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ISSUE NO. 7952**CELEBS****Kevin to host Oscars**

Comedian Kevin Hart will host next year's Oscar ceremony for the first time, the "Ride Along" actor said in an Instagram post on Tuesday. "I am so happy to say that the day has finally come for me to host the Oscars," Hart wrote. The Academy Awards are the film industry's highest honors. **P13**

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Middle East retail giant LuLu Group has further expanded its presence in the Kingdom by opening its latest hypermarket in the newly opened Atrium Mall in Saar yesterday. The new hypermarket, which is also seventh in the country was officially inaugurated by Deputy Premier Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa in the presence of Zayed Al Zayani, Commerce and Industry Minister, Jameel Humaidan, Labour Minister, Essam Khalaf, Minister of Works, Municipalities and Urban Planning, Shaikh Sultan bin Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Ambassador to Bahrain, Shaikh Khalifa Bin Daij, President of Crown Prince Court, Yusuffali MA, Chairman and Managing Director of LuLu Group, LuLu Group top executives, ambassadors of India, the UK and a number of other dignitaries. "Our total investment in the Kingdom has already crossed BD125 million with seven hypermarkets and one mall. Apart from this, our state-of-the-art logistics centre spread around 400,000 square feet, and trading and distribution through the centre not only supports our retail expansion but also help in ensuring food security. Our expansion plans are firm and we will open our new project in the Muharraq Central Market by second quarter of next year," Mr Yusuffali said on the occasion. | See page 10

Googoosh set to rock Bahrain

A poster during the seventies when Googoosh came to the Kingdom for a live show.



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Iranian legend, diva pop singer Googoosh will perform in a historical live show in Bahrain on March 8, 2019, as part of the Spring of Culture events.

The singer hogged the lime-light for her opposition to Iranian regime and had to eventually leave the country in the year 2000.

Googoosh, born in 1950 was also an actress. She achieved the pinnacle of her fame and success towards the end of the 1970s. Her overall impact and contributions to Iranian pop made her the most iconic female pop singer.

She has recorded songs in multiple languages such as Persian, Azerbaijani, Turkish, English, Spanish, Italian and French.



Following the Iranian Revolution in 1979, she is famously known for remaining in Tehran until 2000 and not performing again due to the ban on female singers.

Still, her following grew. Younger Iranian people have rediscovered her music via bootleg recordings.

Outside Iran, she has a significant following in many other Middle Eastern as well as Central Asian countries, and has even caught the attention of European and African media and press.

Snakes seized from home

Thirteen large snakes and 29 other reptiles were seized by the local police from a house in Issa, the Public Prosecution said yesterday. The man who owned these snakes and reptiles was arrested and is being interrogated. The police move follows complaints by residents of the neighbourhood.

New govt sworn in

His Majesty wishes the new Cabinet all success

Manama

The new government took the Constitutional oath before His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa at Sakhir Palace yesterday.

HM the King yesterday received HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

The ceremony began with HRH the Premier presenting

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members of the new government to HM the King.

HM the King gave a keynote speech, in which he welcomed the new government members

and congratulated them on the formation of the new government.

He said the new government would assume its responsibilities ahead of the start of the fifth legislative term, during which more achievements are expected to meet the future national goals of Bahrain and the royal ambitions of providing citizens with respectable services and achieving financial balance to promote the national economy.

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