YOUR Calendar

### BKS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

**Date: May 25, 26, 27**  
**Venue: BKS**

Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) Photography club in association with "Intercol Canon" is organizing a Photography Exhibition on the 25th, 26th & 27th May 2017. The exhibition will showcase the photographs of club members captured in Bahrain and also from different parts of the world. More than 150 photographs taken by 80 photographers will be displayed during this event in the 'New Hall' at BKS.

The exhibition will be inaugurated on 25 May 2017 at 07.00 p.m. at Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam, Segaya. Along with the exhibition there will be presentations & experience sharing sessions by renowned photographers.

This intention of the exhibition is to showcase the photography skills and talents of the group members and would be featured under different categories viz. landscapes, wild-life, birds, people, culture, arts, sports, nocturnal, architecture.. from Bahrain and also other countries.

**Timings:**  
7.00 pm to 10.30 pm on 25th  
9.00 am to 10.30 pm on 26th & 27th

BKS photography club would like to invite all photo lovers to enjoy this unique exhibition



### EID ISHAL

**Date: June 27**  
**Venue: Asian School**

Brand Box in association with MODERN EXCHANGE Company is ready for their upcoming event "Eid Ishal 2017" on 27th June 2017 at The Asian School Auditorium with 2500 Indian crowd. This event is mainly targeted for South Indians who are residing in Bahrain celebrating EID. The star of the event would be Saleem Kodathoor and his troupe. He is famous for his Mapilla Malabar songs. He has a huge fan following in Bahrain. The event will start at 7pm until 12 midnight. Tickets are priced at BD 3. Tickets are available at Noba supermarket and BrandBox office Adliya. The Ticket launch was held at the Modern Exchange branch in Umm Al Hasan with MODERN EXCHANGE and BrandBox team.

### MUSIC AND DANCE TREAT



**Date: May 27 & June 2**  
**Venue: Bahrain Society of Engineers Hall**

The Indian Fine Arts Society is organizing two back to back events the next two weekends promoting local talents in Bahrain in the field of music and dance. The event kick starts with a Carnatic music vocal debut stage performance called Miss Subiksha Prakash. This will be held on Saturday, May 27 at the Bahrain Society of Engineers Hall Juffair from 7pm onwards. Aged 18, Miss Subiksha Prakash is currently studying in NIT-Surathkal and has successfully completed her first year in B.Tech ECE. She is a disciple of Indu Suresh, a well known Carnatic vocalist in Bahrain and has been pursuing music from her since the age of 6.

On Friday, 2nd June 2017, the Indian Fine Arts Society is organizing a unique dance program titled 'Nrithya Milaap' promoting local talent of Bahrain. This event will see a convergence of various Indian dance forms to be presented by local artists residing in the Kingdom. The evening will see Khalil Al Ashar, a Bahraini talent, Mrs. Yamini Menon and Miss Ayushi Vema, dance teacher of Indian Institute of performing arts presenting the different Kathak forms.

It will also see a Mohiniattam performance by Mrs Saumya Nair, Manipuri dance by Mrs Subhadara Ganguli, Kuchipudi by Mrs Swathi Yelluri and Bharatanatyam by Geetanjali Ajith and Sruthi Sudhakaran. The program will be held at the Abdulrahman Kanoo International School in Salmabad and will begin at 7pm.

Entry is free for both the above events. For more information, people can call on 39685173 or 39422100

### CONCERTS AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL



**Date: June 1**  
**Venue: St. Christopher's Cathedral**

Concerts at St. Christopher's Cathedral will be welcoming back the St. Christopher's Community Big Band on Thursday, June 1st at 6pm. The band is comprised of about 18 members, mostly professional musicians working in Bahrain. They enjoy performing a wide repertoire of jazz and popular music under the direction of Paul Bagshaw. Their concert will include Skyfall by Adele, Valerie by Amy Winehouse, Caravan by Duke Ellington, and medleys of songs by Bees Gees and Stevie Wonder. Previous performances include appearances at the British Embassy, the Rugby Club, Crowne Plaza, and St. Christopher's Cathedral last year as part of Bahrain UK 2016. Tickets are BD5 for adults, accompanied children free. They may be purchased through the Cathedral Office (Tel: 17253866 / cathedral@batelco.com.bh) or at the door on the night of the performance.

### ISB MEGA FAIR & FOOD FESTIVAL 2017

**Date: October 12&13**  
**Venue: The Indian School Bahrain**

The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) is gearing up for Mega Fair and Food Festival which will be held on October 12 and 13 in the Isa Town campus. The ISB Fair is organized to generate funds to sponsor needy students and for staff welfare. ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan thanked the community and media for the overwhelming support to the previous fair, which was one of the best in terms of revenue generation and receivables. Last year around 800 students received benefit in the form of fee concession, he said. The School Fair is a carnival that witnesses a display of colours which include a variety of cultural programmes, orches-

tra and musical bonanza. It also contains a food festival which is a tasty hit among the crowd that comes in the campus during the carnival. Almost 100 stalls from leading business houses showcase their products and services this year. ISB Secretary Dr. Shemily P John said that the Fair is a way to reach out to the needy children whose educational future otherwise will be hampered because of non-availability of funds. Being a community school it is the responsibility of the school to support such needy children. Proceeds of the Fair will also go towards staff welfare and creation of a staff contingency reserve. The school has one of the lowest fee structures and it caters to the educational needs of all sections of the society. Majority of the students belong to the economically lower and middle class families. ISB Fair General Convenor Mohammed Hussain Malim requested the support of the media and the community to make this venture successful. The entire programme will be announced in due course of time. It is a great opportunity to every business and service provider to reach out to a large section of the Bahrain population during the carnival days.

