

Bahrain dominate at IMMAF Worlds

Team Bahrain's run at 2019 IMMAF World Championship started with a blast. The athletes representing the Kingdom secured five wins over six bouts and turned the Day 1 of the tournament into a huge success for the hosts. **P16**

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Nod for Tubli Bay plan

The plan has already been reviewed by Government Executive Committee

● **The Draft Law, submitted by the Deputy Chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs, further enhances the BCCI's role in business and investment.**

Manama

The Cabinet chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy



HRH the Crown Prince chairs the Cabinet.

Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday approved a comprehensive plan to develop Tubli Bay and its surrounding areas while preserving its environment.

The comprehensive plan, reviewed by the Government Executive Committee, provides solutions to improve water flow through the bay, and the expansion of the canal located south of

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additional canals with a total length of 70 meters will be constructed as per the plan.

Ma'ameer to 270 meters instead of the current 30 meters.

The plan also includes the establishment of 12 additional canals with a total length of 70 meters, to be constructed at the

water crossing below Shaikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah Street (Ma'ameer crossing), which currently consists of only 6 waterways at a total length of 23 meters.

The plan, submitted in a memorandum by the Minister of Finance and National Economy, and the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, also includes the implementation of a hydrodynamic research study of water movement and quality in Tubli Bay, as well as the implementation of the second phase of the project, which aims to improve water treatment using advanced technologies, and the planting of mangroves.

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Smart meters are 'accurate'

EWA statement comes after 'smart meter inaccuracy' allegations

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The Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) has affirmed its keenness to provide best services to citizens and residents in the Kingdom.

In order to keep pace with the progress in the provision of services in the electricity and water sector, the authority has in recent years started introducing smart meters to replace mechanical meters like the developed countries, especially since the manufacture of mechanical meters has been lacking in recent times, the EWA said yesterday in a statement issued.

The EWA statement comes after false and incorrect information was raised about inaccuracy of smart meters.

The authority stressed that the smart meters have many advantages for subscribers.

"They are the most accurate meters in order to monitor the actual consumption automatically and without human intervention."

The authority affirmed that

Smart meters are the safest to protect the subscriber's devices by recording any malfunction of electricity through the automated system.

EWA

smart meters used in the Kingdom are selected according to high international standards, after all required tests and trials before installing it to the customer, other than routine tests for each meter.

"Smart meters are the safest to protect the subscriber's devices by recording any malfunction of electricity through the automated system, in addition to the facility to disconnect electricity when there are overloads, which protects the subscriber from danger.

"In addition, in future, smart meters will help customers monitor their electricity and

water consumption through smart applications, where the subscriber will be able to identify the devices that consume the most electricity in his home, especially since the majority of electrical devices now adopt the smart system," the statement said.

"It will enable the subscriber to link all electrical devices to the smart meter, which helps use the electrical load management service that the Authority plans to launch in future."

The authority said that smart meters also contribute to the speed of activation of electricity and water accounts for subscribers, where EWA can activate the electricity account at the same time that the application is submitted.

The authority is keen to ensure that the meter reading is accurate and that its main task is to develop its services to citizens and residents of Bahrain. EWA is constantly seeking to upgrade the electricity and water sector in the country, the statement added.

Global Entrepreneurship Week set

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As part of its efforts to bolster the Kingdom's status on the global entrepreneurship landscape and promote the entrepreneurial culture locally, Tamkeen is preparing to host Bahrain's 4th Global Entrepreneurship Week from 17 - 24 November 2019, in partnership with the Global Entrepreneurship Network in Bahrain "GEN Bahrain".

Dr Ebrahim Mohammed Janahi Chief Executive of Tamkeen said that the annual event serves as a platform to foster and enhance the entrepreneurial ecosystem for businesses and potential startups.

Dr Janahi added: "Celebrating Global Entrepreneurship Week has become an annual landmark event for entrepreneurial activities in Bahrain. By giving tomorrow's entrepreneurs the opportunity to engage with experts and stakeholders in all sectors, we hope that to inspire them to take the initiative and navigate their path towards business ownership armed with the right approach and knowledge."

Celebrated by more than 10 million people in more than 170 countries worldwide each year, Global Entrepreneurship Week is one of the largest entrepreneurial events of its kind.

The event, which has grown to encompass more than 35,000 events each year, is organised by the Global Entrepreneurship Network with support from the Ewing Mari-



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ic growth and development at the local and global levels.

Bahrain's Global Entrepreneurship Week agenda will feature around 40 activities focusing on four main areas: Policies, Procedures and Regulations, Entrepreneurial Systems, Inclusiveness, and Education. It is anticipated that more than 8,000 people will participate in these activities.

Held in partnership with more than 40 partners, the events feature the MENA Angel Investors Summit, the Zoholics International Conference - which will be held for the first time in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Local and international partners of 4th Global Entrepreneurship Week include the Economic Development Board, Bahrain Fintech Bay, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, local angel investor concept pioneers Tenmou, cloud-based business application tech firm Zoho, and others.

Full event agenda and registration details are available on Tamkeen's website (www.tamkeen.bh/gew).



American Mission Hospital as part of its commitment to reach out to the community successfully hosted MED-ATHLON 2019 in connection with World Antibiotic Awareness week. The objective was to raise awareness among school children on the theme "Healthy living with special emphasis on the appropriate use of antibiotics". MED-ATHLON 2019 was a triathlon of three competitions for high school children and it included poster, quiz and speech competitions. The Grand finale was held on 9 November 2019 at the Al Raja School. Julia Tovey Group CEO, American Mission Hospital was the chief guest. Arun Govind, Chief Operating Officer AMH offered felicitations. Dr Ramakrishna, Chairman of the Infection Control Committee AMH, welcomed the gathering and Ms Jancy, Infection Control staff nurse proposed the vote of thanks. Dr Babu Ramachandran, Community Liaison Physician was the Master of Ceremonies. Principals, teachers, students and parents attended the event from schools across Bahrain as well as the staff of American Mission Hospital.



The Ambassador of Pakistan, Afzaal Mahmood hosted prominent Bahraini businessmen and members of the Rotary Club yesterday for exchange of views on strengthening trade and investment ties between Pakistan and Bahrain.

Award ceremony to be held today

Manama

Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, a grand ceremony will be held today to honour the laureate of the fourth edition of the Isa Award for Service to Humanity.

The "Isa Award for Service to Humanity" is a highly valuable award as it carries the name of the late Amir, HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, who had been dedicated in the humanitarian field, and promoted his country's image as a beacon of communication in the charitable and humanitarian fields.

The importance of this edition of the biennial award stems from the fact that it is still unique in its field compared to other well-known Arab awards, being the first Arab award in the humanitarian service.

It also builds on the outstanding success of the past three editions which covered different geographical regions, and honoured individuals and institutions with acclaimed field work among the needy patients and needy.

The laureates of the previous editions were Malaysian Dr Jemilah Mahmood, the President of the "Mercy Malaysia" foundation, Dr Achyuta Samanta, the founder of the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology in India, and the Children's Cancer Hospital Egypt.

In June this year, the Board of Trustees of the Isa Award for Service to Humanity, chaired by Deputy Premier HH Shaikh Mohamed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, announced that "EDHI Foundation" in Pakistan as the winner of the fourth edition of the Isa Award for Service to Humanity (2018-2019).

The award was given following recommendations by the International Jury, which selected the EDHI Foundation after shortlisting several qualifiers from different countries.

Task forces formed to tackle 'rain chaos'

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In anticipation of the rainy season, task forces are being created in order to combat the possible troubles caused by rain, it emerged.

The government hopes to avoid water logging issues caused by rain during the rainy season, it is learnt.

Heavy rains have caused water logging in Bahrain in the previous years but the government is now taking more measures to avoid repeating such experiences.

"A team will be dedicated to each governorate when the rainy season begins," a source from the Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning said.

Reportedly, the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Essam Khalaf has ordered the teams to be ready for the rainy season to tackle all issues.

Recently, the ministry had met with municipal council members where the rainy season was a strong point of discussions.



Spells of showers caused misery to many in Bahrain last year.

The ministry officials have assured that measures are being taken to avoid inconvenience caused by rain.

Water logging is a big concern when the Kingdom receives rain. Spells of showers caused misery to many in Bahrain last year and earlier this year.

Tribune reported last year how some residents of West Riffa suffered due to rains.

The residents of said they did not any receive any help from authorities despite floodwaters entering houses, destroying shops and vehicles in the area.

However, the authorities had to

work hard to attend cases of water logging around the country.

The Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry said it received 1,000 calls from flooded neighbourhoods in the first four hours of rain that lashed the Southern Governorate and other parts of the Kingdom on October last year.

The ministry also confirmed that some of those cases were referred to the Civil Defence Directorate within the Interior Ministry and 33 water suction tankers were deployed that day to clear floodwaters.

Bahraini firms urged to focus more on innovation, creativity

HRH the Crown Prince inaugurates 18th ABIC Conference

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● The Crown Prince highlighted that innovation and creativity safeguard the resilience of the national economy.



HRH the Crown Prince at the conference in the presence of Deputy Premiers, House Speaker and Shura Chairman.

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HRH the Crown Prince reaffirmed that high levels of innovation have led to increased opportunities for citizens and greater economic diversification, in line with the vision of HM the King.

HRH the Crown Prince reiterated that Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 has enabled the Kingdom to build on its strengths, increasing investment flows and

driving sustainable economic growth.

HRH the Crown Prince stressed that Bahrain will continue to implement initiatives and reforms that strengthen the business environment, enhance the Kingdom's global competitiveness, and support the development of innovative business models.

The Crown Prince went on to note that innovation and creativity safeguard the resilience of the national economy while supporting sustainable economic development.

In this regard, HRH the Crown Prince noted that the Kingdom had recently introduced legislation to keep abreast of global trends in IT infrastructure, creating promising new opportunities for citizens.

Later, HRH the Crown Prince highlighted Bahrain's ongoing success as a host for international events, particularly those related to innovation, adding that events like ABIC enable national enterprises to compete on a global level.

HRH the Crown Prince concluded by expressing his appreciation to the BCCI for their efforts in organising ABIC, wishing all participants success.



Mr Nass

For his part, the Chairman of BCCI delivered a speech in which he recognised legislation, education, and IT infrastructure as essential pillars of the digital

economy, and noted the importance of establishing research centres to accelerate the region's transformation from a consumer to a competitive developer.

Mohamed Abduljabbar Mahmood Alkooheji, second vice-chairman of BCCI, had earlier said: "Bahrain is a leading example of a business-friendly nation with no free zone restrictions, 100 per cent foreign ownership for a majority of activities and low operating costs. As the first GCC nation to move away from its dependence on oil, Bahrain is today the region's most

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HRH THE CROWN PRINCE

diversified and sustainable economy and leading financial hub."

He added: "The focus of the 18th Arab Businessmen and Investors Conference is on the impact of the Fourth Industrial Revolution on the Arab world and the BCCI is delighted to invite representatives from all over the region and the world to explore the possibilities, challenges and most efficient ways of adapting this revolution to obtain a dramatically improved future."

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Traffic accidents claimed four lives in last five days

Bahrain to host voluntary Gulf forum

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Traffic Directorate has been carrying out campaigns to raise awareness on following rules and regulations

● **The fourth fatality caused by a traffic accident was also reported in the Capital Governorate on Saturday.**

● **The figures also showed that 426 sustained serious injuries in traffic accidents last year, while 545 people escaped traffic accidents with minor injuries during the same period.**

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Deaths caused by traffic accidents have been on the rise lately, with four fatalities among motorists and cyclists reported in five days last week.

Last Tuesday, a 23-year-old Bahraini woman was killed in a traffic

accident that occurred on Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa Highway at dawn.

The woman was reportedly a passenger and the accident took place when the driver lost control of the vehicle because of over-speeding, according to traffic police investigations.

The second death was reported on Thursday, when a 14-year-old Bahraini boy was hit by a speeding vehicle on Amwaj Highway near Galali.

The boy was on his bicycle crossing the road and going to the coast on the other side when the driver, a 19-year-old Bahraini man, rammed into him and killed him on the spot.

On Friday, a 21-year-old Bahraini motorcyclist lost control of his bike on Awal Avenue in Juffair, where he suffered serious injuries and was announced dead by paramedics on the spot.

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A woman died in the accident that occurred on Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Highway.

had caused a minor traffic accident in Juffair before fleeing the scene.

However, an over-speeding driver rammed into the metal barrier in Al Fateh Highway a few minutes later. He sustained serious head injuries that led to his death on the accident site.

These accidents occur amidst the General Directorate of Traffic intensifying its efforts to raise awareness among commuters on

the dangers of wrong traffic behaviours, such as over-speeding, using mobile phones while driving, not paying attention to the traffic movement and more.

A press release circulated by Interior Ministry on Thursday mentioned: "Director of Traffic Culture of the General Directorate of Traffic, Salah Mohammed Shahab highlighted on Thursday that the road users are targeted with direct campaigns to enhance their traffic awareness.

"Violators of rules are informed of their risky practices. He said that the campaigns had been documented through videos posted on the Instagram account of the department."

According to the ministry's annual statistics, a total of 43 people lost their lives in traffic accidents in 2018.

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Mubarak Al Hadi, Acting Secretary-General of the Bahraini Red Crescent Society, revealed that the meeting of the leaders of the Gulf Red Crescent organisations and associations in Oman recently approved the Kingdom has the host for a voluntary Gulf forum for the Gulf Red Crescent organisations and associations next year under the title "volunteering for a comprehensive Gulf future".

