

England edge spirited Kosovo

England's march towards the Euro 2020 finals continued but not quite in the manner they might have expected as they beat a brave and enterprising Kosovo side 5-3 in an extraordinary Group A qualifier at St. Mary's Stadium on Tuesday. **P15**

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Kylie Jenner donates \$750,000 to women empowerment

UK intercepts 21 migrants in Channel

New chief executive for EDB

TDT | Manama

The Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) – the investment promotion agency tasked with attracting investment into the Kingdom – yesterday announced the joining of its board member, Khalid Humaidan as Chief Executive, effective immediately.

Prior to joining the EDB, Mr Humaidan, a Bahraini national, was the Head of Global Markets MEA at BNP Paribas.

He has over 20 years of experience working in capital markets and currently serves on the board of Mumtalakat, and until his appointment as CE, sat on the EDB's Board from 2014.



Mr Humaidan

Saudi seeks 'deterrent measures' against Iran

London

Saudi Arabia yesterday called on the international community to take deterrent measures against Iran's violations of the nuclear agreement.

Prince Abdullah bin Khalid bin Sultan, the Kingdom's ambassador to Austria and permanent representative to the United Nations and international organisations in Vienna, said Iran's breaches confirm the agreement's shortcomings.

Speaking during an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) meeting in Vienna, he stressed the need for a comprehensive international agreement on Iran's nuclear program to prevent Tehran from "acquiring nuclear weapons by any means."

He said the agreement would also reduce the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East and ensure international peace and security.

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PRINCE ABDULLAH

Prince Abdullah said the agreement should include a specific, rigorous and permanent inspection mechanism for all sites, including military positions, with a mechanism to re-impose sanctions quickly and effectively in the event that Iran violates the agreement.

His comments come after the IAEA urged Iran to be more cooperative over its request for information on its nuclear activities. The meeting is also overshadowed by European efforts to salvage the current agreement between Iran and international powers after the US withdrew last year.

BDF bravery lauded

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, yesterday paid a visit to the General Command of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF). Upon arrival, HM the King was welcomed by the BDF Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Defence Affairs, Lieutenant-General Abdulla Al Nuaimi, and Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Dhiyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi. HM King Hamad was accompanied by Royal Guard Commander, Major-General HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and Royal Court Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa. HM the King held a meeting with senior officers who extended to him sincere congratulations on the new Hijri year. HM the King congratulated them on the same occasion, praising BDF brave servicemen, and commending the tremendous efforts they are exerting to protect the nation, as well as its civilisational march, unity and hard-won accomplishments. HM King Hamad expressed thanks to the Commander-in-Chief for the valuable efforts he is exerting to enhance the BDF's march.



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● Saudi Arabia called for an emergency meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Co-operation in light of the issue.

● The Jordan Valley accounts for around one-third of the West Bank, which Israel occupied in the 1967 six-day war.

Dubai

The European Union called out Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Ne-

Netanyahu's plan to annex Jordan Valley widely opposed



The Jordan Valley accounts for around one-third of the West Bank.

tanyahu on his plan to annex the Jordan Valley in the occupied West Bank yesterday, saying it undermined the prospects of peace.

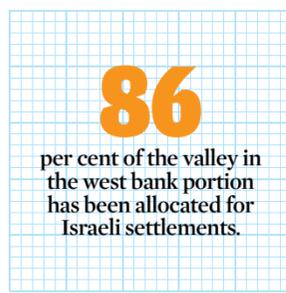
The EU condemnation follows comments from Arab leaders criticising Netanyahu's

remarks, with Saudi Arabia leading the call, describing it as "a very dangerous escalation."

The Kingdom and Bahrain particularly released statements criticising the plan, as well as other international organisations such as the Gulf

Co-operation Council and the Organisation of Islamic Co-operation (OIC).

The controversial Netanyahu reaffirmed his pledge to impose Israeli sovereignty on West Bank settlements during a visit to an Israeli settlement



last Sunday, saying there "will be no more displacements" and all the communities will be "part of the state of Israel."

The OIC said it will hold an emergency foreign ministers' meeting on Sunday to discuss an "Israeli escalation" following Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's pre-election pledge to annex part of the West Bank.

"At the request of Saudi Arabia, the organisation will hold an emergency meeting on Sunday at the level of foreign ministers in Jeddah... to discuss the serious Israeli escalation," the 57-member pan-Islamic body said on Twitter on Wednesday.

RECORD SHOCK

New high-voltage electric eels revealed

● The electric eel, in fact a kind of fish rather than an eel, inspired the design of the first electric battery.

Tokyo

Call it a shock discovery: DNA research has revealed two entirely new species of electric eel in the Amazon basin, including one capable of delivering a record-breaking jolt.

The findings are evidence, researchers



A picture released by researchers shows an electric eel.

say, of the incredible diversity in the Amazon rainforest – much of it still unknown

to science – and illustrate why it is so important to protect a habitat at risk from deforestation, logging and fires.

"In spite of all human impact on the Amazon rainforest in the last 50 years, we can still discover giant fishes like the two new species of electric eels," said lead researcher C David de Santana, a zoologist working with the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

The research "indicates that an enormous amount of species are waiting to be discovered in the Amazon rainforest, many of which may harbour cures for diseases or inspire technological innovations," he told AFP.

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Economic co-operation major pillar of Bahrain-Thailand ties

HRH the Premier visits Thai Expo SME One Fest in Bahrain 2019

● HRH Premier was briefed by the Thai Ambassador about the expo, and the Thai products showcased in it.

● HRH Premier called on businessmen and the private sector in the two countries to take advantage of the existing promising opportunities to build economic partnerships.



HRH the Premier being received at the expo.



HRH the Premier along with Mr Thanis Na Songkhla and other dignitaries tours the expo.

Manama

His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has stressed that the economic field is among the aspects of the distinguished co-operation between Bahrain and friendly Thailand, highlighting the two countries' shared keenness to bolster bilateral co-operation to serve their

solid relations.

HRH Premier stressed the importance of the small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in supporting the government's efforts in various countries at the level of sustainable development, through their ability to generate more job opportunities for their citizens, as well to promote national products locally and externally.

HRH Premier made the statements while attending the Thai Expo SME One Fest in Bahrain



HRH the Premier attended the expo along with government ministers and dignitaries.

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The Prime Minister also watched a musical show embodying Thai folk art.

Then, HRH Premier toured the expo, and was informed about the Thai products on display.

The Premier expressed admiration for the Thai products, in terms of quality and design, wishing the expo's officials and participants every success in concluding commercial deals and partnerships that would strengthen the pillars of economic and trade cooperation between the two friendly countries.

The Prime Minister stressed that the Bahraini-Thai relations are progressing steadily across various sectors thanks to the deep-rooted strong bilateral relations that are based on shared belief that cooperation is the best means to achieve rapprochement among peoples.

2019, organised by the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion at the Gulf Convention Hall, in co-operation with the Thai Embassy and the Thai Club in Bahrain.

Upon arrival, HRH the Prime Minister was welcomed by the Thai Ambassador Bahrain, Thanis Na Songkhla, and a number of senior state officials.

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the two countries to take advantage of the existing promising opportunities to build economic partnerships that would meet the common aspirations.

The Prime Minister lauded the organisation of the Thai Expo in Bahrain, stressing the importance of holding more specialised exhibitions in enhancing trade exchange and boosting joint investments.

The Thai Ambassador expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to HRH Premier for attending the Thai Expo, which, he said, reflects his keenness to develop the kingdom's relations with Thailand.

He asserted that HRH Premier's gracing the Thai Expo would contribute to achieving its goals of broadening trade relations between the two Kingdoms through strengthening understanding and co-ordination between businessmen and merchants in the two countries.

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BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Commander of the US Army Central (USARCENT) Command General Terry Ferrell, and the accompanying delegation. The BDF Commander-in-Chief praised the advanced Bahrain-US friendship ties and highlighted means of bolstering them in various arenas especially the military and defence co-operation. Defence Minister General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, BDF Chief-of-Staff Lt-General Dhiyab bin Saqer Al Nuaimi, BDF General Command Headquarters Director Major-General Hassan Mohammed Sa'ad, Military Cooperation Director Major-General Mohammed Hashim Al Sada, Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations Major-General Ghanim Ibrahim Al Fadhalah, Naval Major-General Mohammed Yousef Al Assam the Commander of the Royal Bahrain Navy Force, and senior officers were also present.

4PM News employee passes away

BDT | Manama

Mohan Koliyadan, who was working with 4PM News circulation department, passed away yesterday morning after suffering a cardiac arrest. He was 56.

Mr Mohan, who hailed from Kasaragod district in the Indian state of Kerala, was very much active in social circles, especially among the expatriate community in the Kingdom.

A former volleyball player, who represented his college and university teams in his home country, Mr Mohan was one of the keen organisers of many volley-



Mohan Koliyadan

han (seventh-standard student).

Expressing his condolences to bereaved family members and friends of Mr Mohan, P Unnikrishnan, Chairman of 4PM News said: "Mohan has been working with us for the past seven years and was more of a family member to me.

"A hard-working individual, he was a big asset for the company. We are in our best efforts to fly back the body home today itself."

The body is being kept at Salmaniya Medical Complex morgue. A prayer meeting will be held today at 4.30 pm in Salmaniya.

ball tournaments here.

His immediate survivors include wife Sindhu, daughter Manasa Mohan (first-year graduation student) and Abhinand Mo-

Forum focus on Health Insurance Project

Manama

Under the patronage of President of the Supreme Council of Health, Lieutenant-General Dr Shaikh Mohamed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Kingdom will hold the first Business Development Forum and Fair in healthcare sector (BDFEX) on October 23 and 24.

Dr Khalid Bumtaie, CEO of Proact International Consultancy, revealed that the BDFEX Forum provides an opportunity to introduce the latest national initiatives aimed at strengthening the health sector, these include the National Health Insurance Program in the Kingdom of Bahrain, which aims to improve the quality and efficiency of health services.

In a statement, Dr Bumtaie explained that this forum focuses on the role of implementing the health insurance project in attracting more investments and health facilities that provide quality services and specialties to the health sector system in the Kingdom, especially as the health insurance will provide patients with a number of treatment options and medical facilities.

He said that the forum, which witnesses a wide Gulf participation, will discuss the ideas of health insurance and discuss the best experiences and practices of the Gulf in this area, praising the efforts exerted by the Supreme Council of Health to implement this pilot project, especially since the public and private sector will be providers of health service.

Dr Bumtaie said that the forum will address the most important solutions, ideas and innovations in the field of pharmaceutical industry and health and medical supplies in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia in particular, and achieve drug security and attract foreign investment, in order to support the implementation of the National Health Plan.

No Bahraini citizen injured in Karbala stampede, says envoy

31 deaths have been reported by the local authorities in the Iraqi city

● The stampede occurred during one of the rituals performed during this season known as the "Tuwairij run".

● Over 100 pilgrims were injured in the stampede.

TDT | Manama

No Bahrainis were injured in the fatal stampede that occurred among pilgrims in the Iraqi City of Karbala on Tuesday and caused the death of more than 30 pilgrims, it has been confirmed.

The Bahraini Ambassador to Iraq, Salah Al Maliki stated that no injuries or deaths were reported among the Bahraini pilgrims, who were in Karbala to take part in the annual 'Ashoora' commemoration.

The ambassador said the embassy has been closely following up on the mishap, which took place near the shrine of Imam Hussain on Tuesday.

He said that the embassy has been co-ordinating with the Iraqi Interior and Health Ministries to ensure the safety of Bahraini pilgrims, adding that none of them has been admitted to hospitals there.

As reported yesterday, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims take part in the Ashoora commemorations in the City of Karbala.

The stampede occurred during one of the rituals performed during this season known as the "Tuwairij run", which sees pilgrims run down streets leading



People evacuate an injured man in Karbala on Tuesday.

to the Imam Hussein Mosque in commemoration of the run from the ancient village of Tuwairij to Karbala.

A total of 31 deaths have been reported by the local authorities, while more than 100 pilgrims suffered injuries.

The cause of the mishap hasn't been confirmed yet, as some Iraqi officials said it happened after one of the pilgrims "slipped and fell" causing the others to stumble down on each other, while another report claims that a part of the walkway collapsed.

In 2005, more than 900 pilgrims died in a stampede that occurred in Karbala during the Ashoora commemoration season.

Meanwhile, in the Kingdom, this year's Ashoora season was a remarkable success as a result of intensive efforts made by author-

said.

The administrations of four governorates also worked along the ministries to secure the conducting of Hussainiya processions.