### BKS BOOK FAIR

**Date: Till May 27**  
**Venue: BKS**

DC International Book Fair and Cultural Fest organized by Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam and DC Books was inaugurated by the Former UN Under Secretary General, Member of Indian Parliament and former Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India, Dr. Shashi Tharoor at Segaya BKS DJ Hall.

The book fair and cultural fest has evolved into a cherished attraction for many lovers and publishers from around the world. The fair not only provides a great platform for publishers exhibiting their literary works, but gives an opportunity to students of Bahrain to showcase their skills in literally through different competitions.

The BKS - DC Book Festival includes daily seminars, interactive sessions and literature workshops with renowned writers. Competitions such as the Pen a story, Colouring and Painting, Poem writing, Book cover Design will be conducted for the school children in Bahrain. The competitions shall be held for various age groups based on the criteria.

Famous Malayalam publishers including Current Books, Manorama, Mathrubhumi, Sankeerthanam, Olive and English publishers including Penguin, HarperCollins, Oxford University Press and Random House among others will display their books at the Fair. DC Books will exhibit books from various genres including story, poems, novel, children's literature and self-help among others. The Bahrain International Book Fair has titles for bibliophiles to choose from a variety of categories like fiction, non-fiction, novels, short stories, poems, self-help, management and cookery etc. A spe-

cial section has been arranged for the book loving children of Bahrain whom would be privileged to a wide range of books in classics, folklores, adventures and comics.

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### QERQAOUN CELEBRATION

**Date: 2 June 2017, 9:00pm**  
**Venue: Bahrain Fort Museum**

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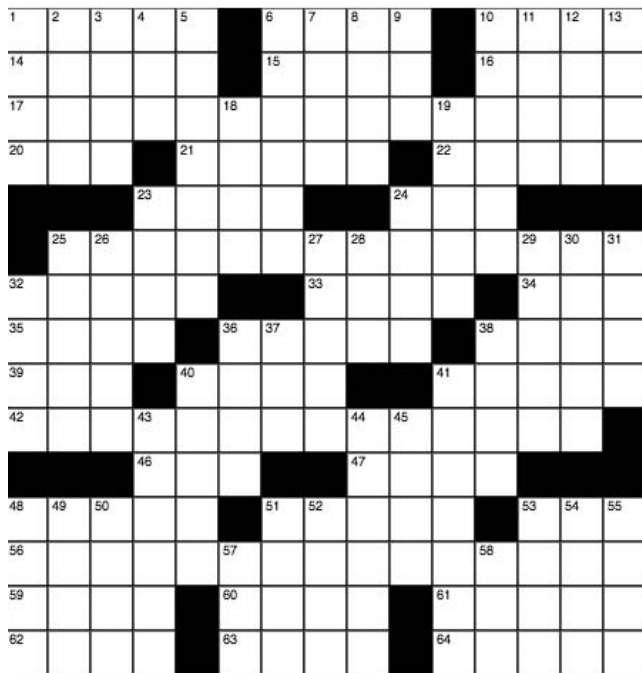
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**How to play:**  
 Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



With your psychic abilities, you're liable to shed some light on issues in which the truth has been unclear for quite a while. You can use your sensitivity to cut to the heart of the matter and expose the truth. This kind of behaviour probably won't come without friction from others. You can almost guarantee that it will. Don't let it faze you.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Control issues in your home are apt to be of concern today. Be careful about feeding into others' misconceptions of the situation. You're dealing with powerful, opinionated forces that aren't going to want to budge. Someone may have a warped view of the true issue at hand.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



You may feel nostalgic as you look through photo albums, rearrange furniture, and remember past times. Your mind will touch on emotional events that you may not have fully dealt with at the time they happened. Old feelings that you thought were gone could well up and bring tears to your eyes. Honestly face these feelings now instead of stuffing them back down for another decade.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



You could be operating based on an assumption that's only a partial representation of the truth. In your effort to think about only the good side of the situation, you may not see the entire truth. There's a downside to everything. Feelings of anger, frustration, and even loneliness may go along with it.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



If you're experiencing emotional upheaval, you may take heart in knowing that other people are going through their own emotional turmoil as well. You will know that you aren't alone in your quest for emotional stability. Share your feelings with others instead of shutting them up inside. It will help you feel better.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



You may feel like someone's giving you the third degree. You sense that you're being accused of something and that you need to defend your feelings and actions. Try not to fall into this trap. Don't let self-doubt sneak into the situation just because someone else questions your way of life. No one but you fully understands your situation.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Today may be filled with "I told you so!" You could find fault with others who haven't dealt with the truth of a situation. Be careful about accusing someone of the very thing that you're guilty of. Penetrating emotions will cut to the heart of the matter, and there will be no way to escape the hole you dig for yourself.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Most of the time you deal with the facts. Facts are things you can grasp, categorize, and make rational sense of. Unfortunately, today some of your facts may be challenged by one of the things you fear most - intense emotions. The ensuing friction is like dealing with apples and oranges. You may find it hard to find any common ground from which to negotiate.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



It will be hard to deal with emotional issues that arise. A strong misleading force is feeding the illusion that things are fine when they really aren't. Stop pretending that everything is going well. The sooner you face the truth, the sooner it will stop plaguing you. Confront the deception directly.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



Don't automatically assume that people are going to understand your needs. Your emotions may be powerful today, and you could end up scaring people away instead of drawing them closer simply because you act irrationally and emotionally instead of reasonably and civilly. Be careful about targeting your frustration at the people who can help you the most.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



You're in a difficult position. Things aren't exactly what they seem. Your emotions run the show today, and you may jump from one extreme to the other. There's a good chance that much of what you experience is based on misinformation. Don't get so caught up in the drama that you fail to recognize the truth of the situation.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



When faced with an emotionally intense situation, you're likely to flee. You'd rather change the subject to something more lighthearted. This form of escapism is doing nothing to solve the problem. In fact, by avoiding the emotional topic, you're only creating more friction than if you just approached the problem directly.

