

Cyrus, Butler lose house in wildfire

Hollywood celebrities Miley Cyrus and Gerard Butler have completely lost their homes in the raging California wildfire, which has left filmmaker Guillermo del Toro's home partially damaged.

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Deadly California wildfire death toll rises to 29

Israeli air strikes kill three in Gaza

Israeli air strikes in Gaza killed three Palestinians and destroyed a Hamas TV building on Monday after a barrage of rocket fire from the enclave, as renewed violence threatened to derail efforts to end months of unrest.

The flare-up came after a deadly Israeli special forces operation in the Gaza Strip on Sunday that left Hamas vowing revenge.

Israel's military said it had so far struck more than 70 militant sites in response to over 300 rockets fired from the Hamas-run territory Monday afternoon into the evening.

France denies receiving Khashoggi tapes from Turkey

London

France yesterday denied being in possession of recordings related to the killing of Jamal Khashoggi and accused Turkey of playing political games with the case.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Saturday that France, Germany and Britain had been handed the tapes, but French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said this was not the case, as far as he knew.

"If the Turkish president has information to give to us, he must give it to us," Le Drian told French TV. "That means he has a political game in this situation."

Khashoggi, a Saudi national

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living in the United States, was killed in the Kingdom's Istanbul consulate last month.

Saudi Arabia said the 59-year-old had been murdered at the mission in a "rogue" operation by people operating beyond their authority.

Eighteen Saudis have been arrested in connection with his death.

His Majesty visits Isa Air Base



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday paid a visit to Isa Air Base and hailed the Royal Bahraini Air Force's efforts to defend the homeland and the region. HM the King was welcomed by Commander-in-chief of Bahrain Defence Force Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Defence Affairs Lt Gen Yousef bin Ahmed Al Jahama, Chief of staff Lt Gen Thiab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Commander of Royal Bahraini Air Force, Pilot Officer Shaikha Aisha bint Rashid Al Khalifa and a number of senior officers. HM the King was accompanied by HM Personnel Representative to HM the King, HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa. HM the King was briefed on the highly sophisticated F-35 fighter jet by Commander of US Naval Forces Central Command, US 5th Fleet, Vice Admiral Scott Stearney and witnessed a demonstration flight of the F-35, in the presence of US Ambassador to Bahrain, Justin Siberell, and US Military Attache Colonel David Wallin. See Page 4

Missing expat 'found dead'

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The body of Indian national Saju Kurian who went missing since October 11, was found in Riffa, his family members told Tribune.

Mr Kurian, an Indian national, was working for Siam Group of Companies and the company had filed a missing complaint with the police, it is learnt.

Many community leaders and leaders of social organisations were in action initially to find the missing man, but all their efforts did not yield any results.



Mr Kurian

Bindu Varghese, Mr Kurian's wife had filed a complaint with the Indian External Affairs Ministry as well as Ombudsman in the Kingdom.

The family is now demanding a thorough probe into the death, said sources close to Mr Kurian's family.

Tackling rain havoc

Cabinet apprised about steps taken by different ministries to deal with negative effects of rain

Manama

The Cabinet chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday reviewed the steps taken by different ministries to tackle the ongoing rainy season.

HRH the Prime Minister was informed about the effects of unstable weather conditions and the heavy rain resulting from them, as well as about the actions taken by the relevant ministries and governmental entities through the National Disaster Management Committee.

In this regard, the Interior Ministry, in a presentation, shed light on the great efforts exerted by different departments, including the General Directorate of Civil Defence, to deal with all notifications and take the necessary procedures to deliver assistance to the citizens and residents.

In another presentation, Works, Municipalities Affairs



HRH the Premier chairs the Cabinet.

and Urban Planning Minister highlighted his ministry's efforts to deal with rain chaos, including the suction of floodwaters, stressing the readiness of all ministry's bodies to deal with rain.

The Education Minister also informed the session about the measures taken by the Education Ministry regarding some rain-affected schools.

HRH the Premier was also informed about the actions taken to deal with the rain-affected regions.

The Premier gave directives to determine the schools that



“The Cabinet highlighted the importance of enhancing international co-operation in the aviation field.”

DR AL NASSER

need immediate and urgent maintenance, and to give them priority in the government buildings' maintenance programme.

Among other things, the Prime Minister praised the role played by private universities in

supporting higher education in the kingdom, citing their contributions to preparing qualified and trained national competencies.

While commenting on the graduation ceremonies of the Al Ahlia University and AMA International University-Bahrain (AMAUIB), both held under his patronage, HRH the Premier extended congratulations to the graduates and wished them further success.

The Cabinet welcomed the participants, exhibitors and visitors of the fifth edition of the Bahrain International Airshow

(BIAS 2018), highlighting the importance of enhancing international cooperation in the aviation field.

The session stressed the role of BIAS in reflecting Bahrain's strides in hosting and organising mega international exhibitions, as well in boosting the international aviation sector.

In another development, HRH the Prime Minister lauded the efforts and initiatives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to promote peaceful co-existence and foster inter-faith dialogue.

In this regard, HRH the Premier praised the launch of the "King Hamad Chair in Inter-faith Dialogue and Peaceful Coexistence" in the Italy-based Sapienza University, noting that the move reflects the royal keenness to provide a scientific platform to feed the minds of youth with the noble goals on which the King's initiative was based, said Cabinet Secretary-General, Dr Yasser Al Nasser in a post-session statement.

DIRAZ BLAST

Death sentence for cop's killers

Manama

The High Criminal Court yesterday sentenced four suspects to death after they were convicted of committing a terrorist explosion that killed one police officer and injured two others in Diraz area on June 18 last year, said Terror Crime Chief Prosecutor Ahmed Al Hammadi.

The police officer died in the blast was 31-year-old Abdulsamad Haji.

The suspects were charged with murder, illegal possession, handling and use of weapons and explosive device that claimed a human life and damaged public and private properties. They also received training on how to use weapons and explosives.

The court also ordered the suspects to collectively pay BD1,000 fine in compensation for the damages caused by the blast and revoked their citizenship.



Martyr of duty Abdulsamad

The terrorist blast took place in the Diraz area where the suspects conspired to kill police officers by targeting security vehicles with explosive devices.

The suspects monitored the movement of police vehicles and selected the exact location where they planted the explosive device.

Two suspects planted the explosive device and went up the roof of a building in the vicinity to monitor the movement of police vehicles near the bomb location.

They detonated the bomb when a police vehicle arrived, killing one police officer and critically injuring two others.

The blast also damaged public and private properties near the site. One of the suspects was apprehended and questioned by the Prosecution according to proper legal procedures.

The Prosecution built its case based on witness testimonies, technical evidence, forensic reports, photo imaging of the blast site, seized electronic devices and a detailed confession in which one suspect admitted having committed the incident along with the remaining suspects.



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Space policy endorsed

Cabinet approves Bahrain-India outer space co-operation



The Cabinet session in progress.

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The Cabinet session yesterday endorsed the General Space Policy and the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan of the National Space Science Agency (NSSA).

It also gave directives to take steps to form the Bahrain Space Team, aimed to be the basis for Bahrain's national space capacities, in co-operation with the relevant GCC and international universities and institutes.

The session was informed, through a memorandum by the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, who is also the minister in charge of NSSA, about the progress of NSSA's work.

The Cabinet approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the

exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes between Bahrain and India, and mandated the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications to sign it on behalf of the kingdom, as recommended by the Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs and highlighted in the presentation of Deputy Premier and committee chairman.

Among other things, the session agreed that the amounts adjudged in the violations of the Labour Law for the Private Sector should be devoted to raising the awareness of workers and employers, financing employment workshops and career expos for job-seekers and exceptionally to settling limited labour cases by the Labour and Social Development, based on the approval of the Ministerial

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Law of the year 2012 determines the aspects of spending the amounts adjudged in the violations of the Labour Law for the Private Sector.

Committee for Financial Affairs and Rationalisation of Expenditure.

The Cabinet approved a draft-resolution on determining the aspects of spending the amounts adjudged in the violations of the Labour Law for the Private Sector, promulgated by Law 36/2012, as recommended

by the Ministerial Committee for Financial Affairs and Rationalisation of Expenditure and highlighted in the presentation of Deputy Premier and committee chairman.

The Cabinet also approved a draft resolution on amending some provisions of the Executive Regulations of the fees imposed by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) on licences and other services issued by Edict 7/2017, as recommended by the Ministerial Committee for Financial Affairs and Rationalisation of Expenditure and highlighted in the presentation of Deputy Premier and committee chairman.

Under the amendment, the fee on the licensing of frequencies will be postponed to 1/1/2019, and the prepayment requirement during the application

was removed, provided that the payment will be made after taking the final decision regarding the application.

The fee on distributors' requests was also removed from the regulation as operators are now in charge of the distribution of chips.

The session discussed the signing of the Establishment Agreement and the by-law of the Gulf Payments Company, and referred the memorandum presented by the Foreign Affairs Minister in this regard to the Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs.

The agreement is in line with the resolution adopted by the Supreme GCC Council during its 37th session, to set up the Gulf Payments Company that will be owned and financed by GCC countries' monetary institutions and central banks.

Airport Conference at Airshow 2018 set

Manama

Senior decision-makers from leading regional airlines and airports will come together to discuss the impact of digital technology on airports, ongoing efforts to develop the Gulf as a tourism destination, and numerous other issues shaping the region's aviation sector at this year's Bahrain International Airshow (BIAS) Airport Conference.

Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) is hosting the event under the patronage of Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, Kamal Ahmed.

Titled 'Into the Future: Challenges and Opportunities for Gulf Region Airports and Airlines', it will be held on 15 November at the Farnborough International News Network Theatre in the BIAS Exhibition Hall.

The panellists are BAC Chief

Executive Officer, Mohamed Yousif AlBinfalal, Oman Airports Management Company Chief Executive Officer, Aimen bin Ahmed Al Hosni, President of Boeing Middle East, North Africa, and Turkey, Bernard Dunn and Abu Dhabi Airports Chief Executive Officer, Bryan Thompson.

Professor Rigas Doganis, a leading aviation consultant and strategic advisor to a number of airlines, airports, banks, and governments around the world, will moderate the event.

The region has one of the fastest-growing aviation markets in the world, which is why keeping abreast of its latest developments is essential.

The Airport Conference will provide valuable insight into ongoing airport expansion projects, new technologies aimed at streamlining efficiency, the threat long-haul low-cost airlines pose to Gulf carriers, and

the potential for Middle East hubs to become gateways to Africa.

BAC Chief Executive Officer, Mohamed Yousif AlBinfalal said: "Bahrain International Airport's (BIA) own transformation through the Airport Modernisation Programme makes the Kingdom a fitting venue to host the conference. The new Passenger Terminal Building will be equipped with state-of-the-art technology to enhance efficiency, improve security, and meet passengers' growing expectations for a more seamless airport experience.

"In addition, BAC and its partners are working to develop new routes out of BIA, which will help enhance tourism, trade, bilateral relations, and increase the aviation sector's contribution to the national economy in line with Bahrain's Vision 2030."

Focus on tourism opportunities



In line with the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority's efforts to develop the tourism sector and strengthen the Kingdom's position in the region, the Chief Executive Officer of BTEA, Shaikh Khaled bin Humood Al Khalifa participated in the 57th International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) congress which is being held in Dubai. The event, held in the Middle East for the first time, provides industry players in the meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions (MICE) sector with the opportunity to exchange experience between participants from around the world and discuss the latest developments in the sector. The event also provides a dedicated, customer-centric global programme for education and training.

Support grant



AlMabarrah AlKhalifia Foundation received a grant worth BD10,000 from the National Bank of Bahrain, in recognition of its efforts and initiatives to support education in the Kingdom, and empowering youth to create a positive impact in the local community. The cheque was handed over during the meeting between Shaikha Hala bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, Secretary to MKF's Board of Trustees and NBB's Chief Executive for the Treasury, Capital Markets and Wealth Management, Hussain Al Hussaini. The meeting was also attended by Fatima Abdulrahman Al Jar, Head of Youth Programmes at MKF, Nasser Mohammed Nasser NBB's Board Secretary and NBB's Head of Compensation and Benefits, Shafi AlMannai.



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Annual Zumbathon to support children suffering from cancer

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Female fitness fanatics are being urged to join the Annual Zumbathon 2018 event which is to be held at ART Rotana, Amwaj Islands on Saturday, 24th of November to dance off the weight and get healthy for a good cause.

The charity fundraising event which is founded by Bahraini Zumba instructor, Zumba mar-

keting agent and the founder of FB Events Fatima Bader, aims to give back to the community through a fun and active initiative where this year, The Annual Bahrain Zumbathon 2018 is brought to you by Tarteeb and FB Events.

Speaking to Tribune, Ms Fatima said, "Zumba fitness is an aerobic fitness programme that incorporates fitness and dance movements inspired by Latin and international music.



Ms Fatima

This year, they will be raising awareness and donating funds to Smile of Bahrain, which supports children with cancer and their families."

"Zumba is gaining a wide and fast popularity around the world, simply because every class feels like a party. It is pretty much the most awesome workout ever; you get to dance to great music, with great people, and burn a tonne of calories without even realising it."

Call to reserve seats for trade union members in parliament

Union leader raps directives banning trade union representatives from electoral battles

● The Labour and Social Development Ministry has directed the trade unions in Bahrain to comply with the laws and regulations which ban political work including electoral propaganda for any parliamentary or municipal candidate.

● The ministry has instructed trade unions to refrain from endorsing candidates or involving in any political activities related to the elections.

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Mohammed Zafran

Parliament seats must be reserved for trade union leaders and representatives, according to a prominent trade union leader.

General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions (GFBTU) General Secretary Hasan Alhalwachi has said that the directive on restricting trade union repre-



Trade unions say reserving seats in parliament would bring more welfare to the labour sector.

sentatives from running for parliament seats goes against the interest of the labour sector.

According to him, trade union leaders can be a strong voice for the people as trade unions exist to support the cause of employees, which is the majority of the people.

