

## Payne moves on from Cheryl

Former One Direction star Liam Payne moved on from singer Cheryl by dating a girl half her age. Payne is getting cosy with 18-year-old American Instagram sensation Maya Henry, who is 17 years Cheryl's junior. **P19**

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## Gemma pens short story about her bond character

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## US stabbed in back: Erdogan

## Will not abide by sanctions on Iran: Iraq

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider Al Abadi said yesterday his government was only committed to not using dollars in transactions with Iran, not to abiding with the full scope of US sanctions against the country.

"Our commitment in the Iran issue is to not use the dollar currency in transaction, not abiding by the US sanctions," state television quoted him as telling a news conference.

His statement contradicted one he made last week when he said Iraq disagreed with the US sanctions on Iran but that it would abide by them to safeguard its own interests, triggering criticisms from Iran-allied Iraqi politicians.

## Pompeo holds talks with Saudi Crown Prince

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo spoke with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman via telephone on Monday to discuss the ongoing situations in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Yemen, according to a US State Department statement.

It said Pompeo thanked the Crown Prince for "Saudi Arabia's support for northeast Syria's urgent stabilization needs" and Riyadh's "engagement with the Iraqi government."

They also "discussed their support for a cease-fire in Afghanistan over the coming Eid, and peace in Afghanistan more broadly."

## Qassim Al Muamen now a Specially Designated Global Terrorist

Al Muamen is an Iran-based leader of Al Ashtar Brigades (AAB), a US-designated Foreign Terrorist Organisation (FTO) and SDGT that seeks to overthrow the Bahraini government.

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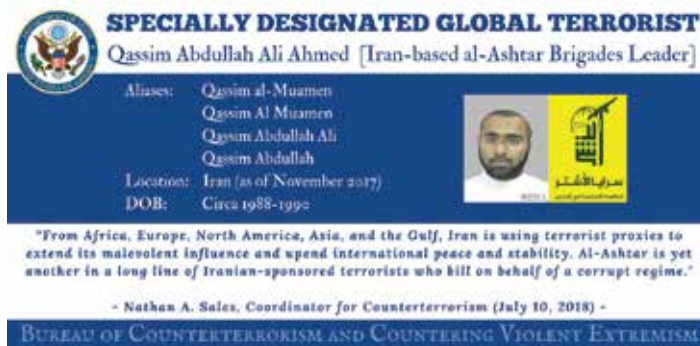
The US State Department has designated Qassim Abdullah Ali Ahmed aka Qassim Al Muamen, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT), said a release issued by the US embassy in Manama yesterday.

The action notifies the US public and the international community that Qassim Al Muamen has committed, or poses a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism.

US STATE DEPARTMENT

The move was done under Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, which imposes sanctions on foreign persons who have committed, or pose a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism.

The designation seeks to deny Al Muamen the resources to plan



and carry out terrorist attacks, the statement said.

Among other consequences, all of his property and interests subject to US jurisdiction are blocked, and US persons are generally prohibited from engaging in any transactions with him, it added.

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leader of Al Ashtar Brigades (AAB), a US-designated Foreign Terrorist Organisation (FTO) and SDGT that seeks to overthrow the Bahraini government.

Al Muamen has recruited terrorists in Bahrain, facilitated training on weapons and explosives for AAB members, and sup-

plied AAB members with funding, weapons, and explosives to carry out attacks.

In November 2017, Bahraini authorities identified Al Muamen as being involved in an AAB plot to assassinate prominent figures in Bahrain and target three oil pipelines.

"The action notifies the US public and the international community that Qassim Al Muamen has committed, or poses a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism," the State Department said.

Designations of terrorist individuals and groups expose and isolate them, and deny them access to the US financial system. Moreover, designations can assist the law enforcement actions of other US agencies and governments.

# Rouhani blamed for economic debacles

## Ayatollah Ali Khamenei accuses Iranian government of economic mismanagement

The sanctions target Iran's trade in gold and other precious metals, its purchases of US dollars and its car industry.

The rial has lost about half of its value since April in anticipation of the renewed US sanctions, driven mainly by heavy demand for dollars among ordinary Iranians trying to protect their savings.

Ankara

Iran's Supreme Leader yesterday rejected US President Donald Trump's offer of un-



Iranians protest chanting 'death to dictator' in Tehran.

conditional talks to improve bilateral ties and he also accused the Iranian government of economic mismanagement in the face of reimposed US sanctions. Washington reimposed the

sanctions last week after pulling out of a 2015 international deal aimed at curbing Iran's nuclear programme in return for an easing of economic sanctions.

Trump has also threatened to

penalise companies that continue to operate in Iran.

"I ban holding any talks with America... America never remains loyal to its promises in talks," said Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has the final say on policy in the Islamic Republic.

60 government officials in Iran have been arrested in the past few days over graft charges.

The sanctions target Iran's trade in gold and other precious metals, its purchases of US dollars and its car industry.

Washington had said Iran's only chance of avoiding the sanctions would be to accept Trump's offer to negotiate for a tougher nuclear deal. Iranian officials already rejected the offer but it is the first time Khamenei has publicly commented.

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## Double suicide shocks expat community

Interior Ministry has begun a probe into the incident, while the bodies have been moved to Salmaniya Medical Complex.

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The double suicide of a man and his brother-in-law's wife, both doctors, sent shockwaves across

the Kingdom yesterday.

The bodies of Dr Ibrahim Rawther and Dr Shamlina Muhammed Salim were found in an apartment in Bu Kuwara. Sources said both killed themselves by consuming poisonous pills.

Dr Ibrahim is an anaesthetist from Kollam in Kerala State in India and his immediate survivors include wife and a seven-year-old son.

Dr Shamlina hails from Pathanamthitta in Kerala State, who is survived by her husband, also a doctor and a seven-

year-old daughter.

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FRIEND OF THE DECEASED

into the incident, while the bodies have been moved to Salmaniya Medical Complex.

The suicide report went viral instantly on all social media networks yesterday.

A friend of Dr Ibrahim, told Tribune, on grounds of anonymity, that all friends and acquaintances of the doctor were shocked after learning about the incident.

"He was a true gentleman and a great friend. We are all shocked over the incident."

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# Saudi support to pilgrims stressed

Session hails Saudi leadership for providing great services and huge facilities to Hajj pilgrims

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- HRH the Premier gave directives to relocate the current scrap area in Mazraa to another site to ensure its security and administrative organisation, prevent violations and irregularities and pave the way for supervision over it.

Manama

The Cabinet chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier yesterday lauded the great services and huge facilities provided by Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques,



HRH the Premier chairs the Cabinet in the presence of HRH the Crown Prince.

King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, to enable pilgrims to perform Hajj rituals easily and comfortably. The session wished all pilgrims a great pilgrimage. HRH the Premier extended deepest congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HRH the Crown Prince, the Bahraini people and Muslims all over the world on Eid Al Adha, wishing all of them many happy returns of the auspicious occasion. HRH the Prime Minister saluted Bahraini youth, marking the International Youth Day 2018, themed “Safe Spaces for Youth”, lauding the key role they are playing in the kingdom’s development progress. The Premier underlined the government’s unwavering keenness

to support Bahrain youth’s effective involvement in the decision-making process, and interest in providing safe spaces for them to develop their skills and capabilities through programmes and initiatives in its action plan. HRH Premier gave directives to relocate the current scrap area in Mazraa to another site to ensure its security and administrative organisation, prevent violations and irregularities and pave the way for supervision over it. The Ministerial Committee for Construction and Infrastructure was directed to study the matter, in cooperation with the Southern Governorate and other relevant authorities. The Cabinet approved, based on a recommendation by the Executive

Committee, chaired by HRH the Crown Prince, a proposal to amend the legal status of the Silat Al Khaleej Company. The competent authorities were directed to take the necessary procedures to implement the amendment, under which the Government of Bahrain will be a partner in the company. The session reviewed the operational situation at Khalifa Bin Salman Port and commended the efforts being exerted to develop its services and performance, as well as the preparations being made to offer the shares of its operating company for public subscription. The Cabinet endorsed the steps taken so far by the port operators to ensure the success of the Initial public offering (IPO) process, as highlighted in the

recommendations presented by the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications. The session referred to the Executive Committee, chaired by HRH the Crown Prince, a draft resolution on the fees for extracting certified copies from the bankruptcy register data and the information included in the list of bankruptcy trustees. The bill was prepared in line with the provisions of Law 22/2018 on Re-organisation and Bankruptcy, and was presented by the Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Minister. The session discussed the amendment of the executive regulation regulating the fees imposed by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) on licenses and other services covered by Edict 7/2017. A draft edict on amending the regulation, included in the memorandum submitted by the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, was referred to the Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs. The Cabinet referred to the Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on cooperation between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia in space-related fields. Under the MoU, presented by Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, the two parties will cooperate in peaceful space-related activities, and their applications.



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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday. They affirmed the government’s efforts to ensure continuity of the comprehensive development march in order to achieve the aspirations of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and cater for citizens’ needs. They also affirmed keen resolve to bring about more accomplishments to fast-track development and optimise government services.



Southern Governor Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa yesterday paid a visit to Al Hunainia’s Dialysis Centre construction project in the Southern Governorate, to learn about the construction progress there. During touring the construction site, the Governor underlined keenness to establish coordination with the Ministry of Works, Municipal Affairs and Urban Planning and the Health Ministry to ensure the construction work progressing according to the plan. He said the project would be completed by the end of this year as planned to keep pace with the population growth and meet the health needs of the Southern Governorate’s citizens.



## big story

# Dogs in the ring

Afraid of raids, organisers of dog fights now hold the blood sport secretly at remote places across the Kingdom

● According to sources and animal rights activists, the practice still exists in the country albeit in a much smaller scale than it did a few years ago.

● According to sources, dog fights are based on gambles. “They gamble money on who will win the fight; it is like any other gambling scenario. It is basically for the money and the thrill they get.”

**TDT|Manama**  
**Mohammed Zafran**

**L**awbreakers have taken dog fights to a deep underground obscurity in order to keep the illegal activity alive following a massive crackdown, it emerged.

Many gangs organising dog fights still operate in secretive and remote areas of Bahrain despite the constant crackdown efforts from the part of authorities.

According to sources and animal rights activists, the practice still exists in the country albeit in a much smaller scale than it did a few years ago. They said that over the years there has been a marked improvement in the situation as many of the fighting rings were raided and the organisers faced legal action.

Reports published by Tribune in 2015 reported on several dog fight rings operating in various places including Hamala, Tubli, Saar and Hamad town. However, currently in most cases there are no fixed lo-



Sources say dog fights are based on gambles.

cations for dog fights as the perpetrators keep changing the location fearing a police raid.

The dramatic reduction in the prevalence of dog fighting has been attributed to efforts exerted by the Ministry of Interior and the BSPCA.

A picture sent to Tribune by a source shows a dog allegedly injured during dog fighting. The dog, which was found by a member of an animal welfare group, had suffered wounds from bites and jabs.

“The dog was injured in a fight and treated at a vet after being found by an animal welfare group. Apart from the injuries it also suffered from a disease. The dog is recovering well after treatment,” a source said about the injured dog.

Fadhel Fathi, an animal rights activist and founder of an animal rescue group, who has been monitoring and campaigning against the practice for years, said the practice is much rarer now.



An injured bait dog being treated.



**Bringing pit bulls into the country should be banned as dog fighters are main buyers.**

MS AL BASTAKI



**The dog fights that still take place are organised so discreetly and in obscure areas.**

MR FATHI

“Dog fighting still happens but it is nothing like how it was before. Whenever we receive news about a dog fighting ring, we report it to the authorities and action is taken immediately. We only call for help when we have enough information about the location. The police raid the place quickly at the right time. At certain times there are only rumours which don’t lead to anything,” he said.

“Dogs used for fighting are well known; they can be recognised. The practice is totally illegal in Bahrain, no animals are allowed to be used for fighting shows.”

“It is so difficult to spot any fighting rings. There are different reasons to this; the first is that dog fighting in general has reduced greatly. Secondly, the ones that still take place are held so discreetly and in obscure areas, they are so cautious in organizing such events.”

“The improvement that has happened is huge. Eight years ago they would even make public announcements about the fights and its location and then after action was taken it became more discreet, and again in recent years it has become an even smaller group that is even more discreet.

“Now it is almost like it has vanished, only specific people involve in this go to these events and no cameras are allowed or cellphones and are ready to run in case of any raids. It is rarer to find such practices because people are very scared. Nowadays, it is rare for people like us who monitor this to come across any fighting rings.”

Prominent animal rights activist and Bahrain Strays founder Fathiya Al Bastaki said that bringing pit bulls

into the country should be banned as dog fighters are its main buyers who abuse the dogs greatly.

“Pit bulls are used for dog fighting; it is always this breed of dogs. They export these dogs from other countries and breed them here. They force these dogs to drink blood and train them to be aggressive,” she said.

“Dog fighting is still going on, we have been talking about it for years, we have campaigned about the issue with the media for years but it sadly still exists,” she added.

According to sources, dog fights are based on gambles. “They gamble money on who will win the fight; it is like any other gambling scenario. It is basically for the money and the thrill they get.

“To train the pit-bull who are the fighter dogs, they use what they call ‘bait dogs’ which are weaker dogs that are attacked by pit bulls as part of the training. So the victims are not only the pit bulls but also the bait dogs, which are forced to be attacked.

