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Top Mideast expert leaves White House post

Washington

The White House yesterday announced the departure of a contentious top Middle East advisor, Derek Harvey, from Donald Trump's National Security Council staff. "The administration is working with Colonel Harvey to identify positions in which his background and expertise can be best utilized," the White House said. Harvey was one of the few allies of ousted national security advisor Michael Flynn, who remained in White House.

Siberell to be US Ambassador to Bahrain

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US President Donald Trump has selected career diplomat Justin Siberell as his pick to serve as the Ambassador to Bahrain.

Siberell, who speaks Arabic, is currently the acting coordinator for counter-terrorism at the Bureau of Counter-terrorism at the US State Department. He had six postings in the Middle East.

An approval from the Senate is required before he is confirmed as the next ambassador to Bahrain.

"Siberell, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, has served as an American diplomat since 1993. He is currently the Acting Coordinator for Counter-terrorism, in US Department of State," the White House said in a statement. "Through

six postings in Middle East countries, Siberell has developed a deep knowledge of the Gulf States and critical American interests in the region. He has led large, diverse organizations in Washington and abroad and has created unified, resilient, and highly productive interagency teams addressing challenges in high-threat environments. Siberell earned a BA in History from the University of California at

Berkeley. He speaks Spanish and Arabic," the White house said.

Currently William Roebuck, who arrived in Bahrain on January 8, 2015, is the current US Ambassador to Bahrain. Former President Obama nominated Roebuck in June 2014 and his appointment to Bahrain was confirmed by Senate in November that year and the Senate confirmed his appointment in November.



Justin Siberell

11th Hour

4-year-old boy drowns in swimming pool

A four-year-old boy drowned in a swimming pool in the Northern Governorate yesterday. Interior Ministry confirmed the incident that occurred in Malikiya village. It said that the "relevant procedures have been taken". No further information was available.



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Man jailed for attempt to bribe cop at airport



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Jordan King urges Netanyahu to put the guard on trial

Saudi King's efforts ease Al Aqsa crisis

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The intervention of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud helped defuse the Al-Aqsa Holy Mosque crisis and the political and religious tensions, the Saudi Royal Court said in a statement yesterday.

The Saudi King had been in contact with the United States and other world powers over the past few days to try to prevent Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City being closed to Muslims and to defuse the tensions, the statement said.

"Saudi Arabia contacted the US administration to exert its efforts for not closing the Al-Aqsa Mosque for Muslims, not prevent them from performing their duties and prayers, and cancel restrictions being imposed on the entry to the Mosque. The efforts have been culminated with success today and in a way that contributed to restore stability and tranquillity to worshippers and preserve their



King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud dignity and security," the Saudi Royal Court said in the statement.

Israel overnight removed all security infrastructure it had put in place this month at Muslim entrances to the Al-Aqsa mosque compound and on Thursday Muslim worshippers started to return to the compound to pray.

Saudi Arabia is custodian of Islam's most revered places in Mecca and Medina while Jordan is the custodian of Al-Aqsa mosque, its third

holiest site, which is also revered by Jews. King Salman contacted the U.S. government and called for an end to restrictions on entry to the mosque, the statement said, saying that developments showed this push had been successful. The king "stressed the need for the return of calm," and called for respect for the sanctity of the compound, it said.

"The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia affirms the right of Muslims in Al-Aqsa Holy Mosque and the performance of their worship in it with ease and tranquillity. The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud stressed the need for the return of calm at Al-Aqsa Mosque and its surroundings, the respect for the sanctity of the place, and that Muslims must return to enter the mosque and perform

worship in it with all security, tranquility and peace effective from today. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia emphasizes the importance of achieving a just and comprehensive peace in accordance with the Arab peace initiative, the vision of a two-state solution and the relevant resolutions of the international legitimacy," the Royal Court statement said.

His Majesty lauds Saudi King

DT News Network Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has lauded the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud's efforts that resulted in cancelling the restrictions imposed by the Israeli Occupation Forces on entry to Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Those efforts embody King Salman's pivotal leadership of the Islamic nation as well as the distinguished religious status enjoyed by sisterly Saudi Arabia at the regional

and global arenas, HM the King said.

The Saudi monarch's endeavours also reflect the leading role played by Saudi Arabia in serving Islam and Muslims, and in defending the Muslim nation's causes and protecting its holy sites, HM King Hamad added.

HM the King stressed Bahrain's support to Saudi Arabia's efforts as well as all to those exerted by regional and international parties to reach a just and comprehensive peace in the region.

Clashes as Palestinians end boycott of holy site

Jerusalem

Clashes erupted between Israeli police and Palestinians at a sensitive Jerusalem holy site yesterday as thousands of Muslim worshippers entered to end a boycott of the compound over new Israeli security measures.

An AFP correspondent witnessed the clashes break out shortly after the worshippers entered.

The Palestinian Red Crescent reported 56 people wounded both inside the Haram al-Sharif compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, and in the immediate area.

Outside, clashes in one area erupted when a group of policemen walked in the middle of a crowd.

Thousands of worshippers had earlier streamed into the compound for afternoon prayers for the first time in two weeks, ending a boycott after Israel removed controversial new security measures, installed after a July 14 attack killed two policemen.

The site includes the Al-Aqsa mosque and the Dome of the Rock.

Some cried as they entered while others shouted "Allahu Akbar". Some brought their children in what was initially a celebratory atmosphere.

Worshippers had in previous days refused to enter the compound and prayed in the streets outside after Israel



Tear-gas fumes are seen in the Haram al-Sharif compound, as Israeli security forces disperse Palestinians who entered the complex



Palestinian Muslims raise their hands in prayer inside the Haram al-Sharif compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, in the old city of Jerusalem

installed the new security measures.

Arab League chief says Israel risks igniting 'religious war'

The head of the Arab League warned Thursday that Israeli attempts to control highly sensitive religious sites in Jerusalem by force risk igniting a "religious war".

Israel's actions are "playing with fire, and will only ignite a religious war and shift the core of the conflict from politics to religion", Arab League chief Ahmed Abul Gheit said.

He was speaking at an urgent meeting of Arab foreign ministers in Cairo

on the latest violence in Jerusalem.

"I invite the occupying state (Israel) to carefully learn the lessons from this crisis and the message it holds," Abul Gheit said in a televised speech.

"Handling holy sites lightly and with this level of arrogance seriously threatens to ignite a religious war, since not one single Muslim in the world would accept the desecration of (Jerusalem's) Al-Aqsa mosque," he said.

The Arab League "condemns in the strongest terms Israel's plans and policies that aim to Judaize the occupied city of Jerusalem and distort its Arab and Muslim character," the

foreign ministers said in their closing statement.

"East Jerusalem is the capital of the Palestinian state," the organisation said, "expressing its rejection and condemnation of all measures by the occupying force to diminish Palestinian rights of sovereignty over it."

Friday prayers

Deadly unrest erupted in the days after the new measures were introduced, with clashes breaking out around the compound and in the occupied West Bank, leaving five Palestinians dead.

There had been concerns that Friday's main weekly Muslim prayers -- which

typically draw thousands to Al-Aqsa -- would lead to serious clashes between protesters and Israeli security forces if a resolution was not found. After intensive international diplomacy, Israel removed the metal detectors on Tuesday.

Newly installed railings and scaffolding where cameras were previously mounted were also removed early on Thursday. Police said on Thursday morning that all new security measures had been taken away.

Smart cameras?

Israeli officials had said they were to replace the new security measures with

"advanced technologies" -- widely believed to be smart cameras with facial recognition technology.

It was not immediately clear if Israel would stick to reported plans to install the smart camera system in Jerusalem's Old City. Cameras are already widespread inside its walls.

Jordan is the custodian of Muslim holy sites at the compound, and King Abdullah II had called on Netanyahu to remove the security measures. Information Minister Mohammad al-Momani on Thursday welcomed their removal, calling it an "essential step towards calm." (AFP)



Arab Foreign Ministers attend a meeting in Cairo to discuss the simmering unrest surrounding the Al-Aqsa mosque compound in Jerusalem

Man jailed for attempt to bribe cop at airport

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Manama

An Asian man banned from travelling abroad and his friend were sentenced to six months imprisonment yesterday for offering a bribe to a policeman at the Bahrain International Airport to help exit the country.

One of the men, who works as a cleaner at the at Bahrain International Airport, offered the policeman BD5,000 in last May to overlook the travel-ban imposed on his friend and assist him in exiting the country. The

policeman pretended to accept the bribe and coordinated with the authorities to nab the man red-handed.

"The suspect dressed his friend as a worker at the airport and helped him access the staff-only area. He then asked the policeman to assist his friend in passing the gates and into the departures hall. The policeman rejected and asked the suspect to give him the money in advance. Then, the suspect brought an envelope with BD2,000 inside it from a car parked in the airport's parking lots. At that time, police surprised him and caught him in the act," court files showed.

The files also indicated that the police inspected the vehicle and found another envelope with BD3,000, the remaining money of the bribe. It was also mentioned that the entire incident was recorded by the surveillance cameras at the airport.

The prosecutors revealed that an international arrest warrant was issued by the Interpol against the man banned from travelling abroad.

Both suspects were sentenced yesterday by the Second Higher Criminal (Appeals) Court to six months in jail each, to pay fines of BD5,000 and to confiscate the amount of the bribe.



Animal lover living with dogs seeks adoption help

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Manama

An animal lover who is living in a single bedroom apartment along with nine dogs is hoping that someone adopt the dogs.

Indra, the Nepalese animal lover who works as a building watchman, has been taking care of a female dog and its eight puppies.

All of nine dogs are living in his one bedroom apartment but he is finding it challenging to accommodate them. Now, he is looking for someone to adopt them. Indra has been caring for the female dog for the past one year and it has been a month since she gave birth to eight puppies.

He said that the puppies would take up more space as they grow and he hopes to find them a loving home.

"My apartment is rather small and it is not practical for me to keep them for much longer. Currently I take care of them and their mother but it will become very challenging when they get older. Another issue is that I am working and may not always be able to attend them. I hope that someone will come forward to adopt them. I do not want them to be separated so I would like someone to take all of them," he said.

"The female dog has been

with me for the past one year. It came in the vicinity of the building where I work, looking for food. I offered her food and she kept coming back and she has been with me ever since.

A month ago she gave birth to these puppies so I decided to help the puppies as well," he said, adding, "I have always been an animal lover, and loves dogs."



Indra with the puppies



A puppy



The female dog

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Crown Prince: Bahrainis are cornerstone of development



HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa with the successful candidates for the third intake of the First Deputy Prime Minister (FDPM)'s Fellowship Programme at Gudaibiya Palace

Manama

Bahrainis are the cornerstone of the nation's sustainable development, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, said His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister yesterday.

Prince Salman said this while receiving the successful candidates for the third intake of the First Deputy Prime Minister (FDPM)'s Fellowship Programme at Gudaibiya Palace.

His Royal Highness stressed that continuing to invest in Bahraini citizens is a strategic goal underpinned by the Kingdom's national

programmes.

Welcoming the new fellows and highlighting the success of previous candidates, the Crown Prince praised the significant level of skill and expertise they had developed and subsequently brought back to their workplaces.

In this regard, His Royal Highness emphasised the

importance of supporting the Kingdom's youth, who sit at the heart of Bahrain's prosperity and future.

His Royal Highness expressed his hope that the fellows would capitalise on the many opportunities facilitated by the programme, and use their expertise to help achieve their personal goals and

ambitions

His Royal Highness went on to extend his appreciation to the Fellowship's administrators and staff for their ongoing efforts.

The Crown Prince underlined the importance of supporting programmes and initiatives that further bolster youth skills across government.

The fellows extended their appreciation and gratitude to His Royal Highness for the opportunity to meet him, and for his commitment to developing the national workforce through his support towards training schemes and programmes. The fellows also thanked the Office of the First Deputy Prime Minister for their support.

Qatar won't be allowed to become a 'Trojan Horse'

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Qatar will not be allowed to become a "Trojan Horse" for the Iranian regime to interfere in the region, Foreign Affairs Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa has warned.

Speaking during an interview with Egyptian channel DMC Wednesday, Shaikh Khalid said he hopes "Qatar won't serve as an entrance for Iran in region".

"We have no problems with the Qataris," he said during the interview adding: "We have a problem with the Qatari passport being granted to terrorists, including Al Muqrin who entered Saudi Arabia."

Al Muqrin reportedly entered Saudi Arabia using a Qatari



Shaikh Khalid

passport and executed a number of terror attacks, resulting in the loss of many lives.

Speaking about the actions taken against Qatar recently, the minister, however, said that they weren't the

first taken against Qatar.

"Ambassadors have been withdrawn before, which was later resolved through the signing of the Riyadh Agreement," the minister pointed out. The agreement,

according to Shaikh Khalid, provided Qatar "a chance to correct its path", which, however, didn't happen.

"Doha didn't commit to it and we don't have any time to waste," said Shaikh Khalid adding: "Shaikh Tameem himself signed the agreement which required to stop harming Egypt."

Shaikh Khalid also strongly criticised Qatar's strategy in utilising Al Jazeera to destabilise countries in the region, betraying Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen by providing Houthi Militias with coordinates to kill Emirati soldiers as well as supporting and promoting "Iranian subversive projects".

The minister praised the efforts exerted by the Kuwaiti Emir Shaikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah in resolving the crisis.

Road works underway

Manama

Works are underway to improve the traffic signal located at the Northern entrance to Isa Town, said the Works Ministry in a statement.

Road users are urged to plan ahead and adhere to the new traffic diversions and traffic regulations.

The move, in coordination with the Traffic General Directorate, follows the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, to reduce traffic congestion across the Kingdom.

Works to increase the capacity of the Salmabad Interchange and reduce waiting times include reducing signal phases to three from five.