# Floods, landslides kill 91 in Sri Lanka



Sri Lankan residents make their way through floodwaters

**Colombo**  
**F**looding and landslides killed at least 91 people and left another 110 missing in Sri Lanka as the monsoon set yesterday, dumping record rainfalls in many parts of the island, authorities said.

About 20,000 people were also driven out of their homes in the south and western parts of the country, the Disaster Management Centre said.

"The Southwest monsoon began with very intense rain," deputy minister for disaster management Dunesh Gankanda told reporters in Colombo.

"There are some areas where we are unable to reach, but relief operations are under way."

The DMC said the toll rose to 91 dead and another 110 missing as reports came in from areas which had been inaccessible earlier in the day.

Sri Lanka appealed to the international community including the United Nations and neighbouring countries for help as the numbers of

dead and missing climbed. Heavy rains in the southern and western parts of the country have destroyed hundreds of homes and cut off several roads.

"The (foreign) ministry will continue to monitor the flood situation and seek assistance as required in consultation with the Ministry of Disaster Management," the government said in a statement.

It said Colombo had already sounded out the UN and its South Asian neighbours.

The latest flooding was the worst since May 2003 when 250 people were killed and 10,000 homes destroyed after a similarly powerful Southwest monsoon, officials said.

On Friday the military deployed thousands of troops to reach marooned villagers and the airforce carried out several rescue operations to pluck people from rooftops of flooded homes.

In the early hours of the day a mountainside collapsed

on a women's hostel at a tea plantation at Neluwa in the island's south, killing at least seven women, police said.

Evacuation notices were issued to residents along the Kelani river, which flows to the Indian Ocean through the capital Colombo, amid fears that it was about to burst its banks.

"The residents who are living along the Kelani should evacuate to high ground within six hours," the DMC said.

DMC officials said the monsoon had been expected on Thursday night and ended a prolonged drought that had threatened agriculture as well as hydro power generation.

The rains filled the reservoirs used for hydro power, which had hit rock bottom, raising concerns of power shortage in June.

But officials said most reservoirs were now so full they were in danger of spilling over and causing dangers of flooding to people living downstream. (AFP)



Sri Lankan military rescue workers and villagers search for survivors at the site of a mudslide in Bellana village in Kalutara

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**Philippines' Duterte has assured full support to soldiers to rape up to three women under his newly imposed regional martial law. Do you support Duterte's decision to impose martial law?**  
 Yes  No  Cant Say



**We will be here to cooperate and do everything we can in order to increase this cooperation at the European level, in order to do more from a bilateral point of view against terrorism,"**

**Emmanuel Macron**  
 French President

## Rest in sight

**Israel PM has kidney stones removed**



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu returned to work after surgery to remove kidney stones, his office said.

**Azerbaijan arrests prominent opp. leader**

Azerbaijan has arrested a prominent opposition leader, her party said on Friday, denouncing the move as a latest step in the crackdown on dissent in the tightly-controlled country.

**At least 5 dead as militias clash in Libya**

At least five people were killed in fierce clashes on Friday between rival armed groups in the Libyan capital Tripoli.

**Cyprus peace talks in limbo**

A UN drive for a crunch Cyprus peace conference in Geneva has failed leaving the future of talks on reunifying the island in limbo.

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## Nepal lets Everest permit dodger off \$22,000 fine

**Kathmandu**

**N**epal said yesterday a South African who tried to climb Mount Everest without a permit can go home without paying a \$22,000 fine, but banned him from mountaineering there for 10 years.

Ryan Sean Davy, 43, was found hiding in a cave near Everest base camp nearly two weeks ago after being spotted on the world's highest mountain without a \$11,000 climbing permit.

The South African, who has no prior mountaineering experience, said he could not

afford the hefty permit fee but wanted to scale Everest and document his experience in a book and film.

"The tourism department has excused me and given me permission to go home," Davy said yesterday.

The head of the tourism department confirmed that Davy had been let off the heavy fine and just given a 10-year ban on climbing mountains in Nepal.

"We have imposed a 10 year ban on him against mountaineering in Nepal. No fine has been imposed," said Dinesh Bhattarai, head of the tourism department.

## Vietnam gets US vessel



Members of the Vietnam coast guard embarking the CSB-8020 cutter

**Hanoi**

**T**he US transferred its seventh security vessel this week to Vietnam, the embassy said yesterday, boosting defence ties amid a spike in tensions in the South China Sea. The US coast guard gave its Vietnamese counterpart a high endurance cutter in

a ceremony in Honolulu on Thursday, the embassy in Hanoi said.

The gift comes several days after the US delivered six patrol boats to Vietnam's coast guard to strengthen its "maritime law enforcement" and humanitarian response operations.