“These dogs are discarded after they are injured. Sometimes cats or even sheep are used as baits,” the sources said.

Last year a video went viral of men facilitating a dog fight in the presence of a large number of spectators. Police raided the fighting ring and the culprits were caught.

Tribune reported previously on areas in Hamala used as a dumping ground for dog carcasses. The areas were used to dump dogs that died from dog fighting or bait animals that died from being injured during the pit bulls’ training.

When visited by Tribune yesterday the location was clean and no carcasses were present.

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Chief-of-Staff Lt-General Dhiyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi yesterday received the BDF's Hajj Mission in the presence of senior officers. Lt-General Al Nuaimi welcomed the mission members and conveyed to them the greetings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander; His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister; and the BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa. He directed the mission to boost their cooperation and amity with fellow pilgrims and provided them with his valuable advice aimed to follow the teachings of Islam and its good traditions.

# Woman pleads not guilty to molestation, robbery charges

32-year-old Arab woman was arrested following a complaint filed by the laundryman

● The defendant's youngest child is a newborn baby who is with her at the detention centre.

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Ali Tarif

An Arab woman, aged 32, who allegedly molested an Asian man in a bid to rob him pleaded not guilty yesterday before the High Criminal

Court. The woman, a mother of seven children, is said to have molested her victim at a laundry shop, where the Asian man was working before she robbed him and fled the scene. Revealing the events of the incident, the victim told pros-

ecutors when he filed the case against the Arab woman: "The woman was wearing a niqab (veil) when she entered the shop. She asked me water and then said she wants to go to the toilet. "I told her the shop didn't have a toilet. Suddenly, she entered my area and pressed her body against mine before she hugged me and touched my private parts." While she was doing that, the "Arab woman reached her hand into the pant pocket of the victim in a bid to snatch his wallet". "I directly grabbed her hand to deny her from doing this.

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**I directly grabbed her hand to deny her from doing this. She stretched her other hand into another pant pocket and stole BD8.**

VICTIM

She stretched her other hand into another pant pocket and stole BD8," he added. The victim described the events he endured as a nightmare, stating that the woman had a large build. "I informed my sponsor im-

mediately about the robbery and he reported it to police," he said. The woman was arrested in another robbery case, and she denied her links to this incident. However, her involvement was confirmed after reviewing the CCTV cameras installed in the shop. "I came to Bahrain with my husband since seven months ago and I have seven children. I usually go on begging to make a livelihood, but I was arrested in connection with a robbery incident," the 32-year-old woman said. The defendant's youngest child is a newborn baby who is with her at the detention centre.

## Jidhafs market 'revamp work on track'



Lawmakers say the market lacks basic facilities.

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Thamer Tayfour

The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning has begun the revamp work at Jidhafs Market. Ministry Undersecretary Dr Nabil Abul Fateh said the ministry has an integrated plan to carry out the revamp in two phases. The works are also being carried out in consultation with the traders at the market, the official said. It is learnt that the traders have been requesting the min-

istry to find a solution to traffic issues preventing people from entering the market. Capital Municipality Director-General Shawqiya Humaidan said there are plans to develop all markets in the capital, seeking cooperation from all parties concerned. For his part, Capital Municipality Chairman Mohammed Al Khuzaie said the development of the markets in Jidhafs and Sitra has always been a top priority. "Specialised committees were appointed to study the possibilities of developing these markets," he said.

On the flip side, Parliament member Ali Alatish said the plans were devised as early as 2010 to develop the market for a cost of BD10 million. "So far nothing much has happened. The ministry has only surprised the vendors by removing them completely from there." Ghazi Al Rahma, another MP, said the market is devoid of most basic facilities including a decent air-conditioning system. "Ministry should consider the case of vendor. They should be given a right place while ensuring that all regulations are implemented."

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# Somali sheep in great demand

Somali sheep priced between BD65 and BD75 are the cheapest available for sacrifice in the livestock market

● The biggest market for Somali livestock is Saudi Arabia, which imports more than two-thirds of the goats, sheep and camels.

● The sources said that there is also an increase in demand for Somali calf with price ranging between BD500 and BD700.

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Thamer Tayfour

Amidst Eid Al Adha fast approaching, livestock traders are expecting higher demand for Somali sheep and goats in the Kingdom.

They say over 25 per cent of sheep used for sacrifice will be Somali as they are cheaper compared to other breed.

Speaking to Tribune, Mohammed Al Zayani, a livestock trader, said the festival coincides with school opening increasing the financial burden on middle-income families.

“When they apply budgeting to the rituals, they are left with no other option but to buy Somali sheep as they are comparatively cheaper.”

Somali sheep and goats are priced between BD65 and BD75 while the Arab



Many breeders are preferring not to sell their camels.



The demand for Somali sheep has been rising over the years.

## 1,500

Bahraini dinar is the average price of a camel in livestock market.

In 2015, the nation exported record 5.3 million animals, the highest such figure in two decades, according to the Food and Agriculture (FAO) organisation.

At the port of Berbera, in the north-western region of Somaliland, this increased demand for livestock translates into good business and top dollar for Somalia's livestock traders.

The biggest market for Somali livestock is Saudi Arabia, which imports more than two-thirds of the goats, sheep and camels.

For the first time Iranian sheep is being sold in the Bahraini market with prices ranging between BD100 and BD120. “There is also demand for Omani sheep which costs something between BD100 and BD120.”

The sources said that there is also an increase in demand for Somali calf with price ranging between BD500 and BD700.

Abdullah Bu Zaboon, another livestock trader said sacrificing camel during the festival has become a rare thing these days.

“Not many can afford them. The average price of a camel is BD1,500 and it varies according to the animal's size, weight and height.”

He said camel breeders in the Kingdom hardly sell them in the market as Bahrain's camels are among the best breeds.

“The camels in Bahrain belong to Hejnn breed and are called Al Tallayad, which means they descend from a precious breed. Breeders generally prefer not to sell them.”

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ABDULLAH BU ZABOON

sheep ‘Naa’imi’ is sold between BD125 and BD145.

Livestock is an important mainstay in Somalia's economy, contributing to about 40 per cent of the country's gross domestic product.

## Man dupes investors of BD14,000

● The accused faces charges of fraud and investing money without obtaining a licence.

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Ali Tarif

A 46-year-old Bahraini man allegedly deceived two citizens by highlighting an investment opportunity, conning them out of more than BD14,000, the High Criminal Court heard yesterday.

The defendant is said to have pocketed the money received from his victims, which was meant to be invested in the real estate sector.

The first victim reported to police that the defendant embezzled BD7,000 from him, while the second victim said he was swindled out of BD7,250.

“I knew the defendant through a friend who told me that he was good at investing money. My friend recommended him to invest my money with him,” the second victim said.

“Initially, I decided to give

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**My friend recommended him to invest my money with him in order to buy plots.**

VICTIM

him BD600, and then he asked me for BD3,200 which I transferred. After one week he requested another BD2,500, which was also given. He told me that he was planning to invest the money in six plots,” he added.

The second victim, meanwhile, told police that he got acquainted with the defendant during morning walks.

“He convinced me to give him BD7,000 which he would invest for me. But he stole it,” he said.

The defendant, however, denied knowing both victims.

The case was adjourned yesterday until September 10 to assign a lawyer for the defendant who is in police custody.

He is facing fraud and investing money without obtaining a licence.

## Expats rush to exchanges as currencies slump

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Expatriates were rushing to send money home to their families yesterday as many Asian currencies including the Indian rupee slumped against the Bahraini dinar.

Exchange houses said remittances hit a new record as people hurried to ensure they benefit from lower value of the rupee.

“The volume of remittances hit a new record yesterday,” said Roopesh Vannakandy, Business Development Officer at NEC Exchange.

The Indian rupee was as low as 184 against the dinar, while Philippine Piso stood near the 142 mark.

Asian currencies were battered by the ongoing crisis in Turkey spilled over to emerging markets and investors flocked to safe-haven assets.

## 184

was the highest exchange rate offered for Indian rupee yesterday.

The Turkish lira tumbled to a record low, weakening as much as 13.34 per cent, over concerns

about Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan's rigid control over the economy and a worsening diplomatic rift with the United States.

“If investors continue to be concerned about the events in Turkey, and they likely will be, we could see more pain in store when it comes to risk appetite in the week ahead,” Jameel Ahmad, global head of currency strategy and market research at FXTM wrote in a note.



US Ambassador Justin Siberell visited the class of English Access Microscholarship Programme (Access) at the American Cultural and Educational Center (ACEC) in Juffair. ACEC Director Ian Fisher welcomed the ambassador to the centre. During the visit, Ambassador Siberell talked to Bahraini students about the topics of health, activity and sport. Students used newly acquired vocabulary to ask him questions and they worked together on an activity incorporating important lessons on pursuing an active and healthy lifestyle. The visit happened on the occasion of World Youth Day. Sponsored by the US Embassy in Bahrain, the Access Programme provides scholarships to youth as they seek to become better citizens and fulfil their aspirations for higher education and better jobs.



# On a healthy food journey

A cook by passion, Areej is in her best efforts to promote healthy cooking in the Kingdom



Areej at cooking at a workshop for kids.

**TDI**|Manama  
**Harpreet Kaur**

She realised her passion at the age of eight and her love for it has grown over the years.

Areej Matooq needs many pages if one asks her to describe her passion on the resume.

A master's degree holder in media studies, she is a chef, recipe developer and food blogger widening her horizons each and every second while advocating a healthy lifestyle.

Areej has been conducting healthy cooking classes for kids and adults at the Nakheel Tent as well as the Cycling Bees home.

She is keen on changing the cooking scene in the Kingdom by promoting healthy cooking and its significance.

"I have been cooking since I was eight years old. I never stick to a recipe. I always improvise and add my touch. I supported my passion with studies, when I went to Le cordon bleu, London, where I studied the French cuisine for two months," Areej told Tribune.

Areej says her career in media has never affected her enthusiasm to pursue her passion.

"The idea of healthy cooking and the importance of a healthy lifestyle came to me four years back after I gave birth to my second child. I realised how hard it is to get back in shape, no matter how hard I trained or little I eat. It's the healthy lifestyle that does the trick, and I have noticed the impact of that on me and my family.

"Since then I began researching on the essentials of healthy cooking."



**A major part of my day is spent searching for and creating new healthy recipes where you can still enjoy your common dishes but with healthy swaps in ingredients.**

AREEJ

Areej now pursues a course in general nutrition from the Future Fit Academy in the UK.

"A major part of my day is spent searching for and creating new healthy recipes where you can still enjoy your



Areej now spearheads a healthy cooking drive.

common dishes but with healthy swaps in ingredients."

"Moreover, I believe it is important to promote the idea of a healthy lifestyle among kids in the kingdom. The idea emerged after I took part at the Nakheel Tent.

"I was overwhelmed after interacting with the kids there. They were very much focused.

"I started taking more classes to teach kids on the importance of nutrition and healthy eating. Now I also take healthy cooking classes at the Cycling Bees home, which is being attended by kids aged between seven and 15."

Areej says her dream is to witness a revolutionary transformation in eating habits in the Kingdom, where healthy cooking is given maximum prominence.

## BKS lines up programmes to celebrate Onam, Eid



BKS officials at the press conference.

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The Bahrain Keraliteya Samajam (BKS) is gearing up to celebrate Onam and Eid Festivals with lots of cultural programmes and competitions starting August 21.

This was announced by BKS Acting President Dileesh Kumar V S and General Secretary M P Raghu at a press conference held at BKS Ravi Pillai Hall.

The inaugural ceremony of BKS



SP Balasubramaniam



KS Chithra

Eid Onam celebration will be held on August 21 followed by Onam songs and drama "Mahasagaram" directed by Prasanth Narayanan.

The 15-day celebration will end on September 14 with a grand Onasadya by the famous chef Pazhayidam Mohanan Namboothiri and team.

While the musical nights by legendary singers SP Balasubramanyam and KS Chithra being the highlights of this years Onam

programme, the BKS is convening many in-house events and competitions that would enable the members and Malayalis residing in Bahrain to nurture their Onam memories.

Like every previous years, the BKS has set many programme depicting the Keralite culture as the same is intended to refresh nostalgic memories of Keralite residing in Bahrain.

On September 6, important personalities will be felicitated,

which will be followed by a musical concert by famous playback signers K S Chithra, Sharath and team.

A floral display competition will be held on September 7 followed by a musical evening led by famous Indian playback singer SP Balasubramanyam.

For registration and details please contact N K Veeramani, General Convenor on 36421369 or Harikrishnan, General Coordinator, on 66759824.



INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS  
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

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(All amounts expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

	At 30 June 2018 (Reviewed)	At 31 December 2017 (Audited)	At 30 June 2017 (Reviewed)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and balances with banks and central banks	626,468	701,938	645,476
Commodity and other placements with banks, financial and other institutions	300,146	261,392	202,401
Murabaha and other financings	3,691,655	3,577,871	3,641,657
Musharaka financing	434,707	367,131	304,512
Investment in mudaraba	5,654	5,760	5,657
Sukuk and investment securities	1,684,324	1,862,885	2,105,459
Investment in associates	588,758	186,207	663,553
Restricted investment accounts	70,603	74,896	80,121
Assets acquired for leasing	414,502	347,760	292,107
Investment in real estate	250,517	247,902	252,962
Other assets	220,771	196,239	237,837
Assets classified as held-for-sale	59,252	478,432	-
Fixed assets	116,776	140,820	114,537
Intangible assets	154,207	162,126	170,133
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>8,618,340</b>	<b>8,611,359</b>	<b>8,716,412</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, EQUITY OF UNRESTRICTED INVESTMENT ACCOUNTHOLDERS, MINORITY INTEREST AND OWNERS' EQUITY</b>			
Customers' current accounts	1,735,677	1,781,493	1,733,272
Due to banks, financial and other institutions	1,597,489	1,143,964	1,293,946
Due to investors	1,784,551	1,907,971	1,909,466
Other liabilities	413,885	431,645	380,959
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>5,531,602</b>	<b>5,265,073</b>	<b>5,317,643</b>
Equity of unrestricted investment accountholders	2,741,932	2,827,915	2,781,045
Minority interest	159,621	163,041	180,115
<b>Total liabilities, equity of unrestricted investment accountholders and minority interest</b>	<b>8,433,155</b>	<b>8,256,029</b>	<b>8,278,803</b>
Share capital	757,690	757,690	757,690
Treasury shares	(30,149)	(30,149)	(30,149)
Reserves	180,288	233,761	240,577
Accumulated losses	(722,644)	(605,972)	(530,509)
<b>Total owners' equity</b>	<b>185,185</b>	<b>355,330</b>	<b>437,609</b>
<b>Total liabilities, equity of unrestricted investment accountholders, minority interest and owners' equity</b>	<b>8,618,340</b>	<b>8,611,359</b>	<b>8,716,412</b>

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY  
(All amounts expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

	Share capital	Treasury shares	Reserves							Accumulated losses	Total owners' equity
			Share premium	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Investments in fair value reserve	Investment in real estate value reserve	Foreign currency translation	Total reserves		
At 1 January 2018 (Audited)	757,690	(30,149)	149,085	38,418	50,727	38,773	3,450	(46,692)	233,761	(605,972)	355,330
Impact of FAS 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(121,522)	(121,522)
Revised balance at 1 January 2018	757,690	(30,149)	149,085	38,418	50,727	38,773	3,450	(46,692)	233,761	(727,494)	233,808
Net income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,850	4,850
Movement in fair value of sukuk and investment securities	-	-	-	-	-	(24,834)	-	-	(24,834)	-	(24,834)
Movement in fair value of investment in real estate	-	-	-	-	-	-	596	-	596	-	596
Movement in fair value of associates	-	-	-	-	-	(10,601)	-	-	(10,601)	-	(10,601)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	28	(905)	(17,757)	(18,634)	-	(18,634)
At 30 June 2018 (Reviewed)	757,690	(30,149)	149,085	38,418	50,727	3,366	3,141	(64,449)	180,288	(722,644)	185,185

	Share capital	Treasury shares	Reserves							Accumulated losses	Total owners' equity
			Share premium	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Investments in fair value reserve	Investment in real estate value reserve	Foreign currency translation	Total reserves		
At 1 January 2017 (Audited)	757,690	(27,802)	148,662	38,418	50,727	25,711	2,648	(47,378)	218,788	(521,261)	427,415
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(9,248)	(9,248)
Employee share incentive scheme	-	(2,347)	423	-	-	-	-	-	423	-	(1,924)
Movement in fair value of sukuk and investment securities	-	-	-	-	-	5,294	-	-	5,294	-	5,294
Movement in fair value of associates	-	-	-	-	-	8,009	-	-	8,009	-	8,009
Foreign currency translation adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	(23)	(216)	8,302	8,063	-	8,063
At 30 June 2017 (Reviewed)	757,690	(30,149)	149,085	38,418	50,727	38,991	2,432	(39,076)	240,577	(530,509)	437,609

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT  
(All amounts expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

	Six months ended		Three months ended	
	30 June 2018 (Reviewed)	30 June 2017 (Reviewed)	30 June 2018 (Reviewed)	30 June 2017 (Reviewed)
<b>INCOME</b>				
Income from unrestricted investment accounts	87,303	77,797	44,836	40,845
Less: return to unrestricted investment accounts and impairment provisions	(52,076)	(43,407)	(27,100)	(21,133)
<b>Group's share of income from unrestricted investment accounts as a Mudarib</b>	<b>35,227</b>	<b>34,390</b>	<b>17,736</b>	<b>19,712</b>
Income from murabaha and other financings	71,355	72,082	36,887	36,410
Share of profit after tax from associates	40,366	21,616	12,618	9,926
Income from investments	52,390	67,568	26,098	31,242
Other income	26,091	12,417	19,666	4,295
<b>Total income</b>	<b>225,429</b>	<b>208,073</b>	<b>113,005</b>	<b>101,585</b>
Less: profit paid to banks, financial and other institutions – net	(76,747)	(80,860)	(36,480)	(42,711)
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>148,682</b>	<b>127,213</b>	<b>76,525</b>	<b>58,874</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Administrative and general expenses	(88,636)	(81,642)	(45,655)	(41,592)
Depreciation and amortization	(18,349)	(15,739)	(7,256)	(7,704)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>(106,985)</b>	<b>(97,381)</b>	<b>(52,911)</b>	<b>(49,296)</b>
<b>Net income before provision for impairment and overseas taxation</b>	<b>41,697</b>	<b>29,832</b>	<b>23,614</b>	<b>9,578</b>
Provision for impairment – net	(14,347)	(12,786)	(8,349)	(8,653)
<b>Net income before overseas taxation</b>	<b>27,350</b>	<b>17,046</b>	<b>15,265</b>	<b>925</b>
Overseas taxation	(16,528)	(18,631)	(9,254)	(8,300)
<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>10,822</b>	<b>(1,585)</b>	<b>6,011</b>	<b>(7,375)</b>
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of Ithmaar	4,850	(9,248)	3,195	(9,823)
Minority interests	5,972	7,663	2,816	2,448
	<b>10,822</b>	<b>(1,585)</b>	<b>6,011</b>	<b>(7,375)</b>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings per share</b>	<b>USCts0.17</b>	<b>USCts(0.32)</b>	<b>USCts0.11</b>	<b>USCts(0.34)</b>

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
(All amounts expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

	Six months ended	
	30 June 2018 (Reviewed)	30 June 2017 (Reviewed)
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income before overseas taxation	27,350	17,046
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortization	18,349	15,739
Share of profit after tax from associates	(40,366)	(21,616)
Provision for impairment – net	14,347	12,786
Loss/(gain) on sale of fixed assets	235	(106)
<b>Operating income before changes in operating assets and liabilities</b>	<b>19,915</b>	<b>23,849</b>
Balances with banks maturing after ninety days and including with central banks relating to minimum reserve requirement	(12,782)	(43,425)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Murabaha and other financings	(429,670)	(47,031)
Musharaka financing	(105,298)	(75,429)
Other assets	(32,240)	(90,759)
Customers' current accounts	62,011	205,117
Due to banks, financial and other institutions	520,865	154,363
Due to investors	53,352	12,591
Other liabilities	(2,201)	30,929
Increase/(decrease) in equity of unrestricted investment accountholders	(50,606)	12,265
Taxes paid	(14,982)	(18,393)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>8,364</b>	<b>164,077</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net changes in:		
Investment in mudaraba	-	8,769
Assets acquired for leasing	(68,550)	(35,903)
Sukuk and Investment securities	30,136	(243,685)
Dividend received from associates	26,101	27,029
Sale/(purchase) of fixed assets	2,995	(3,011)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(9,318)</b>	<b>(246,801)</b>
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(44,008)	8,568
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(44,962)</b>	<b>(74,156)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period</b>	<b>792,218</b>	<b>716,782</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<b>747,256</b>	<b>642,626</b>

The above Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Interim Condensed Consolidated Income Statement, Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Owners' Equity and Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows have been extracted from the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Information of Ithmaar Holding B.S.C. for the six month period ended 30 June 2018, which were approved for issue by the Board of Directors and reviewed by PricewaterhouseCoopers ME Limited, Kingdom of Bahrain, who expressed a qualified review conclusion on 13 August 2018.

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## business

## Saudi cuts oil output as OPEC points to surplus

AFP| London

OPEC yesterday forecast lower demand for its crude next year as rivals pump more and said top oil exporter Saudi Arabia, eager to avoid a return of over-supply, had cut production.

In a monthly report, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries said the world will need 32.05 million barrels per day (bpd) of crude from its 15 members in 2019, down 130,000 bpd from last month's forecast.

The drop in demand for OPEC crude means there will be less strain on other producers in making up for supply losses in Venezuela and Libya, and potentially in Iran as renewed U.S. sanctions kick in.

Crude edged lower after the OPEC report was released, trading below \$73 a barrel. Prices have slipped since topping \$80 this year for the first time since 2014 on expectations of more supply after OPEC agreed to relax a supply-cutting deal and economic worries. OPEC in the report said concern about global trade tensions had weighed on crude prices in July, although it expected support for the market from refined products.

## Ithmaar Holding posts \$10.82 m net profit in H1

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Ithmaar Holding, a Bahrain-based financial institution, has reported a net profit of \$10.82 million for the six-month period ended 30 June 2018, as compared to a net loss of \$1.59 million for the same period in 2017.

Net profit attributable to equity holders for the six-month period ended 30 June 2018 was \$4.85 million, as compared to the \$9.25 million net loss reported for the same period in 2017. Earnings per share (EPS) for the six month period increased to US Cents 0.17 compared to negative US Cents 0.32 for the same period in 2017.

The half-year results included a net profit of \$6.01 million for the three-month period ended 30 June 2018, as compared to a net loss of \$7.38 million for the same period in 2017. Net profit attributable to equity holders for the three-month period ended 30 June 2018 was \$3.20 million, as compared to the \$9.82 million net loss reported for the same period in 2017. EPS for the three-month period increased to USD Cents 0.11 compared to negative US Cents 0.34 for the



Prince Amr Al Faisal



Ahmed Abdul Rahim



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same period in 2017. "On behalf of the Ithmaar Holding Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce that the 2018 half-year results show a turnaround in our financial performance," said Prince Amr Al Faisal.

"Total income for the six-month period ended 30 June 2018 increased to \$225.43 million, a 8.3 percent increase from the \$208.07 million reported for the same period last year. This was mainly due to higher share of profit after tax from associates," he said.

"As a result, our operating income for the six-month period ended 30 June 2018 increased

## Ithmaar Bank net at BD3.61m

Ithmaar Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ithmaar Holding, has reported a net profit of BD3.61 million for the six-month period ended 30 June 2018, a decrease of 17.6 percent compared to a net profit of BD4.38 million for the same period in 2017, said Abdul Rahim, Chief Executive Officer.

"Net profit attributable to equity holders for the six-month period ended 30 June 2018 was BD1.37 million, a decrease of 11.0 percent compared to the BD1.54 million net profit reported for the same period in 2017," he said.

"The half-year results of Ithmaar Bank included a net profit of BD1.58 million of the three-month period ended 30 June 2018, an increase of 22.0 percent compared to a

net profit of BD1.30 million for the same period in 2017," said Abdul Rahim.

"Net profit attributable to equity holders for the three-month period ended 30 June 2018 was BD0.54 million, an increase of 35.2 percent compared to the BD0.40 million profit reported for the same period in 2017. Although core income continued to grow during the period as evidenced by increase of 6.3pc and 2.5pc in income from murabaha and other financings and share of income from unrestricted investment accounts respectively, operating income was lower by 7.8 percent mainly because the 2017 results include realised gains from the sale of certain investment assets by the bank's subsidiary in Pakistan, Faysal Bank Limited," he said.

to \$148.68 million, a 16.9 percent increase from the \$127.21 million reported for the same period last year," said Prince Amr.

Ithmaar Holding Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Abdul

Rahim, who is also the Ithmaar Bank Chief Executive Officer, said the half-year result of both institutions reflect the strength of the Group's core retail banking business.

## 20 students join for internship at iGA

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Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) has received around 20 students from various universities for internship. The internship will fulfill their graduation requirements as well as prepare them to enter the labour market's diversified sectors.

Students' majors encompassed a range of specializations like IT, Law, Business Administration, Arts, Engineering and Statistics.

The university students conducted Authority's training programme which develops and enhances work experiences. Students were individually located in several departments and handed different responsibilities that suit their majors, enhance their skills and set a generation that is prepared for market demand.

The students expressed their gratitude for the opportunities given by the Authority, constant support by iGA staff and managers who enabled such training that sharpens their skills and knowledge as well as enriches their job experiences. The Authority constantly welcomes students - from public and private universities - throughout the year to conduct their pre-request trainings.



Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Sameer Nass alongside second vice-chairman Mohammed Al Kooheji, and board members Basim Al Sale and Sonia Janahai with the United Nations Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Amin El Sharkawi at Bait Al Tijjar. The meeting centered on cementing cooperation between BCCI and the UNDP, conducting research and steering the national economy toward sustainability. The meeting also discussed reinforcing the resilience and competitiveness of the private sector, and empowering the country's transition toward a knowledge-based economy.