The Ministry of Works submitted a series of urgent projects, of which 11 were approved by the Executive Committee, as part of a wider masterplan to ensure the Kingdom's strategic road network is able to accommodate increased urban expansion. The process is due to be completed by 2022.

Alternate routes

► Traffic coming from Salmabad towards Manama should head West along Salmabad Avenue towards the roundabout nearby the University of AMA, and then turn right towards Manama

► Traffic coming from Amman Avenue heading to Riffa along Sheikh Salman Highway should use other routes within Isa Town.

► Alternatively, keep driving towards the Salmabad external road and take the left turn along Salmabad External Road or opt for the right turn towards Shaikh Salman Highway to the North and take the U-turn at the Interchange of Shaikh Salman Highway and Shaikh Isa bin Salman Highway.

► Traffic coming from the South on Shaikh Salman Highway towards Salmabad External road should use alternative route, which is to keep driving towards Shaikh Salman Highway and Sehla Avenue Interchange in order to make a U-turn

186 drivers arrested for running illegal taxi services

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The General Directorate of Traffic has nabbed 186 drivers in the past four months for running illegal taxi services.

The drivers were caught for using their private cars as unlicensed cabs in the Kingdom.

"Legal actions will be taken against them," said Deputy General Director of Traffic Lieutenant Colonel

Mohammed Ali Daraj.

If convicted, drivers could face fines, jail terms and deportation in the case of non-Bahraini drivers.

The arrests were made during the period from February 22 to June 30. The cases have been referred to the Public Prosecution for further action.

"They could be awarded jail terms and fines and the non-Bahrainis among them will face

deportation," the Lt. Col. said.

Daraj also affirmed that the department will continue to remain vigilant against such violations that "jeopardise the livelihood of the registered Bahraini taxi drivers".

Urging public not to deal with illegal taxi drivers, he said that campaigns to curb this phenomenon will be organised in cooperation with security directorates and authorities concerned soon.



A file photo showing illegal taxi drivers seen waiting for customers in Manama (1) (1)

FINANCIAL RESULTS

30 June 2017 (Reviewed)

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Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	Reviewed 30 June 2017 BD 000	Audited 31 Dec 2016 BD 000
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with banks and Central Bank of Bahrain	51,769	56,399
Due from banks	77,454	88,420
Financing contracts with customers	667,475	630,391
Investments	7,806	145,665
Investment in sukuk	139,303	163,772
Investment in joint ventures and associates	11,954	129,302
Investment in real estate	-	301,563
Receivables, prepayments and other assets	285,420	63,458
Premises and equipment	8,662	8,682
	1,249,843	1,587,652
Assets classified as held for sale	20,209	20,272
TOTAL ASSETS	1,270,052	1,607,924
LIABILITIES, EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNT HOLDERS AND OWNERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Customers' current accounts	138,163	147,630
Due to banks	119,781	277,317
Due to non-banks	212,359	237,864
Other liabilities	42,814	41,919
Subordinated murabaha payable	92,034	91,242
	605,151	795,972
Liabilities classified as held for sale	2,729	2,117
	607,880	798,089
EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNT HOLDERS	492,511	441,244
OWNERS' EQUITY		
Equity attributable to shareholders of the Parent		
Share capital	132,519	177,140
Share premium	-	71,403
Treasury shares	-	(21,923)
Statutory reserve	17,757	17,757
General reserve	-	28,237
Fair value through equity reserve	(3,440)	(3,574)
Property fair value reserve	-	30,923
Foreign currency translation reserve	(33)	(91)
Retained earnings	14,332	60,403
	161,135	360,275
Non-controlling shareholders	8,526	8,316
	169,661	368,591
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNT HOLDERS AND OWNERS' EQUITY	1,270,052	1,607,924
OFF-BALANCE SHEET		
EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNT HOLDERS	135,085	134,970
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS	111,578	154,797

Interim Consolidated Statement of Income

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 BD 000	2016 BD 000	2017 BD 000	2016 BD 000
Income from retail and corporate banking activities	11,102	9,386	22,154	17,221
Net income from investment activities	6,630	478	7,153	677
Income from sukuk	1,684	1,013	3,428	1,795
Share of income from joint ventures and associates	247	41	438	2,084
Revenue from non-banking business entities	2,696	999	4,311	2,042
OPERATING INCOME	22,359	11,917	37,484	23,819
Direct cost of non-banking business entities	(2,519)	(539)	(3,534)	(1,369)
OPERATING INCOME AFTER DIRECT COSTS	19,840	11,378	33,950	22,450
Return on equity of investment account holders before Group's share as mudarib	(2,739)	(1,032)	(5,300)	(1,985)
Group's share as mudarib	1,377	-	2,769	-
Return on equity of investment account holders	(1,362)	(1,032)	(2,531)	(1,985)
Profit on due to banks, due to non-banks and subordinated murabaha payable	(3,535)	(2,891)	(6,628)	(5,174)
NET OPERATING INCOME	14,943	7,455	24,791	15,291
Staff costs	3,477	3,505	6,987	6,834
Depreciation	256	280	508	580
Provisions - net	672	(351)	1,225	(336)
Other expenses	2,462	2,024	4,747	4,045
Operating expenses of non-banking business entities	229	136	641	636
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	7,096	5,594	14,108	11,759
NET INCOME FOR THE PERIOD FROM OPERATIONS	7,847	1,861	10,683	3,532
ASSETS CLASSIFIED AS HELD FOR SALE				
Net loss for the period from assets classified as held for sale	-	(112)	-	(350)
NET INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	7,847	1,749	10,683	3,182
Attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Parent	7,863	1,714	10,745	3,146
Non-controlling shareholders	(16)	35	(62)	36
	7,847	1,749	10,683	3,182

Interim Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2017 BD 000	2016 BD 000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income for the period from operations	10,683	3,532
Net loss for the period from assets classified as held for sale	-	(350)
Net income for the period	10,683	3,182
Adjustments for:		
Provisions - net	1,225	(332)
Depreciation	515	2,218
Share of income from joint ventures and associates	(438)	(2,084)
Net gain on sale of investment in real estate	-	(161)
Net gain on sale of investments	(6,780)	(220)
Foreign exchange gain	(161)	(278)
Net unrealised loss on investment in real estate	309	651
Net unrealised loss on investments	31	282
Dividend income	(51)	-
Rental income	(43)	(50)
Operating income before changes in operating assets and liabilities	5,290	3,208
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Mandatory reserve with Central Bank of Bahrain	(2,530)	105
Due from banks	(93)	(13,162)
Financing contracts with customers	(21,819)	(33,674)
Receivables, prepayments and other assets	(1,745)	3,230
Customers' current accounts	(9,467)	30,147
Due to banks	(39,082)	(38,580)
Due to non-banks	(25,505)	119,795
Other liabilities	2,480	(8,695)
Net cash flows (used in) from operating activities	(92,471)	62,374
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
(Purchase) disposal of investments - net	(3,759)	1,911
Disposal (purchase) of investment in sukuk - net	24,270	(53,028)
(Purchase) disposal of investment in real estate - net	(87)	458
Distributions from investment in joint ventures and associates	2,962	-
Dividend income	51	-
Rental income	43	50
Purchase of premises and equipment - net	(495)	(1,905)
Net cash flows from (used in) investing activities	22,985	(52,514)
FINANCING ACTIVITY		
Net movement in equity of investment account holders	51,267	(2,029)
Net cash flows from (used in) financing activity	51,267	(2,029)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(18,219)	7,831
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	103,687	102,698
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE	85,468	110,529

Interim Consolidated Statement of Changes in Owners' Equity

	Attributable to shareholders of the Parent											
	Share capital BD 000	Share premium BD 000	Treasury shares BD 000	Statutory reserve BD 000	General reserve BD 000	Fair value through equity reserve BD 000	Property fair value reserve BD 000	Foreign currency translation reserve BD 000	Retained earnings BD 000	Total BD 000	Non-controlling shareholders BD 000	Total owners' equity BD 000
Balance at 1 January 2017	177,140	71,403	(21,923)	17,757	28,237	(3,574)	30,923	(91)	60,403	360,275	8,316	368,591
Net income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,745	10,745	(62)	10,683
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	57	-	58	-	115	-	115
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	57	-	58	10,745	10,860	(62)	10,798
Cancellation of treasury shares	(12,044)	(9,879)	21,923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reduction of equity on asset transfer	(32,577)	(61,524)	-	-	(28,237)	77	(30,900)	-	(56,839)	(210,000)	-	(210,000)
Net transfer from property fair value reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	(23)	-	23	-	-	-
Net movement in share of non-controlling shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	272	272
Balance at 30 June 2017	132,519	-	-	17,757	-	(3,440)	-	(33)	14,332	161,135	8,526	169,661
Balance at 1 January 2016	177,140	71,403	(21,923)	17,642	28,237	(1,876)	31,501	232	58,791	361,147	8,264	369,411
Net income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,146	3,146	36	3,182
Other comprehensive (loss) income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(703)	-	11	-	(692)	-	(692)
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(703)	-	11	3,146	2,454	36	2,490
Net transfer from property fair value reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	(265)	-	265	-	-	-
Net movement in share of non-controlling shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	16
Balance at 30 June 2016	177,140	71,403	(21,923)	17,642	28,237	(2,579)	31,236	243	62,202	363,601	8,316	371,917

These statements have been extracted from the interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the six month period ended 30 June 2017, reviewed by EY. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 23 July 2017. Kuwait Finance House (Bahrain) B.S.C. (c) is licensed by CBB as an Islamic retail bank.

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Sandeep is in Madrid, Spain.

Julie is in Pisa, Italy and Thuraya is in Guangzhou, China. Danny is in Goa, India and Shailaja is in Zurich, Switzerland.

And, also escaping the Arabian Gulf heat, where is Biljana? And Ashish?

Biljana is in Santorini, Greece. And Ashish is in Hamilton, Bermuda.

As I watch the Facebook pictures of my friends' vacations, from different parts of the world, how do I feel?

A dash of excitement, a sprinkle of joy and, well – okay, I admit it – maybe, a pinch of envy.

But, by and large, if we love our friends, we are sure to love their travels. And also the way they are informing us about their travels.

We are their friends, after all. And what is wrong in knowing where they have been? And what's wrong in seeing places we haven't seen?

Somehow, I completely disagree with a study, I came across online, which says vacation pictures ought not to be shared on social media, lest they make your friends sad.

Actually, they are not 'really' your friends, if they feel sadness instead of happiness.

I also completely disagree with those who equate social media with mass media; and get paranoid -- that all their life is, now, all out, in the open.

No. It is not.

It depends on who your friends are, on social media, and what you wish to share with them. And also on the social media platform(s) you are using.

Our social media personality is what we are, and how we are projecting ourselves through it.

Some of us are very open in sharing our lives with others. And some of us are not. But both should be fine.

'Twitter' posts are usually public. 'Instagram', posts can be shared either with public, or with those who follow us, with our permission. And, 'Facebook' posts can be for public, or customized to specific groups of friends we have.

So, if your friends on Facebook are genuine friends, what is wrong in sharing with them your best moments? Or why not create specific sets of friends to whom you can share specific sets of posts?

It is possible. But you will need time, to understand the 'settings' on these media applications.

There are, of course, some annoying people who share everything they see; and also those who keep tagging others unnecessarily, without checking.

The real problem, I feel, is an unwillingness to learn and adapt to the changing world quickly; and to be sensitive to others' feelings.

Today, if we choose to remain dumb, and resist acquiring the much-needed skill of using smart phones and tablets, and of using social media, we can only blame ourselves.

I agree that, once our picture is in cyberspace, there is really nothing much we can do about it. It can be saved, screen-shot, photo-shopped, morphed, tagged, sent and forwarded; sometimes, without us having an inkling of doubt.

But then, we can only be responsible for our actions. Not for others'.

In real life, we know, all friends are not the same. Some could be annoying, and some could be endearing. The same is the case with social media life.

So, like in real life, when it comes to friends, we must cherish some, forgive some, and simply endure some.

Importantly, if you cannot feel happy for your friends, and for their enjoyment which they are excited to share with you, there is something wrong.

It is your personality problem. Not a social media problem.

(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the policy or position of this newspaper.)

Putin says Russia will respond to 'insolence' of US

Savonlinna

Russian President Vladimir Putin said yesterday that Moscow will ultimately have to respond to sanctions imposed by the United States that he condemned as insolent towards Russia.

"We are behaving in a very restrained and patient way, but at some moment we will need to respond," Putin said at a news conference after talks with his Finnish counterpart Sauli Niinisto.

He complained that "it's impossible to endlessly tolerate this kind of insolence towards our country," referring to tougher US sanctions that were backed by the House of Representatives on Tuesday.

Nevertheless he did not specify what Russia's response could be, saying simply: "When the response will be and what it will be -- that we will see," implying this depended on what action the US finally



Russian President Vladimir Putin

takes.

The Russian strongman slammed the intensifying probe into Russian meddling in the US presidential election, saying it bore witness to "a rise in anti-Russian hysteria" in Washington.

He bemoaned the worsening of relations with the United States, saying "Of course, we regret it very much."

Putin also argued that

"Russian-US relations are being sacrificed to resolve questions of domestic politics," specifying that "in this case, it is the battle between President (Donald) Trump and his political opponents."

The two countries acting in agreement "could solve very acute problems much more effectively," Putin said, specifying the "fight with terrorism." (AFP)

Make oral hygiene a top priority!



Dr. George

Manama

Appropriate oral and dental hygiene is turning out to be a necessity for many, especially at a time when healthy living, as a concept, is fast catching up among the denizens of Bahrain.

Providing an array of services, the Riffa-based, Royal Bahrain Hospital Medical Centre (RBHMC) has now launched an attractive dental scaling and polishing package for its customers.