Mr Al Hadi clarified that "volunteering for a comprehensive Gulf future" forum will be held over two days, where the first day is allocated to present working papers on volunteer teams in crises and disasters. The second day is devoted to holding rehabilitation and training programmes for volunteers in each organisation and Gulf society.

The Acting Secretary-General affirmed the readiness of the Bahrain Red Crescent to host this forum, which will be attended by a number of affiliates and volunteers of the Gulf Red Crescent organisations and associations along with local, regional and international experts in the field of relief and humanitarian work.

Mr Al Hadi explained that the forum represents an opportunity to highlight the progress of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the field of volunteerism, and to benefit from the experiences and expertise of the Bahrain Red Crescent Society, which celebrates next year on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment.

In a related context, Mr Al Hadi explained that the leaders of the Red Crescent societies and associations of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries have adopted the strategic plan for the next five years for the Red Crescent societies and associations.

That plan was set at the end of their fifteenth meeting, which was held at the Consultative Committee of the Supreme Council of the GCC in Muscat.

Three tonnes of waste picked up by volunteers

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Three tonnes of waste were collected by volunteers during a recent clean-up drive in the Northern Governorate.

It was organised on the coast of Salman City and saw huge number of volunteers taking part in it. Governor of the Northern Governorate, Ali Al Asfoor, said that the initiative was a great success as it fulfilled its aims of cleaning up the shore.

He praised the dedication and co-operation from the Supreme Council for Environment, the Ministry of Housing, Northern Region Municipality for the success of the event.

He also praised all the participants for their handwork. "The participation of such a huge number of volunteers reflects



Volunteers carry out the clean-up drive on the coast of Northern Governorate.

the dedication to environmental cleanliness," he said.

In a similar event recently 70 volunteers took part in a beach cleanup event at Karbabad Beach.

It was organised by Bangladesh Youth Club. More than 100 bags of garbage with items such as bottles, plastic carry bags, glass pieces, woods, cans other sharp metal objects were picked up from the ground.

"As part of social responsibility, we, as Bangladeshi community in Bahrain would like to spread the message that its high time to be aware of environment pollution," society spokesperson Stanley Costa said.

"I would like to spread the joy and awareness of the importance of saving our environment for our future generations to have a cleaner and greener earth," he said.

Volunteers awarded



Sabah Abdul Rahman Al Zayani, President of Future Society for Youth, revealed that about 100 volunteers participated in planning and organising more than 25 events within the campaign of "Kids R Gold" in its sixth edition organised by "Smile" initiative of the Youth Future Society. The event aimed to provide psychosocial support to children with cancer and to their families in September each year to spread awareness of childhood cancer among various segments of Bahraini society.

Strategic project to rename airport taxiways completed

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Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the operator and managing body of Bahrain International Airport (BIA), has announced the completion of a key project to rename BIA's taxiways and links, which is aimed at improving safety and bringing BIA further in line with international standards and best practices.

This marks the first time the taxiways and links have been renamed since being built.

The renaming saw the implementation of a more modern alphanumeric system in light of Airports

Council International (ACI) and International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) recommendations, which will help pilots to navigate the airfield when taxiing and improve their communication with Air Traffic Control.

It will also facilitate BIA's ongoing development through the Airport Modernisation Programme.

BAC Chief Development and Technical Officer, Abdulla Janahi, said: "BAC consistently sets long-term targets for growth and development, working closely with key international aviation authorities. In early 2016, BAC hosted a team of ACI experts to

In close co-ordination, a team jointly led by the CAA, Air Traffic Control, BAC Airside Operations, and BAC Facility Management carefully started planning the execution of this project over a year ago.

MR JANAH

inspect, evaluate, and assess BIA in terms of regulation compliance, standards, and best practices.

"As a result of the visit, a detailed report identifying areas for improvement alongside recommendations was shared with and accepted by Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs (CAA), the Kingdom's aviation regulator."

Mr Janahi added: "In close co-ordination, a team jointly led by the CAA, Air Traffic Control, BAC Airside Operations, and BAC Facility Management carefully started planning the execution of this project over a year ago."

world

Mexico: Bolivia suffered coup due to military pressure

● Bolivian President Evo Morales resigned Sunday

Reuters | Mexico City

Mexico's government views the resignation of Bolivia's president as a coup because the Bolivian military had broken with the constitution by pressing him to stand down, Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard said yesterday.

"It's a coup because the army requested the resignation of the president, and that violates the constitutional order of that country," Ebrard told report-



People celebrate in La Paz after the resignation of Bolivian President Evo Morales



Evo Morales

ers at regular government news conference.

The minister was speaking af-

ter Evo Morales, a leftist who has been Bolivia's president since 2006, said on Sunday he would

step down under pressure from anger over his disputed re-election last month.

Speaking alongside President

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, a veteran of Latin America's left, Ebrard said Mexico would not accept a government of "military character" in Bolivia.

Mexico would continue to recognize Morales as the legitimate president until his term ends in January 2020, Ebrard said.

Calling the events in Bolivia "a step backwards for the entire region", Ebrard said the conflict should be resolved by pacific and democratic means, and called on the Organization of American States to meet and express a view on the matter.

Before his resignation, Mexico had applauded Morales' decision to call for new elections in Bolivia. Mexico later said it would offer him asylum if he requested it. So far, Ebrard said,

Mexico had not received an answer from Morales.

Once Ebrard had finished speaking, Lopez Obrador said he agreed with what the foreign minister had said about Bolivia, and praised Morales for choosing to step down as president rather than put the lives of his fellow citizens at risk.

Due to a series of military juntas that toppled left-wing governments in Latin America during the 20th century, the region's leftists are highly sensitive to any signs of military meddling in political affairs.

Lopez Obrador, the first leftist president in Mexico in decades, recently responded to a general who criticized his government by saying his supporters "will not permit" a coup.



United Gulf Investment Corporation BSC

Interim condensed Consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 September 2019 (Unaudited) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

| | 30 September 2019 | 31 December 2018 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 35,833,245 | 37,493,410 |
| Investment in an associate | 963,175 | 913,107 |
| Right-of-use asset | 436,600 | - |
| | <u>37,233,020</u> | <u>38,406,517</u> |
| Current assets | | |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 256,000 | 256,000 |
| Inventories | 18,488,702 | 16,275,306 |
| Trade and other receivables | 7,980,192 | 4,803,676 |
| Mudaraba deposits | 1,808,948 | 2,142,934 |
| Cash and bank balances | 3,372,210 | 10,418,816 |
| | <u>31,906,052</u> | <u>33,896,732</u> |
| Total assets | <u>69,139,072</u> | <u>72,303,249</u> |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | |
| Capital and reserves | | |
| Share capital | 20,000,000 | 20,000,000 |
| Statutory reserve | 2,853,603 | 2,853,603 |
| Share premium | 116,328 | 116,328 |
| Other reserves | 4,176,160 | 6,484,698 |
| Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent company | 27,146,091 | 29,454,629 |
| Non-controlling interest | 6,542,687 | 7,249,613 |
| | <u>33,688,778</u> | <u>36,704,242</u> |
| Non-current liabilities | | |
| Non-current portion of term loans | 24,622,745 | 25,127,745 |
| Non-current portion of lease liability | 447,638 | - |
| Employees' terminal benefits | 640,030 | 593,023 |
| | <u>25,710,413</u> | <u>25,720,768</u> |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Current portion of term loans | 4,628,375 | 3,434,000 |
| Current portion of lease liability | 221,656 | - |
| Trade and other payables | 4,889,850 | 6,444,239 |
| | <u>9,739,881</u> | <u>9,878,239</u> |
| Total equity and liabilities | <u>69,139,072</u> | <u>72,303,249</u> |

Interim condensed Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the nine months ended 30 September 2019 (Unaudited) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

| | Nine months ended 30 September 2019 | Nine months ended 30 September 2018 | Three months ended 30 September 2019 | Three months ended 30 September 2018 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sales | 25,927,918 | 34,492,832 | 9,340,479 | 9,652,743 |
| Cost of sales | (27,576,220) | (32,513,823) | (9,973,008) | (9,079,544) |
| Gross (loss)/profit | (1,648,302) | 1,979,009 | (632,529) | 573,199 |
| Other income | 148,791 | 99,799 | 18,845 | 43,190 |
| | <u>(1,499,511)</u> | <u>2,078,808</u> | <u>(613,684)</u> | <u>616,389</u> |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Indirect expenses | (1,042,341) | (1,119,548) | (249,366) | (378,817) |
| Finance costs | (249,628) | (179,053) | (82,773) | (24,310) |
| | <u>(1,291,969)</u> | <u>(1,298,601)</u> | <u>(332,139)</u> | <u>(403,127)</u> |
| Net (loss)/profit for the period before tax and share of profit from investment in an associate | <u>(2,791,480)</u> | <u>780,207</u> | <u>(945,823)</u> | <u>213,262</u> |
| Share of profit/(loss) from investment in associate | 50,068 | 21,099 | (4,017) | (13,238) |
| Net (loss)/profit for the period before tax | <u>(2,741,412)</u> | <u>801,306</u> | <u>(949,840)</u> | <u>200,024</u> |
| Provision for Zakat | (229,993) | (585,653) | (106,050) | (121,336) |
| Net (loss)/profit and other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period | <u>(2,971,405)</u> | <u>215,653</u> | <u>(1,055,890)</u> | <u>78,688</u> |
| Net (loss)/profit attributable to: | | | | |
| Shareholders of the Company | (2,275,194) | 153,414 | (803,429) | 52,834 |
| Non-controlling interest | (696,211) | 62,239 | (252,461) | 25,854 |
| | <u>(2,971,405)</u> | <u>215,653</u> | <u>(1,055,890)</u> | <u>78,688</u> |
| Basic and diluted (losses)/earnings per share | <u>(11.38 fils)</u> | <u>0.77 fils</u> | <u>(4.02 fils)</u> | <u>0.26 fils</u> |
| Total comprehensive (loss)/income attributable to: | | | | |
| Shareholders of the Company | (2,275,194) | 153,414 | (803,429) | 52,834 |
| Non-controlling interest | (696,211) | 62,239 | (252,461) | 25,854 |
| | <u>(2,971,405)</u> | <u>215,653</u> | <u>(1,055,890)</u> | <u>78,688</u> |

Interim condensed Consolidated statement of cash flows for the three months ended 30 September 2019 (Unaudited) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

| | Nine months ended 30 September 2019 | Nine months ended 30 September 2018 |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Operating activities | | |
| Net (loss)/profit for the period | (2,971,405) | 215,653 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Depreciation | 1,674,608 | 1,992,764 |
| Amortisation of right-of-use asset | 42,581 | - |
| Interest expense on lease liability | 45,054 | - |
| Share of profit from investment in an associate | (50,068) | (21,099) |
| Reversal of excess provision for impaired trade receivables | (85,591) | - |
| Provision for impaired trade receivables | 150,255 | - |
| Bank interest income | (59,679) | (68,571) |
| Finance costs | 204,574 | 179,053 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Inventories | (2,213,396) | 460,795 |
| Trade and other receivables | (3,241,180) | (1,732,146) |
| Trade and other payables | (1,453,389) | 1,140,162 |
| Employees' terminal benefits, net | 47,007 | 24,152 |
| Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities | <u>(7,910,629)</u> | <u>2,190,763</u> |
| Investing activities | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (14,443) | (94,078) |
| Net movement in Mudaraba deposits | 333,986 | 52,783 |
| Bank interest income received | 59,679 | 68,571 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | <u>379,222</u> | <u>27,276</u> |
| Financing activities | | |
| Finance costs paid | (204,574) | (179,053) |
| Proceeds from term loans | 5,364,861 | 7,307,455 |
| Repayments of term loans | (4,675,486) | (8,581,909) |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities | <u>484,801</u> | <u>(1,453,507)</u> |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents | <u>(7,046,606)</u> | <u>764,532</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period | 10,418,816 | 8,167,224 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period | <u>3,372,210</u> | <u>8,931,756</u> |

Interim condensed Consolidated statement of changes in shareholders' equity for the nine months ended 30 September 2019 (Unaudited) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

| | Equity attributable to shareholders of the Parent Company | | | | | Non-controlling interest | Total | |
|---|---|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Share capital | Statutory reserve | Share premium | Revaluation reserve | Retained earnings | | | |
| At 31 December 2017 | 20,000,000 | 2,853,603 | 116,328 | 4,329,043 | 2,853,139 | 30,152,113 | 7,443,888 | 37,596,001 |
| Effect of adoption of IFRS 9 | - | - | - | - | (350,103) | (350,103) | (112,507) | (462,610) |
| At 1 January 2018 | 20,000,000 | 2,853,603 | 116,328 | 4,329,043 | 2,503,036 | 29,802,010 | 7,331,381 | 37,133,391 |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - | - | 153,414 | 153,414 | 62,239 | 215,653 |
| At 30 September 2018 | 20,000,000 | 2,853,603 | 116,328 | 4,329,043 | 2,656,450 | 29,955,424 | 7,393,620 | 37,349,044 |
| At 31 December 2018 | 20,000,000 | 2,853,603 | 116,328 | 4,329,043 | 2,155,655 | 29,454,629 | 7,249,613 | 36,704,242 |
| Effect of adoption of IFRS 16 | - | - | - | - | (33,344) | (33,344) | (10,715) | (44,059) |
| At 1 January 2019 | 20,000,000 | 2,853,603 | 116,328 | 4,329,043 | 2,122,311 | 29,421,285 | 7,238,898 | 36,660,183 |
| Total comprehensive loss for the period | - | - | - | - | (2,275,194) | (2,275,194) | (696,211) | (2,971,405) |
| At 30 September 2019 | 20,000,000 | 2,853,603 | 116,328 | 4,329,043 | (152,883) | 27,146,091 | 6,542,687 | 33,688,778 |

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial information was approved, authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf by:

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Chairman

Abdulla Fahad Al-Subaie
Vice - Chairman

Celebrating Guru Nanak's 550th birth anniversary

TDI, Agencies

More than 30 million Sikhs around the world today mark the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, with Guru Nanak Jayanti or Gurburab.

Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrated on the full moon day of Kartik month is of huge significance for the global Sikh community.

On the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for upholding his teachings and values. He was participating in a special event organised at Dera Baba Nanak on the occasion of the inauguration of the Integrated Check Post (ICP) and the Kartarpur Corridor. PM also released commemorative coin celebrating 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Prime Minister described Guru Nanak Dev as an inspiration not only to India but also the whole world.

The Sikh faith began in the 15th century in Punjab, a region including Kartarpur which is split today between India and Pakistan, when Guru Nanak began teaching a faith that preached equality.

Founder of Sikhism and a preacher of peace and servicing, Guru Nanak was born in a village named Rai Bhoi di Talwandi.

It is presently popular as Nankana Sahib, near Lahore, Pakistan.

He set up various spiritual, social and political platforms, which were constituted on the principles of quality, goodness, and virtue. His teachings are preserved in the holy texts of the Guru Granth Sahib.

Prime Minister said, on the



A display of 'Jalao' (Sikh symbolic items), inside the Sri Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) on the occasion of the 550th birthday anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of the Sikh faith, in Amritsar

occasion of the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, several programmes are being held across the country and the world through Embassies.

Meanwhile, Hundreds of Indian Sikhs made a historic pilgrimage to Pakistan on Saturday crossing through a white gate to reach one of their religion's holiest sites, after a landmark

deal between the two countries separated by the 1947 partition of the subcontinent.

The shrine to Sikhism's founder Guru Nanak lies in Kartarpur, a small town just four kilometres (two miles) over the Pakistan side of the border where he is believed to have died.

Among the first pilgrims to pass through the gate was former Indian Prime Minister

Manmohan Singh, who told Pakistani state media that it was a "big moment".

The opening has even inspired a singular message of gratitude from Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to his Pakistani counterpart Imran Khan for "respecting the sentiments of India".

The deal allows for up to 5,000 pilgrims a day to cross.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi releasing a commemorative coin celebrating 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji



Gurdwara Bangla Sahib seen illuminated on the occasion of the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji, in New Delhi



Sikh devotees participate in a religious procession during the 550th birth celebrations of their founder guru, Guru Nanak Dev, in Patna



Sikh pilgrims visit the shrine of their spiritual leader Guru Nanak Dev, at Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur, Pakistan

Something fishy: Fish with a "human face" spotted in a pond!

● **The extraordinary animal was discovered by a visitor in a tourist destination in the city of Kunming, China**

TDI, agencies

Awoman visiting a village in China got the shock of her life when she spotted a human-faced fish swimming and splashing around in a pond.

She also shared a footage of the creature on Chinese microblogging site *Weibo*, which soon also started doing rounds on other social media platforms leaving netizens awestruck.

The 14-second-long footage, which equal parts bizarre and creepy, shows a carp sporting a man's mouth, nose and eyes on its head swimming in a water body in a Chinese village.

In the footage, the animal, with two black spots on its head resembling eyes and two stripes looking like a nose and a mouth, poking its head above the water at the edge of the lake.

A voice in the footage, uploaded on *Weibo*, China's equivalent to Twitter, can be heard saying: "This fish had turned into a fairy."

Soon, it went viral, leaving several *Weibo* users surprised, with one saying it made them "feel creepy".

Shot in Miao Village in China,

the video also went on to create a stir on other social media platforms.

One *Weibo* user wrote: "This is scary".

"Who dares to eat it?" wrote another.

Not the first time!

This, however, is not the first time a creepy creature like this has surprised netizens.

In 2016, a "humanoid carp", considered lucky in Chinese culture, caused a stir online after it was captured by a primary school teacher in Wugang City in the Hunan province, central China.

Qiu Xiaohua, who caught the fish said he had never seen anything like it in 20 years of fishing.

He had been planning to eat the fish, but instead opted to keep it in his home, a report said.

Similar sightings were also reported in Taiwan and the UK.

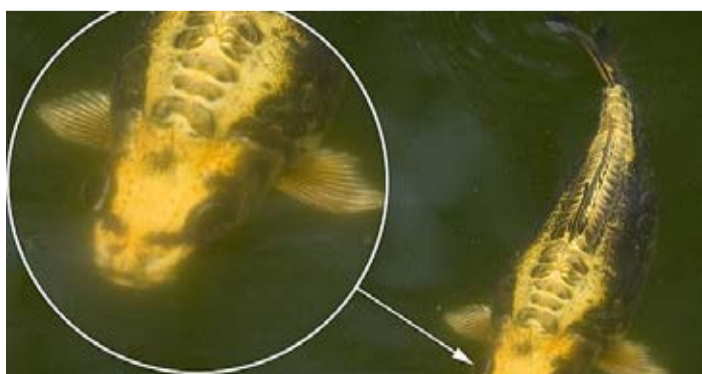
In 2010, a 44-year-old butcher from Essex reportedly found a similar "humanoid" carp, which was later valued at £40,000, said another report.

"It was astonishing. I could easily make out from the markings two eyes, a nose and a mouth. I thought I was suffering from sunstroke," the fish's owner Brendan O'Sullivan of Dagenham, Essex told *Daily Mail*.

Residents in northeastern Taiwan's Yilan County also reported sighting a black-and-white carp with features resembling a human face.



The carp, with its face marking resembling a human, was found by a visitor to Miao Village in China



In 2010, a 44-year-old former butcher in Britain discovered that a fish he had bought five months earlier (pictured) started to develop facial features similar to those of a human *Daily Mail*



A side view of the British man's carp shows it looking a lot more fish-like. The fish, owned by Brendan O'Sullivan of Dagenham in Essex, was said to be worth an estimated £40,000 (*Daily Mail*)

How to live off the land... in a major US city

AFP | Orlando

Rob Greenfield needs a lift. He often does, as he doesn't own a car.

Ride sharing is one of the many ways in which he tries to reduce his carbon footprint -- but the other is more extreme. For the past year, he hasn't spent a cent on food.

He only eats what he can grow in his own garden or nearby gardens, what he can fish for -- or what he can peel off the highway.

Yes, roadkill is an option for the 33-year-old Greenfield. He's an urban forager.

"Nature has been my garden, has been my pantry and it's been

my pharmacy," explains the environmental activist, whose one-year challenge to eat only what he can find himself ends on November 10.

Greenfield launched the project in Orlando, the theme park capital of the world in central Florida. The greater metropolitan area is home to about 2.5 million.

It seems like an unusual place to hunt and gather, but the subtropical climate has helped him offset the urban setting.

"For the last year, I've been growing and foraging 100 percent of my food -- no grocery stores, no restaurants, no beer

at a bar," Greenfield tells AFP.

"I want to inspire people to question their food and then to change their diets, to start to grow their own food, to support local farmers and eat in a way that is better for the Earth, our communities and ourselves."

Backyard cuisine

He's been living in a tiny home in someone else's backyard -- the owners said he could squat there for the purposes of the project.

He's usually barefoot and wears the clothes he's often seen in on YouTube, where's he documented his year of foraging.

"I think that the human body developed really well over tens of thousands of years and I don't believe that Nike has got it all figured out in the last blink of the eye of the human experience," he says.

Greenfield has transformed the yard into an urban farm -- papayas, bananas, sweet potatoes, eggplant, cucumbers and peppers are all thriving.

He put together an open-air kitchen of sorts, where he keeps his provisions and the honey he produces himself from four honeycombs.

He's also built a toilet al fresco -- and uses leaves for toilet pa-

per, explaining: "This is softer than anything you can buy at the store."

During the interview, he feasts on a bowl of venison, sauerkraut, green papaya, turmeric, red pepper, coriander, garlic, dill and sea salt, cooked in coconut milk.

His breakfast is capped with some moringa leaves, which had numerous medicinal uses.

Greenfield found the dead deer on a road in his native Wisconsin, where he spent his summer vacation.

And the salt? "I go to the ocean and I collect the saltwater from the ocean. I just fill up a jar or a jug and then I put that onto a stove to boil it down. That makes good sea salt."

The simple life

Greenfield says that he first made the decision to live more "simply" in 2011.

Up until then, he was living what he called a "pretty typical American life." His goal: "To be a millionaire by the time I was 30."

In 2014, he dissolved his marketing company.

He first earned public attention in 2016, when he walked through New York wearing all of the garbage he produced -- an effort to call attention to the huge amount of waste generated

by Americans.

After that, he decided to start his experiment in urban foraging, to cast a spotlight on the

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possibilities of sustainable living.

He lives off public speaking fees and proceeds from his books, though he usually offers talks for free. This year so far, he has earned just \$9,760. In 2018, the total was \$8,000.

Both are well below the poverty level of about \$13,000 for an individual living alone.

"For me, this is about deeply exploring my food and understanding it and at the same time taking people along on this journey," Greenfield says.

He says he donates most of what he earns to non-profit organizations -- despite a fair bit of media coverage of his story, he says he wants to avoid getting rich from his projects.

"It's about the message, and I don't think I should get wealthy off of the message of helping others," he says.

"I've created a system to help myself not ever lose those good intentions. I believe in living humbly and I don't think it would be easy to live humbly with a lot of money."

Once he's finished on Sunday, Greenfield is not sure what comes next -- for now, he's planning on traveling around the world.



Vietnam deer rediscovered after nearly 30 years

● With no confirmed sightings since 1990, experts assumed the species must have been pushed to the brink of extinction by hunting

● Forests in southeast Asia are under tremendous pressure from growing populations

Paris

A very rare species of small, deer-like animal thought to be on the verge of extinction has been spotted in the northwestern jungle of Vietnam for the first time in nearly 30 years. Known as the Silver-backed



A still from a remote camera shows the Silver-backed Chevrotain -- long considered to be near-extinct -- in a forest in central Vietnam

Chevrotain or Mouse deer, a specimen was last recorded in 1990, according to a study published Monday in the journal

Nature Ecology and Evolution.

The species, *Tragulus versicolor*, was first described in 1910 based on several animals found

near Nha Trang, about 450 kilometres (280 miles) northeast of Ho Chi Minh City.

With no confirmed sightings since 1990, experts assumed the species must have been pushed to the brink of extinction by hunting.

However Vietnamese biologist An Nguyen, who works with Global Wildlife Conservation and is a PhD student at the Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research, had been wondering for years whether the Silver-backed Chevrotain might still be holding on somewhere.

Working with colleagues Barney Long and Andrew Tilker, the experts got together with local villagers to sift through reported sightings.

Some were consistent enough with the Silver-backed Chevrotain to justify putting up more

than 30 motion-activated cameras in nearby forested habitats.

"The results were amazing. I was overjoyed when we checked the camera traps and saw photographs of a chevrotain with silver flanks," said Nguyen.

Tilker cautioned in a blog post however that "just because we found this species relatively easily doesn't mean it is not threatened".

Forests in southeast Asia are under tremendous pressure from growing populations and development "so we need to get ahead of the curve" on conservation, Tilker added.

In May, a United Nations body of biodiversity experts, known as IPBES, issued a landmark report warning that up to one million species face the risk of extinction due to humanity's impact on the planet.

Cyclone death toll rises to 24

Khulna Bangladesh

The death toll from a cyclone that barreled into the coasts of Bangladesh and India has risen to 24, authorities said yesterday, as the two nations assess the scale of devastation wreaked by the powerful storm.

Cyclone Bulbul, packing winds of up to 120 kilometres per hour (75 mph) when it hit late Saturday, killed 12 people in Bangladesh -- 11 from falling trees -- and 12 in India's West Bengal and Odisha states.

Bangladesh's junior minister for disaster management Enamur Rahman said Bulbul left a trail of destruction, damaging some 10,000 mud, tin and bamboo homes and 200,000 hectares (494,000 acres) of crops.

The Lebanese should not give up their battle for rights

Believing they can wait out or suppress the uprising, faction leaders fatally underestimate citizens' awe-inspiring tenacity



BARIA ALAMUDDIN

It is not easy to attend a protest rally. It takes guts to take to the streets week after week, enduring violence from Hezbollah thugs and pressure from the authorities. Then there are those patriotic Lebanese who repeatedly travel from Europe, the Gulf and even the US to participate in these demonstrations of national solidarity.

Like many emigre Lebanese, I date the departure from my homeland to Israel's 1982 invasion. The events of recent weeks have reawakened a connection with this love of our lives: A renewed pride and sense of belonging to the motherland, whose identity we feared was being lost forever.

I am in awe of the children turning out in huge numbers, giving emotional testimony about seeing their parents crushed day after day by financial hardship and economic uncertainty – the consequence of decades of mis-governance and naked theft of our nation's wealth.

Across the Western world throughout 2019, millions of children similarly poured onto the streets, putting us to shame by protesting the irreversible damage our generation has inflicted upon the environment.

Many enlightened Lebanese children would like to have taken a stand on climate change. They don't have this luxury because they must first liberate their coun-

try from this geriatric system of sectarian, kleptocratic cronyism.

