

## Djokovic eases past Shapovalov

World number one Novak Djokovic extended his winning run in Asia when he strolled into the last-16 of the Shanghai Masters with a 6-3 6-3 victory over Canada's Denis Shapovalov yesterday.

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## Turkish forces launch operation against Kurds

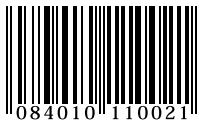
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Turkey launched a military operation against Kurdish fighters in northeast Syria yesterday just days after US troops pulled back from the area, with warplanes and artillery striking militia positions in several towns in the border region.

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan, announcing the start of the action, said the aim was to eliminate what he called a "terror corridor" on Turkey's southern border, but European countries immediately called on Ankara to halt the operation.

Thousands of people fled the Syrian town of Ras Al Ain towards Hasaka province, held by the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces. The Turkish air strikes had killed two civilians and wounded two others, the SDF said.

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**● The King reiterated constant support to the Shura Council and Council of Representatives for the sake of the nation and citizens.**

**Manama**

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday received the annual report of the Shura Council and Council Representatives for the first session of the fifth legislative term.



His Majesty receives the report from Ms Zainal.

**The achievements of the legislature has enabled the Kingdom to attain progress in many areas.**

**HIS MAJESTY**

This came as HM the King received, at Al Safriya Palace, received Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh and Council of Representatives Speaker Fawzia Zainal and other members, who submitted the annual report.

HM the King praised the pivotal role played by the legislative branch of government in

strengthening the democratic process, consolidating its contribution to the wide-ranging development and adopting social issues.

HM the King hailed Bahrain's progress and prosperity strides, paying tribute to Bahraini families citizens and families for their dedicated contribution and support to the successful development march.

His Majesty commended the achievements of the legislative branch of government, which enabled the Kingdom of Bahrain to attain landmark strides, towards building a society based amity and mutual respect through their solidarity and cohesion.

  
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received at Sakhir Palace yesterday British Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion and Belief Rehman Chishti. He praised strong and long-standing historical relations between Bahrain and the UK, stressing mutual keenness to further enhance them for the best interest of both countries and peoples. HM the King expressed appreciation of religious freedom in Bahrain, stressing tolerance characterising the Bahraini society and respect of other religions. He affirmed that the Kingdom has always set, throughout its history, a model in religious and cultural tolerance and coexistence. He also underlined the Kingdom's unflinching keenness to promote dialogue between civilisations and foster peace and coexistence between all peoples.



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday held his weekly Majlis at Riffa Palace. Members of the royal family, senior government officials, members of the Shura Council and Council of Representatives, members of municipal councils, religious and community leaders, journalists, and diplomats attended the Majlis. HRH the Crown Prince welcomed the broad range of visitors at the weekly Majlis, which demonstrates Bahrain's commitment to rooted traditions and values, that are underpinned by His Majesty's aspirations to maintain a strong bond amongst Bahrain's society. HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, and President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports; and HH Shaikh Mohamed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa also attended the Majlis.



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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has strongly condemned the military attack by the Republic of Turkey on areas in the north-east of the brotherly Syrian Arab Republic, which is a violation of the international law rules and an attack on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria.

While supporting the call for an emergency meeting of the Council of the Arab League to take a unified Arab position towards this aggression, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs calls on the Security Council to accelerate its responsibilities in confronting this attack, in order to maintain peace and security and to provide a supportive atmosphere to continue efforts aimed at finding a peaceful solution in Syria based on the Principles of the declaration of Geneva and Security Council Resolution (2254), in a manner that preserves Syria's preserve its sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity.

Saudi Arabia as well condemned the Turkish offensive against Kurdish forces in north-

# Bahrain condemns Turkish aggression

Turkish move a violation of international rules and attack on sovereignty

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FOREIGN MINISTRY

ern Syria, describing it as "military aggression".

The Kingdom's foreign ministry said the operation is a "threat to regional security" and undermines international efforts in combating Daesh.

The attack was a "blatant violation of the unity, independence, and sovereignty of Syrian territories," the ministry said.

Saudi Arabia's comments came amid a wave of international condemnation over Turkey's actions.

The military operation aimed at crushing Kurdish fighters in northern Syria started on Monday afternoon with airstrikes and artillery.

Later in the evening, ground forces moved across the border.

The attack comes after US troops pulled back from the area, paving the way for an assault on forces that have long been allied with the United States.

The UAE too condemned the offensive, saying it represented a dangerous development and a blatant and unacceptable aggression against the sovereignty of an Arab state.



Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa Al Khalifa, met with Chief Executive of the Economic Development Board, Khalid Ibrahim Humaidan, in the presence of Director of International Offices, Buthaina Amin, and Head of Business Development (Financial Services, ICT and Startups) and international offices of the Council, David Parker. During the meeting, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomed Khalid Humaidan, congratulating him on his appointment as CEO of the Economic Development Board, wishing him every success in his new duties. She praised the great and developmental role of the Economic Development Board in attracting investments from around the world, noting the importance of the activities carried out by the Board to promote the Kingdom on the regional and international levels in various fields, and its continued efforts to promote an attractive investment climate in addition to supporting National Economy.



**AMH contribution lauded**

Minister of Finance and National Economy Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa yesterday received Chief Executive of the American Mission Hospital Dr George Cheriyan. He praised the hospital's contributions to the health field in Bahrain, stressing its role in fostering relations between the two friendly countries. Dr Cheriyan expressed thanks and gratitude to the minister for the support and care given to the American Mission Hospital and its staff.

**'The Dolls of Japan Expo' set**  
TDT | Manama

The Embassy of Japan in the Kingdom and Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities sponsored by Japan Foundation, have announced the opening of "The Dolls of Japan Exhibition" at the Bahrain National Museum (Hall 8) on Sunday, October 13, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

The exhibition will be held until 13th November, 2019, a statement issued by the embassy said.

The Dolls of Japan Exhibition introduces Japan's representative dolls, including Hina ningyo (Girls' Festival dolls) and Gogatsu ningyo (Boys' Day dolls), which have their origins in ancient customs; dolls connected to traditional performing arts like noh, bunraku and kabuki; regional dolls from throughout the country; and "creative dolls" produced by contemporary craftspeople.

Japanese dolls are one of the traditional Japanese crafts. There are various types of traditional dolls, some representing children and babies, some the royal court, warriors and heroes, fairy-tale characters, gods and (rarely) demons, and also people of the daily life of Japanese cities.

Many have a long tradition and are still made today, for household shrines, for formal gift-giving, or for festival celebrations such as Hinamatsuri, the doll festival, or Kodomo no Hi, Children's Day.

Some are manufactured as a local craft, to be purchased by pilgrims as a souvenir of a temple visit or some other trip.

# 23 female convicts to be handed down 'alternative punishments'

Prosecution taking measures in co-ordination with Verdicts Execution Directorate

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The Public Prosecution yesterday announced that 23 convicted women, who spent half of their imprisonment sentences behind bars, will soon be released after completing certain legal procedures as they have been selected to be handed down 'alternative punishments'.

This was mentioned in a statement posted by the Prosecution on its official page on Instagram yesterday, quoting Execution Prosecution Chief Prosecutor Hamad Al Qallaf.

Mr Al Qallaf explained that

the prosecution is assessing the conditions of the female inmates to see if they fit the legal requirements so they can serve the remaining half of their punishment period with the alternative punishments stipulated in Law 18 of 2017, with respect to alternative sanctions and measures.

Clarifying further, Mr Al Qallaf said the measures are being taken in co-ordination with the Verdicts Execution Directorate in Interior Ministry and Execution Judge to ensure that the convicts meet the requirements to replace their imprisonment sentences with the alternative

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punishments mentioned in the law.

Article 2 of the law mentions that the alternative punishments include community ser-

vice, house arrest, confinement within a particular place, refraining from entering a particular place or places, undertaking to refrain from communicating with particular persons or entities, submitting to electronic surveillance, attending rehabilitation and training programmes, and remedying the damage that resulted from the crime.

The law also mentions that the alternative punishments shall only be applicable to prisoners, who have served half the term he/she was sentenced to, to be of good conduct, their release from prison shall not constitute a public security risk, and

shall have paid all the financial liabilities handed down against them by a criminal court, unless it is impossible for them to pay it.

Article 12 reads: "Any convicted person sentenced to imprisonment of not more than one year or physical coercion may request the execution judge to substitute the imprisonment sentence or physical coercion by one or more of the alternative sanctions set forth in Article 2 of this Law.

"The execution judge shall decide upon such request after hearing the statements of the Public Prosecution."

**'Drunk European woman' gets three-year jail for biting cop**

TDT | Manama

A European woman, who attacked and bit police-women while under the influence of alcohol last year, was recently sentenced by the High Criminal Court to three years in jail.

She will be deported upon completing the jail term.

According to court files, the woman, who's in her forties, was found crying loudly on one of the roads in Juffair.

When approached by a team of policewomen, she refused to co-operate with them, and "wasn't aware of her surroundings" as stated by the police.

The woman was later taken by the force to Nabih Saleh Police Station, where she escaped from the police patrol vehicle and tried to hide between the

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WITNESSES

parked vehicles in the police station's parking yard.

According to eyewitnesses testimonies, the defendant was "yelling and verbally assaulting" at everyone who were present.

When the victim, a policewoman, approached the defendant, the latter physically assaulted the cop and bit her, the witnesses added.

On March 28, 2018, the defendant was interrogated by the Public Prosecution, which accused her of assaulting a public servant, the policewoman, because of performing her duties and causing injuries to her that prevented her from performing personal duties for more than 20 days, in addition to the insults and offending gestures she had committed.

The court inquired the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs about the woman, who was released on bail back then, and was informed that the woman isn't present in the Kingdom.

The court sentenced her to three years imprisonment and deportation after she completes her sentence.

**Co-operation with EU delegation discussed**

**● Konstantopoulos expressed the EU delegation's readiness to support the National Institution's efforts and its work in the field of human rights to accomplish its objectives.**

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) President Maria

Khoury highlighted the NIHR's efforts to boost and promote human rights in Bahrain and boost national capabilities according to its jurisdictions through the strategic action plan within a comprehensive national vision.

This came as Khoury received the Riyadh-based deputy ambassador of the EU's delegation accredited to Bahrain Alexios Konstantopoulos, in presence of a number of the National Institution's commissioners.

They discussed various issues including the NIHR's role and continuous communication with the relevant entities to ver-

ify facts and events in order to carry on the successful human rights strides in the Kingdom.

They reviewed the NIHR's reports of its announced and unannounced visits to rehabilitation and reformation centres as well as detention facilities in addition to the positive outcome of Bahrain's application of the Alternative Penalty Law that boosts the protection of human rights.

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**Humanitarian gesture**

HM the King's Personal Representative for Charity Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday received patients, Ahmed Hamad Abdulla and Fatima Abed, along with their families, which is a humanitarian gesture that reflects HH Shaikh Nasser's great interest in Bahrainis. During the meeting, HH Shaikh Nasser was reassured about the stages of treatment they had gone through and wished them a speedy recovery. HH Shaikh Nasser's initiative to stand by the patients and support for them in order to overcome the current treatment stage has a great impact on them, and contributed to creating a positive atmosphere in their hearts.

# Newly-launched online platform to 'help explore' export opportunities

The platform can be accessed on Export Bahrain's website [export.bh](http://export.bh)

● The map will also provide detailed information on products and markets.

● The solution also aims to prepare strategic plans for enterprises to increase their export sales.

Manama

Export Bahrain has announced the launch of its new 'Export Potential Map', an internationally-recognised online tool aiming at providing timely and practical information for advising businesses on untapped export potentials as well as export diversification opportunities.

Based on the International Trade Centre's export potential and diversification assessment methodology, the tool turns complex economic analysis into practical information, which identifies export opportunities for more than 200 countries and 4,000 products.

The platform assesses the export conditions, demand and tariffs in the target markets and bilateral links between the local and target markets to provide a unique rating.

It is based on the trade model, tariffs, GDP, and geographical indicators that assist businesses in discovering untapped export potential and supporting Bahraini exporters to enter new markets.

The platform can be accessed on Export Bahrain's website [export.bh](http://export.bh) that features a user-friendly tool with innovative and customisable visualisation that can be easily downloaded

**This innovative free online tool simplifies the task of identifying what goods and services to export and to where for Bahraini exporters.**

DR ALI QAEDI

from the platform, shared on social media and embedded into reports and websites.

The solution also aims to prepare strategic plans for enterprises to increase their export sales and activate the role of the private sector as a major driver of international trade to support the exports of the Kingdom which will reflect positively in increasing and diversifying Bahraini products and services, encouraging national industries and enhancing their compet-

itiveness in the international markets in addition to promoting networking opportunities between Bahraini exporters and international partners.

The map will also provide detailed information on products and markets with tools that help focusing on new markets and sectors with greatest opportunities for success. It includes a wide range of features including determination of potential export value of any particular product and target market based on economic model that combines the supply of the source and the conditions of the target market.

For currently exported products, supply is measured through advance export performance information, and export development is directed towards a less volatile and more environmentally conscious pathway and available resources in countries

to achieve the targeted results.

Commenting on the announcement, Dr Nasser Ali Qaedi, Chief Executive of Export Bahrain said: "The Export Potential Map is a detailed and powerful tool geared towards supporting sustainable development and offers a new horizon for export growth in established export sectors."

He added: "This innovative free online tool simplifies the task of identifying what goods and services to export and to where for Bahraini exporters."

He invited all Bahraini exporters and policy makers to take advantage of this essential tool and other solutions offered by Export Bahrain aimed at contributing to the promotion of Bahraini products and services in global markets and its objectives to increase the proportion of non-oil SME exports in the national economy.

## Journalist mourned

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The Minister of Information Affairs, Ali Al Romaihi expressed sincerest condolences over the demise of veteran journalist Ali Sayar who passed away.

The minister said he was a great contributor to the political, literary, intellectual, cultural and media fields.

He stressed that the Bahraini and GCC press and cultural community has lost one of its pioneers who had contributed with his writings and national opinions, since the fifties, to serving the homeland as well as the Arab and Islamic nation.