Offering comprehensive dental care, RBHMC's Department of Dentistry provides conservative restorative dentistry, oral surgery and wisdom teeth extractions, fixed and removable prosthodontics, root canal treatment and other procedures.

Dr. George S. Bahgat, General Dentist at RBHMC, says, "For maintaining optimum oral hygiene, it is important to undertake regular scaling and polishing of our teeth. The purpose is to leave the teeth surfaces clean and smooth so that the bacteria are unable to stick to them."

Dr. George is available for consultation at RBH Medical Center-Riffa from Saturday to Thursdays.

Missing Pets



BUBBLES - Female, 4 yrs, spayed, owner was away - always let out in garden for a bit - but this time did not come back, not wearing collar or ID tag, Nuwaidrat (behind Jawad), 200BD REWARD for safe return, 26/06/17. **39448662** or **33787650**



HATHFA - Female Saluki, 5 yrs, injury mark on the top of right leg, wearing collar, lost in Hamala from a farm, gone missing around 8/4/17. **39247411**



KONG - Male Rottweiler, 18 mos, micro-chipped, gate left open, may have been stolen, wearing gold colour chain collar - no ID, New Hidd (behind Khalifa bridge), REWARD for safe return, 18/4/17. **33008092**



MAGGIE - Female Long Hair, black with grey underbelly, one very white whisker, micro-chipped, Abu Sayba (near Harley Davidson Shop), REWARD for return, 14/1/17. **38824839**



MIA - Female Husky, 6 mos, brown and white with blue eyes, wearing pink collar - no ID, was frightened by stray dogs and ran away, last seen in Jurdab being chased, 22/3/17. **36366162**



ROLLY - Male, 1 yr, bent tail, brown eyes, all black, ran away when owner was out of country, not wearing collar or ID tag, owner has very special bond with Rolly, Isa Town (near Isa Town Club), 15/5/17. **33157048**

Sugar not so sweet for mental health: study

Paris

Sugar may be bad not only for your teeth and your waistline, but also your mental health, claimed a study Thursday that was met with scepticism by other experts.

Researchers at University College London (UCL) compared the reported sugar intake of more than 8,000 people in a long-term British study, to their mood.

Jordan King urges Netanyahu to put the guard on trial

Amman

Jordan's king yesterday called for Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to ensure a security guard who killed two Jordanians at the Israeli embassy in Amman at the weekend face trial.

Abdullah II urged Netanyahu to "take responsibility and take legal steps including the trial of the killer," a royal court statement reported him as saying.

Jordan allowed the security guard to fly home to Israel on Monday after he was held for questioning over Sunday night's shooting.

The guard was welcomed

home and greeted as a hero by Netanyahu, who embraced him and said: "You acted well, calmly and we also had an obligation to get you out."

The Jewish state maintained that the guard had diplomatic immunity.

The king called on the Israeli premier to "implement justice instead of dealing with this crime in the manner of a political show for personal political gains".

"This kind of behaviour -- which is unacceptable and provocative on all levels -- has made us all angry... and feeds extremism in the region," he said.



Jordan King Abdullah II

He vowed Jordan would do everything possible towards obtaining justice for its two slain nationals.

Israel's foreign ministry said the security guard shot dead

a Jordanian worker who had come to an apartment to install furniture and had stabbed him in the back with a screwdriver.

A second Jordanian was also killed -- apparently by accident.

Tensions have been high in recent days after Israel put in place security measures at the highly sensitive Al-Haram Al-Sharif mosque compound in east Jerusalem, known to Jews as Temple Mount.

Jordan is the official custodian of Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem, but it remained unclear if the incident was linked.

Israel and Jordan signed a peace treaty in 1994. (AFP)

Egypt sets up 'national council' to combat 'terror'

Cairo

Egypt has created a "national council" to combat the rise of Islamist "terrorism" which has targeted its security forces and Coptic Christian minority, in a presidential decree issued on Wednesday.

The decree, published in Egypt's official gazette, sets up a "national council to combat terrorism and extremism" by adopting a "global national strategy".

The council is to be chaired by President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and will comprise the sheikh of Al-Azhar, the highest Sunni religious authority in Egypt, and its Coptic pope, as well as the parliament speaker, premier and cabinet members, including the youth and sports minister.

Istanbul police detain 26 suspected IS members

Istanbul

Anti-terror officers in Istanbul detained 26 suspected members of the Islamic State jihadist group, Turkish media reported on Thursday.

Seventeen foreigners were among those detained, state-run Anadolu news agency said, without giving details of their nationalities.

Police seized several electronic devices and documents during the operation in nine different Istanbul districts, the agency said.

Officers suspected those detained had links to "people in conflict zones", Hurriyet daily reported, but not saying in which countries.

Turkey has been hit by a series of attacks in the last 18 months blamed on IS and Kurdish militants.

Turkey parliament strips two pro-Kurdish MPs of status

Ankara

The Turkish parliament yesterday voted to strip two pro-Kurdish lawmakers of their status of MP on the grounds of "absenteeism", their party said.

Peoples' Democratic Party's (HDP) Faysal Sariyildiz and Tugba Hezer Ozturk were removed from office by a large majority.

They are accused of "absenteeism", a party official said.

"This is the first time that a member of parliament has lost his/her seat because of this reason," she added.

"Those who usurp the will of the people by voting under the pretext of absenteeism, and those who turn a blind eye to a political purge must prepare themselves to live in shame," the HDP's co-chair, Serpil Kemalbay, said on Twitter.

Local media reported the two were currently abroad to escape trials where they are accused of links to Kurdish militants.

Hillary to explain 'What Happened' in new book



Hillary Clinton

New York

Defeated Democratic White House hopeful Hillary Clinton promises to let her guard down and explain what happened in her shock electoral defeat to Donald Trump, including the mistakes she made, in a book to be published in September.

Publishers Simon and Schuster revealed yesterday that the previously unnamed tome would be entitled "What Happened" and would be the former secretary of state's "most personal memoir yet."

"In the past, for reasons I try to explain, I've often felt I

had to be careful in public, like I was up on a wire without a net. Now I'm letting my guard down," writes Clinton in the introduction.

Her publishers said the book would reveal what Clinton thought and felt during the bruising 2016 campaign.

It will describe "what it was like" to run against Trump, "the mistakes she made, how she has coped with a shocking and devastating loss, and how she found the strength to pick herself back up," they said in an announcement ahead of the September 12 release date.

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BisB reports BD3.3 million H1 net profit

Manama

Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB) announced that it has realised a net profit of BD3.3 million for the six month period ended on 30th June 2017 compared to a net profit of BD3.1m for the same period last year, an increase of 6 per cent. Achieving total income of BD21m compared to BD19m for the same period last year, an increase of 11pc. Total expenses increased to BD12.7m an increase of 5.9pc over the same period last year which was equal to BD12m. Net impairment provisions for the period amounted to BD4.6m compared to BD3.6m for the same period last year.

The bank recorded a net profit of BD2.7m in the three months ended on 30th June 2017 compared to BD1.4m for the same period of last year, while total revenue registered BD10.9m compared to BD9.1m for the same period last year.

Total expenses during the three months ended on 30th June 2017 amounted to BD6.4m compared to BD6m for the same period last year, while net provisions for the three months ended on 30th June 2017 amounted to BD1.8m compared to BD1.7m



Dr Esam Abdulla Fakhro, Chairman



Hasan Amin Jarrar, Chief Executive Officer

for the same period of last year.

Dr. Esam Abdulla Fakhro, Chairman of the Bank, said: "The bank continues to follow its new policy adopted by the Board of Directors, which focuses on the large, medium and small companies sector

in line with the expectations of the Board and the opportunities available in the market.

On his part, Hassan Amin Jarrar, Chief Executive Officer of the Bank, said: "Islamic finances witnessed an increase of 1.2pc, TEJJOORI ALISLAMI

accounts and other savings accounts increased by 5pc as compared to 31st December 2016, as well as an increase in current accounts by 9pc and deposits from financial institutions by 84pc as compared to 31st December 2016."

Twitter growth stalls

San Francisco

Twitter failed to boost its user base and saw a drop in revenues in the past quarter, the social network said Thursday, sending its shares tumbling in pre-market trade.

The message platform, which has been struggling to keep pace in the fast-moving world of social media, reported a net loss of \$116 million in the second quarter, slightly wider than its \$107m loss a year ago.

More significantly, Twitter reported its base of monthly active users was unchanged at 328m compared to the first three months of the year and up just five percent from a year earlier.

Twitter said revenues in the quarter slipped five percent from a year ago to \$574m, and advertising revenue fell eight percent to \$489m.

Shares in Twitter sank more than nine percent to \$17.77 in pre-opening trade on Wall Street following the release.

Twitter, which has never delivered a profit, said it is making progress on improving its product, in the expectation this will boost growth and help it move to profitability.

"We have developed what we believe are steady, stable and sustainable engines of growth," Twitter chief executive Jack Dorsey told a conference call.

"Twitter is what's happening in the world and what people are talking about."

Nissan logs profit drop

Tokyo

Nissan reported a drop in quarterly net profit on Thursday, hit by higher costs and weak sales in key markets, although it left its annual forecasts unchanged.

The Yokohama-based company said for the April-June quarter net profit edged down 1.1 percent on-year to 134.9 billion yen (\$1.2 billion) while operating profit fell 12.8 percent to 153.3bn yen.

The maker of the Altima sedan said in a statement that it was hit by "rising raw material costs, adverse foreign exchange impacts, and slower than anticipated growth in key markets".

It did not elaborate on the foreign exchange situation, though with factories around the world and in Japan it is exposed to risks in a number of currencies.

Sales rose 4.0 percent to 2.76 trillion yen.

"Overall, results were in line with the company's expectations... and the company expects improved profitability for the remainder of the year," the group said.

Dragon City, Bahrain's leading family destination

Dragon City, which was inaugurated on 27 September 2015, has today become a major tourist destination for families and individuals in Bahrain who desire a unique and exciting shopping experience.

Finest products

Located within the leading residential development project Diyar Al Muharraq, Dragon City offers the visitors a charming view of the waters of the Arabian Gulf, in addition to a variety of shopping options which combine fun and access to the finest of products at affordable prices.

Largest in Bahrain

The mall covers an area of 54,000 m² and houses over 787 retail and wholesale commercial units, the largest in the Kingdom of Bahrain. It is divided into four colour-coded sections to reflect the types of products offered in each section. The mall receives over 16,000 customers a day, which doubles during weekends and public holidays.

A family destination with distinction

Dragon City has a variety of cafés as well as a food court serving delectable dishes. The mall also has a number of shops for children, where they can enjoy fun and games while their parents shop. In addition, the city is keen to host unique family events every now and then, in an effort to provide an unparalleled shopping experience.

STRENGTHENING TIES

Dragon City is a direct trade gateway for the export of various Chinese goods from Bahrain to countries of the region. Furthermore, Dragon City has succeeded in attracting hundreds of industrial and commercial Chinese companies. The occupancy rate of the commercial units in the mall is 94 per cent with local companies constituting 10pc.



Volkswagen to refit 1 million more cars

Frankfurt am Main

Car maker Volkswagen said it would offer to refit almost a million more diesel cars in Germany to reduce harmful emissions, as the country's auto industry is racked by overlapping scandals. At an industry-government summit on August 2, Volkswagen "will offer to refit four million vehicles and thereby significantly reduce emissions" chief executive Matthias Mueller said.



Sauber cancel Honda 2018 engine deal

Budapest

Sauber and Honda confirmed they had cancelled their agreement for the Japanese company to supply engines to the Swiss team next year.

Both parties agreed to the cancellation and said it followed a change of management direction at Sauber following the departure of former team chief Monisha Kalterborn last month.



I don't like the idea that there would be some kind of second category citizens in Europe. We will pursue our common intention to an end to this discriminative way of supplying food goods to the Slovakian people. This is totally unacceptable."

Jean-Claude Juncker,

European Commission head



Tips

Basic things to know about bonds

A bond is simply a type of loan taken out by companies. Investors lend a company money when they buy its bonds. In exchange, the company pays an interest "coupon" at predetermined intervals (usually annually or semiannually) and returns the principal on the maturity date, ending the loan. Because each bond issue is different, it is important to understand the precise terms before investing. In particular, there are six important features to look for when considering a bond.

Maturity

The maturity date of a bond is the date when the principal, or par, amount of the bond will be paid to investors, and the company's bond obligation will end.

Secured/Unsecured

A bond can be secured or unsecured. Unsecured bonds are called debentures; their interest payments and return of principal are guaranteed only by the credit of the issuing company. If the company fails, you may get little of your investment back. On the other hand, a secured bond is a bond in which specific assets are pledged to bondholders if the company cannot repay the obligation.



Liquidation Preference

When a firm goes bankrupt, it pays money back to investors in a particular order as it liquidates. After a firm has sold off all of its assets, it begins to pay out to investors. Senior debt is paid first, then junior (subordinated) debt, and stockholders get whatever is left over. (To learn more, read An Overview of Corporate Bankruptcy.)

Coupon

The coupon amount is the amount of interest paid to bondholders, normally on an annual or semiannual basis.

Callability

Some bonds can be paid off by an issuer before maturity. If a bond has a call provision, it may be paid off at earlier dates, at the option of the company, usually at a slight premium to par. (Investopedia)

Tax Status

While the majority of corporate bonds are taxable investments, there are some government and municipal bonds that are tax exempt, meaning that income and capital gains realized on the bonds are not subject to the usual state and federal taxation. (To learn more, read The Basics of Municipal Bonds.) Because investors do not have to pay taxes on returns, tax-exempt bonds will have lower interest than equivalent taxable bonds. An investor must calculate the tax-equivalent yield to compare the return with that of taxable instruments.

Etihad says it lost \$1.87 bn

Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi's Etihad Airways said yesterday it posted a \$1.87 billion loss last year, hit by "one-off" impairments on aircraft and investments in troubled Alitalia and airberlin.