Sources said there was a high-level of co-ordination between community police, the General Directorate of Traffic, Civil Defence and National Ambulance services, which ensured the safety of all during the season.

"Co-ordination meetings were also held between the head of ma'atams and senior officials of security and service departments to establish necessary mechanisms for ensuring safety."

The Shura Council expressed its thanks and appreciation for providing all facilities for "the success of the events in the framework of promoting love and respect among the people of Bahrain".

The council stressed that the guidance of the wise leadership and the great care it has given to religious rituals have paved the way for the success of the Ashoora season.

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MR AL MALIKI

ities concerned and related organisations.

The co-operation between different ministries, mainly the Interior and Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, and Health also contributed to the success of the religious occasion, the ministry sources

6,000 new students begin academic journey at UoB

TDT | Manama

The President of the University of Bahrain, Prof Dr Riyad Hamza, urged some 6,000 new students to earnestly pursue their academic achievements.

This came during a speech delivered by the President of the University at an orientation session meant for welcoming the students.

"It is a cherished occasion for us all to welcome each year a new batch of high school graduates. The Kingdom's leadership and the co-operation with all sectors of the society has strengthened the position of the University of Bahrain in various fields," he said.

"Knock the doors of knowledge that have been available to you, from the distinguished faculty members, frequently visit the library that has a large number of books and databases, and to the authoritative sites on the Internet.

"We are today in the era of huge information, and we have to deal with them very smartly. This is your language, and this is your future, whatever your specialty."



Prof Hamza

Prof Hamza also addressed the parents who came with their children, asking them to provide extensive support in their academic endeavours.

For his part, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Osama Abdullah Al Jowder, delivered a speech, in which he addressed the students to take note of the rights and duties.

"Every student is guaranteed respect and dignity, so the University of Bahrain, like any other respected university, has regulations for student conduct, which I invite you to read carefully, to learn about your rights and the rights of others, and the duties and responsibilities of others. This means responsibility and discipline."

He urged new students to knock on the doors of their professors and increase their exper-

tise in specialised subjects.

"Your main and ultimate goal of your presence at the University of Bahrain is learning."

The Vice President for Academic Studies, Prof Dr Waheeb Issa Al Nasser, presented the regulations and laws of academic discipline that ensure the students to pass these academic years with excellence and without academic difficulties.

Dr Al Nasser urged students to remain committed to all academic regulations that prevent them from falling under the threat of academic warning and then the final dismissal from the university.

During their tour of the exhibition held by the Deanship of Student Affairs in Hall 18 at the University's headquarters in Sakhir, the new students were introduced to all the facilities they need to help them achieve their achievements during the study.

Today, the university will welcome new students in the faculties of Business Administration, Law, Information Technology, Applied Education and Bahrain Teachers College as part of the Academic and Service Preparation Programme.

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Food-poisoning: 28 patients 'discharged from hospitals'

Public Prosecution has launched a probe into the incident

TDI | Manama

The 28 people who suffered from food-poisoning after consuming food during the Muharram commemoration event in Muharrag on Monday, were all discharged from the hospitals, Health Ministry confirmed.

Public Health Assistant Undersecretary Dr Mariam Al Hajery said in a statement that "all the patients who suffered food-poisoning have received the necessary treatment and

completely recovered".

Dr Al Hajery asserted that "Health Ministry and King Hamad University Hospital have successfully dealt with cases after the incident was reported".

Tribune reported on Tuesday that the affected people, which included a five-year-old boy and a 74-year-old man, had consumed food served at a religious ceremony held in Muharrag.

They were admitted to King Hamad University Hospital in

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DR AL HAJERY

Muharrag as they suffered from severe stomach pain, vomiting, diarrhoea and headache.

Dr Al Hajery affirmed that she had personally visited those affected at the hospital to assess their health conditions.

She also stated that she had met with the mother of the child who was among the affected people and advised her on the necessary measures to continue the treatment.

As reported earlier, the case is now being investigated, as the ministry referred the matter to the Public Prosecution to hold the responsible parties accountable.

BIPD to hold municipal leaders' roundtable

Manama

Bahrain Institute for Political Development (BIPD) is holding today a roundtable on municipal leadership traits.

The seminar aims at developing skills and techniques of leadership and strengthening proficiency of heads of the municipal councils and their deputies, within the "Municipal Skills" programme.

The event highlights leadership skills through several themes including the concept of leadership, essential skills necessary, how to manage meetings and sessions, and the role of leadership in management of crises and problem solving; in order to familiarise the member of the municipal councils with the basic of leadership traits.

It highlights the role of municipal leaders in the development of creative thinking, communication skills, capacity evolving to take sound decisions and solve problems that could hinder efficient municipal activities.

The symposium will be co-presented by Ahlia University's Law Professor Ahmed Farhan; and Raed Al Jowder Associate Professor in Engi-

neering at the University of Bahrain.

The lecturers underscore the competencies of heads and deputy heads of Municipal Councils, in accordance with the Law of Municipalities and bylaws, constitutional and legal frameworks specific to the competencies of the Municipal Councils, powers of Municipal Councils and the Capital Trustees Board, as well as the mechanism of work of municipal councils to exercise their supervisory powers.

They will familiarise the audience with the rules of procedure of the council, and raise the skill of members in the interpretation and drafting of the administrative decision, so as to enable the correct use of the terms of reference of the Council.

This roundtable comes within the framework of the cooperation deal signed between the Bahrain Institute for Political Development and the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning.

It aims to enable members of municipal councils and the Municipality of the capital to exercise their social and service role in a manner that contributes to the improvement of the service and social conditions in the Kingdom.

Saudi invitation for OIC emergency meeting welcomed

Manama

Bahrain welcomed the invitation of brotherly Saudi Arabia for an emergency meeting of the foreign ministers of the member states of the Organisation of Islamic Co-operation

(OIC) to address the announcement of Israeli Prime Minister of his plan to annex the Jordan Valley and northern Dead Sea in the West Bank settlements, if he were reelected on September 17.

Bahrain stressed that this invitation embodies the strategic role

of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, at the regional and international levels, as well as its role in defending Arab and Islamic issues, primarily the Palestinian

cause.

The Kingdom further hailed the keenness of Saudi Arabia to reach a just and comprehensive peace in the region and to consolidate collective action to counter the challenges facing the international community.

Ministerial committee reviews proposed laws, resolutions

Manama

The Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs yesterday held its periodical meeting chaired by Deputy Premier Jawad Al Arrayed, in presence of its members.

The ministerial committee reviewed the matters and memoranda listed in the meeting's agenda including proposed laws and resolutions, which the committee thoroughly studied at the Government's request, and took its recommendations in order to refer them to the Cabinet for consideration and taking appropriate action.

The committee considered sev-



The committee members at the meeting.

eral bills of law raised by the Legislative Branch after legal drafts had been prepared by the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission.

The committee also considered proposals referred by the Government to the Council of Representatives, and prepared the Government's reply in the light of responses received from the concerned governmental entities.

The committee decided to submit a reply memoranda to the Cabinet to take the necessary action in this regard.

The committee expressed opinions on some of the matters referred to it from various ministries and governmental entities.

Woman charged with embezzlement to learn fate on Sep 23

TDI | Manama

A public hospital female employee, who was sentenced by the High Criminal Court to three years imprisonment for embezzlement last May, will learn her fate on September 23 this year.

This comes as the First Supreme Court of Appeal recently took up the case and confirmed that it would announce its final verdict on the aforementioned date, after the defendant appealed against the previously issued sentence.

The woman was sentenced to three years imprisonment last May for forging over BD100,000 from Jidhafs Maternity Hospital, where she worked, by forging documents.

The woman was sentenced by the court, which also ordered her to return BD111,708 that she took from the hospital.

As reported earlier, the accused landed in police custody following an investigation into a complaint filed by the Health Ministry officials.



The maternity hospital in Jidhafs

The ministry, following an audit, found unusual shortages in the institution's revenues.

The Public Prosecution immediately looked into the ministry's claims and found that the records and

documents were forged. Further investigation led to the suspect.

The woman pleaded not guilty. She was convicted by the court of embezzlement and forging official documents.

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We express our heartfelt condolence on the untimely demise of

Mohan Koliyadan

In this difficult time, we pray that his soul rests in external peace. May God shower his abundant blessings on the bereaved family and help them bear the great loss.

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WORLD
world**Malaria can be eradicated by 2050, say global experts**

Reuters

Malaria can be eradicated within a generation, global health experts have said.

In a major report on Sunday, 41 specialists said a future free of malaria - one of the world's oldest and deadliest diseases - can be achieved as early as 2050. This contradicted the conclusions last month of a malaria review by the World

Health Organization and the experts urged the WHO not to shy away from this "goal of epic proportions".

To meet that target, however, governments, scientists and public health leaders need to inject more money and innovation into fighting the disease and the mosquitoes that carry it, the report said -- something that will require "ambition, commitment and partnership like never before".

UK intercepts 21 migrants in Channel

Channel crossings have intensified this summer as migrants take advantage of mild weather to try to reach Britain

London

British authorities yesterday intercepted two small boats in the English Channel carrying 21 migrants, one of whom required hospital treatment, the latest in a spate of attempted crossings.

The operation follows the interception on Tuesday of 86 migrants arriving on such vessels from France -- thought to be one of the largest number of apprehensions in a single day.

Yesterday, Britain's Border Force was alerted to the first boat at 1:30am (0030 GMT), finding eight males on board presenting themselves as Iranian nationals, the interior ministry said in a statement.

The second vessel was reported at 7:40am, and 13 migrants -- 12 men and one

woman -- were discovered on board.

One of the men was unwell and was helicoptered to hospital.

"Crossing the Channel in a small boat is a huge risk," said the ministry.

"The criminal gangs who perpetuate this are ruthless and do not care about loss of life."

Such Channel crossings have intensified this summer as migrants take advantage of mild weather to try to reach Britain via the world's busiest shipping lane.

Since January, 1,450 migrants have been rescued either by British or French coastguards -- more than double the number who tried to cross in 2018 -- according to official French figures released last month.

Sex assault claims rock Ardern's government

● A Labour Party volunteer accused a senior party staffer of assault last year

Wellington

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern apologised yesterday for her party's handling of an alleged sexual assault, as a top ally was forced to resign.

In the most serious scandal Ardern has faced since she took office in late 2017, the centre-left leader admitted "mistakes were made" after a Labour Party volunteer accused a senior party staffer of assault last year.

"Raising an allegation of sexual assault is an incredibly difficult thing to do -- for additional distress to be caused through the way these allegations are handled is incredibly distressing," Ardern said in a statement.

The 19-year-old woman alleged the staffer sexually assaulted her at his home in February last year and she reported it to Labour Party president Nigel Haworth in October that year.

An internal party investigation recommended no action against the man and Haworth argued as recently as Tuesday that the complainant did not inform him about the seriousness



of the allegations.

The woman, who has not been publicly named, disputed this, providing media with emails and documents she said supported her version of events.

Other volunteers also backed the woman and said their complaints to the party were not taken seriously.

Ardern said she discussed the woman's documents with Haworth on Wednesday morning, as she tried to address the scandal.

"Whilst he stands by the statements he made on this matter, I believe mistakes were made," she said.

Ardern added: "On behalf of the Labour Party, I apologise to the complainants for the way this matter has been dealt with."

In a separate statement, Labour said that Haworth -- who has been credited as an unsung hero of Ardern's electoral victory -- had resigned.

Ardern said she never knew about the nature of the allegations.

"I was informed in the very beginning that the allegations made were not sexual in nature," she said. "That is obviously directly counter to what is now being reported."

A barrister, Maria Dew, has

been appointed to review the Labour Party's handling of the case and is due to report directly to Ardern next month.

Ardern said she was willing to meet with the complainants and would ensure they were receiving appropriate support.

"I want a justice system in New Zealand where people feel comfortable coming forward and are listened to," she said.

"But I also need to ensure the Labour Party lives up to that expectation too."

New Zealand's next general election is scheduled for late 2020.

Thai court declines to hear case of PM's incomplete oath

AP | Bangkok

Thailand's Constitutional Court announced yesterday it has declined to hear a case accusing the country's prime minister of violating the constitution by omitting a sentence from the oath of office he and his government took before



Thailand's PM Prayuth Chan-ocha

King Maha Vajiralongkorn.

The issue raised questions about the legitimacy of Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha's government, which took office in July.

Prayuth failed to include the phrase "I will also uphold and comply with the constitu-

tion of the kingdom in every aspect." It was unclear if the omission was accidental or intentional.

A statement from the court Wednesday said it lacked jurisdiction because the oath was a matter between the executive branch and the king.