He also pointed out Mr Sayar's contribution to preserving the Kingdom's cultural and civilisational identity by setting up and becoming the Editor-in-Chief of many local newspapers like "Al Qafela", "Al Watan" and "Sada Al Osboo".

Late Ali Sayar was also an active writer in "Akhhbar Al Khaleej" and many other Bahraini and Arab newspapers and magazines.

The Information Minister expressed appreciation of the ministry's printing and documentation of Ali Sayar's biography as part of "Pioneers of Bahrain Press" series.

The biography, written by late researcher Khalid Al Bassem, cast light on the deceased's life, honourable national history and main articles and publications which confirmed keenness on national unity, security and advancement.

This sense of Arab nationalism has earned late Ali Sayar respect of many local and Arab media and cultural establishments. He was also granted the Pioneers Award and the honorary membership of Bahrain Journalists Association.



Ali Sayar

## UniGlobal to host Cyber Safety Awareness Workshop for women

TDT | Manama

UniGlobal Education Centre is conducting in Bahrain a workshop on Cyber Safety Awareness led by Dr Lalit Gupta, a renowned Cyber Security Expert on October 12, 2019, Saturday.

Dr Gupta has been involved with numerous Cyber-crime investigations in many countries. He attained highest level of academic qualification, a PhD in Information Security from USA and an MBA from Canada.

Dr LG (as he is fondly known) is a qualified, certified and experienced CHFI (Certified Hacking and Forensics Investigator) apart from being a professional con-

sultant, advisor and trainer in Cyber Security.

The Internet is an astonishing tool and has inspired women to speak up, have reacted and organize to face patriarchy and repression. But still, Internet is not a neutral place – chauvinist, prejudiced, homophobic and other violent types of behaviour and content are extremely affecting women. In this month of Cyber Security Awareness, we would like to educate our ladies and provide practical tips, available tools and material for women's digital safety, security and privacy, a statement issued by the centre said.

"An unfortunate number of women are becoming targets



Dr Gupta

of cyber-crimes. According to a recent study more women are known to use the Internet to improve their relationships compared to men. Young women, those in age group of 18-24, experience certain severe types of nuisance at extremely high levels: 26 per cent of these young women have been stalked online, and 25pc were the target of on-line sexual harassment.

"The growing reach of the Internet and the rapid proliferation of information through mobile devices has introduced new opportunities that could put some women at risk, so it's important to be mindful of the risks," the statement added.

"Women are often targeted,

simply because they are women. Attacks are repeatedly sexualised or misogynistic, and language tends to focus on their bodies and sexual aggression. This is both physically and psychologically damaging, and women are often cowed into silence, preferring to extricate rather than put themselves at risk."


According to Centre Chairman and Managing Director Jayaprakash Menon, in the following weeks UniGlobal Education Centre will be conducting workshops for children of different age groups; Cyber Safe Nation (grade five to eight), Cyber Patriots (grade nine onwards) and Cyber Safety for Your Kids (designed for parents).



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# Battery pioneers win Nobel Chemistry Prize

Through their work, this year’s Chemistry Laureates have laid the foundation of a wireless, fossil fuel-free society



**CHEMISTRY**

**2019 Development of lithium-ion batteries**

John Goodenough (US)  
Stanley Whittingham (Britain)  
Akira Yoshino (Japan)

**2018 Evolution of enzymes and antibodies**

F. H. Arnold (US)  
G. P. Smith (US)  
G. P. Winter (Britain)

**2017 Cryo-electron microscopy**

J. Dubochet (Switzerland)  
J. Frank (US)  
R. Henderson (Britain)

**2016 Molecular machines**

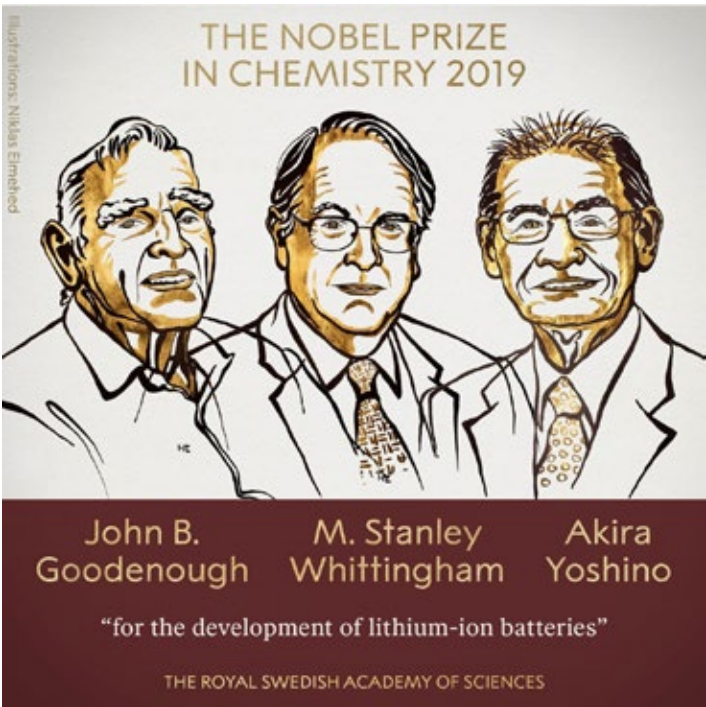
J.-P. Sauvage (France)  
B. Stoddart (Britain)  
F. Feringa (Netherlands)

**2015 DNA repair**

T. Lindahl (Sweden)  
P. Modrich (US)  
A. Sancar (Turkey-US)

**2014 High resolution fluorescence microscopy**

E. Betzig (US)  
W. Moerner (US)  
S. Hell (Germany)



-- Britain’s Stanley Whittingham, and Japan’s Akira Yoshino will share the nine million Swedish kronor (about \$914,000 or 833,000 euros) prize equally, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

“This lightweight, rechargeable and powerful battery is now used in everything from mobile phones to laptops and electric vehicles... (and) can also store significant amounts of energy from solar and wind power, making possible a fossil fuel-free society,” the jury said.

“Lithium batteries have revolutionised our lives since they first entered the market in 1991,” and were “of the greatest benefit to humankind”.

Seeking an alternative source

of power during the oil crisis of the 1970s, Whittingham discovered a way to harness the potential energy in lithium, a metal so light it floats on water.

He constructed a battery partly made of lithium that utilised the element’s natural tendency to shed electrons, thereby transferring energy.

However the battery was too

unstable to be used.

Goodenough built on Whittingham’s prototype, substituting a different metal compound and doubling the potential energy of the battery to four volts.

This paved the way for far more powerful and durable batteries in the future.

In 1985, Yoshino instead used a carbon-based material that stores lithium ions, finally rendering the battery commercially viable.

The culmination of the trio’s research resulted in the most powerful, lightweight and rechargeable battery ever seen.

**Good scientists ‘stay persistent’**

“This is such a wonderful thing, and I am very surprised,” Yoshino told reporters in Tokyo after winning the prize.

He said he had only gotten a cell phone in recent years.

“I have long felt a bit of rejection towards mobile phones, so I have never had one until recently.

“I know the lithium ion battery really benefited mobile phones”, he said, adding he did “not really” feel that he had helped make a product that benefited his life.

For Yoshino, a good scientist

needed two qualities.

“One thing is that you have to have a flexible brain. Flexibility. The other is tenacity. You stay persistent and never give up.”

Whittingham, 77, said he was “overcome with gratitude at receiving this award”.

His research “has helped advance how we store and use energy at a foundational level, and it is my hope that this recognition will help to shine a much-needed light on the (US) nation’s energy future,” he said on the website of Binghamton University in New York where he is a professor.

Yoshino, 71, works at the Asahi Kasei Corporation in Tokyo and is a professor at Meijo University in Nagoya, Japan, while Goodenough holds the Cockrell Chair in Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin.

The trio will receive the prize from King Carl XVI Gustaf at a formal ceremony in Stockholm on December 10, the anniversary of the 1896 death of scientist Alfred Nobel who created the prizes in his last will and testament.

Last year, the honour went to US scientists Frances Arnold and George Smith and British researcher Gregory Winter for developing enzymes used for

greener and safer chemistry and antibody drugs with fewer side effects.

Arnold was just the fifth woman to clinch chemistry’s most prestigious honour since Marie Curie in 1911.

This year’s Nobel season kicked off on Monday with the Medicine Prize, followed by the Physics Prize on Tuesday.

**Peace Prize on Friday**

The Literature Prize will follow on Thursday, with two laureates to be crowned after a sexual harassment scandal forced the Swedish Academy to postpone the 2018 award, for the first time in 70 years.

Names creating a buzz ahead of this year’s literature prize include Canadian poet Anne Carson, Kenyan writer Ngugi Wa Thiong’o, Romanian poet and novelist Mircea Cartarescu and Polish writer and activist Olga Tokarczuk.


On Friday the action moves to Norway where the Peace Prize is awarded, with bookies predicting a win for Swedish teen climate activist Greta Thunberg.

The Economics Prize will wrap up the Nobel prize season on Monday, October 14.


Stockholm

Three researchers won the Nobel Chemistry Prize on Wednesday for the development of lithium-ion batteries, paving the way for smartphones and a fossil fuel-free society.


John Goodenough of the United States -- at 97 the oldest person to be awarded a Nobel prize




In the early 1970s, Stanley Whittingham, awarded this year’s Chemistry Prize, used lithium’s enormous drive to release its outer electron when he developed the first functional lithium battery.



Akira Yoshino succeeded in eliminating pure lithium from the battery, instead basing it wholly on lithium ions, which are safer than pure lithium. This made the battery workable in practice.



**2019 Chemistry Laureate John Goodenough doubled the lithium battery’s potential, creating the right conditions for a vastly more powerful and useful battery.**



# US curbs China officials’ visas

AFP | Washington

The United States said Tuesday it would curb visas for Chinese officials until Beijing ends its “repression” of Uighurs and other Muslims in the western region of Xinjiang, a day after imposing commercial restrictions.

The one-two punch by President Donald Trump’s administration marks the most forceful attempt by a foreign power to address what some rights groups call a historic crisis in Xinjiang, and comes amid a range of feuds between the United States and China.

“China has forcibly detained over one million Muslims in a brutal, systematic campaign to erase religion and culture in Xinjiang,” Secretary of State Mike Pompeo wrote on Twitter.

“China must end its draconian surveillance and repression, release all those arbitrarily detained and cease its coercion of Chinese Muslims abroad,” he said. In an accompanying statement, Pompeo said that the State Department would restrict visas granted to government and ruling Communist Party

**China retaliates**  
Reuters | Singapore

China is planning tighter visa restrictions for US nationals with ties to anti-China groups, people with knowledge of the proposed curbs said.

China’s Ministry of Public Security has for months been working on rules to limit the ability of anyone employed, or sponsored, by US intelligence services and human rights groups to travel to China.

The proposed changes follow the introduction by the United States of tighter rules for visas for Chinese scholars in May.



officials involved in “detention or abuse” of Uighurs, Kazakhs or members of other predominantly Muslim ethnic groups in Xinjiang.



Donald Trump, the US President and Xi Jinping, Chinese President (file)

The Chinese rules would mandate the drafting of a list of US military and CIA-linked institutions and rights groups, and the addition of their employees to a visa blacklist, according to the sources, who declined to be identified.



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

The order will also affect their family members, including children who may be seeking to study in the United States.

The State Department did not specify the names of officials

who would be affected.

Beijing voiced its “strong dissatisfaction and resolute opposition” over the move and denied any human rights abuses in the restive region. “These accusations are nothing more than an excuse for the United States to deliberately interfere in China’s internal affairs,” foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said in Beijing.

# Modi to host Xi at summit

Agencies | New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will welcome Chinese President Xi Jinping at an informal summit this week, the Indian foreign ministry said yesterday.

The meeting in Chennai on Oct. 11-12 is aimed at enhancing the rapport the leaders built when they met in the Chinese city of Wuhan last year to help stabilise ties after a standoff in another contested section of their long border, far removed from Kashmir.

“The forthcoming Chennai Informal Summit will provide an opportunity for the two leaders to continue their discussions on overarching issues of bilateral, regional and global importance and to exchange views on deepening India-China Closer Development Partnership,” the Indian ministry said in a statement.

Srikanth Kondapalli, professor of Chinese studies at New Delhi’s Jawaharlal Nehru University, said it was important for the nuclear-armed neighbours to stabilise relations as both dealt with domestic and regional issues.

“The second informal meet-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will welcome Chinese President Xi Jinping (file)

ing as such is significant given these ominous signals at bilateral, regional and global levels,” he said.

Xi will also make a state visit to Nepal at the end of his India visit, the first by a Chinese president in 22 years, the Nepali foreign ministry said.

During Xi’s visit, Modi is expected to raise economic issues, including India’s \$53 billion trade deficit with China in 2018/19, and the smaller presence of Indian companies in China compared with that of other major economies.

China is expected to urge India to take an independent decision on telecom equipment maker Huawei’s bid for India’s proposed 3G network and not be swayed by US pressure.



## Saudi Aramco hits out at lack of resolve over attacks

London

The head of Saudi Aramco hit out yesterday at the lack of global resolve to stop attacks on more oil installations, one month after strikes on two of its facilities.

The September 14 attacks on Aramco plants in Abqaiq and Khurais -- which initially halved the kingdom's crude output and sent global energy markets into a tailspin -- intensified geopolitical tensions in the crude-rich Middle East.

"An absence of international resolve to take concrete action may embolden the attackers and indeed put the world's energy security at greater risk," said Aramco CEO Amin Nasser, speaking at the Oil & Money industry conference in London.

The strikes on Abqaiq -- the world's largest oil processing facility -- and the Khurais oil field in eastern Saudi Arabia roiled oil markets and revived fears of a conflict in the tinderbox Gulf region.

Washington has concluded that the strikes were launched from Iranian soil and that cruise missiles were used.

Tehran denies its involvement.

The attacks were claimed by Yemen's Huthi rebels. Saudi leads a military coalition against the Iran-backed Huthis, which have carried out dozens of cross-border drone and missile attacks on Saudi targets, including oil facilities.