The government-owned carrier said total impairments amounted to \$1.9bn, including a \$1.06bn "charge on aircraft, reflecting lower market values and the early phase out of certain aircraft types."

"There was also an \$808 million charge on certain assets and financial exposures to equity partners, mainly related to Alitalia and airberlin," the company said.

Old fuel-hedging contracts also hurt the carrier's results, Etihad said, adding that their financial impact is expected to diminish this year.

"A culmination of factors contributed to the disappointing results for 2016," said Mohamed al-Mazrouei, chairman of the board of Etihad Aviation group.

Launched in 2003, Etihad has expanded rapidly and



Representational image

bought minority stakes in carriers around the world as it increased its share of global travel along with larger Gulf rivals Emirates and Qatar Airways.

Etihad owns 49 percent of Alitalia, 29 percent of airberlin, 40 percent of Air Seychelles, 19.9 percent of Virgin Australia and a 24-percent stake in India's Jet Airways. It also has a 49-percent share of Air Serbia.

Alitalia went into administration in May after staff rejected job and salary cuts which management had proposed as a condition for injecting new funds under a two-billion-euro rescue plan for the loss-making Italian

carrier.

Meanwhile, losses incurred by the German carrier airberlin over the past two years amounted to 1.2bn euros (\$1.4bn).

Etihad said its total revenues dropped from \$9.0bn in 2015 to \$8.36bn, while passenger numbers increased from 17.6 million to 18.5 million.

In 2015, Etihad had posted a 41-percent surge in its net profit, to \$103 million, on the back of rising passenger numbers and cargo volumes.

But in December last year, Etihad said it had begun cutting jobs in a restructuring process to reduce costs due to tough competition and a weaker global economy. (AFP)

AL Hawaj & Shiseido Group hold training at Movenpick

Al Hawaj Group, in partnership with Shiseido Group (formerly Beaute Prestige International), held a prestigious training and brand launching event on 4th July 2017 at the Movenpick Hotel.

The event featured fashion shows, promotional MTVs of the brands, training sessions conducted by the Brand Manager Jennie Cadelinia, and other

exciting portions marking an unforgettable night of glitz and glamour graced by fashion personalities, media members, beauty ambassadors, shop executives, and many more.

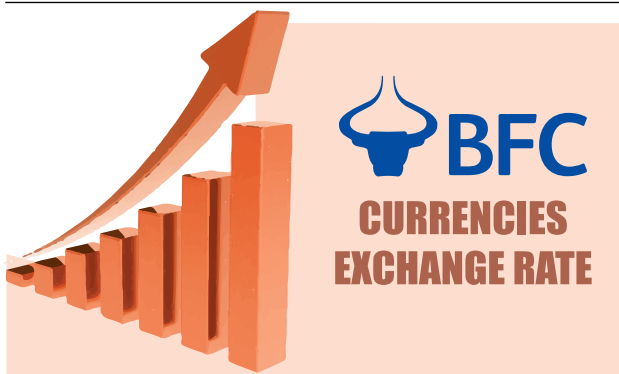
The following renowned brands were featured during the event: Alaia - brand relaunch of its "Happy Few Doors" project; Issey Miyake - conducted a fashion show and brand training; Narciso

Rodriguez - launched the Muse Program; and Elie Saab - press launch of its Photocall activity in the social media featuring its official hashtag #GirlofNowBH (GON).

Al Hawaj and Shiseido Group organized this training and brand launch with the aim to equip its manpower for top-notch sales performance against the highly competitive fashion and beauty industry.



Did You Know?
In 2009, General Motors declared bankruptcy, took billions in government bailout money and issued new stock for the "New GM," with no compensation for the old shareholders' now worthless "old GM" stock.



COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.3104	0.3068
BANGLADESH	0.00493	0.00467
CANADA	0.3103	0.3060
DENMARK	0.0628	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0217
EURO	0.4503	0.4461
HONGKONG	0.04970	0.04930
INDIA	0.00606	0.00592
INDONESIA	0.00003074	0.00002899
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IRAQI DINAR	0.000304	
JAPAN	0.00356	0.003490
JORDAN	0.5350	0.5351
KOREA	0.00038934	
KUWAIT	1.249	1.249
MALAYSIA	0.0911	0.0908
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NORWAY	0.0500	
NEPAL	0.00389	0.00369
OMAN	0.97962	0.98327
PAKISTAN	0.00367	0.00358
PHILIPPINES	0.00772	0.00748
QATAR	0.10381	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10058	0.10066
SINGAPORE	0.2828	0.2808
SOUTH AFRICA	0.03060	0.03050
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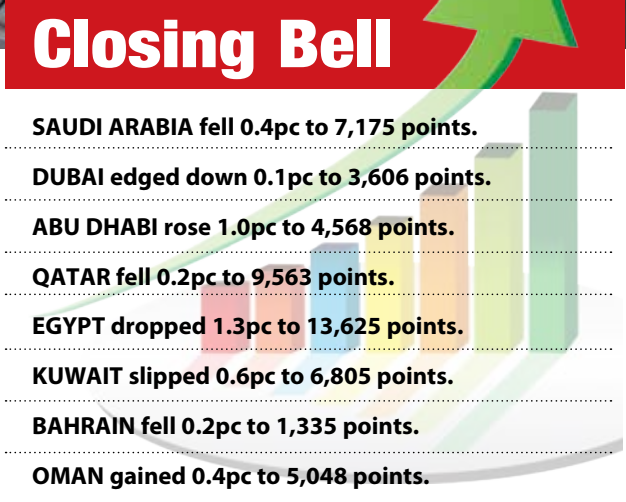
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OMAN	0.3849	0.3688	0.4016	0.3446
QATAR	3.6420	3.4901	3.8005	3.2608
UAE	3.6730	3.5198	3.8328	3.2886
SAUDI	3.7500	3.5936	3.9132	3.3575



Dubai

Aslide in shares of Egypt's Juhayna Food Industries after it reported second-quarter earnings pulled down Egypt's stock market yesterday, while Gulf bourses were mixed. Egypt's blue-chip index dropped 1.4 per cent as Juhayna sank 4.2pc after saying consolidated net profit attributable to shareholders fell to 27.2 million Egyptian pounds (\$1.5m) from 29.8m pounds a year earlier. A couple of other blue chips also retreated significantly: Commercial International Bank lost 1.9pc and Global Telecom slipped 3.0pc. Another food maker, Edita Food Industries, tumbled 4.3pc after posting a quarterly loss of 1.7m pounds compared to a profit of 41.6m pounds a year ago. In Saudi Arabia, the index fell 0.4pc in a broad-based decline; losers outnumbered gainers by 114 to 59. National Medical tumbled 6.4pc after its quarterly profit shrank to 9.5m riyals (\$2.5m) from 59.3m riyals. Chemanol climbed as much as 2.0pc after reporting second-quarter net profit jumped to 2.6m riyals from almost zero a year earlier, but it closed only 0.2pc higher. Dubai's index edged down 0.1pc with Dubai Financial Market, the most heavily traded stock, closing flat after an early surge. Abu Dhabi's index rose 1.0pc as telecommunications firm Etisalat gained 2.2pc. It posted a 14.7pc drop in second-quarter net profit attributable to shareholders as impairments rose, its full financial report showed on Thursday. However, on Wednesday it issued a statement saying its net profit rose 6pc, without giving any breakdown of the earnings. The United Arab Emirates' biggest bank, First Abu Dhabi Bank, created this year by a merger of National Bank of Abu Dhabi and First



Gulf Bank, rose 1.0pc after reporting a quarterly net profit of 2.56 billion dirhams (\$697.5m). On a pro-forma basis, the profit was down from 2.68bn dirhams a year earlier, primarily due to slower business momentum. It was in line with a projection of 2.57bn dirhams by EFG Hermes. Qatar's index fell 0.2pc as Qatar First Bank dropped 2.3pc to 7.60 riyals, though it came well off an intra-day low of 7.21 riyals. The bank reported a first-half net loss of 76.7m riyals (\$21.1m) versus a profit of 16.8m riyals a year ago. In the first quarter of this year, it made a net loss of 9.6m riyals. Telecommunications operator Ooredoo closed flat after reporting a 12pc drop in second-quarter net profit to 513m riyals; SICO Bahrain had forecast 642.81m riyals and EFG Hermes, 529.3m riyals. (Reuters)

Maruti misses estimates hurt by GST

Mumbai

India's top-selling car maker Maruti Suzuki India yesterday missed its quarterly earnings estimate owing to a jump in expenses caused by a new nationwide tax rolled out earlier this month. Net profit for the three months to June 30 rose to 15.56 billion rupee (\$242.66 million), up from 14.91bn rupees in the same period a year ago, the company said. A Bloomberg survey of analysts had forecast the Gurgaon-based company to increase its earnings to 17.05bn rupees. "During the quarter there



Suzuki Baleno

was a one-off impact of compensation given to dealers for the tax loss incurred on vehicles in the stock at the time of transitioning to the

(Goods and Services Tax)," the company said in its statement. Net sales rose 16.7 per cent to 204.60bn rupees and

Trump hails \$10 bn investment from Foxconn



US President Donald Trump

Washington

President Donald Trump on Wednesday unveiled a \$10 billion US investment by Apple supplier Foxconn to build a plant in Wisconsin.

The businessman-turned-president made the announcement side by side with the Taiwanese tech giant's CEO Terry Gou, as he tried to show his "America First" economic rhetoric is making a difference.

Trump said the plant -- which will make LCD panels

-- will create at least 3,000 jobs in the midwestern state, and was quick to stress he played a role in making the deal happen.

"If I didn't get elected, he would not be spending \$10 billion," Trump said, thanking Gou for his "faith and confidence in the future of the American economy."

Foxconn said the plant could eventually bring more than 13,000 new jobs to Wisconsin, with Gou adding it was the first in a series of facilities

the company would build in several US states.

"Wisconsin offers a talented, hard-working workforce, and a long track record in advanced manufacturing, all of which presents an extraordinary opportunity," the Taiwanese tycoon said in a statement.

Manufacturing in the US would allow the company to better serve its customers, which included "iconic" American technology companies, Gou added.

Trump allies said Gou had

spotted an abandoned factory and suggested it be used, and Trump personally met Gou in April to push the deal forward.

Trump has made returning manufacturing jobs to America's heartland a key plank of his domestic policy.

The investment is a double win for Trump, burnishing his reputation as a job creator and putting those jobs in a key battleground state, which he won in 2016 by a single percentage point.

Samsung on track to beat Apple

Seoul

South Korean tech giant Samsung Electronics posted record-breaking earnings yesterday, putting it on course to better rival Apple's quarterly profits as it seeks to move past a bribery scandal and a damaging recall debacle.

The firm said huge sales of its new Galaxy S8 smartphone and demand for its memory chips were behind the jump in April-June and predicted another blockbuster report for the current quarter to September.

It said operating profit soared a forecast-beating 72.9 percent from the previous year to 14.07 trillion won (\$12.6 billion), compared with consensus forecasts of \$10.6 billion for US titan Apple, which is due to report next week.

However, Greg Roh, an analyst at HMC Investment Securities, told AFP: "Samsung has surpassed its rivals for now but Apple usually sees little fluctuation in its profits whereas Samsung's profits fluctuate largely on memory chip prices." Apple is expected to outstrip Samsung in full-year results.



A woman walks past advertising showing the Samsung Galaxy Note Fan Edition smartphone

The world's top maker of smartphones and memory chips also said net profit surged almost 90 percent to 11.05 trillion won, its best quarterly result in five years.

Samsung shares ended down 0.08 percent in Seoul.

"The S8 has indeed helped get Samsung back onto its feet, hopefully putting the Note7 debacle behind it," Bryan Ma, a technology industry analyst at IDC, said before the announcement.

"But we also have to keep in mind that a lot of Samsung's momentum is from memory and displays too, so it's not all about the S8, either," he said, according to Bloomberg News.

Reputation

Samsung has been trying to overcome an embarrassing recall last year of its flagship Galaxy Note 7 smartphone over exploding batteries, which cost it billions of dollars and dealt a blow to its reputation.

It has also been buffeted by a scandal that has seen vice-chairman and heir Lee Jae-Yong charged in connection with the sprawling corruption scandal that brought down South Korean president Park Geun-Hye.

The semiconductor business raked in 8.03 trillion won in operating profit in the second quarter, up 204 percent from the previous

year. Samsung provides its chips to other companies including Apple.

"The components businesses drove significant earnings growth... thanks primarily to strong memory demand for high-density DRAMs and SSDs for servers," the company said.

This month the firm said it will invest 20.4 trillion won by 2021 to expand and upgrade its chip plants in the South Korean cities of Pyeongtaek and Hwaseong.

The factory in Pyeongtaek, 70 kilometres (44 miles) south of Seoul, is the world's biggest and has recently started production after the firm spent 15.6 trillion won in two years to build it.

Samsung also plans to expand its NAND chip plant in the Chinese city of Xian to meet booming demand for the chips used in high-end storage products, it said.

With demand for Samsung's memory chips forecast to continue until next year, analyst Roh said: "Samsung is expected to post another record profit in the third quarter at around 15 trillion won." (AFP)

Facebook profit jumps

San Francisco

Facebook on Wednesday reported a surge in profits in the past quarter, fuelled by strong growth in money-making ads to its more than two billion users.

Net profit in the second quarter leapt 71 percent from a year ago to \$3.9 billion while revenue climbed 45 percent to \$9.3 billion.

In after-hours trade, Facebook shares rose some 3.4 percent to \$171.35 on the stronger-than-expected results.

"We had a good second quarter and first half of the year," said Facebook co-founder and chief executive Mark Zuckerberg.

"Our community is now two billion people and we're focusing on bringing the world closer together."