Mugabe's burial place still a mystery

Reuters | Harare

The body of Zimbabwe's founder Robert Mugabe arrived at the country's main airport yesterday, but his final resting place remained a source of mystery amid a dispute between some family members and the government.

Mugabe, one of the last "Big Men" of African politics who ruled the southern African nation for 37 years until he was ousted by his own army in November 2017, died in a Singapore hospital five days ago.

The former president's body arrived at Harare's Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport shortly after 1330 GMT, a Reuters witness said.

A convoy of 4x4 vehicles with number plates bearing the



A hearse carrying the body of Mugabe leaves the funeral parlour for the airport in Singapore

letters "RG Mugabe" and the former leader's signature were also on the runway.

Mugabe's wife Grace and Zimbabwean Vice President Kembo Mohadi were among those accompanying the body of the former leader on the plane, Leo Mugabe, a nephew and family spokesman, said.

Mnangagwa, top officials and other Mugabe family members were at the airport to receive the body.

Leo Mugabe declined to say where Mugabe would be buried, saying only that on arrival his body would be taken to his palatial home in the capital, known as Blue Roof.

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Duterte says Xi offering gas deal if case ignored

● The tribunal in The Hague invalidated China's claims to almost the entire South China Sea

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Reuters | Manila

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said his Chinese counterpart has offered Manila a controlling stake in a joint energy venture in the South China Sea, if it sets aside an international arbitral award that went against Beijing.

Duterte said Chinese President Xi Jinping told him during their recent meeting that if he ignored the Permanent Court of Arbitration's 2016 ruling, China would agree to be the junior partner in a joint venture to de-



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PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT

velop gas deposits at the Reed Bank, located within Manila's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

"Set aside the arbitral ruling," Duterte was quoted as telling reporters late Tuesday in remarks provided by his office on Wednesday.

"Set aside your claim," he said, quoting Xi. "Then allow every-

body connected with the Chinese companies. They want to explore. If there is something, they said, we will be gracious enough to give you 60 per cent, only 40pc will be theirs. That is the promise of Xi Jinping."

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying did not give specifics at a briefing

on Wednesday on the exchange between the presidents, but said Xi noted that cooperation would yield greater progress in exploiting the sea's resources.

Hua said Duterte had expressed willingness to hasten maritime oil and gas exploration and development cooperation between China and the Philippines. With regard to some

"specific situations," working groups between the two sides would consult closely, she said.

The tribunal in The Hague clarified maritime boundaries and the Philippines' sovereign entitlements, and in doing so, invalidated China's claims to almost the entire South China Sea. China does not recognize the ruling.

Duterte has sought to befriend Xi, hoping to secure billions of dollars of investment, avoiding challenging China over its activities in the South China Sea, including its militarized artificial islands.

Big setback

Any agreement to forget the arbitral award and team up with China would be a major setback to other claimants, especially Vietnam and Malaysia, which like the Philippines have experienced repeated challenges from China's coastguard inside their EEZs.

The United States has called that bullying and coercion aimed at denying rivals' access to their energy assets.

Duterte did not say if he had agreed to Xi's offer, but said the part of the arbitral award that referred to the EEZ "we will ignore

to come up with an economic activity".

The tribunal said the Philippines had legal rights to exploit gas deposits that China also claims at the Reed Bank, about 85 miles (140km) off the Philippine coast.

The Philippines only accessible gas resources at the Malampaya fields are set to run out by 2024.

A joint project with China has been talked about for decades, but has gone nowhere because of the competing claims. Joint activity could be deemed as legitimizing the other side's claim, or even relinquishing sovereign rights.

Philippine Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin on Wednesday told news channel ANC that a preliminary agreement between China and the Philippines would avoid stating which country was entitled to the gas.

"It's very clear - no legal position is compromised if we enter into this agreement," Locsin said, adding that putting aside the arbitration case was immaterial, because an international court had already made its decision.

"It's final and binding," he added.

Niger floods killed 57



The floods have destroyed over 12,000 houses and more than 2,000 hectares (nearly 5,000 acres) of crops

Niamey

Deadly floods across Niger have left 57 people dead and affected more than 130,000 since they began in June, according to the latest government toll.

Extreme weather is common in Niger, one of the world's poorest countries, but the capital and even desert areas in the North were hit during this year's rainy season, which typically lasts three months.

Niger's government said in a statement late Tuesday

the floods had resulted in 57 deaths and that 132,528 people had been affected.

The rains had destroyed over 12,000 houses, killed more than 850 cattle and engulfed more than 2,000 hectares (nearly 5,000 acres) of crops.

The south-east Maradi and south-central Zinder regions have been the hardest hit by the floods this year, with more than 65,000 and people affected. Last year, 56 people died in flooding which affected over 200,000 in total.

On 9/11, Trump vows to hit Taliban 'harder' than ever

Washington

President Donald Trump used 9/11 remembrance commemorations yesterday to announce an unprecedented escalation of the US military assault on Afghanistan's Taliban -- just days after he wanted to hold peace talks with the insurgents.

Speaking at a Pentagon ceremony marking the 18th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people, Trump said that over "the last four days" US forces have "hit our enemy harder than they have ever been hit before and that will continue."

Trump said the assault was ordered after he canceled peace talks with the Taliban over the weekend in retaliation for a bomb attack that killed one US soldier last week.

The precise nature of the US offensive against the Taliban that Trump described was not immediately clear.

On Monday, Trump had already declared that "over the last four days, we have been hit-



US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump attend 9/11 remembrance ceremonies where Trump says US war on Taliban intensifying

ting our Enemy harder than at any time in the last ten years!"

But US troop levels in Afghanistan are only around 14,000, a fraction of the peak of about 100,000 in 2010.

In his Pentagon speech, Trump also issued a threat against militants ever attacking on US soil again, saying the re-

sponse would be unlike any ever seen before.

"If for any reason, they come back to our country, we will go wherever they are, and use power, the likes of which the United States has never used before," he said.

"I'm not even talking about nuclear power. They will never

have seen anything like what will happen to them," he added.

The warlike comments were all the more startling because it was only on Saturday that the Republican former businessman announced on Twitter that he'd been about to meet with Taliban leaders on Sunday at his Camp David presidential retreat.

Before the tweet, no one outside Trump's immediate circle was aware of the development.

It came after months of painstaking, mostly behind-the-scenes negotiations on cutting back the US troop presence and extricating the United States from a long, fruitless war.

It was also stunning for the choice of the prestigious Camp David setting on a date so close to the September 11, 2001, anniversary.

Trump's abrupt reversal of that plan and decision to punish the Taliban for last week's bomb attack was followed by the sacking of his controversial national security advisor John Bolton on Tuesday.

Egypt Brotherhood chief, deputy get life for 'spying'

Cairo

An Egyptian court yesterday sentenced 11 senior Muslim Brotherhood figures to life in prison on charges of spying for the Palestinian Hamas group, a judicial source said.

They included the Brotherhood's supreme guide Mohamed Badie and his deputy Khairat al-Shater who were both handed life sentences -- 25 years in Egypt.

Five other Brotherhood members were sentenced to jail terms ranging from seven to 10 years while six were acquitted, the source said.

The defendants were accused of "committing crimes in col-



The supreme guide of Egypt's outlawed Muslim Brotherhood and 10 others were sentenced to life by a Cairo court on charges of spying for the Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas

laboration with foreign organizations" namely Hamas and the Lebanese Shiite militant group Hezbollah, the source said.

They were also accused of "financing terrorism" and committing acts undermining the country's stability and security.

Mohamed Fahmy, the judge presiding over the case, said before the verdict was announced: "The crimes the defendants committed harmed the independence and security of the country."

"They betrayed their nation and there is no excuse for them," he added.

The verdict can still be appealed, the source added.

The case initially involved ousted president Mohamed Morsi who died after falling ill during a court session in June.

China to exempt 16 categories of US products from tariffs

Beijing

China announced yesterday it would exempt 16 categories of products from US tariffs, ahead of a fresh round of trade talks next month.

Beijing and Washington have been embroiled in a year-long trade war that has seen the two sides slap punitive tariffs on hundreds of billions of dollars in two-way trade.

The exemptions announced Wednesday will become effective on September 17 and be valid for one year, according to the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council, which released two lists that include seafood products and

anti-cancer drugs.

The lists mark the first time Beijing has announced products to be excluded from tariffs.

Other categories that will become exempt include alfalfa pellets, fish feed, medical linear accelerators and mould release agents.

Wednesday's lists do not include big-ticket items such as soybeans and pork.

But in the statement, the commission said it was also considering further exemptions.

Trade negotiators have said they will meet in Washington in early October, raising hopes for an easing of tension.

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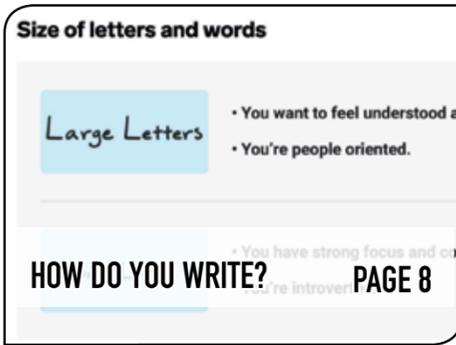
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Where is Home?

As expats who live their lives in this tranquil bubble of an island, when it finally is time for us to leave, the sense of dislocation can be unsettling. First-generation expats would have already uprooted themselves from their respective home countries, to find life in Bahrain. Second-generation expats call this place their home. Unfortunately, we do not enjoy the pleasure of being able to run back to the country when there is a long weekend or during summer vacation, just because we call it home. Where do we tell the next generation home is? When we want to feel the warmth of the sand on a chilly night in some part of the world, where do we turn to? While this is generic to anyone leading an expat life, Bahrain has a cosmic pull of its own. The country manages to retain most of its newcomers, welcoming them into its fold, watching them grow and flourish and multiply, willing them to never leave. Missing Bahrain is a phenomenon unto its own, which is why most veteran expats have taken 40 or so years to finally make the call to head back to their places of origin. A part

of us will always take the sea and the vast boundless skies with us to whichever corner of the world we end up in. The smorgasbord of culture will always be a part of our lives. The light that flickers in our eyes every time Bahrain is mentioned on a list of best places for expats to live in, that is the expression of acceptance beyond measure. Bahrain Writer's Circle's beloved Brett Beeson is making her way out of here, onwards to leaps and bounds of success, we are certain. A naval officer who wished to follow in the footsteps of her family's legacy and serve her country, a poet who enthralled crowds in Bahrain and elsewhere, and so much more, she has shared with Weekender, her final goodbye to Bahrain. Featured here are a few excerpts.

"The packers are here, and the sound of ripping tape fills the air.

My walls, once full of bright and colorful paintings from all over the world, are bare.

The echo of my piano has faded, its black-and-white-keys wrapped away.

I guess this really is goodbye.

I arrived in Bahrain on 27 March 2017, almost two and a half years ago. Since my arrival, I've climbed Kilimanjaro, ran a 240 km ultramarathon, hung out with baby elephants in Sri Lanka, and relaxed by Norway's sheer

cliff sides. I've visited the Taj Mahal, poked through the Annapurna region inhaled gelato in Cinque Terre, and waved at Azerbaijan's Russian border. My complete lack of abaya fashion sense aside, I even enjoyed tea in Jeddah's oldest palace.

Those are just brief snapshots, though-fleeting moments. What about the memories that stayed, the ones that have shaped me?"

"...Second, I'll remember all of the activities I had to do to "compensate" for all of that amazing food- Coach trying to make me sprint at Gaelic football, paddle boarding at Beach Culture, horseback riding envy at the Dilmun Club, sweating through the Cross Island Run, or helping out with the Bahrain Ironman 70.3 teams (I was never brave enough to do the full race alone). I'm sure even go-kart speeding helped with some of those calories, although, again, that might have been because I was doing it wrong."

"...As a shameless plug- if you ever are looking for a community of acceptance, compassion, and support, look no further

than Mahdi al Aseeri's brainchild in Sanad. Through Zombie Runs, Poetry Night, Karaoke and Acoustic- there's never a dull moment. And just when I paused, it seemed there was another Russian ballet, another modern art festival, or another traveling Broadway show to visit."

"...In conclusion- no matter where I go, Bahrain will remain with me as a very special, memorable place. It is unique. It is colorful, its rich, diverse cultural heritage evident in every nook. And it is beyond welcoming- the hearts of its citizens warmer even than our balmy August days (a true feat, indeed).

Thank you for everything."

Let's hope the world keeps knowing you and your work in the years to come.