He said that the law restricting trade union representatives from running for the parliament posts must be amended.

“Why should there not be a representative for the trade unions in the parliament when we are taking care of the rights of a large part of the population?”

“By being in the parliament, we will be able to work to address the issues faced by the workers. As we enter a period of VAT and other new measures being introduced, it is important that workers’ issues are represented adequately.

“Recently, we had huge debates in the parliament about the pension law. This is a subject in which trade unions have great

expertise and could provide our inputs, but unfortunately we weren’t able to do.

“By representing the workers, trade unions are representing the people themselves. We have a responsibility to support the workers, businesses and the economy.”

Mr Alhalwachi said that seats should be reserved for trade unions at the parliament. “The candidates representing the trade unions can convey the views at the behest of labour community

at the parliament.

“At present, the labour sector is under represented at the parliament. Unions need bigger platform to work with the authorities on implementing measures that would bring welfare to the working class.

“As of now, labour unions have a very limited role and we would like to see a change happening.”

The union leader said that reserving seats in the parliament will definitely expand the horizons of trade unions.



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MR ALHALWACHI

“Moreover, we are seeking strong partnerships with Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Labour Ministries, other bodies and department.”

A few days ago, the Labour and Social Development Ministry called on trade unions in Bahrain to comply with the laws and regulations, which ban political work.

The ministry has instructed trade unions to refrain from endorsing candidates or involving in any political activities related to the elections.

“The Labour and Social Development Ministry calls on trade unions in Bahrain to comply with the laws and regulations which ban political work including electoral propaganda for any parliamentary or municipal candidate.

“It stresses that article (22), paragraph B of Decree-law 15/2002, regarding the Shura and Representatives Councils, bans trade unions from conducting or participating in any electoral campaign for any candidate.

“Moreover, Article 20, paragraph D of the Trade Unions Law issued in Decree-law 33/2002 and its amendments forbid trade unions from practicing political work,” the ministry had stated.

Rights Institute helps stranded expat fly home

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Rajeevan Puravankara

An Indian expatriate who was stranded in the Kingdom allegedly after being trapped by his employer finally flew home, thanks to the timely intervention by the Bahrain National Institute for Human Rights (NIHR).

The institute took up the matter after NIHR chairwoman Maria Khouri held a meeting to understand the plight of stranded expatriates at the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam during the first week of October.

Sources said Surendran Pillai was hired as a driver for a beauty parlour and he remained unpaid for the past six months.

It is alleged that the employer also filed a theft case against Mr Pillai to throw him into legal troubles. “The employer fled a complaint that he had stolen a mobile phone and cash from the company,” sources added.



Mr Pillai

Though Mr Pillai approached the Labour Ministry and the Indian Embassy after being helped by some social workers, it did not yield any result as the employer refused to respond to the summons notice issued to him.

After acknowledging the misery Mr Pillai was going through, the NIHR allowed him to stay at its shelter for a period of over two weeks. The institute also took efforts to freeze cases against him.

Free from legal tangles, Mr Pillai was issued an out pass by the Indian Embassy enabling him to travel to India.

Mr Pillai’s successful return to the home country has offered hope to many stranded expatriates in the Kingdom.

Graduation ceremony



More than 500 guests, students and their parents took part in the first graduation ceremony held at Pakistan School. Pakistan Ambassador to Bahrain Afzaal Mahmood was the chief guest at the event. School Principal Attiq Ur Rehman welcomed the guests. In his inaugural address, the Chairman Board of Management Sami Ur Rehman elaborated on school’s achievements since establishment.

Chance for young artists to promote Bahrain abroad

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The Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) has launched an art competition aimed at university students aged between 18 and 25.

The competition, based around the theme ‘a glimpse of Bahrain’, aims to create awareness about EDB’s mandate and role amongst Bah-

raini youth while at the same time introducing Bahrain to potential investors and high level foreign stakeholders through converting the best paintings into corporate gifts.

With three top cash prizes worth BD1,000, BD500, and BD250, the competition will be open for submissions until November 29, 2018.

The winning paintings

1,000

Bahraini dinar will be awarded to the winner of the art competition.

will be presented as gifts to international guests and stakeholders, allowing Bahraini youth the opportunity to contribute to the EDB’s ongoing mission of attracting foreign investment.

The winning submissions will be featured on Bahrain EDB website under a gallery dedicated to this initiative titled ‘meet the contestants’.

An entry form must be

filled out by each entrant and submitted physically, along with the artwork, to the EDB office. The entries must also be accompanied by copies of university ID’s and CPRs.

Once submitted, all entries will become the property of the EDB.

For more information and terms and conditions visit <http://www.bahrainedb.com/edb-art-competition>.

Bahrain-US ties lauded

His Majesty welcomes the progressive long-term strategic cooperation between two countries to maintain Gulf security



His Majesty being briefed on F-35 fighter jet by Vice Admiral Scott Stearney.

Manama

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HM the King was welcomed by Commander-in-chief of Bahrain Defence Force Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Defence Affairs Lt Gen Yousef bin Ahmed Al Jalahma, Chief of staff Lt Gen Thiab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Commander of Royal Bahraini Air Force, Pilot Officer Shaikha Aisha bint Rashid Al Khalifa and a number of senior officers.

HM the King was accompanied by HM Personnel Representative to HM the King, HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

HM the King was briefed on the



His Majesty along with other dignitaries watches flight demonstrations.

highly sophisticated F-35 fighter jet by Commander of US Naval Forces Central Command, US 5th Fleet, Vice Admiral Scott Stearney and witnessed a demonstration flight of the F-35, in the presence of US Ambassador to Bahrain, Justin Siberell, and US Military Attache Colonel David Wallin.

HM the King expressed appreci-

ation of Ambassador Siberell and Commander Stearney's invitation to learn about the F-35.

His Majesty praised the F-35 advanced capabilities, which reflect the US modern technology.

HM the King welcomed the progressive long-term strategic cooperation between the two countries as partners to maintain the Gulf secu-

riety, fight against terrorism and protecting navigation and trade routes.

HM the King said the Bahraini-US cooperation have gained more significance due to the current regional developments, commending the longstanding bilateral relations and both countries' interest in further developing the same in various fields.

Firm launches cloud accounting software

TDT | Manama
Harpreet Kaur

Zoho, the leading information technology and business management software conglomerate, has launched Zoho Books, its cloud accounting software for automating business finances and helping businesses stay Value Added Tax (VAT) compliant as businesses in the Kingdom prepare for the VAT implementation.

The cloud accounting software which was launched yesterday in Bahrain is designed to help businesses automate accounting, invoicing, and back-office operations while complying with the

VAT regulation with the aim to make it easy for them to seamlessly migrate to the new tax law and stay compliant in all aspects of their business.

Commenting on the product, Prashant Ganti, Head of Product Management, Global Tax, Accounting and Payroll Solutions at Zoho Corp, told Tribune, "With the experience gained from bringing out exclusive tax-specific editions for the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia (KSA), Zoho Books is ready to extend the same opportunity to Bahrain and help thousands of business owners with their accounting and tax filing needs. Having dealt with the VAT im-



Zoho Books is ready to help thousands of business owners with their accounting and tax filing needs.

MR GANTI

plementation in UAE and KSA, Zoho Books is well-equipped and experienced to guide businesses in Bahrain now."

"With the implementation of VAT in the Kingdom, Zoho Books would be the perfect solution for businesses looking to adopt VAT into their day-to-day transactions. Zoho Books will provide a complete solution for business owners looking for accounting software that can create transactions and use in-built features to record and file VAT returns with ease. It is also a great opportunity for businesses to transform their business processes and adopt digitalisation and automation of business finances.

"There have been many tax reforms in the recent past such as introduction of GST in India, MTD in the UK, VAT in UAE and KSA to name a few. Zoho Books has stood by the business owners throughout these changes to help them transition smoothly to the new tax law and stay compliant. The software has also been accredited by the Federal Tax Authority in the UAE and General Authority of Zakat and Tax in KSA.

"Moreover, Zoho is heavily investing in the market with respect to a Bahrain specific edition of Zoho Books and also help increase the awareness about VAT and its impact on businesses. Towards this, Zoho will continu-

ously perform VAT summit events and webinars catered for business owners and accountants.

"We've also put together our support team with an exclusive toll-free number for Bahrain businesses to reach out in case of any questions regarding VAT or how to switch to VAT ready Zoho Books."

Zoho Books comes pre-integrated with Zoho Finance Plus, a unified suite of finance apps that businesses can use to run their back-office operations.

Zoho Finance Plus is uniquely positioned to deliver flexible, scalable and secure applications with the depth and breadth to cover the needs of growing businesses.

Investment Dar Bank B.S.C. (c) Condensed consolidated interim financial information for the quarter and nine months ended 30 September 2018 (Reviewed)

Condensed consolidated interim statement of financial position as at 30 September 2018 (Reviewed)	Reviewed 30-Sep-18	Audited 31-Dec-17
Assets	US \$	US \$
Cash and cash equivalents	3,692,401	10,217,274
Prepayments and other assets	110,949	84,147
Investment Securities	13,031,396	12,929,491
Short-term investments	10,000,000	5,000,000
Investment in real estate held-for-use	46,129,891	46,054,123
Property and equipment	17,218,939	17,235,491
Total assets	90,183,576	92,120,526
Liabilities and Equity		
Liabilities		
Accruals and other Payables	2,633,519	3,001,253
Total liabilities	2,633,519	3,001,253
Equity		
Share capital	200,000,000	200,000,000
Statutory reserve	1,686,626	1,686,626
Property Fair value reserve	1,487,699	1,487,699
Investment Fair value reserve	910,413	824,442
Unrealised translation losses on net investment in foreign operations	(576,033)	(361,818)
Foreign currency translation reserve	(118,108,383)	(117,013,824)
Accumulated losses	85,053,909	86,623,125
Non-controlling interest	2,496,148	2,496,148
Total liabilities and equity	90,183,576	92,120,526
Off-statement of financial position items:		
Restricted investment accounts		
- Others	481,102,675	481,102,675
- Financial Institutions	-	-

Condensed consolidated interim statement of income for the quarter and nine months ended 30 September 2018 (Reviewed)	Reviewed Quarter ended 30-Sep-18	Reviewed Quarter ended 30-Sep-17	Reviewed nine months ended 30-Sep-18	Reviewed nine months ended 30-Sep-17
Income	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Other income	378,096	106,916	620,220	300,515
Total income	378,096	106,916	620,220	300,515
Expenses				
Staff costs	(332,786)	(362,110)	(1,113,698)	(1,189,026)
Other operating expenses	(157,389)	(145,390)	(601,081)	(958,606)
Total expenses	(490,175)	(507,500)	(1,714,779)	(2,147,632)
Net loss for the period	(112,079)	(400,584)	(1,094,559)	(1,847,117)
Losses per share (US cents)				
Basic and diluted losses	(0.06)	(0.20)	(0.55)	(0.92)

Condensed consolidated interim statement of cash flows for the nine months ended 30 September 2018 (Reviewed)	Reviewed nine months period ended 30-Sep-18	Reviewed nine months period ended 30-Sep-17
Operating activities		
Net loss for the period	(1,094,559)	(1,847,117)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	16,552	17,408
Foreign exchange movement	(51,512)	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities: prepayments and other assets	(27,683)	9,949,984
Changes in operating assets and liabilities: Accruals and other liabilities	(367,671)	169,599
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities	(1,524,873)	8,289,874
Investing activities		
Additions of Short-term investments	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
Purchase of equipment	-	(1,175)
Net cash used in investing activities	(5,000,000)	(5,001,175)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(6,524,873)	3,288,699
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	10,217,274	7,383,548
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	3,692,401	10,672,247

Condensed consolidated interim statement of changes in owners' equity for the nine months ended 30 September 2018 (Reviewed)	Share capital	Statutory reserve	Property fair value reserve	Investment fair value reserve	Unrealised translation losses	Foreign currency translation reserve	Accumulated losses	Total	Non-controlling interest	Total
At 31 December 2016 (Audited)	200,000,000	1,686,626	1,225,164	431,265	-	(376,688)	(114,465,090)	88,501,277	2,496,148	90,997,425
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(1,847,117)	(1,847,117)	(1,847,117)	-	(1,847,117)
Foreign currency translation gain on investment securities	-	-	-	-	-	65,757	-	65,757	-	65,757
Unrealised fair value gain on investment securities	-	-	-	399,897	-	-	-	399,897	-	399,897
At 30 September 2017 (Reviewed)	200,000,000	1,686,626	1,225,164	831,162	-	(310,931)	(116,312,207)	87,119,814	2,496,148	89,615,962
At 31 December 2017 (Audited)	200,000,000	1,686,626	1,487,699	824,442	-	(361,818)	(117,013,824)	86,623,125	2,496,148	89,119,273
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,094,559)	(1,094,559)	-	(1,094,559)
Unrealised translation losses on net investment in foreign operations	-	-	-	-	(576,033)	-	-	(576,033)	-	(576,033)
Foreign currency translation gain on investment securities - net	-	-	-	-	-	15,405	-	15,405	-	15,405
Unrealised fair value gain on investment securities	-	-	-	85,971	-	-	-	85,971	-	85,971
At 30 September 2018 (Reviewed)	200,000,000	1,686,626	1,487,699	910,413	(576,033)	(346,413)	(118,108,383)	85,053,909	2,496,148	87,550,057

The above consolidated financial position and results are extracted from the condensed consolidated interim financial information for the quarter & nine months ended 30 September 2018, which was reviewed by BDO. The auditors have expressed an unqualified conclusion on those condensed consolidated interim financial information. Investment Dar Bank is licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain as a wholesale bank "Islamic" website : www.inv-darbank.com. This information was approved by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf on 11 November 2018, by:

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Youngsters' jail term cut on plea

TDT | Manama
Ali Tarif

A 21-year-old Bahraini man convicted of hiding a fugitive has had his sentence cut on appeal.