The number of people using Facebook at least once a month was 2.01 billion at the end of June, an increase of 17 percent



Mark Zuckerberg

from the same time last year, according to the leading social network.

The vast majority of Facebook's revenue came from advertising, and 87 percent of that was derived from ads served to people connecting with mobile devices.

"Given that Facebook growth remains healthy and robust, we believe any lingering concerns over user engagement and social competitors should dissipate," Baird Equity Research analyst Colin Sebastian said in a note to investors.

Coca-Cola launches revamped diet cola



Representational image

New York

Coca-Cola announced plans Wednesday to launch a revamped "Coke Zero" in the United States as it expands offerings of low-sugar and non-carbonated beverages amid flagging demand for sweet sodas.

The soda, "Coke-Cola Zero Sugar," which is already on the market in much of Europe and Latin America, will be available in the US starting in August. The launch comes at a time when more cities around the US have enacted, or are

weighing, soda taxes.

Coca-Cola announced the plan as it reported a 60 percent drop in second-quarter profits to \$1.4 billion and a 16 percent decline in revenues to \$9.7 billion. Both were hit by the company's move to offload bottling assets in North America as it leans away from its traditional soda offerings.

Sales volume grew for three of the four beverage categories: juice, dairy and plant-based beverages; water, enhanced water and sports drinks; and tea and coffee.

Amazon pushes into SE Asia with Singapore

Singapore

Amazon launched its express delivery service in Singapore yesterday, the US online retail giant's first foray into Southeast Asia and a move that puts it in direct competition with Alibaba.

Prime Now allows online shoppers in the affluent city-

state of five million people to order a wide range of goods from baby products to food, electronic items and beer.

It marks Amazon's entry into a region of more than 600 million people, where many countries have a growing middle class, and which is seen as the next e-commerce

battleground.

"Amazon's entry augurs well for shoppers in the region who will benefit from more choice, price competition and better delivery services," said Prem Shamdasani, an associate professor for marketing at the National University of Singapore Business School.

Alibaba already has a headstart in the region with an 83-percent stake in Southeast Asia-focused online retailer Lazada.

The Chinese firm, founded by China's richest man Jack Ma, raised its stake in Lazada last month with a further \$1 billion investment.



Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Supreme Council for the Development of Education and Training, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa received yesterday Education Minister Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi and Education Ministry's officials. The deputy premier congratulated the new officials on the royal trust bestowed upon them



Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa met his Egyptian counterpart, Sameh Shoukry, on the sidelines of the Ministerial-level meeting of the Arab League Council in its extraordinary session, held at the Arab League headquarters yesterday. The two ministers reviewed the course of the brotherly bilateral cooperation and how to reinforce it in all fields, in addition to the meeting to be hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain next Sunday.



Education Minister Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi paid an inspection visit to the ministry's programme for technical education in which 168 students are participating this year from various technical schools.



Health Minister, Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh yesterday visited the Shaikh Sabah Al-Salem Health Centre in Um Al-Hassam, where she inspected the services delivered to patients, and listened to patients' remarks and in line with the leadership's directives to service ministries to inspect regions and projects and be informed directly about their real needs.



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza received Italian Ambassador, Domenico Bellato, accompanied by the president of Italy-based energy firm Enel. The meeting reviewed important projects carried out by the Electricity and Water Authority in its infrastructure development plan, as well as the new projects in the renewable energy sector. The President of Enel expressed a desire of Italian specialized companies in the electricity, water and renewable energy sectors to contribute to the existing and future projects in this area.



HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa and the newly-appointed Executive Board Chairman of Bahrain Free Labour Unions Federation (Al Hurr), Yacoub Yousef Mohamed.



Deputy Prime Minister HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa yesterday received Executive Board Chairman of Bahrain Free Labour Unions Federation (Al Hurr), Yacoub Yousef Mohamed. He reviewed the Union's activities and various labour issues, praising the government's constant cooperation and keenness on labour issues as well as promoting the cooperation between the three parties of production.



The Education Minister toured the work stations of various specialties and met the students taking part in the programme. He lauded the programme for the first level students of the technical education system.



The visit follows directives from Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa to contact the citizens and identify their health needs, regarding their needs in order to study them and meet them.



President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, yesterday received Indian Ambassador Alok Kumar Sinha, and discussed ways to boost cultural cooperation and holding joint activities. The BACA's President reviewed next year's key cultural events, including Bahraini and Indian activities.



President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, yesterday received the newly appointed Malaysian Ambassador to Bahrain, Agus Salim Haji, in the framework of boosting cultural relations with world countries. The BACA's President stressed keenness to strengthen friendship relations with the people of Malaysia, praising the cultural cooperation with the Malaysian Embassy.

CELEBS

Ellen DeGeneres @TheEllenShow
 We should be grateful to the people who wish to serve, not turn our backs on them. Banning transgender people is hurtful, baseless and wrong



Cavill pokes fun at moustache controversy



Actor Henry Cavill has taken a pot shot at all the hubbub surrounding his moustache, which he will be seen sporting in upcoming film 'Mission: Impossible 6'.

The situation arose when the 34-year-old grew facial hair for his new role in the upcoming Paramount Pictures film 'Mission: Impossible 6', which caused problems for Warner Bros and its 'Justice League' re-shoots, as he plays clean-shaven Superman in it. According to reports, Paramount was refusing to let him shave, forcing Warner Bros to employ state-of-the-art digital trickery to erase his face fur.

Cavill on Wednesday posted a behind-the-scenes shot from the set of 'Mission: Impossible 6' on *Instagram*, but he insisted it was something else. (TOI)

Things got bad: Jolie on split from Pitt

Los Angeles

Actress Angelina Jolie, who claims that she dealt with Bell's Palsy and hypertension following her much talked about split with actor Brad Pitt, says she knew her marriage was on the brink of ending when things got "bad and difficult" to handle.

She added that the family is still healing from the fallout. (IANS)



Taylor Swift, Joe Alwyn 'doing great'



Los Angeles

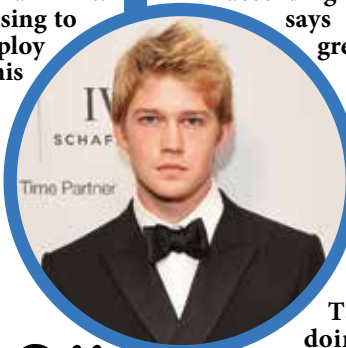
Singer Taylor Swift is enjoying her secret relationship with her boyfriend Joe Alwyn, according to a source, who says they are "doing great" as a couple.

Swift and the actor have kept a low-profile since their romance first became public.

"Joe and Taylor are doing great.

He is different than the other guys she has dated," the source said while talking about Swift's former relationships with One Direction star Harry Styles and DJ Calvin Harris.

"He is very low-key and just a chill guy overall. They get along great and really got to know each other over the past few months," *eonline.com* quoted the source as saying. (IANS)



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July 28, 1995

Lead singer and rhythm guitarist for the British pop/rock band *The Vamps* alongside bassist Connor Ball, lead guitarist James McVey and drummer Tristan Evans.

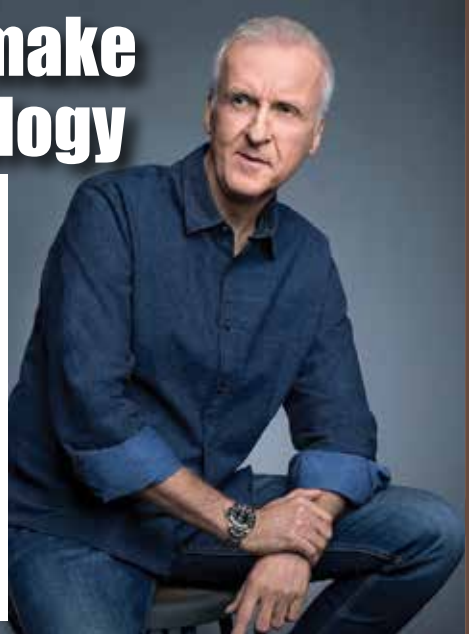
Cameron wants to make new 'Terminator' trilogy

Los Angeles

Filmmaker James Cameron is considering to relaunch the "Terminator" franchise. He says he plans to do it with a "three-film arc".

Cameron, known for "Avatar" and "Titanic", wants to "reinvent" the big-budget sci-fi franchise - that paved his way to success and recognition in 1984.

According to *news.com.au*, the rights to make the films have changed several times since the release of the first film, but under US copyright law some rights will revert to Cameron in 2019. His original "Terminator", featuring Arnold Schwarzenegger as a cyborg sent from the future, was made on a \$6 million budget, and went on to mint \$78 million and achieve the status of a cult classic. (IANS)





Bieber hits photographer with his truck



Los Angeles
Singer Justin Bieber reportedly hit a photographer with his truck after which police and paramedics were called at Hillsong Church.

The incident took place on Wednesday night, reports *dailymail.co.uk*.

In some photographs, Bieber is seen trying to help the man after he fell to the ground beside the singer's truck.

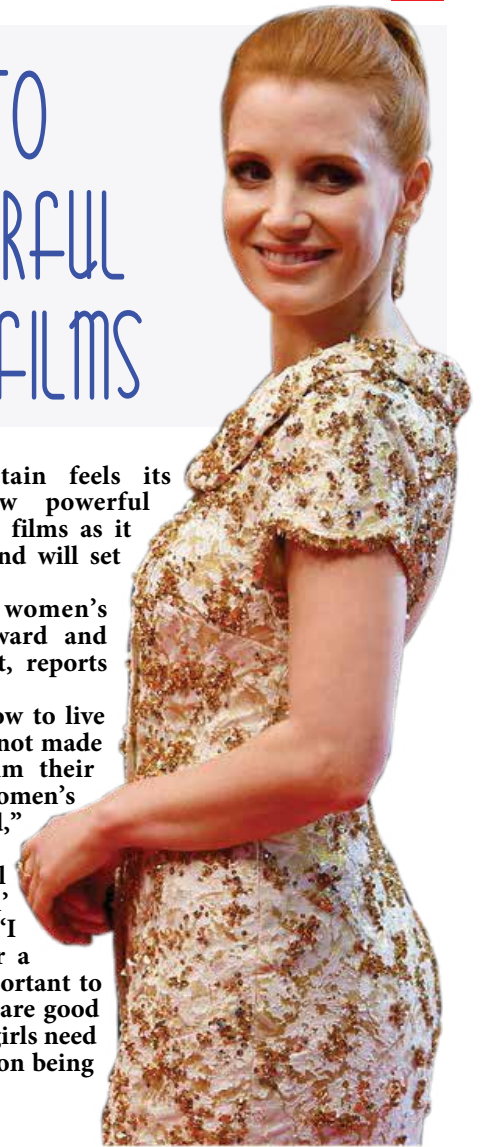
Paramedics were photographed attending the man while the singer talked with police and bystanders.

The incident occurred after the singer was leaving the church service.

He was driving his black truck out of his parking space when the collision occurred. Bieber stopped the truck and climbed out to find the photographer lying on the ground beside it.

The man was clutching his leg and crying out in pain, although the extent of his injuries were not immediately apparent. (IANS)

IMPORTANT TO SHOW POWERFUL WOMEN IN FILMS



Los Angeles

Actress Jessica Chastain feels it's important to show powerful women characters in films as it will motivate young girls and will set the right examples for them.

Chastain says it's women's responsibility to step forward and achieve whatever they want, reports *dailymail.co.uk*.

"Everyone has to learn how to live in an environment that has not made it easy for women to claim their place, so I think it's all women's responsibility to step forward," Chastain told *Elle* magazine.

"My goal is that a girl will watch 'The Martian' or 'Interstellar' and think 'I want to be an astronaut or a quantum physicist'. It's important to show powerful women who are good at their jobs because young girls need those examples," she added on being a role model. (IANS)

Now you know it

Canadian singer and songwriter Shawn Mendes is the youngest artist since Justin Beiber to have a Number One album

TOP 10 Songs this Week

<p>1. Despacito Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee Featuring Justin Bieber</p>	<p>2. Wild Thoughts DJ Khaled Featuring Rihanna & Bryson Tiller</p>
<p>3. I'm The One DJ Khaled Featuring Justin Bieber, Quavo, Chance The Rapper & Lil Wayne</p>	<p>4. That's What I Like Bruno Mars</p>
<p>5. Shape Of You Ed Sheeran</p>	<p>6. Humble. Kendrick Lamar</p>
<p>7. Believer Imagine Dragons</p>	<p>8. There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back Shawn Mendes</p>
<p>9. Unforgettable French Montana Featuring Swae Lee</p>	<p>10. Body Like A Back Road Sam Hunt</p>

(billboard)

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FRIDAY BRUNCH AT FLAVOURS ON 2



Date :30th June 2017 to 29th December 2017

Venue :Downtown Rotana

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BUSINESS LUNCH BUFFET

Date :28th June 2017 to 31st August 2017

Venue :Swiss-Cafe Restaurant, 10th Floor

Description :Swiss-Cafe Restaurant offers a daily lunch buffet featuring wide choice of healthy salads, Mezzeh, International main courses and homemade desserts.

Only at BHD 8 NET per person including of Soft Drinks and Water. Rate is inclusive of 10% service charge and 10% government levy. For reservations and information, please contact us on +973 66310041

EXPLORATIONS, ENCOUNTERS AND REMEMBERED STORIES: 200 YEARS OF BRITISH-BAHRAINI RELATIONS

Date: Till 31 August 2017

Venue: Bahrain National Museum

The rise of piracy in the Arabian Sea in the 18th and 19th centuries resulted in a time of unrest that challenged prosperity and regional trade enterprise. In 1816, a friendly agreement between the British representatives in the Gulf and the Sheikhs of Bahrain secured the protection of shared interests. The agreement was formalised in 1820 with the signing of a General Treaty of Peace, that ushered a new episode in the political and cultural history of both nations. Over the past 200 years, the nature of the British-Bahraini relationship has evolved and the ties between the two nations were strengthened. Above all, this relationship was shaped by varied explorations, encounters and personal stories. This exhibition draws on the first explorations of Bahrain and its archaeological landscape. It celebrates a few of those who have played a major role in bringing global attention to Bahrain. By shifting the focus from artefacts to people and their documented encounters with local Bahrainis, we attempt to shed light on different perspectives of the bicentenary long British-Bahraini relationship.