These intrepid children shame their elders with their clear-sighted rejection of sectarian identities, embracing all Lebanese as fellow citizens. This is the spirit of the tolerant Lebanon I grew up in; blissfully ignorant of which friends were Christian, Sunni or Shiite.

Students are angry that, in order to get a job, they must sell their soul to a particular sectarian faction, which they must back in elections and display blind submission to. What reduced this most progressive of Arab nations to humiliating quasi-feudalism?

Protests in Sudan, Algeria, Iraq and especially Lebanon have been defined by a leading role for courageous women and even the elderly – despite cowardly attempts to harass and intimidate them back into their homes.

Women have been the most forthright in saying: Let the banks fail, let the roads remain closed, let the petrol reserves run out. There must be no business as usual until the revolution has run its course.

In recent days, high turnouts by students, doctors, lawyers and other professionals have contributed momentum to the uprising. Famous singers entertained the masses with patriotic singalongs. Lebanon's vibrant culture affords this national awakening a refreshingly different atmosphere to uprisings elsewhere.

Meanwhile, Shiite clerics have, in their sermons, fearlessly delivered stinging rebukes against the ayatollahs of Tehran and sectarian militias, questioning why citizens protesting their hunger and misery should be confronted with



Lebanese demonstrators gather and picnic at Beirut's Zaitunay Bay during a protest.

violence.

Lebanon has among the highest diaspora populations in the world: An estimated 15.4 million, compared with just six million remaining in the homeland. I see fathers whose eyes well with tears when their daughters talk excitedly of making a life for themselves overseas, where they can find jobs, freedom and dignified standards of living. Why does Lebanon deny its citizens these basic prerequisites for a good life?

Lebanon has, since the era of the Phoenicians, been blessed by its geographic position, connecting Asia with Mediterranean Europe, making it a lucrative, bustling hub for trade and cultural interchange. The Beirut of the 1960s and early 70s was a miracle: The

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region's financial, commercial, cultural and intellectual capital. Young, educated Lebanese entrepreneurs profited, both from

Mass uprisings do not erupt wit

SAAD HUSSAIN

The maelstrom of factors leading to Iraq's uprising, now in its sixth week, have been brewing for a long time. Some go back years and have their roots in the calls for reform during the government of Haider Al Abadi, which were supported by some parliamentarians but, as often happens in the political arena in Iraq, as soon as the ruling parties sensed a lull in the rage of the masses calling for change, they simply ignored their demands. Then, the pro-reform movement was limited to Friday gatherings in Baghdad's Freedom Square, rather than the throngs of thousands that now fill the streets daily. The large majority of those crowds belonged to the Sadrist movement and were acting on the orders of the cleric Moqtada Al Sadr, who has spoken in support of this protest movement.

In the face of widespread criticism in 2015, Mr Al Abadi proposed far-reaching changes, including holding an inquiry into corruption and scrapping sectarian and party quotas in the appointment of top officials. Yet despite the gravity of the factors leading to the uprising four years ago, those promises made by ruling parties went unfulfilled.

The majority of the demonstrators today are young people, some of whom were born after the 2003 invasion of Iraq, or who were children at the time. So far, the protest movement has not nominated leaders through whom to channel its demands, perhaps because of

the spontaneity with which the uprising began.

But their indignation is clear, prompted by the corruption that has plagued a succession of administrations since 2003. It has manifested in organisations that override state institutions and in a collective failure to try corrupt officials, regardless of their social background or their political, religious and sectarian affiliations.

Protesters have also been mobilised into action by state bureaucracy that prevents them from getting anything done; the failure to provide basic services such as electricity, drinking water, education and health care; and high unemployment, particularly among young people.

They are demanding the dissolution of parliament, the immediate holding of free and fair elections, supervised by the United Nations, and changes to the Electoral Commission, enabling them to select candidates independent of the existing political parties.

Their cry for reforms go further than ever before: they want a new constitution for the country that enshrines the separation of religion and politics, the formation of an independent judiciary council, the disbanding of all militias and the use of weapons to be confined to the state alone.

And they want to abolish all privileges enjoyed by the president, parliament and prime minister. Critically, they want to ensure Iraq is protected from Iranian interference in its national affairs.

So far, more than 260 people have been killed and thousands injured. There appear to be forces targeting the demonstrators with live ammunition as well as tear gas.

While the government has publicly renounced the killing of demonstrators, who are expressing their legitimate right to protest, there are suggestions that elements linked to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps are behind the shootings.

That has not stopped demonstrators gradually increasing their demands. Initially they focused on job opportunities but that quickly swelled to calls for a change in governance. This was illustrated by the rejection of all figures of the regime, from officials to leaders of parties and militias as well as top officials. Prime minister Adel Abdul Mahdi offered his resignation, which was accepted by president Barham Salih conditional on finding a replacement, but that has not been enough to quell public outrage.

Amid shifting allegiances, Mr Al Sadr's attempts to forge an alliance with Hadi Al Amiri, head of the Fateh bloc, to unseat Mr Abdul Mahdi resulted in him being expelled from demonstrations in Najaf last month. Even the country's most senior Shiite cleric, Ayatollah Al Al Sistani, has been ineffectual in establishing calm.

When Mr Abdul Mahdi first took up his post just over a year ago, there was hope of some of these endemic problems improving because he did not belong to a particular political party. He assumed power



Demonstrators gather during the ongoing anti-government protests in Baghdad.

as a result of the bloody uprising in Basra, which saw Mr Al Abadi ousted as prime minister. Mr Abdul Mahdi was chosen as a result of an understanding reached by Mr Al Sadr's Sairon bloc, the largest bloc in the Iraqi parliament, and Mr Al Amiri's Fateh front. However, the major mistake made by Mr Abdul Mahdi was selecting his ministers on the basis of quotas, in the same way previous ministry appointments had been made. Mr Abdul Mahdi should have chosen his own ministers on the basis of competence and expertise. He should have rejected any request from the ruling parties in the quota system, even if this had led to his own removal by those parties. He would have gained the support and trust of the people as a result and might have had more

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success in instigating reforms. Instead, the progress of his government has been very slow and it has fallen into the trap of once again

Unemployment is high, especially among the young who don't have access to basic services, their indignation prompted by the corruption of successive administrations

1990

Crown Prince Akihito is formally installed as Emperor Akihito of Japan, becoming the 125th Japanese monarch.



1990

Tim Berners-Lee publishes a formal proposal for the World Wide Web.

1991

Santa Cruz massacre: Indonesian forces open fire on a crowd of student protesters in Dili, East Timor.

1995

Erdut Agreement regarding the peaceful resolution to the Croatian War of Independence was reached.



against the privatisation of public spaces.

flourishing domestic markets and from commercial opportunities in Egypt, Syria, the Gulf and beyond.

What criminal levels of incompetence does it take to bankrupt such a flourishing nation and reduce it to indebted servitude? Given a healthy business environment and accountable governance, Lebanon will again bestow prosperity upon all its citizens, attracting back a substantial proportion of that diaspora, which still yearns for its motherland.

Lebanon's civil war-era Mafioso factions – including Hezbollah and its Iranian paymasters – are the definition of parasites, voraciously sucking the nation's lifeblood. This is managed parasitism; never seeking to kill the patient, just keeping it weak, passive

and submissive. Believing that they can wait out or suppress the uprising, faction leaders fatally underestimate citizens' awe-inspiring tenacity. Why? Because they always viewed their communities with predatory contempt.

When protesters assembled outside Walid Jumblatt's residence, he instructed his security detail to treat citizens with dignity and respect their right to demonstrate.

When protest organisers indicated their intention to gather outside Nabih Berri's home, his cronies provocatively blustered via social media that demonstrators should bring coffins with them.

With each passing day, the Lebanon uprising's battle of wills is intensifying. We can sympathise with those small businesses saying: "Enough. Let's get back to work."

Lebanon, meanwhile, faces imminent financial collapse, with draconian emergency banking measures being implemented and the World Bank urging the formation of a new Cabinet "within a week" to prevent further deterioration of this heavily indebted nation's finances.

However, for demonstrators to compromise now would be to lose everything; allowing factions to salvage their corrupt sectarian system by cobbling together a government with the same faces sitting in different seats (although Saad Hariri, to his credit, has rejected this). Worse, it would be a gesture of defeat to Tehran, suggesting that Lebanon is not strong enough to break its stranglehold.

Hezbollah represents a legitimate segment of Lebanon's society. However, it should have the

courage to separate itself from its Iranian overlords and act according to national interests and sovereignty, rather than engaging in actions that guarantee Lebanon's destruction. With their fat Iranian paychecks, Hezbollah's leaders consider themselves insulated from Lebanon's travails. Yet if they and their children desire a future here, they must seek to amicably coexist instead of being a conduit for hostile alien powers.

Meanwhile, Shiite communities in the region are watching developments in Iraq and Lebanon closely and learning about the unsupportable costs of alignment with Iran.

Citizens will not be cowed by threats from Michel Aoun, Birri, Gebran Bassil or Hassan Nasrallah. Escalatory retaliation and attempted crackdowns only reveal the ugly face of Iranian hegemony; just as the assassinations of Rafik Hariri and other figures in 2005 united Lebanon in kicking out the detested Syrian occupation.

I have never felt more pride in my nation than at this moment. As Martin Luther King once declared: "There is nothing more majestic than the determined courage of individuals willing to suffer and sacrifice for their freedom and dignity."

Before the eyes of the world, the Lebanese and Iraqi nations have taken a stand in defence of their identity, sovereignty and personal freedoms. May they not sit down again until they have won all these, and much more.

(Baria Alamuddin is an award-winning journalist and broadcaster in the Middle East and the UK. She is editor of the Media Services Syndicate and has interviewed numerous heads of state.)

hout a trigger



making promises without delivering them. Mr Abdul Mahdi's leadership has been marked by a failure to effect any meaningful change.

Despite the abundance of motives for revolt, the mobilisation of the masses has come relatively late. For some, the lack of earlier action was a result of religious and sectarian influence. The absence of a middle-class culture has also been a contributing factor. The people who need to see an immediate change in their situation are mainly Shiite, because the poorest provinces in Iraq are the nine Shiite districts in the centre and south. This has led to conflict between Shiite factions. Division between Shiite parties has long been a reality in Iraq, making it difficult for those parties to enter elections under a single electoral

list. Disagreement has also erupted among parties whose first priority is loyalty to Iran. That conflict between Shiite citizens and parties reached its zenith in the October 1 uprising.

Mass uprisings do not erupt without a trigger. Iraq's protests differ from Lebanon's as there was no single clear trigger, unlike in Beirut, where the proposed taxes on WhatsApp proved a tipping point. Yet even those who called for demonstrations on social media cannot have anticipated the extent of what has transpired in Iraq.

The important thing that has unfolded over the past few weeks is the peaceable and persistent call – even in the face of violence – for the separation of religion and the state, and protecting Iraqi citizenship and soil from sectarian, tribal and regional affiliations.

Although the majority of the protesting masses are Shiite, their demands do not play to sectarian intolerance. The demonstrators have also criticised the presence of armed groups outside the control of the state and Iran's blatant interference in Iraqi affairs.

Women in particular have had an important role to play.

The biggest question for many remains: what can this uprising achieve? Will it be able to realise its demands? The answer to these questions is not easy because the parties that have ruled Iraq since 2003 have managed to enrich themselves by acquiring the best governmental commercial contracts for their own benefit. Financial and

administrative corruption is endemic in all its forms and the deep state, made up of Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish parties benefiting from the country's oil exports, will fight all attempts to disrupt it.

Nor will Iran give up Iraq easily. Iraq represents a political, economic and ideological partner and it will want to tightly control Iraqis willing to do its bidding, as long as it can.

Many of the demands of the uprising cannot be achieved immediately. It will take months and possibly years to undo the ill effects of institutionalised corruption and mismanagement.

It is difficult to predict how the uprising will end. There are a number of scenarios that could take place: an understanding could be reached between the government and the demonstrators by finding a middle ground between their demands and what can be delivered.

This could be the best outcome. Alternatively, the uprising could be met with further force, which will severely isolate the government at a national, regional and international level.

That is not to undo the achievements of the uprising so far: namely, that it has raised awareness among Iraqi citizens, cemented the idea of a homeland and national pride among the Iraqi people, and raised the profile of female campaigners.

Above all, it has destroyed the idea that the government can do as it likes, despite the will of the people.



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The British people have had enough delay & uncertainty. I want us to #GetBrexItDone and spend next year focusing on the issues that matter - tackling violent crime, investing in our NHS & schools, and strengthening our economy.

@BorisJohnson

02



Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin questioned the legitimacy of the election. No Kentucky election official has corroborated that claim since Bevin made it. Critics and elections specialists are now calling for Bevin to provide evidence of the claim or retract it.

@kylegriffint

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Enjoyed a visit to the SulthanBathery Police station that has been listed by the HomeMinistry among the 100 best in India. It's amazing: brilliantly organised & sign-posted, spotlessly clean & offering services I've never seen in any Indian police station, incl FirstAid& Library

@ShashiTharoor

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Will be meeting with representatives of the Vaping industry, together with medical professionals and individual state representatives, to come up with an acceptable solution to the Vaping and E-cigarette dilemma. Children's health & safety, together with jobs, will be a focus!

@realDonaldTrump

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Who is next?



YENUS 5

The elimination of Abu Baker Al Baghdadi gave the so-called Islamic terrorist group (IS) a staggering blow. Following a series of military defeats and losing territories in both in Syria and Iraq, the group was in disarray due to opinion differences among the leaders, according to some reports. Now with the death of Al Baghdadi, more cleavage among the group is expected but one is likely to replace him.