The High Criminal Court sentenced the defendant to three years in prison, but the High Appeals Court reduced it to one year. The defendant was a tow driver, and he said that the wanted man requested him to provide a shelter.

"I was in Busiateen towing a car and I received a call from him (the fugitive man). He told me that he wanted to meet me in Sitra," the 21-year-old defendant told police.

"He told me that he needed a place to stay because police officers were chasing him. I took him to my house, where he slept one night," he added.

The next day a team of police raided his house and both were arrested.

The fugitive was sentenced to seven years behind bars for launching an assault on Sitra Police Station.

Merkel thanks HRH Crown Prince

Manama

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier received a cable of thanks from German Chancellor Angela Merkel in reply to his cable of congratulations on the Day of German Unity.

The German Chancellor expressed heartfelt thanks and respect to HRH the Crown Prince for his kind feelings, wishing him abundant health and happiness and more progress and prosperity to the Bahraini people.

Closing arguments set in imam murder plea hearing

35-year-old Bangladeshi national sentenced to death for committing the crime

TDT | Manama
Ali Tarif

The High Appeals Court has adjourned the hearing in the appeal filed by the convicts in mosque imam murder case until November 19 to hear the closing arguments.

The 35-year-old Bangladeshi man was earlier sentenced to death for his crime, while his co-defendant, also a Bangladeshi national, received one year's im-

prisonment after they were both held guilty.

Court documents revealed that the convict cut his victim Abduljaleel Hamood into pieces after killing him by hitting with an iron bar.

The imam was murdered after he complained against the convict with the Justice Ministry for illegal trading in visas.

The convict was working as a muezzin in the same mosque where the imam was employed.



Death penalty is being handed down to the convict for the heinous crime as a medical evaluation confirmed that he is responsible for the crime.

COURT RULING

"The accused came from his country to the safe and secure Kingdom, which does not discriminate between its citizens and its expatriates, and that everyone has the right to live and enjoy its security and safety, searching for his livelihood.

"The Kingdom accommodated him and his family and blessed him with many good things as he worked as a muezzin," the court said in its verdict.

"Despite the fact that the de-

fendant was serving a house of God (a mosque) he began trading work visas for his fellow nationals, neglecting his duties."

The verdict pointed out that the defendant plotted to murder his victim after his contract was terminated following complaints.

"A medical evaluation confirmed that the defendant was responsible for his action. And as a result, the court decide to punish him with the death penalty for his heinous crime," the ruling said.

National Day preparations in full swing: Capital Governor

Manama

The Capital's Governor Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Head of the governorate's High Committee for National Day festivities, has announced the governorate is putting in full efforts to make the National Day celebrations a big success.

This came during a meeting attended by Capital Secretariat general director Shawqia Humaidan deputy head of the High Committee, and officials from the Capital's Secretariat and Governorate.

The Capital's festivities will include display fireworks, police music band performance, traditional Ardha show, young entrepreneurs exhibition, contests, gifts, and kids toys villages.

A car raffle draw will be offered by Zayani Investments for the fifth year successively.

The meeting also discussed latest developments and organisational matters regarding the National Days celebrations, including the celebratory programme, location map and media plan.

Also, it was envisioned that Tamkeen bazaar will be extended until December 16.

This was the third meeting in the series of meetings that brought together officials from the Capital Governorate and Secretariat over the last two months.

All role distribution outlines were in place including the main committees for security, services, media, protocols, and supervision.

Elderly burglar's sentence reduced

The High Criminal Court punished him with seven years in prison, but the Appeals Court decided to cut it to three years due to his old age.

TDT | Manama
Ali Tarif

The High Appeals Court has reduced the sentence issued against a Bahraini man convicted of burglary.

The Bahraini man was arrested after he carried out a spate of burglaries by breaking into villas in a housing compound in Hamala.

According to court files, the



I am jobless and I needed the money to cover my financial commitments as I owe money to many people.

DEFENDANT

defendant climbed the compound wall to enter inside the enclave before breaking into villas, from where he stole BD250 and a watch worth over BD15,000.

"I saw him inside the compound and when I asked him to stop, he fled. He climbed up the fence surrounding the property and I held onto his legs. How-

ever, he kicked my face several times and I let him go," the security man who was on duty told prosecutors.

"On the next day, I was told of the valuables that the man had burgled," he added.

According to court files, the defendant entered the villas by breaking the window panes.

The security man identified the convict at a line-up of criminals arranged by the police, according to court documents.

"I am jobless and I needed the money to cover my financial commitments as I owe money to many people," the 57-year-old said.

The High Criminal Court punished him with seven years in prison, but the Appeals Court decided to cut it to three years due to his old age.

BAHRAIN DEVELOPMENT BANK B.S.C.		INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Nine month period ended 30 September 2018 (Reviewed)			
		Nine months ended 30 September		Three months ended 30 September	
		2018 BD'000	2017 BD'000	2018 BD'000	2017 BD'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Loss for the period		(82)	(3,341)		
Adjustments for:					
Depreciation		690	605		
Allowance for expected credit losses / provision - net		1,756	3,891		
Impairment on investments		92	-		
Changes in fair value of investments classified as fair value through profit or loss		40	14		
Dividend income		(90)	(90)		
Share of profit from associates		(112)	-		
Loss on foreign currency translation		58	18		
Operating profit before changes in operating assets and liabilities		2,352	1,097		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Placement with banks and other financial institutions having original maturity of more than 90 days		1,796	2,472		
Islamic financing and loans to customers		15,958	12,798		
Other assets		(537)	(566)		
Deposits		(10,399)	(15,059)		
Other liabilities		290	552		
Net cash from operating activities		9,460	1,294		
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Purchases for property and equipment		(579)	(140)		
Purchase of investment securities		(22,601)	(167)		
Proceeds from sale of investment securities		6,834	2,200		
Dividend income received		90	90		
Net cash (used in) / from investing activities		(16,256)	1,983		
FINANCING ACTIVITY					
Repayment of term loans		1,564	(1,844)		
Net cash from / (used in) financing activity		1,564	(1,844)		
NET (DECREASE) / INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(5,232)	1,433		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period		16,524	24,979		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD		11,292	26,412		
The published figures are an extract from the interim consolidated financial statements reviewed by Ernst & Young and approved by Board of Directors on 4 November 2018.					
				Khalid Al Rumaihi Chairman	Sanjeev Paul CEO

BAHRAIN DEVELOPMENT BANK B.S.C.		INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 30 September 2018			
		(Reviewed) 30 September 2018 BD'000	(Audited) 31 December 2017 BD'000		
ASSETS					
Cash and balances with Central Bank of Bahrain		2,713	2,873		
Placement with banks and other financial institutions		19,971	27,011		
Islamic financing and loans to customers		94,076	114,535		
Investment securities		30,643	15,143		
Investment in associates		259	419		
Property and equipment		11,710	12,033		
Other assets		1,432	1,216		
TOTAL ASSETS		163,629	176,170		
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Liabilities					
Term loans		53,238	51,674		
Deposits		36,041	46,440		
Other liabilities		5,661	5,371		
Total liabilities		94,940	103,485		
Equity					
Share capital		65,000	65,000		
Statutory reserve		1,186	1,186		
Other capital contribution		4,048	4,048		
Other reserves		(196)	181		
Retained earnings		(1,331)	2,280		
Equity attributable to owners of the Bank		68,707	72,695		
Non-controlling interest		(18)	(10)		
Total equity		68,689	72,685		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		163,629	176,170		

BAHRAIN DEVELOPMENT BANK B.S.C.		INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY Nine month period ended 30 September 2018 (Reviewed)							
		Equity attributable to owners of the Bank		Non-controlling interest					
		Share capital BD'000	Statutory reserve BD'000	Other capital contribution BD'000	Other reserves BD'000	Retained earnings BD'000	Total BD'000	Non-controlling interest BD'000	Total equity BD'000
As at 31 December 2017		65,000	1,186	4,048	181	2,280	72,695	(10)	72,685
Impact due to recognition of expected credit losses under IFRS 9 [note 2.4 (iv)]		-	-	-	-	(3,557)	(3,557)	-	(3,557)
Impact due to reclassification of investment securities - debt under IFRS 9 [note 2.4 (iv)]		-	-	-	(20)	20	-	-	-
Restated opening balance as at 1 January 2018		65,000	1,186	4,048	161	(1,257)	69,138	(10)	69,128
Total comprehensive loss for the period		-	-	-	(357)	(74)	(431)	(8)	(439)
As at 30 September 2018		65,000	1,186	4,048	(196)	(1,331)	68,707	(18)	68,689
		Equity attributable to owners of the Bank							
		Share capital BD'000	Statutory reserve BD'000	Other capital contribution BD'000	Other reserves BD'000	Retained earnings BD'000	Total BD'000	Non-controlling interest BD'000	Total equity BD'000
As at 1 January 2017		65,000	1,186	4,048	181	9,940	80,355	6	80,361
Total comprehensive loss for the period		-	-	-	-	(3,344)	(3,344)	3	(3,341)
As at 30 September 2017		65,000	1,186	4,048	181	6,596	77,011	9	77,020

world

US fighter jet crashes

Tokyo, Japan

A US navy fighter jet crashed into the sea off Japan's southern island of Okinawa yesterday and its two crew members were rescued alive, Japan's defence ministry said.

The fighter jet crashed some 250 kilometres (156 miles) east-southeast of Okinawa's capital city Naha at around 11:45 am (0245 GMT), said Osamu Kosakai, spokesman for the ministry's Okinawa defence bureau.

Its two crew members ejected and were rescued by a US military helicopter, he told AFP, adding the accident was "not life-threatening".

The fighter jet crashed "due to engine trouble," he said.

Japan's coastguard "dispatched an aircraft to the waters to see if there is any debris or floating oil", a coastguard spokesman said.

China postpones lifting rhino, tiger parts ban

Beijing, China

China appeared to backtrack on a controversial decision to lift a ban on trading tiger bones and rhinoceros horns, saying it has been postponed, state media reported Monday.

The State Council, China's cabinet, unexpectedly announced last month that it would allow the sale of rhino and tiger products under "special circumstances", a move conservationists likened to signing a death warrant for the endangered species.

Permitted uses included scientific research, sales of cultural relics, and "medical research or in healing".

But in an interview transcript published by the official Xinhua news agency, a senior State Council official said the new rules have been put on hold.

Indian state votes

Raipur, India

Tens of thousands of armed police were on duty yesterday as a restive Indian state wracked by violence went to the polls.

Maoist militants have unleashed a string of deadly attacks ahead of the vote in mineral-rich Chhattisgarh, one of India's poorest states, killing 13 people in recent weeks.

The vote -- one of five state elections this month and next ahead of 2019 general elections -- is staggered because of the violence, with a second round on November 20.

WHO maps dangerous misuse of antibiotics

Antibiotics consumption is dangerously high in some countries while a shortage in others is spurring

● Report based on 2015 data from 65 countries and regions

● Notably missing from the chart are the United States, China and India.

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The World Health Organization warned yesterday that antibiotics consumption is dangerously high in some countries while a shortage in others is spurring risky misuse, driving the emergence of deadly superbug infections.

In a first, the United Nations health agency said it had collated data on antibiotic use across large parts of the world and had found huge differences in consumption.

The report, based on 2015 data from 65 countries and regions,



Representative picture

showed a significant difference in consumption rates from as low as around four so-called defined daily doses (DDD) per

1,000 inhabitants per day in Burundi to more than 64 in Mongolia.

"Overuse and misuse of an-



Bacteria can become resistant when patients use antibiotics they do not need, or do not finish a course of treatment, giving the half-defeated bug a chance to recover and build immunity.

antibiotics are the leading causes of antimicrobial resistance," Suzanne Hill, head of WHO's essential medicines unit, said in a statement.

"Without effective antibiotics

and other antimicrobials, we will lose our ability to treat common infections like pneumonia," she warned.

In Europe, which provided the most complete data for the report, the average antibiotic consumption was nearly 18 DDD per 1,000 inhabitants per day.

But within the region, Turkey, which ranked the highest at over 38 DDD, showed nearly five times higher consumption than the lowest consumer-country Azerbaijan, which counted fewer than eight DDD.

WHO acknowledged the picture of how antibiotics are used around the world remains far from complete.

Monday's overview, for instance, includes only four countries in Africa, three in the Middle East and six in the Asia-Pacific region.

Notably missing from the chart are the United States, China and India.

Jordan floods toll rises to 13

Amman, Jordan

Jordanian rescuers yesterday found the body of a five-year-old girl killed in flash floods that have left a total of 13 people dead in the kingdom, the civil defence said.

On Friday torrential rains swept the south of the country, forcing nearly 4,000 tourists to flee the famed desert city of Petra and causing damage to

roads, homes and vehicles.

Authorities mobilised emergency services and the armed forces to assist people stricken by rising waters and search for those missing. The five-year-old girl had disappeared in the Madaba region south of the capital Amman when the car she was in was swept away by flooding, the civil defence said.

The discovery of her body yesterday raised the overall

death toll since Friday to 13, including a diver for the emergency services, civil defence head Mustafa al-Bazaiha told state television.

Twenty-nine people have been injured, including four members of the civil defence and four from the security forces, he said. Search operations that had been under way since Friday were now over, he added.

Pilot loses licence failing breath test

New Delhi, India

A veteran pilot had his flying licence revoked yesterday after failing a breath test moments before captaining an Air India plane to London, India's aviation regulator said.

Arvind Kathpalia, a pilot and senior executive with the national airline, blew positive

for alcohol before entering the Dreamliner jet's cockpit for the nearly 10-hour flight to the United Kingdom on Sunday.

"He failed the breath analyzer and as per rules we have decided to cancel his licence for three years with immediate effect," an official with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation said.

Deadly California wildfire death toll rises to 29

AFP | Paradise, United States

The death toll in a raging California wildfire has reached 29, matching the deadliest in the state's history as firefighters battling blazes at both ends of the state yesterday braced for strong winds.