The exhibition is organised in collaboration with the British Council in Bahrain.

DINING PLEASURES MEET BUSINESS SUCCESS

Date: July

Venue: The Ritz-Carlton

Primavera

The signature Italian restaurant Primavera offers a three-course business set lunch by two Michelin starred chef Oliver Glowig. Diners can choose one starter or one first course, one main and one dessert and enjoy a relaxing lunch with beautiful views over the landscaped gardens and the poolside.

Price: BD 15.000++ per person including soft beverages

Timings: Sundays to Thursdays, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact details for more information: (+973) 1758 6499 or email rc.bahrz.restaurant.reservations@ritzcarlton.com

BACK TO THE 80S AT PRIMAVERA

Date: July

Venue: The Ritz-Carlton

Cure your Saturday blues by kicking off the week with a throw-back to the 80s. DJ Elena will be playing your favorite old school tunes throughout the night while enjoying cocktails prepared by our creative mixologists and aperitivo menu created by Chef Alfonso Ferraioli.

Price: BD 10.000++ per person

Timings: Saturdays, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Contact details for more information:

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THALI BUSINESS LUNCH

Date: July

Venue: The Ritz-Carlton

Welcome to the Land of Sensory delights – Dine like a Maharajah in Nirvana, where a world of sensory delights and authentic Indian cuisine will transport your palate to new heavens.

Price: BD 12.000++ per person

Timings: Sundays to Thursdays, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Nirvana

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BURGERS AND BREWS

Date: July

Venue: The Ritz-Carlton

Enjoy one pint of Peroni paired with your choice of our juicy beef or chicken burger.

Price: BD 12.000 net per person

Timings: Daily, 12 p.m. onwards

Location: Burlington Club

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SURF AND TURF

Date: July

Venue: The Ritz-Carlton

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Price: Starting from BD 33.000++ per person

Timings: Daily, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Location: Plums

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BEACH LOUNGE

Date: July

Venue: The Ritz-Carlton

Enjoy beachfront dining experience and beautiful outdoor scenery at the newly launched Beach Lounge at The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain. The lounge is located between Kahlo Club and La Plage which makes it a perfect venue to enjoy the best of both outlets.

Price: a la carte

Timings: Wednesdays to Saturdays, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Location: Beach

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THE AFTER WORK CHILL

Date: July

Venue: The Ritz-Carlton

Lean back and chill before the weekend at Thai Lounge. Enjoy one complimentary pint of Kirin Ichiban draught for every order of the same beverage. A

perfect treat for friends and colleagues after a busy work week.

Price: a la carte

Timings: Wednesdays, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Location: Thai Lounge

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LADIES NIGHT AT THAI

Date: July

Venue: The Ritz-Carlton

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Price: Complimentary

Timings: Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Location: Thai Lounge

Contact details for more information: Please call 1758 6499 or email rc.bahrz.restaurant.reservations@ritzcarlton.com

KIDS FOR ALL SEASONS SUMMER CAMP

Date: July 1 –September 30

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay

Kids For All Seasons Summer Camp will be held from July 1 to September 30 at the Kids For All Seasons Club located in the lower lobby. Operating Hours:

Sunday to Wednesday: 9:00am - 6:00pm. Thursday to Saturday: 9:00am - 8:30pm. Kindly note that the summer camp will be complementary for in-house guests and spa members. Activities: Swimming lesson/ cooking classes/ French ,English and Hindi basic language writing/ gypsum painting/ t-shirt painting/ non-motorized outdoor fun/ mini soccer/ yoga/ dancing classes and many more fun and educational programs. Kids under the age of 4 must be accompanied by their parents or nanny.

FRIDAY BRUNCH

Date: Fridays

Venue: Bahrain Bay Kitchen International

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Date: From 1st July to 30th August

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4 FOR FORTY

Date: Every Monday

Venue: Zahle Restaurant, The Gulf Hotel Bahrain

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Date: Every Friday

Venue: Al Waha Restaurant, The Gulf Hotel Bahrain

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FOSTER YOUR LITTLE CHEFS INTEREST

Date: 29 July 2017

Venue: The Gulf Hotel Bahrain

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Date: 3rd to 29 July 2017

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Date: Every Friday

Venue: By the pool, The Gulf Hotel Bahrain

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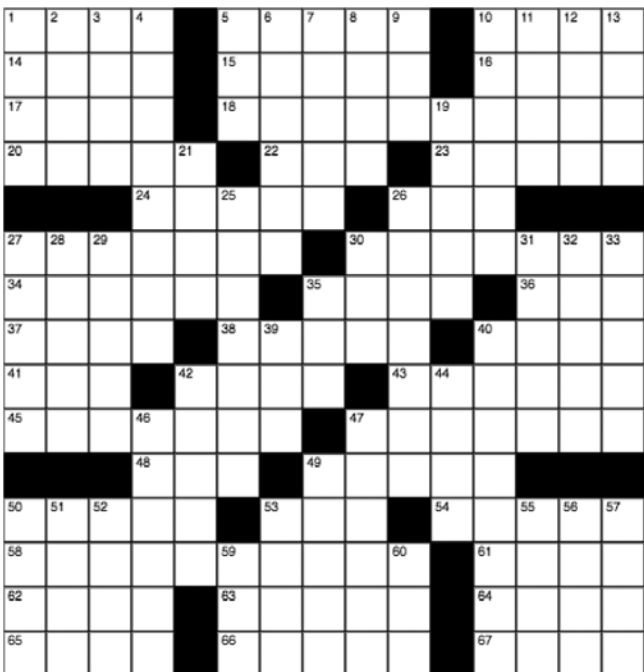


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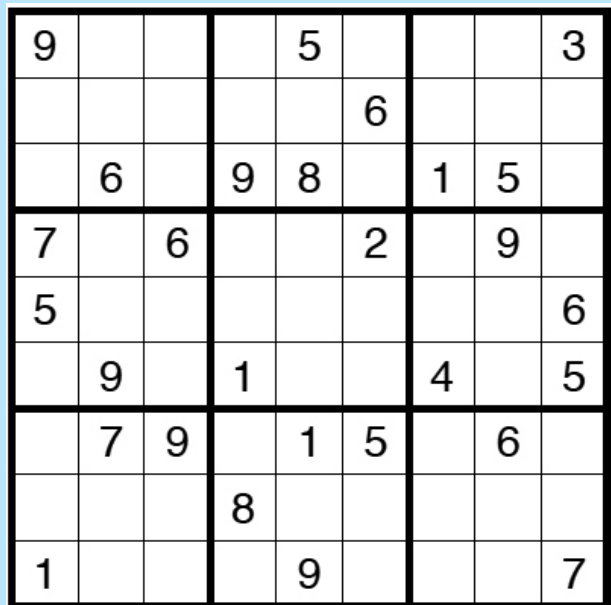
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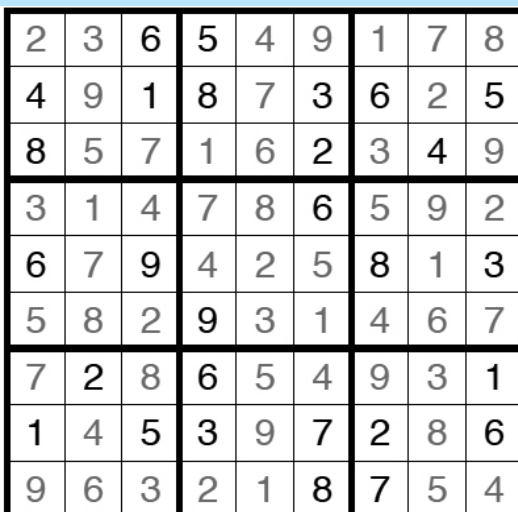
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How to play:

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)



It may be hard for you to get a handle on things today. Your focus seems to jump from one problem to the next without finding resolution. This isn't a day to find a solution. You're better off researching, questioning, and gathering facts. Keep your channels of communication open.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



You might come across strong opposition today. Someone may seem to want to cut straight through to your heart. In reality, this is a message reminding you to think about things in terms of the collective, the oneness of all. Be aware of a greater perspective in which you see more than just your side of the issue. Discuss the issues with others.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Act on your instincts and you won't go wrong. You may need to give up control and put logical thinking aside. Let the wind take you where it will. Explore your feelings and how others influence them. It will be just about impossible to solidify any plans today. You're better off exploring options and comparing notes with others.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



You have the missing piece that people need in every situation today. Engage in light conversation in social situations, and turn your charm up high. You have the ability to make favourable impressions on just about everyone, so set the day off on the right foot. Get out of bed earlier than usual and get your blood pumping with a brisk walk around the neighbourhood.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



People may want to talk a great deal, but they're avoiding their feelings today. Put your emotions on the back burner and let your mind take over. Deal with the facts and make sure your emotions don't interfere with the information you receive. Things can get clouded if you don't stay true to the communication that's taking place. Be conscious of the impact of your words.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



You should be able to evaluate your emotions from a detached perspective today. Use this opportunity to take action based on what you discover. Make sure your actions are based on practicality and you aren't acting rashly in response to someone else's hasty manoeuvres. You will be amazed at the incredible things that develop if you think first.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



If you're talking about another person today, don't say anything that would upset them if they were standing next to you. Gossip may run rampant, but that's no excuse to contribute to it. Be aware that what you say has a strong impact on the people around you. It's likely to spread to many more ears than you think.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



It's important to take action on a day like this. Trust yourself and your instincts. Often you have the perfect counsel for everyone but you. Keep in mind that you might have to turn to others for the best advice for you. Talk things out and then take action. Hesitation will only have negative consequences. You have all the facts you need.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



You might be unfocused and confused about which way to go. Your baffled look isn't giving others much confidence in your ability to make a good decision. Don't feel obliged to stay in an unhealthy situation. It may be time to let go and break some ties to things that are no longer working for you. Feel good about extracting yourself from old habits.

(Dec 22nd- Jan 20th)



It's important to get outside and feel the wind. Reconnect with nature and be aware of the four elements, especially the air. Take deep breaths and fill your lungs with the energizing life force. Imagine yourself on a mountain looking over a vast ocean. Expand your awareness so that nothing escapes your attention. Keep your head clear of clutter.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



Make practical use of the thoughts you've synthesized in the last few days. Stretch your boundaries and extend your wisdom to the people around you. This is a day to take action. Connect with your heart and move forward with your plans. We normally think of our hearts as soft, tender, and vulnerable. Think of your heart today as tough, strong, and adventurous.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



This is an important day to make valuable connections. You will be engaged in fast-paced, witty conversations and debates from which you can learn a great deal. You're good at seeing both sides of an issue. The problem is that this can lead to indecisiveness and an inability to commit. Choose a path and stick to it.

Verhoeven at Patiala House Court
(Source: Express Photo)

India sends frenchwoman back home

New Delhi

India yesterday freed Frenchwoman Marie-Emmanuelle Verhoeven, wanted in Chile in connection with the assassination of a senator, and put her on a plane to France, sources said.

The Indian foreign ministry said Verhoeven, who had been held in the country since February 2015, was released at France's request on health grounds.

Verhoeven's Indian lawyer confirmed that proceedings against her had been halted.

"The government withdrew the extradition

proceedings against her and the matter was closed," Ramni Taneja, Verhoeven's lawyer, said.

A source close to the case said the Frenchwoman, 57, had been put on a plane to Paris.

A court hearing on Verhoeven's case was held in New Delhi on Wednesday and the Chilean government had complained at India's failure to hand her over.

The Indian foreign ministry said: "Having considered the matter in its entirety, including the French request, the deteriorating mental and physical health of Ms. Marie

Emmanuelle Verhoeven and the commitment of the French Government in the matter, the government decided ... to withdraw its inquiry order."

It added the government "discharged Ms. Marie Emmanuelle Verhoeven on medical and humanitarian grounds".

The ministry said that the French government also committed to "subsequent bilateral examination of the matter with the country directly concerned" while requesting for her return to France on health grounds. (AFP)

#PollToday



Do you think Israel should completely back off from the Al Aqsa mosque compound which is under Jordan's custody?

Yes No Cant Say



"The landlord (China) has rented a house to me (Hong Kong) and then realised he didn't have enough space and asks me, can you rent a room to me? He has that right."

Rimsky Yuen
Hong Kong Justice secretary

Rest in sight

US gives surveillance planes to Philippines



The United States donated surveillance aircraft and began delivering weapons to the Philippines to help its Asian ally fight Islamist militants.

Massive fires 'under control' in France

Huge fires that forced mass evacuations of residents and holidaymakers in southern France were being brought under control, although new blazes were still starting.

China releases four of six detained Japanese: govt

Four Japanese detained in China in March for alleged "illegal activities" have safely returned home, though two others are still being held.

Trump names new US ambassador to Vietnam

President Donald Trump has nominated Daniel Kritenbrink, a career diplomat with extensive experience in Asian affairs, to be US ambassador to Vietnam

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Another four arrested in Pakistan revenge rape

Multan

Pakistan police yesterday arrested four more men involved in the rape of a teenage girl as punishment for a rape committed by her brother.

The latest arrests, which include the man who allegedly committed the 'revenge rape', brings the total number detained to 18, a police source confirmed.

A jirga (village council) in a suburb of the central city of Multan had ordered the

rape of the 16-year-old girl as a punishment, after her brother sexually assaulted a 12 year-old.