## Briton jailed for 15 years for planting bomb on train

**London**

**A** 20-year-old British man was sentenced to 15 years in prison yesterday for planting a bomb on a busy London Underground train last year in what he claimed was a Halloween prank.

Student Damon Smith, who has a form of autism and an obsession with weapons, left the bomb in a backpack on a crowded train in October.

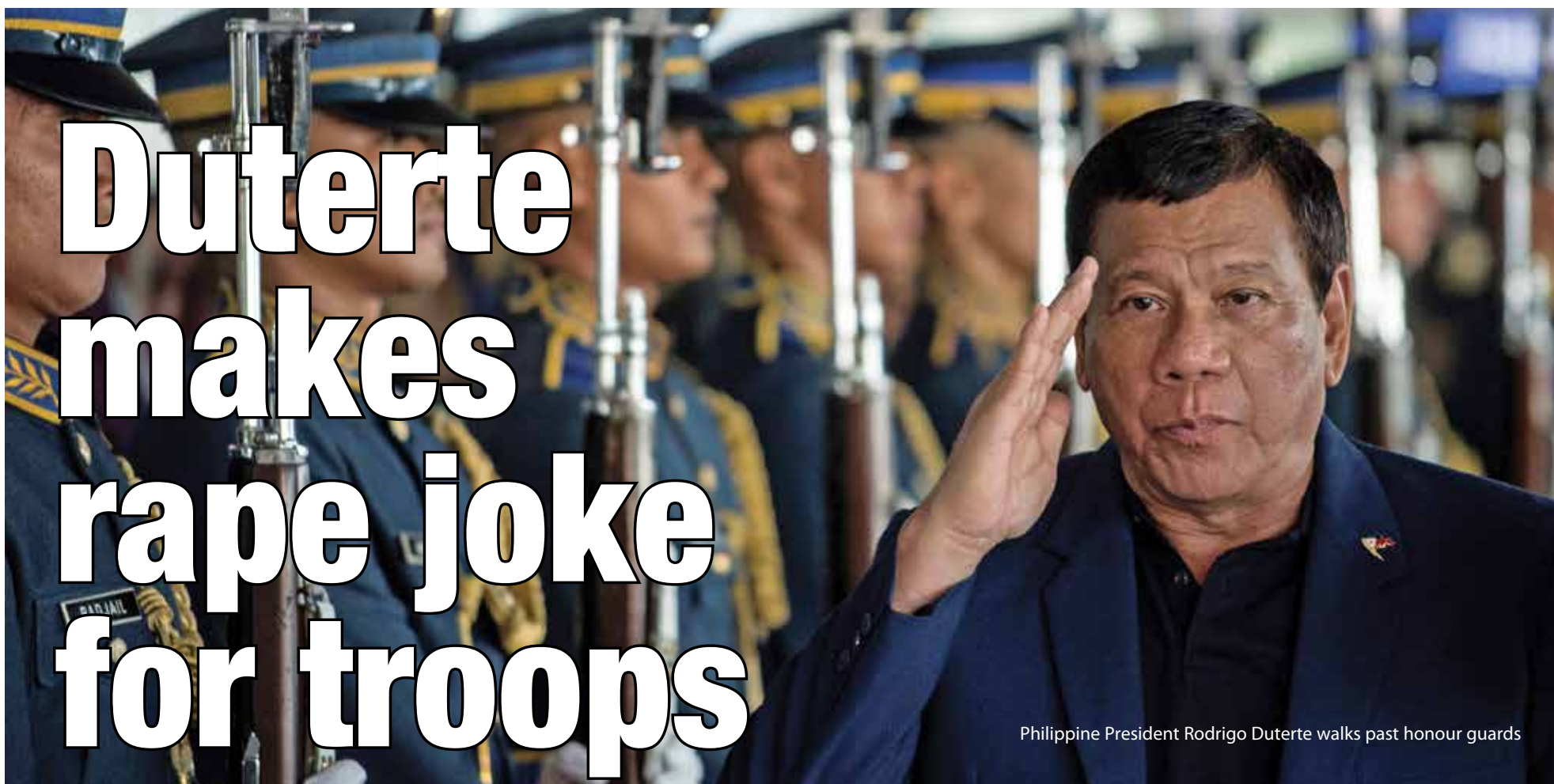
The abandoned bag was

spotted by two members of the public who handed it to the driver, who in turn raised the alarm when he saw wires sticking out.

Smith was convicted for possession of an explosive substance with intent and sentenced to 15 years in a young offenders' institution, a type of prison.

The bag was packed with explosives and ball bearings and the device was timed to go off within minutes.

# Duterte makes rape joke for troops



Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte walks past honour guards

## Manila

**P**hilippine President Rodrigo Duterte joked yesterday that soldiers could rape up to three women, as he reassured them of his full support under his newly imposed regional martial law.

Duterte, who often peppers his language with man-on-the-street curses, made the comments in jest during a speech at a military base to lift the spirits of troops tasked with quelling what he says is a fast-growing threat of Islamist terrorism.

"For this martial law and the consequences of martial law and the ramifications of martial law, I and I alone would be responsible. Just do your work. I will handle the rest," he said.

"I will be imprisoned for you. If you rape three (women), I will say that I did it."

Duterte imposed martial law on Tuesday across the southern region of Mindanao in response

to militants going on a deadly rampage through a city in the south and flying the black flags of the Islamic State group.

