

Bautista may not return for GotG 3

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A bad news for all the Drax fans, American actor Dave Bautista might not return for the 'Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3'. In an interview, the Hollywood star, spoke against Disney and revealed how they fired director James Gunn. **P16**

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Amazon relishes Apple flavour as it enters \$1 trillion club

New York

Amazon.com Inc yesterday joined Apple Inc to become the second \$1 trillion publicly listed US company after its stock price more than doubled in a year as it grew rapidly in retail and cloud computing.



If the online retailer's share gains keep up the pace, it would be a matter of when, not if, Amazon's stock market valuation eclipses that of iPhone maker Apple, which reached \$1 trillion on August 2.

Apple took almost 38 years as a public company to achieve the trillion dollar milestone, while Amazon got there in 21 years. While Apple's iPhone and other devices remain popular and its revenues are growing, it is not keeping up with Amazon's blistering sales growth.

Amazon has impressed investors by diver-

sifying into virtually every corner of the retail industry, altering how consumers buy products and putting big pressure on many brick-and-mortar stores.

"It says a lot about Amazon and its ever-increasing dominance of segments of the retailing world as well as the web services business," said Peter Tuz, President Of Chase Investment Counsel In Charlottesville, Virginia. "They have a tiny share of the worldwide retail sales market so there's a lot left to capture there."

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Trump wanted Bashar Assad assassinated after chemical attack

Washington

President Donald Trump wanted to have Syrian President Bashar Assad assassinated last year after a chemical attack on civilians, according to a new book.

The revelation appears in excerpts of the book "Fear", written by famed Watergate reporter Bob Woodward, which were published in the Washington Post.

According to the book, Trump told Defence Secretary Jim Mattis that he wanted to have the Syrian president killed after the chemical weapons attack in April 2017. The strike on Khan Sheikoun in Idlib province killed dozens of civilians and the footage of poisoned children struggling to breathe shocked the world.

Mattis told Trump he would "get right on it," but instead developed a plan for an air strike that did not threaten Assad per-



Trump

Assad

sonally, the book claims.

A few days after the chemical attack, the US carried out a missile strike against a Syrian regime airbase. It marked the first time the White House had ordered direct military action against Assad's forces in the then six year war.

Barack Obama has been heavily criticised for American in-

action on Syria and for backing away from his "red line" on the use of chemical weapons as a justification for a US military intervention.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment on this or other aspects of the excerpts, Reuters reported. The Pentagon also declined to comment.

Six protesters shot dead in Iraq

Baghdad

Six demonstrators were shot dead and many others wounded when armed protesters stormed a local government building in Basra yesterday.

Security forces responded by firing live bullets and tear gas, police and medical sources were quoted by Arab News.

At least 39 people were wounded, including many from the security forces.

A curfew was imposed across the city on Tuesday night as authorities tried to stem the violence.

A true Bahraini hero

Sailor saves family from drowning off Demistan coast; four-year-old girl later dies at SMC

● He instantly swung into action and began rescuing one by one, the sources added.

● Bahraini sailor Jaffer Ahmed Yousef was showered with praises for his valiant act across all social media networks.



Jaffer Ahmed Yousef

TDI/Manama

A Bahraini citizen's heroic act saved the lives of five members of a family, who were on the verge of drowning off Demistan coast.

However, the life of four-year-old Fatima Jaffer A'ali could not be saved as she died later at the hospital following complica-

tions after the incident.

The child was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit at Salmaniya Medical Complex.

"Her condition suddenly started deteriorating and we could not save her life," medical sources at the hospital said.

Meanwhile, Bahraini sailor Jaffer Ahmed Yousef was showered with praises for his valiant act across all social media net-

works.

Many commented on social media that the authorities should honour him with a medal for bravery.

Sources said the sailor was on the beach when he saw the family being thrown into sea by strong currents of water.

He instantly swung into action and began rescuing one by one, the sources added.

“After pulling her out of water, I first thought she was dead. I administered first aid to her and she started breathing. Immediately, she was rushed to the hospital.”

MR JAFFER

"I feel overwhelmed to save a family," he added.

The family was on a trip to the coast and had spent a few hours there before strong waves swept them away.

Envoys attend meet on Bahrain's candidacy

Manama

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs held its second introductory meeting for the Ambassadors accredited to the Kingdom to shed light on the Kingdom of Bahrain's candidacy for the membership for the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva for the period 2019-2021.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Assistant Foreign Minister, Abdulla Al Doseri, welcomed the attendees, giving a detailed explanation on the candidacy of the Kingdom of Bahrain for the membership for the Human Rights Council of the United Nations for the period 2019-2021 in the elections scheduled for October 2018 in New York City.

He also reviewed the efforts and achievements of the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Kingdom's programme for candidacy for the Human Rights Council membership, as well as the voluntary pledges submitted by the Kingdom for the membership.

DOMESTIC TORTURE

Qatari cleric Qaradawi 'forced wife to watch porn'

● The facts were gathered based on testimonials of Qaradawi's Algerian ex-wife, Asma bint Qaddah. Qaradawi married bint Qaddah after his first wife, Esaad Abduljawad, fell ill with Alzheimer's.

Jeddah

Controversial Egyptian-born Qatari mufti and leading Muslim Brotherhood figure Shaikh Youssef Qaradawi tortured his wife to the ex-



Shaikh Youssef Qaradawi and his wife.

tent of watching pornography, Arab News reported yesterday.

The report follows a series of articles published by leading Saudi newspaper Al Riyadh.

"Qatar's Mufti forced his wife watch a sex tape on the night of their marriage," was the headline of the special report.

The facts were gathered based on testimonials of Qaradawi's Algerian ex-wife, Asma bint Qaddah. Qaradawi married bint Qaddah after his first wife, Esaad Abduljawad, fell ill with Alzheimer's.

The revelations show a romantic side of Shaikh Qaradawi — who apparently, once told his wife that thinking of her beauty prohibited him from focusing on his duties as an Imam leading Muslim prayers.



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