World oil prices briefly soared following strikes

# Humans will not 'migrate' to other planets: Mayor

● Using custom-made instruments Mayor and Queloz in October 1995 discovered a planet outside Earth's solar system

AFP | Madrid

Humans will never migrate to a planet outside of Earth's solar system because it would take far too long to get there, Swiss Nobel laureate Michel Mayor said yesterday.

Mayor and his colleague Didier Queloz were on Tuesday awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics for their research refining techniques to detect so-called exoplanets.

"If we are talking about exoplanets, things should be clear: we will not migrate there," Mayor said near Madrid on the sidelines of a conference when asked about the possibility of humans moving to other planets.

"These planets are much, much too far away. Even in the very optimistic case of a livable planet that is not too far, say a few dozen light years, which is not a lot, it's in the neighbourhood, the time to go there is considerable," he added.

"We are talking about hundreds of millions of days using the means we have available today. We must take care of our planet, it is very beautiful and still absolutely liveable."

The 77-year-old said he felt the need to "kill all the state-



"We will not migrate" to other planets, warns Nobel laureate Michel Mayor

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NOBEL LAUREATE MICHEL MAYOR

ments that say 'OK, we will go to a liveable planet if one day life is not possible on earth'."

"It's completely crazy," he added.

Using custom-made instruments at their observatory in

southern France, Mayor and Queloz in October 1995 discovered what had previously only existed in the realm of science fiction -- a planet outside Earth's solar system.

Mayor was a professor at Geneva University and Queloz was his doctorate student, when they made the discovery which started a revolution in astronomy. Since then over 4,000 exoplanets have been found in our home galaxy.

"It was a very old question which was debated by philosophers: are there other worlds in the Universe?" Mayor said.

"We look for planets which are the closest (to us), which could resemble Earth. Together with my colleague we started this search for planets, we showed it was possible to study them."

Mayor said it was up to the "next generation" to answer the question of whether there is life on other planets.

"We don't know! The only way to do it is to develop techniques that would allow us to detect life at a distance," he said.

## China warns Apple against support of HK protesters

Beijing

China's state media accused Apple yesterday of supporting pro-democracy protesters, warning the US tech giant would suffer consequences for its "unwise and reckless" decision, in an echo of campaigns against other Western firms.

An opinion piece in the People's Daily, the mouthpiece of the ruling Communist Party, highlighted a transport app available on Apple's store that it alleged helped protesters identify police in Hong Kong.

"Apple's approval for the app obviously helps rioters," the article said.

"Does this mean Apple intended to be an accomplice to the rioters?"

The article then cautioned that: "The map app is just the tip of the iceberg".

It alleged that a song advocating "Hong Kong independence" had appeared on the "Apple Music Store" in the southern Chinese city, then issued an ominous warning.

"Nobody wants to drag Apple into the lingering unrest in Hong Kong. But people have



Tim Cook Apple CEO

reason to assume that Apple is mixing business with politics, and even illegal acts," it said.

"Apple has to think about the consequences of its unwise and reckless decision," the article said.

"It definitely wasn't an accident that Apple allowed HKMap.live online," wrote one commentator on Weibo.

"(Apple) should know exactly what it's doing... It seems that there is too little domestic pressure against Apple."

Apple, which has a huge presence in China, did not immediately reply to an emailed request for comment.

## Canadian father sues Japan firm for paternity leave harassment



Japan is struggling with one of the world's lowest birth rates

Tokyo

A Canadian father who alleges he was bullied and fired by his Japanese employer after he tried to claim paternity leave appeared in a Tokyo court Wednesday to pursue his lawsuit against the firm.

It is the second paternity leave harassment case to be heard in Japan in recent weeks, casting a rare spotlight on the issue in a country struggling with one of the world's lowest birth rates.

Glen Wood, 49, a resident of Japan for three decades, was working at brokerage house Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities when his son was born prematurely in October 2015.

Wood says he applied for

paternity leave before his son was born in Nepal, where his partner was working, seeking to exercise a right guaranteed by Japanese law.

But, he says, the firm dragged its feet, and he even submitted a DNA test to prove his relation to his son.

"I knew it was a sort of old fashioned thinking type of company but I was still very surprised, even when it was an emergency and my son was in the ICU (intensive care unit), that they wouldn't let me take paternity leave," he said before the hearing Wednesday.

"I think it was viewed really as an act of treason for a man to take paternity leave," he added.

It was not until Christmas Day 2015 that he received approval to take leave and see his son.

## Belgium outrage over woman punched in burger ad

Brussels

Belgium's advertising regulator said Wednesday it has clocked up hundreds of complaints over a viral hamburger ad showing a comic-book version of a man punching a woman for handing him the wrong sandwich.

Consumers and politicians called the online ad "sickening" and "irresponsible", saying it went directly against public campaigns denouncing domestic violence.

The ad, published on Facebook, aimed to publicise a Belgian hamburger brand, Bicky Burger.



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Its cartoon style borrowed from 1950s and 1960s American pop-art made famous by artist Roy Lichtenstein and by a panel from a 1965 comic showing Batman slapping his sidekick Robin that has been reworked into a long-running internet meme.

The Bicky Burger ad depicts a man in a suit swinging his fist to violently hit a woman carrying a fast-food container as he exclaims: "Seriously, a fake Bicky?"

The head of Belgium's regulatory Advertising Council, Sandrine Sepul, said the agency had received 300 complaints from the public in 24 hours.

She said that a Dutch food

company, Izico, commissioned the advertisement and her agency had transmitted the complaints to its counterpart in the Netherlands.

Izico was ordered to explain itself, she said, adding that possible punishment could be decided "in a few weeks".

Belgian media ran indignant reports on the controversy, which led to the ad being pulled from Facebook.

Le Soir newspaper asked how such an advertising campaign could be created in 2019 when, in Belgium, "every 10 days a man kills his wife or his ex. And every day a number of women are humiliated, raped, beaten."

## Squirrels' stash of winter walnuts causes car chaos

Reuters

Squirreling away supplies for winter took on a whole new meaning for a couple in the United States, after they discovered a hoodful of walnuts and grass in their car.

Holly Persic was driving to a library in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, when she noticed the car seemed strange.

"My wife called me from Northland Library and said that her car smelt like it was burning, and was making a weird sound," Chris Persic said in a Facebook



Walnuts and grass hidden by squirrels are seen under the hood of a car, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, U.S

There's definitely an angry squirrel wife right now wondering where all the nuts went

CHRIS

post that has since gone viral. Holly opened the hood to find

an engine full of walnuts neatly packed in grass, presumably stored there by squirrels over the weekend, when the vehicle had been parked in the open.

Chris spent almost an hour cleaning out "over 200 (not an exaggeration) walnuts and grass from under the hood", he continued in the post.

The couple seemed to take the incident in their stride.

"There's definitely an angry squirrel wife right now wondering where all the nuts went", Chris said.

## Sri Lankan leader's party to support Rajapaksa in polls

AP | Colombo, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's president will stay neutral in the upcoming presidential election but his party will back a breakaway party candidate, front-runner Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Sri Lanka Freedom Party General Secretary Dayasiri Jayasekara said President Maithripala Sirisena had temporarily stepped aside to ensure his neutrality.



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## Healing Minds

**M**ariam Alammadi has been working in the mental health sector for the last ten years. She is a licensed psychologist and has experience in working for an NGO, counselor, youth leader and creating workshops. She is the founder of the Child Foundation Center (CFC) a psychological center that provides specialized care in counseling and milestone development.

On the occasion of World Mental Health Day, Weekender was in conversation with Mariam Alammadi, to talk about access to mental health care in Bahrain, and how and if society's reception of it has seen some change.

**W. Has there been a quantifiable improvement in the field of mental health awareness and help, in terms of accessibility for the affected people?**

M. Yes, there has been a definite quantifiable improvement in the field of mental health awareness and help. From working in the Kingdom of Bahrain I really feel there has been a significant increase in the individuals seeking psychological help. We also have an increase in the number of mental health therapists working in Bahrain which makes mental health services much more accessible and helps the community see mental health services as mainstream. The more we push mental health into the media and open the conversation, the more we are seeing better acceptance. The media, in particular, has been great about spreading the message of the importance of well-being and mental health.

**W. In your personal and professional experience, how far along do you think the local resident community's mindset has changed or developed, regarding the stigma surrounding mental health?**

M. When I first opened my clinic in Bahrain in 2011, I was often told I would never have patients, nobody in Bahrain would visit a psychologist. However, that really wasn't the case. Nearly nine years later, I

am still providing psychological services. Patients come and get the help that they realize they need and deserve. It is a brave thing to wake up in the morning and admit you are overwhelmed and cannot overcome some of your difficulties. That bravery needs to be celebrated and I can see that shift in mindset.

**W. What would you categorize as your biggest achievement to date?**

M. My biggest achievement to date in my field was winning the Smart Health Award last year in the UAE. I was the only psychologist to make the list and I feel like that sent a poignant message.

Psychology and traditional medicine exist side by side.

The best methodology for breaking the stigma of mental health is to encourage equality between physical and mental illness.

When society understands that mental illness is also a disease it creates better understanding and acceptance. I am also really proud of some of the incentives we have undertaken in my center, The Child Foundation Center (CFC Psychology) – such as our "End Cyber Bullying Campaign", our "Mental Wealth Bahrain" which is a subsidized rate for students in Bahrain, and our free online chat portal which is open from 9 am to 4 pm, on Sunday to Thursday, where anyone can go to our website and chat with our psychologists. It was important to me that my center is not only a place of business but is an opportunity to help the community.

**W. What is the one thing you'd like to crack, in this field?**  
M. The one thing I would love to crack in this field

is the mindset that the younger generation has it easier. I dislike comparing generational gaps especially as the dynamics in life have changed completely. I often hear people say "in my day we had hardships, and we just got over it". Yet their lives very often show the opposite that actually those hardships impacted them very negatively and led them to seek unhealthy outlets or unhealthy coping mechanisms. The younger generations have access to better mental health services so they should be encouraged not discouraged. By seeking help earlier in life, you have a better foundation to build upon and are better equipped to deal with any negative experiences that come your way. The research has proved again and again that emotional intelligence (EQ) is a greater predictor of success in life. When you have better emotional intelligence you tend to have better relationships, more networking opportunities, better empathy and the ability to deal with stress effectively. Why would we deny the younger generation the ability to seek and learn these skills?

**W. Are diagnoses being made and help being sought earlier now, than it was, maybe a decade ago?**

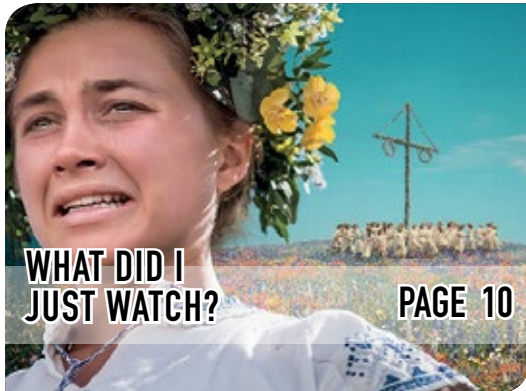
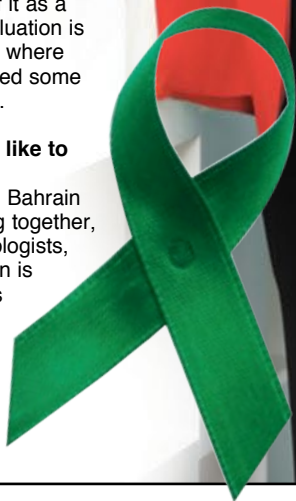
M. There is definitely more valuable information out there and good therapists ensuring the population are getting diagnosis quicker and are receiving therapy much quicker. We are seeing this particularly in children with early intervention services which are wonderful in Bahrain. There are still children falling between the cracks though, so it is so important to visit a psychologist even if it is just to check a few symptoms – think of it as a physical check-up. Doing a milestone evaluation is always a great idea because you can see where your child is progressing well or if they need some help in certain areas of their development.

**W. What is the ultimate goal that you'd like to see fulfilled in Bahrain?**

M. The ultimate goal I would like to see in Bahrain is to have multi-disciplinary teams working together, particularly more psychiatrists and psychologists, working together. Ensuring that medication is not the only option and educating patients about the benefits of therapy. I would also love a better referral system with hospitals and private clinics to ensure patients that need our help can reach us easily.



Mariam Alammadi



### Eating out

**WHAT: OUR BIG FAT BRUNCHIE MUNCHIE**

**WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**WHERE: LNT, ADLIYA**

Brunch and Munch like there's no tomorrow this Friday with the LNT Big Fat Brunchie Munchie. Unlimited selected drinks till 5 pm. Live Music and DJ mixes from Ollie Martin.

**WHAT: JAPANESE THEMED BRUNCH**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

**WHERE: FOUR SEASONS**

The fun-loving chefs at re/ Asian Cuisine will be turning their hands to sushi, rolls and all things Japanese during this hugely popular Saturday brunch. Spice up your Saturday with wasabi and live jazz from 12:30 pm till 3:30 pm.

**WHAT: THINK PINK BRUNCH**

**WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**WHERE: CROWNE PLAZA, INTERCONTINENTAL REGENCY**

Be a part of the Think Pink Brunch at either the InterContinental Regency Bahrain or the Crowne Plaza Bahrain. BD1 per person will go towards Think Pink Bahrain.



### Nightlife & Music

**WHAT: BAHRAIN COMEDY CLUB WITH KEVIN GILDEA**

**WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**WHERE: DILMUN CLUB**

Unfortunately, Ivo Graham has had to cancel. Fortunately, Kevin Gildea has stepped in who will still provide an evening full of hysterical laughter! The Bahrain Comedy Club! The Dilmun Club's renowned comedy night.

**WHAT: DEBORAH JONES LIVE**

**WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

**WHERE: ATTIC, ADLIYA**

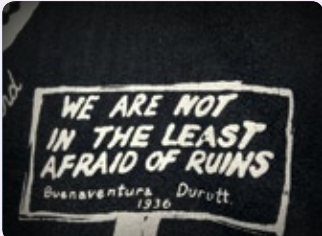
Kick start the week with the beautiful voice of Deborah Jones. Joined by Adel Fairouz every Sunday from 20:30, you won't want to miss an evening at Attic.