Duterte said the militants were planning to establish a caliphate for IS across all of Mindanao, home to 20 million people, and that martial law was the only way to crush the rebellion.

Duterte, 72, easily won presidential elections last year by presenting himself as in touch with ordinary Filipinos, often using street language full of profanities.

On the election campaign Duterte said he had two mistresses but jokingly reassured taxpayers that he would not cost them much if he was president because he took them to cheap, short-time hotels for sex.

Duterte also attracted controversy when he said he wanted to rape an Australian missionary who had been caught

up in a 1989 prison riot in the Philippines and murdered by the inmates.

"There was this Australian lay minister. When they took them out, I saw her face and I thought, 'Son of a whore. What a pity. They raped her, they all lined up. I was mad she was raped but she was so beautiful. I thought, the mayor should have been first,'" Duterte said in April last year.

The Australian and American ambassadors to Manila voiced their disapproval at the comments, but Duterte reacted furiously and insisted he had been taken out of context.

On the campaign trail Duterte also jokingly told voters to open funeral parlour businesses because as president he would fill them with corpses from a war on drugs.

Duterte did launch his drug war, and it has claimed thousands of lives. (AFP)

## Military flags martial law censorship

### Manila

**T**he Philippine military said it would censor the press and social media to protect "national security" across the southern third of the country that is under martial law, and warned violators would be arrested.

President Rodrigo Duterte declared martial law across the southern region of Mindanao on Tuesday to combat what he says is the rising threat of Islamic militancy.

"We'll exercise the right to censure," military spokesman Brigadier General Restituto Padilla told reporters. In a text message, Padilla clarified he meant "censor".

"One, to ensure the safety of lives, second to ensure operational security and ensure the safety of our men in uniform who are fighting, and for other national security considerations," he said.

Padilla specified that social media would be subject to censorship, warning



Philippine policemen check evacuees from Marawi aboard a van

people against posting material that breached the conditions.

"That's why we are appealing to you now while there's still time, to exercise your common sense, he said.

"If you know that this will harm the public and will not be helpful, better not post it because police might come to your door later on and arrest you."

# Prisoner executed in 8th date with death

## Washington

**T**ommy Arthur was executed late Thursday after his eighth, and final, rendezvous with the US state of Alabama's capital punishment system.

The 75-year-old was given a lethal injection after the US Supreme Court allowed the execution to proceed by denying the inmate's stay requests.

Arthur's death ends a legal saga spanning more than three decades in which he became known by some as the Houdini of death row, managing to evade his final sentence seven times. He

was first sentenced to death back in 1983 for a murder he denies committing. Since then, the southern US state has executed 58 people -- an end Arthur had until now dodged.

"Thomas Arthur's protracted attempt to escape justice is finally at an end," Alabama's Attorney General Steve Marshall said in a statement released following the execution.

In last-minute appeals Arthur's lawyers had challenged the injection method to be used on Thursday and asked that a cellphone be put in the death



Death-row inmate Tommy Arthur

chamber in the event that something went awry -- requests the nation's highest court denied.

In her dissenting opinion Justice Sonia Sotomayor noted the risks of the lethal injection protocols, writing: "When Thomas Arthur enters the execution chamber tonight, he will leave his constitutional rights at the door."

### 'Houdini no more'

His case had angered both opponents and supporters of the death sentence: the former saw his endless run-ins with execution as a form of psychological torture, while those who supported the

sentence see Arthur and his legal team as constantly playing the system to cheat justice.

"He has used every trick in the books to manipulate the courts for over 34 years. He has used every trick possible to manipulate the public into believing he is innocent," she said. "Hopefully Houdini's bag of tricks is empty and he is finally going down. No Houdini no more."

Arthur was found guilty of conspiring with his then-lover Judy Wicker to murder her husband Troy so that she could

cash in on his life insurance. She was accused of paying Arthur \$10,000 for the hit.

Arthur had already served five years for the 1977 murder of his sister-in-law and was out of jail on work release at the time. He admitted to the previous killing, which he says was an accident and blames on being drunk. But he has always denied murdering Wicker.

Prior to the execution Troy Wicker's niece had told Alabama media that the execution would give surviving family members closure after decades of pain.

# Nasser 10: Batelco Gunners face Al Ahlam



Batelco Gunners United team

DT News Network  
Manama

**B**atelco Gunners United and Frsan Palace Hotel are eyeing early qualification to the last eight round by amassing another three points each when they face Al Ahlam and Nomads respectively.

The first match, between Batelco Gunners United and Al Ahlam will be played at 9pm, while the other game will be played at 11:15pm. Both games will take place at Khalifa Sports City Football Stadium.

Batelco Gunners United are tipped to win their match and secure their berth in the quarter-finals and are also among the favourites to win the tournament.

Majestic Cars coach Salah Habib blamed 'lack of preparations' for his side's early exit from Nasser 10 after they lost their first two matches. He, however, praised



Mohsin Radhi receiving best player of the match award

the efforts of his players, regretting the absence of a powerful striker to score goals for his team. From his part, Mohsen Radhi of Al Suqoor Al Bahrain Team affirmed that his team deserved their second victory against

Majestic Cars, underlining that the team is now eyeing to reach the final of the tournament after qualifying to the last eight stage.

Since the decision of allowing professional players to participate in Nasser



The cars allotted for raffling

Football Tournament in its eighth edition, the event entered a new era. In this year's edition, many professional players are performing greatly, including Cristian of Al Nawayef Team who scored a decisive goal to gift his team the three points in their match against Forever. His teammate Fortune also showed a great performance during the same match.