Chief Executive - Treasury, Capital Markets & Wealth Management, Hussain Al Hussaini handing over a cheque to Chairman of Migrant Workers Protection Society, Mona Yusuf Khalil Al Moayyed. NBB's Board Secretary, Nasser Mohammed Nasser (first from right) and NBB Head of Compensation and Benefits, Shafi Al Mannai are also seen. NBB made a donation to the Society as part of its humanitarian efforts to help expatriate workers in Bahrain to achieve their basic human rights in accordance with internationally recognized standards.

## BisB net up 6pc at BD 3.5 million

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Bahrain Islamic Bank's (BisB) has posted a net profit of BD3.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 compared to a net profit of BD 3.3 million for the same period last year, an increase of 6 percent.

The bank achieved a total income of BD20.5 million for the period compared to BD20.6 million, a decrease of 0.5pc. Total expenses were at BD12.3 million, a decrease of 3.1pc over the same period last year which was equal to BD12.7 million.

Earnings per share have also increased to 3.34 fils for the period compared to 3.12 fils, an increase of 7pc. Net impairment provisions for the six months period amounted to BD4.6 million, compared to BD 4.7 million.

For the three months of the second quarter, ending June 30, 2018, the bank recorded a net profit of BD 1.4 million compared with BD 2.7 million for the same period last year, a decrease



Dr Esam Abdullah Fakhroo



Hassan Amin Jarrar

of 48pc while total income achieved BD 10.3 million compared with BD 10.9 million, a decrease of 5.5pc.

Total expenses during the three months amounted to BD 6.3 million compared with BD 6.4 million for the same period last year, while net provisions for the three months amounted to BD 2.6 million compared with BD1.8 million for the same period of last year.

"Taking into account the strong competition in the banking industry, along with the current economic and political conditions in the market, the bank continues to follow its newly-formed policy adopted by the Board

of Directors, which focuses on accommodating large, medium and small enterprises, evaluating business strategy risks and opportunities outlined at the start of the year," said Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. Esam Abdulla Fakhroo.

Hassan Amin Jarrar, Chief Executive Officer of the bank said, "The results of the second quarter reflect the bank's continuous improvement across various business sectors. We achieved an increase of 6pc in net profit. The bank relies on revenues and fees from financing and other major activities, which represent majority of total income".



World Islamic banking conference from Nov 26-28

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The Kingdom will host the World Islamic Banking Conference (WIBC) from November 26-28 under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, with the strategic partnership of the Central Bank of Bahrain.

The event will be held at the ART Rotana Hotel in Amwaj Islands. Over 1200 global industry powerhouses, policy makers, innovators and stakeholders will converge for the three-day long forum that will see a series of discussions gravitating around the theme “Islamic Finance & Sustainable Economic Growth in the Age of Disruption” in line with its steady vision to serve as a compass for the global Islamic finance and banking industry.

“2018 will mark the 25th anniversary edition of the World Islamic Banking Conference – testament to its continued significance as a trusted benchmark for the industry to gather and share critical insights going forward,” said Ehsan Abbas, Chairman, Middle East Global Advisors.

Rasheed Mohammed Al Maraj, Governor, Central Bank of Bahrain, will deliver the keynote address at the conference.

Gold price hits 17-month low

Reuters| London

Gold prices hit 17-month lows on Monday, losing out to U.S. Treasuries and a stronger dollar as investors sought refuge from a financial market rout triggered by a crashing Turkish lira.

Investors traditionally use gold as a means of preserving the value of their assets during times of political and economic uncertainty and inflation.

But it has this year failed to benefit as investors made a beeline for U.S. Treasuries, seen as the ultimate safe haven, which meant they had to buy dollars.

Iran offers discount oil to Asia

AFPI| Tehran

Iran is selling oil and gas at a discount to Asian customers as it prepares for the return of US sanctions, state news agency IRNA reported yesterday. The “informed source” in Iran’s oil ministry did not give details of the discount, but sought to downplay the move as common industry practice.

“Discount is part of the nature of the global markets,” the source told IRNA. Bloomberg reported on Friday that National Iranian Oil Company was reducing official prices for September sales to Asia to their lowest level in 14 years, compared with Saudi crude.

Turkey turmoil hits markets

Gulf banks’ Turkish exposure pulls down indices

Saudi index lowest since May 10

Emirates NBD drops 4.6pc

Saudi’s largest bank NCB down 3.7 pc

Reuters| Dubai

Saudi Arabia’s stock index touched its lowest level in more than three months yesterday, with regional markets sinking as investors shied away from banks with links to Turkey’s deepening economic turmoil.

Attracted by its large population and surging economy, several Gulf banks have expanded into Turkey in recent years, most recently Dubai’s largest bank



NCB, Saudi Arabia’s largest bank by assets, fell by 3.7 percent yesterday (File photo)

Emirates NBD, which in May agreed to buy Turkey’s Denizbank in a \$3.2 billion deal.

But investor confidence in the economic outlook has been

shattered by the lira tumbling on worries over President Tayyip Erdogan’s increasing control over the economy and deteriorating relations with the United

States.Emirates NBD slumped by 4.6 percent. Emaar Properties , which has projects in Turkey, was down 2.3 percent.

The main Dubai index slipped

Closing Bell

SAUDI	▼ 2.4% » 7,873
DUBAI	▼ 1.5% » 2,847
ABU DHABI	▼ 0.9% » 4,801
QATAR	▼ 0.8% » 9,557
KUWAIT	▼ 0.9% » 5,379
BAHRAIN	▼ 0.2% » 1,347
OMAN	▼ 0.6% » 4,382
EGYPT	▼ 1.4% » 15,522

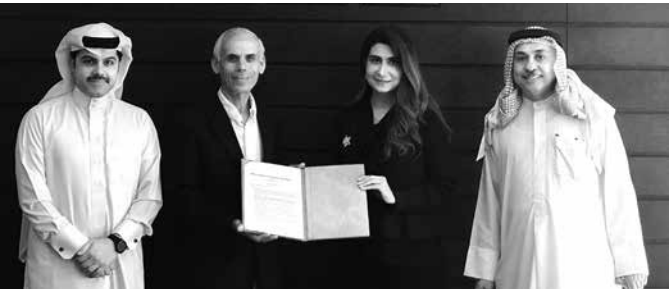
by 1.5 percent, while the main Saudi index lost 2.4 percent.

National Commercial Bank (NCB), Saudi Arabia’s largest bank by assets, fell by 3.7 percent. NCB’s exposure to Turkey is estimated by Arqaam Capital as 8 percent of its assets and 12 percent of its loans.

Other Saudi blue-chip stocks were also down. Saudi Basic Industries Corp (SABIC) fell by 2.4 percent, while Al Rajhi Bank slipped by 2.6 percent.

The Middle East and North Africa’s largest bank, Qatar National Bank, retreated by 2.6 percent.

Bahrain Smart Cities Society, Smartway Consulting sign pact



Bahrain Smart Cities Society and Smart Way Consulting officials after signing the deal

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As part of the ongoing initiatives and activities to enhance the concept of smart cities in the Kingdom, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Bahrain Smart Cities Society and Smart Way Consulting to support cooperation and coordination between them for the Bahrain Smart Cities Forum’

The forum will be held from September 4-5 under the patronage of Eng. Essam bin Abdullah Khalaf, Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning.

Dr. Mohammed Al Amer, President of the Bahrain Smart Cities Society and Walid Khalaf, CEO of Smart Way Consulting, said that the MoU was signed in the presence of Dana Al Rayes, Vice President of

the Company, Hussain Naemi, Vice President of the Society, Hasan Al Sheikh and Saleh Taradh, Board Members.

The forum aims to bring together experts, academics, decision makers, researchers, practitioners, developers, investors and policy makers from the civil arena at the regional and international levels.

The forum will also highlight the different challenges of building smart, sustainable cities and ensuring that innovation-based thinking and co-operation among all sectors of society are adopted to provide solutions.

This year’s forum will address important themes for the Smart Cities’ Sustainable Cities Framework, as well as the successful experiences in Smart Cities and Sustainability in the Kingdom of Bahrain and globally.

Al Baraka signs MoU with UNDP

Group presents its sustainability experience at the SDG Business Forum in New York

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Al Baraka Banking Group (ABG) delegation led by Adnan Ahmed Yousif, President and Chief Executive, participated in the SDG Business Forum held on the sidelines of a political forum on Sustainable Development in New York recently.

During the forum, the P&CE of ABG signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to develop a framework to facilitate cooperation between the two parties in the areas where the UNDP supports Al Baraka in developing sustainability standards related to its funding, also the projects it launches and awareness activities related to the objectives of sustainable development as well as the readiness of the UNDP to provide the same services to all the units of the Group deployed in 16 countries through its offices in these countries. Adnan Ahmed Yousif also participated in the



from left (First row): Adnan Ahmed Yousif, President & Chief Executive, Al Baraka Banking Group with Mourad Wahba, UNDP Director for the Regional Bureau for Arab States; (Second row): Amin El Sharkawi, UN Resident Coordinator for Bahrain, Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator, Dr. Ali Adnan Ibrahim, Head of Sustainability & Social Responsibility, Al Baraka Banking Group.

SDG Business Forum, where he presented the experience of ABG in linking Al Baraka Program for Sustainability and Social Responsibility with the objectives of sustainable development of the United Nations and the achievements made by the Group in this field, where the Group committed itself to provide support and funding of more than \$ 600 million for Al Baraka sustainable development goals for 2016-2020.

Adnan Ahmed Yousif said: “The participation of Al Baraka in the SDG Business Forum

was a complement to the highly successful and distinguished participation of the high level national delegation, who participated in the UN High Level Forum on Sustainable Development last month and presented the excellent achievements of the Kingdom in this field. The presentation of ABG’s experience in the area of sustainability and social responsibility and the successes it has achieved in attaching its objectives to sustainable development goals in the forum in this prestigious forum is a pride for all of us.”



The Shopping Bazaar organized by Al Hawaj at Hall 1, Bahrain International Exhibition Centre (BIEC). The Bazaar is open from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm and 4 pm to 10 pm every day. Shoppers can choose a wide array of perfumes, cosmetics, watches, skin care products, leather bags, luggage items, gift sets, electronics items, home appliances and accessories, at amazing discounts. Major brands like Guess, GC, Samsung and branded luggage items from Samsonite, and American Tourister are featured at the Shopping Bazaar . The Bazaar will conclude on August 18.



# Trump is not tough enough on Iran



BARIA ALAMUDDIN

Sometimes the world’s media resembles a giant echo chamber. A high proportion of the liberal media is consumed by endless criticism of President Donald Trump’s divisive policies — often justifiably. So with Trump reimposing sanctions on Tehran, this vast media machine has steamrolled ahead, thoughtlessly denouncing Trump’s “tough” position against Iran. We are treated to TV debate shows without any debate: Participants simply take turns repetitively and tediously arguing that the nuclear deal seemed to be working fine, and “Trump’s approach will only undermine Iran’s moderates.”

Meanwhile — instead of working with America to create a workable successor deal — Europe is vigorously trying to appease Tehran and subvert US efforts, dreaming up a bizarre framework for conferring anti-sanctions protection for Western firms who have mostly been smart enough to interpret the wind direction and exit the Iranian economy as fast as possible.

The fundamental problem is what the nuclear deal didn’t cover: Namely, the ballistic programme, the long-term future of Iran’s nuclear programme, and the unleashing of paramilitary hordes across the region to sabotage the governing systems of Middle Eastern states. Why is the latter point consistently ignored by the Western media?

Iran’s paramilitary proxies strategy is arguably an outgrowth of Western pressure on the nuclear program. During the 1980s, revolutionary Iran bankrolled paramilitary forces almost literally everywhere: Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, etc. However, after Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini’s death, it was the “pragmatists” — Ali Khamenei and Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani — who curtailed this activity, allowing Iran to rebuild after the catastrophic war with Iraq.

We now know that Supreme Leader Khamenei, the “pragmatist,” spent the 1990s quietly pursuing breakout nuclear capacity so Tehran could menace its enemies — America, Israel, Europe, and the Gulf Cooperation Council states — with nuclear holocaust. When this program was discovered in 2003, Khamenei was forced to shelve his frenzied ambitions for nuclear apocalypse. So, in order to retain his warmongering abilities, Khamenei dusted off Khomeini’s revolutionary blueprint for a transnational proxy army of brainwashed militants based on the hugely successful model of Hezbollah, which today outguns the Lebanese state itself.

Within a couple of years, Khamenei’s lieutenant, Gen. Qassem Soleimani, had armed and trained Iraqi Shiite militants for staging thousands of attacks against American, British and Iraqi forces, causing hundreds of fatalities. Then came the Syrian uprising, where around 60,000 proxies have retained Bashar Assad in power as an Iranian puppet. Iran, likewise, armed various parties in Afghanistan, while cashing in on the lucrative opium trade. In Yemen, Houthi terrorists rain down Iranian missiles upon Saudi Arabia and menace the globally crucial Bab Al Mandab Strait. Iran, meanwhile, has sought to exacerbate religious and political tensions throughout the Middle East and North Africa, while



Trump must assist the GCC coalition in halting Iran’s ambitions in the region

its arms smuggling networks penetrated deep into the African continent.

Sanctions are necessary. Yet, despite the accumulation of international sanctions after 2005, Iran’s paramilitary spending similarly mushroomed; partly because the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps filled its coffers through monopolizing sanctions-evading networks in oil, heavy arms, narcotics and basic goods. The IRGC reinforced its stranglehold on the economy while ordinary Iranians suffered.