The "Camp Fire" -- in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains north of Sacramento -- is the largest and most destructive of several infernos that have broken out.

The flames have sent 250,000 people fleeing their homes across the tinder-dry state and razed 6,400 homes in the town of Paradise, effectively wiping it off the map.

Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea announced the new death toll at a news conference Sunday, adding that all were found in Paradise area.

At least 31 people have



Burnt out vehicles are seen on the side of the road in Paradise, California

died in fire zones in north and south California, where acrid smoke blanketed the sky for miles, the sun barely visible.

On the ground, cars caught in the flames were reduced to scorched metal skeletons, while

homes were left as smoldering piles of debris, with an occasional brick wall or chimney remaining.

Some 200 people remained unaccounted for in the Paradise area alone, officials said. Several fire-affected areas were left

without cell phone service.

The fire matched the 1933 Griffith Park disaster in Los Angeles -- until now the single deadliest wildfire on record, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire).

At the southern end of the state, the "Woolsey Fire" has destroyed mansions and mobile homes in the coastal celebrity redoubt of Malibu, where the death toll has been limited to two victims found in a vehicle on a private driveway.

The National Weather Service has issued a "Red Flag" alert for fire-affected Los Angeles and Ventura County.

It said winds of up to 50 miles (80 kilometers) per hour were expected in the coastal region, and up to 60 mph (96 kph) in mountainous areas.

Many of the southern Califor-

nia area's residents own horses, and for the past days Twitter has been filled with messages of people seeking and offering help.

Actor James Woods, a rare political conservative in liberal Hollywood, has made new friends by using his Twitter account to help find missing people and getting help for pets, including horses.

"Please think about fostering #pets while evacuees are dealing with the crisis. Los Angeles #animal shelters are mostly filled, so follow my hashtags, and see if someone in need is someone you can help!" read one of his tweets.

The Ventura County Humane Society said it was "deeply humbled by a \$100,000 donation from (actress) Sandra Bullock and family" to rescue and care for animals evacuated from the fires.

Crazy in love?

Japanese man got 'married' to a hologram by spending \$17,600 on a formal ceremony at a Tokyo hall

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

Akihiko Kondo's mother refused an invitation to her only son's wedding in Tokyo this month, but perhaps that isn't such a surprise: he was marrying a hologram.

"For mother, it wasn't something to celebrate," said the soft-spoken 35-year-old, whose "bride" is a virtual reality singer named Hatsune Miku.

In fact, none of Kondo's relatives attended his wedding to Miku -- an animated 16-year-old with saucer eyes and lengthy aquamarine pigtails -- but that didn't stop him from spending two million yen (\$17,600) on a formal ceremony at a Tokyo hall.

Around 40 guests watched as he tied the knot with Miku, present in the form of a cat-sized stuffed doll.

"I never cheated on her, I've always been in love with Miku-san," he said, using a honorific that is commonly employed in Japan, even by friends.

"I've been thinking about

her every day," he said a week after the wedding.

Since March, Kondo has been living with a moving, talking hologram of Miku that floats in a \$2,800 desktop device.

"I'm in love with the whole concept of Hatsune Miku but I got married to the Miku of my house," he said, looking at the blue image glowing in a capsule.

'Drop dead, creepy otaku!'

He considers himself an ordinary married man -- his holographic wife wakes him up each morning and sends him off to his job as an administrator at a school.

In the evening, when he tells her by cellphone that he's coming home, she turns on the lights.

Later, she tells him when it's time to go to bed.

He sleeps alongside the doll version of her that attended the wedding, complete with a wedding ring that fits around her



I'm in love with the whole concept of Hatsune Miku but I got married to the Miku of my house

AKIHIKO KONDO

left wrist.

Kondo's marriage might not have any legal standing, but that doesn't bother him. He even took his Miku doll to a jewellery shop to get the ring.

And Gatebox, the company that produces the hologram device featuring Miku, has issued a "marriage certificate", which certifies that a human and a virtual character have wed "beyond dimensions".

Kondo's not alone either: he says Gatebox has issued more than 3,700 certificates for "cross-dimension" marriages and some people have sent him supportive messages.

"There must be some people who can't come forward and say they want to hold a wedding. I want to give them a supportive push," he says.

Kondo's path to Miku came after difficult encounters with women as an anime-mad teenager.

"Girls would say 'Drop dead, creepy otaku!'," he recalled, using a Japanese term for geeks that can carry a negative connotation.

As he got older, he says a woman at a previous workplace bullied him into a nervous breakdown and he became determined never to marry.

In Japan, that wouldn't be entirely unusual nowadays. While in 1980, only one in 50 men had never married by the age of 50, that figure is now one in four.

But eventually Kondo realised he had been in love with Miku for more than a decade and decided to marry her.

A 'sexual minority'

"Miku-san is the woman I love a lot and also the one who saved me," he said.



Akihiko Kondo poses with a doll of Japanese virtual reality singer Hatsune Miku, as he shows their marriage certificate

And while Kondo says he is happy to be friends with a "3D woman", he has no interest in romance with one, no matter how much his mother pushes for it.

Two-dimensional characters can't cheat, age or die, he points out.

"I'm not seeking these in real women. It's impossible."

Even in a country obsessed with anime, Kondo's wedding shocked many. But he wants to be recognised as a "sexual minority" who can't imagine dating a flesh-and-blood woman.

"It's simply not right, it's as if you were trying to talk a gay man into dating a woman, or a lesbian into a relationship with a man."

"Diversity in society has been long called for," he added.

"It won't necessarily make you happy to be bound to the 'template' of happiness in which a man and woman marry and bear children."

"I believe we must consider all kinds of love and all kinds of happiness."



Akihiko Kondo poses next to the dolls of Japanese virtual reality singer Hatsune Miku



A doll of Japanese virtual reality singer Hatsune Miku, wearing a wedding ring, lies on the bed of Japanese Akihiko Kondo

Suspension of Sri Lanka parliament halled in court

Colombo, Sri Lanka

Supporters of Sri Lanka's fired prime minister and a top election official yesterday challenged in court the president's sacking of parliament, upping the ante in a political crisis that has sparked international alarm.

President Maithripala Sirisena late Friday called snap elections and dissolved the legislature, two weeks after sacking the prime minister and installing the divisive Mahinda Rajapakse

in his place.

The United States has led a chorus of international voices expressing concern over events in the strategically important Indian Ocean island nation of 21 million people.

Three political parties holding an absolute majority in parliament and an election commissioner, one of three officials tasked with conducting polls, on Monday asked the Supreme Court to declare the president's actions illegal.

Commissioner Ratnajeevan

Hoole was among 12 petitioners arguing that Sirisena had violated the constitution.

In the five-page petition, Hoole said Sirisena broke the law in calling the snap elections for January 5 after a string of unconstitutional moves since October 26 when he fired Ranil Wickremesinghe, the prime minister.

Wickremesinghe's United National Party (UNP), the main opposition Tamil National Alliance (TNA) and the leftist JVP, or People's Liberation Front jointly

filed the action.

TNA spokesman M. A. Sumanthiran said the Supreme Court agreed to rake up the petitions immediately considering the importance of the issue.

"We are also asking for an interim order" for an injunction against preparations for the election, which would be two years ahead of schedule, Sumanthiran said.

Court officials said Chief Justice Nalin Perera and two other judges decided to fast-track the hearings.

Sarath Amunugama, Sirisena's anointed foreign minister, told Colombo-based diplomats Monday that he expected a verdict within five days.

Legal experts say the dissolved parliament would have to be restored if the Supreme Court holds with the petitioners. If not, the January 5 election will have to go ahead.

Independent election monitors have also questioned the legality of the snap poll announced by Sirisena.



Had I allowed the parliament to meet on November 14, there would have been violence in the House and it could have spread to our villages and towns

MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA

Israel's divide and conquer po



BARIA ALAMUDDIN

The potential for the Jewish people to regain their historic commercial role across the Arab world is immense

I recently attended the International Institute for Strategic Studies Manama Dialogue session, where Omani Foreign Minister Yusuf bin Alawi gave a full-throated defence of establishing relations with Israel. I have to admit to being in two minds. I've always been an advocate of dialogue for achieving a just peace for the Palestinians; but does Oman's unilateral initiative leave us closer or further away from this goal?

Benjamin Netanyahu's unexpected arrival in Muscat represented a major PR coup for Israel's prime minister. Netanyahu got his diplomatic breakthrough with an Arab state; he was strengthened at home at a time when multiple corruption cases threaten to drag him down; yet with zero expectation that this breakthrough exacts any benefits

for the Palestinians.

On the contrary, such a step implicitly legitimises the surrender of Jerusalem — a city that is not just significant for the Palestinians but sacred for the entire Islamic world, along with its distinctive Christian and Arab heritage. This also risks sending signals to Jared Kushner that the White House's "deal of the century" can jettison even token concessions to the Palestinians, as if Israel gets everything and the Arab world — which for 70 years has championed the Palestinian cause — will simply look away.

Historic agreements signed between Israel and the states of Egypt and Jordan never led to a thawing of relations, bilateral trade, mutual trust or an end to popular hostilities. These agreements instead provided diplomatic cover for an intensification of Israel's war of attrition against the Palestinian people. They led the settlement movement to grow from a radical fringe to a tidal wave that today has flooded the entire West Bank, leaving Palestinians clutching to an isolated cluster of micro-cantons with

the same potential for coherent nationhood as the scattered Pacific islands of Micronesia.

For decades, Israel has been an inward-looking, defensive state, which sought to expand and prosper through the theft of Arab land, one olive grove and one street at a time. If its blinkered leadership abandoned such petty acts of plunder and looked outwards to the wider region, then the potential for the Jewish people to regain their historic commercial role across the Arab world is immense.

Historically, Arabs and Hebrews were all part of the same Semitic peoples. We spoke similar dialects from a common linguistic pool and the question of whom Palestine belonged to wouldn't have made sense to these ancestors, because so many related tribes and peoples farmed or pastured their herds across these ancient lands. A genuine, just peace would restore such a diverse society, where Muslims, Jews, Christians, Druze, Kurds and others abandon ridiculous pretensions of unique, ethnic superiority or exclusivity

and recognise one another's right to peacefully coexist and thrive. Perhaps such a comprehensive peace would also offer an opportunity to turn the clock back on recent losses in regional diversity of ancient Christian, Jewish and other minority communities.

Such a peace would mean trade, the sharing of technology, educational exchanges and cultural dialogue, not to mention the huge financial dividend when we stop spending a massive proportion of gross domestic product in defending ourselves against each other — thus advancing the security of the entire region. The proposal of building a railway between Israel and the Arabian Gulf is, in principle, a wonderful idea. However, this railway should not be built over the shattered bodies of Palestinians.

The 2002 Arab Peace Initiative, which has been re-endorsed repeatedly by the Arab League — most recently in 2017 — mapped the path toward such a just, comprehensive and warm peace. This proposal offered Israel a normalised and full relationship with the entire Arab world in return



Oman's Sultan Qaboos meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to the Gulf country.

'Criminals?' hardly: That's who the carava

The would-be immigrants to the US travelling from Central America are trying to escape rule by authoritarian govern



VICTORIA SANFORD

As thousands of Honduran migrants seeking asylum in the United States trek northward through Mexico, President Donald Trump has pledged to stop them at the border by militarising it with armed federal troops, under the guise of protecting Americans from "criminals" and an "invasion."

What he fails to recognise is that cruelty won't solve the current refugee crisis. Neither will buddying up with authoritarian leaders in Central America. Instead, those two strategies only deepen the crisis, because criminality and misrule are exactly what the caravan is fleeing.

What Trump calls an invasion is actually the visible face of a deadly crisis of governance and violence in almost all of Central America — a retreat from the rule of law in favour of rule by corruption and criminality abetted by officials with impunity.

For example, Trump supports President Jimmy Morales, his authoritarian counterpart in Guatemala. Morales is under investigation for possible corruption by the United Nations Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala. He has fought back by revoking the visas of many of the commission's investigators.

Currently, violence reigns in Honduras, Guatemala and El Sal-

vador; the three countries have the world's highest homicide rates, and the pattern they have set — daily killings, forced gang recruitment, extortion, gender attacks and kidnapping for ransom — may be creeping into Nicaragua.

The criminal groups behind this are a legacy of civil wars fought in the 1970s and 1980s, and of past military regimes that left 75,000 dead in El Salvador and 200,000 dead in Guatemala. Honduras, which has been a base for American military operations in Central America for decades, is now considered the most violent. Unlike Guatemala and El Salvador, it has never even had an official counting of the dead.

In those three northern Central American countries, military units are entrenched in a complex web of organised crime, drug trafficking, gangs, political parties and corrupt clandestine police groups.

The gangs have ties to the police — who hunt gang members if they don't pay their quota or become liabilities because they know too much after colluding with corrupt police officers. The gangs also have ties to organised crime and drug traffickers who, in turn, have their own ties to the military and the police.

In the 1980s, gang members informed the police about factory workers, union organisers, teachers and students involved in political protest. In exchange, the police granted the gangs neighbourhood territory for illicit activities. In Guatemala, after peace accords in the 1990s ended a dec-



Jerson Sol, his wife, Alicia Landaverde, who is pregnant, and their 15-month-old son are part of the group of Honduran migrants hoping to get to the United States.

ades long civil war, clandestine groups with ties to police and army officials used army routes, landing strips and heliports to transport weapons and drugs.

Guatemala's networks illustrate how tightly interwoven those systems can become. For example, gangs pay the police to ignore the gang operations in their territories. Those payments flow upward: Local police officers pay their boss, who in turn pays off his

boss. At the higher levels, drug traffickers might buy the services of a very senior police officer, who in turn might then send payments downward, to individual officers.

Narco-traffickers and crime syndicates also pay off gang members to support illicit trafficking and to assert their power; the jobs vary from hit man, kidnapper, extortionist, arsonist, carjacker and recruiter of low-level supporters of criminal activities.