On the other hand, other professional players are yet to perform up to expectations, including Yemeni player Nawaf Abdullah of Nomads.

### First car raffle

The first car out of the 10 allotted as prizes in the Third Nasser bin Hamad Ramadan Sports Games "Nasser 10" will be raffled tomorrow night during the last two matches

of the second round of the group stage.

A total of 10 cars will be raffled throughout the event as per the directives of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa who instructed to allocate significant prizes for the spectators to encourage them to attend and cheer their favourite teams. This year's prizes are the biggest since the launch of the event ten years ago.

On his part, Bahrain Olympic Committee General Secretary, Abdulrahman Askar said that he achieved a tremendous success thanks to the interest and follow up of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC).

## BTA Mixed Doubles: Hudhud, Muursepp claim gold medals

**M**anama **N**ameer Hudhud and Marianna Muursepp narrowly beat Mohammed Gaith and Natalia Matskevych 5-4 to claim the gold medals and win the 'BTA Torch' perpetual trophy in the eighth edition of the Bahrain Tennis

Academy (BTA) Social Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament at the Dilmun Club in Saar.

The one-day event, specifically targets new and recreational players and was played with a slightly slower ball to give players more time

to react.

In the preliminary rounds, teams were split into two groups and then proceeded to compete in short matches against all other teams within their group. At the end of the group stage the top two teams from each group progressed to

play-off for the medals.

In the play-off for third-place, Sameer Altaf and Kerri Smallwood-Darwish defeated Razan Al Tayeh and Ilse Blondeel 5-2 to claim the bronze medals.

BTA and Tournament Director, Dan Barrie said, "It

was an enjoyable evening of tennis where we tried to focus on the fun side of competitive matchplay. It was a great opportunity for players to test out the techniques and tactics they've been working on in lessons and practice throughout the season.



Finalists with Tournament Director, Dan Barrie

## Shaikh Nasser congratulated

Manama

**H**H Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Athletics Association, congratulated His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee for winning the nomination for chairmanship of the Olympic Committee 2016-2020 term by an unanimous decision.

# 'Changed' Hamilton is now a team player

## Monaco

**M**ercedes boss Toto Wolff believes Lewis Hamilton has changed from being a loner to become a true team player this year – and hopes that it will boost his hopes of taking pole in Monaco.

As the Formula One paddock took advantage of Friday's traditional rest day in Monte Carlo, Mercedes were busy seeking solutions to the set-up problems that saw three-time champion Hamilton fall a second behind championship leader Sebastian Vettel in Thursday afternoon's second practice.

Ferrari were doing the same to ensure their advantage was consolidated with four-time champion Vettel forecasting a major fight-back from the champions.

"I am not counting out Mercedes," he said. "They probably had a problem and I am sure they will be back to full force on Saturday."

"There is plenty of time for them to sort things out. My guess is that it will be very close -- and that the five-tenths we are ahead of Red Bull is not the reality."

"We have been able to put it together on Thursday and I am happy about that. It was a good start into the weekend -- now let's let that sink in and see that we keep the tension until Sunday."

Vettel added that he was wary of saying he felt like the favourite.

"We have to get everything right and then we should be in good shape, but here you are not entirely the master of your own fate and so many things can happen in a long race."

"We have seen that many times before, so let's keep the fingers crossed."

Vettel also made clear he believed it was time for Ferrari to win again in Monaco after a 16-year spell since 2001.

"Monaco is always special -- if you

could have the freedom to choose any race on the calendar that you would want to win, it would be without doubt be Monaco...

"You can ask up and down the paddock and you would get the same answer. I would say it is about time that Ferrari wins again here."

Wolff revealed that the abrupt retirement of 2016 champion German Nico Rosberg has led to a new unity at Mercedes with his replacement Finn Valtteri Bottas working more closely with Hamilton.

"Nico played a fundamental role in our car development," he said. "His head worked like an engineer, but with Valtteri, we have found the best possible substitute."

"The dynamics in the team have changed completely. With Lewis and Nico, we went through different phases, from friendship to rivalry to hostility and arrogance."

"But with Valtteri and Lewis, there is zero controversy."

Wolff said that mutual respect had brought a new mood inside the team.

"I think Lewis changed over the winter. He went from a loner to a true team player." (AFP)

**British Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton arrives for the amFAR's 24th Cinema Against AIDS Gala**



# 'I'm the favourite? I don't care', says Nadal

## Paris

**R**afael Nadal insisted yesterday that he didn't care if he was regarded as the favourite for a 10th French Open, even if his rivals begged to differ.

"100% he's the big favourite," said Austrian star Dominic Thiem, one of the support cast waiting in the wings should the great Spaniard slip up.

"Of course I think he's back at his best this year, and then also he won here nine times. So he knows how it works to win here."

"I think he will try everything to win Le Décima, I think it will be very unique in tennis to win a Grand Slam title ten times. It's pretty crazy, I guess."

So 100% he's the one to beat and the big favourite."

Thiem, the 23-year-old world number nine, has already faced Nadal three times on clay this spring -- losing in the finals in Barcelona and Madrid before gaining revenge in the quarter-finals in Rome.

It's that kind of surprising setback -- Nadal's only loss on clay this year -- that has the 30-year-old Spaniard eager to calm the mood.

However, with defending champion Novak Djokovic and world number one Andy Murray both struggling for consistency, it appears to be a thankless task.