During the 1980s, the Western media portrayed Khomeini as a deranged, bloodthirsty demagogue, while Khamenei was widely viewed as a pragmatic voice of reason. Today we have Hassan Rouhani and Mohammed Javad Zarif providing the “reformist” facade. Yet, from the earliest days of the revolution, Rouhani, alongside Khamenei, was a quintessential regime insider. Instead of meeting America halfway, Rouhani is today escalating his anti-Western rhetoric and winning plaudits from Soleimani and Khamenei.

What would be the point of negotiating with Rouhani, when the so-called president isn’t sufficiently senior to be properly briefed about Khamenei and Soleimani’s bellicose regional strategy? The presidency is a smiling facade for a repressive and hated terrorist regime. Let’s not kid ourselves.

By trying to honor a deal that is already dead, Europe is undermining any hope of a holistic and enforceable

containment program against Iran. Meanwhile, China, Russia and India will happily circumvent American efforts and provide Iran’s economy with back-door funds.

Yet Trump himself lacks a coherent Iran containment strategy. I doubt he clearly understands who the Hezbollah Brigades, Asa’ib Ahl Al Haq and the Houthis are, despite these factions threatening to attack American assets. Nevertheless, some officials driving Trump’s policies comprehend Iranian meddling all too well. Defence Secretary James Mattis was on the ground in Iraq when US troops were being slaughtered by Iranian munitions. Mattis spent the past decade having his stark warnings of Iranian aggression being completely ignored by the Obama administration.

Sanctions ratchet up the pressure, but they are a blunt instrument that often produce perverse results — not least enriching the IRGC and paramilitary factions. If Trump has the stomach for confronting this militia menace, he must stop hinting about quitting Syria and block their further expansion, while working with allies to ensure that militants cannot dominate Iraq’s forthcoming government. He must assist the GCC coalition in halting Iran’s pipeline of heavy munitions to the Houthis. Trump likes quick, easy wins — but there is no cheap win against Iran. Tehran is patient, tenacious and single-minded in building up its war-making assets across the region, until one day we wake up and it is the sole dominant force on the field.

Instead of castigating Trump for being mean to nice Mr Rouhani, the world’s media must take a hard look at what Iran is actually doing — and then criticize Trump for not going far enough in devising an all-encompassing strategy to stop Tehran in its tracks. Only this can prevent the Arabian Gulf, the Red Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean from becoming Iranian zones of control, from which Iran can menace the global economy — with equally catastrophic consequences to the ayatollahs having been allowed to possess a nuclear bomb in the first place.

(Baria Alamuddin is an award-winning journalist and broadcaster in the Middle East and the UK.)

## CIVILIAN’S TRIBUNE

## Thinking beyond oil



The contribution from the part of non-oil sectors to the GDP is on the rise. This is a very good trend for the economy and is a result of the diversification process kicked off by the government a few years ago. While oil is an important part of the Kingdom’s economy, it is equally important that the authorities should concentrate on developing other sectors with equal enthusiasm. Tourism, construction and banking are some of the sectors that are poised to grow in the Kingdom. Bahrain has so many advantages when compared to other countries in the region for developing the non-oil sectors. And among them is the country’s human resources. The Kingdom possess the best human resource in the region. As we develop the non-oil sectors, it will also serve avenues for educated and skilled Bahrainis to strike opportunities, where they can grow and succeed.

Vernon Bernard





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# CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY OF PAKISTAN

**I**slamic Republic of Pakistan is celebrating Independence Day today with a wave of patriotic zest and enthusiasm. It commemorates the day when Pakistan achieved independence and was declared a sovereign nation following the end of the British Raj in 1947. Pakistan came into existence as a result of the Pakistan Movement, which aimed for the creation of an independent Muslim state in the north-western regions of South Asia via partition. The movement was led by the All-India Muslim League under the leadership of Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

As Independence Day draws near, the hot and humid weather of Pakistan has not deterred the nation's patriotic zest as markets are flooded with children, elders and youngsters busy finalizing their preparations to celebrate the day today. The Embassy of Pakistan will join the Independence Day celebrations today at the embassy premises in Manama.



## A TIME FOR CELEBRATION

**I**felicitate fellow Pakistanis on the auspicious occasion of our 72nd Independence Day. This day refreshes our enthusiasm and rejuvenates our resolve to work for the progress and prosperity of our motherland. It also inspires us to serve our country and raise our green flag, which symbolizes our hopes and aspirations, even higher. It is indeed a time for celebration as our hopes and aspirations bore fruit on this day.



Pakistan is a blessing of Almighty Allah and a haven for the Muslims of the sub-continent. Our forefathers waged a unique struggle and gave unparalleled sacrifices for achieving Pakistan. Now it is our responsibility to shape Pakistan according to the dreams of its founders and to achieve this objective there should be good relations, harmony and brotherhood among all strata of society. It is heartening that the new generation of Pakistan is imbued with the love of the country and is filled with the zeal to sincerely work for progress

and its development. Yet, it is necessary that we should educate our children of the need for the creation of Pakistan and the sacrifices rendered to achieve it.

National days are celebrated with the purpose of educating society, particularly the new generation about the objective and the struggle for the attainment of Pakistan. I believe that the objective of developing the country and rekindling its glorious past can only be achieved if we work single mindedly keeping aside our personal interests.

The economic problems being faced by Pakistan and the complex issues confronting it can only be overcome if we follow the teachings of the Quaid-e-Azam and Allama Iqbal in their true spirit.

**Mamnoon Hussain**  
**President**  
**Islamic Republic of Pakistan**

## HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS

**I**wish to extend heartiest felicitations to all the Pakistanis, living within the country and abroad, on the auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of Pakistan. August 14 reminds us of the epic democratic struggle of our forefathers for securing a separate homeland for the Muslims of the sub-continent where they could fashion their lives according to their religious, cultural and social values. Indeed, we are indebted to our ancestors for their innumerable sacrifices for the cause of freedom and dignity of their future generations.



This day provides us an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of our Quaid and to the aspirations of Dr. Allama Mohammad Iqbal who wanted to see the Muslim community flourishing in a separate homeland without any fear of oppression, intolerance, inequality and injustice. Our great Quaid Mohammad Ali Jinnah had envisioned a democratic, tolerant and progressive Pakistan where every citizen could utilize his or her faculties to the fullest and could reap the benefits of socio-economic progress in an equitable manner. He strived and stood for rule of law, egalitarianism and establishment of a democratic polity. Let us

on this day rededicate ourselves to those ideals and also to reassess as to what extent we have been able to achieve those ideals. Undoubtedly, our beautiful country is blessed with every gift of the nature. From an ideal geo-strategic location to the most talented and progressive youth, we have all the ingredients to carve out our own destiny and rise as a successful nation of the world. Unswerving commitment to the ideals of the Quaid and following the principle of 'Unity, Faith and Discipline' would certainly help us overcome our present-day challenges and make Pakistan a self-reliant, economically vibrant and a prosperous country.

Let us on this day renew our pledge to build the Quaid's Pakistan. Let us on this day also pay our tributes to our heroes and to all those who have put their heart and soul towards ensuring that our freedom is not marred by any internal or external factors.

Happy Independence Day!  
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# ENHANCING BILATERAL RELATIONS



On the occasion of the 72nd Independence Day of Pakistan today, I offer my heartfelt felicitations to all the Pakistani community who are working and living in the Kingdom of Bahrain. This day reminds us of a great struggle and endeavour by the leaders of Pakistan movement to achieve and establish an independent Islamic country under the leadership Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah for the Muslims of sub-continent, so that they could live and shape their lives according to the values, traditions of Islamic ideology. This day also reminds us of the sacrifices of the Muslims of sub-continent to achieve Pakistan on the world stage.

Today Pakistan has been standing tall after 70-years of independence as the most viable working and largest democracy of the Muslim world. As a result of democratic process for the third consecutive time civilian transfer of power is taking place. The general elections were held throughout the country on 25th July 2018 was a big success and the great feat. These elections proved that the people of Pakistan believes in democracy, freedom and democratic process. As a result of these elections, members of new National Assembly and four Provincial Assemblies have

already taken their oath of allegiance and the new government will be formed soon. All these show confidence and faith of the people of Pakistan in the elected and democratic process. This has also been acknowledged by the leaders of the world and election observers.

The 14th August also reminds us of our obligations towards our country. We had to strive hard to achieve economic prosperity and social development for the betterment of our people.

I am glad to state that the members of the Pakistani community living and working in this beautiful kingdom of Bahrain are contributing to the peace, progress and prosperity of both Bahrain and Pakistan. They are many successful entrepreneurs, businessmen, industrialists, bankers, engineers and teachers in our community. They are our real heroes. They are our assets and their services are appreciated and recognized at all levels.

On behalf of the government of Pakistan, our community living in Bahrain and the Embassy of Pakistan and its staff, I would like to state that we are extremely grateful and appreciative of the efforts of the government of the Kingdom of Bahrain under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, His Royal High-

ness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister in looking after the welfare and wellbeing of the Pakistani community. I would also call upon our community to respect the local laws and be a source of strength and asset to further bilateral relations between the two brotherly counties.

Pakistan and Bahrain have traditionally enjoyed excellent bilateral relations since the establishment of diplomatic relations. High level exchanges are a hallmark of our friendly relations. The government of Pakistan lays special emphasis on further developing these relations in all fields of life including trade, commerce and political. It is mutual desire of the leadership to further deepen cooperation in the fields of economy, trade, science and technology, culture and sports and various other fields.

I am confident that the bilateral relations between Pakistan and Bahrain shall continue to grow from strength to strength in future.

**Murad Ali Wazir**  
Pakistani Ambassador

# PLAYING A PIVOTAL ROLE

The Pakistan Community in Bahrain is a large and vibrant community and is well connected with the local people sharing similar beliefs, culture, traditions and social norms. Pakistani community members have been living in the Kingdom of Bahrain since past many decades. The benevolent kingdom is a homeland to over 120,000 active Pakistani community members. 'Pakistan Club' in Bahrain was founded in February 1948 soon after Pakistan got independence in August 1947 and is a focal point for the community serving as a hub for recreation, sports, cultural and community gatherings.

The Pakistan Club and the Pakistani community is celebrating the Pakistan Independence Day with great fervor and enthusiasm. Like previous years, the community has lined up many impressive programs to celebrate the Independence Day. As a continued tradition, the Pakistan Community members will join the flag hoisting ceremony at Pakistan Club to-



day. Chief Guest will be H.E. Mr. Murad Ali Wazir, Actg. Ambassador & HOC of Pakistan Embassy. The impressive event organized by the Chairman and Board members of Pakistan Club will enthusiastically mark the Pakistan Independence Day celebrations. The program will include national anthem, cultural and traditional songs. This will be followed by traditional breakfast of 'Halwa puri', which will be served to all participants. The community will also hold

separate Pakistan Independence Day programs in other areas of the country to keep the momentum of celebrations showing our deep love and affection towards our country.

This year, Pakistan Club will also be celebrating the 70th year of its existence in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Special ceremony will be organized whereby eminent Pakistani community members will be recognized and decorated. A special magazine will also be published highlighting the activities of Pakistan Club and contribution of its members.

On behalf of the Pakistan Club and its Executive Board members, I urge the Pakistani community to continue to play a pivotal role in the development of the Kingdom of Bahrain. I pray to Allah Almighty for the well-being and prosperity of the leadership and people of Pakistan and the Kingdom of Bahrain.

**Eng. Rehan Ahmed**  
Chairman, Pakistan Club  
Bahrain



Hajen Construction celebrated Independence Day of Pakistan. File pic

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Sami ur Rehman, Chairman Board of Management, Pakistan School



Attiq ur Rehman, Principal & Secretary Board of Management, Pakistan School

On this glorious day of Independence, Pakistan School wishes all our fellow compatriots in Bahrain a happy Independence Day. Let's salute the martyrs who laid down their lives for a free Pakistan. Pakistan School has laid down a well-defined and practical network of extra and co-curricular activities for the personality and the character building of students. These activities are conducted on inter class, inter house and inter school levels. Pakistani students have been performing tremendously in the Bahrain level sports, academic and cultural activities. Under the able leadership of the sitting Board of Management, Pakistan school has covered many distinctive landmarks over the last three years in academic and administrative areas. Pakistan School's Federal Board results have shown consistent and impressive improvements over the last two years and this year history of sorts have been made in the Board exam results of SSC I & II declared in the first and second weeks of July 2018, where the students broke all the previous records in the 50 years old history of the school. The school financial status is now reliable and stable. An internal educational quality assurance system has been introduced to ensure dynamic and resourceful classroom teaching, in line with BQA (Bahrain Quality Assurance Authority) requirements. The sole aim of Pakistan school is to create a new generation inculcating in them qualities needed to be visionaries to lead their country in the future. The 72nd Pakistan Independence Day celebrations are being planned in a grand scale in the school.