**WHAT: PUNK ROCK DISCO**

**When: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**Where: BRAZIL LOUNGE**

You have missed this, but they've been fighting demons and monsters for weeks on end and have come out of the other end of the tunnel victorious. And aren't they ready to celebrate!!



## Missing Pets

Have You Seen These Beloved Pets?



**BE SURE to microchip your pets and have them wear collars with ID tags ...**

The incidents of pets going missing/stolen is very prevalent in Bahrain, especially pedigrees. Hundreds have gone missing - never to be found. Some people let their pets free-roam, but there are just too many hazards. If you have a secured pet (one that does not free-roam) that has gone missing and you would like to be included in the Programme, please check **Lost, stolen and found pets in Bahrain** Facebook for the information needed. **Contact Peg Altemueller directly** via private message or email [ampmpa2@yahoo.com](mailto:ampmpa2@yahoo.com).



**BLUEY**

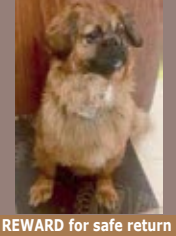
Male long haired domestic, 14 mos, small cat, neutered, not wearing collar or ID tag, child accidentally left door open, Saar (near Spartan Gym), went missing 27/9/19. **Tel: 38731571**



**BD50 REWARD**

**MOONI**

Female Pomeranian/Chihuahua, 6 yrs, spayed/?, microchipped at ACC, golden beige fur, long hair/larger than Chi, orange collar - no ID, escaped open garage door, likely picked up, A'ali, BD50 REWARD, went missing 27/9/19. **Tel: 39422254**



**REWARD for safe return**

**JOOLEE**

Female Tibetan Spaniel, 3.5 yrs, microchipped (Charis), white collar - no ID tag, door left open, last seen near Muharraq Pharmacy (Gudaibiya) - lady took her in white car, lost from Hoora (City Mart/Golden Sands), REWARD for safe return, went missing 8/7/19. **Tel: 36656026**



**REWARD for safe return**

**THUMBALINA**

Female Miniature Pinscher, 4.5 yrs, chocolate/tan, small size, microchipped/registered (Kennel Club of Bahrain), wearing collar - no ID tag, escaped from home, Barbar/Diraz area, went missing 19/09/19, REWARD for safe return, **Tel: 33517709**



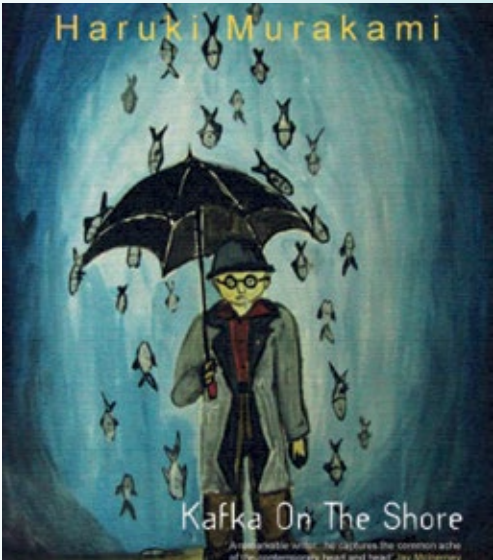
# Turn The Page



Book reviews shouldn't require excuses except for the obvious sentiment "here's another great book I found, read it!". Featuring bookworms and their sentient opinions about their best friends, Weekender brings you book reviews for you to pick up the best ones off the shelf and tuck in for a cozy weekend in another world.

This week, Mari Kareem reviews *Kafka On The Shore* by Haruki Murakami.

Haruki Murakami's works have been some of the best choices I have made with regard to choosing what to read, for his work is written in a style that makes it accessible to casual readers as well as critics. The content in each and every one of his work is very unique and yet there is a common undercurrent cutting through all of them. *Kafka on the shore* talks about two oddly different characters and journeys with a faint connection that comes up much later. The first story is about a young boy, Kafka Tamura, who ran away from his home to a small island. The second story is about an old man who encountered a UFO incident which gives him the ability to talk to cats. Which such old ball stories you may wonder what makes the book so special; I would put it down to the term I coined called mystical realism.



Murakami without a doubt is a master of the craft and nowhere is it more evident than in this book. With his vivid descriptions of the happening of the characters, you are transported into the world he has created. Another compelling reason to read this book is the characters themselves; Murakami doesn't create any stereotypes here and jots down each character right down to their flaws and imperfections. The author doesn't turn them into perfect people by the end; through this there is a feeling of maturity and wisdom that has crept into you and your worldview would have changed. Murakami collates the spiritual, the mystical and the reality, a result which will pretty much leave you wide-eyed and in wonder.

# Will to SURVIVE

## Coping Beyond Cancer

With roughly one in eight women developing breast cancer in their lifetime, the odds are good that nearly everyone is affected by this disease in some way. Whether it's a personal diagnosis or that of a loved one, finding answers to your questions or finding support can make all the difference. Here are a few blogs that'll give you the village that it takes to fight through.

### My Cancer Chic

Anna is a young breast cancer survivor. When she was diagnosed at just 27, she struggled to find other young women going through the same experience. Her blog became a place to share not just her cancer story, but her passion for all things style and beauty. Now, three years into remission, she continues to inspire young women through wellness, positivity, style, and self-love.

### Let Life Happen

Two-time breast cancer and domestic abuse survivor Barbara Jacoby is on a patient advocacy mission, and her Let Life Happen website is a wonderful place to find inspiration through news and personal stories. Browse a great mix of breast cancer information, advocacy guidance, and tips for taking control of your patient experience, plus Barbara's own experiences from diagnosis to remission.

### Journeying Beyond Breast Cancer

Finding support for follow-up care after cancer treatment can be challenging. For Marie Ennis-O'Connor, it wasn't until her final day of treatment

that her breast cancer diagnosis and its aftermath really hit. That's when she felt cut adrift. To help make sense of the experience of cancer, she began her blog. It was a place to discuss the post-treatment limbo she was experiencing, and today, it serves as a great resource for women who find themselves in the same spot.

### Rethink Breast Cancer

A resource specifically for young women with breast cancer, this organization understands the multiple age-specific issues at hand. From fertility, diagnosis during pregnancy, childcare, careers, and financial security, Rethink Breast Cancer understands the complexities of cancer at this stage in life. They work to connect young women navigating the same experience and offer age-appropriate support and resources.

### Nancy's Point

Nancy Stordahl's life has been irrevocably altered by breast cancer. In 2008, her mother died from this disease. Two years later, Nancy was diagnosed. On her blog, she writes candidly about her experiences, including loss and advocacy, and she refuses to sugarcoat her words.



Streaming services have ushered in a whole new kind of reach and visibility for creativity in the field of 'filmmaking'. Whether they are short films, feature films, mini-series or full-blown web series, we are presently spoilt for choice. Weekender will review one production every week, so you can add or take it off your to-do list for the weekend!



This week, Nebal Shaffi reviews the Amazon show 'Carnival Row'.

Rating: 3.5/5

Amazon is pushing resolutely into the world of sci-fi and fantasy (in large part because Jeff Bezos is a genre fan), and its latest attempt to capture an audience with an epic story, *Carnival Row*, mixes deep mythological elements with a creatively bleak, timeless setting (recalling the Victorian era) and contemporary issues of race, class, immigration and sexual identity. It's all ambitiously mashed together.

No doubt *Carnival Row* will be compared lazily and inaccurately to *Game of Thrones*, which of course it can't live up to. But that's the pigeonholed world we live in.

Orlando Bloom plays Rycroft Philostrate, a detective in *The Burgue*, which resembles a Victorian metropolis with a steampunk feel mixed into the dark, muddy streets, where people are openly carving up pigs (and each other). Much of this is held together and given some sense of connective tissue to the world that director Thor Freudenthal brings to life in the first two episodes, helping set the template for the look to come. (Part of the appeal clearly lies in thinking, "OK, what is this world about and when/where is it set?") *The Burgue* once supported the fae, a collection of fairies in their native country of Timanoc, who were being overrun by The Pact, a nebulous group of nation-states that are dangerously powerful. The Pact captures Timanoc when *The Burgue* pulls out, creating a refugee crisis.

While most of the storytelling is relatively strong throughout, having seen all eight of the one-hour episodes, I found it ends up a little rushed and erratic in the final two, particularly the finale. That said, it's not easy to build a big web of genre mythology without a clear case of intellectual property rules, but it looks like Beacham and Echevarria are on the same page regarding the larger story (meaning it moves beyond the mysterious serial killer plot to reveal something a lot more intriguing). Amazon has already ordered another season, and there's certainly enough

world-building and enough creativity to merit a longer look for those who give it a chance.

The fine supporting cast includes Jared Harris (*Chernobyl*) and Indira Varma (*Game of Thrones*) as a powerful politician and his scheming wife; David Gyasi (*Interstellar*) as a rich outcast; Simon McBurney (*The Loudest Voice*) as a theater actor and key piece to a larger murder mystery; and Karla Crome (*The Victim*, *Misfits*) as a fae prostitute and best friend to Vignette. All give strong performances, as do Andrew Gower and Tamzin Merchant as brother-and-sister aristocrats with sinking fortunes.

Ultimately, Bloom and Delevingne must carry the bulk of the first season, and they end up being the primary reasons to keep going when things flag. Part of their success is being believable and playing well off all the characters they encounter, lending some ballast to a spinning story.



Shayne Haridas

Weekender, in collaboration with local food bloggers, will bring you reliable reviews of eateries around Bahrain. Shayne Haridas is a food blogger/photographer based in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia with a passion for food. He reviews local eateries from all over Saudi Arabia and on occasion, travels abroad to experience local cuisines. Not to shy away from an experience, it is said there is nothing he won't eat.



## Fatto Restaurant, Seef

Wondering where to eat from can be confusing when you can't make up your mind. Walking around Seef, we decided to try out @fattobahrain. I had been craving for some Pasta / Risotto for a while now and Fatto's menu pulled me right in. I ordered the Risotto Gamberi Pomodorini, Lemony Soda Della Passione and for dessert, a Crumble di Fragole. My friend ordered the Rose Risotto Di Manzo and a Mojito to compliment the meal. These guys know their food and the Seafood Risotto was sublime. The shrimps were fresh and I loved how they didn't overcook the rice which tends to happen often. The cherry tomatoes were both a lil' sweet and a lil' sour which balanced the meal perfectly. Great refreshing Soda and the best part of the meal was the amazing Crumble Dessert. Always make sure to mix it well before you dig in, or you'll end up with the sour /sweet berries in the bottom of the bowl. Great customer service team who were exceptional and a great place to take the family out!





Even though it's a tiny island, Bahrain is teeming with superbly talented artists. Today Weekender chats with Mohd Abdulla, Mo, of MR Productions. MR Productions is a musical platform where artists from different cultures or just music from different cultures blend to form the perfect harmony. Read on to know what Mo had to say about his journey and experiences.

**W. To begin with a cliché, who or what was your inspiration to pursue fusion music and subsequently become a music producer?**

**Mo.** Well, in the beginning, I was in a band, we started a band in 1993, '94. We started playing live in 1995. We played a lot of gigs, entered competitions, opened for bands. In 2004 I opened a studio along with my friend. We do recordings for bands, jingles, radio ads, clients. Mainly recording. The more people we had coming in, the better we got and enjoyed the process more. I used to work in a recording studio before I opened my own. The one thing I noticed was that the majority of the productions were focused on middle eastern music, though some dealt with English songs too. Bahrain had a variety of artists, many flavors to offer, though. This is where the idea for fusion came from. I listen to various kinds of music, from Indian classical to European classical. Most of the bands that came to us belonged to the rock genre, if not Arabic music. In 2011, My partner Ryan and I tried mixing it up a little by ourselves. The initial idea was to start a YouTube channel and promote our fusion efforts, because music is an international language, and I think that is how everything comes together. We completed a composition, and shot it in the desert, with a tabla and electric guitar and drums, with vocals lent by an Indian classical singer Padmini Rao. I am a percussionist, I play the rhythm, drums, and tabla.

**W. What's the your favorite part of the process, from the moment the first note comes to you, till you are basking in the accolade?**

**Mo.** My favourite part is that it is an absolute blessing to be a musician because the world becomes so small, and you get to bump into wonderfully talented people, professional or amateur artists, international or local. I never imagined that I'd be fortunate enough to have had these associations. So the past eight years have been an amazing journey. Every time we have a new project and we are introduced to someone new, it is a whole new experience. It may look the same or sound the same, but the experience is always a world apart and the take away from it is amazing. The fact that it is not a routine, that it is always different and new, is a big part of me enjoying the process, and all of these are my favorite parts.

**W. What are the best experiences you've had, working with Bahrain-based artists?**

**Mo.** Bahrain is a smorgasbord of artists from all over the world, be it jazz or pop music or Indian music, or anything. People here tend to experiment with music that may not be traditional to where they are from, which is a beautiful thing in itself. We have had the offspring of legendary musicians of Bahrain come to us for recordings to try their hand at fusion, though they would have easy access to the best studios in the region. I have worked with school students and a few others who don't usually sing in public but would be interested in recording. They bring their ideas and their music, and we work with them. Before 2011, we had a band and we played gigs, but we couldn't record. We didn't know where to go or how it worked, and we didn't have the money to pay for it. This made me want to make the process of production more accessible to people.