Family member Muhammad Bilal, 25, said that after they learned of the first rape -- which was committed last week -- they went to the 12-year-old's family to seek forgiveness.

"Their women started shouting and their men asked us to first bring Umar's sister (the 16-year-old) then they will talk about it," he said.

Baby sold by father in B'desh returns to mother

Chittagong

A Bangladeshi woman whose daughter was sold off by her drug-addicted husband described her joy yesterday at being reunited with the infant.

The 10-month-old was returned to her mother in emotional scenes after a court in Chittagong ruled the child had been taken without her permission and sold to a childless couple.

"I am extremely happy that I got my daughter back," the girl's mother, Nusrat Jahan, said.

"I could not sleep all these months after she was snatched from my lap."

Jahan launched legal action in April after suspecting her husband's role in their daughter's disappearance.

Her husband, a methamphetamine addict, is accused of stealing the baby from the couple's home Haliashahar, a neighbourhood in Chittagong.

He has been detained and will face charges relating to kidnapping and selling the infant.

Michael Jackson producer Jones wins from estate



Los Angeles

Quincy Jones, the legendary producer behind Michael Jackson's top hits, yesterday won \$9.4 million in damages from the late superstar's estate over posthumous works.

A jury in Los Angeles sided with the 84-year-old producer but gave him only part of the \$30 million he was seeking.

Jones has arranged songs for some of the biggest names in music including Jackson, producing his "Thriller" in 1982 which remains the top-selling album of all time.

The producer filed suit over the use of songs in "This

Is It" -- a 2009 documentary about Jackson's rehearsals for a series of concerts in London that ultimately were never to be due to the star's sudden death -- as well as two Cirque du Soleil circus shows.

Jackson sued MJJ Productions Inc., one of the companies that runs the late King of Pop's estate, in 2013.

Jones said he had no quarrel with Jackson personally but that he had reached contracts in 1978 and 1985 that gave him first priority to Jackson's music, including maintaining the right to be the first to mix original recordings.

Prince William leaves pilot job

London

Britain's Prince William will retire from the air ambulance service, after two years in which he witnessed "appalling tragedies", in order to turn his full attention to royal duties.

The Duke of Cambridge, second in line to the British throne, will finish his brief career as an air ambulance pilot in the east of England with a night shift.

The move comes as his grandmother Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, take a step back from royal duties and leave the younger generation to take their place.

Reflecting on his time flying medical crews from a base at Cambridge Airport, William



Prince William, Duke of Cambridge (L) and his son Prince George (R) visit an Airbus helicopter

praised the dedication of those who work for the emergency services.

"As part of the team, I have been invited into people's homes to share moments of extreme emotion, from relief that we have given someone a fighting chance, to profound

grief," he wrote in an editorial published by The Eastern Daily.

Residential gardens, school fields and beaches have all been used as makeshift landing pads as the air ambulance crew rushed to the most serious medical emergencies.

NY cop's baby born 2.5 years after his death

New York

New York police detective Wenjian Liu was ambushed and killed two and a half years ago in a murder that shocked the city. This week, his widow gave birth to his baby

daughter.

Angelina was born Tuesday at Weill Cornell Hospital. Her mother, Sanny Liu, asked doctors to freeze her husband's sperm the night he died so that she could one day fulfil their

dream of having children.

Liu, 32, and partner Rafael Ramos, 40, were shot dead as they sat in a patrol car in Brooklyn on December 20, 2014.

The night after his death, Sanny dreamt that he handed

her a baby girl, police said. She got pregnant through in-vitro fertilization.

"I told my friend, 'It's going to be a baby girl.' My friend said, 'No, you haven't even checked the sonograms,'

but I was right!" she said in a statement released by the police department.

Thousands of police officers attended Liu's funeral where Sanny, who had married him just months earlier, fought

back tears to tell mourners that she had lost her "soul mate" and a "wonderful husband."

Liu, an only child, moved with his parents to New York from China as a 12-year-old in search of the American dream.

US-trained Iraqi unit carried out Mosul executions: HRW



Members of the Iraqi federal police take a selfie in celebration in the Old City of Mosul

Baghdad

An Iraqi army division trained by American forces summarily executed prisoners in west Mosul, Human Rights Watch charged yesterday, calling for US assistance to the unit to be suspended.

The latest report of executions comes after the release of videos allegedly filmed in the Mosul area that appeared to show Iraqi forces executing one detainee and brutally beating others.

Iraq declared victory in Mosul on July 11, but abuses by security forces and the anger they stoke could pose a potentially major threat to long-term stability in an area that was only just recaptured

from the Islamic State group of Sunni extremists.

"An Iraqi army division trained by the United States government allegedly executed several dozen prisoners in Mosul's Old City," HRW said in a statement, referring to an area on its western side.

"Two international observers detailed the summary killings of four people by the Iraqi army's 16th Division in mid-July 2017, and saw evidence that the unit had executed many more people, including a boy," the watchdog said.

The international US-led coalition against IS has provided training, advice and other assistance to various Iraqi units.

"The US government should make sure it is no longer providing assistance to the Iraqi unit responsible for this spate of executions," Sarah Leah Whitson, HRW's Middle East director, said in the statement.

The coalition said it could not confirm the allegations, but that they should be investigated.

"While we cannot verify the authenticity of reports, any violation of the law of armed conflict would be unacceptable and should be investigated in a transparent manner and those deemed responsible held accountable in accordance with due process and Iraqi law," it said in an emailed response to questions from AFP.

The coalition confirmed that it had trained, advised and equipped the 16th Division, and said: "In certain circumstances, if a supported unit fails to remain compliant with vetting guidelines, support may be withdrawn."

Earlier in July, HRW found a series of videos posted online that appeared to show other abuses by Iraqi forces in the Mosul area.

In one clip, men in Iraqi army uniforms beat a bearded detainee, dragged him to the edge of a cliff, threw him off and shot him and another body at the bottom.

Three other videos show men in army and police uniforms beating detainees (AFP)

Green sponge could treat some cancers

Washington

A small green sponge discovered in dark, icy waters of the Pacific off Alaska could be the first effective weapon against pancreatic cancer, researchers said Wednesday.

Pancreatic cancer, with particularly aggressive tumours, is notoriously difficult to treat.

"One would never have imagined looking at this sponge that it could be miraculous," Bob Stone, a researcher at the NOAA Alaska Fisheries Science Center, said in a briefing by phone.

Stone discovered the sponge, dull in colour, called "Latrunculia austini" in 2005 while on a seabed exploration expedition in Alaska. It lives on rocks in patches at depths of 230-720 feet (70-219m).

Astronomers stunned by star 'nursery' age find



The Orion Nebula and its associated cluster of young stars

Paris

Surprised astronomers have found stars of three different ages in a stellar "nursery" in the Milky Way, throwing into question the scientific consensus on how stars are formed.

The European Southern Observatory's (ESO) Very Large Telescope in Chile spotted three distinct groups of baby stars in the Orion nebula -- the closest star "factory" to Earth, a team reported yesterday.

"Looking at the data for the first time was one of those 'Wow!' moments that happen only once or twice in an astronomer's lifetime," ESO astronomer Giacomo Beccari said in a statement.

The images reveal "without any doubt that we are seeing three distinct populations of stars in the central parts of Orion."

Juncker press conference interrupted by wife... no, Merkel

Brussels

It's a problem many people will be familiar with: forgetting to turn your phone off during an important meeting, then it rings with a call from home.

Except that for European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker it apparently turned out to be from another key power player -- German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Juncker was caught out during a press conference in Brussels with visiting Slovakian Prime Minister Robert Fico, when his mobile went off in his suit jacket pocket.

"That's my wife, sorry," former Luxembourg prime minister Juncker said as he fished around in his pocket while Fico, EU officials and journalists waited.

He then checked his phone and announced with a chuckle: "No, it was Mrs Merkel!"

The 62-year-old Juncker, who is known for his informal style, then went on with the news conference.

Goals galore in Futsal League



DT News Network
Manama

Goals flowed after the third day of preliminary round matches in the Fifth Khalid bin Hamad Futsal League for Youth Centres, People with Disabilities and Girls (Khalid 5) on Wednesday at the Khalifa Sports City in Isa Town.

In Group 3 action, Ras Rumman Youth Centre were 4-1 winners over Dar Kulaib Club thanks to a hat-trick by man of the match awardee Fadhil Adel to put his team on top place in the group.

Three matches were also played in Group 4, starting with Al Wusta and Jidhafs who played out a 1-1 draw, with Mohammed Abdul-Kareem Ghareeb of Jidhafs adjudged as man of the match.

Karranah then edged out Sadad 3-2 to lead the group on three points as Sayed Qassim Mohammed for the victors was man of the match.

The final match between Jurdab

and Al Dair Club finished in a 2-2 draw after the former led 2-0 through goals by Ali Mohammed Yaqoub and Abdulaziz Dallal needed a great display by man of the match for Al Dair goalkeeper Sayed Mohammed Mustafa, who made many fine saves many shots and kept his net still until the final quarter of the match.

Earlier on Tuesday on second day action in Group 2, Hooraa and Gudaibiya demolished East Riffa 10-1 after man of the match Maher Isa scored twice and credited with a couple of assists.

In another match, Karbabad saw off Al Qurayya 6-0 thanks to man of the match Ali Abdulla with two goals and four assists and now share top place with Hooraa and Gudaibiya.

Group 3 saw Salmabad beat near neighbours Zayed Town 7-2 despite Zayed Town taking the

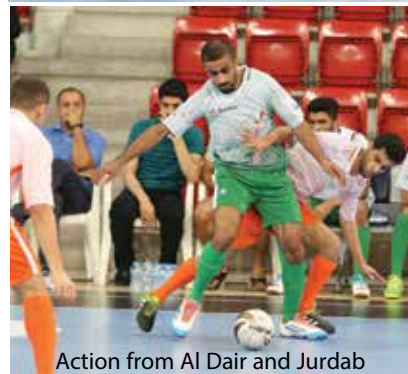
lead by one goal in the first five minutes of the match. However, Salmabad equalised soon after on nine minutes inspired by man of the match, Hussain Ali.

Bani Jamra also won in the same group by the same margin (7-2), to be joint leader of the group with man of the match Fadhel Abbas netting a hat-trick and involved in a number of assists.

The league features 59 teams, divided into 36 youth centres teams, 9 unregistered clubs, 8 teams of people with disabilities institutions and 6 girls teams, which started on July 24 and concludes on September 14.

Today's matches:

- Group 6 (5pm): North Sehla vs Al Daih.
- Group 7 (6pm): Zallaq vs Al Janoob.
- Group 7 (7pm): Saar vs Al Jasra.
- Group 8 (8pm): Hamad Town vs Bu Quwah.



Ahmed Janahi defeats Salman Hassan in semis



DT News Network
Manama

Defending champion Ahmed Janahi defeated Pakistani Salman Hassan in straight sets 6-1, 6-2 in the semi-finals of the Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) Members Tournament at its premises in Juffair.

Ahmed Janahi will now take on Abdul Rahman Janahi who won the second semi-final in straight sets by 6-2, 6-1 against Indian Nalan Tenshobaka, with the two winners facing off in today's final at 6.30pm.

These tournament's over the next two months will give players in effect ranking/classification points for future competition.

Khalid Nass, Chairman of the Organising Committee expressed his happiness with the success of the competition which began on Sunday and concludes this evening. He also confirmed that a number of youth tournament's set for next month have been postponed due to the school holidays, as many are outside the country.



India leave Sri Lanka reeling

Galle

India's bowlers tore through the Sri Lankan top order to put the visitors firmly on top on the second day of the first Test in Galle yesterday.

Paceman Mohammed Shami picked two wickets in the same over and Umesh Yadav got rid of opener Dimuth Karunaratne after India posted a commanding 600 all out, their biggest total in Sri Lanka.

Former captain Angelo Mathews was batting on 54 with Dilruwan Perera on six when stumps were drawn for the day, with Sri Lanka still trailing by 446 runs with five wickets in hand.

Indian batsman Cheteshwar Pujara, who struck a solid 153, said he was pleased that India had lived up to its billing as the number one Test side in the world.

"We would like to maintain that standard. We have scored enough runs, and we've got five wickets today. We are very well poised at this stage.

"I think the key for us, even in the last season, was that we've bowled really well. Our bowlers are bowling good lines and lengths," he said referring to India's 10 wins in the last 13 Tests.

Sri Lankan opener Upul



Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli (2L) celebrates with his teammates

Tharanga struck a defiant 64 off 93 balls but was run out thanks to a quick piece of fielding by Abhinav Mukund.

Mukund, fielding at silly point, also took a fine one-handed catch off Ravichandran Ashwin to send back Niroshan Dickwella (eight) and reduce the hosts to a shaky 143-5.

Yadav gave his side an early breakthrough after the Indian lower-order batsmen scored at a quick pace despite losing wickets at regular intervals.

Yadav had Karunaratne trapped leg before and although the batsman went for a review, the decision was upheld after replays showed the ball pitching on the middle stump.

Shami, making his Test comeback after an injury layoff, then dismissed debutant Danushka Gunathilaka for 16 and Kusal Mendis for a duck in the space of four balls. (AFP)

SCOREBOARD

India 1st innings (overnight 399-3):	
S. Dhawan c Mathews b Pradeep	190
A. Mukund c Dickwella b Pradeep	12
C. Pujara c Dickwella b Pradeep	153
V. Kohli c Dickwella b Pradeep	3
A. Rahane c Karunaratne b Kumara	57
R. Ashwin c Dickwella b Pradeep	47
W. Saha c Perera b Herath	16
H. Pandya c sub (de Silva) b Kumara	50
R. Jadeja b Pradeep	15
M. Shami c Tharanga b Kumara	30
U. Yadav not out	11
Extras (w6, nb3, lb5, b2)	16
Total (all out; 133.1 overs)	600
Sri Lanka 1st innings:	
D. Karunaratne lbw b Yadav	2
U. Tharanga run out	64
D. Gunathilaka c Dhawan b Shami	16
A. Mendis c Dhawan b Shami	0
A. Mathews not out	54
N. Dickwella c Mukund b Ashwin	8
D. Perera not out	6
Extras (w1, lb3)	4
Total (for 5 wkts, 44 overs)	154

Philander strikes as Cook defies South Africa

London

Vernon Philander again proved a thorn in England's side as Alastair Cook held firm against South Africa in the third Test at The Oval yesterday.