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# FOSTERING BUSINESS AND RELATIONS

Independence Day observed annually on 14 August, is a national holiday in Pakistan. It commemorates the day when Pakistan achieved independence and was declared a sovereign nation following the end of the British Raj in 1947. Pakistan came into existence as a result of the Pakistan Movement, which aimed for the creation of an independent Muslim state in the north-western regions of South Asia via partition. The movement was led by the All-India Muslim League under the leadership of Muhammad Ali Jinnah. The event was brought

forth by the Indian Independence Act 1947 under which the British Raj gave independence to the Dominion of Pakistan which comprised West Pakistan (present-day Pakistan) and East Pakistan (now Bangladesh). The main Independence Day ceremony takes place in Pakistan Bahrain Friendship Society office at Pakistan House Riffa, where the national flag is hoisted at the Pakistan House



Abdual Rasheed Rana  
(General Secretary PBFS)

buildings. It is followed by the national anthem and live speeches by leaders. Usual celebratory events and festivities for the day include flag-raising ceremonies, parades, cultural events, and the playing of patriotic songs. A number of award ceremonies are often held on this day, and Pakistanis hoist the national flag atop their homes or display it prominently on their vehicles and attire.



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Ilich Ramírez Sánchez, also known as “Carlos the Jackal”, is captured.

1947

Pakistan gains Independence from the British Empire and joins the Commonwealth of Nations.

# The first Palestinian in Jerusalem’s City Hall?

*Ramadan Dabash doesn’t care if you call him a collaborator*



Dabash, a civil engineer, aims to address the issues faced by Palestinians by representing his neighbourhood.



MATTI FRIEDMAN

## Jerusalem

Western observers interested in Jerusalem can be forgiven for thinking the most politically significant building in this city is a low limestone edifice featuring American flags and Marines — the embassy opened in May by the Trump administration to international fanfare and criticism. But anyone attentive to the fate of this place in the summer of 2018 would be advised to look past the embassy to an obscure structure a half-mile to the south.

This building has no flags at all. Instead there are Arabic books on a wheeled shelf in the lobby, a few boys with soccer haircuts and girls with hijabs, and a modest sign welcoming you to the community center of Sur Baher.

It’s there, in the Palestinian neighborhood of Sur Baher — a four-minute drive from my Jewish Israeli neighborhood of Talpote — that you can find Ramadan Dabash, the center’s chairman, who’s running a renegade campaign for a seat on Jerusalem’s City Council.

In a city where more than a third of the 860,000 residents are Palestinian, there should be nothing strange about Dabash’s candidacy. But a victory in the October 30 election would make him the first Palestinian representative at City Hall — and the personification of a political shift that isn’t making headlines.

Dabash, a civil engineer, was born in Sur Baher a few months before Israel captured it in a war with Jordan in 1967. Unlike the West Bank, which was placed under military occupation pending a peace deal with the Arab world, east Jerusalem was declared by Israel to be part of Israel proper.

That meant people here, including the Dabash family, were given residency status and access to Israel’s systems of universal health care and social welfare. They were allowed to apply for citizenship and vote in municipal elections. But nearly no one in east Jerusalem did either of those things, seeing them as an unacceptable “normalization” of Israeli control.

For the past 51 years, Dabash and the other Arab residents of Jerusalem have lived an ambivalent and disadvantaged political existence. In the last election in 2013, according to City Hall, not even 2% of them cast a ballot.

This has helped keep Jerusalem’s Palestinians in limbo and has contributed to a gap that’s clear to anyone who spends time in the city’s Arab neighborhoods, which are neglected, crowded and unsafe. Eighty-three percent of children in east Jerusalem are poor, according to Israeli government statistics, twice the rate in the city’s west.

That reality, Dabash says, is why he’s flouting his community’s political taboo to run.

“Fifty-one years is enough,” Dabash told me a few weeks ago in one of the classrooms at the community center he helped found four years ago. “We can’t be left hanging between heaven and earth.”

The Palestinian Authority, based in nearby Ramallah, sees participation in Jerusalem elections as a form of collaboration. Last month a council of Islamic clerics banned any involvement. Dabash says he has faced backlash in the form of hostile phone calls and messages on Facebook and WhatsApp groups, where he’s tarred as a “traitor” or a “collaborator” — epithets that carry a threat of violence.

But he’s determined to forge ahead, armed, perhaps, with the striking results of a poll released this year, that found 58% of Jerusalem Palestinians support voting. Just 14% said they were opposed.

About 7,000 votes are needed to win a seat, depending on turnout. Because Jewish residents here are split acrimoniously between mainstream Israelis and the ultra-Orthodox, if Palestinians have even a few seats, they’ll control crucial swing votes. But pundits who’ve predicted Palestinian turnout in previous elections have been wrong. History and national sentiment mitigate against it, and there’s a big difference between supporting the idea of voting and actually showing up on Election Day.

Dabash is not a leftist. He quoted the Quran throughout our conversation. He didn’t seem like someone who’d be comfortable at a coexistence conference funded by European nongovernmental organizations, but rather like a guy you’d want to run your union — a blunt operator who’d give an opposing negotiator a hard time.

To explain why he’s running, Dabash pulled out his smartphone to show me photos of a nearby kindergarten overrun with mice and cockroaches. He pointed out the window toward Har Homa, a Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem, which has the kind of facilities that Palestinians can only dream of. In all of Arab Jerusalem (he slammed the table for emphasis) there isn’t a single municipal pool. They need teachers, classrooms and jobs.

The way Dabash sees it, the chances of a peace deal are nil. With Hezbollah, Hamas, the Islamic State group and the Syrian War all within a three-hour drive from here, an Israeli pullout isn’t happening anytime soon. To get things done, Dabash has been willing to play ball not just with Israelis but with the Israeli right, the only real political force in this conservative city. Last year, he even went so far as to briefly join the Likud party. The political cost of this approach is high: The closer he gets to Israelis, the more suspect he becomes in the eyes of his potential voters.

He points to the community center, which is funded by Israel, as proof he can work the system and get results. “Israel says it’s Jewish and democratic,” he said. “I say, OK, show us your democracy.”

Over the past five years or so, watching from west Jerusalem, it’s been clear that remarkable changes are

afoot in the city’s human landscape. Not long ago, it was unheard-of to see Palestinian salespeople in Israeli stores. Now it’s commonplace. Palestinian enrollment at Hebrew University is up dramatically, as are requests for Israeli citizenship. The number of east Jerusalem wage earners employed in west Jerusalem is now estimated at close to 50%. The trend is driven not by good will but by economic interests: by demand for labor in Jewish Jerusalem, and by a lack of better options for Palestinians.

The city remains unequal, there are periodic acts of terrorism and there’s no reason to be sanguine about the future. But at the same time, worlds that have long been distinct are moving closer together. All this helps explain why dark predictions of violence at tense moments, like the embassy opening, have failed to materialize.

It was against this backdrop that the community center opened in Sur Baher, a place where many residents have traditionally had ties to Hamas. The center’s birth was telling. Shortly after the opening ceremony, attended by Mayor Nir Barkat, residents opposed to normalization set it on fire. Others then repaired the damage. These days it draws a few hundred people every week.

The community center also marks a trend on the Israeli side, namely a willingness to invest in Arab residents. In May, the government allocated \$560 million to projects in east Jerusalem. If all that money gets where it’s meant to go, it will be the largest single investment in Palestinian Jerusalemites since Israel took control a half-century ago.

Following all of this makes you more aware of the peculiarities and paradoxes on which the city rests. One, for example, is that the movement on the Israeli side is coming not from the conciliatory left but from the nationalist right. The left traditionally hoped that one day east Jerusalem would be transferred to Palestinian rule and wouldn’t be Israel’s problem — hardly an incentive to invest. The right, on the other hand, believes the whole city must remain under Israeli control, and thus has an interest in making a united city more viable.

The new investment, for example, was passed with the backing of Zeev Elkin, a hard-right Likud politician who’s also the most likely candidate to become Jerusalem’s new mayor on Oct. 30. Dabash says he’s happy to work with Elkin, or with “anyone who’ll help us.”

When I toured Sur Baher and adjacent neighborhoods with an Israeli municipal manager, he showed me a site where a 140-classroom school complex is under construction. He was proud to tell me that the city got the project approved with the cooperation of the local Palestinian PTA, which is associated with Hamas. When I raised my eyebrows, he shrugged. If you’re willing to do business only with friendly liberals, you won’t find many in Jerusalem, on either side.

No one was signing a peace agreement. Everyone just wanted the kids to have a school.

(Matti Friedman, a journalist, is the author of the memoir “Pumpkinflowers: A Soldier’s Story of a Forgotten War.”)



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Omarosa’s recording of Kelly is a remarkable lapse in security. Clearly there is no code of honor whatsoever in the Trump West Wing. Kelly should not have used Situation Room to fire her. And she should never have entered the room with her phone.

@JohnWDean

02



I hoped to not mention Omarosa - a minor story and distraction. But the latest revelation of recording in Situation Room raises grave national security concerns. Who else has acted (is acting) with similar recklessness? It’s amateur hour at the White House and it’s not funny.

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04



I had the opportunity to speak today to more than 200 #youthleaders in Region 10 as we celebrate International Youth Day 2018! These young leaders made a commitment to work together to make our digital spaces safe for communities and the generations to come. #SafeSpacesForYouth

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## world

## Indonesia quake death toll tops 400

AFP | Jakarta

The death toll from an earthquake on the Indonesian island of Lombok has topped 400, authorities said Monday, as bodies were still being recovered from the ruins of destroyed buildings.

The shallow 6.9-magnitude quake on August 5 levelled tens of thousands of homes, mosques and businesses across Lombok, just a week after another tremor surged through the island and killed 17.

"Search and rescue teams are still removing victims who were buried beneath collapsed buildings and landslides," said national disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho.

## Cambodia seizes record ecstasy haul hidden in pet

AFP | Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Cambodian authorities seized nearly 100 kilograms of ecstasy hidden in pet food shipments from Germany, police said Monday, after charging a Chinese national in connection with the record haul.

The suspect, identified as Yao Zeye, was arrested on August 7 after coming to the Phnom Penh central post office to pick up the boxes, said National Anti-Drugs Authority deputy secretary-general Mok Chito.

In total 98 kilogrammes of MDMA pills -- better known as ecstasy -- were discovered in the shipment, which was intended for distribution locally and in Vietnam.

## At least 8 killed in Pakistan mine blast

AFP | Quetta

A blast at a coal mine has killed at least eight workers on the outskirts of Pakistan's southwestern city of Quetta, officials said on Monday, with five more feared dead.

The mine caved in after the miners used dynamite during an excavation in Sinjidi, some 45 kilometres (28 miles) east of Quetta, the capital of oil and gas rich Balochistan province.

"There were up to 22 workers present in different tunnels in the mine, some who were as deep as 4,000 feet (1,219 metres) when the blast occurred," provincial chief mines inspector Muhammad Iftikhar told AFP.

## 100 Afghan forces killed

Reinforcements are being sent to aid the forces as they continue to battle Taliban for control of Ghazni

AFP | Kabul

At least 100 Afghan security forces have been killed as troops backed by US airpower struggled to push the Taliban from embattled Ghazni city, officials said yesterday, while residents reported food and medicine shortages four days after fighting began.

The Afghan government said it had sent reinforcements to the strategic city, which lies barely two hours drive from Kabul on the main highway connecting the capital with the country's south. US forces in Afghanistan said they had been conducting airstrikes daily since the fighting began.

The assault, which the Taliban launched late Thursday, comes as the insurgents are under increasing pressure to join peace talks and highlights the difficulty of repelling their repeated attacks on urban centres crowded with civilians, with residents among the dead.

"About 100 security forces have lost their lives and between 20 and 30 civilians have been killed," defence minister Tariq Shah Bahrami told a press conference in Kabul, offering the first high-level official casualty figure since the insurgents entered the city.

He also said that 194 insurgents had been killed and 147 wounded.

The Taliban swiftly responded, saying the government's



Afghan Security personnel petrol in the city of Ghazni province west of Kabul

claims were "baseless" and that talks were "under way for their surrender".

Doctors were struggling to treat dozens of wounded at hospitals in the eastern provincial capital, where residents said insurgents roamed the streets.

At a hospital in the city wounded people could be seen groaning in agony on stretchers, while uncovered wooden coffins filled with bodies were laid on the floor.

A doctor in the hospital's intensive care unit said they had received over 80 dead bodies as of Sunday and had treated more than 160 patients, many of whom were had been injured by gunshots or shrapnel.

"There are no police or soldiers to guard the hospital. They



**Ghazni Citadel, the Minarets of Ghazni, the Palace of Sultan Mas'ud III and several other cultural heritage sites have brought travels and archeologists to the city for centuries**

bring their wounded and then leave," the doctor, Mohammad Arif Omari, said.

"The hospital is over-

whelmed," Andrea Catta Preta, a spokeswoman for the International Red Cross in Kabul, told AFP.

With residents reporting power remained out in the city, she said the Red Cross was able to reach the hospital yesterday during a brief lull in fighting, providing nearly 200 litres of fuel for its generator and medical supplies for over 100 people.

"Everybody is requesting assistance, so we have been doing what we can whenever we have a window of security to do something," she added.

An AFP reporter in the city said late Sunday that militants were going door to door and commandeering supplies including water, tea, and wheelbarrows to move injured fighters.

## Confusion and rumour

Ghazni residents who arrived in Kabul after fleeing the violence told AFP that the dead bodies of militants and soldiers continued to litter the streets, while government offices have been set ablaze by Taliban fighters and food prices are rising.