**W. What is the goal in sight, at the moment?**

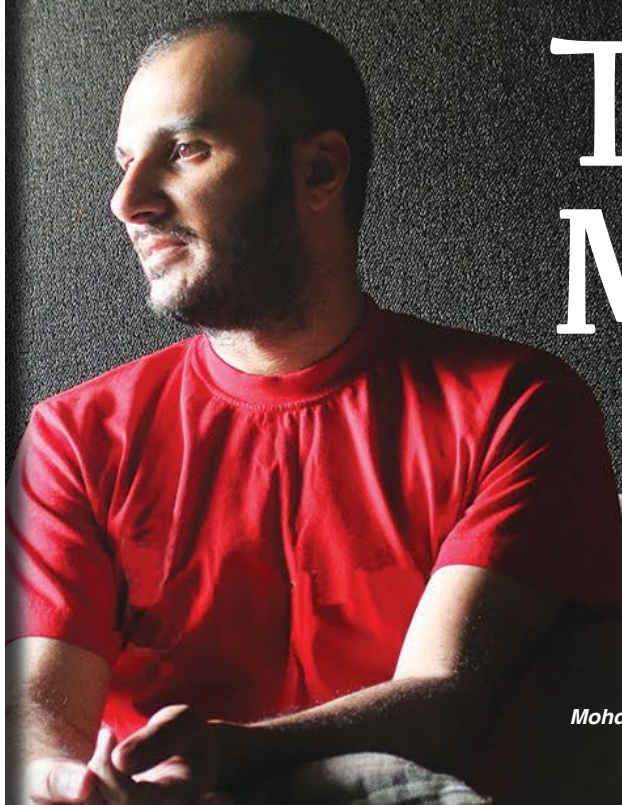
**Mo.** My goal at the moment, and every moment, is just to keep doing better. When you love what you are doing, and it is your passion and your baby, you want to keep doing more and more with it. My partner Ryan is not based out of Bahrain any longer, but we work online, and share our projects. I want to give this my best, it's a never-ending experience. When it is something you love, nothing will stop you. I'm always looking forward to interesting projects and experiences.

**W. Do you have a word of advice for the youth looking at following in your path?**

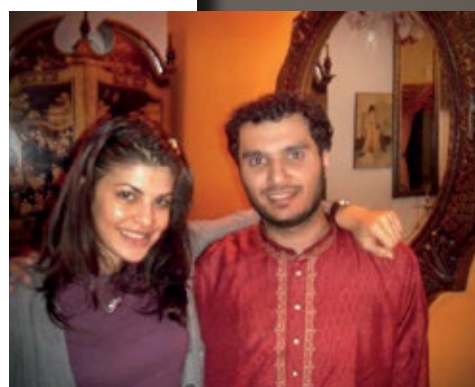
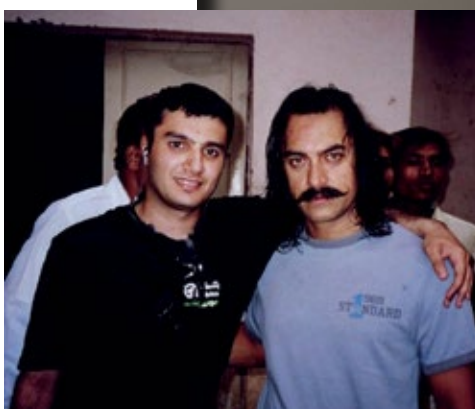
**Mo.** My advice to the youth is that don't let anybody stereotype you or tell you that this field is just a hobby or something you do for fun, and won't earn you your bread and butter. This is a gift, and it's never too late to pursue a gift you are blessed with. Work will never feel like work if it is your passion, so don't let anybody tell you otherwise.

**W. Here's a tough one – tell us your top 5 fusion favorites!**

**Mo.** There are many, but here's the top 5. A tough but memorable one was Shah Rukh Khan's project, the song 'Lovely'. Another one was the first project I did online with an artist from Russia who I haven't met in person, but was a follower of my work. That was a new experience, I didn't think I'd be able to do the project online. A hotel client wanted us to do a project where the staff sang a popular song, but a fusion version because the staff hailed from various nationalities. We did a fusion project with a cello, tabla, and a Russian fusion singer on a Russian operatic song. The fifth one on the list would be where we mashed a south Indian song with a Selena Gomez hit, where the singing was in two different languages. It was a tough project, but a cool one.



Mohd Abdulla



# Magic Through Music

## Shish Tawook

Tania Rebello

My heart skips a beat every time someone mentions 'chicken' because chicken is one of my favorite things to eat. When I was younger, my parents would often pull my legs by telling me that I should marry a chicken seller.

So, today being 'World Chicken Day', I decided to share one of my easy go-to recipes for Shish Tawook which is perfect as a mid-week meal or even to grill on an outdoor barbecue at a picnic since the weather is so fine now.

There are endless possibilities of what one can prepare with chicken but this is one that can be enjoyed by people of all age groups and at any time of the day.

Shish Tawook is a very popular Lebanese dish loved by people from all nations. Did you know that the name 'Shish Tawook' is actually Turkish as Shish means 'skewers' and Tawook means 'chicken'? Well, now you do.

Toum or the Lebanese garlic sauce served with this delicious chicken dish rounds up the meal to perfection. Toum is prepared by emulsifying garlic paste with olive oil. Toum is easily available at supermarkets in Bahrain so I used store-bought toum to serve up my shish tawook.



### SHISH TAWOOK

Ingredients:

- 1 kg chicken breasts cut into 2" cubes
- 1 cup yogurt
- Juice of one large lemon
- 6 tbsps Olive oil
- 8 cloves of garlic minced
- 1 tsp paprika powder
- ½ tsp cinnamon powder
- ¼ tsp black pepper
- Salt to taste- about 1.5 level tsp.
- 1 tsp chopped parsley
- 1 onion cut into smaller chunks for skewing.

### PROCEDURE:

1. Mix all the above-mentioned ingredients (except chicken) in a large bowl to make a marinade.
2. Marinate chicken and onions in the marinade for at least 2 hours or overnight.
3. Soak skewers in water for half an hour.
4. Thread the chicken and onion onto skewers.
5. Grill in an oven preheated to 200C for about 20 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.
6. (Do not overcook or you will get rubbery chicken which is an absolute NO).
7. Serve with store-bought toum, extra parsley, grilled tomato, grilled large green chillies, few wedges of lemon, and Lebanese bread served up in a platter.

For mouthwatering recipes for homecooks, follow Tania @taniainthekitchen on Facebook and Instagram.





# What Did I Just Watch?

A review of *Midsommar* by Ahmed Zayani

I think I'm one of the rare film critics who is not completely sold on Ari Aster. Now don't get me wrong; I do think that Aster is a very talented individual with all the potential in the world, but to call him the next great horror director this early into his career is a gross exaggeration, in my point of view. I do think that Ari is on the right track to achieving his spot in the annals of horror mastery, with his viral short film *The Strange Thing About the Johnsons* is worthy of all the accolades it had received while his debut feature-length film *Hereditary* showcased his abilities on a grander scale through the use of disturbing visuals, masterful storytelling, and incredible acting. Should he stay the course, I have no doubt that Ari Aster's name will be spoken with the same breath as that of Carpenter and Craven, but it is still premature to do so at this point.

Directed by Ari Aster, *Midsommar* is the sophomore endeavor from the man who would be king (of horror) and tells the story of Dani (played by Florence Pugh) a college student still grieving the loss of her parents and sister, who tags along with her boyfriend Christian (played by Jack Reynor) and his friends, on a trip to Sweden to observe the midsummer celebrations at an isolated commune. Once there, Dani starts to realize that the idealistic setting isn't what it initially seems to be, and that there are far more nefarious things lurking in the shadows. The initial premise to *Midsommar* appealed to me quite a bit. It came off as a cross between Robin Hardy's *The Wicker Man* and Eli Roth's *Hostel*, and I was quite disheartened when its theatrical release in Bahrain was canceled at the last minute. I was quite happy when I saw that the movie was available for digital download, this week, and arranged for a private screening at the Alumni Club, to take in the movie and enjoy what has been built up to be the next big horror masterpiece. Oh, how wrong was I!

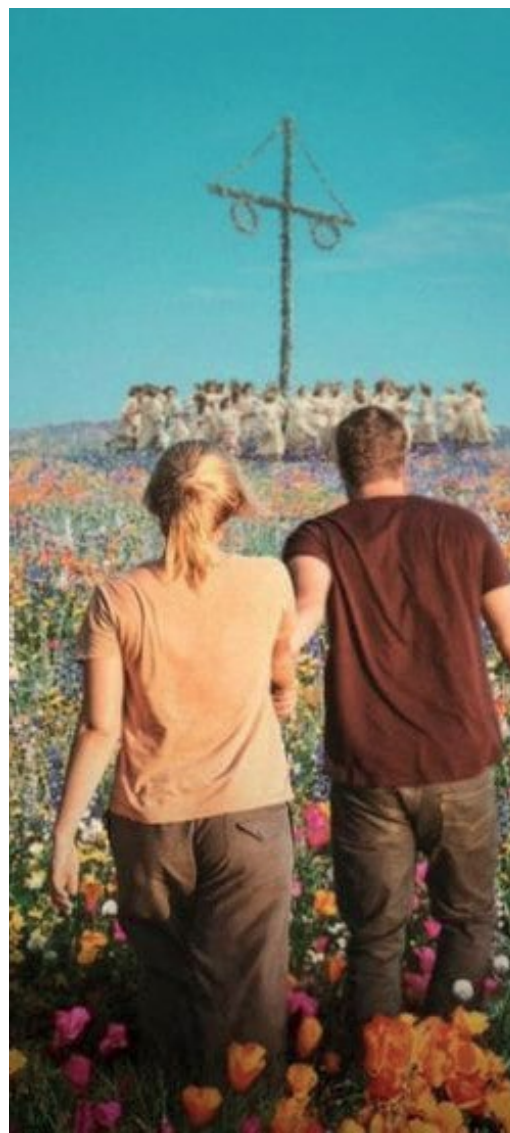
To call *Midsommar* a misfire would be a gross understatement, but before we get to that let's talk about the positives. Like I said earlier, the initial premise was incredibly appealing to myself and other genre fiends, with Aster seemingly taking bits from some of the horror greats as he did earlier with *Hereditary*. The film also looked absolutely gorgeous. It bucked against the traditional horror convention of setting such films at night by filming almost the entirety of the proceedings in broad daylight. Cinematographer Pawl Pogorzelski brings the same flair and style he showcased in *Hereditary* here, and I believe that this is one name we will be hearing more of very soon. The soundtrack used here was also impeccable and helped create a sense of unnerving apprehension. As far as I'm concerned that's where the positives end. While I wouldn't go so far as to call *Midsommar* a bad movie, I don't see anything remarkable either. Despite being lured in by the tantalizing plot, as the movie plodded on, it dawned on me that it had nothing new or novel to say if anything it made me yearn to watch the earlier, far superior movies that it tries to emulate. I also felt that the characterization here was lacking, despite this film clocking in at just under two hours and a half (with the director's cut adding thirty minutes to that runtime). I felt that all characters presented came off as paper-thin and one dimensional. At no point was I given any reason to care or have concern for these individuals, something that a film of this ilk desperately needs. That itself did contribute to the performances not being up to snuff. Again, no one gave a bad performance, but no one stood out either. It honestly baffles my mind, how some reviewers hailed Florence Pugh's performance as the best of the year, with some going as far as to claim that she

is a lock for the best actress Oscar. Yes, Florence is a very talented actress and can carry a movie as we've seen this earlier this year with *Fighting With My Family*, but she is unremarkable here to the point that I began to wonder if those other reviewers and I had watched the same movie. If there ever is proof that bad character development can hinder a solid performer, then this must be it.

Overall, I think Asmahan, aka the Sally to my Jack Skellington, put it best when saying "I don't regret watching the movie, but I fail to see anything special about it that's deserving of the hype." Sure, there are some aspects about *Midsommar* that deserve some accolades, but overall this is a movie that had all the potential in the world to be the next modern horror classic but fell short in realizing those aspirations. Here's hoping Ari Aster's next feature does not share a similar fate.

Verdict - 6/10

For more cinematic intel, follow @theahmedzayani on Instagram.



## THE FIVE Favorite Favorite Films About Cults

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2. *The Master*
3. *The Invitation*
4. *The Wicker Man*
5. *Mohammed Fakhroo's Cult*



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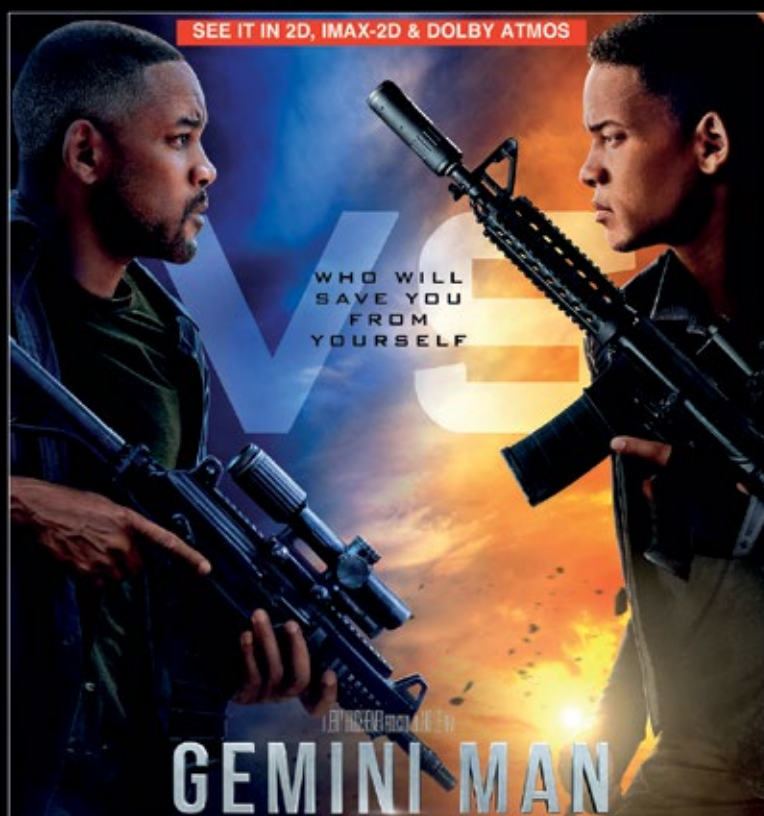
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# business

## INJAZ Bahrain hosts the annual schools & universities appreciation day

TDI | Manama

INJAZ Bahrain held its annual schools and universities appreciation day 2019 yesterday at The Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel, under the patronage of Dr Majid Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education.

Attended by over 400 ministry delegates, the event witnessed huge participation of public and private schools and universities.

Hana Sarwani, Executive Director of INJAZ Bahrain, in her address, acknowledged the Ministry of education's vital role in facilitating and implementing INJAZ Bahrain programmes in all education institutes across the Kingdom.