Another round of hunting the new head of the terror group will commence, with at least US 25 million bounty on his head and the vicious cycle continues.

From 2003 to 2006, the Bush Jr administration was hunting for Abu Musab Al Zarqawi; the head of A Qaeda in Iraq that gave birth to IS and was eliminated after spotting him in a remote Iraqi village.

Came Obama, he targeted the Al Qaeda terrorist group head, Osama bin Laden who was found comfortably living in a Pakistani town near a major military garrison and killed by US troops.

The Trump administration has recently eliminated Osama bin Laden's son, Hamza bin Laden, killed in air strike in an unknown location and date. Last week, Abu Bakar Al Baghdadi was targeted.

Who will the next President of the US target?

All these campaigns to eliminate terrorist leaders indicate that we are missing the right strategy to fight not only notorious individuals but also the successive terrorist groups that pop-up in every country.

We are fighting a global ideology, the propaganda that continues to infect the minds of innocent people, which neither demands

bombs, drones nor missiles.

Recently, journalists have managed to enter in one of the big detention camps in Syria where IS terrorists are kept. During the interviews, some of them do not show any sense of regret or remorse.

To the surprise of journalists, few of the detainees hope to see the day they set free from prison to fight for the cause of the 'caliphate'. They consider the current turmoil the group is facing as a natural and temporary event in the long armed struggle and think that in the near future the group will revive.

More than a dozen IS 'affiliates' currently operate in several countries, brainwashed by the caliphate ideology. In countries including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Nigeria, Mali, Egypt, Somalia, Yemen and others, groups operate that claim allegiance to Al Baghdadi's parent IS.

The fight against indoctrination, radicalism and extremism using every available method including social media and awareness campaigns among the public in every country seems the right strategy of eliminating terrorism and their leaders. Governments should force big social media giants including Facebook, Instagram, Telegram, Tweeter and others to deny platforms for terrorists.

The gruesome executions that IS filmed were distributed throughout the social media. This practice has brought the social media giants under spotlight but still terrorist propaganda is disseminated through them. More needs to be done to rein in terrorist entities. The killing of Al Baghdadi is unlikely to end IS operation in Syria, Iraq or any other country throughout the world.

The world needs to invest on counter terrorism propaganda rather than expensive military campaigns involving high tech equipment that kill more innocent people than terrorists, destroy infrastructure, and demolish houses.

business

Frankfurt opens doors to Bahrain banks

“BAB” hosts German delegation to discuss world’s Financial Landscape after “BREXIT”

TDT | Manama

Bahraini banks were welcomed to join the league of major US, Japanese and Swiss banks, which chose Frankfurt as the new European Financial Center in case London decided to leave the European Union.

German ambassador to Bahrain, Kai Boeckmann, told top bankers in the Kingdom that Germany represents the biggest economy in Europe, and has the highest sovereign ratings (AAA), “making it a favourable setting to financial services and environment and friendly to investors from the Kingdom of Bahrain and the world.”

Ambassador Boeckmann, during an open meeting organised by Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB), emphasised his country’s keenness to reinforce cooperation with Bahrain.

Boeckmann said his country is eager to benefit from Bahrain’s long-standing experience in this field, “especially in the Islamic banking industry.”

Frankfurt Main Finance (FMF), Managing Director Hubertus Vāth, clarified that Britain’s exit from the European Union would lead to the loss



German ambassador to Bahrain, Kai Boeckmann, speaking during an open meeting organised by Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB) about the influence of “Brexit” on the European financial scene, Bahrain and the region



Frankfurt Main Finance (FMF), Managing Director Hubertus Vāth, with other participants during the meeting



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of so-called “unified business license”.

“This means that the financial products licensed by banks in Britain will not be effective in the rest of EU member states as before, as these rights are used today by about 5500 financial service providers in London,” he added.

Vāth was speaking about the influence of “Brexit” on the Eu-

ropean financial scene, Bahrain and the region.

“Between 700 to 800 billion euros of assets in London will be transferred to Germany after its likely withdrawal from the European Union,” Vāth said.

Vāth indicated that Frankfurt stock exchange includes more than 250 banks, involving about 200 international banks, pointing out that the Gulf banks’

attendance in Frankfurt stock exchange is still modest.

Dr Waheed Al Qassim, Executive Chairman of Bahrain Association of Banks, said the meeting was part of the association’s keenness to learn closely about the latest development and putting Bahrain at the heart of developments resulting from Britain’s expected withdrawal from the European Union.

Dubai rebounds on earnings, Saudi extends gains

Reuters

Dubai’s stock market rebounded yesterday, supported by real estate shares and corporate earnings, as Saudi rallied on the back of financials.

Dubai’s index rose 0.5 per cent with Emirates NBD gaining 0.9pc, while Emaar Properties was up 1pc a day after reporting a 20pc rise in third-quarter net profit.

The profit came despite a prolonged slowdown in the emirate’s property sector, where the supply glut has sent residential prices sliding by at least a quarter since mid-2014.

The blue-chip developer’s unit Emaar Development advanced 3.9pc. On Sunday, it reported nine-month net profit of 2.07 billion dirhams (\$563.60 million).

Air Arabia added 2.1pc, as the



Traders on the floor of Bahrain Bourse (file)

third-quarter net profit of United Arab Emirates’s only listed airline jumped 57pc, which it attributed to a 10pc rise in passengers carried from its hubs in the UAE, Morocco and Egypt.

In Saudi Arabia, the benchmark index was up 0.6pc, with Al Rajhi Bank rising 0.5pc and Saudi Basic Industries (SABIC) 2010 SE increasing 1.3pc, in its fifth day of gains.

Saudi Aramco in its initial public offering prospectus said it expected to close its acquisition of Sabic in the first half of next year.

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Closing Bell

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| SAUDI | ▲ 0.4pc to 7,908 pts |
| ABU DHABI | ▼ 0.1pc to 5,088 pts |
| DUBAI | ▲ 0.5pc to 2,674 pts |
| QATAR | ▲ 0.4pc to 10,304 pts |
| EGYPT | ▲ 1.1pc to 14,209 pts |
| BAHRAIN | ▼ 0.2pc to 1,516 pts |
| OMAN | ▲ 0.8pc to 4,072 pts |
| KUWAIT | ▲ 0.1pc to 6,257 pts |

SE soared 9.9pc, its biggest gain since May. The firm said it had reduced the accumulated losses to 1.4pc of capital.

In Qatar, the index edged up 0.4pc, snapping three straight session losses, with Gulf’s largest lender Qatar National Bank increasing 1.1pc and Qatar International Islamic Bank adding 1.8pc.

In Abu Dhabi, however, the index extended the losses for a straight fourth day to close 0.1pc lower, as lender Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank slid 0.9pc and First Abu Dhabi Bank was down 0.1pc.

Dana Gas jumped 4pc. The energy firm said on Sunday its collections from Egypt, UAE and Iraq’s Kurdistan increased 16.7pc to \$230 million in the nine-month period.

Egypt’s blue-chip index ended 0.2pc lower, as the country’s largest lender, Commercial International Bank slipped 0.4 and El Sewedy Electric declined 2.2pc.

The latter reported third-quarter net profit of 829 million Egyptian pounds (\$51.52 million), compared with 1.13 billion Egyptian pounds a year earlier.



The Ambassador of Pakistan Afzaal Mahmood with prominent Bahraini businessmen and members of Rotary Club on 11 November during an exchange of views on strengthening trade and investment ties between Pakistan and Bahrain

Bahrain to hold ICITEE 2019 later this month

TDT | Manama

Applied Science University, in association with London South Bank University, is hosting the International Conference on Innovation, Technology, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (ICITEE 2019) on 24th and 25th of November.

69 papers of researchers from 16 countries are included in the conference held under the patronage of the Minister of Education and Chairman of the Higher Education Council, Dr Majed bin Ali Al Nuaimi.

The Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of London South Bank University (LSBU), the Secretary-General of the Association of Arab Universities (AAU), and the President of the Chartered Institute of Building (COIB) headquartered in the UK will also be in attendance.

The keynote speakers are Professor David Phoenix, Vice-Chancellor of (LSBU) and Professor Paul Ivey, Deputy Vice-Chancellor at LSBU. The gala dinner speaker will be



Professor Ghassan Aouad

Professor Charles Egbu, President of (CIOB).

Professor Waheeb Al Khaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Honorary Chair of the Conference, highlighted the commitment of the University to support research in collaboration with our local and international partners.

Professor Ghassan Aouad, President of ASU and Chairman of the conference said the conference supports the goals of the Economic Vision 2030 to make Bahrain an acknowledged educational hub.

Lebanon central bank says bank deposits are safe

Reuters | Beirut

Lebanon's central bank, seeking to shore up battered confidence in the financial system amid the worst economic crisis in decades, said yesterday bank deposits are secure and it had the ability to preserve the stability of the pegged Lebanese pound.

In a televised news conference, governor, Riad Salameh, said capital controls were not on the table because Lebanon depended on free movement of money, adding that the central bank had taken steps to safeguard deposits and there would be no haircut.

Already in deep economic turmoil, Lebanon has been plunged deeper into trouble since Oct. 17 when an unprecedented wave of protests against the ruling elite erupted across the country and prompted the resignation of Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri.

Lebanon is in urgent need of a new government to enact emergency economic measures. The head of the powerful, Iran-backed Shi'ite group Hezbollah, said he wanted to avoid public discussion of closed-door talks over the new government, saying he wanted to leave the door open for an agreement.



Lebanon's Central Bank Governor Riad Salameh

Three senior sources said on Sunday the talks were still deadlocked.

A big part of Lebanon's economic crisis stems from a slowdown of capital inflows which has led to a scarcity of US dollars and spawned a black market where the Lebanese pound has weakened below its official pegged rate.

Since reopening on Nov. 1 after a two-week closure, banks have been seeking to stave off capital flight by blocking most transfers abroad and imposing curbs on hard-currency withdrawals.

Referring to these restrictions, Salameh said the central bank had asked banks to review what he described as somewhat "conservative" steps taken because of instability that was prevailing at the time banks had reopened.

Britain's Farage withdraws Brexit threat to PM Johnson

AFP | Hartlepool | United Kingdom

Populist Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage yesterday withdrew his threat to challenge the governing Conservatives at every seat in next month's election, in a boost for Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Farage, a leading force behind the 2016 referendum vote to leave the European Union, had faced criticism that he risked splitting the eurosceptic vote on December 12.

Instead, he promised to focus on seats held by the main opposition Labour party which voted "Leave" -- although this could still see him take votes from Johnson's Tories.

"The Brexit Party will not contest the 317 seats the Conservatives won at the last election," Farage said on the campaign trail in Hartlepool, north-east England.

The former leader of the UK Independence Party (UKIP) had earlier promised to field 600 candidates unless Johnson agreed to abandon the exit terms he agreed with Brussels.

Farage said the deal, which has yet to be ratified by parliament, would deliver "Brexit in name only".

But the prime minister refused and Farage has now given in, noting wryly: "In a sense we now have a Leave alliance, it's just that we've done it unilaterally."

Ignoring Tory-held seats, he promised to target Labour areas which voted for Brexit, seeking to capitalise on disillusionment with the opposition party's stance.

Labour has promised a second referendum on Brexit, a call backed by many smaller parties in the House of Commons, with the option that it could campaign to stay in the EU.

Farage said his decision "pre-



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BREXIT PARTY LEADER NIGEL FARAGE

vents a second referendum from happening. And that to me, I think right now, is the single most important thing in our country".

Johnson welcomed the move, saying: "I'm glad that there's a recognition that there's only one way to get Brexit done and that's to vote for the Conservatives."

'I'm with Nigel'

Farage was speaking as he campaigned in Hartlepool, a long-time Labour area which voted by 64 percent to leave the European Union in 2016.

Labour's Mike Hill won the seat at the last election in 2017 with a majority of 7,650.

It was formerly represented by former prime minister Tony Blair's chief spin doctor-turned-EU trade commissioner Peter Mandelson.

But Pat Stamper, 81, a former Labour voter attending the Brexit Party rally, told AFP: "I'm with Nigel all the way. It's the only way to get out of the EU."

Sara Hobolt, a political expert

at the London School of Economics, said the decision was a boost for Johnson, tweeting: "This makes a Tory majority much more likely."

Labour seats

However, the prime minister still faces difficulties.

The Conservatives won 317 out of 650 seats at the 2017 election but they go into next month's vote defending only 298, after some MPs were expelled and others defected over disagreements over Brexit.

Farage's decision could help them keep the most marginal of these seats.

But they are not enough to govern and could see them scramble to forge parliamentary alliances with smaller parties.

After 2017, the party had to form an alliance with Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) to stay in power.

Johnson is aiming for Labour-held seats to boost his numbers and in this, will still be up against Farage.

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PRIME MINISTER BORIS JOHNSON

In areas where Labour and the anti-Brexit Liberal Democrats are strong, the Brexit party "is more likely to take votes from the Conservatives than Labour," said Tim Bale, from Queen Mary University of London.

Labour accused Farage and Johnson of cooking up an alliance that threatened to "sell out our country" and pave the way for a post-Brexit trade deal that would open the state-run health service to US drugs firms.

"We urge voters to reject this Thatcherite 1980s tribute act, which would lead to more savage Tory attacks on working class communities," said Labour chairman Ian Lavery in a statement.