"Everyone wanted to find a way to flee the city. Most of the people are still hiding in their basements as fighting is going from street to street," said Ghazni journalist Fayeza Fayeze, who arrived in Kabul late Sunday after fleeing the city.

Communication networks in Ghazni remained mostly down, and officials have been reticent, making any information difficult to verify and fuelling rumours of high tolls. Most officials contacted by AFP in Ghazni and Kabul had switched their phones off.

The United Nations called on all parties to respect the rights of civilians caught in the crossfire.

The onslaught was the latest attempt by the Taliban to overrun an urban centre, and comes as pressure increases on the insurgents to begin peace talks with the government to end the nearly 17-year-old war.

It was also the largest tactical operation launched by the Taliban since an unprecedented truce in June brought fighting between security forces and the Taliban to a temporary pause, providing war-weary Afghans some welcome relief.

## Death toll in Syria arms depot blast rises to 69



An excavator clears rubble on August 12, 2018 following an explosion at an arms depot in Syria's northwest Idlib province

AFP | Beirut

The death toll of an explosion at a weapons depot in northwestern Syria has risen to 69, mostly civilians including 17 children, a monitor said Monday as search operations continued.

Sunday's blast of unknown origin in the town of Sarmada in Idlib province took the lives of 52 civilians, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The explosion also killed 17 members of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, a jihadist-led alliance, according to the Britain-based monitor, which relies on a network of sources inside Syria.

"Rescue operations are still ongoing," Observatory head Rami Abdel Rahman told AFP, more than 24 hours after the blast at the depot inside a residential building.

Most of the civilians killed were family members of HTS fighters displaced to the area from the central province of Homs, he said.

HTS controls more than half of Idlib province and is led by jihadists from Syria's former Al-Qaeda affiliate.

Most of the rest is held by rebels, while the regime also holds a slither of the province's southeast.

The Islamic State jihadist group also has sleeper cells in the area.

## Jordan: Militants killed were IS supporters

AFP | Amman

Jordan said Monday that a "terror cell" targeted in a deadly weekend raid by security forces were supporters of the Islamic State group and shared its extremist views.

Saturday's raid, during which three jihadists were killed and five arrested, revealed that the militants were preparing a series of "terrorist" attacks in Jordan, Interior Minister Samir Mubaideen said.

A joint unit of special forces, police and army troops raided a house in Salt, a town northwest of Amman, a day after an officer was killed and six were wounded in a bomb blast in a nearby town during a music festival.

Four members of Jordan's security forces were also killed in the operation.

The suspects "were not part of an organisation but followed its takfiri (Sunni Muslim extremist) ideology and supported Daesh", Mubaideen told a news conference, using an Arabic acronym for IS.



Mohanan P. with his dog

## Hero dog saves Indian family in flood-hit Kerala

AFP | New Delhi

A family in the flood-ravaged Indian state of Kerala narrowly escaped death after their pet dog woke them up moments before a landslide destroyed their home, local media reported yesterday.

Mohanan P. and his family were sleeping at home in the mountainous Idukki district when their pet dog started barking raucously at around 3:00 am, waking the household.

"That's when we realised something was wrong. I went out to see and we had to just rush out of the house," Mohanan told Indian news network NDTV.

No sooner had the family rushed out when the landslide ploughed down a nearby hill and demolished their home.



**Mohanan P and his family members were saved from coming under a landslide because their dog was alert**

The family, dog in tow, have since moved to a government-run relief camp nearby.

Flash floods triggered by the annual monsoon rains have pounded the southern tourist hotspot in the past few days, killing 39 people and leaving 100,000 more homeless so far.



# US stabbed in back: Erdogan

AFP | Seoul

Turkey's central bank yesterday sought to calm markets rattled by the precipitous plunge of the Turkish lira as a defiant President Recep Tayyip Erdogan chastised the US for seeking to stab Ankara "in the back."

A dispute between NATO allies Turkey and the United States -- which reached new intensity over the detention of an American pastor -- has hammered the lira and also raised questions over the future partnership between Washington and Ankara.

As the latest developments caused the lira to plunge further in value, investors fretted over potential economic contagion from Turkey, particularly to European banks.

The already embattled Turkish lira tumbled some 16 percent against the dollar on Friday as US President Donald Trump said he had doubled tariffs on steel and aluminium from Turkey.

"We are together in NATO and then you seek to stab your strategic partner in the back. Can such a thing be accepted?"



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan addressing a luncheon at the 10th Ambassadors' Conference at the Presidential Complex in Ankara yesterday

Erdogan said at a conference in the capital Ankara.

After Erdogan's speech, the lira was trading back at 6.9 to the dollar, a loss of seven percent on the day, recovering from even sharper losses in earlier Asian trade where it struck a record low of 7.2362 to the greenback.

In its first statement since what was dubbed "Black Friday" in Turkey, the central bank said it was ready to take "all

necessary measures" to ensure financial stability, promising to provide banks with "all the liquidity" they need.

The bank also revised reserve requirement ratios for banks, in a move also aimed at staving off any liquidity issues.

But to the dismay of markets, the statement gave no promise of rate hikes, which is what most economists and analysts say is needed to ease the crisis.

## 'Economic siege'

Erdogan indicated he was in no mood to offer concessions to the United States in one of the worst spats between the two NATO allies in years.

Erdogan said Turkey was facing an "economic siege", slamming the currency movements as an "attack against our country."

The Turkish leader has been

**“We are together in NATO and then you seek to stab your strategic partner in the back. Can such a thing be accepted?”**

RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN

sanguine over the punitive measures announced by the US, saying that while Turkey's relationship with Washington is at stake it will look for other partners.

Analysts say that while Washington's sanctions against Ankara sparked the immediate crisis, Turkey's economy has been risking trouble for a while due to high inflation and the weak lira.

The central bank has over the last few weeks defied calls from markets for rate hikes to combat these problems, raising fears of interference from Erdogan who has repeatedly called for low interest rates.

## Koreas to hold summit in September

AFP | Seoul

North and South Korea agreed yesterday to hold a summit in Pyongyang in September after high-level talks in the Demilitarized Zone that divides the peninsula.

The two sides "agreed at the meeting to hold a South-North summit in Pyongyang in September as planned", the joint statement said, without giving a precise date.

A trip by the South's President Moon Jae-in to the North's capital would be the first such visit for more than a decade, as the diplomatic thaw on and around the peninsula builds.

But despite the rapprochement, international sanctions against North for its nuclear and missile programmes have kept economic cooperation between two Koreas from taking off, while little progress has been made on key issue of North's denuclearisation.

# Hundreds hurt as Spain festival promenade collapses

AFP | Madrid

Panic erupted at a packed music festival in northwest Spain when part of a wooden promenade suddenly collapsed, injuring more than 300 people, nine of them seriously, officials said yesterday.

The seafront platform, which measures 30 metres by 10 metres (100 foot by 30 foot), was jammed with people watching a rap artist in the city of Vigo when part of it collapsed just before midnight on Sunday, mayor Abel Caballero told reporters.

Rescuers armed with an infrared camera combed the site for three hours to ensure no one remained trapped underneath while divers searched the nearby sea, he said.

"Police got the people out of the area very quickly. There were two people who got trapped by debris, firefighters had to remove them and it was not easy to get them out," he told Spanish television TVE.

It was not immediately clear what caused the collapse of the



The seafront promenade in Vigo, a city in northwestern Spain, was packed with people watching a rap artist when the floor suddenly gave way



**The concert was part of Vigo's three-day O Marisquino festival, which combines music with competitive sporting events**

promenade, which was built in the 1990s, he said.

But the president of Vigo's Port Authority said he thought it was due to "excess weight, to overcapacity".

"That is what seems the most likely cause. We are going to order an expert study to see what may have happened," he told TVE.

Local daily El Faro de Vigo said the promenade collapsed shortly after Spanish rap artist Rels B told the crowd to jump at the start of his concert.



Bed-ridden patients outside the entrance to a hospital in New Taipei City after being evacuated following a fire on the seventh floor of a hospice

## Nine killed in Taiwan hospice blaze

AFP | Taipei

Nine people were killed and 30 injured in a blaze that broke out early yesterday at a hospice for the terminally ill near Taiwan's capital Taipei, fire officials said.

All of the 44 people inside, including 33 patients, were evacuated after the fire started at the hospice on the seventh floor of a nine-storey government hospital in New Taipei city.

Sixteen patients had cardiac arrests and seven were revived.

The other nine died with the cause of death given as smoke inhalation, according to the

local fire department.

New Taipei fire department official Hung Liang-chien told reporters an initial probe showed that the fire was likely caused by the short circuit of an electrical device.

"We are clarifying whether it's the power cable of the hospital's electric bed or an air cushion bed brought in by relatives" of a patient, he said.

One caregiver working in the hospice reported seeing a spark on the bed where the fire started, according to local media.

Local fire chief Huang Te-ching earlier denied reports the sprinkler system had malfunctioned.

## French tourist killed, chopped up in India by lover

AFP | New Delhi

A French tourist was bludgeoned to death in southern India and his body chopped into pieces, police said Monday, with a male student confessing to the grisly crime.

The 68-year-old's body was found packed into three sandbags in Tamil Nadu state's Thanjavur district on Sunday.

A 29-year-old student, who has been arrested, confessed to killing the Frenchman in an altercation after the pair had sex, senior police officer Senthil Kumar told AFP.

"The student got frustrated and hit him on the head with a wooden stick and he (the tourist) collapsed," he said.

Kumar said the French embassy in New Delhi had been informed of the murder. An embassy spokesman told AFP he was not immediately able to comment.

## White House ex-employee releases Trump tape

AFP | Washington

Former White House staffer and TV celebrity Omarosa Manigault Newman has released a recording of a private conversation with President Donald Trump after she was fired.

NBC's "Today" program played the brief recording, in which Trump claims to have had no knowledge that she was sacked by chief of staff John Kelly, and expresses regret at the news.

The recording is the latest volley from the disgruntled 44-year-old, once an ardent Trump ally, and represents another stunning breach of trust.

# Mammoth carcass in Siberia could be of new species

**The new discovery has been named the 'Golden mammoth' due to its fur colour**

Daily Mail | London

The carcass of a pygmy woolly mammoth has been unearthed in Siberia -- and could be evidence of a new species of 'mini-mammoth'.

The dead animal was discovered preserved in permafrost on Koteln'y island and could be

50,000 years old, experts say.

Dubbed 'Golden mammoth' because of the striking colouration of its fur, the diminutive stature of the dead animal has led some to believe it could be evidence of a never-before-seen 'mini-mammoth' species that lived during the last ice age.

The adult measures seven feet (2.1 metres) tall, less than half the hulking 16 feet (4.8 metres) height of a normal woolly mammoth. The pygmy's sand-covered remains now lie embedded in undersea permafrost.

The carcass is only visible at low tide on Russia's Koteln'y is-



The carcass of the extraordinary pygmy woolly mammoth found in Siberia

land, which is found between the Laptev and East Siberian seas.

Mammoth expert Dr Albert Protopopov, head of the depart-



**Mammoths get their name from the Russian 'mammut', or earth mole, as it was believed the animals lived underground and died on contact with light**

ment for the study of mammoth fauna, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), insists after examining the carcass that it is an adult not a baby and the specimen will be excavated from its inaccessible grave next summer.

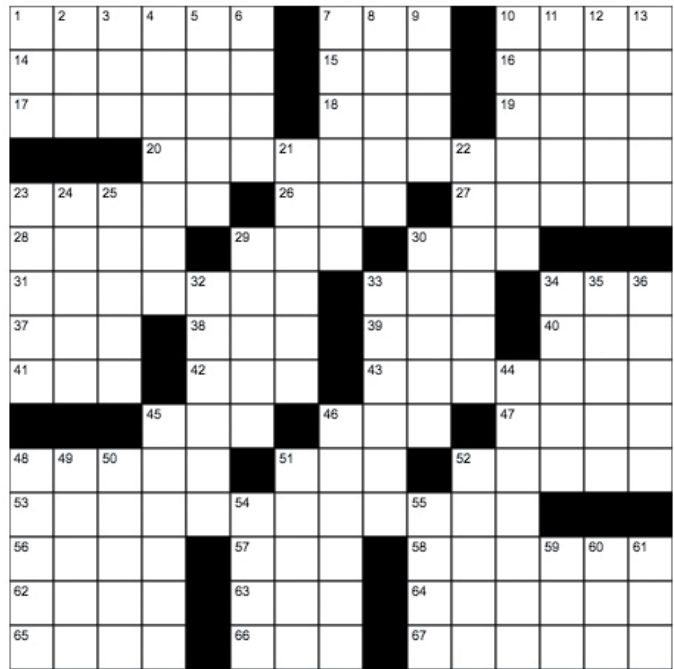
Dr Protopopov, head of mammoth fauna at the Academy of Sciences in the Siberian region of Yakutia, said: 'Its hairs look golden in the sun.'

A stunning picture of the specimen shows that one tusk is fully intact, while the other has been broken or severed -- with its 'golden' locks visible.