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Eating out

WHAT: DEGUSTATION DINNER
WHEN: 12:00 PM - 03:00 PM, 07:00 PM - 11:00 PM, SEPTEMBER
WHERE: PLUMS

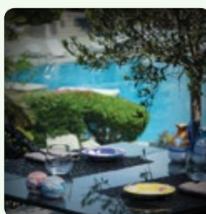
Experience a sensory journey through a 5-course tasting menu with an optional blind beverage pairing. Perfect for culinary enthusiasts and couples or friends seeking an exciting dining experience.

WHAT: MAMMA MIA MONDAYS
WHEN: 07:00 PM - 11:00 PM, MONDAYS
WHERE: PRIMAVERA

Start the week with Italian favorites at Primavera. This season, let us entice your palate with a new menu featuring a selection of traditional pizza and pasta.

WHAT: SEAFOOD FESTIVAL AT LA MED
WHEN: 07:00 PM TO 10:30 PM, MONDAYS
WHERE: LA MED, RITZ CARLTON, BAHRAIN

The Ocean's finest bounty is served and your favorite catch of the day is prepared in a variety of ways - grilled, steamed, fried or poached - from the buffet spread and live cooking stations.



Nightlife & Music

WHAT: RAYVANNY LIVE IN BAHRAIN
WHEN: SEPTEMBER 12
WHERE: CORAL BAY RESORT

Party it up this weekend with the Tanzanian musician, songwriter, and dancer Rayvanny live in Bahrain! Supporting acts include DJ Nesto, DJ Wisky, and DJ Jomex.

WHAT: MUSENIGHT CONCERT SERIES
WHEN: SEPTEMBER 13
WHERE: WYNDHAM GARDENS

The legendary MuseNight Concert Series is back. With a phenomenal lineup of original artists bringing you new sounds in a visceral visual and sonic experience. From psychedelic Khaleeji electronica to industrial pop synth-heavy jams, you'll hear music unlike anything else.

WHAT: CARRIBEAN NIGHT
WHEN: SEPTEMBER 13
WHERE: Z LOUNGE CLUB

Savor the relaxed island life at Z Lounge Club with this creatively themed Caribbean night. Tuck into some mouth-watering dishes from a wide variety of Caribbean cuisine. DJs Guy and MCPJ will keep you on your feet all evening with the soulful Caribbean tunes of soca and calypso music. Join in the fun anytime between 9 pm and 2 am. Free entry for couples and ladies and the dress code is smart casual.



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.



LIESEL

Female Calico, 3 yrs, green eyes, very sweet temperament, answers to name, not wearing collar or ID tag, slipped out, Hunainiyah Riffa (near Riffa Fort), REWARD for safe return, went missing 25/8/19. **Tel: 39630370 or 33395032**



LUCY

Female German Shepherd, 5 yrs, wearing collar but no ID tag, garage door left open, most likely STOLEN, Al Hidd (Block 112 near Road 1203), went missing 2/9/19. **Tel: 36111155**



SPICE

Male Tabby, 10 yrs, neutered, microchipped, big cat, very timid/frail, not wearing collar or ID tag, long hair (but just shaved), Hamala (was getting treatment at Vet Clinic and escaped care of vet), REWARD for safe return, went missing 5/9/19. **Tel: 34377062**



TINKERBELL

Female Shih Tzu, 4.5 yrs, brown/hazelnut colour w long hair, not wearing collar or ID tag, gate left open, likely STOLEN, West Riffa, BD200 REWARD for safe return, went missing 25/8/19. **Tel: 39340424**

Two days of less harrowing weather and we are already gearing up to give our wardrobes the fall makeover. As always there is an 'in' thing, 'in' color and the whole works, but sartorially speaking, fashion comebacks have been the underlying trend, over the past couple of years. For the sassy and the bold, everything is 'in'. But for everybody, we have the gorgeous looks from all the recent fall fashion runways here to dazzle us with sparkles and neons and maybe even a little bit of nostalgia! Here are weekender's picks of the best things to happen to fall fashion 2019!

Fall Fashion 2019

The return of the 80's

The most divisive style decade is making a comeback, and we're finally changing our tune on acid wash. You can the '80s prom dresses, oversized suits, neon floral prints, and animal prints, for this era's oh-so-fabulous return.



Hot Pink

Apparently, there was a color called the millennial pink. The good news is, it is out, and this gorgeous shade of fuchsia is in. This could be the stand-alone it-color of the year, though it is given hot competition by the extensive use of all kinds of purple from some of the biggest names in the fashion industry. Here's our easy guide for you to assess and decide:



Suit Up!

Business meets pleasure and the women are all wearing stylized suits. Pantsuits, skirt suits, suits filling in as short dresses, all suited for the perfect night out in the city on a beautiful fall night. A pop of color is now a common sight, with an accessory or some detail of the ensemble drawing all eyes on itself in bright hues.



Prairie

Long, super comfortable floral dresses made for frolicking! Who else is reminded of Jane Austen, and feels like talking a long walk in the meadow, with our head in the clouds, and a stalk of hay in our mouth? These dresses were all over the runway.



Oil Spill

Right. The name is not a crowd-pleaser. Our verdict on the actual style is still out. In the meanwhile, here's the trend of clothes in a holographic sheen reminiscent of gasoline, for you to peruse. This liquid texture was encapsulated in skirts, trenches, gowns, pant, and more.



Baby Bags

Yes, baby bags are here to stay, so pick your favorite fall lip balm or chapstick and prepare to buy it its own tiny carryall.



Cape Story

Channel your inner superhero and opt for a cozy cape this fall instead of your go-to leather motorcycle jacket or trench.



Oversized Denim

A top trend for fall 2019, this 90's inspired silhouette has made a fierce comeback this season in the form of cropped oversized jean jackets and bulky men's denim jackets reimagined for women.



Plaid Appeal

Plaid for fall may not be groundbreaking, but it is making all the statement pieces this season. From plaid jumpsuits to plaid trousers, this is a fall look that we'll be seeing more of.



Leather Bottoms

Leather may be a common trope for fall, but you are going to find more skirts, dresses and trousers in this beloved-by-all material in 2019, than before. From leather button-up skirts to leather pinafores and wide-leg leather trousers that'll look stunning paired with a turtleneck, expect to wear leather on more than just your feet and shoulders, this fall.

How Do You Write?

There's a science behind everything. From whether your emoticons have a nose to which hand you wear your watch on, to your preferred style of hair-tie, every tiny decision thing you do says something about you. Graphologists or handwriting experts have long claimed to know the personality traits of the hand that wrote it. While there are about 5,000 personality traits that can be deciphered from one's writing, the science that has existed since the days of Aristotle is more extensive than the basic overview we have provided here. A fun exercise to do with family or friends, write down the sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" in your most natural form of writing, and reference the images to see what it says about you!

No Slant

- You are ruled by logic, not emotion.
- You're very solid and pragmatic.

Right

- You are heart-centered, friendly, sentimental, and impulsive.
- You highly value friends and family.

Left

- You prefer to work with things over people.
- You are introspective and reserved.
- You're more "me-oriented."

Size of letters and words

Large Letters

- You want to feel understood and noticed.
- You're people oriented.

Small Letters

- You have strong focus and concentration.
- You're introverted.

Pressure

Heavy Pressure

- You have strong emotions and feel things very intensely.
- You can be quick to react.

Light Pressure

- You move easily from place to place.
- You don't wear yourself out emotionally.

Upper zone

Looped l

You have big hopes and dreams for the future.

Retraced l

You may have had your hopes and dreams squelched.

Looped t

You are sensitive to criticism and might be paranoid.

Retraced t

You are a good worker, disciplined, and self-controlled.

Connections of letters

Not Connected

You are logical, methodical, and make decisions carefully.

Connected

You are intelligent and intuitive.

Dotted i's

i

- You are childlike and playful.
- You're artistic and like to stand out.

i

- You don't like clutter.
- You pay great attention to detail.

Lower zone

Slender y

You are selective in who you call a good friend.

Broad y

You have a large circle of friends.

Long y

You love to travel.

Short y

You're a homebody.

Crossed t's

T

You have high goals and self-esteem.

t

You aim low and have strong insecurities.

Line spacing

Little Spacing

You have poor time management.

Even Spacing

You are aware of boundaries.

Rags to Riches!

In light of Apple's annual event watched by millions around the world, the conversation is abuzz with the journey of evolution of apple products, and by extension, all of the fantastic tech around us that have changed lives – be it Windows, Tesla, Facebook, Amazon, and the list goes on. One common thread would be the entrepreneurs who were behind these success stories, some of them courting rags-to-riches stories, some of them living to tell us tales of sheer hard work, spunk, courage, and good timing. Here's looking at some of the most famous entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs-of-sorts from all walks of life.

Walt Disney



A name that is synonymous with childhood and imagination, Walt Disney's is a story that gets more colorful years past his demise, as the empire grows, as new generations discover it, as the older generations cling on for reruns of the beloved characters. The story goes that Walt Disney started off as a farm boy who drew pictures of his neighbor's horses for fun. When he was older, Walt tried to get a job as a newspaper cartoonist, but was unable to find one, and ended up working in an art studio where he created ads for newspapers and magazines. He went on to work on commercials, take an interest in animation, and open his own animation company. Following a walkout caused by a pay cut, Disney came up with Mickey Mouse as a substitute for Oswald the Lucky Rabbit. Disney's animation company was wildly successful, but he wasn't satisfied. He was determined to make the biggest and greatest theme park ever. He was, and is, one of the greatest entertainment moguls of all time.

J.K. Rowling

The name that created the fictional universe that holds ground in the minds of millions. She is the reason some cultivated the habit of reading, she is the reason many imaginations were sparked, she is the reason some people read about and almost experienced true friendship, she is the creator of Harry Potter. No number of spin-offs and alternate universes and theories will ever satiate the Potterheads. The fact remains that J.K. Rowling was at her rope's end before her misfit gang of witches and wizards saved her. Before her bestseller cast a spell on readers, J.K. Rowling was living on welfare and struggling to get by as a single mother. Today she is estimated to have a net worth of \$1 billion. Here's a fun fact – did you know that there exist people who think she sold her soul to the devil in exchange for the Harry Potter inspiration? When you are so successful that people think you are making deals with the devil, you know you've more than made it in this world!



Bill Gates



Do you think there exists a list of entrepreneurs anywhere in the world which doesn't feature Bill Gates? The second richest man in the world, and a permanent fixture on the Forbe's list of the ten richest men in the world for the past 20 years, Bill Gates is one of the most famous entrepreneurs of our era. He is one of the most defining figures of the personal computer revolution. Gates showed an interest in computer programming at a very young age, spending all of his free time creating programs on the teletype terminal computer his school had donated. Gates went on to create Microsoft and develop the Windows operating system, which continues to be tremendously popular. Bill Gates is also known for his philanthropic activities, donating very large amounts of money to charitable organizations and scientific endeavors.

Hans Christian Anderson

While the name may not be a household affair with the current generation, his contribution to the world is known to all. Andersen grew up poor, but set off alone to Copenhagen at 14, when a fortune-teller told him that though he'd suffer early on, he would eventually become famous. The predictions came true, as Andersen first tried and failed to become an actor and singer. Seeing something special in Anderson, the director of the Royal Danish Theatre took him under his wing, and attended to his education. After leaving school, Andersen began to publish his writing. His fairy tales became immensely popular and eventually earned him the fame he was promised as a child. The author of The Little Mermaid, The Ugly Duckling, The Steadfast Tin Soldier, The Snow Queen, and Thumbelina, and so many more, Hans Christian Andersen is a beloved author even today.



Oprah Winfrey



I think Oprah Winfrey has one of the most amazing rags-to-riches stories of all time. As you're probably well aware, Oprah is the richest African American of the 21st century, and with a net worth of over \$3 billion, she is regarded as arguably the most influential woman in the world. Her incredible success is all the more impressive considering her rough upbringing. The daughter of an unmarried teen who worked as a housemaid, Oprah grew up in extreme poverty. Her family was so poor that as a child, Oprah was teased at school for wearing dresses made of potato sacks. She also was the victim of abuse at the hands of family members. Oprah's first big break was her gig at the local radio station. Station's managers were impressed with her oration and passion, leading Oprah to work her way up to the ranks to bigger radio stations, eventually resulting in her appearing on TV as well. She went on to launch The Oprah Winfrey Show, and the rest is history!

Weekly wellness with Sonia and Mo



Weekender teams up with Coaches Sonia and Mo who are here to help our readers on their journey to good health, but in a fun and more realistic way!