737 MAX to resume commercial service in January

Reuters | Washington

Boeing Co said yesterday it now expects its grounded 737 MAX to resume commercial service in January as it works to address questions from regulators over its documentation for revisions to the plane's software.

Boeing said it is possible that resumption of MAX deliveries to

airline customers could begin in December and added it is working towards final validation of the updated training requirements "which must occur before the MAX returns to commercial service, and which we now expect to begin in January."

American Airlines and Southwest Airlines said Friday they were pushing back the resump-

tion of flights because of the 737 MAX grounding until early March.

The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must complete that audit before a key certification test flight can be scheduled.

Boeing said in a statement Monday, adding that it is aiming for "FAA certification of the MAX

flight control software updates during this quarter."

Boeing also said that it has completed one of five milestones needed before the plane can return to service: a multi-day eCab simulator evaluation with the FAA to ensure the software system performs as intended even if there is a system failure.



Students of Bahrain Indian school -Bhavans Grade 6 visited Carrefour Store as a part of their Math educational trip. They learnt budget shopping, the addition of decimals, ratio and proportion, measurements and so on in real-life scenarios. Students were accompanied by their teachers. Above, students and teachers along with Bilal Antar, Carrefour, Store Manager.



Markets start week in reverse gear

● Wall Street also retreated from record highs

● Traders reacted to fading US-China trade deal hopes

● US President Donald Trump denied such an agreement

● Asian markets turned sharply lower

AFP | London



Donald Trump denied China's statement that the economic superpowers had agreed a plan to roll back tariffs as trade talks progress

Stock markets mostly slid yesterday as traders reacted to fading US-China trade deal hopes, renewed unrest in Hong Kong, a stronger pound and political impasse in Spain.

After heavy falls in Asia, Europe headed south with London's benchmark FTSE 100 index shedding 0.4 per cent.

Wall Street also retreated from record highs, with the Dow down 0.4pc in late morning trading.

"Stock markets are largely lower as traders are worried about the US-China trading relationship as well as the violence in Hong Kong," said David Madden, analyst at traders CMC Markets UK.

The pound was up around three-quarters of a percentage point versus the dollar, adding further downward pressure to the FTSE 100 that features sev-

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DAVID MADDEN, ANALYST AT TRADERS CMC MARKETS UK.

eral multinationals earning in the US unit.

Sterling climbed also against the euro, as official data showed Britain had dodged a recession

in the third quarter with growth of 0.3 percent and the ruling Conservatives of Prime Minister Boris Johnson received a major electoral boost.

"The pound was given a boost by Nigel Farage's announcement that the Brexit party won't stand in the 317 seats currently occupied by the Conservatives," said Oanda analyst Craig Erlam.

Farage, a leading force behind the 2016 referendum vote to leave the European Union, had faced criticism that he risked splitting the eurosceptic vote on December 12 if his party ran candidates in constituencies currently held by the Conservatives.

In the eurozone, Madrid's IBEX 35 index spent most of the

Key figures around 1630 GMT

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| London - FTSE 100: | ▼ 0.4 pc at 7,328.54 pts (close) |
| Frankfurt - DAX 30: | ▼ 0.2 pc at 13,198.37 (close) |
| Paris - CAC 40: | ▲ less than 0.1 pc at 5,893.82 (close) |
| Madrid - IBEX 35: | ▲ less than 0.1 pc at 9,399.90 |
| EURO STOXX 50: | ■ at 3,699.35 |
| New York - Dow: | ▼ 0.4 pc at 27,561.54 |
| Tokyo - Nikkei 225: | ▼ 0.3 pc at 23,331.84 (close) |
| Hong Kong - Hang Seng: | ▼ 2.6 pc at 26,926.55 (close) |
| Shanghai - Composite: | ▼ 1.8 pc at 2,909.97 (close) |
| Pound/dollar: | ▲ at \$1.2864 from \$1.2774 at 2100 GMT |
| Euro/pound: | ▼ at 85.79 pence from 86.25 |
| Euro/dollar: | ▲ at \$1.1038 from \$1.1018 |
| Dollar/yen: | ▼ at 109.06 yen from 109.26 yen |
| Brent North Sea crude: | ▼ 0.1 pc at \$62.44 per barrel |
| West Texas Intermediate: | ▼ 0.2 pc at \$57.11 per barrel |

day lower after Socialist premier Pedro Sanchez emerged as winner but weakened from Sunday's repeat election.

The vote also propelled the far-right Vox into third place in a result set to deepen years of political turmoil in Spain, a leading member of the eurozone.

The IBEX 35 moved into positive territory in the final minutes of trading, ending the day with a gain of less than 0.1 percent.

European markets took "the cue from Asia, whilst political deadlock in Spain is not a help", said Neil Wilson, chief market analyst at Markets.com.

Asian markets turned sharply lower on Monday as another record close on Wall Street on Friday was overshadowed by uncertainty on the China-US trade talks, while Hong Kong was hit also by fresh protests in

which at least one person was shot.

Expectations Beijing and Washington will agree a mini-pact have fuelled an equity rally for the past few weeks.

Hopes had been given an added boost Thursday after China said the two sides had agreed to roll back some tariffs as the negotiations progress.

But the US side sent out some confusing signals after that announcement, before US President Donald Trump denied such an agreement, leaving investors scratching their heads.

Still, White House trade adviser Peter Navarro provided a lift to sentiment, saying Trump could postpone tariffs on Chinese goods scheduled to take effect in December. The S&P 500 and Dow both ended at fresh all-time highs Friday.

World Bank scales back Uighur school project in China

● World Bank funding to the five schools directly supported by the project will continue, under "enhanced supervision."

Washington

The World Bank announced yesterday it was cutting back a vocational education project in China's Xinjiang province.

The World Bank launched a review of the programme in late August after Foreign Policy magazine reported that a school that benefited from a tranche of the \$50 million loan to China bought "barbed wire, gas launchers, and body armour."

The Washington-based development lender said its review "did not substantiate the allegations."

Nonetheless, as a precautionary measure, it said it was cutting funding to the scheme's "partner schools" throughout Xinjiang province that were the target of the allegations.

"In light of the risks associated with the partner schools, which are widely dispersed and difficult to monitor, the scope and footprint of the project is being reduced," the World Bank said in a statement.

Suez Canal: a stormy 150-year history

AFP | Paris

In its 150 years of operations, the Suez Canal has been through wars and high-stakes power struggles as it imposed itself as a vital international waterway.

On the anniversary of its lavish opening ceremony on November 17, 1869, here is a look back at key dates in its history.

4,000 years ago

As far back as the 19th century BC, a canal existed between the Red Sea and a section of the Nile River which links to the Mediterranean.

Dug out during the reign of Pharaoh Sesostri III, it could only be navigated during the wet season and required regular dredging. It was eventually abandoned in the eighth century AD.

From the 16th century various plans were explored to build a navigable waterway between the Mediterranean and Red Sea, essentially providing a shortcut between Europe and Asia.

1859: construction starts

In a breakthrough in 1854, French diplomat Ferdinand de Lesseps persuaded the new Egyptian ruler, Said Pasha, to grant him a concession to construct a canal from the Red Sea's Gulf of Suez to the Mediterranean.

De Lesseps founded the Suez Canal Company in 1855 and the work was financed through the sale of shares, half of which were bought by the Egyptian ruler. Digging began in 1859, at first



Ships on the Suez Canal in 1956, the year Egypt nationalised the waterway and sparked a major crisis with Britain, France and Israel

by labourers using picks and shovels, and later with steam- and coal-powered machinery. It involved about 60,000 workers.

1869: grandiose opening

The canal was opened on November 17, 1869 in a grandiose ceremony at Port Said attended by European dignitaries including Napoleon III's wife, Empress Eugenie de Montijo.

In November 1875 an indebted Said Pasha sold his shares to the British government, with French shareholders retaining the rest.

1888: goes international

Amid tussles for control, major powers signed in 1888 the

Constantinople Convention that gave the waterway international status and open to all ships in times of war and peace. Egypt was not a signatory.

The provision was not always respected, including during the two World Wars.

1956: Suez Crisis

On July 26, 1956 Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser took the world by surprise by nationalising the canal to help finance construction of the Aswan Dam on the Nile.

It sparked the Suez Crisis in which Britain, France and Israel -- who feared the vital waterway could be cut off -- colluded to attack Egypt.

Israel invaded the Gaza Strip and Sinai peninsula in October; two days later French and British air raids destroyed part of Egypt's air force.

Nasser retaliated in November by sinking all 40 ships in the canal, which was closed until early 1957.

As the tensions soared, Britain and then France ceded, and fighting abruptly ended after 10 days.

The canal was reopened on March 29, 1957 under Egyptian control.

1967: closed by wars

Egypt closed it again in June 1967 during the Six-Day War when Israeli troops invaded



The inauguration of the Suez Canal in November 1869 was a lavish affair attended by French Empress Eugenie de Montijo

Egypt's Sinai Peninsula and reached the east bank of the canal.

It remained closed during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when Egyptian forces crossed the canal in a bid to retake the Sinai. The Israeli army repelled the attack with a counter-crossing. The war ended with a UN-backed ceasefire.

1974: returned to Egypt

Talks resulted in a military disengagement deal in January 1974 that saw Israeli forces pull back from the canal, which returned to Egyptian control.

After 15 months of demining work, it reopened to international shipping on June 5, 1975.

2015: expansion

On August 6, 2015 President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi officially opened a new route along the



Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser announcing on July 26, 1956 that he is nationalising the Suez Canal

SHOW



MIDWAY (PG-13)(ACTION/THRILLER/DRAMA/WAR)

OASIS JUFFAIR : 11.45 AM + 2.45 + 5.45 + 8.45 + 11.45 PM
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 SEEF (II):(12.30 MN THURS/FRI)
 WADI AL SAIL:11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM
 SAAR: 11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 PM (11.00 PM THURS/FRI)

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DOCTOR SLEEP (15+)(THRILLER/HORROR)

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EWAN MCGREGOR, REBECCA FERGUSON, KYLIEGH CURRAN

PLAYING WITH FIRE (PG)(ADVENTURE/COMEDY/FAMILY)

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 SAAR: 2.15 + 6.45 PM + (11.15 PM THURS/FRI)

JOHN CENA, KEEGAN-MICHAEL KEY, JOHN LEGUIZAMO

BALA (PG-15)(HINDI/COMEDY/DRAMA/ROMANTIC)

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 CITY CENTRE:12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 PM
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SAAR: 5.30 + 8.15 PM + (11.00 PM THURS/FRI)

AYUSHMANN KHURRANA, BHUMI PEDNEKAR, YAMI GAUTAM

APOLLO 11 (G)(DOCUMENTARY/HISTORY)
 CITY CENTRE: 12.15 + 4.30 + 8.45 PM
 SEEF (II): 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 PM

NEIL ARMSTRONG, MICHAEL COLLINS, BUZZ ALDRIN

ABIGAIL (PG)(ACTION/ADVENTURE/FANTASY)

SEEF (II):1.45 + 6.00 + 10.15 PM
 TINATIN DALAKISHVILI, EDDIE MARSAN, RINAL MUKHAMETOV

TABALUGA:THE LAST DRAGON (G)

SEEF (II):10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 PM
 CAMERON ANSELL, KRISTIN FAIRLIE, BENEDICT CAMPBELL

IN PARADOX (PG)(KUWAITI/DRAMA/THRILLER)

SEEF (II):11.45 AM + 4.00 + 8.15 PM
 FAISAL ALAMEERI, JAFRA YOUNES, JABER JOKHADAR

MALEFICENT 2: MISTRESS OF EVIL (PG)

OASIS JUFFAIR :10.30 AM + 2.30 + 6.45 + 11.00 PM
 OASIS JUFFAIR (KIDS CINEMA):4.45 + 9.00 PM
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 CITY CENTRE (IMAX 2D) :11.45 AM + 5.00 + 10.15 PM
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 SAAR:11.45 AM + 4.15 + 8.45 PM

ANGELINA JOLIE, TERESA MAHONEY, MICHELLE PFEIFFER

TERMINATOR: DARK FATE (PG-15)

OASIS JUFFAIR : 2.30 + 9.00 PM
 CITY CENTRE: 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.45 + 6.30 + 9.15 + 12.00 MN
 SEEF (II) : 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM
 WADI AL SAIL: 8.15 + 11.00 PM

LINDA HAMILTON, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, MACKENZIE DAVIS



JOKER (15+)(THRILLER/CRIME/DRAMA)

CITY CENTRE: 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM
 CITY CENTRE VIP (II):12.30 + 5.45 + 11.00 PM
 CITY CENTRE (IMAX 2D) :2.15 + 7.30 + (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)
 SEEF (I) :10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM
 SEEF (II):10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM

JOAQUIN PHOENIX, ZAZIE BEETZ, ROBERT DE NIRO

THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG)(ANIMATION/COMEDY)

OASIS JUFFAIR (KIDS CINEMA):12.45 + 7.00 PM
 CITY CENTRE: 11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM
 SEEF (II): 10.30 AM + 12.15 + 2.15 + 4.15 + 6.15 + 8.15 + 10.15 PM
 WADI AL SAIL:12.15 + 2.15 + 4.15 + 6.15 PM
 SAAR:11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 PM

OSCAR ISAAC, CHARLIZE THERON, CHLOE GRACE MORETZ

GEMINI MAN (PG-15)(ACTION/THRILLER/DRAMA)

CITY CENTRE: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM
 SEEF (II):1.30 + 6.45 + 12.00 MN