The interlocking power structures of violence, bribes, threats and patronage make everyday life extremely dangerous for Central Americans. Any interaction between gang members and ordinary citizens carries two meanings. The first: "Will you give me that money?" Answering "no" is seen as a direct challenge to the gang's power. The second: "Do you accept my control over your life?" Refusing to give up even one

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dollar can designate a person an enemy of the gang, which is a very dangerous position to be in.

Central American governments know all this. Their responses range from turning a blind eye to crime, to corrupt acceptance, to active complicity. Members of the elite work within and dominate these violent power structures. And many of these clandestine groups have ties to Mexico's horrifically violent drug cartels.

This dark picture of what Central Americans seek to escape is not a new experience in American immigration. It recalls other horrors that forced human waves — Irish, Italian, Greek, Jewish, Hungarian, German, Polish and more — to flee parts of Central and Southern Europe for America rather than endure violence, crime, discrimination, misgovernment and hunger in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Did America lose by welcoming them? Think about just how much those grateful newcomers have added

Iraq disarmament crisis: Iraq agrees to the terms of the UN Security Council Resolution 1441.

Mario Monti accepted to become the 54th Prime Minister of Italy with the ouster of Silvio Berlusconi, who failed to tackle Italy's debt crisis.



A total **solar eclipse** occurred in parts of Australia and the South Pacific

WT1190F, a temporary satellite of Earth, impacts just southeast of Sri Lanka.

Policy will never achieve peace



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Muscat during the latter's unannounced visit

for a withdrawal from Arab lands illegally occupied since 1967, as successive UN resolutions have consistently demanded. Meanwhile, secretive bilateral understandings between Netanyahu and Oman's leadership, enjoying neither popular legitimacy nor the principals of international justice, are a recipe for the continuation of the tense and unjust status quo.

The Arab Peace Initiative made moderate Israelis sit up and listen because it represented the possibility of Israel commencing relations with 20 of its neighbours, including some of the wealthiest and resource-rich nations in the world. On the contrary, it is difficult to imagine Israeli businessmen licking their lips and jumping on the first plane to Muscat, which offers miniscule commercial opportunities and without a single ordinary Omani wanting anything to do with the emissaries of an apartheid state whose political model is based on oppression of fellow Arabs.

Such outreach, which bypasses the Palestinians, may win cheap political points with Washing-

Historic agreements signed between Israel and the states of Egypt and Jordan never led to a thawing of relations, bilateral trade, mutual trust or an end to popular hostilities.

seen engagement with the entire Arab nation based on the principles of the Arab Peace Initiative. Instead, Netanyahu tries to neutralise Arab states one by one through a policy of divide and conquer.

If Israel aspires to being a true democracy, then it must end the occupation, end the oppression of non-Jews, release the children and freedom fighters, and abandon the daily killings and cumulative theft of Palestinian land. Peace only comes through give and take, while addressing historic injustices.

As soon as Israel decides to seriously pursue peace on this basis, it will find itself not trying to coax individual rulers into secret and unpopular deals, but brokering a genuine peace with the entire Arab nation while offering a comprehensive, compassionate and lasting solution to the Palestinian tragedy.

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ments tied to gangs

to the fabric of American society.

Like the great majority of those masses, today's Central Americans seek merely to live in safety, to work hard and to provide for their families. They are not criminals, as Trump would have it. They are the victims of criminal enterprises that only pretend to govern.

If Trump, nevertheless, insists on stemming the flow of refugees, he must at least show America's compassion for them and insist that their home countries adopt reforms that produce honest and law-abiding governments. He should support the efforts of the anti-impunity commission for Guatemala. And he should answer the call of citizens of Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua who have sought to expand the commission to a regional United Nations Commission Against Impunity.

The Honduran caravan is a call for help in ending violence and impunity, and replacing it with the rule of law. Those are the commission's goals for Guatemala. Trump and Congress must strengthen those efforts and help them become a regional campaign to rein in rule by criminal cliques and murderous gangs that make daily life intolerable for the average citizen.

Ensuring fair elections is also needed, of course. But elections are meaningless without rule of law.

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To be or not to be

ANAND NAIR

Engineering is a beautiful profession. It has helped create wonders in the world. Whenever, I think of any engineering marvel, it's Konkan Railway (India) that comes to my mind. At least once in our lifetime, we should travel through this magnificent route; an engineering marvel.

But engineering as a profession has been hit by many factors. In the global report commissioned by the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering revealed that 20 per cent of students in the UK, 30pc students in US and almost 80pc students in India wish to opt for Engineering stream after graduating from senior secondary school and 30pc out of the 80pc students who wish to take up engineering as their profession; do not pursue it fully.

It is said that in India, an engineer is born before he/she takes birth! The attribute towards this profession is the inclination of the parents to make his son/daughter an engineer. Majority of the students who opt for the science stream do so with the sole purpose of pursuing engineering.

A student who opted for his graduation in Physics after his Grade 12th examination says, "People around, look at me as if I have committed a grave crime! They just cannot digest the fact that I did not join engineering in spite of scoring good marks." Few on condition of anonymity have even confessed that they took up engineering due to parental pressure. Their parents feel pressurised by the relatives and people around if their ward is not an engineer. Engineering has therefore become the profession



Konkan Railway is undoubtedly an engineering marvel.

of compulsion.

A recent engineering graduate who got campus selection into a multinational company adds, "Engineering is purely logical. It is not everyone's cup of tea unless one has the flair for it." To add to this the pride attached in saying that my son/daughter is an engineer adds significance. A worried mother said that her son does not prefer to pursue a career in engineering but she had no choice but to enroll him for the same as his father feels that engineering is the only profession that will help anyone survive in the market. She feels pity for her son who has not been able to make a choice.

Studies reveal that engineering colleges in India are mushrooming all over. Almost 1.5 million engineers join the workforce market every year. It is estimated that around 20 to 36pc of the engineers graduating in India are unemployed. Out of the employed engineers almost 18 to 20pc are underemployed. These engineers end up taking jobs or in sectors which are not connected with their basic learning at all. The supply of engineers

Engineers out of choice rule the world and engineers out of compulsion are ruled by the world! That's the only difference!!!

is more than the demand. The market economies suggest that companies are not able to create the necessary jobs for engineers. The entry-level salaries are sometimes far low too! The salaries offered by leading companies reveal that many of them are still offering the salaries that were offered as the base salary 10 years back!

Employability skills must be acquired in the process of studies. Some of the best engineers with excellent brains are not in a position to express their ideas.

Communication, presentation and language skill development is a key requirement along the process. It is equally important for engineers to acquire these soft skills so that the employability factors are high.

Indians study for employment and end up seeking jobs. But our entrepreneurial skills are amazing too. Colleges should be able to create the necessary skills and aptitude required for startups. Engineering educational institutions can tie up with banks and financial institutions for startup training including financial training and support. The ability to make an engineer an entrepreneur is still lacking in the Indian system. The latest process is to complete engineering and then go for MBA (Masters in Business Administration) and then still land up taking up odd jobs available in the market.

Engineers out of choice rule the world and engineers out of compulsion are ruled by the world! That's the only difference!!!

(Anand Nair is the Vice-Principal of The Indian School Bahrain)



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Jack Dorsey, the Co Founder & CEO of Twitter dropped in to chat this morning. Twitter has grown into the most dominant "conversations" platform globally. Jack explained some of the steps being taken to keep those conversations healthy & to tackle the menace of fake news. @jack

@RahulGandhi

02



Shame on #Fake-Newsweek for helping @JZarif spread lies. The truth is: the U.S. does not, and never did, sanction food and medicine. They are exempt from sanctions, as are financial transactions related to humanitarian needs.

@SecPompeo

03



New: House Democrats, who will be armed with subpoena power when they take over the majority next year, plan to probe Trump's involvement in the hush money payments arranged by Michael Cohen during the 2016 campaign.

@rebeccaballhaus

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America's divisive politics and the sheer math of cutting heat-trapping emissions indicate the world's prospect of substantively tackling climate change is getting out of reach.

@AmyAHarder

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Alba backs ARABAL

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Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) is a key participant of the 22nd edition of the Arab International Aluminium Conference and Exhibition (ARABAL) being held from 11 to 13 November 2018 in Kuwait.

ARABAL's theme this year focuses on 'The Global Challenges to the Aluminium Industry and Suitable Solutions'.

Alba's Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO) and Chief Supply Officer Ali Al Baqali was a key speaker on the 'Industry Dynamics' panel discussion held yesterday as well as the panel discussion on 'Investor Experience' to be held today at ARABAL.

NBB supports Bahrain Air Show



Jean-Christophe Durand, NBB CEO

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NBB senior management and teams from across the business are set to join the Bahrain International Airshow 2018 between 14 and 17 November 2018.

Among the NBB teams to be represented at the event is the bank's recently launched Corporate Institutional and Investment Banking (CIIB) group along with their local and regional aviation and related clients.

Commenting, Jean-Christophe Durand, NBB CEO said, "We look forward to an exciting and fruitful show for the Bank, our clients and the Kingdom of Bahrain, which continues to grow as a leading business and aviation hub."

Vietnam ratifies Pacific trade pact

Hanoi, Vietnam

Vietnam yesterday became the seventh country to ratify a sprawling Pacific trade pact set to come into effect later this year, despite US President Donald Trump's pullout from a deal he decried as a "job killer".

Eleven countries revived a slimmed-down version of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) without Washington, though the new pact keeps the door open in case of a change of heart -- or government -- in the world's largest economy.

Saudi minister calls for 1mln bpd oil output cut

Falih signalled that the producers would do "whatever it takes to balance the market"

● The proposed reduction is from October production levels

● UAE said not to overreact to falling oil prices

● Crude supply would outstrip demand next year

● Brent crude dropped below \$70 a barrel on Friday

AFP | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Saudi Arabia's energy minister called yesterday for a global output cut of one million barrels per day to re-balance the market, as Riyadh unveiled plans to cut production by 500,000 bpd from December.

"The technical analysis we reviewed yesterday shows that we need a reduction approaching one million bpd to balance the market," Khalid al-Falih told an energy conference in Abu Dhabi.



Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih (L) and OPEC Secretary General Mohammed Barkindo attend the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC)

The proposed reduction is from October production levels, Falih said.

Oil prices have shed a fifth of their value over the past month due to oversupply and signs of a softer-than-expected impact from US sanctions on Iranian crude exports.

But they climbed yesterday as the world's biggest supplier Saudi Arabia announced plans to cut production in response to fears of oversupply.

Falih said Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil supplier, would cut its production by

500,000 bpd as of next month to help stabilise the market.

The 14 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which include Saudi Arabia, alone pump over a third of global crude supply.

Any official decision on global output cuts will be made at a key ministerial meeting for OPEC and non-OPEC producers in Vienna in early December, Falih said.

Supply to outstrip demand

Oil producers will continue to evaluate the market data prior



Brent crude dropped below \$70 a barrel on Friday for the first time since April

to the Vienna summit, "but if we need to trim production by one million bpd, we will do," Falih added.

The UAE's energy minister, Suhail al-Mazrouei, said balancing the market would "require changes in the strategy" of producers.

"We need not overreact" to falling prices, Mazrouei said, adding that crude was a dynamic market.

Iraqi energy minister spokesman Assem Jihad said his country, also an OPEC member, was hoping for "any decision that would help balance and stabilise the market".

Brent crude dropped below \$70 a barrel on Friday for the

first time since April but it was trading above \$71 a barrel on Monday.

West Texas Intermediate crude also dropped to a nine-month low, below \$60 a barrel. It was trading above \$61 on Monday.

Khalid al-Falih's comments followed a meeting in Abu Dhabi at the weekend, where major producers started laying the groundwork to cut supply in 2019, reversing an almost year-long expansion.

The group, including Russia and Saudi Arabia, warned that crude supply would outstrip demand next year.

In a final statement, they said they had "reviewed current oil supply and demand fundamentals and noted that 2019 prospects point to higher supply growth than global requirements".

That in mind, they vowed to consider "options on new 2019 production adjustments, which may require new strategies to balance the market".

Falih on Monday said inventories had been building up, adding that "the 25 producers will not allow this to continue" and that they had signalled they would do "whatever it takes to balance the market."



The Minister of Industry, Commerce & Tourism Zayed R. Alzayani in his office with the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bahrain Bourse Abdulkareem Bucheery, and Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, the Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse. The meeting reviewed the latest developments including the upcoming listing of APMT Terminals Bahrain and the eIPO



BBK and Kazerooni Contracting officials signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide mortgage financing to the customers of the "Kazerooni Heights" project

51 states pledge support for cybersecurity rules

● China, Russia and the United States did not sign the pledge

● Dozens of countries are thought to have developed offensive cyberweapons

AFP | Paris, France

Fifty-one states, including all EU members, have pledged

their support for a new international agreement to set standards on cyberweapons and the use of the internet, the French government said yesterday.

The states have signed up to a so-called "Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace", an attempt to kickstart stalled global negotiations.

China, Russia and the United States did not sign the pledge, reflecting their resistance to setting standards for cyberweapons which are at the cutting edge of modern warfare.

"We need norms to avoid a

war in cyberspace which would be catastrophic," French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said Monday.

Campaigners have called for a "Digital Geneva Convention", a reference to the Geneva conventions that set standards for the conduct of wars.

They want states to commit to not attacking infrastructure which is depended upon by civilians during wartime, for example.

A new international norm would also help define a state-backed cyberattack and when

a state could be justified in retaliating.

Dozens of countries are thought to have developed offensive cyberweapons.

"We need to move these norms forward," Microsoft president Brad Smith said on Monday at the Paris Peace Forum, being held to mark the centenary of the end of World War I.

In a presentation at the forum, Smith portrayed cyberweapons as having the potential to spark another mass conflict.

He said 2017 was a "wake-up call for the world" because of

the WannaCry and NotPetya attacks.

WannaCry crippled many hospitals in Britain and affected 150 countries in 24 hours. It is thought to have been deployed from North Korea.

Many experts attribute NotPetya, which hit banking, power and business computing systems across Ukraine, to Russia.