England were 171 for four at stumps, having won the toss, with 31 of the scheduled 90 overs lost to bad weather on the opening day of the 100th Test at The Oval.

Pace bowling all-rounder Philander had superb figures of two wickets for 17 runs in 12 overs, including five maidens, despite a stomach bug.

That followed his man-of-the-match display with both bat and ball in South Africa's crushing 340-run victory in the second Test at Trent Bridge last week -- a result that left the four-match series level at 1-1.

But former England captain Cook was 82 not out at



England's Alastair Cook sets off for a run yesterday's close.

Already England's leading Test run-scorer, the left-handed opener spent more than four-and-a-half hours at the crease to be in sight of his 31st century at this level.

Ben Stokes was unbeaten

on 21. England had been heavily criticised by several former captains for an inability to bat time and wear down the Proteas at Trent Bridge, where they were twice bowled out cheaply and folded for just

133 in their second innings.

Although the overcast conditions and green-tinged pitch promised to assist pace bowlers, England captain Joe Root opted to bat first after winning the toss, just as South Africa captain Faf du Plessis had done in a similar situation in Nottingham.

Root clearly hoped England could come through some early adverse circumstances and may also have wanted to show confidence in his under-fire batsmen. (AFP)

SCOREBOARD

England 1st Innings	
A. Cook not out	82
K. Jennings c Elgar b Philander	0
T. Westley c du Plessis b Morris	25
J. Root c de Kock b Philander	29
D. Malan b Rabada	1
B. Stokes not out	21
Extras (b7, lb3, w3)	13
Total (4 wkts, 59 overs, 272 mins)	171

Froome eyes historic double in Vuelta

London

Chris Froome has set his sights on an historic double as the Tour de France champion confirmed he will race in the 'vicious' Vuelta a Espana.

Froome claimed his fourth yellow jersey in Paris on Sunday and now he hopes to become the first rider in 22 years to win both the Tour and the Vuelta in the same year.

The 32-year-old has finished second three times in the Vuelta and believes he can go one better this time despite the formidable test provided by the Spanish race.

Romain Bardet, Fabio Aru, and Alberto Contador are all expected to ride, while Vincenzo Nibali, who missed the Tour, may also be a strong contender.



Chris Froome

"I've got the opportunity and I'm certainly going to go for it," Froome said on Team Sky's website.

"The Vuelta is a race I love, it's vicious but it's three weeks that I enjoy.

"I've come second three times now and I'd love to win. To win both the Tour and the Vuelta in one year would be absolutely incredible." (AFP)

Sharapova gets wildcard

Los Angeles

Maria Sharapova was yesterday handed a wildcard into the Cincinnati WTA tournament, a key warm-up for the US Open, the season's final Grand Slam which has yet to guarantee the Russian star a place.

Former world number one and five-time Grand Slam title winner Sharapova is still rebuilding her career following a 15-month doping ban which ended in April.

Injury then ruled her out of contention for Wimbledon where she had been due to play qualifying after French Open organisers had refused her a wildcard.

The Cincinnati event, which runs from August 12-20, also



Maria Sharapova (file pic)

granted a wildcard to Victoria Azarenka, the two-time major winner who only recently returned to the tour after maternity leave.

"The addition of these players add to our already strong player field," said tournament director Andre Silva. (AFP)

Slow-go Budapest quickens Alonso pulse

Budapest

After months of frustration, Fernando Alonso is hoping to enjoy a competitive outing this weekend when he leads McLaren's bid for points at the Hungarian Grand Prix.

The two-time world champion believes that McLaren-Honda's strategy of focussing on the slow-paced Hungaroring circuit may give them a chance to climb off the bottom of the constructors' standings.

"I think Monaco was a great track for us, in terms of the characteristics of it," he said. "But, I was not there! So, for me, it's really the first time that I have had the possibility of hopefully feeling



Fernando Alonso

competitive.

"There is a possibility to be in (qualifying) Q3, and then in the points and if something happens, in front of us, to get even a better result than seventh or eighth -- that is the maximum you can fight for at the moment.

"So it's definitely an important weekend for us. We pay some penalties in the last two races to arrive here with more freedom of engine choices." (AFP)

Man City thrash Real Madrid

Los Angeles

Pep Guardiola's Manchester City has spent big to bolster their defence this summer, but showed they will be a force to reckon with at the other end this season in a 4-1 friendly win over Real Madrid on Wednesday.

A second-half blitz in front of 93,000 fans at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum saw City secure their first pre-season victory in

style. Real were unable to contain Guardiola's side once they got their noses in front early in the second half.

The £28.5 million (32 million euros, \$37 million) spent by City on Nicolas Otamendi two years ago now almost seems like small change after City have splashed out around £50 million each on Kyle Walker, John Stones and Benjamin Mendy over the last 12 months.

But after Otamendi pounced from a couple of yards out to smash the ball into the net, the entire complexion of the International Champions Cup encounter changed.

Until that point, Real had been the more dangerous side in an end-to-end encounter, with Isco, in particular, causing City's back

five problems with his range of passing.

City's new £32 million keeper Ederson - culpable in last week's friendly defeat to neighbours Manchester United - was forced to produce smart saves to deny Isco, Karim Benzema and Casemiro, with the latter also heading against the post.

Gabriel Jesus and Sergio Aguero both went close at the other end, but once Otamendi found the net in the 52nd minute, on the rebound after Stones's header was saved, City were rampant.

Substitute Raheem Sterling calmly tucked away a lovely through-ball from the impressive Kevin De Bruyne just moments after firing a shot inches wide.

The advantage was then extended

to three after Stones scuffed a shot into the far corner from a De Bruyne corner.

City were twice denied a third by the woodwork, with Francisco Casilla producing a stunning fingertip save to push De Bruyne's free-kick onto the post and then Leroy Sane smashing the ball against the near post within seconds of entering the field.

But the icing on the cake arrived for Guardiola's side in the final 10 minutes, when 17-year-old Spaniard Brahim Diaz cut inside off the right and curled a beauty into the top corner from the edge of the area.

Real grabbed a late consolation when Oscar Rodriguez produced a stunning effort from 30 yards which soared into the top corner. (AFP)

Eliaquim Mangala #15 and Raheem Sterling #7 congratulate Brahim Diaz #55 of Manchester City after he scored a goal.

Ledecky wins fourth gold

Budapest

Katie Ledecky led the USA to the women's 4x200m freestyle title at the world championships yesterday with a powerful anchor leg to win her fourth gold medal in Budapest.

Ledecky touched the wall at seven minutes, 43.39 seconds while Li Bingjie, who took silver for China, finished at 1.57 secs back and Adriane Titmus earned bronze for Australia at 5.12.

Victory marked a great night for the United States after Chase Kalisz earlier won the men's 200m individual medley gold.

Then Caeleb Dressel and Nathan Adrian came first and second respectively in the men's 100m freestyle final.



Gold medallists USA's Katie Ledecky, Melanie Margalis, Mallory Comerford and Leah Smith celebrate on the podium

Ledecky swung the relay for the USA quartet when she dived in for the final leg.

She was on Li's shoulder for the first 50 metres, but made her move at the first turn and ended up finishing a full length

ahead of the Chinese.

Having been beaten into joint second by Federica Pellegrini in Wednesday's 200m freestyle -- Ledecky's first defeat in 13 finals at world championships -- the 20-year-

old freestyle queen bounced back in style.

Ledecky has now won five medals at these championships after gold in the 400m freestyle, 1500m freestyle, the 4x100m, plus that 200m silver. (AFP)

Belmonte adds 200m fly world title to Olympic gold

Budapest

Spain's Mireia Belmonte won the women's 200m butterfly title at the world championships yesterday to add to her Olympic gold medal.

Belmonte touched the wall in two minutes, 05.26 seconds with Germany's Franziska Hentke taking silver at 0.13 back and Hungary's Katinka Hosszu earning bronze at 0.63.

Having won world silver at home in Barcelona four years ago, Belmonte has gone one better a year after being crowned Olympic champion in Rio.

"This is one of the best moments of my life," said



Mireia Belmonte competes

the Spaniard. "This golden medal was the last which was missing from my collection.

"Rio is the best moment in my life, but this is an important moment. The key to win this final was the first 100 metres." (AFP)

Dressel bags men's 100m world title

Budapest

Caeleb Dressel won the men's 100m freestyle final at the world championships yesterday to bag his third title in Budapest and give the United States the gold and silver.

Dressel touched the wall first at 47.17 seconds with compatriot Nathan Adrian, the 2012 Olympic champion, second at 0.70 back as France's Mehdy Metella earned bronze at 0.72.

"Right now, it's all smiles,"

said Dressel. "I'll let it sink in a bit, it's my first and last event tonight, so I'm excited.



"Man - it's nice to go one-two with Nathan, there's nothing like seeing Americans on top.

"I just want to do my best each time with I go into the water with the flag on my cap."

The 20-year-old completed his hat-trick of world golds by powering home over the final 50 metres in a commanding display having already been part of the victorious 4x100m freestyle and mixed 4x100m medley relay squads. (AFP)

Brazil's Medeiros takes women's 50m gold

Budapest

Brazil's Etiene Medeiros won the women's 50m backstroke gold at the world championships yesterday in a desperately tight final which she won on the wall.

Medeiros clocked 27.14 seconds, a new Americas record just 0.08 away from the world record set in 2009, while China's Fu Yuanhui took silver at 0.01 back.

Bulgaria's Aliaksandra Herasimienka earned bronze



Gold medallist Brazil's Etiene Medeiros (C), silver medallist China's Fu Yuanhui (L) and bronze medallist Belarus' Aliaksandra Herasimienka celebrate on the podium

at just 0.09 behind as all finished within half a second of Medeiros. (AFP)



Two-goal Eder sinks Bayern

Singapore

Eder scored two headers to lead Inter Milan to a 2-0 victory against a lacklustre Bayern Munich yesterday in a pre-season friendly game in Singapore.

There was a scare for the German champions when Franck Ribery limped off towards the end of the first half, but coach Carlo Ancelotti said later he suffered a minor ankle injury and would be back in action in days.

Bayern dominated early on but it was Inter that managed to get a goal in the eighth minute against the run of play.

An Antonio Candreva cross found 30-year-old Eder, who

dispatched his header past the Bayern goalkeeper Sven Ulreich.

Playing in front of a crowd of about 23,000 in the city-state's main stadium, Inter scored their second in the 30th minute on another quick counter attack.

Croatian winger Ivan Perisic picked out Eder with a pin-point cross, leaving the striker to score his second header of the game.

Ribery had seemed the biggest threat for Inter, although the German champions seemed to lack their usual cutting edge.

But four minutes after the second goal, he left the

pitch with an injury, with the Frenchman substituted for Milos Pantovic.

Bayern said Ribery needed stitches for a cut to an ankle but Ancelotti added it was a "small problem" and the player would be back in action in three to four days.

Eder did not get the chance to complete a hat-trick as he was taken off on 50 minutes by Inter coach Luciano Spalletti for Gabriel Barbosa.

Bayern grew into the game but never looked completely comfortable, even with the introduction of Thomas Mueller, who scored two goals in the side's 3-2 victory over Chelsea in a friendly match in

Singapore Tuesday.

The result was a boost for Inter Milan boss Luciano Spalletti, who took over at the club last month.

"Overall, Inter played a very good game," he said after the match. "I'm very proud of my team. We played very well

on the defence line as well as the forward line."

Despite the disappointing result, Bayern boss Carlo Ancelotti praised the performance of Renato Sanches, who came on as a second-half substitute.

The Portuguese midfielder

had a disappointing first season at Bayern and AC Milan and Manchester United are rumoured to be chasing him.

The game was part of the International Champions Cup, which brings together top-tier teams from Europe. (AFP)

Inter Milan's Eder (R) celebrates with teammate Ivan Perisic (2nd L) after his second goal



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USA lift sixth CONCACAF Gold Cup

Santa Clara

Jordan Morris's late strike lifted the United States to a 2-1 victory over Jamaica on Wednesday in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final.

The United States captured their sixth Gold Cup crown -- one shy of Mexico's record seven victories in the regional championship for North and Central America and the Caribbean.

Morris sealed it in dramatic fashion with a goal in the 89th minute.

A misdirected Jamaican clearance was knocked down by



The USA team celebrates winning the final football game

US super-sub Clint Dempsey near the penalty spot and Morris blazed a right-footed shot past Jamaican keeper

Dwayne Miller and inside the right post.

Jozy Altidore's superb free kick had put the United States

ahead in the 45th minute, but Jamaica's Je-Vaughn Watson equalized in the 50th as the underdog Jamaicans pushed

the US hard.

Jamaica were playing in their second straight Gold Cup final, after falling to Mexico in 2015.

That year they ousted the United States in the semi-finals, while this year they sent the Mexicans packing.

Although they have joined the US and Mexico as the only teams to reach back-to-back finals, they are now just the second team to lose consecutive title matches.

Since the inception of the Gold Cup, Mexico and the US have won all but one edition, with Canada triumphing in 2000. Jamaica lost their talismanic goalkeeper, Andre Blake, to a hand injury early in the contest. (AFP)