Find out more about them at www.thehealthyconscience.com

Does social media make you lonely?

Asking if social media makes you lonely and depressed is a little like asking if eating makes you fat. The answer is yes, absolutely, but not always, not in everyone, and not forever. Social media use is fine in moderation. But as with any diet that tilts heavily toward foods that lack nutritional value, excessive intake of social media may be bad for your health.

When it comes to social media, think snack-sized portions

The latest research suggests that limiting social media use to 30 minutes a day "may lead to significant improvement in well-being," according to a widely publicized University of Pennsylvania study published in December 2018. Working with 143 undergraduates, researchers found that students who limited their use of Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat to 30 minutes a day for three weeks had significant reductions in loneliness and depression as compared to a control group that made no changes to their social media diet.

Researchers noticed something else that happened when students self-monitored their time on social media. Just being mindful of screen time usage turned out to be beneficial. Students showed "significant decreases in anxiety and fear of missing out," a side effect of increased self-monitoring, noted researchers. As one study participant put it, "I ended up using social media less and felt happier... I could focus on school and not be as interested in what everyone is up to."

Successful strategies for social media diet

The lesson from this new research is to be more mindful of how we use social media and the role it plays in our lives. It's fine to do a quick check on what other people are doing or to keep track of social events to attend. It is less healthy to monitor social media for what we're missing out on. Be mindful of how – and how much – you use social media. Being mindful means asking ourselves honestly why we are checking in on Facebook, Instagram, or Snapchat. Is this a replacement for something else you could be doing in real life? Healthier substitute

activities might include visiting with friends, reading a book, taking a contemplative walk in nature, or participating in arts such as photography, writing, or creative cookery. Be aware of what's driving you to snack on social media. There are healthier options to satisfy those cravings.

Note also that not all social media is created equal. By its very nature, Facebook posts are highly comparative and may have a "showoff" character that can't help but make us compare our life with others. Instagram allows a bit more creative expression, especially for images. Twitter can be devastating when we are trolled by negative commenters, and yet it is also more conversational. Dating apps can be a gateway to a meaningful romantic relationship – or leave us reeling from too many swipe-left rejections. Choose a social media platform carefully. Stick to a social media outlet that helps develop authentic social connections and pulls you into a welcoming community. That is what social media was meant to do in the first place.

Finally, be mindful of who you are before reaching for that social media snack. Some populations, such as college students, are more vulnerable to loneliness. The stress of college can weigh heavily on students who lack a social network to help them battle negative thoughts. According to a 2017 survey of nearly 48,000 college students, some 64% said they had felt "very lonely" in the previous 12 months. If engaging in social media does not leave you with warm feelings, dial down usage. The University of Pennsylvania study established a clear causal link between less social media use and improvements in loneliness and depression. But researchers also had this to say about social media: "It is ironic, but perhaps not surprising, that reducing social media, which promised to help us connect with others, actually helps people feel less lonely and depressed."

When it comes to social media, less is more.



Charcuterie Board

While the mains are the star attractions, appetizers and dessert are the most fun elements of a proper sit-down dinner or a dinner party. Charcuterie board adds figurative spice to that mix, allowing you to satisfy just about any palate. There isn't an exact science to the art of charcuterie, but the idea is to make sure everybody has something they would like. Make sure to provide the right tools for your picks, so it remains the fun kind of messy!

INGREDIENTS

- 61 jar Italian Olive Bruschetta
- 1 jar Italian Roasted Pepper Bruschetta
- 1 jar Italian Garden Vegetable Bruschetta
- Red Wine Salami sliced
- Black Pepper Dry Cured Sausage sliced
- Italian Herb Dry Cured Sausage sliced
- Sweet Casalingo Dry Cured Sausage sliced
- Sharp Cheddar Cheese
- Soft cheese
- Extra Virgin Olive Oil for dipping
- Roasted Garlic & Parmesan Seasoning
- Spices
- Garlic Pepper & Tomato Seasoning Spices
- Crostini Original (bread or crackers)
- Sun-Dried Tomato & Basil Seasoning Spices
- Rosemary & Garlic Seasoning Spices
- Baguette Bread
- Veggies and miscellaneous crackers
- Figs sliced
- Almonds
- Olives

A 24-inch charcuterie board



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prepare board with parchment paper if not food safe. You can also use beeswax and mineral oil to season the board.
2. Slice meats, and place on the board with cheeses.
3. Wash and dry fruits and vegetables; thinly slice.
4. Place small bowls on your board and fill with olives, nuts, and bruschetta (or any other favorite dips).
5. Lay down 3-4 flatter small dishes and fill with olive oil; sprinkle with DeLallo Foods dipping spices.
6. Place meats, cheeses, sliced baguette and crackers around the board.
7. Lay fruits and vegetables around the board.
8. Fill in blank spots with salami pieces folded in quarters/absorbed. Continue adding broth 1/2 cup at a time, stirring continuously, until the liquid is absorbed and the rice is al dente, about 15 to 20 minutes.
9. Remove from heat, and stir in mushrooms with their liquid, butter, chives, and parmesan. Season with salt and pepper to taste.



Summer Time Madness

A Look at the Summer Film Season by Ahmed Zayani

Ever since Steven Spielberg unleashed Jaws on the masses back in 1975, the summer season has become synonymous with large blockbusters. With each passing year, it seems that more and more studios are looking at the time frame from early May to late August to bombard us with their biggest and most expensive endeavors. To be honest; who could blame them? The past years have shown that these months are the biggest in terms of box office receipts, and this year proved to be no different with the end tally being the biggest in history. However, outside of a few releases, I found his season to be a little underwhelming. I wouldn't go as far as to call it a dud, as there were a few fantastic movies, however, it does not compare to the past years. That is why I thought it would be interesting to look at the summer season that just passed by, this week. Do note that this list exclusively covers movies that were released during the summer months.

Favorite Scene: Film Ranch Slow Burn (Once Upon a Time in Hollywood)

For anyone doubting Tarantino's skills as a filmmaker or Brad Pitt's as an actor, I would like to turn your attention to this scene. From start to finish this scene is a brilliant display of cinematic finesse and genuine slow built thrills. It absolutely stole the show and should be on the highlight reel of all those involved.

Runner Up: Imagine (Yesterday)



Most Irrational Moment: Screaming Fish (47 Meters Down Uncaged)

If there is one moment that can encapsulate the sheer idiocy, the unhinged immaturity and the unrequested lunacy that is 47 Metres Down Uncaged, then it has to be this scene where a fish audibly lets out a cartoonish scream underwater, and thus kick-started the moronic events encapsulated in this movie's narrative.

Runner Up: The Villain Reveal (Angel Has Fallen)



Favorite Film: Once Upon a Time in Hollywood

One of the most recent releases are also my favorite movie of 2019 thus far. Yes; it did split audiences and it might not be Tarantino's best, but it still is a masterwork on display and one that is a must-watch for any true cinephile.

Runner Up: Toy Story 4



Best Performance: Sean Penn (The Professor and The Mad Man)

Let me make this clear; this isn't my favorite performance of 2019 (that honor is still held by James McAvoy for his role in Glass), but this is the best I've seen all summer. It is actually quite difficult for me to choose between the two leads as Mel Gibson has given a solid performance here as well, but it was Mr. Penn's performance that stuck with me long after the credits rolled.

Runner Up: Brad Pitt (Once Upon a Time in Hollywood)



Biggest Surprise: Yesterday

Danny Boyle's latest movie came and went from the theatres without a peep, which was quite unfortunate, as those who had the good fortune of catching it, found it to be riveting. I rewatched bits and pieces of it last night, and there was one scene in particular, that tugged on my heartstrings quite a bit.

Runner Up: Long Shot



Worst Film: Godzilla, King of the Monsters

While it was not perfect by any stretch of the imagination, I did enjoy the most recent remake Godzilla for what it was, and was looking forward to the sequel, especially considering the talent at hand. How this turned out to be as boring as it was, is beyond me. This should've been impossible to screw up, yet they up and did it. Here's hoping Godzilla vs. King Kong rights this wrong.

Runner Up: 47 Meters Down Uncaged



Worst Performance: Marwan Kenzari (Aladdin)

It would've been so easy for me to include The Rock here and call it a day, but it does take a special kind of subpar performance to outdo that, which is what Marwan Kenzari's performance as Jafar do. Words can't do justice to how bad, and how utterly moronic this performance is. Kenzari lacks the skills, presence, and conviction, to bring Disney's most despicable villain to life, and the film suffered as a result.

Runner Up: Dwayne Johnson (Hobbs and Shaw)



Biggest Disappointment: The Lion King

There really is no reason for this remake to exist, this is a movie that brings virtually nothing new to the table, and is outclassed by the vastly superior original in every possible way. Still, someone must have seen something in it, considering its gargantuan box office intake.

Runner Up: It: Chapter Two



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► _____ is the movie reviewed this week. (See Page 10)

► _____ is one of the movies releasing this week. (See Page 10)

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iPhones woo users to television, games

● Anyone who buys a new iPhone, iPad, Apple TV, iPod touch or Mac computer will get a year of Apple TV+ thrown in free of charge.

San Francisco

Apple on Tuesday played to its strengths with powerful new iPhone and iPad models able to serve as stages for its new game and television services.

The Silicon Valley titan added into the mix a new-generation Apple Watch that can tell when a place is getting too noisy or help point wearers in the right direction.

Here is what Apple will be releasing as the company strives to offset slumping iPhone sales: Cameras and chips

Three new iPhone models.

An iPhone 11 boasted upgrades including a dual-camera system; longer battery life, a muscular computer chip and better water resistance.

The iPhone 11 will be priced starting at \$699 when it hits the market on September 20.

The phone's camera has a new "ultra-wide" angle lens. Like the other new models, the iPhone is powered by an "A13 bionic" chip made in-house by Apple and infused with machine learning as well as high-performance graphics and processing capabilities.

Apple also introduced an iPhone 11 Pro and larger-screened iPhone 11 Pro Max that will have starting prices of \$999 and \$1,099 respectively when they are available on September 20.

The Pro line of iPhone has rich "super retina" OLED dis-

plays and a third camera on the back for professional quality photos and video, as well as a ramped-up zoom and editing software.

Apple played up an ability to use Pro iPhones for slow motion portrait snippets like selfies that it called "slofies."

None of the iPhones was tailored for the 5G telecom networks starting to roll out.

iPad with a Pencil

Apple introduced a seventh-generation iPad with a 10.2-inch display priced at \$329. It is set to be in stores starting September 30.

A "must-have" Apple Pencil integrated to work with the iPad touch screen can be used as a controller for creation or productivity. The iPad case is made entirely of recycled aluminum and will have a recently introduced operating system designed specifically for the tablet computers.

Watch time

The fifth-generation Apple Watch has a touch-screen face that is always on so the time and notifications are always view-

able, while still being stingy on battery power. Previous generations had the smartwatch face go dark when arms dropped to save on power.

New software features include tracking ambient noise levels to safeguard people's hearing; an ability for women to monitor menstrual cycles, and a "compass" to keep users properly oriented.

Apple also invited Watch users to volunteer for three new health studies, though data collected will remain anonymous.

Apple Watch Series 5 had a starting price of \$399 and was set to be available starting September 20. Apple also reduced the price of Apple Watch Series 3 to a starting price of \$199.

TV and Games

Apple's promised streaming television service -- dubbed TV+ -- will launch internationally on November 1.

The line-up of original shows will include "The Morning Show," "Dickinson," "See," "For All Mankind" and "The Elephant Queen."

Apple chief executive Tim Cook promised more content would be added as it is produced.

The service will be priced at \$4.99 monthly, about half of



Key take aways

iPhone 11 comes in six new colours and will be available for pre-order beginning Friday and in stores beginning September 20, starting at \$699 (US).

Precision Design and Display

iPhone 11 features the toughest glass ever in a smartphone. It is rated IP68 for water resistance up to 2 meters for up to 30 minutes and is protected against accidental spills from common liquids such as coffee and soda. The 6.1-inch all-screen Liquid Retina display features wide colour support and True Tone for a more natural viewing experience.

A13 Bionic – Fastest Chip in a Smartphone

A13 Bionic, the fastest chip ever in a smartphone and features up to 20 per cent faster CPU and GPU than A12. Together, A13 Bionic and iOS 13 make up the best machine learning platform in a smartphone.

All-New Dual-Camera System

iPhone 11 introduces a dual-camera system with all-new Ultra Wide and Wide cameras that are deeply integrated into iOS 13.

Featuring iOS 13

iOS 13 introduces a dramatic new look with Dark Mode, a more private way to sign in to apps and websites with Sign In with Apple, and an all-new Maps experience.