Yousef Al Essa, a student from INJAZ Bahrain, shared his experience on stage saying, "INJAZ Bahrain has granted me the chance to unlock new potentials and has been a gateway to im-



In pictures, the event held at The Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel, under the patronage of Dr Majid Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education

prove, to learn and to stand out."

A video about 2019's Young Entrepreneur Competition, recalling the achievements of the winners, was screened on the occasion. Another video 'Basmat INJAZ' demonstrated the

impact of volunteering at INJAZ on teacher volunteers.

Hana Sarwani, Executive Director of INJAZ Bahrain alongside Ahlam Al Amer, Senior Chief of Schools at Bahrain Ministry of Education, Ahmad Adel, Public relations administrator



at Banagas, Fadhel Al Ansari, General Manager at GPIC and Hamad Al Shaibeh, Senior HR Manager at Alba, presented the awards and certificates of recognition.

Al Oroba Primary Girls School was honoured as the best prima-

ry school, Isa Town Secondary Girls School the best intermediate school, Sitra Secondary Girl School the best secondary school, Naseem International the best private school and the University of Bahrain the best university.

Platinum, gold and silver volunteers from the Ministry of Education were awarded for their outstanding performance and dedicated volunteering hours.

Sponsored by GPIC, Banagas and Alba, the ceremony is held annually by INJAZ Bahrain.

## Bahrain's M3 Money supply rose 10pc, says top Bank

TDI | Manama

Bahrain's M3 Money supply climbed 10 per cent on an annual basis in August, said the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB).

CBB's monthly statistical bulletin for August 2019 indicated an increase to BD 13,531.5 million as at the end of August 2019, compared to BD 12,304.4m as at the same period-end last year.

The money supply is the total value of money available in an economy at a point of time.

Besides, the total outstanding balance of public debt instruments which includes Development Bonds, Treasury Bills, Islamic Leasing securities and Al Salam Islamic securities remained at BD 11,293.4m at the end of August 2019, a drop of 2.2pc compared to its level of BD 11,551.0m in August 2018.

The data also indicated an increase in the total balance sheet of the banking system from USD 192.3 billion at the end of August 2018 to USD 200.6bn at the end of August 2019, an increase of USD 8.3bn, or 4.3pc, in the 12 months.

### Outstanding loans rise 6.9pc

The total value of outstanding loans and credit facilities pro-



The Central Bank of Bahrain (Courtesy of the national)

vided by retail banks amounted to BD 9,829.8m at end of August 2019 compared to BD 9,196.0m at the end of August 2018, an increase of 6.9pc. This amount includes loans and facilities provided to the business sector amounting to BD 5,205.0m at the end of August 2019 compared to BD 4,940.1m at the end of the same period last year, an increase of 5.4pc.

Credit, debit transactions rise  
Credit card and debit card transactions across Point of

Sales (POS) terminals amounted to BD 198.3 million in August 2019 compared to BD 182.6 million in August 2018; marking an increase of BD15.7 million or 8.6pc.

The balance sheet of retail banks increased by BD2.9bn, or 9.1pc, reaching a total of BD 34.8bn at the end of August 2019 compared to BD 31.9bn as at end of August 2018.

### Non-bank deposits up

The data also shows an in-

**M3** is a measure of the money supply that includes M2 as well as large time deposits, institutional money market funds, short-term repurchase agreements and larger liquid assets, according to Investopedia.

**M2** is a calculation of the money supply that includes all elements of M1 as well as "near money."

**M1** includes cash and checking deposits, while near money refers to savings deposits, money market securities, mutual funds, and other time deposits.

## La Pergola takes first place in annual Chaîne des Rôtisseurs



Sunuj Deen Food and Beverage Manager, Charbel Hanna Deputy General Manager and Simone Cassago La Pergola By Giancarlo Perbellini Manager

Manama

The Gulf Hotel Bahrain's La Pergola by Giancarlo Perbellini won first place in the "most memorable dinner" - Season 2018-2019 by the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs.

La Pergola, since collaborating with Multi-Michelin Star Chef Giancarlo Perbellini in 2018, has evolved the restaurant's legacy which features a composition of innovative and tradition in its menu.

In addition to the current award from Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, La Pergola has bagged other awards such as the best Italian Fine Dine Restaurant by Fact Awards, the Bahrain Confidential best restaurant and now has been nominated for the BBC Good Food and Travel Award Middle East.

"It's truly an honour to receive this prestigious award from the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs!," said Sunuj Deen, the food and beverage manager.

## Malaysian MPs vote to repeal 'fake news' law

Kuala Lumpur

aimed at stifling dissent.

Malaysian lawmakers voted to repeal a controversial law Wednesday that punished spreading "fake news" with up to six years behind bars and which critics said was

As well as hefty jail terms, under the legislation those who disseminated false news -- via any medium, from print to social networks -- could be fined up to 500,000 ringgit (\$120,000).

## Ethiopian Airlines denies it tampered with flight records after crash

Addis Ababa

Ethiopian Airlines yesterday denied whistleblower accusations that it tampered with the maintenance records of the Boeing 737 MAX jet which crashed in March, killing all 157 people on board.

The accident, in which the

plane nose-dived into a field outside Addis Ababa, led to the six-month grounding of the aircraft model as numerous reports faulted an automated control system which pushed the nose of the jet sharply downward.

The same system error was blamed for the crash of an In-



The crash site (file)

donesian Lion Air plane in October last year which killed 189 people.

However Ethiopia Airline's former chief engineer Yonas Yeshanew -- who is seeking asylum in the United States -- highlighted dubious maintenance practices and corruption at the fast-growing airline, in an article

carried by the Associated Press news agency.

According to the AP, Yonas said someone from the airline had entered the maintenance record system after the crash. He said he did not know if anything was altered, but referred to a history at the company of falsifying records and signing

off on dodgy maintenance and repair jobs.

Ethiopian Airlines said in a statement emailed that directly after the crash "all relevant hard copy maintenance records of the aircraft involved in the accident" were sealed, stored in a secure place and delivered to investigators.



## UN in the red, salaries at risk

United Nations | United States

The United Nations has an overall annual operating budget of several billion dollars, covering everything from humanitarian work to disarmament, but right now, it's just trying to make sure its employees get paid after this month.

How did the world body end up more than \$200 million in the red?

The answer: member states who have not paid their expected contributions, including the United States.

On Tuesday, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned of the "worst cash crisis facing the United Nations in nearly a decade."

He cautioned the UN "runs the risk of depleting its liquidity reserves by the end of the month and defaulting on payments to staff and vendors."

Several member states are behind in their dues payments. The UN will not publicly identify those countries, but sources said the main culprits are the United States, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and Iran.

In all, 64 countries owe money to the UN. Also on the list of budget delinquents are Venezuela, North Korea, South Korea, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Israel and Saudi Arabia.

The last country to have paid up is war-ravaged Syria, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Tuesday at his daily press conference.

In a letter sent Monday to



United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres

the 37,000 employees at the UN secretariat, Guterres said the UN had a deficit of \$230 million as of the end of September.

On Tuesday, he indicated that if the world body had not taken the initiative to cut spending since the start of the year, the hole would have been even bigger in October -- possibly \$600 million -- and could have affected last month's General Assembly attended by world leaders.

A UN official speaking on condition of anonymity said Guterres had raised the budget issues with member states as early as this past spring, asking them to pay up, but they refused.

Not including what it pays for peacekeeping operations, the UN's operating budget for 2018-2019 is close to \$5.4 billion, with the United States contributing 22 percent.

The portion still owed? Nearly \$1.4 billion.

Washington is also the largest contributor to the UN peacekeeping tab.

# EU ready to make 'major concession' on Brexit deal

Reuters | London

The European Union is ready to make a "major concession" on a Brexit deal by offering a mechanism for the Northern Irish assembly to leave a new so-called backstop after a number of years, The Times newspaper reported yesterday.

Talks with the EU to reach an agreement on Britain's departure have hit an impasse over the backstop, an insurance policy to prevent the return to a hard border between the British province of Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland if a future trade deal falls short of keeping the border open.

Johnson says he wants to remove what he calls the "undemocratic backstop" and has



Flags flutter outside the Houses of Parliament in London

proposed replacing it by suggesting that Northern Ireland stay under EU regulations, customs checks should be made

away from the border, and that Northern Ireland's assembly, Stormont, would have the right to vote on the arrangements.

But Brussels fears handing Northern Ireland "consent" would give Johnson's allies, the Democratic Unionist Party, a veto.

The new idea, as reported by the Times, would be a modified version of the consent principle.

Citing diplomatic sources close to the talks, the Times said European governments were prepared to "concede a unilateral revocation of the withdrawal treaty by Stormont after a period of time. The date of 2025 has been mooted, as long as both communities agree to it.

A European source was quoted by the Times as saying: "A landing zone on consent could be a double majority within Stormont, to leave, not to continue with the arrangements after X years."

## Facebook extends fact-checking programme to 10 African states

Paris

Facebook on Tuesday announced the expansion of its third-party fact-checking programme to 10 new African countries in partnership with Agence France-Presse and other media.

The programme will be available in Ethiopia, Zambia, Somalia and Burkina Faso in partnership with AFP; in Uganda and Tanzania with Pesa Check and AFP; in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Ivory Coast with France 24 and AFP, in Guin-

ea with France 24, and Ghana in partnership with Nigerian fact-checking platform Dubawa.

"The expansion of third-party fact-checking to now cover 15 countries in a little over a year shows first-hand our commitment and dedication to the

continent, alongside our recent local language expansion as part of this programme," said Kojo Boakye, Facebook head of public policy, Africa.

AFP has fact-checkers in nearly 30 countries, working in nine languages.

## BAC celebrates KLM Royal Dutch Airlines' 100 year anniversary



BAC officials cutting a cake celebrating the 100th anniversary of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines

TDT | Manama

Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the operator and managing body of Bahrain International Airport (BIA), celebrated the 100th anniversary of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, welcoming the arrival of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines flight KL445, which touched down at BIA yesterday.

BAC Chief Commercial Officer, Ayman Zainal said: "The Bahrain-Amsterdam route has been proudly sustainable for 46 years and has played a key role in strengthening connectivity between the Kingdom and Europe, bolstering bilateral relations, trade, and tourism in the process."

BAC CCO further said he is looking to achieving more

"joint successes and new horizons of progress and prosperity".

Zainal added: "With the launch of the new Passenger Terminal Building, we expect to see a surge in the number of airlines operating out of BIA. We also remain committed to working with our existing partners to develop new routes that will further connect the Kingdom

with the rest of the world."

KLM is one of the major international airlines operating out of BIA and continues to operate daily flights, connecting passengers to Amsterdam and the rest of the airline's extensive global network.

Founded in 1919, KLM is the oldest airline in the world still operating under its original name.

## US civil rights birthplace elects first black mayor

Washington

Voters in Montgomery, Alabama, the southern city considered the birthplace of the US civil rights movement, have elected their first African-American mayor.

Steven Reed, a 45-year-old county probate judge, easily defeated David Woods, a local television station owner, by 32,918 votes to 16,010 votes in Tuesday's runoff election.

"This election has never been about me," Reed said at a victory rally. "It's been about all of the hopes and dreams that we have as individuals and collectively in this city."

Montgomery, the capital of Alabama, has a population of around 200,000 -- 60 percent of whom are black -- and was founded in 1819.

It was briefly the capital of the Confederacy after southern states seceded from the Union in 1861, sparking the US Civil War.



Steven Reed, a 45-year-old county probate judge

The city was the site of the 1955 arrest of Rosa Parks, a black woman who refused to give up her seat on a public bus in what is considered a seminal moment in the civil rights movement.

Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr preached at a Baptist church in Montgomery and the city was the scene of several protests seeking an end to segregation.

Bro Krift, the executive editor of the Montgomery Advertiser newspaper, described Reed's election as a "historic moment for a city heralded for changing civil rights for all."



The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) held yesterday at its premises a workshop titled 'Conventional Jobs versus Entrepreneurship; skills and success keys'. The workshop, delivered by Hala Sulaiman, targeted school students and shed a scope light on fundamental topics including stages of starting a business, competencies of successful entrepreneurs, and business sustainability. BCCI's second vice-chairman Mohammed Al Kooheji voiced his pride in Bahraini youth, and stressed the important role they are to play in shaping the economy of the country. The workshop is one in a series of workshops organised by the Studies and Initiatives Center of the Chamber.