"You have to write what you



Rafael Nadal of Spain have to do, but I don't care," said Nadal.

"At the end of the day for me the only important thing is arrive here, play well. If I am playing well, doesn't matter if you believe or you don't believe that I am one of the candidates or not."

"The only way to have chances, real chances to play good event is play very well, be healthy, and then be with the right attitude in every practice and in every match, no?"

Nadal, who was forced to withdraw from last year's Roland Garros with a wrist injury after two rounds, has already reached the magical 10 titles number this year at the claycourt events in Monte Carlo and Barcelona.

# Rooney close to decision on future

## Stockholm

**E**ngland and Manchester United's record goalscorer Wayne Rooney says he is just weeks away from revealing where he will be playing next season.

The 31-year-old's future at the club, where he has spent the past 13 years, and his country, is the subject of intense debate which intensified on Thursday when he was left out of the national squad.

"I've got decisions to make now over the next few weeks, have a word with my family, and then I'll decide," Rooney said after United ensured Champions League football next season with a 2-0 win over Dutch side Ajax in the Europa League final on Wednesday.

"I think I just have to make a decision in terms of a football decision, and that's what I'll do."

"I'll do that the next few weeks with my family while I'm away and, honestly, as soon as I know what's going on then, I'm sure you (will know)."

Rooney, who says he has no end of offers both in England and abroad with China often being mooted as a possible destination, says ultimately the decision could come down to whether he is satisfied with a bit part role at United or having regular

first team football.

"I think a younger me would have been a lot more frustrated," said Rooney of his limited playing time under Jose Mourinho at United.

"Obviously happy to be part of that and in some way help the club win trophies, and that's the way it's been over the last 18 months, last year, and that's a decision I have to make now, whether I want to continue doing that or go on and play more regular football."



**Manchester United's English striker Wayne Rooney**

# Ride for safety

## 'Cycle safe Bahrain'

### Manama

The Cycle Safe Bahrain held its inaugural ride yesterday with around 400 cyclists participating from a broad spectrum of society in the kingdom and brought together riders using road bikes, mountain bikes and everyday bikes.

This initiative was under the patronage of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee and Captain of the Bahrain Royal Endurance Team.

Shaikh Nasser said, "It is a fantastic initiative which will reinforce the rules that already exist. The campaign will bring awareness to all road users, both cyclists and motorists to share the road safely and respect each other on the road."

Redia Castillo, General Manager of PowerUp led the programme of the event.

"We would like to thank Shaikh Nasser for making this possible. It was always his vision and love for sports which pushed us to finally turn this into action. We would also like to thank the official pilot cars of the ride, Nissan, for their support throughout the whole ride."

Abdulmohsen Algosaihi, co-owner of TriLife who joined and led the Level 2 ride said, "It was such a great day for a ride and we were overwhelmed by the support that we have received. We hope that the message behind this campaign be passed on to more people in Bahrain to keep its road users safe."

Haitham Assem, Complex Director of Marketing at Westin Bahrain City Centre said, "This was such a beautiful day for all. This is just the first step and we plan to carry on with these efforts moving forward."

The event was also joined by Kolja Koracak, Brand Director of Bahrain Merida Pro Cycling Team and Michael

Gilliam, Director of Bahrain Endurance 13 who showed their full support.

Cycle Safe Bahrain intends to spread awareness among cyclists and motorists on how to share the roads safely. This is truly an important mission as it does not only promote sports culture in the Kingdom but it also highlights giving back to the community in the hope of inspiring others to follow the lead. This is just the beginning for Cycle Safe Bahrain. They will be holding regular weekly rides in different areas all over the island not only road bike users but also mountain bikes and kids' rides as well.



Participants during a group photo session

## Valentino Rossi leaves hospital after crash

### Rome

MotoGP star Valentino Rossi has been discharged from hospital in Rimini where he was admitted after a training accident, his Yamaha team said yesterday.

The 38-year-old Italian suffered chest and stomach injuries in a motocross training accident at Mondavio in Pesaro Urbino near Rimini on Thursday and was taken to hospital.

"Valentino Rossi has returned home from the "Ospedale Infermi" in Rimini, having successfully completed routine diagnostic tests that were scheduled earlier this afternoon," said Yamaha in a statement.

"With the attending doctors confirming the findings shared in this morning's medical bulletin, the nine-time world champion left the hospital at 5.30pm, accompanied by his staff.

"He will continue the recovery process in his own surroundings."

Rossi crashed out of the French Grand Prix at Le Mans on the last lap last weekend handing victory to teammate Maverick Vinales and lies third in the world championship standings.

It is not clear whether Rossi will be fit enough to take part in the Italian Grand Prix at Mugello next week.



Italy's rider Valentino Rossi

## Saving my fingers biggest battle, says Petra Kvitova

### Paris

Petra Kvitova will return to tennis at the French Open having already won her biggest battle -- saving the fingers so badly damaged fighting off a knife-wielding burglar.

Two-time Wimbledon champion Kvitova, 27, a semi-finalist at Roland Garros in 2012, suffered career-threatening injuries to her left playing hand when she tackled an intruder at her home in the eastern Czech town of Prostějov in December.

The terrifying attack left the popular Kvitova fighting to save her hand and her career.

But almost six months on, she is ready to return to the sport, claiming that the nightmare incident has left her with a fresh perspective on life.

"I actually already won my biggest fight. I stayed in life and I have all my fingers," the 6ft (1.82m) Kvitova told reporters at a sweltering Roland Garros on Friday. She still carries the physical and mental scars.