Pricing and Availability

1. iPhone 11 will be available in 64GB, 128GB and 256GB models in purple, green, yellow, black, white and PRODUCT (RED) starting at \$699 (US).
2. iOS 13 will be available on September 19 as a free software update for iPhone 6s and later. Additional software features will be available on September 30 with iOS 13.1.9
3. Apple Arcade on the App Store will be available with iOS 13 as a subscription for \$4.99 per month and is launching with a one-month free trial.
4. Apple TV+ will be available on the Apple TV app on iPhone, iPad, Apple TV, iPod touch, Mac and other platforms, including online (<https://tv.apple.com>), for \$4.99 per month with a seven-day free trial.
5. Apple Arcade on the App Store and Apple TV+ on the Apple TV app join Apple's breakthrough services that include Apple Musicfi, Apple News+, Apple Payfi and iCloudfi.

The surprise from Apple was the reduction in the entry-level price at \$699, down from the starting level of \$749 for the iPhone XR a year ago even as many premium devices are being priced around \$1,000



The new iPhones are jam packed with new capabilities and an incredible new design

TIM COOK
APPLE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

With Apple TV+, we are presenting all-original stories from the best, brightest and most creative minds, and we know viewers will find their new favorite show or movie on our service

ZACK VAN AMBURG
APPLE'S HEAD OF VIDEO

iPhone 11 comes in six new colours including purple, green, yellow, black, white and product (RED)

business

BDB small loans jump 2.5 times in H1, 2019, says CEO

TDI | Manama

The number of small loans disbursed by Bahrain Development Bank Group (BDB) in the first half of 2019 has increased by 2.5 times compared to the same period of last year, said BDB CEO Sanjeev Paul.

"This is a great achievement by our Bank in supporting entrepreneurs, small businesses and SMEs who are a key pillar of the economy," he said.

The move, BDB said, reflects its keenness to support and develops SMEs through "Entrepreneurship Ecosystem" an integrated system consisting of a range of financial services in addition to non-financial services such as training, counselling, incubation, networking, creativity and innovation.

Paul explained: "What distinguishes the Bank from other financial institutions in the Kingdom, is that BDB is more than just a Bank ... it is an institution that implements the equation of comprehensive services, through the application of flexibility in dealing with clients



This is a great achievement by our Bank in supporting entrepreneurs, small businesses and SMEs who are a key pillar of the economy

SANJEEV PAUL
Bahrain Development Bank Group
CEO

and supporting them through all the stages of their projects and help them develop and succeed."

Paul also emphasized on the importance of the Bank's strategic partnership with various developmental sectors such as Tamkeen, Bahrain Supreme Council for Women, Ministry of

Commerce, Industry and Tourism and the National Initiative for Agricultural Development and many others.

BDB's strategic partnership with Tamkeen aims at creating specialized financing schemes that support young entrepreneurs in running and managing their businesses successfully

and enabling them to enter the market and adapt to its requirements.

Since the inception of the BDB-Tamkeen scheme and until the end of the first half of this year, the joint financial portfolio has reached to BD234 million with a total number of 6756 finances.

Batelco holds talks session on data protection



Officials and participants during the talk session

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Batelco recently hosted its 'Batelco Talks' featuring Buthaina Amin, Director of Legal Affairs at Bahrain Economic Development Board and a Board Member of Women in FinTech Bahrain who shed light on the importance of data protection in the digital economy.

The session held recently at Batelco's Hamala Headquar-

ters highlighted the importance of Data Protection in a data-driven digital economy and included an introduction to Bahrain's Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL).

The talks included an overview of the Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL) recently enforced in the country, including who it impacts and who the key players are. It concluded with a question and answer session.

Aramco hires nine banks for IPO top roles

Reuters | Dubai

Saudi Aramco has hired nine banks as joint global coordinators to lead its planned initial public offering (IPO), slated to be the world's largest, two sources familiar with the matter said yesterday.

Aramco has selected JP-Morgan, Morgan Stanley, and Saudi Arabia's National Commercial Bank.

It has also chosen Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Goldman Sachs, Credit Suisse, Citi, HSBC, and Saudi Arabia's Samba 1090.SE, the sources said.

Ahli United Banks announces MyHassad August winners



Ameena Eid Abdulhussain Shamlooh



Jaafar Abdullah Mohamed Sarhan



Mohammad Abdulraheem Haj Issa

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Ahli United Bank (AUB) has named Abdularahman Mohammed Al Saqaf as the win-

ner of the monthly prize of BD100,000 of MyHassad Awards for August 2019.

The weekly prize winners are Jaafar Abdullah Mohamed

Sarhan (Retired Teacher), Mohammad Abdulraheem Haj Issa (Accountant) and Ameena Eid Abdulhussain Shamlooh (Retired), each received \$25,000.

Jaafar Abdullah Mohamed Sarhan said: "I will dedicate this prize to my children."

From his part, Mohammad Abdulraheem Haj Issa ex-

pressed his happiness of winning the weekly MyHassad Award.

Similarly, Ameena Eid Abdulhussain Shamlooh said that

she is happy to win the weekly MyHassad Award. She said: "I will use the prize to travel and do some maintenance work at home."



Al Baraka Banking Group (ABG) and Al Baraka Islamic Bank (AIB) held a ceremony honouring employees who recently received academic and professional certificates in various professional disciplines at their headquarters in Bahrain Bay. The number of honoured staff was 21. Adnan Ahmed Yousif, President & Chief Executive of Al Baraka Banking Group honoured the employees. Al-Baraka Islamic Bank Chief Executive Officer Hamad Al-Oqab and members of the executive management, senior officials of the Group and the Bank participated in the ceremony.

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DREAM GIRL (PG-15)(HINDI/COMEDY/ROMANTIC)

OASIS JUFFAIR: 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM
CITY CENTRE: 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM
SEEF (I): 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.45 + 6.30 + 9.15 + 12.00 MN
WADI AL SAIL: 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 PM
SAAR: 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + (11.00 PM THURS/FRI)
AYUSHMANN KHURRANA, NUSHRAT BHARUCHA, ABHISHEK BANERJEE

THE GOLDFINCH (15+)(DRAMA)

CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 + 12.00 MN
SEEF (II): 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM
WADI AL SAIL: 12.45 + 6.00 + 11.15 PM
SAAR: 3.00 + 8.30 PM
ANSEL ELGORT, OAKES FEGLEY, ANEURIN BARNARD

OFFICIAL SECRETS (PG-15)(THRILLER/DRAMA)

CITY CENTRE: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM
SEEF (II): 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 + 12.00 MN
WADI AL SAIL: 10.30 AM + 3.45 + 9.00 PM
SAAR: 11.30 AM + 4.15 + 9.00 PM
KEIRA KNIGHTLEY, RALPH FIENNES, MATT SMITH (XI)

SECTION 375 (15+)(HINDI/DRAMA/THRILLER)

OASIS JUFFAIR: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM
CITY CENTRE: 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM
SEEF (II): 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM
WADI AL SAIL: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM
SAAR: 1.45 + 6.30 + (11.15 PM THURS/FRI)
AKSHAY KHANNA, RICHA CHADHA, AJAY BAHL

STRANGE BUT TRUE (PG-15)(DRAMA/THRILLER)

SEEF (II): 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM
MARGARET QUALLEY, NICK ROBINSON, BRIAN COX

PAILWAN (PG-15)(ACTION/DRAMA/SPORT)

OASIS JUFFAIR :KANNADA: 10.30 AM + 5.00 PM
OASIS JUFFAIR :HINDI: 1.45 + 11.30 PM
SEEF (I):KANNADA 12.30 + 3.45 + 7.00 + 10.15 PM
SEEF (I):HINDI 11.00 AM + 2.15 + 5.30 + 8.45 + 12.00 MN
AL HAMRA:KANNADA: 3.00 PM
AKSHAY KHANNA, RICHA CHADHA, AJAY BAHL

THE BIG TRIP (PG)(ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)

OASIS JUFFAIR: 11.30 AM + 1.15 PM
SEEF (II): 10.45 PM + 12.30 + 2.15 + 4.00 PM

WADI AL SAIL: 11.30 AM + 1.15 + 3.00 + 4.45 PM
SUSHANT SINGH RAJPUT, SHRADDHA KAPOOR, VARUN SHARMA

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

OASIS JUFFAIR: 12.00 + 5.45 + 11.30 PM
OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 2.45 + 8.30 PM
CITY CENTRE: 10.30 AM + 11.30 AM + 1.00 + 2.00 + 3.30 + 4.30 + 6.00 + 7.00 + 8.30 + 9.30 + 11.00 PM + 12.00 MN + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)
CITY CENTRE VIP (I): 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM
SEEF (II): 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 + 12.00 MN
WADI AL SAIL: 10.45 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM
SAAR: 12.30 + 6.00 + (11.30 PM THURS/FRI)
GERARD BUTLER, MORGAN FREEMAN, JADA PINKETT SMITH

IT CHAPTER TWO (15+)(HORROR/DRAMA)

OASIS JUFFAIR: 2.30 + 8.15 PM
OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 11.30 AM + 5.15 + 11.00 PM
CITY CENTRE: 1.00 + 4.30 + 8.00 + 11.30 PM + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)
CITY CENTRE (IMAX 2D): 2.45 + 9.00 PM
SEEF (II): 11.00 AM + 2.15 + 5.30 + 8.45 PM + 12.00 MN
WADI AL SAIL: 10.30 AM + 1.15 + 4.30 + 7.45 + 11.00 PM
SAAR: 12.45 + 4.00 + 7.15 + (10.30 PM THURS/FRI)
JAMES MCAVOY, JESSICA CHASTAIN, BILL HADER

FAST & FURIOUS: HOBBS & SHAW (PG-15)(ACTION/THRILLER)

CITY CENTRE: 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 PM



A scene from the movie 'Surkhi Bindi'

Principal photography of the film began on 4 April 2019. Earlier, Simi Chahal was supposed to play as lead actress opposite Bhullar but was replaced by Mehta.

The film produced by Shri

Narotam Ji Films and bankrolled by Ankit Vijan, Navdeep Narula, Gurjit Singh and Santosh Subhash Thite, stars Sargun Mehta, Gurnam Bhullar, Rupinder Rupinder Sidhu.

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CITY CENTRE (VIP II): 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM
SEEF (II): 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM
DWAYNE JOHNSON, JASON STATHAM, IDRIS ELBA

KHAYAL MAATA (PG)(COMEDY/DRAMA)

CITY CENTRE: 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM
SEEF (II): 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM
WADI AL SAIL: 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM
AHMAD HELMY, MINNA SHALABI, HASSAN HOSNEY

CHHICHHORE (PG-15)(HINDI/DRAMA/COMEDY)

OASIS JUFFAIR: 1.00 + 6.15 + 11.30 PM
SUSHANT SINGH RAJPUT, SHRADDHA KAPOOR, VARUN SHARMA

DORA AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD (PG)(ADVENTURE)

OASIS JUFFAIR: 7.00 + 11.15 PM
CITY CENTRE: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 + 12.00 MN
SEEF (II): 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM
ISABELA MONER, Q'ORIANKA KILCHER, BENICIO DEL TORO

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

CITY CENTRE: 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM
SEEF (II): 2.30 + 7.00 + 11.30 PM
DONALD GLOVER, SETH ROGEN, CHIWETEL EJIOFOR

47 METERS DOWN : UNCAGED (15+)(THRILLER/)

CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 + 12.00 MN
SOPHIE NÉLISE, CORINNE FOX, BRIANNE TJI

ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD (18+)(DRAMA)

CITY CENTRE: 10.30 AM + 1.45 + 5.00 + 8.15 + 11.30 PM
LEONARDO DICAPRIO, BRAD PITT, MARGOT ROBBIE

THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE 2 (PG)(ANIMATION)

OASIS JUFFAIR (KIDS CINEMA): 3.00 + 5.00 + 9.15 PM
CITY CENTRE: 11.00 AM + 1.15 + 3.30 + 5.45 + 8.00 + 10.15 PM
SEEF (II): 12.30 + 5.00 + 9.30 PM
SUDEKIS, JOSH GAD, AWKAWAFINA

READY OR NOT (18+)(THRILLER/ HORROR)

CITY CENTRE: 11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM
SAMARA WEAVING, ADAM BRODY, MARK O'BRIEN (IX)

TOY STORY 4 (G)(ANIMATION/ADVENTURE)

CITY CENTRE: 11.30 AM + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 PM
TOM HANKS, TIM ALLEN, JOAN CUSACK

ALADDIN (PG)(ADVENTURE)

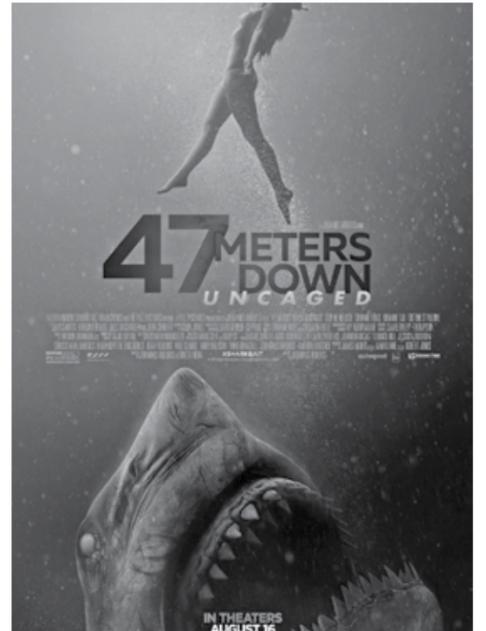
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MOVIE REVIEW

Surkhi Bindi: a sweet and relatable love story

The movie has all the elements of a love story that tugs at your heart strings



A scene from the movie 'Surkhi Bindi'

Surkhi Bindi is a 2019 Indian-Punjabi drama film written by RupinderINDERJIT and directed by Jagdeep Sidhu.