WILL SMITH, MARY ELIZABETH WINSTEAD, CLIVE OWEN

HOUSEFULL 4 (PG-15)(HINDI/COMEDY)

OASIS JUFFAIR:11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM
 SEEF (I):11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM

AKSHAY KUMAR, POOJA HEGDE, RITEISH DESHMUKH

COUNTDOWN (15+)(HORROR/THRILLER)

CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 + 12.00 MN

CHARLIE MCDERMOTT, ANNE WINTERS, ELIZABETH LAIL



ABOMINABLE (PG)(ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)

CITY CENTRE:11.00 AM + 1.15 + 3.30 + 5.45 + 8.00 + 10.15 PM
 SEEF (II): 11.00 AM + 1.15 + 3.30 + 5.45 + 8.00 + 10.15 PM

CHLOE BENNET, TENZING NORGYA TRAINOR, ALBERT TSAI

BORN A KING (PG)(DRAMA)

CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 4.45 + 9.30 PM

ABDULLAH ALI, RAWKAN BINBELLA, ED SKREIN

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

CITY CENTRE : 2.15 + 7.00 + 11.45 PM
 GERARD BUTLER, MORGAN FREEMAN, JADA PINKETT SMITH

KHAYAL MAATA (PG)(COMEDY/DRAMA)

CITY CENTRE: 12.30 + 5.15 + 10.00 PM

AHMAD HELMY, MINNA SHALABI, HASSAN HOSNEY



ZOMBIELAND: DOUBLE TAP (15+)

CITY CENTRE:2.15 + 6.30 + 10.45 PM

WOODY HARRELSON, JESSE EISENBERG, EMMA STONE

DORA AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD (PG)

CITY CENTRE:10.30 AM + 3.00 + 7.45 PM

ISABELA MONER, Q'ORIANKA KILCHER, BENICIO DEL TORO



KAITHI (PG-15)(TAMIL)

OASIS JUFFAIR: 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 PM

SEEF (II):10.45 AM + 4.00 + 9.15 PM

AL HAMRA: 6.00 + (12.00 MN THURS./FRI)

KARTHI, NARAIN, GEORGE MARYAN

BIGIL (PG-13)(TAMIL)

OASIS JUFFAIR : 3.30 PM

AL HAMRA:12.00 NOON

VIJAY, NAYANTHARA, JACKIE SHROFF

EDAkkAD BATTALION 06 (PG-15)(MALAYALAM)

OASIS JUFFAIR : 11.00 AM + 1.15 + 6.45 + 11.45 PM

TOVINO THOMAS, SAMYUKTHA MENON, SHALU RAHIM

PRANAYA MEENUKALUDE KADAL

OASIS JUFFAIR: 12.00 + 5.45 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (I): 3.00 + 5.30 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM

AL HAMRA: 3.15 + 9.15 PM

VINAYAKAN, GABRI JOSE, RIDDIHI KUMAR



THIPPARAA MEESAM ()(TELUGU)

From Friday 8th

SEEF (I): 12.15 NOON

ROHINI, SREE VISHNU, RAVI PRAKASH

MOVIE REVIEW

Apollo 11: stunning return to an incredible journey

Featuring previously unseen footage, this electrifying documentary marks 50 years since the first moon landing

● The Apollo 11 documentary is a seamless curation of archival work

Apollo 11 is a 2019 American documentary film edited, produced and directed by Todd Douglas Miller. It focuses on the 1969 Apollo 11 mission, the first spaceflight from which men walked on the Moon.

The film consists solely of archival footage, including 70 mm film previously unreleased to the public, and does not feature narration, interviews or modern recreations. The Saturn V rocket, Apollo crew consisting of Buzz Aldrin, Neil Armstrong, and Michael Collins, and Apollo program Earth-based support staff are prominently featured in the film.

The film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival on Jan-



A scene from 'Apollo 11'

uary 24, 2019, and was released theatrically in the United States by Neon on March 1, 2019. Apollo 11 has received acclaim from critics and grossed \$11 million.

Upon its premiere at the 2019 Sundance Film Festival, the film was acclaimed by critics, who mostly praised the quality of the film's footage.

On Rotten Tomatoes, the film holds an approval rating of 99%

based on 159 reviews, with an average rating of 9/10. The website's critical consensus reads, "Edifying and inspiring in equal measure, Apollo 11 uses artfully repurposed archival footage to send audiences soaring back to a pivotal time in American history."

On Metacritic, the film has a weighted average score of 88 out of 100, based on 33 critics,



'Apollo 11' is an exceptional, vibrant restoration of never-before-seen footage results in one of the most astounding films about space ever made

indicating "universal acclaim".

In a positive review for IndieWire, David Ehrlich complimented Miller's ability to make the Moon landing sequence feel unique and thrilling, and stated that the clarity of the footage "takes your breath away".

In another positive review, Owen Gleiberman of Variety called the footage "quite spectacular", and many critics

compared the documentary to Damien Chazelle's 2018 Neil Armstrong biopic First Man in their reviews.

Glenn Kenny of The New York Times called the film "entirely awe-inspiring" and wrote, "Although we know how the mission turns out, the movie generates and maintains suspense. And it rekindles a crazy sense of wonder at, among other things, what one can do practically with trigonometry."

Matt Zoller Seitz of RogerEbert.com gave the film four-out-of-four stars, calling the film "an adrenaline shot of wonder and skill... Films this completely imagined and ecstatically realized are so rare that when one comes along, it makes most other movies, even the good ones, seem underachieving. Any information that you happen to absorb while viewing Apollo 11 is secondary to the visceral experience of looking at it and listening to it."

Paul Mavis for Movies &

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Drinks, wrote, "Apollo 11 not only thrills you like a rollercoaster ride, it brings back to life an exceedingly brief moment in the American timeline where brash and wholly warranted confidence in our technological superiority created a miraculous, quantum leap forward for us as a (mostly) unified nation."

celebs

Kim Kardashian



'Avengers: Endgame', 'Stranger Things' rule People's Choice Awards 2019

Los Angeles

“Avengers: Endgame” and “Stranger Things” emerged the favourite of the masses at this year’s People’s Choice Awards (PCA), with the Marvel blockbuster and Netflix show winning the movie of 2019 and show of 2019 trophies, respectively.

According to People magazine, “Endgame” was also adjudged the action movie of 2019 and ‘Iron-Man’ star Robert Downey Jr won the male movie star of 2019 for his performance in the summer hit.

“Stranger Things” levelled its award tally with “Endgame” at three as the sci-fi series took home the award in drama show of 2019 category and a female TV star of 2019 for one of its leads, Millie Bobby Brown.

Cole Sprouse had a double bonanza at the PCA - he was named drama movie star of 2019 for “Five Feet Apart” and male TV star of 2019 for The CW’s “Riverdale”.

Singer-actor Zendaya too took home twin trophies--the award for female movie star of 2019 for “Spider-Man: Far From Home” and drama TV star of 2019 for HBO series “Euphoria”.

Zendaya’s “Far From Home” co-star Tom Holland got action movie star of 2019 award for his turn as Spider-Man. Netflix favourite Noah Centineo was named

Los Angeles

Beauty mogul Kim Kardashian who is aspiring to become a lawyer took a moment to talk about justice reforms while in conversation with E-News at 2019 People’s Choice Awards.

The 39-year-old star spoke about an issue that is of great importance to her.

Talking to her fans at the red carpet, she said, “I’m just so glad that they’ve followed all of us on our life journeys, whether you know it’s the life changes that we’ve made and for me getting so involved in justice reform.”

She continued, “Seeing every-one rally around cases like Rodney Reed’s case that I’m so

Kim Kardashian addresses Rodney Reed’s death row at 2019 People’s Choice Awards

passionate about and getting people from both sides of the aisle to really come together and support something like a stay of execution from the governor of Texas... I’m so proud that the right and the left are

Jennifer Aniston credits “Friends” for her success

Los Angeles

Actress Jennifer Aniston, who won the People’s Icon Award at the 2019 E! People’s Choice Awards this year, says she has earned the title of being an icon because of her fans and the still popular sitcom “Friends”.

Aniston has enjoyed phenomenal popularity over the years, since she became famous as Rachel Green in “Friends”, the sitcom that ran from 1994 to 2004.

She credited the hit sitcom for giving her all the opportunities and rewards in an emotional speech, reports eonline.com.

She accepted the award from her longtime friend and co-star Adam Sandler.

Calling the Icon Award an “incredible honour”, Aniston began her speech after receiving a standing ovation by saying: “This town doles out a lot of awards, but the People’s Choice, this was always something special to me. As actors, we don’t do this for the critics or for each other or to make our families proud, we do this for the money,” she said.

“I’m kidding...we do it for you guys. C’mon, seriously, we really do.”

working-together and I’m proud that the fans are following this journey with me.”

She added that it “means a lot” that fans are so supportive of her work in the field of criminal justice reform and it no doubt means a lot to Rodney as well.

The 51-year-old Rodney is currently serving out a prison



Jennifer Aniston

Robert Downey Jr pays tribute to Stan Lee



Robert Downey Jr

Los Angeles

Actor Robert Downey Jr honoured late Marvel legend Stan Lee while accepting Male Movie Star trophy at this year’s People’s Choice Awards.

While accepting the honour, he kept his speech short, but made sure to heap praise on the man who co-created Iron Man/Tony Stark, among other classic Marvel superheroes, reports dailymail.co.uk.

“Well look, I just got to come up here and open the show so I’ll just say thank you Disney, thank you Marvel, thank you Russo brothers,” the actor said.

“And most of all, to the late, great Stan Lee, this is for you, buddy,” added the actor, who bid adieu to his superhero avatar with

“Avengers: Endgame” this year. erate him, reported E-News.

Kapil Dev gives thumbs up to Ranveer Singh’s Natraj shot in “83”



Ranveer Singh

Mumbai

Indian cricket legend Kapil Dev has praised Ranveer Singh for nailing his iconic Natraj shot for the upcoming movie “83”.

Ranveer, who plays Kapil in the film, took to social media on Monday and shared a picture in which he is seen recreating the trademark Natraj shot, or one-legged hook shot, of the former Indian cricket team captain.

“Hats off Ranveer!” Kapil wrote, retweeting Ranveer’s post, which the actor had posted earlier with the caption: “NATRAJ SHOT #RanveerAsKapil.”

Kapil relished packing off the ball over the ropes playing the Natraj shot at the 1983 Cricket World Cup, which India eventually won. He used the shot with significant prowess on June 18 1983 when he scored a gamechanging 175 not out against Zimbabwe at Tunbridge Wells, England. India were struggling at 17 for five wickets in the match at one point, and went on to win by 31 runs thanks to Kapil’s splendid knock.



Caitriona Balfe

Matt Damon is complete people’s person: Caitriona Balfe

Los Angeles

Actress Caitriona Balfe had fun working with Matt Damon in “Ford v Ferrari”, and says he is everybodys best friend.

“Matt is the solid kind of guy who is everybody’s best friend, a complete people’s person. I think everyone just wants to go and have a coffee with Matt,” Balfe said.



Matt Damon

“Carroll Shelby (Matt Damon’s character) was the same. He had this integrity, was grounded, and you see all of this in Matt as well. So, yeah, they (Matt Damon and Christian Bale) really were the perfect casting,” she added.

Damon along with Bale will be seen bringing alive a great track rivalry on the screen in “Ford v Ferrari”.

Bale, who plays the role of a devoted wife, Mollie Miles, of Bale’s character, said: “I think Christian, who we know very well that he loves to play the role of a rebel against society. We’ve seen this “The Boxer” or, to a different extent, in “Vice”. He has this kind of outsider, renegade look and feel to him, which is just so perfect for Ken.”

Jessica Biel wants more kids with Justin Timberlake

Los Angeles

Actress Jessica Biel wants to have more children with her husband and actor Justin Timberlake.

In an interview to OK! magazine, Biel, who has a son named Silas with Timberlake, said that she wants to expand her family,



reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“Babies are crazy and hectic. But, yeah. I think if it happened to us, it would be great,” Biel said.

The 37-year-old actress joked that she and Timberlake are “working on” having another child.

She said: “I mean, we’re working on it. We’re having a good time. You’re making me blush!”

Deepika Padukone falls sick after best friend’s wedding

Mumbai

Actress Deepika Padukone on Monday shared that she has fallen ill after having “too much fun” at her best friend’s wedding.

Deepika along with her husband Ranveer Singh recently attended the wedding of the actress’s friend in Bengaluru. A lot of pictures and videos have been doing the rounds on the internet in which the two can be seen shaking a leg at the dance floor.

And now that wedding is over, the “Piku” actress gave a health update to fans, hinting she is down with fever.

“When you have too much fun at your best friend’s wedding,” Deepika captioned the Instagram story in which she added a thermometer sticker to her face.



Deepika Padukone

SPORTS

sports

Drag racing returns to BIC

● **Bahrain Drag Racing Championship makes rousing return this week at BIC**

● **Participants are set to compete in 16 categories for both cars and motorbikes**



A participant in the drag racing championship (file photo)

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) hosts the long-awaited season-opening round of the 2019/2020 Bahrain Drag Racing Championship (BDRC) this week, starting with the first of two days of Test and Tune Tuesday (Editor's note: November 12) in Sakhir.

The BDRC is the region's biggest and most competitive drag racing series and it attracts drivers and their vehicles from all over the world, including many from across the Gulf and the US.

BIC's quarter-mile drag strip will host all of the action once again this season. BIC is a member of the prestigious National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Worldwide Network, allowing the Bahrain championship to run under the prestigious NHRA banner.