But security officials note that those two attacks appear to be based on code stolen from the US National Security Agency, which leads the country's cyber-defences.

Tamkeen joins hand with Blockon



Chief Executive of Tamkeen, Dr Ebrahim Mohammed Janahi

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Bahrain FinTech Bay yesterday announced the Labour Fund "Tamkeen" as a Strategic Partner for its global blockchain conference, Block-On 2018 - Redefining Finance.

Taking place on 22 November 2018 at the Wyndham Grand, Bahrain Bay, the event is held under the patronage of Khalid Al-Rumaihi, Chief Executive, Economic Development Board and Chairman of the Executive Board of Bahrain FinTech Bay.

The conference expects to attract more than 300 global Blockchain innovators and professionals including a diverse group of regulators, entrepreneurs, investors and financial industry executives.

Commenting on the conference, Chief Executive of Tamkeen, Dr Ebrahim Mohammed Janahi, said: "We should be ready to take up all opportunities that FinTech solutions and technologies can provide and allow innovation across all economic fields in the Kingdom of Bahrain."

To take part in the Block-On Survey now underway visit <https://www.survey-monkey.com/r/YT6SBYP>.

Apple shares drop after iPhone supplier Lumentum cuts forecast

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Apple Inc shares fell to their lowest in more than three months yesterday as the main supplier for its Face ID technology, Lumentum Holdings Inc (LITE.O), slashed revenue and profit forecasts, citing reduced orders from a major customer.

Stoking fears among investors that demand for iPhones is waning, Lumentum said in its statement the customer was "one of our largest... for laser diodes for 3D sensing", which analysts said could only be Apple.

Shares in the iPhone maker dropped 4 per cent, wiping \$40 billion off its market value. Those in Lumentum, which gave its original forecast just two weeks ago, fell 27pc, dragging down shares of other Apple suppliers. That also followed a separate warning from another Apple supplier, screen maker Japan Display Inc, yesterday. JP Morgan analysts weighed in by cutting their price target for Apple by \$4 to \$270 pointing to poor orders for the new iPhone XR.

Solar energy to power government buildings

Solar energy project for government offices will be launched by end this year

● Tendering process on way

● Training programmes launched

● More than 110 participants registered

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A project to install solar energy systems in government buildings will be launched by the end of December 2018, said Dr Mirza.

A public tender has been developed for the purpose by the Sustainable Energy Unit in cooperation with the Ministry of



Dr Mirza with participants of a training programme for contractors and consultants during a photocall

Works and Urban Planning.

Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr Abdulhussain Mirza said this while inaugurating the training programme for contractors and consultants to

obtain certificates specialized for solar energy systems installations.

The session was organised by the Sustainable Energy Unit in cooperation with the Electricity

and Water Authority and the United Nations Development Programme at the Electricity and Water Authority Training Centre in Sitra.

UNDP Resident Representa-

tive Amin El Sharkawy and invited guests attended the event.

More than 110 participants are registered for the project, who will be now divided into two groups. One of the groups will start training from November 12 to 18, while the other batch will be trained from November 18 to 24.

Dr Mirza said the course is being offered through a dynamic programme by two renewable energy companies, J Lanka and CESI, to provide training and diversify experiences.

The minister also applauded Bahrain's achievements in renewable energy and energy efficiency, including the adoption of the policy of net metering, as well as the project to set up a 100 megawatts solar energy plant.



ASRY's kiosk at Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC) showcasing its engineering and construction offering. The exhibition has over 2,200 exhibitors from 28 countries. "We are pleased to participate for the first time in this exhibition in line with launching a new division focusing on expanding our engineering and construction portfolio," ASRY Chief Executive Officer Andrew Shaw stated on the opening day of the exhibition

Alibaba hits another 'Singles Day' record

Shanghai, China

Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba filled a record \$30.7 billion in orders on Sunday during its annual "Singles Day" shopping frenzy, but growth slowed from previous years.

The world's biggest 24-hour shopping event, celebrating its tenth year, kicked off early Sunday and once again shattered its own sales mark as Chinese online buyers seized on promotions to snap up everything from electronics to clothing and housewares.

Sales rose 27 per cent, compared with 39 percent last year.

Although retail sales in China have been steady, the outlook is uncertain as the economy slows and concerns rise over the impact of the trade war with the United States.

Alibaba's share price, which doubled in 2017, is down 16pc this year.

Singles Day was originally set aside as an unofficial day for China's unmarried, but Alibaba latched on to it a decade ago as a shopping promotion



A screen shows total sales at over 213.5 billion yuan (30.7 billion USD) shortly after the end of the 11.11, or "Singles Day" shopping festival

akin to the late-November US "Black Friday" retail crush.

Capitalising on the growing addiction to one-click smartphone payments in China, it has proven a huge success.

But Alibaba earlier this month lowered slightly its full-year revenue forecast, citing consumer uncertainty over the economic outlook.

Company officials remained bullish on the future, however, as Alibaba pushes new initiatives.

Bahrain, Korea forum boost trade opportunities

TDT | Manama, Seoul

Top brass business delegates from Bahrain and the Republic of Korea yesterday gathered for the 'First Korea-Bahrain Business Forum' in a bid to expand economic cooperation and investment between the two countries.

The meeting held at Lotte Hotel, Seoul, Korea was held in the presence of 60 businessmen from both the countries.

Korean Embassy in Bahrain and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea in close coordination with Chambers of Commerce and Industry of both countries organised the forum.

It is the first time that Bahrain's economic mission made



Participants of the Korea-Bahrain Business Forum during a group photo session

up solely of private businessmen visited Korea since the official visit of His Royal Highness Sal-

man bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Crown Prince of Bahrain in 2012 with a Bahraini business

delegation.

Building on the momentum created by the agreement be-

tween the Korean Chamber of Commerce and Institute (KCCI) and the Bahraini Chamber of Commerce and Institute (BCCI) in 2012, yesterday's forum offered a fresh opportunity for the two countries to further strengthen trade ties and jointly seek promising areas of future cooperation.

The forum also provided an opportunity for businessmen and businesswomen from both countries to exchange their views on future cooperation. Business to business meetings were also held after the forum.

In 1975, Hyundai E & C won the Bahrain shipyard contract, which enabled Korea to win other tenders in the GCC countries.

Oil prices advance

Oil prices have shed about one fifth of their value over the past month on oversupplies

● Crude prices failed to lift the market overall in London

● The euro struck a 17-month low at \$1.1240

● Brexit clouds weighed on the pound

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Oil prices advanced yesterday after crude kingpin Saudi Arabia unveiled plans to cut output in the face of global oversupplies, and pressed other producers to follow suit.

Higher crude prices failed to lift the market overall in London however, with the FTSE 100 index lower in afternoon trading.

Tobacco stocks were among those that slumped, with British American Tobacco shedding 9.56 per cent to £29.93 and Imperial Tobacco losing 3.0pc on reports of a planned US ban on menthol cigarettes, which are seen as posing a greater health risk than traditional ones.

In the eurozone, the Frankfurt and Paris stock markets dropped



Traders work on the floor at the closing bell of the Dow Industrial Average at the New York Stock Exchange

as well, weighed down in part by lingering concerns over Italy's high debt and ahead of Tuesday's EU-deadline for Rome to revise its 2019 budget.

In early New York trading, tech shares led stocks lower, with equity markets open but Treasury markets closed to mark Veterans Day.

The euro struck a 17-month low at \$1.1240 before recovering

slightly, hit also by Brexit clouds which weighed on the pound as well.

"Continued uncertainty over the pathway for Brexit is providing greater downside for sterling," noted Joshua Mahony, market analyst at IG trading group. The European Union's chief Brexit negotiator warned ministers from the other 27 member states on Monday that

no deal has been sealed on Britain's departure from the bloc.

"Meanwhile, a Saudi... output cut for December has helped boost ailing oil prices," Mahony said. Saudi Arabia's energy minister on Monday called for a global output cut of one million barrels per day to re-balance the market, as Riyadh unveiled plans to trim its own production by 500,000 bpd from December.

Key figures around 1500 GMT

Oil - Brent Crude:	▲ 77 cents at \$70.95 per barrel
Oil - West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 34 cents at \$60.53 per barrel
Euro/dollar:	▼ \$1.1266 from \$1.1351 at 2200 GMT Friday
Pound/dollar:	▼ \$1.2907 from \$1.3022
Dollar/yen:	▲ 113.80 yen from 113.76 yen
London - FTSE 100:	▼ 0.5pc at 7,070.91 points
Frankfurt - DAX 30:	▼ 1.5pc at 11,357.74
Paris - CAC 40:	▼ 0.7pc at 5,073.62
EURO STOXX 50:	▼ 0.8pc at 3,204.47
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▲ 0.1pc at 22,269.88 (close)
Hong Kong - Hang Seng:	▲ 0.1pc at 25,633.18 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▲ 1.2pc at 2,630.52 (close)
New York - Dow:	▼ 0.6pc at 25,847.01

Khalid al-Falih's comments follow a meeting in Abu Dhabi at the weekend, where the OPEC group and its allies had already started laying the groundwork to reduce supply in 2019, reversing an almost year-long expansion.

Oil prices have shed about one fifth of their value over the past month on oversupplies and signs of a softer-than-expected impact from US sanctions on Iranian crude exports.

In Vienna, the IAEA said Monday that Iran was sticking to

conditions of the nuclear deal reached with six nations in 2015.

In trading, benchmark oil contract Brent North Sea crude gained ground.

Last week, higher US energy stockpiles drove WTI crude to its longest losing streak in more than 30 years, while Brent dropped below \$70 a barrel for the first time since April.

Elsewhere on Monday, Shanghai stocks rebounded ahead of key Chinese economic releases due this week.

Saudi and UAE energy giants team up for gas

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

The state energy giants of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, Aramco and ADNOC, signed a cooperation deal yesterday aimed at bolstering gas production and revenue.

The framework deal saw the two biggest Arab oil firms agree to jointly explore investment opportunities and swap know-how as they seek to tap into natural gas and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) markets.

"Increased cooperation between ADNOC and Aramco will ensure greater energy security and long-term economic prosperity for both nations," ADNOC CEO Sultan Ahmed al-Jaber said in a statement.

No further details on the specifics of the agreement were provided but the two Gulf heavyweights have been focusing on raising their gas

Increased cooperation between ADNOC and Aramco will ensure greater energy security

SULTAN AHMED ALJABER

production.

Last week, UAE's supreme petroleum council approved investments worth \$132 billion over the next five years to boost oil and gas production.

Under the investment plan, UAE aims to become self-sufficient in natural gas and later a net exporter.

As part of its energy push, ADNOC on Sunday granted French major Total an exploration and production concession agreement for natural gas.

The concession agreement aims at producing one billion cubic feet daily of gas by 2030.

Scientists to swap kilogram for something more stable

● Kilogram will be defined by a tiny but immutable fundamental value called the "Planck constant"

Reuters | London

After years of nursing a sometimes dusty cylinder of metal in a vault outside Paris as the global reference for modern mass, scientists are updating the definition of the kilogram.

Just as the redefinition of the second in 1967 helped to ease communication across the world via technologies like GPS and the internet, experts say the change in the kilogram will be better for technology, retail and health - though it probably won't change the price of fish much.

The kilogram has been defined since 1889 by a shiny piece of platinum-iridium held in Paris. All modern mass measurements are traceable back to it



A newborn baby is weighed at a hospital in Hefei, Anhui province, China (Reuters)

- from micrograms of pharmaceutical medicines to kilos of apples and pears and tonnes of steel or cement.

The problem is, the "international prototype kilogram" doesn't always weigh the same. Even inside its three glass bell jars, it gets dusty and dirty, and is affected by the atmosphere. Sometimes, it really needs a

wash. What's needed is something more constant.

So, at the end of a week-long meeting in the Palace of Versailles, Paris, the world's leading measurement aficionados at the International Bureau of Weights and Measures will vote on Friday to make an "electronic kilogram" the new baseline measure of mass. Just as the

meter - once the length of a bar of platinum-iridium, also kept in Paris - is now defined by the constant speed of light in a vacuum, so a kilogram will be defined by a tiny but immutable fundamental value called the "Planck constant".

The new definition involves an apparatus called the Kibble balance, which makes use of the constant to measure the mass of an object using a precisely measured electromagnetic force.

"In the present system, you have to relate small masses to large masses by subdivision. That's very difficult - and the uncertainties build up very, very quickly," Robinson said.

"One of the things this (new) technique allows us to do is to actually measure mass directly at whatever scale we like, and that's a big step forward."

But while the extra accuracy will be a boon to scientists, Robinson said that, for the average consumer buying flour or bananas, "there will be absolutely no change whatsoever".

KFH-Bahrain private banking offer new products

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Kuwait Finance House-Bahrain (KFH-Bahrain) said it is providing a host of banking Shari'a compliant solutions such as the new Call accounts, Investment accounts, namely Murabaha and Wakala.

Call accounts provide a solution that combines the benefit of savings and current accounts into one product. The call account calculates the profit on a daily basis and distributes the



Right: Ebrahim Al Ahmed, Head of Private Banking Left: Abdul Razak Jawahery, Executive Manager of Private Banking



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Cyrus, Butler lose house in wildfire

IAN S | San Francisco

Hollywood celebrities Miley Cyrus and Gerard Butler have completely lost their homes in the raging California wildfire, which has left filmmaker Guillermo del Toro's home partially damaged.

Cyrus took to Twitter on Sunday to spare a moment to share prayers for the victims.

"Completely devastated by the fires affecting my community. I am one of the lucky ones. My animals and love of my life made it out safely and that's all that matters right now.

"My house no longer stands but the memories shared with family and friends stand strong. I am grateful for all I have left.



Miley Cyrus

Sending so much love and gratitude to the firefighters and LA country Sheriff's department," Cyrus wrote.

“Completely devastated by the fires affecting my community. I am one of the lucky ones

MILEY CYRUS

The singer urged people to donate resources and supplies to firefighters as it will help them in combating the fire.