The film produced by Shri

Narotam Ji Films and bankrolled by Ankit Vijan, Navdeep Narula, Gurjit Singh and Santosh Subhash Thite, stars Sargun Mehta, Gurnam Bhullar, Rupinder Rupinder Sidhu.

Principal photography of the film began on 4 April 2019. Earlier, Simi Chahal was supposed to play as lead actress opposite Bhullar but was replaced by Mehta.

The film was theatrically released on 30 August 2019.

Rano grew up dreaming of marrying a Prince Charming from Canada, but soon she realises she possesses no quality to attract a groom from there. She is a brilliant make-up artist and hopes that this talent would somehow get her an NRI groom. Alas, her world falls apart when she is forced to marry Sukha, who she dislikes.

Fate soon leaves the young couple homeless, and they start life anew, and start a beauty salon within the one room which they have rented. Ashwin Kumar of Oracle Globe gave the film three star out of five. He praised the chemistry between Sargun Mehta and Gurnam Bhullar, and music. He noted that the film carried a beautiful message. Concluding, he said, "If you are looking to watch a heartwarming and beautiful film this weekend, then Surkhi Bindi is the one for you." Gurnaa Kaur of The Tribune gave three and half out of five stars, felt that the 'right to live their dreams was the core of this beautiful love story.' Gur-

naaz praised the performance of Bhullar, and opined that the film was not just a comedy but had a subject which invoked sensibilities subtly. Gurnaa concluded, "Watch it for the stellar act

displayed by Sargun Mehta and Gurnam Bhullar, their exhilarating love story and the happy ending that stays with you even when you step out of the theatre."

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Kylie Jenner



Kylie Jenner donates \$750,000 to women empowerment organisation

Los Angeles

American model and beauty star Kylie Jenner has donated a whopping amount of \$750,000 to a women's empowerment organisation called 'Nest of Love'.

Kicking off the 17th season of the 'Ellen DeGeneres Show,' the 22-year-old star appeared on Monday's episode with her mother, Kris Jenner.

Kylie made the episode more special than what it already was after she gave a whopping amount to the organisation. After both the reality TV personalities got to know about the group's inspiring work, the famous mother-daughter duo wanted to help out and give back.

Kylie gifted the organisation with \$150,000 and \$100,000 for Samantha. Not just this, apart from the heavy price, each member of the female group took home a Kylie Cosmetics Birthday collection and ... something even bigger.

"We are giving you each \$50,000," Kylie shared with the organisation's members. "Each one of you.. Each of you for the amazing things you guys do."

She added, "You guys are so amazing." Additionally, the 63-year-old Kris who is also the manager of her daughter praised the Florida-based group for their hard work and sincere efforts.

When Kerry Katona thought she was 'going to die'



Kerry Katona

Los Angeles

Singer Kerry Katona recently experienced a terrifying flight experience.

In her "new!" magazine column, the "Right Now" fame singer has recalled a terrifying incident on her recent holiday to Thailand, where the plane seemed to stop abruptly mid-air and she thought she was going to die, reports "metro.co.uk".

She wrote: "We flew home from Thailand last week and I swear to God, I thought we were going to die - I'm not exaggerating. We were halfway into the flight and the plane dropped.

"My stomach was in my mouth, Heidi was screaming and Ryan looked like he'd passed out."



Jennifer Lopez and Alex Rodriguez

Alex Rodriguez drops hint about his and Jennifer Lopez's wedding plans

Los Angeles

Former MLB player Alex Rodriguez revealed some major details about his and actor-singer Jennifer Lopez's wedding plans.

During his appearance on 'Strahan, Sara and Keke' on Tuesday, Rodriguez talked about their wedding plans. He admitted to co-hosts Michael Strahan, Sara Haines, and Keke Palmer that the 'Hustlers' actor is taking the reins on the decision-making.

"When you think about wedding plans and Jennifer is your partner, all you do is...you do a lot of nodding," he quipped. "I don't know where the location is, I don't know what I'm wearing, I don't know when it is. I'll just show up."

However, he finally revealed a big clue when the co-hosts played a fun game to get the 44-year-old star to share more.

"I got one clue for y'all. One wedding clue... Are you guys ready," Rodriguez teased and leaned into the camera for a dramatic effect. "It's gonna be a long flight."

While he didn't share much details about the exact location of his and Lopez's wedding, he did reveal that it was not going to be in Dubai, like Keke guessed. "I'm not gonna get into that," he said.

However, one thing is sure that they will get married in a church. Back in July, the 'Medicine' singer revealed that she wanted to do something special and different than what she has done with her previous marriages.

Antonio Banderas used his heart condition to prepare for role in 'Pain and Glory'

Los Angeles

Spanish actor-producer Antonio Banderas opened up about how he used his medical condition in 2017 to prepare for his upcoming film 'Pain and Glory'.

According to People, the actor made complete use of the pain from his heart attack.

The 59-year-old star spoke to People about the experience of using a personal matter for the film, and how his director, Pedro Almodovar, helped him with his preparations.

"It changed me in certain ways. Yeah, and Pedro detected that.

He saw it and said, 'Don't hide this thing that you have now after your cardiac problem, don't hide it. I think the character can use that because the character is filled with pain and a lot of diseases and solitude and loneliness,'" Banderas said.

Banderas said he "knew exactly what he was talking about," explaining, "Because after you have a heart attack you receive an amount of information about what life is about that is very difficult to describe in words. It just set up a new way of understanding life itself."



Antonio Banderas

Jeremy Renner's ex-wife demands sole custody of their daughter

Los Angeles

Actor Jeremy Renner's former wife Sonni Pacheco has filed for sole custody of their six-year-old daughter, Ava.

According to the documents obtained by the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Pacheco has requested for sole legal and physical custody of Ava and also asked the judge for allowing monitored visitation when the "Avengers: Endgame actor" is with the child, reports "usmagazine.com".

Renner and Pacheco got married in September 2014. Their nuptials came after they welcomed their daughter in 2013. But in January 2015, they filed for divorce.

Pacheco is set to submit documentation backing up her request to change the custody arrangement and a court hearing is scheduled for November 7.



Jeremy Renner

Adele, Kunis the reason behind Kutcher's 'spite' mustache

Los Angeles

Actor Ashton Kutcher has been sporting an interesting scruff above his upper lip, and his wife Mila Kunis and singer Adele happen to be the reasons behind it.

Back in May, the "That '70s Show" actor had debuted the look, which he is still rocking, reports eonline.com. Is it for a role, host Jimmy Fallon asked Kutcher about facial hair.

"No, this is for real life. It's kind of crazy. I never intended to have this. I don't think I'd look good with it, but I'm keeping it," said the actor.

The idea came when he and Kunis were preparing



Ashton Kutcher

for friend Adele's 31st birthday bash. On the day of the party, his wife approached him and revealed the theme would be 1970s New Year's.

He wore bell bottoms and paired them with boots, a vest and a scarf tied around his neck.

"I'm looking in the mirror and I've got a beard going and I'm like, 'Oh, I'm going '70s 'stache. It's gonna happen,'" Kutcher said.



Adele and Mila Kunis

Ishaan, Ananya starrer 'Khaali Peeli' goes on floors

Los Angeles

Ishaan Khatter and Ananya Panday upcoming outing 'Khaali Peeli' went on floors on Wednesday.

Film critic Taran Adarsh shared the news on his social media account alongside a picture of the clapperboard.

"Filming begins today... Ishaan and Ananya Panday... Zee Studios and Ali Abbas Zafar [#Sultan, #TZH, #Bharat] join hands to produce #KhaaliPeeli... Directed by Maqbool Khan... 12 June 2020 release," he tweeted.

The film directed by Maqbool Khan is bankrolled by Ali Ab-



Ishaan

Ananya Panday



bas Zafar and Zee Studios.

Ishaan made his Bollywood debut in 2018 with 'Dhadak' where he starred opposite Janhvi Kapoor. The movie was a remake of Marathi hit 'Sairat' and managed to cross Rs 100 crore mark in just 10 days of its release.

Ananya, on the other hand, debuted this year in Karan Johar's 'Student of the Year 2' which also marked the launch of Tara Sutaria.

The film was a sequel to the 2012 hit 'Student of the Year,' which introduced Alia Bhatt, Varun Dhawan and Sidharth Malhotra to the celluloid world.

Sonni Pacheco

Jennifer Aniston returns to TV after 15 years

Los Angeles

Actor Jennifer Aniston was last seen on the small screen in 'Friends' is back with 'The Morning Show' after 15 years.

Aniston won millions of hearts with her portrayal as the spoiled 'daddy's girl'-turned-businesswoman and mother, Rachel Green, on the NBC sitcom 'Friends'.

Since the award-winning show concluded for a decade-and-a-half, Aniston starred in countless films. And now, she is returning to TV to take on

Jennifer Aniston



an entirely different role.

She will both star in and executive produce Apple TV+'s original series 'The Morning Show', which debuts on November 1. The show will take viewers through the dynamics of a news programme that is faced with sexual misconduct allegations against one of its hosts.

"Acting and at the same time producing was intense for Jen," People quoted a source.

Aniston is teaming up with her co-star Reese Witherspoon, who guest-starred on 'Friends' as her bratty younger sister, Jill, in 2000.

Vested interest for me to do 'Dream Girl': Ayushmann

Mumbai

Actor Ayushmann Khurrana says there is a vested interest for him to take up "Dream Girl", which is a massy rom-com.

"I'm all for great commercial cinema that allows me to reach out to a much wider audience base and engage with them. I realised that by doing such masala movies, I'm actually widening the reach for my other films that I often do to spark a social conversation," he said.

"If they like me Ayushmann like me Khurrana such commercial Bollywood cinema, they will most probably come back to see a project that could be extremely relevant and topical and important for people to see and ponder over. That would give me the fulfilment I seek by being an artiste. So yes, there is a vested interest for me to do 'Dream Girl' because by doing so, I can pull a lot more people for my socially relevant films," added the "Article 15" actor.



SPORTS

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Martinez hat-trick fires Argentina over Mexico



Argentina forward Lautaro Martinez shoots to score

AFP | San Antonio

Lautaro Martinez fired a 22-minute hat-trick as Argentina thrashed Mexico 4-0 in a friendly international in San Antonio on Tuesday.

Inter Milan striker Martinez scored in the 17th, 22nd and 39th minutes at the Alamo-dome to give Argentina a deserved win over a lacklustre Mexico team.

Paris Saint-Germain midfielder Leandro Paredes scored Argentina's other goal from the penalty spot after 33 minutes as the South American giants romped into a 4-0 lead at halftime.

But it was the 22-year-old Martinez who grabbed the headlines with a clinical exhibition of finishing which took his international goals tally to nine in 13 appearances.

Martinez opened the scor-

ing in the 17th minute, picking the ball up deep in Mexican territory before twisting and turning past several defenders and firing low past Guillermo Ochoa.

Martinez bagged his second five minutes later, with River Plate's Exequiel Palacios punishing sloppy play in the Mexican defence to send the Inter Milan striker through on goal to finish for 2-0.

A disastrous start for Mexico got worse shortly after the half-hour mark when Carlos Salcedo was adjudged to have handled in the area to concede a penalty. Paredes duly stepped up to convert to give Argentina a 3-0 lead.