Test and Tune continues until Wednesday, after which Qualifying takes place on Thursday. That sets the stage for Race Day on Friday.

The tests are from 6pm to 11pm both nights, and then Qualifying will be from 4pm to 11pm. Race Day's head-to-head battles begin from 4pm Friday.

Participants are set to compete in 16 competition categories for both cars and motorbikes. They will all be vying for the season's titles as well as a highly sought-after "Wally" trophy.

The classes this season include 12 for cars and four for motorbikes.

The cars categories consist of Street 4 and 6, Outlaw FWD, Super Street 6-Cyl, Outlaw 6-Cyl, Street V8, Super Street V8, Competition 4.5, Outlaw 10.5, Pro Mod, Index 10.5, Index 9.5, Index 8.5. For motorcycles,

the classes include Street Fight Bikes, Street Bikes, Super Street Bikes and Pro Bikes.

All are welcome to attend the season-opening round. Tickets can be purchased at the gate. Tickets to the Test and Tune cost BD2 apiece for each night. For Qualifying and Race Day, tickets are BD5 for both days at the Start Line Grandstand, while tickets are BD3 for both days at the Batelco Grandstand. Children aged from three to 12 years old can attend for half the price.

The 2019/2020 season is composed of five rounds, to be held until February of next year. Round Two is set from December 17 to 20, followed by Round Three from January 14 to 17. Round Four will be from February 4 to 7, and then the championship finale will be held from February 25 to 28.

Bahrain begin final training for qualifiers



Players warm up at the start of their training session in Hong Kong

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's senior men's national football team have kicked off the final preparations for their upcoming Fifa World Cup 2022 and AFC Asian Cup 2023 joint-qualifier against Hong Kong on Thursday.

Upon reaching Hong Kong, the Bahrainis went right to training under head coach Helio Sousa.

All but one of the 23 players named by Sousa for his squad are with the team. Only striker Abdulla Yusuf, who plays in Europe with Czech club Sparta Prague, has yet to report

for national team duty, but is scheduled to do so today.

Bahrain's qualifier with Hong Kong is scheduled for a 3pm kick-off, Bahrain time. After that game, they will travel to Amman to play another qualifier on November 19 against Iraq.

Bahrain are in Group C of the qualifiers for the World Cup and Asian Cup. Iraq currently tops the group with seven points, leading Bahrain on goal difference, while Iran holds third spot with six points. Hong Kong and Cambodia each have one point.

Khaka says he is ready to battle for Arsenal place

AFP | London

Granit Xhaka may have been stripped of the Arsenal captaincy due to his public run-in with the club's fans but he says he will be staying and fighting for his place in the team.

The volatile 27-year-old Swiss international midfielder has not played since he mouthed an obscenity at a section of Gunners fans jeering him when he was substituted in the Premier League match with Crystal Palace a fortnight ago.

However, despite manager Unai Emery deciding he could not carry on as skipper -- a role he was given after a secret ballot of



Granit Xhaka

“You can be sure that I'll keep fighting and putting myself out there in every training session. I feel last week has been dealt with and I'm ready”

GRANIT XHAKA

Brave 31 full fight card released, including clash of generations in South Africa

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The second trip of BRAVE Combat Federation to South Africa already had a date and place set. Now, the fans know which fights will electrify the arena in Durban. The 10-bout card was announced by BRAVE officials and, apart from the already-published Middleweight title fight between Chad Hanekom and Daniel Gaucho, includes a historical clash of generations for the South African MMA scene.

A main card featured bout will take place between South African MMA pioneer Jeremy Smith and Mzwandile Hlongwa, one of the hottest prospects in the country and pointed as the face of the sport in the region for the upcoming years. "Pitbull" and "Snake-

bone" will meet in the Middleweight division.

In a quick turnaround, Dansheel Moodley is ready to action once again, only a few weeks after defeating Nouredin Hezrat in Romania. "Buddha" will face Philipines' John Cris Corton in the co-main event of the evening.

Another stellar bout confirmed for BRAVE 31 is the return of "The Future" Nkosi Ndebele, who is set to face United Kingdom's Ian Cleary in a Bantamweight bout. The fight will be featured in BRAVE 31 prelims.

BRAVE 31 takes place on December 7, in Durban, South Africa. The event will be headlined by the inaugural Middleweight title fight between local superstar Chad "Superman" Hanekom and Brazil's Daniel

Al Ettihad cruise past Al Najma

TDT | Manama

Al Ettihad edged Al Najma 108-101 yesterday in their Group A game of the Bahrain Basketball Association (BBA) Cup.

Ettihad had strong performances on the second and third quarters and then did just enough in the end to hold on for the victory.

Najma got back to within one point in the final quarter following a lay-up by Qassim Hassan that made it 98-99 with just under four minutes remaining. But then Hassan Albosta replied with a three-pointer on the very next possession and later scored once again to give Ettihad a 104-100 advantage. Najma were unable to narrow the gap from there.

Ettihad had a slow start to the game and faced a 21-27 deficit



Ettihad's Shabaan goes for a lay-up during their game against Najma

after the opening period. They were able to turn things around in the second when they took a 52-50 lead into the half.

They extended their lead to 85-76 after three and did well to thwart a Najma comeback.

Mohammed Abdulla Ali led a balanced attack for Ettihad in

their win. He scored 26 points, including an impressive five three-pointers, coming off the bench.

He was one of six Ettihad players in double-figures. Ahmed Mohammed Shabaan added 24 points and eight rebounds while Ali Ghadeer had a near triple-double with 18 points, nine rebounds and eight assists.

Fadhel Abdulelah had 13, Ali Helal 12 and Albosta 10.

Ali Jaber had a game-high 39 points for Najma. He also had 10 rebounds and six assists. Hassan scored 23 off the bench while skipper Fadalallah Abbas came one assist shy of a triple-double, scoring 12 points, grabbing 12 rebounds and dishing out nine assists.

Cup action continues this evening with Samaheej taking on Isa Town at 5.30pm.

the players -- he told Swiss newspaper Blick he would not be leaving.

Xhaka has had a fractious relationship with Arsenal supporters since his arrival from Bundesliga outfit Borussia Moenchengladbach in 2016, costing the Premier League side a fee reported to be £38 million (\$49 million).

"You can be sure that I'll keep fighting and putting myself out there in every training session," Xhaka said.

"I feel last week has been dealt with and I'm ready.

"My time at Arsenal has been very positive for a long time.

"After a difficult start, I played a lot and overall I've had a great time at Arsenal.

"My family and I also feel very well in the city of London."

Pak CC edge Titans in CBA T20 League

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Pak CC defeated Titans by 9 wickets in CBA division C T-20 League.

Pak CC won the toss and elected to bowl first. Jishad (53) scored a half century that helped titan to score 181 runs. Faisal and Farid took two wickets each for Pak CC. Chasing the target, Faisal (70) and Zubair (79) put a 100 runs partnership for second wicket that helped



Sreejith - Fog

Pak CC to reach the target in 17th over and win the match by 9 wickets.



Faisal - Pak cc

Pak CC 182/1 in 16.3 overs (Zubair 79, Faisal 70) beat Titans 181/8 (Jishad 53, Waseem

32, Mohan 27, Faisal 2/21) by 9 wickets

FOG CC 130/6 (sreejith 53, Philip 28) beat Indian Delights 104/8 (Leju 25, Vijil 2/13) by 26 runs

Sprite CC 180/8 (Zafar 42, Zubair 38, Shaami 2/25) beat Brave Warriors 124/10 (Sultan 26) by 56 runs

TISC Stars 104/10 (Asif 39, Prathab 2/11) beat LuLu 102/5 (Pradeep 29, Samir 2/24) by 2 runs

Check out the announced BRAVE CF 31 fight card:

MAIN CARD

Middleweight World Title: Chad Hanekom vs Daniel Souza
Flyweight bout: Dansheel Moddley vs John Cris Corton
Super Lightweight: Djamil Chan vs Amin Ayoub
Middleweight bout: Mizwandile Hlongwa vs Jeremy Smith
Featherweight bout: Steven Goncalves vs TBA

Preliminary card

Welterweight bout: Kevin Ruat vs Ibrahim Mane
Bantamweight bout: Martin Debeer vs TBA
Bantamweight bout: Nkosi Ndebele vs Ian Cleary
Welterweight bout: Dimitri Fogg vs Jason Culverwell
Welterweight bout: Britis Lukasal vs Eleizer Kubanza

ASIA'S LARGEST MMA EVENT



Bahrain dominate at IMMAF Worlds

Bahrain clinched five wins on the first day of IMMAF World Championship

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Team Bahrain's run at 2019 IMMAF World Championship started with a blast. The athletes representing the Kingdom secured five wins over six bouts and turned the Day 1 of the tournament into a huge success for the hosts, holders of the first position of the international rankings, a feat that will be on the line throughout the competitions.

The first fighter entering the 2019 IMMAF WC cage was Abdulla Alyaqoob, who scored a unanimous decision over Cristiano Ottaviani, from Italy. The win came with a dominant performance by the Bahraini prospect.

The same scenario was seen in the next bout, a Bantamweight contest, between Bahrain's Ab-

dulla Mubarak and Czech's Miroslav Peroutka. The Bahraini controlled the match and put on a stellar performance to secure 2-0 in the day for his country, leaving the crowd ecstatic.

At Lightweight, Abbas Khan was able to overcome Pavel Senchenko, from Ukraine, handing Team Bahrain one more victory in the first day of competitions.

Ramazan Gitinov sent a message to the entire Welterweight division with a submission win over Jairo Carreon, from Mexico, while Sultan Omarov got a knockout win over Carlos Gamboa, getting his Middleweight run off to a great start.

Throughout the day, HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa proved once again his commitment to the sport of MMA, and its development in the Kingdom



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa with a winner

of Bahrain by cornering fighters and giving them advice during their bouts and in-between rounds as well. Shaikh Khaled



A winner celebrates after a fight

was an energetic presence for the athletes, who welcomed the chance of listening and taking in his advices.

Bahrain is an incubator of MMA, says Shaikh Nasser

● HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa inaugurated 2019 BRAVE International Combat Week

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HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Charity Works, the National Security Advisor, President of the Supreme Council of Youth and Sports underscored that Bahrain has become an incubator for MMA at the international level thanks to the success the Kingdom has achieved through this event which is taking place in Bahrain for the third year in a row.

HH Shaikh Nasser's statement came during his inauguration to the BRAVE International Combat Week in the presence of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa and HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa look on during the event

of Bahrain Olympic Committee, Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Deputy President of the Supreme Council For Environment and Head of the Coordination, Follow-up and Implementation Committee in the Supreme Council of Youth and Sports, Kerrith Brown, President of the International Mixed Martial Arts Federation, Ayman bin Tawfeeq Al Moayed, Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs and many VIPs as well as senior officials.

"Bahrain has achieved many accomplishments in the MMA sport thanks to the support ex-

erted to it by HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, thanks to which the Kingdom is occupying a leading position in the MMA at the international level," HH Shaikh Nasser said.

"I would like also to praise HH Shaikh Khalid's exceptional efforts that have allowed this sport to accomplish a lot of achievements," HH Shaikh Nasser added, also valuing the contributions of Bahrain Combat Sports Council under the chairmanship of Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa.

From his side, HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa confirmed that the event represents a real opportunity for the MMA sport to reach a new level. He lauded the enormous provided to the game by HM the King which has allowed it to occupy a higher position internationally.

Meanwhile, Brown praised the organisation level of the event, expressing his confidence in seeing the event achieves similar successes to the previous ones. He valued HH Shaikh Nasser's sponsorship to the game.

Brazilian army touch down in Bahrain ahead of Brave 29



Brazilian fighters upon their arrival in Bahrain

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BRAVE International Combat Week is the yearly, and much-anticipated, return of BRAVE Combat Federation to its home, the Kingdom of Bahrain. This time around, though, the event could also use the tagline "Brazilian Army", given the strong presence of Brazilian representatives.

Four of the six Brazilians featured on BRAVE 29 got to the Bahrain International Airport together and ready to make history in just a few days.

Star of the main event of the evening, a Flyweight inaugural title bout against Jose "Shorty" Torres, Marcel Adur shared his thoughts on the upcoming challenge.

"Just landed here in Bahrain and got the typical warm welcome from everyone at BRAVE. I'm looking forward to the fight and expecting a win. I'm facing a very tough opponent in Jose Torres but I've faced fighters as tough, if not tougher than him. I'm sure this will be the most important step in my way to the top so all I want is for him to be ready. Ready for one, two,

three, or five rounds because, regardless, I'm leaving with this belt!", Adur said.

Adur's arrival coincided with his former CM System teammates' Luan "Miau" Santiago and Felipe Silva. The former Lightweight champion Miau returns to Bahrain, this time moving up to the Super Lightweight division, to face Russia's Gadzhimusa Gaziev. On the other hand, Silva is making his Bahraini debut and will meet Georgia's Guram Kutateladze, in a bout delayed from BRAVE Colombia earlier this year — after a Guram's injury forced his withdrawal and changed Felipe's opponent a week prior to the event.

Joining Adur, Silva, and Santiago, Luana Pinheiro also got the Kingdom of Bahrain, followed by her boyfriend, coach, and BRAVE CF fighter Matheus Nicolau. After two impressive wins in her first BRAVE appearances, Pinheiro comes to the biggest event of the year ready to take on England's Helen Harper.

The "Brazilian Army" will be completed on November 12, with the arrivals of the remaining three members.



Audience cheer during the event



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