"I didn't sleep well the days after. I don't really have nightmares," she added.

"I was always staring at the guys and looking to see if there are no strangers there. With time, it's better. But of course I'm more actively watching the people around me."

Kvitova was told by her doctors that she may never play tennis again as a result of the attack.



Czech Petra Kvitova attends a press conference

# Quintana back in pink



Colombia's Nairo Quintana of team Movistar

## Piancavallo

Former winner Nairo Quintana took the Giro d'Italia pink jersey from Dutch rival Tom Dumoulin on Friday but the Colombian climber warned the race is "far from over" with two stages left.

"It's still quite difficult," Quintana said when asked if he could win in Milan on Sunday.

"Tomorrow will be the decisive stage."

Quintana, the 2014 champion who rides for Movistar, finished nearly eight and a half minutes behind Spanish Team Sky rider Mikel Landa who soloed over the finish line following a 191km ride from San Candido to the summit finish at Piancavallo.

But it was enough to give the Colombian, who saw Dumoulin make a "rookie mistake" and struggle throughout the fourth of five days in the mountains, the race lead two days before the 100th edition finishes.

Dumoulin -- bidding to become the Giro's first Dutch champion -- dropped to second overall at 38secs with Italy's two-time champion Vincenzo Nibali (Bahrain) now third at 43, 10 secs ahead of resurgent Frenchman Thibaut Pinot (FDJ).

With a final day in the mountains on Saturday's 20th and penultimate stage from

Pordenone to Asiago, Quintana now has his work cut out.

Especially as Sunday's final stage is a mainly flat time trial over 29.3km from Monza to Milan, and Dumoulin was nearly three minutes faster than him on the 10th stage time trial last week.

"We have to try and take more time from Dumoulin tomorrow," said Quintana. "He is much stronger in the time trial."

Nibali, who lost 2min 07sec to Dumoulin on the stage 10 race against the clock, agreed: "We have to give it everything tomorrow, we have to take as many seconds as possible before the time trial."

Sunweb team leader Dumoulin produced some valiant efforts trying to save his pink jersey this week, including a brave solo climb over the formidable Stelvio climb following an embarrassing, unscheduled toilet stop.

## 'Bad legs'

But a day after sparking a spat with Quintana and Nibali, the Dutchman was given payback.

Although he shook hands with Nibali before the start, Italy's two-time winner was quickly involved when Movistar put the pedal to the metal on the descent of the first climb.

It caught Dumoulin cold, and he admitted: "I had bad legs from the start and I made a rookie mistake at the beginning, sitting at the back of the bunch on the downhill."

"Then Bahrain and Movistar split the bunch and I was in the second group and needed, with my bad legs, to go to the maximum to come back, in the middle of the stage. So that was really unnecessary."

Throughout the stage, Dumoulin was in danger of losing the lead after being isolated prior to the final, 15.4 km climb to Piancavallo.

Landa, who had been part of an earlier breakaway that built a lead of nearly 10 minutes, made amends for his runner-up finish to Tejay Van Garderen on Thursday when he attacked Rui Costa 10 km from the summit to solo over the finish line well ahead of his Portuguese rival.

"I was very emotional at the finish because I've had a tough few months, and earlier in the Giro when we crashed," said Landa, one of several riders brought down, alongside teammate Geraint Thomas, by a police motorcycle on stage nine.

Meanwhile, as Dumoulin's pink jersey grip continued to slip, Pinot boosted his chances of a podium finish for the second successive day by attacking Nibali and Quintana's group 6km from the finish to close to within 10secs of the Italian.

Four riders are now within one minute of Quintana, setting the scene for a spectacular final day in the mountains. (AFP)

### Results from the 19th stage held over 191 km between San Candido and Piancavallo: Stage

1. Mikel Landa (ESP/SKY) 4hr 53min 00sec,
2. Rui Costa (POR/UAE) at 1min 49sec,
3. Pierre Rolland (FRA/CAN) 1:54,
4. Pello Bilbao (ESP/AST) 2:12,
5. Sebastian Henao (COL/SKY) 3:06,
6. Evgeny Shalunov (RUS/GAZ) 3:51,
7. Luis Leon Sanchez (ESP/AST) s.t.,
8. Matteo Busato (ITA/WIL) 5:05,
9. Lorenzo Rota (ITA/BAR) s.t.,
10. Ilija Koshevoy (BLR/WIL) 6:44

### Selected:

11. Thibaut Pinot (FRA/FDJ) 8:09,
15. Adam Yates (GBR/ORI) 8:21,
16. Nairo Quintana (COL/MOV) s.t.,
18. Vincenzo Nibali (ITA/BAH) 8:23,
22. Tom Dumoulin (NED/SUN) 9:30

### General classification

1. Nairo Quintana (COL/MOV) 85hr 02min 40sec,
2. Tom Dumoulin (NED/SUN) at 38secs,
3. Vincenzo Nibali (ITA/BAH) 43,
4. Thibaut Pinot (FRA/FDJ) 53,
5. Ilnur Zakarin (RUS/KAT) 1min 21sec,
6. Domenico Pozzovivo (ITA/ALM) 1:30,
7. Bauke Mollema (NED/TRE) 2:48,
8. Adam Yates (GBR/ORI) 6:35,
9. Bob Jungels (LUX/QST) 7:03,
10. Steven Kruijswijk (NED/TLJ) 7:37

Result

Dumoulin struggles