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SYLVESTER STALLONE, PAZ VEGA, SERGIO PERIS-MENCHETA

ABOMINABLE (PG)(ANIMATION)

OASIS JUFFAIR (KIDS CINEMA) :1.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 11.00 PM  
CITY CENTRE:11.00 AM + 1.15 + 3.30 + 5.45 + 8.00 + 10.15 PM  
SEEF (II): 11.15 AM + 1.30 + 3.45 + 6.00 + 8.15 + 10.30 PM

CHLOE BENNET, TENZING NORGAY TRAINOR, ALBERT TSAI

ANGEL HAS FALLEN (PG-15)(ACTION/THRILLER/DRAMA)

CITY CENTRE :11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM  
SEEF (II): 2.00 + 6.30 + 11.00 PM

GERARD BUTLER, MORGAN FREEMAN, JADA PINKETT SMITH

A SHAUN THE SHEEP MOVIE: FARMAGEDDON (G)

OASIS JUFFAIR (KIDS CINEMA) : 11.00 AM  
CITY CENTRE: 11.00 AM + 3.30 + 8.00 PM  
SEEF (II): 12.00 + 4.30 + 9.00 PM

JUSTIN FLETCHER, JOHN SPARKES, KATE HARBOUR

FAST & FURIOUS: HOBBS & SHAW (PG-15)

SEEF (II): 1.45 + 6.45 + 11.45 PM

DWAYNE JOHNSON, JASON STATHAM, IDRIS ELBA

KHAYAL MAATA (PG)(COMEDY/DRAMA)

CITY CENTRE :2.00 + 6.45 + 11.30 PM  
SEEF (II): 11.45 AM + 4.30 + 9.15 PM

AHMAD HELMY, MINNA SHALABI, HASSAN HOSNEY

DORA AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD (PG)

CITY CENTRE: 11.45 AM + 4.30 + 9.15 PM

ISABELA MONER, Q’ORIANKA KILCHER, BENICIO DEL TORO

THE LION KING (PG)(ADVENTURE/DRAMA/FAMILY)

CITY CENTRE: 1.00 + 5.30 + 10.00 PM

DONALD GLOVER, SETH ROGEN, CHIWETEL EJIOFOR

TOY STORY 4 (G)(ANIMATION/ADVENTURE)

CITY CENTRE:11.30 AM + 4.30 + 9.30 PM

TOM HANKS, TIM ALLEN, JOAN CUSACK

SYE RAA NARASIMHA REDDY (PG-15)

OASIS JUFFAIR (TELUGU):11.00 AM + 5.00 + 11.00 PM  
AL HAMRA: (TELUGU): 3.00 PM

CHIRANJEEVI, AMITABH BACHCHAN, VIJAY SETHUPATHI

ASURAN (PG-15)(TAMIL)

OASIS JUFFAIR : 2.15 + 8.15 PM

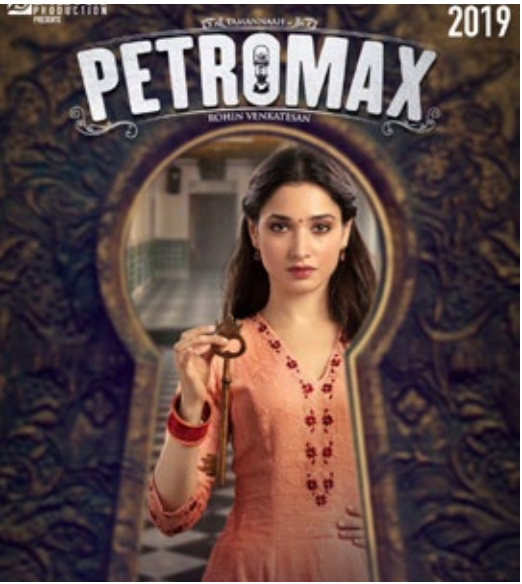
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ADHYA RATHRI (PG-13)

OASIS JUFFAIR :10.30 AM + 3.30 + 8.30 PM  
SEEF (I): 1.30 + 6.30 + 11.30 PM  
AL HAMRA: 12.00 NOON + 9.00 PM

BIJU MENON, AJU VARGHESE, ANASWARA



PETROMAX (PG-13)(TAMIL)

STARTING FROM THURSDAY 7.00 PM ONWARDS  
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TAMANNAAH BHATIA, YOGI BABU, MUNISHKANTH

MANOHARAM (PG)(MALAYALAM)

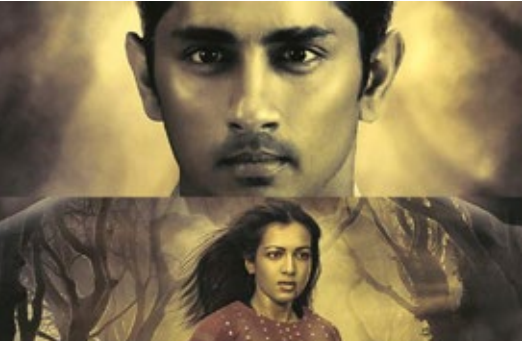
OASIS JUFFAIR :1.00 + 6.00 + 11.00 PM  
SEEF (I): 11.00 AM + 4.00 + 9.00 PM  
AL HAMRA: 6.00 PM + (12.00 MN THURS/FRI.)

VINEETH SREENIVASAN, INDRANS, DEEPAK

ARUVAM (PG-15)(TAMIL)

STARTING FROM THURSDAY 7.00 PM ONWARDS  
SEEF (I): 1.00 + 6.00 + 11.00 PM

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MOVIE REVIEW

‘Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy’ is full of life even in death

The Chiranjeevi starrer is a fairly engaging war film elevated by an engrossing second half

● The makers skillfully use cinematic liberties to play to the mainstream, crowd-pleasing format

Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy is a 2019 Indian Telugu-language epic action film directed by Surender Reddy and produced by Ram Charan under the Konidela Production Company banner. A work of fiction, the film is inspired by the life of Indian independence activist Uyyalawada Narasimha Reddy from the Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh. The film will be dubbed and released in Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam and Tamil.The film stars Chiranjeevi in the title role along with Nayanthara, Tamannaah, Jagapati Babu, Sudeep, and Vijay Sethupathi in supporting roles. Amitabh Bachchan and Anushka Shetty make guest appearances.

Neeshita Nyayapati writing for The Times of India gave the 3.5 stars out of 5 stating that “the story-telling has its flaws, but the characters are intriguing. What’s impressive is the massive canvas the film is mounted on. Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy might work only in bits



A scene from ‘Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy’

and pieces, but the scenes in which the film works makes it all worthwhile!”. Rahul Devulapalli writing for The Week gave the 3.5 stars out of 5 stating, “The movie’s biggest strengths are its visuals, especially the war scenes. Roping in of international stunt directors has enhanced the overall experience.

Producer and son of Chiranjeevi, Ram Charan, has pulled out all stops in marketing the film and it did not go waste. In the end, though the product is worth appreciating, it cannot be called a biopic of Narasimha Reddy as a lot of events in the movie are historically questionable. If you can silence the fact-checker

in you, watch the movie for Chiranjeevi and the action sequences”.

Hemanth Kumar writing for Firstpost gave the 3.5 stars out of 5 stating, “At a runtime of nearly 170 minutes, Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy tells a fascinating story about a rebellion that’s never been explored in Telugu cinema. Despite the



Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy tells a fascinating story about a rebellion that’s never been explored in Telugu cinema

familiarity of the genre, the film relies quite a lot on Chiranjeevi’s screen presence. And he packs a punch and how”.

Sangeetha Devi Dundoo of The Hindu praised the cinematography, costumes, Chiranjeevi’s performance and adding that the makers skilfully use cinematic liberties to play to the mainstream, crowd-pleasing format.

Joel Kurian writing for Republic TV gave the 3.5 stars out of 5 stating, “Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy is inconsistent, but should easily make it to every list of the best films based on Indian freedom fighters, thanks to its technical brilliance, an amazing climax and Chiranjeevi”.



# celebs

## When Elton John tried to take his own life

Los Angeles

Legendary singer Elton John has revealed that he tried to take his own life decades ago after being involved in “some catastrophic love affair”.

In his his new memoir Me: Elton John, the “Rocket Man” hitmaker opened up about his suicide attempt, reports metro.co.uk.

Elton said: “As well as taking drugs, my personal life had been, more or less, a disaster. I didn’t pick them up so much as take them hostage.”

Elton, 72, shared how he felt as though he was masking his true personality and feelings of in-

security, which left him “miserable” behind closed doors.

“I had been completely wrong when I thought that changing my name meant I’d changed as a person. I wasn’t Elton, I was Reg,” the singer explained referring to his birth name Reginald Kenneth Dwight.

“And Reg was still the same as he’d been 15 years ago, hiding in his bedroom while his parents fought: insecure and body-conscious and self-loathing. I didn’t want to go home to him at night. If I did, the misery could be all-consuming,” he added.

## Nick Jonas gives thumbs up to Priyanka’s “The Sky Is Pink”

Los Angeles

American pop star Nick Jonas has shared a special post to congratulate his wife and actress Priyanka Chopra on her upcoming project “The Sky Is Pink”, saying the film touched his heart in many ways.

“This film touched my heart in so many ways. The story is bold and beautiful, and told perfectly by this incredible cast and by Shonali Bose’s direction. Priyanka Chopra, I am so proud of your work as both an actor and producer in this film,” Nick wrote on his Instagram, as he shared a poster of the film.

“You made me smile, laugh and cry and I know you are going to impact so many people’s lives with this film. I love you so much. Congrats to the entire “The Sky Is Pink” cast, crew and creative team. You should be very proud. Everyone make sure to go see this movie,” he added.



Nick Jonas

## Theron opens up about wrist injury from action movie

Los Angeles

Charlize Theron



Hollywood star Charlize Theron opened up about a hand injury she experienced on the set of “The Old Guard”.

“I have now changed my career. Yes, I am a professional bowler,” Theron joked about her hand cast that resembles a bowling hand guard on the show “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” on Monday, reports hollywoodreporter.com.

She added: “It’s not as cool as I thought it was going to be. This is so stupid. I did an action movie and I tore the ligament off the bone fighting. I messed up my elbow, as well.” Theron also clarified that her injury glove was not custom made.

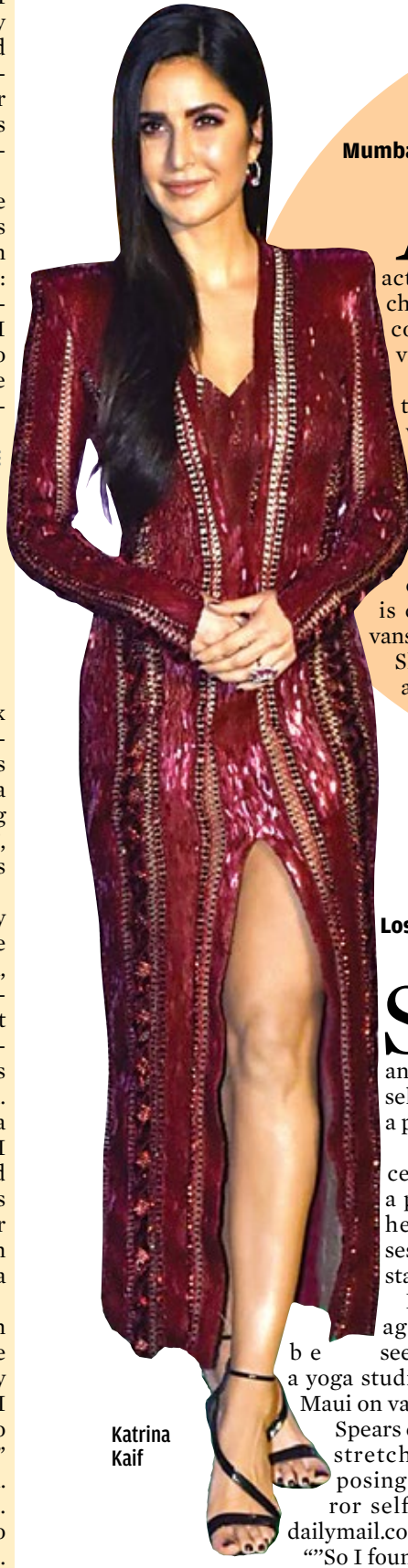
“It’s like a fabric and then they mould it for hours,” she said.

Kimmel suggested that Theron not tell people that the glove is from an injury and instead try to pass it off as a trendy new style.

“It’s hard for girls to put their arms through sleeves, though. That’s the only thing,” she said.

## “Sooryavanshi”: Katrina gives 1st glimpse of Akshay’s character

Mumbai



Actress Katrina Kaif gave a sneak peek into actor Akshay Kumar’s character from the upcoming film “Sooryavanshi”.

Katrina on Tuesday took to Instagram, where she shared a photograph of a name tag with “Veer Sooryavanshi” written on it on a police uniform. Akshay’s character in the film is called Veer Sooryavanshi.

She captioned the image: “Now Shooting #sooryavanshi #onset @

itsrohitshetty @akshaykumar @karanjohar.”

“Sooryavanshi” is directed by Rohit Shetty and is the new addition in director Rohit Shetty’s cop drama universe after the two “Singham” films and “Simmba”.

It brings back Katrina and Akshay together after nine years. The two have previously worked in films such as “Namastey London”, “Sing Is Kinng”, “Humko Deewana Kar Gaye”, “Welcome” and “Tees Maar Khan”.

Akshay’s character Veer Sooryavanshi, was first given a glimpse of as an anti-terrorist squad officer in the 2018 “Simmba”, starring Ranveer Singh.

The movie, which is scheduled to hit the screens on March 27, 2020, also stars Gulshan Grover.

## Britney Spears is on yoga, workout and dance therapy

Los Angeles



Britney Spears

Singer Britney Spears has taken a break from music and is realigning herself, her Instagram is a proof.

Spears recently shared a photo from her workout session on Instagram.

In the image, she can be seen sitting in a yoga studio while in Maui on vacation.

Spears can be seen stretching while posing for a mirror selfie, reports dailymail.co.uk.

““So I found this adorable simple yoga studio in

Maui ... I tried to start off by doing yoga but I danced the first 20 minutes and let go ..... I finished with stretching, splits and yoga!”

“Most of the year I did a lot of heat yoga, and I over did it. I prefer cardio and dancing now !!! My trip to Maui was amazing, but I lost 7 hours of footage because my phone didn’t have a back up plan. I was extremely upset ... I had 3 outside videos and 7 pics and hotel footage ... but anyhow ... I kept moving forward !!! Oh, and at night the studio had baby twinkle lights .. I preferred nights ... it was magical, the “Toxic” hitmaker captioned.

## Kirsten Dunst to substitute Elizabeth Moss in “The Power Of The Dog”

Los Angeles

Elizabeth Moss



Kirsten Dunst

Actress Kirsten Dunst looks all set to replace Elisabeth Moss in Oscar-winner Jane Campion’s “The Power Of The Dog”, starring Benedict Cumberbatch’s Dunst is in final negotiations to join Cumberbatch in Campion’s new project, reports variety.com.

Moss was forced to drop out of the movie owing to scheduling conflicts with her series “The Handmaid’s Tale”.

Netflix has acquired the project from See-Saw Films’ inhouse sales arm, Cross City

Films. It is slated to release in 2021 on the streaming platform and also in theatres.

The project has been adapted from the 1967 Thomas Savage novel of the same name. It follows two wealthy brothers with opposite traits.

Paul Dano portrays a man who is attentive and gentle while his brother, played by Cumberbatch, is brilliant and cruel. They are joint owners of the biggest ranch in Montana Valley. When Dano’s character secretly marries a local widow (role pitched to Dunst), Cumberbatch wages a sadistic war to destroy her by using her son

as a pawn.

See-Saw Films and Big Shell Films/Max Films Production have backed the movie in association with Brightstar and BBC Films. The project has been developed with BBC Films.