"All I have left. Sending so much love and gratitude to the firefighters and LA country Sher-

iff's department... Donate \$, time, supplies. I love you more than ever," Cyrus added.

Butler said it is a "heartbreaking time across California".

"Returned to my house in Malibu after evacuating. Heart-breaking time across California. Inspired as ever by the courage, spirit and sacrifice of firefighters," Butler tweeted.

Giving update about his Bleak House, filmmaker Guillermo del said that his house was affected by minor smoke damage.

"Toro Bleak House (I am told this morning) seems to be fine. Just minor smoke damage. I am aware about how much this fire has taken, how much has been lost - this is humbling and a blessing."

Ezra Miller pretends to be happy

IAN S | Los Angeles

Actor Ezra Miller says he is not as happy as he pretends to be.

Miller will soon be back as Credence Barebone, a young introvert man who is also an Obscurus, in "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald". The Warner Bros Pictures project will open in India on November 16.

Asked about being extrovert in real life and how he relates to the character, Miller said: "You have to pretend you are extrovert when you do interviews, especially if you have introvert tendencies. You have to perform. It is hard to judge a book even by the first 75 pages.

"There's a part of me which identify with Credence, with certain elements of his journey on different points are applied on different landscapes of my life..."

"I am not as happy as I try to pretend to be all the time," added the actor during a round-table discussion here while promoting the project.

"Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" is the second in



Ezra Miller



Ezra Miller dropped out of high school at 16 to pursue acting

the planned five movies spin-off franchise from the "Harry Potter" films. The first part "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" came out in 2016.

"Fantastic Beasts..." takes forward the story, bringing a more darker and complex view of the world and sets the foundation of the events leading to the universe of the popular "Harry Potter" world.

"There are big reveals in the film," Miller teased.

Aerosmith's Joe Perry rushed to hospital

IAN S | New York

Rock band Aerosmith's guitarist Joe Perry was rushed to hospital after performing with Billy Joel at the Madison Square Garden here.

The 68-year-old guitarist was performing on Saturday night. He remained in the hospital on Sunday, according to a representative, where he is "alert and responsive", reports variety.com.

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(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE) NEW
AAMIR KHAN, KATRINA KAIF, AMITABH BACHCHAN

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OASIS JUFFAIR: DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 1.30 + 4.45 + 8.00 + 11.15 PM

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SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.45 + 6.00 + 9.15 PM + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 1.45 + 5.00 + 8.15 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (I) TAMIL DAILY AT: 12.45 + 4.00 + 7.15 + 10.30 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 12.45 + 4.00 + 7.15 + 8.15 + (10.30 PM + 11.30 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 10.15 AM + 1.15 + 4.30 + 7.45 + 11.00 PM

OVERLOAD

(15+) (ACTION/THRILLER/HORROR) NEW

JOVAN ADEPO, WYATT RUSSELL, PILOU ASBAEK

OASIS JUFFAIR: DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM

OASIS JUFFAIR: DAILY AT (VIP): 1.15 + 6.15 + 11.15 PM

CITYCENTRE: DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 PM + 12.00 MN + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)

CITYCENTRE: DAILY AT (VIP I): 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)

SAAR DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + (11.30 PM THURS/FRI)

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BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

(15+) (MUSICAL/DRAMA/BIOGRAPHY) NEW

RAMI MALEK, LUCY BOYNTON, GWILYM LEE

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CITYCENTRE: DAILY AT (VIP II): 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM

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SAAR DAILY AT: 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + (11.00 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 PM

THE GRINCH

(G) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY) NEW

ANGELA LANSBURY, BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH, RASHIDA JONES

OASIS JUFFAIR: DAILY AT (KIDS CINEMA): 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 PM

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CITYCENTRE: DAILY AT (3D): 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.15 + 4.15 + 6.15 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 PM

TO LOVE SOME BUDDY

(15+) (FILIPINO/ROMANTIC/COMEDY) NEW

MAJA SALVADOR, ZANJOE MARUDO, CHESKA INIGO

OASIS JUFFAIR: DAILY AT: 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

SARKAR

(PG-15) (TAMIL)

JOSEPH VIJAY, KEERTHI SURESH, VARALAXMI SARATHKUMAR

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CITYCENTRE: DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + (12.00 MN THURS/FRI)

HUNTER KILLER

(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)

GERARD BUTLER, GARY OLDMAN, COMMON

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THE NUTCRACKER AND THE FOUR REALMS

(PG) (ADVENTURE/FANTASY) NEW

KEIRA KNIGHTLEY, MACKENZIE FOY, MORGAN FREEMAN

CITYCENTRE: DAILY AT: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 PM + 12.00 MN

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WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM

VENOM

(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE)

TOM HARDY, MICHELLE WILLIAMS, RIZ AHMED

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JOHNNY ENGLISH STRIKES AGAIN

(PG) (COMEDY/ACTION/ADVENTURE)

ROWAN ATKINSON, OLGA KURYLENKO, EMMA THOMPSON

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HALLOWEEN

(18+) (THRILLER/HORROR)

JAMIE LEE CURTIS, JUDY GREER, NICK CASTLE

CITYCENTRE: DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

SMALL FOOT

(PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)

CHANNING TATUM, JAMES CORDEN, ZENDAYA

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SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 1.15 + 5.30 + 9.45 PM

NIGHT SCHOOL

(PG-15) (COMEDY)

KEVIN HART, TIFFANY HADDISH, ROB RIGGLE

CITYCENTRE: DAILY AT: 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM

EL BADLAH

(PG-13) (ARABIC/COMEDY)

TAMER HOSNY, AKRAM HOSNI, MAJED EL MASRY, AMINA KHALIL

CITYCENTRE: DAILY AT: 2.15 + 6.45 + 11.15 PM

THE EQUALIZER-2

(15+) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER)

DENZEL WASHINGTON, PEDRO PASCAL, ASHTON SANDERS

CITYCENTRE: DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 4.15 + 8.45 PM

GOOSEBUMPS 2: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN

(PG-13) (ADVENTURE/COMEDY/FANTASY)

CHRIS PARNELL, KEN JEONG, WENDI MCLENDON-CONVEY

CITYCENTRE: DAILY AT: 12.45 + 5.00 + 9.15 PM

THE MEG

(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)

JASON STATHAM, RUBY ROSE, BINGBING LI

CITYCENTRE: DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 2.45 + 7.00 + 11.15 PM

PRIVATE WAR

(18+) (DRAMA/CRIME/BIOGRAPHY) NEW

ROSAMUND PIKE, JAMIE DORNAN, STANLEY TUCCI

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 3.15 + 7.30 + 11.45 PM

ZOO

(PG) (DRAMA) NEW

ART PARKINSON, PENELOPE WILTON, TOBY JONES

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 2.15 + 6.30 + 10.45 PM



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SPORTS
sports**Welbeck has surgery on ankle but recovery time is unclear**

Reuters | London

Arsenal striker Danny Welbeck had an operation on Friday, a day after breaking his ankle in his side's goalless draw against Sporting Lisbon, but it remains unclear how long his recovery will take, Gunners' manager Unai Emery said on Sunday.

Speaking after Arsenal's 1-1 draw with Wolverhampton Wanderers at the Emirates Stadium on Sunday, Emery confirmed the England international needed surgery after breaking his ankle in the midweek Europa League game.

Emery at first appeared to suggest that Welbeck could be back with the club before too long but he also made it clear that he had no idea how long the player's recovery from the "big injury" might take.

"We spoke with him yesterday and today... I think he's going to come with us in not a long time. He did the operation Friday," Emery said.

Guardiola confronts Sterling over derby showboating

Reuters | Manchester

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola's delight at his team's 3-1 derby win over Manchester United did not stop him from delivering a strong message to winger Raheem Sterling over his showboating at the end of the game.

With City 3-1 up in the final minutes, Sterling had the ball deep in the United half on the left wing but, rather than take the ball to the corner flag or keep possession, the England forward produced some fancy-footwork stepovers.

The antics angered United's Spanish midfielder Juan Mata, who appeared to believe that Sterling was taunting his team and, at the final whistle, Guardiola's first move was to confront Sterling on the field about the episode.

Verstappen shoves Ocon

Red Bull's Max Verstappen ordered to do public service for the incident with Esteban Ocon

AFP | Sao Paulo, Brazil

Dutch driver Max Verstappen was accused of trying to punch French rival Esteban Ocon after a controversial clash at Sunday's Brazilian Grand Prix which was won by five-time world champion Lewis Hamilton.

Red Bull star Verstappen was seen on TV pushing Force India's Ocon three times and accused of threatening to hit him, after the pair had collided on track.

The collision on lap 44 of the 71-lap race at Interlagos' famed Senna S curves cost Verstappen the race and he had to settle for second place.

The livid Dutchman, 21, had earlier said he did not see the Frenchman in the paddock after the race, but made no effort to avoid him in the drivers' weighing room where he walked straight at him.

"We were at the scales room," said Ocon. "He wanted to punch me. He pushed me and he was wanting to be violent. It was not professional."

Ocon added that his rivalry with Verstappen "goes back a few years" and said he "has always been the same".

"I was behind Max for two laps," Ocon told Sky Sports. "On the first lap, I was a lot faster



Max Verstappen of Red Bull Racing clashes with Esteban Ocon of Sahara Force India

and, on the second lap, I was a lot faster. The rules say you are allowed to un-lap yourself so that's what I did.

"I'm used to the fights with Max. He's always been the same. It goes back a few years."

Verstappen swore so much on team radio that his comments bled out after he described him as an "idiot".

Ocon was given a 10-second stop-go penalty by the race stewards for causing the collision.

A video clip of the post-race incident went viral soon afterwards but Verstappen said he had no regrets.

"I don't care what people say" -

"He came out of the pit lane and he had the right to overtake, but the level of risk he was taking, it was not right," he explained.

"The stewards gave him a penalty. You can say, 'Max, you should have given room', but we were not racing and you don't

expect that."

Asked about confronting and pushing Ocon, he said: "We are all passionate about the sport, but it would be odd if I shook his hand. I don't care what people say."

"I'm a winner. To get taken out by that and to get a stupid response from their side, I was not happy about that."

Verstappen told his team over the radio on the slowdown lap that he had better not bump into Ocon because there could be



Esteban Ocon, who was attempting to un-lap himself, was given a 10-second stop-go penalty for causing the crash

trouble.

The Ocon incident overshadowed a brilliant drive from Verstappen who had charged from fifth on the grid to take the lead.

"The car was working brilliant today. I don't know what to say. I am happy for second, but we should have won," added Verstappen.

Verstappen's Red Bull team boss Christian Horner said: "I think Max has been pretty restrained. It cost him a Grand Prix victory."

"He's driven his heart out with a damaged car -- Esteban was lucky to get away with a push to be honest. Emotions are running high and I told him to just get yourself under control on the cool down lap."

Silva believes United's bid has ended

AFP | Manchester

Manchester City's Bernardo Silva reckons a derby win over Manchester United has dealt a huge blow to their local rivals' title hopes, saying Jose Mourinho's men would need to be "almost perfect" between now and the end of the season if they were to win the Premier League.

City, the reigning English champions and Premier League leaders, opened up a 12-point lead over United with a 3-1 victory at the Etihad Stadium on Sunday.

Goals early in each half from David Silva and Sergio Aguero put City in command at 2-0 up before United pulled one back through an Anthony Martial penalty just before the hour

tenders even if they lost, but Silva was not so sure.

"It won't be easy. Not only Man City -- (they are) 10 points from Liverpool, a lot of points from the other ones as well," Silva said.

"They need to be almost perfect and wait for the other ones to lose a lot of points. I think it won't be easy," the Portugal international added.

Silva, who provided the final cross from which Gundogan scored, was proud of the way City responded after Martial gave United hope of a comeback.

"After their goal we knew they would have confidence to try to come for a second but I think our performance was amazing. We didn't concede one chance -- only the penalty.



We know it won't be easy this season. Liverpool are doing a fantastic Premier League as well

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Madrid 'very happy' with Solari - Butragueno

AFP | Madrid

Real Madrid director Emilio Butragueno has said the club are delighted with Santiago Solari's spell in charge after the team posted their fourth consecutive win by beating Celta Vigo on Sunday.

Madrid claimed a 4-2 victory at Balaidos and the expectation is Solari will now be given the job full-time, following a transformation in results.

Four victories during his tenure have brought 15 goals scored and just two conceded while Real have cut the gap behind Barcelona to four points in La Liga.

Gonzalo Higuain misses penalty, sees red card

AC Milan's Gonzalo Higuain (R) argues with Juventus' Giorgio Chiellini (2ndL) after he received a red card

AFP | Milan

On-loan AC Milan striker Gonzalo Higuain apologised for his meltdown in the 2-0 defeat to his parent club Juventus on Sunday which saw him sent off for screaming at the referee after earlier missing a penalty.

Argentine Higuain had shrugged off a back injury to take on his former teammates last summer to make space for the arrival of Portuguese

superstar Cristiano Ronaldo.

But tensions boiled over as AC Milan struggled to find a way past the reigning seven-time champions.

Higuain was sent off after 83 minutes, two minutes after Ronaldo, the player who took his place in Turin on an 100-million-euro (\$115m) deal, fired in his eighth league goal in 12 matches since arriving from Real Madrid.

Higuain saw red after screaming at referee Paolo Mazzoleni in protest at a yellow card for a foul on Medhi Benatia.

"I know that we are an example for all children, for those who play football, for the people watching, but we are not robots, and we carry things within us," Higuain said after.

"We are human, we feel emotions, the game was not going the right way and it was one of those days."



Bahrain unifies MMA: Shaikh Nasser

TDT | Manama

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa affirmed that the Kingdom of Bahrain has become a favoured destination for all athletes and parties wishing to organise a distinguished tournament combining all elements of success.

This came as the Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee inaugurated BRAVE International Combat Week, the largest Mixed Martial Arts sports festival in Asia.