Martinez completed his hat-trick six minutes from half-time, again capitalising on lackadaisical Mexican defending to dart in and shoot past Ochoa.

Abram strikes late as Peru down Brazil



Peru defender Luis Abram (2) battles for the header against Brazil

AFP | Los Angeles

Peru grabbed a slice of revenge for their loss to Brazil in the Copa America final on Tuesday, defeating the five-time World Cup winners 1-0 in a friendly in Los Angeles.

A headed goal from Argentina-based defender Luis Abram was enough to give Peru a hard-fought win over the Brazilians.

Brazil, who defeated Peru 3-1 in the final of the Copa America in Rio de Janeiro in July, never got going to the disappointment of a 32,287 crowd at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

The defeat brought an end to Brazil's 17-game winning streak, a run which started

with a victory over the United States just over a year ago.

Brazil coach Tite meanwhile opted against starting Paris Saint-Germain star Neymar, four days after he had made a successful return from injury with a goal and an assist in a 2-2 draw with Colombia on Friday.

Neymar attempted to up the tempo in attack, but was unable to break the deadlock, with Brazil, who were also missing Dani Alves and Thiago Silva, struggling to find their usual attacking rhythm.

England edge spirited Kosovo

Sancho doubles sees England triumph in the eight-goal thriller and take total control of Euro 2020 qualifying group

● Kosovo netted after just 35 seconds following Michael Keane error

● Raheem Sterling, Harry Kane and an own goal soon saw England into 3-1 lead

● Jadon Sancho netted twice before the break to give hosts comfortable victory

Reuters | Southampton

England's march towards the Euro 2020 finals continued but not quite in the manner they might have expected as they beat a brave and enterprising Kosovo side 5-3 in an extraordinary Group A qualifier at St Mary's Stadium on Tuesday.

Valon Berisha gave 120th-ranked Kosovo the lead after 35 seconds but England hit back seven minutes later through Raheem Sterling's header and the rampant hosts led 5-1 at the interval with a double for teenager Jadon Sancho.

Kosovo, surprisingly second in the group just a point behind England at kickoff, were not about to depart the biggest night in their short footballing history quietly though and exposed worrying weaknesses in England's defence.

Within 10 minutes of the restart they had scored twice through Berisha and a penalty by Vedat Muriqi, rattling England and leaving manager Gareth Southgate frowning.

"Whether it was the intensity of the game, whether it was the pressure, I don't know," Southgate said.



Jadon Sancho of England scores his sides fourth goal



England were poor at the back but sensational up front in a match that was wildly entertaining from the very first kick

"In many ways it was a better experience than strolling through the game at five, six (goals) or whatever, even though we probably all could have done without it."

Harry Kane, who scored Eng-

land's second goal, had a penalty saved by Arijanet Muric and Sterling then hit the post but Kosovo were still going forward until the final whistle and Bersant Celina went close to making it 5-4.

England, who conceded three at home for the first time since 2012, lead the group with a maximum 12 points having scored 19 goals in the process. Kosovo dropped to third with eight points, one behind the Czech Republic who beat Montenegro 3-0 away.

"We've seen the high level and we lost some unnecessary balls and were immediately in danger," said Kosovo manager Bernard Challandes, who was upbeat despite the defeat.

"We've seen in such situations

how we can do better. But if we see the second half we can be proud of this team, they showed good football and they don't give up — they play as a team."

Kosovo, who had been on a 15-match unbeaten run coming into the England game, will still believe they can qualify for their first tournament finals, just four years after gaining international status from world soccer's governing body FIFA.

England can clinch qualification for the finals with a win away to the Czech Republic in their next game on Oct. 11.

Southgate had warned beforehand of Kosovo's threat and it took only 35 seconds to materialise, albeit from a dreadful mistake by England defender Michael Keane.

USA thwart Uruguay in friendly draw

AFP | Los Angeles

The United States halted their two-game losing streak after Jordan Morris's second-half goal was enough to secure a 1-1 draw with Uruguay in a friendly international in St. Louis on Tuesday.

Gregg Berhalter's side had been looking to bounce back after being comprehensively outplayed in a 3-0 loss to Mexico in New Jersey last Friday.

However the USA struggled to make much an impression against an under-strength Uruguay in humid conditions at Busch Stadium, better known as the home of baseball's St. Louis Cardinals.

Uruguay, missing star strikers Luis Suarez and Edinson Cavani, were barely troubled by the USA in the first half.

The South Americans should have taken the lead after only six minutes when Mexi-



Uruguay midfielder Rodrigo Bentancur battles with the United States' Tyler Boyd

co-based striker Jonathan Rodriguez burst into the area only to scuff his attempted finish.

Cristian Roldan missed a chance to equaliser for the USA on 10 minutes, but his downward header was well saved by Uruguay goalkeeper Fernando Muslera.

Tyler Boyd then squandered an even better chance for the hosts, somehow scooping over

from point blank range after Morris had beaten Martin Caceres down the left before delivering a perfect cross into the area.

The Americans had a let off moments later when goalkeeper Brad Guzan spilled a routine cross and needed a desperate block from Fulham's Tim Ream to deny Matias Vecino's effort.

Van der Poel leads Tour of Britain

Reuters | London

Dutchman Mathieu van der Poel claimed victory on the fourth stage of the Tour of Britain with an audacious attack 300 metres from the line in Kendal on Tuesday.

After a challenging day in the Pennines and Lake District featuring three categorised climbs the Correndon-Circus rider sprinted clear of a reduced peloton to take the stage win, making up for his near miss on Monday.

Van der Poel's win saw him replace Matteo Trentin as the overall leader by one second.

"It's really nice to win this stage; it was a really hard stage, a lot of climbing and I think my team rode it perfectly," he said at the finish.

Portugal crush Lithuania

Cristiano Ronaldo breaks Euros record with four-goal haul in Portugal rout

● **Ronaldo scored early in the first half and added three more in the second after the hosts had evened the match before halftime**

Reuters | Vilnius

Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo took his international tally to 93 when he scored four times to give the European champions a 5-1 win away to Lithuania in their Euro 2020 qualifier on Tuesday.

Playing in his 161st international, the 34-year-old notched his eighth hat-trick for his country and the 54th of his remarkable career to help Portugal through what had threatened to turn into a frustrating evening.

Unheralded midfielder William Carvalho completed the rout in stoppage time as Portugal stayed second in Group B with eight points, five behind leaders Ukraine with one game in hand.

Serbia are a further point behind in third after a 3-1 win in Luxembourg.

"I scored one goal against Serbia and four today and what I want most is to continue like this," said Ronaldo, who converted an early penalty and then added three second-half goals.

Portugal coach Fernando San-



Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo controls the ball

tos said: "Ronaldo is the best player in the world, this is clear and unmistakable proof".

Lithuania, bottom with one point, missed an early chance when Vyckintas Slivka fired over from close range and they quickly paid the price when Markus

Palionis handled a Joao Felix cross and Ronaldo put away the spot kick in the fifth minute.

Lithuania goalkeeper Ernestas Setkus made an excellent save to prevent Edvinas Girdvainis turning the ball into his own net but Vytautas Andriuskevicius

then grabbed a surprise equaliser, rising above his marker to head home from a corner in the 28th.

Good chances

Ronaldo set up good chances for Felix and Bernardo Silva,

which were wasted, after the break before taking matters into his own hands.

Just as Portugal were beginning to show signs of frustration, Ronaldo produced a low shot which bobbed twice in front of Setkus in the 62nd minute.

93

international goals have been scored by Cristiano Ronaldo in 161 matches for Portugal

The Lithuania goalkeeper got his hand to it, but it hit his head and bounced into the net.

Three minutes later, Ronaldo was left free in the area to sweep home Bernardo Silva's cross and Silva also provided the pass for Ronaldo to sidefoot his fourth 11 minutes later.

Carvalho's goal, his fourth in 60 games, was a fitting reward for a player who keeps the Portugal midfield ticking over without getting much attention.

"I'm convinced that these players are capable of finishing top of this group," said Santos.

Aleksandar Mitrovic scored twice to keep Serbia's hopes alive with a win in Luxembourg. He headed Serbia in front after 36 minutes and Nemanja Radonjic curled in the second 10 minutes after the restart.

Substitute David Turpel pulled one back and Serbia were on the ropes until Sergej Milinkovic-Savic produced a delightful reverse pass for Mitrovic to fire in the third.

Langer denies Smith was mocking Leach with glasses celebration



Australia's Steve Smith plays a shot during the fourth day of the fourth Ashes cricket Test

Reuters | London

Australia's Steve Smith was impersonating their bespectacled former opening batsman Chris Rogers by donning glasses after winning the fourth test at Old Trafford and not mocking England spinner Jack Leach, coach Justin Langer said on Tuesday.

Smith was seen wearing a pair of glasses while celebrating with his team mates in a huddle during Australia's victory celebrations after the visitors retained the Ashes with a 185-run win that gave them a 2-1 lead in the series.

Leach was an unlikely hero in the third test at Headingley when he came in at number 11 and helped centurion Ben Stokes chase 359 to win. The spinner was seen repeatedly wiping his glasses between deliveries.

France ease past Andorra

● **Kingsley Coman scores again to lead France to 3-0 win over Andorra in the Euro qualifier**

● **Antoine Griezmann missed a penalty again but later set up a goal for France**

AFP | Paris

Another goal from Kingsley Coman set France on their way to a 3-0 victory over Andorra in their Euro 2020 qualifying clash at the Stade de France on Tuesday as Antoine Griezmann missed a penalty for his country for the second game running.

Coman had scored twice in Saturday's 4-1 win over Albania at the same venue and this time he opened the scoring in the 18th minute against their Pyrenean neighbours, ranked a lowly 136th in the world.

"It has been a very good week. It has gone well personally and collectively," Coman told television station TF1.

Having hit the bar with a penalty against Albania, Barcelona star Griezmann had a spot-kick saved before the half-hour mark here, but his club colleague Clement Lenglet headed in his first international goal to make it 2-0 in the second half.

Wissam Ben Yedder wrapped



France's Kingsley Coman during the build up to score their first goal

“It has been a very good week. It has gone well personally and collectively”

KINGSLEY COMAN

up the win for Didier Deschamps' team on what was a notable occasion, as France played their 100th game at the stadium where they won the World Cup final in 1998.

The world champions could have won by more -- they hit the woodwork twice in the second half against an Andorra side who fought bravely but remain without a point or a goal after six qualifiers.

Les Bleus are joint-top of

qualifying Group H with 15 points after six games, level with Turkey and three ahead of Iceland with the top two teams advancing to next year's 24-team, Europe-wide finals.

"We came together to get six points in September and we have got the job done," Deschamps told TF1.

Turkey, who beat France at home in June, won 4-0 in Moldova on Tuesday and visit France next month.

Iceland's hopes of qualifying suffered a major blow on Tuesday when they went down 4-2 in Albania. Their home meeting with France in Reykjavik on October 11 will be crucial for them.

France should not be too concerned about that trip, however, not least because the likes of Kylian Mbappe, Paul Pogba and N'Golo Kante may be back by then.

Motor racing remembers Hubert at funeral in Chartres

AFP | Chartres, France

Brought together by sorrow the motor sport family gathered in Chartres, north-central France on Tuesday for the funeral of Anthoine Hubert, killed in a F2 crash at the Belgian Grand Prix in late-August.

"It's hard to believe that our passion could have separated us," Hubert's girlfriend Julie told several hundred mourners at a ceremony that lasted more than three hours and was shown on a giant screen outside the town's historic French Gothic cathedral.

In turn, the driver's father, Francois, former Formula 1 driver Alain Prost, friend Amaury, girlfriend Julie and long-time sponsor Olivier Lamirault paid tribute to the 22-year-old they call "my big

man", "Tonio", "my Nini" or "my kid".

"Anthoine, your smile, your positive energy, that's the image we all have of you," said Prost, representing Hubert's team Renault Sport Racing.

The four-time F1 world champion recalled "the kindness, curiosity, intelligence, professionalism and gentleness" of the young man and said Hubert's "discernment and the quest for perfection would have propelled towards a bright future."

In front of a black and white portrait of the young man proudly waving a French flag, Julie said: "If you only knew how much I hate this sport, this passion that brought us together but took your life. I had forgotten how dangerous it was, I think."



(From L) Prema Racing's German driver Mick Schumacher, French former racing driver Jean Alesi and Retired French F1 racing driver and Renault special advisor Alain Prost, arrives for the funeral of Late French racing driver Anthoine Hubert's at the Cathedral of Notre Dame