At the moment, Dunst is getting rave reviews for her new black comedy series “On Becoming A God In Central Florida”, which is about a minimum-wage water park employee in 1990s Florida who lies, schemes and cons her way up the ranks of Founders American Merchandise (FAM). The show was recently renewed for a second season.

## Disha Patani to play Punjabi girl in Ekta Kapoor’s next untitled

Mumbai

Disha Patani has been roped in to play the lead in Ekta Kapoor’s next untitled film.

The actor who recently wrapped up the shooting of her next film ‘Malang’ starring Aditya Roy Kapur, will be seen playing the role of a small town Punjabi girl in the film.

The flick will be directed by Ashima Chibber, produced by Ekta and written by ‘Dream Girl’ fame director Raaj Shaandilyaa.

Further details pertaining to the film have been kept under wraps.

Film critic and trade analyst Taran Adarsh shared the news on his Twitter handle.

The actor was last seen in ‘Bharat’ and her next ‘Malang’ is a revenge drama, helmed by ‘Aashiqui 2’ director Mohit Suri and produced by Bhushan Kumar, Luv Ranjan, Ankur Garg, and Jay Shewakramani. ‘Malang’ is set to hit theatres on February 14, 2020.



Disha Patani

## Kiara Advani’s Twitter account hacked

Mumbai

Actress Kiara Advani’s Twitter account was hacked on Tuesday.

Urging people to ignore tweets from her account, Kiara took to Instagram and wrote: “My Twitter account has been hacked. We are working on it to get it back. Please ignore any unnecessary or strange tweets being posted.”

Hours later, she also warned people not to “click on any suspicious link that is being sent from my Twitter account. My account is still hacked and this link has not been sent by me.”

A few months ago, her “Kabir Singh” co-star Shahid Kapoor’s Twitter account’s also got hacked. Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan and singer Adnan Sami have also fallen prey to the social media menace of hacking earlier this year.





## sports

# Messi wanted to leave Barca during tax probe

● **Lionel Messi was handed a prison sentence of 21 months and ordered to pay a fine after he was found guilty of tax fraud by Spanish authorities**

● **The Argentine felt that he was being poorly treated during the investigation**

AFP | Madrid

Lionel Messi has admitted he wanted to leave Barcelona when he was under investigation from the Spanish tax authorities but insists now he intends to finish his career at the club.

In an interview with Catalan radio station RAC1, Messi also said he had expected Neymar to sign for Real Madrid last summer after Barca failed to strike an agreement with Paris Saint-Germain.

Messi and his father Jorge were found guilty of defrauding Spain of 4.1 million euros in taxes between 2007 and 2009, for which they paid close to 10 million euros and Messi was handed a 21-month suspended prison sentence.

Asked on Tuesday night if he had ever wanted to leave Bar-

celona, Messi said: "In 2013-14, when I started having the tax problems, it was very difficult for me and my family."

"My children were young and we had a very bad time. At that time, I had it in mind to leave, not because I wanted to leave Barca but because I wanted to leave Spain. I felt mistreated and I didn't want to be here anymore."

The 32-year-old's current contract expires in 2021 and Messi believes extending his deal "will not be a problem".

"Today it is clearer that my idea is to finish here," Messi said. "For how I am at the club, for what I feel, and for the family and the children and how settled we are in this city. I would not like to disrupt that."

"Of course anything can happen but in principle, the idea is to stay here."

Messi began playing football aged six for Newell's Old Boys, the Rosario club he supports in

Argentina.

"I always dreamed of being able to play again for Newell's and to have the experience of playing football in Argentina," he said.

"But I have already told them that sometimes you have to think about what is best for your family."

## No rift with Griezmann

Messi was keen to be reunited with Neymar last summer but Barcelona were unable to agree a fee with PSG.

"I honestly thought at one time, especially in this market, that if he did not come here, he would go to Real Madrid because I thought he wanted to leave," Messi said.

"I wanted Ney to come because as a footballer, he is one of the best in the world. He is unpredictable, different and having him in our team would have given us more options."



Lionel Messi

## Dembele to miss Clasico after receiving two-match ban

AFP | Madrid

Ousmane Dembele will miss this season's first Clasico between Barcelona and Real Madrid after he was banned for two matches by the Spanish football federation (RFEF) yesterday.

Dembele was sent off near the end of Barca's 4-0 win over Sevilla on Sunday for saying to referee Mateu Lahoz: "very bad, very bad".

The RFEF disciplinary committee ruled that Dembele's reaction constituted an "attitude of contempt or disregard for referees" and suspended the Frenchman for two matches.

It means Dembele is unavailable for Barca's upcoming La Liga fixtures away at Eibar on October 19 and at home to Real Madrid on October 26.

Madrid and Barca are first and second in the table after eight games.



Ousmane Dembele

## England prepared to walk off if they are racially abused: Abraham

AFP | London

Tammy Abraham says England are prepared to defy UEFA rules on racism and walk off the pitch if they face abuse during Euro 2020 qualifiers.

Gareth Southgate's team travel to the Czech Republic and Bulgaria for back-to-back matches on Friday and Monday.

The second game, in Sofia, will be closely watched as the hosts will be playing in the Vasil Levski National Stadium, partially closed as a sanction following previous incidents of racism.

England's players received similar abuse in their qualifier against Montenegro in Podgorica earlier this year, where they stayed on the pitch and won 5-1.

Southgate has said England will follow UEFA's three-step protocol for racial abuse.

The first step is for the referee to be made aware of any racism and halt the game for an announcement to be made. If the abuse continues, the referee will suspend the game for a period of



Tammy Abraham

**We've touched base on how to deal with the situation. Harry Kane even said that if it happens and we're not happy with it, we speak to the player and if he's not happy, we all come off the pitch together**

TAMMY ABRAHAM

time. The third and final step will see the official abandon the game.

But Abraham, 22, suggested that if England's players believe someone is not comfortable, captain Harry Kane could lead them off the pitch before the three steps are played out if they are not working.

"We've touched base on how to deal with the situation," said the Chelsea forward. "Harry Kane even said that if it happens and we're not happy with it, we speak to the player and if he's not happy, we all come off the pitch together."

## BIKC set for opening round of endurance karting championship

TDI | Manama

Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) will host the opening round of the 2019/2020 Bahrain Karting Enduro Championship (BKEC) this weekend.

Following an ultra-exciting meeting of national sprints last week, the spotlight shifts to endurance racing with a three-hour challenge set to take place Saturday at the world-class Sakhir facility.

The event marks the first of four rounds in this year's BKEC. The series will not only measure a driver's quickness and racing ability, but it will also require superior teamwork, perseverance and reliability. Teams will go head to head not only against one another, but they will also face the test of time and the unpredictability of the elements.

Action on Saturday is scheduled to begin at 3pm with Qualifying Practice. The three-hour race then flags off at 4pm and will conclude at exactly 7pm.

To date, 14 teams have signed up to compete. They include



Participants in action during a race (file photo)

three teams representing BAPCO, two for Racing BH, three from Bahrain Airport Services, two from ARAMCO, and two for

Manama Drift, along with GO Bahrain and Pakistan Team.

They will be battling it out in the Pro, Corporate and Nations classes. Each team will be competing in identical 390cc RT8 karts.

Entrance to BIKC is free of charge.

Following this weekend's meeting, Round Two on November 9 will be another three-hour race. Round Three is then set for January 18 next year and it will be a six-hour event. Round Four will then be the championship-finale and the ultimate challenge of the season: a 24-hour race, scheduled for February 14 and 15.



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# Djokovic eases past Shapovalov

World number one Novak Djokovic continued his fine form with a straight-set win over Canadian Denis Shapovalov in Shanghai

● **Novak Djokovic set up a last-16 clash with John Isner**

Reuters | Shanghai

World number one Novak Djokovic extended his winning run in Asia when he strolled into the last-16 of the Shanghai Masters with a 6-3 6-3 victory over Canada's Denis Shapovalov yesterday.

The ATP Masters 1000 event is the Serb's second tournament since a U.S. Open fourth round withdrawal due to a shoulder injury and he arrived in Shanghai after winning the Japan Open in Tokyo over the weekend without dropping a set.

Djokovic, the defending champion, broke the 20-year-old Canadian three times and never dropped serve, wrapping up the match in 70 minutes to set up a clash with American



Novak Djokovic of Serbia hits a return during his men's singles second round match against Denis Shapovalov of Canada



**Novak Djokovic won all 10 sets he played last year in Shanghai and did the same last week when he won the Japan Open**

John Isner, who beat Frenchman Lucas Pouille 7-5 6-3.

Austrian fourth seed Dominic Thiem, who won the China Open in Beijing at the weekend, beat Spaniard Pablo Carreno Busta 7-6(3) 6-3 to set up a last-16 clash with Georgia's Nikoloz Basilashvili.

After the opening set went with serve until the tiebreak, Thiem needed only one break of serve in the second to advance.

Fifth seed Alexander Zverev saved three set points in a 16-minute opening set tiebreak during his straight sets victory over French qualifier Jeremy Chardy, winning 7-6(13) 7-6(3) in one hour and 47 minutes.

Greece's sixth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas came out on top in two tiebreaks to beat Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime 7-6(3) 7-6(3) in their second round match.

"I knew it was going to be tough, and it was very tough," Tsitsipas, who plays Poland's Hubert Hurkacz next, said.

"I think, mostly, the concentration that I have put and the work that I have put into that match, I still felt like I had to put a lot in in order to get that outcome at the end."

The top three seeds Djokovic, Roger Federer and U.S. Open runner-up Daniil Medvedev all play in the last-16 today.

## USA's injured Altidore to miss Nations League openers

AFP | Washington

Jozy Altidore will miss the United States' opening matches in the CONCACAF Nations League against Cuba and Canada after the forward was removed from the team's training camp roster on Tuesday thanks to a thigh injury.

The 29-year-old is unavailable after the knock forced him off in the 70th minute of Toronto FC's 1-0 Major League Soccer home victory over Columbus on Sunday.

He will miss Friday's match in Washington DC against the Cubans and the clash with Canada four days later on the home ground of his MLS team, BMO Field.

Altidore, who has scored 11 goals this season for Toronto, has 42 hit goals in 115 matches for his national team.

The USA failed to reach the 2018 World Cup in Russia, but are hoping to boost their ranking at the new CONCACAF Nations League in the hope of ensuring an automatic spot in the final round of North American 2022 World Cup qualifying.

Rankings for the final qualifying round will be decided after the event, so Nations League matches will help boost teams ahead of that competition.



## Murray shows comeback could yet have fairytale ending

AFP | Shanghai

Andy Murray exited the Shanghai Masters in a fiery defeat but three tournaments in China offered enough evidence to suggest that his comeback from major surgery could have a fairytale ending.

Just over two weeks ago the 32-year-old Briton told AFP that it would be "naive" to think he will return to being the player that topped the world rankings in 2016.

At that point, the start of his time in China, he had yet to win an ATP Tour singles match since undergoing career-saving hip-resurfacing surgery in January.

At the Zhuhai Championships two days later he got that landmark first victory.

He lost his next match, to eventual champion Alex de Minaur, and said afterwards that he was playing "top 70, top 60" tennis.

Most observers felt that the three-time Grand Slam winner, who only returned to playing singles in mid-August, was being harsh on himself.

Last week he moved on to the



Andy Murray of Britain leaves the court after losing against Fabio Fognini of Italy

**"I think this (week) was maybe the best in terms of how I played since I came back"**

ANDY MURRAY

China Open in Beijing, which boasted a stronger field, and offered more proof that his comeback was moving along very nicely.

In his opener Murray claimed

his biggest post-surgery scalp yet, defeating 13th-ranked US Open semi-finalist Matteo Berrettini.

Murray has consistently said his hip is pain-free but that he does not have the fitness to play several matches a week and needs to be quicker across the court.

Nevertheless, the next day he beat fellow Briton Cameron Norrie in three sets.

Victory brought another small landmark, putting Murray in the quarter-finals of a tournament for the first time in a year.

## Tsitsipas reins in social media, primed for 'pain,

AFP | Shanghai

Rising tennis star Stefanos Tsitsipas said yesterday that he is reaping the benefits on and off the court of staying away from social media.

The 21-year-old Greek was speaking after defeating another promising talent, the 19-year-old Felix Auger-Aliassime, to reach the last 16 of the Shanghai Masters.

Tsitsipas, who has won two titles this year but lost Sunday's China Open final to Dominic Thiem, still has accounts on Twitter, YouTube and Instagram.

But he now lets someone else run them.

"I feel much more connected than before with people that I care about, I spend more quality time," said the seventh-ranked Tsitsipas.

"I feel more human and more like me than ever before.

"I feel like I can also concentrate more in the sport that I play, in a way trying to spend more hours on the court instead of my phone.

"I also feel very attached to the people that I talk to, and I always try to get the best out of it and not think too much of



Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece in action against Felix Auger-Aliassime of Canada

my other life, the social media life, which at the time before took a lot of my thinking, a lot of my concentration."

Yesterday's tough victory was the first time that Tsitsipas had beaten the Canadian Auger-Aliassime in matches stretching back to when they were juniors.

Tsitsipas, who plays Poland's Hubert Hurkacz next, said he will face more struggles if he is to challenge the established trio of Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer for Grand Slams.

"At some point we will see change -- it can't be that Rafa, Roger and Novak win everything," he smiled.

## Stokes calls allegations of quarrel with wife 'irresponsible'

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Ben Stokes has labelled allegations that he and his wife Clare were involved in a physical altercation at an awards ceremony as "totally irresponsible".

The all-rounder played a starring role in England's maiden World Cup win in July before repeating his heroics to help salvage an Ashes draw with

Australia.

The 28-year-old Durham player was honoured for those achievements when he was named players' player of the year at last week's Professional Cricketers' Association awards in London.

On Tuesday, pictures emerged of Stokes and his wife seemingly involved in a physical confrontation at the event.

Clare Stokes defended her husband in



England's Ben Stokes looks on during a match

a Twitter post which included a photo of her pushing the cricketer's face, in apparent mockery of the images that surfaced from the awards night.

"Unbelievable what nonsense these people will make up!" she said.

"Me and Ben messing about squishing up each other's faces cos that's how we show affection and some pap tries to twist it into a crazy story! And all before we then have a romantic McDonalds 20 mins later!"