"Bahrain is a favoured destination due to the high organisational capabilities and qualified national cadres who are adept at handling the burdens and requirements of these competitions", HH Shaikh Nasser said during the inauguration ceremony which was attended by HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad

Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Honorary President of the Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Federation, Chairman of the High Organising Committee of BRAVE International Combat Week and Kerrith Brown, President of the International Mixed Martial Arts Federation (IMMAF).

HH Shaikh Nasser said that HH Shaikh Khalid has made significant efforts to promote the spread of MMA culture not only in the Kingdom of Bahrain, but also at regional and global levels through the clear steps taken by him to establish a solid base for this sport, which has contributed to the increase in the number of centres and schools that embrace various types of combat sports.

"This is evident in His Highness' support for Bahrain's hosting of the World MMA Championship, which represents a qualitative leap in the progress of MMA in Bahrain. The organisation of the championship for



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa (R) inaugurates Brave International Combat Week as HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa (L) and Kerrith Brown looks on

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The organisation of the championship for the second time is a clear affirmation of the high position Bahrain occupies as a centre to unify the MMA community

HH SHAIKH NASSER BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA

the second time in Bahrain is a clear affirmation of the high position that Bahrain occupies as a centre to unify the MMA community to start building a better future for this world-class sport."

For his part HH Shaikh Khalid said that BRAVE International Combat Week will be an ideal opportunity for a true launch of MMA games, in order to raise its level and ensure its global spread.

Inspiring fitness journey of Shaikh Khalid ahead of opening ceremony

TDT | Manama

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa went the extra mile to gift Mohammed Buhaz'a a day to remember and to prove to the world that it is worth to fight for the dreams.

The opening ceremony showcased Mohammed Buhaz'a facing HH Shaikh Khalid in a friendly bout in front of his friends and coaches who trains him martial arts.

Buhaz'a won the bout and celebrated the moment with confetti showering as he was announced as the winner. The moment was cheered by the attendees with teary eyes witnessing the joy of Buhaz'a who hugged his role model and hero, HH Shaikh Khalid and walked along to meet HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

In preparation to the bout HH Shaikh Khalid left no stone unturned as he made sure that he will drop down to the weight of Buhaz'a at 70 kilograms as

done in mixed martial art rules. It took a gruesome weight cut of roughly 14.5 kilograms in less than one and a half months. The step was taken to make sure no stones were unturned while making the day the biggest not only for Mohammed Buhaz'a but for his friends who are taking the step towards overcoming their limitations to chase

their dreams.

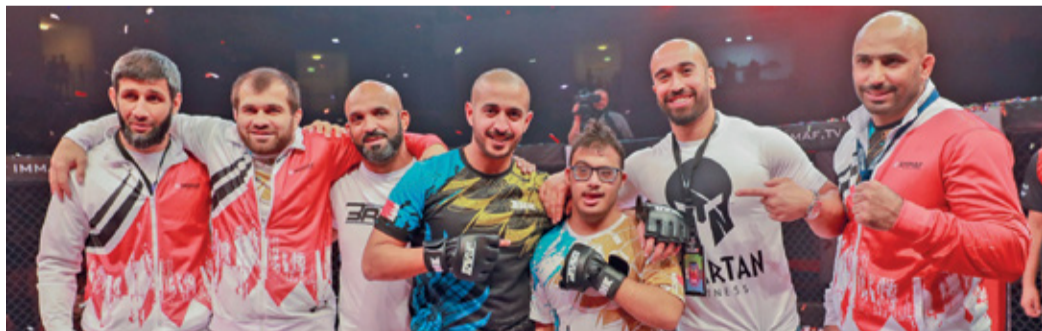
Cutting weight is one of the most gruesome tasks leading to an MMA fight where the fighter is forced to undergo strict diet and cutting water to pass the stipulated weight category. Though the bout was a friendly session, it was made to a point that the rules are followed to set an example for dedication and commitment.

The initiative also was the launch of KHK Heroes which is an initiative to inspire global compassion to drive inclusivity and support to the underprivileged and to those in society with special needs.

"I am out of words to describe the moment. HH Shaikh Khalid proved a point not only by supporting the differently abled and under privileged youth in Bahrain but also by making sure that every step towards the moment is taken seriously. This is a wake up call for all those who are yet to chase their dreams," said Eldar Eldarov, Head Coach of Bahrain National team.



HH Shaikh Khalid went through a gruesome weight cut before facing Mohammed Buhaz'a in order to follow the MMA rule



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa with Mohammed Buhaz'a



Lucas Mineiro and Luan Santiago with KHK Heroes

Brazilian athletes extends support for KHK Heroes

TDT | Manama

Lucas Mineiro, Lightweight world champion of Brave Combat Federation and Luan Santiago, 2016 Brazilian Fighter of the Year extended their support towards KHK Heroes which was launched during the inauguration ceremony of Brave International Combat Week 2018 at the Khalifa Sports City in Bahrain.

The athletes stated that the initiative will be supported by the Brazilian community in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the fighters from Brazil. Mineiro who has personal projects for the underprivileged children and for children with special needs extended his intentions to support KHK Heroes.

Santiago and Mineiro joined Buhaz'a and friends in their post victory celebrations which was later joined by Jose "Shorty" Torres. The fighters interacted with the children and expressed how amazing

it was to watch their friend in action in the cage. Both of the fighters posed for photographs with Buhaz'a and friends.

Mineiro is set to compete Abdul Kareem Al-Selwady in the main event of Brave 18 held on 16th November at the Khalifa Sports City. Luan Santiago will face knockout specialist, Djamil Chan in the undercard of the fight night.

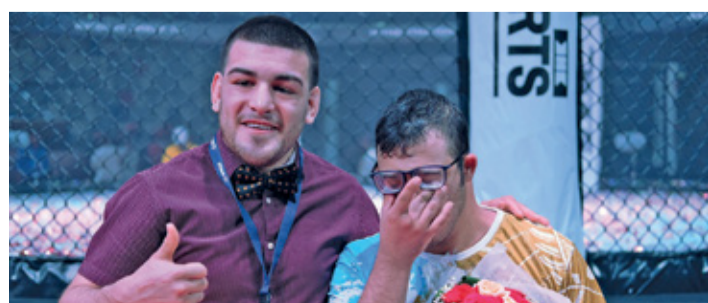
"The opening ceremony of Brave International Combat Week 2018 will live forever in our memories due to the presence of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa and Mohammed Buhaz'a. Not only they inspired the world but also let us search our soul and find motivation to exceed and chase our dreams. KHK Heroes is so close to our heart and we are proud to represent Brazil on such a glorious occasion. This gives us motivation to represent our nation and bring back gold and glory from the Brave nation of Bahrain", said Lucas Mineiro.

Jose "Shorty" Torres supports KHK Heroes during Brave ICW 2018

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Jose "Shorty" Torres, the two-time IMMAF World champion, champion in two-weight categories at Titan FC and KHK MMA fighter arrived in the Kingdom of Bahrain to support Brave International Combat Week.

The flyweight fighter has previously trained extensively in the Kingdom of Bahrain at KHK



Jose Torres with Mohammed Buhaz'a at Khalifa Sports City

MMA and were among the first fighters to join the team.

The two-time IMMAF World champion will be taking up the commentary responsibilities during the 2018 world championship. Torres will be in Bahrain from 12th November till 18th November at the Khalifa Sports City and during the events held by Brave Combat Federation.

During the opening ceremony,

Torres extended his support to KHK Heroes. He personally met Mohammed Buhaz'a with a warm embrace and extended his support towards the initiative. Torres interacted with Buhaz'a and praised his will and resolve to compete. Buhaz'a was overwhelmed by the respect and admiration from the professional fighter which left him in tears of joy.

Drag racers set for epic battles

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The region's biggest and most competitive drag racing series is back in action this week with Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) playing host to the season-opening round of the 2018/2019 Bahrain Drag Racing Championship.

BIC's quarter-mile drag strip, a member of the prestigious National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Worldwide Network, is the venue for four nights of non-stop head-to-head action from today to Friday.

Drivers from all across the Gulf and beyond are set to battle it out in the 16 competition categories for both cars and motorbikes.

The participants will be vying for the season's titles as well as a highly sought-after "Wally" trophy, aside from pride and the ultimate bragging rights.

The classes this season include 11 for cars and five for motorcycles.

The cars categories consist of: Street 4-5-6 Cylinder, Street RWD, 8+ Cyl, Super Street RWD 4-5-6 Cyl, Super Street Rear (V8 +), Outlaw RWD, 4-6 Cyl, Outlaw RWD 4-5-6 Cyl, Outlaw 10.5 RWD (8+ Cyl), Competition 4.5 & 4.0, Index 10.50 Class & 9.50 Class, Index 8.50, and the Pro Mod category. For motorcycles, the classes include the Stock (Street Fight), Street, Super Street, Pro and the Hot Rod (Cruiser) HD.

Two evenings of Test and Tune gets the opening round underway. The first is scheduled for today evening, while the second is on Wednesday night, from 6pm to 11pm. Qualifying follows on Thursday and Race Day is on Friday. Action begins at 4pm on those final two days.

The 2018/2019 season is set to feature five rounds, to be held until early March of next year. Round two is set from December 18 to 22, followed by round three in January. Round four in February, and the championship finale in February.

BTA Junior Tennis Tournament registration opens

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From 23rd November to 1st December, Bahrain Tennis Academy (BTA) will be holding a junior tennis tournament at the Dilmun Club, Saar. Events will be held in four categories: 8-and-under, 10-and-under, 12-and-under and 14-and-under.

The competition will feature matchplay in a round-robin format using the red, orange and full-size courts, along with the corresponding ball, in line with the International Tennis Federation's guidelines.

The tournament is open to all boys and girls who are of an eligible age at the start date. Certificates will be presented to all participants while the winners and finalists will be awarded trophies.

Mushfiqur puts B'desh on top

AFP | Dhaka

Mushfiqur Rahim became the first wicketkeeper-batsman in history to score two double hundreds in Tests as Bangladesh built a strong total in the second Test against Zimbabwe in Dhaka yesterday.

Mushfiqur hit an unbeaten 219 to help Bangladesh declare their first innings at 522-7 an hour into the final session, before the hosts reduced Zimbabwe to 25 for one at stumps on the second day.

Taijul Islam removed Hamilton Masakadza for 14 after an edge flew to Mehidy Hasan at first slip for Bangladesh's first breakthrough.

Masakadza was earlier spared when he was dropped at seven by Ariful Haque at first slip off the bowling of debutant Khaled Ahmed.

Brian Chari, 10 not out, and nightwatchman Donald Tiripano (naught) prevented further damage.

Zimbabwe, ahead in the two-match tournament 1-0, needs at least a draw to win their first Test series in seven years.

But it was Mushfiqur who shone, pulling leg-spinner Brendon Mavuta for a single at square leg after the tea break to become the first wicketkeeper-batsman ever to score two double tonnes



Bangladesh cricketer Mushfiqur Rahim (L) plays a shot as the Zimbabwe cricketer Regis Chakabva (C) and captain Hamilton Masakadza (R) look on

in Test cricket.

"I wasn't in bad form in Tests, but yes I wasn't getting a big innings. I believed that it was around the corner," Mushfiqur said at the close of second day's play.

"I knew that converting a fifty would ensure a big score. I had a lot of self-belief. I had my preparations in place."

Mushfiqur, who played 421 balls and hit 18 fours and a six,

also surpassed Shakib al Hasan to become the highest individual scorer in an innings for Bangladesh in Test cricket.

Skipper Mahmudullah Riyad called the batsmen to the dressing room soon after Mushfiqur nudged Sean Williams for a single to pass Shakib's 217 against New Zealand at Wellington in 2017.

Mushfiqur shared a record 144-run in their unbroken

eight wicket stand with Mehidy Hasan, after Kyle Jarvis took two scalps in the afternoon session to complete his third five-wicket haul in Tests.

Mushfiqur also had a hand in the previous eighth wicket record when he added 113 with Naeem Islam against England in 2010.

Jarvis, who claimed three wickets on the opening day, removed Mahmudullah for 36

Bangladesh 1st innings (303-5)	
Liton Das c Mavuta b Jarvis	9
Imrul Kayes c Chakabva b Jarvis	0
Mominul Haque c Chari b Chatara	161
M Mithun c Taylor b Jarvis	0
Mushfiqur Rahim not out	219
Taijul Islam c Chakabva b Jarvis	4
Mahmudullah c Chakabva b Jarvis	36
Ariful Haque c Chari b Jarvis	4
Mehidy Hasan not out	68
Extras (b9, lb8, w1, nb3)	21
Total (7 wickets dec, 160 overs)	522
Bowling: Jarvis 28-6-71-5 (w1, nb1), Chatara 22-2-12-34-1, Tiripano 24-4-6-65-1 (nb2), Raza 22-1-111-0, Williams 30-4-80-0, Mavuta 31-1-137-0, Masakadza 2-0-7-0	
Zimbabwe 1st innings	
H. Masakadza c Mehidy b Taijul	14
B. Chari not out	10
D. Tiripano not out	0
Extras (b1)	1
Total (1 wicket, 18 overs)	25
Bowling: Mustafizur 6-4-11-0, Khaled 5-3-6-0, Taijull 5-3-5-1, Mehidy 2-1-2-0	

Federer crashes to Nishikori in ATP Finals opener



Japan's Kei Nishikori (L) greets Switzerland's Roger Federer after winning their singles round robin match

AFP | London

Roger Federer suffered a shock straight-sets defeat to Kei Nishikori at the ATP Finals on Sunday, severely denting his bid for the 100th title of his illustrious career.

The Swiss, who has won the season-ending event a record six times, produced an uncharacteristically error-prone and fractious display in the round-robin match as the Japanese seventh seed prevailed 7-6 (7/4), 6-3.

The result means Federer is now in danger of failing to qualify for the semi-finals for just the second time in 16 appearances at the event.

"I felt we both struggled, you know, throughout the first set," he said. "You could tell it was sort of a first round. I had my chances maybe a bit more than he did."

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