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Across

1- Soon; 7- Marseille Mrs.; 10- Limos, hatchbacks, and coupes; 14- Sister of Venus; 15- Petroleum; 16- Work without \_\_\_\_; 17- Angel of death; 18- \_\_\_\_Cone; 19- Turner of “Peyton Place”; 20- State of being tranquil; 23- Used up; 26- Hung. neighbor; 27- Hawaiian dances; 28- Jai \_\_\_\_; 29- Gibbon, e.g.; 30- Diddley and Derek; 31- Writing space; 33- Was in session; 34- Gallery display; 37- Actor Vigoda; 38- Just the Way You \_\_\_\_; 39- Battle-ship letters; 40- Thor Heyerdahl craft; 41- Your, to Yves; 42- \_\_\_\_ be an honor; 43- Cargo; 45- Suffix with pay; 46- Son-gun link;

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47- Ark-eologist?; 48- Nitrogen compound; 51- Chowd down; 52- Cordage fiber; 53- To destroy oneself; 56- WWII battle site; 57- U-turn from SSW; 58- Go between; 62- Nabisco treat; 63- \_\_\_\_ darn tootin’!; 64- Wrestling hold; 65- Bud of “Harold and Maude”; 66- \_\_\_\_ Poetica; 67- She’s a Dahl;

Down

1- This \_\_\_\_ test...; 2- Pince-\_\_\_\_; 3- Sheet music abbr.; 4- Unconventional person; 5- Inactive; 6- Currency unit in Western Samoa; 7- Muslim temple; 8- Less; 9- “The Time Machine” people; 10- Hardened part of the skin; 11- For want of \_\_\_\_; 12- Oscar de la \_\_\_\_; 13- Remains; 21- Snoozed; 22- Fourth highest peak in the world; 23- 1978 Nobel sharer; 24- Common person of ancient Rome; 25- Alleviates; 29- Large artery; 30- Iraqi port; 32- Followed; 33- Feel pain; 34- Special vocabulary; 35- 1986 Indy 500 winner Bobby; 36- One tenth, usually; 44- Place in position; 45- Walking; 46- Furry swimmers; 48- Org.; 49- Paris subway; 50- Less healthy; 51- Ed of “Lou Grant”; 52- More frigid; 54- “Orinoco Flow” singer; 55- Human bone, located in the arm; 59- British verb ending; 60- Junior; 61- Wind dir.;

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WORD OF THE DAY

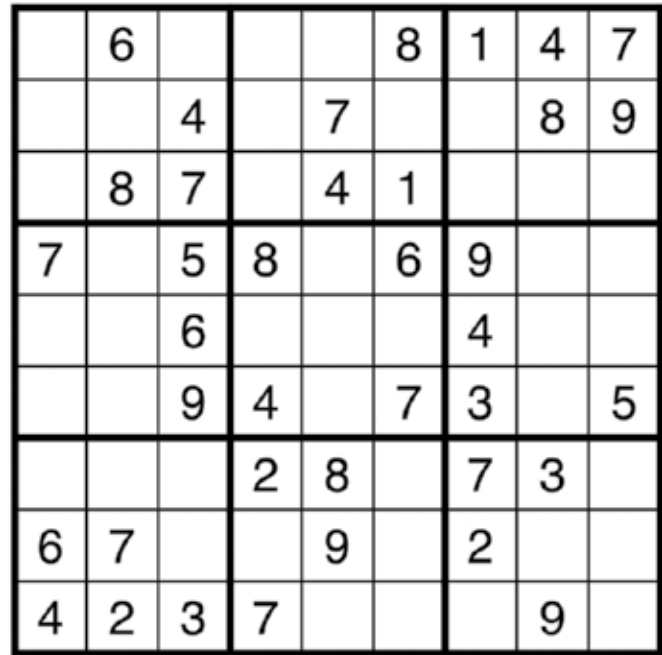
Orgulous

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1 : proud  
**Did You Know?**  
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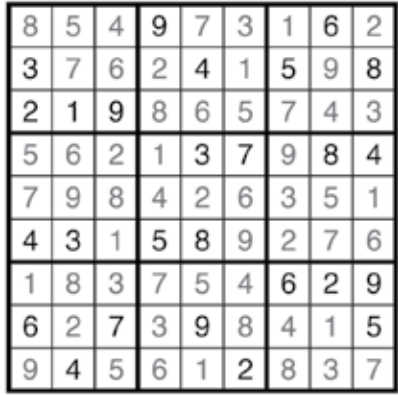
blood chaf’d, / Have to the port of Athens sent their ships.” Thus William Shakespeare begins the Trojan War tale Troilus and Cressida, employing orgulous, a colorful word first adopted in the 13th century from Anglo-French orguillus. After the Bard’s day, orgulous dropped from sight for

200 years; there is no record of its use until it was rejuvenated by the pens of Robert Southey and Sir Walter Scott in the early 1800s. 20th-century authors (including James Joyce and W. H. Auden) continued its renaissance, and it remains an elegant (if infrequent) choice for today’s writers.

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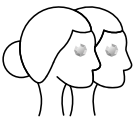
Aries

Changes to your chosen field are indicated. Ideas from other states or countries might fire your creativity. Your intellectual or artistic interests could take on a new dimension, expanding your horizons and opening new opportunities. You might toy with the idea of travel, perhaps to learn more about these matters.



Taurus

A sum of money above and beyond your usual income could come your way. This could be a bonus, settlement, or even a gift of some kind. You could put it to work making changes in your home, perhaps repairs, perhaps remodelling or redecorating.



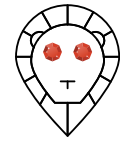
Gemini

Some vast changes in your community could take place. They’re positive, for the most part. Today the news should spread widely, and you could be hearing about it from all sides - local newspapers, neighbours, and conversations on the street. The level of excitement in your neighbourhood is likely high.



Cancer

You might choose to do some volunteer work today or help a friend. This could make you aware of a talent you didn’t know you had. It could pave the way to more income. You could feel very proud of yourself and decide to do more with this ability.



Leo

Today you might wake up feeling that you can move mountains - and this might be exactly what you set out to do, figuratively speaking. Your physical energy, enthusiasm, and self-confidence are very high. Your own and others’ creative projects could take up a lot of your time.



Virgo

Today you could recapture the joy in life that you had as a child. You’re serious by nature, and feelings of joy are to be lived and treasured. There might not be any real reason for it, so don’t try to find one. Your imagination and your relationships with others could be enhanced as a result. Relish the moment.



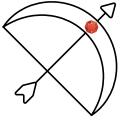
Libra

Projects involving a group, perhaps your entire community, could take up a lot of your time. Interesting news and stimulating conversations could come your way. Expect a lot of activity around you. You could be running around in the car, seeing a lot of people, getting errands taken care of.



Scorpio

New ideas for your career could be on your mind. You might be thinking not only about getting a new job but also entering an entirely new field. This could be a positive development, but don’t be too impulsive and leap without thinking. List your options, cross out the unworkable ones, and do some research on the rest.



Sagittarius

Continued success and good luck should have you feeling charged up to move ahead with plans and ideas. Your energy and enthusiasm are high. You’re likely thinking about expanding your horizons, perhaps through travel or education. You should definitely give these serious thought.



Capricorn

Don’t be surprised if sometime during the day you feel angry for no apparent reason. It’s probably rooted in the past, from a situation that wasn’t resolved long ago. Take a good look at what’s going on today. Did some person or event awaken old traumas within you? Let them and the anger go.



Aquarius

This is a great day to start new enterprises with others. Gatherings with friends or group activities could lead to ideas for new projects that fire your energy and enthusiasm. New immediate and long-term goals should be set. Some people may not be interested and could drop out, but don’t worry.



Pisces

Activities of some kind could put you in the public eye today. Some work you’ve done well might bring you richly deserved acknowledgement. Your energy and enthusiasm are already high, and you’re probably all fired up to do more. This could bring up thoughts of changes in your working situation.



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**THE MEG**  
(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER) NEW  
⊗ JASON STATHAM, RUBY ROSE, BINGBING LI

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**DUCK DUCK GOOSE**  
(PG) (ANIMATION/COMEDY/ADVENTURE) NEW  
⊗ JIM GAFFIGAN, ZENDAYA, GREG PROOPS

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**THE CATCHER WAS A SPY**  
(PG-15) (DRAMA/WAR/BIOGRAPHY) NEW  
⊗ PAUL RUDD, CONNIE, NIELSEN, MAEK STRONG

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**WADI AL SAIL** 12.30 + 5.00 + 9.30 PM

**BLINDSPOTTING**  
(15+) (COMEDY/DRAMA) NEW  
⊗ DAVEED DIGGS, RAFAEL CASAL, ETHAN EMBRY

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**SEEF (II)** 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 PM + 12.00 MN

**REDBAD**  
(18+) (ADVENTURE/ACTION) NEW  
⊗ JONATHAN BANKS, LISA SMIT, LOES HAVERKORT

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**SEEF (II)** 11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM

**MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE FALLOUT**  
(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME)  
⊗ TOM CRUISE, HENRY CAVILL, WING RHAMES

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**SKYSCRAPER**  
(PG-13) (ACTION/THRILLER/DRAMA)  
⊗ DWAYNE JOHNSON, NEVE CAMPBELL, PABLO SCHREIBER

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9.45 PM + 12.00 MN

**WADI AL SAIL** 2.45 + 7.15 + 11.45 PM

**THE SPY WHO DUMPED ME**  
(15+) (ACTION/COMEDY) NEW  
⊗ MILA KUNIS, SAM HEUGHAN, KATE MCKINNON

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**HOTELTRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER**  
(PG) (ANIMATION/COMEDY/DRAMA)  
⊗ ADAM SANDLER, ANDY SAMBERG, FRAN DRESCHER

**CINECO (20)** 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM (DUBBED IN ARABIC): 11.30 AM + 4.30 + 9.30 PM

**SEEF (II)** 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 PM

**THE FIRST PURGE**  
(18+) (ACTION/CRIME/HORROR)  
⊗ MARISA TOMEI, LEX SCOTT DAVIS, LUNA LAUREN VELEZ

**CINECO (20)** 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 PM

**ANT-MAN AND THE WASP**  
(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE)  
⊗ PAUL RUDD, EVANGELINE LILLY, MICHAEL PENA

**CINECO (20)** 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM

**JURRASIC WORLD: FALLEN KINGDOM**  
(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/THRILLER/SCI-FICTION)  
⊗ BRYCE DALLAS HOWARD, CHRIS PRATT, JEFF GOLDBLUM

**CINECO (20)** 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM

**SEEF (II)** 1.15 + 6.30 + 11.45 PM

**OCEAN'S EIGHT**  
(PG-15) (COMEDY/CRIME)  
⊗ SANDRA BULLOCK, CATE BLANCHETT, ANNE HATHAWAY

**CINECO (20)** 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 PM + 12.00 MN

**THE ESCAPE PLAN 2: HADES**  
(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)  
⊗ SYLVESTER STALLONE, DAVE BAUTISTA, XIAOMING HUANG

**CINECO (20)** 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 PM

**THE INCREDIBLES 2**  
(PG) (ANIMATION/ACTION/ADVENTURE)  
⊗ CRAIG T. NELSON, SAMUEL L. JACKSON, CATHERINE KEENER

**CINECO (20)** 11.45 AM + 4.15 + 8.45 PM

**AL ABLA TAMTAM**  
(PG-13) (ARABIC/COMEDY)  
⊗ YASMIN ABDULAZIZ, HAMDI ALMIRGHANI, BAYOUMI FOUD

**CINECO (20)** 2.15 + 6.45 + 11.15 PM

**BAD CAT**

(15+) (ANIMATION/ACTION/ADVENTURE) NEW  
⊗ MARISA TOMEI, LEX SCOTT DAVIS, LUNA LAUREN VELEZ

**SEEF (II)** 10.45 AM + 12.30 + 2.15 PM

**HARB KARMOZ**  
(PG-15) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER/DRAMA)  
⊗ AMIR KAKAR, GHADA ABDEL RAZEK, MOSTAFA KHATER

**SEEF (II)** 2.15 + 7.00 + 11.45 PM

**WADI AL SAIL** 12.30 + 5.00 + 9.30 PM

**KARWAAN**  
(PG-13) (HINDI/DRAMA/COMEDY)  
⊗ IRRFAN KHAN, DULQUER SALMAAN, MITHILA PALKAR

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

**SAAR** 1.15 + 6.15 + 11.15 PM

**WADI AL SAIL** 10.45 AM + 3.45 + 8.45 PM

**KOODE**  
(MALAYALAM)  
⊗ PRITHVIRAJ, NAZRIYA NAZIM, PARVATHY

**SEEF (II)** 1.00 + 6.15 + 11.30 PM

**AL HAMRA** ON THURSDAY 9TH: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + 12.00 MN

**MULK**  
(PG-15) (HINDI/DRAMA)  
⊗ TAPSEE PANNU, RISHI KAPOOR, ABDUL QUADIR AMIN

**SEEF (II)** 10.30 + 3.45 + 9.00 PM

**SAAR** 10.30 AM + 3.30 + 8.30 PM

**WADI AL SAIL** 1.00 + 6.00 + 11.00 PM

**KUSINA KINGS**  
(PG-15) (FILIPINO/COMEDY) NEW  
⊗ ZANJOE MARUDO, EMPYO MARQUEZ, NATHALIE HART

**SEEF (I)** 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 PM

**VISHWAROOPAM 2**  
(PG-15) (HINDI/ACTION/THRILLER) NEW  
⊗ KAMAL HAASAN, RAHUL BOSE, SHEKHAR KAPUR

STARTING FRIDAY 10TH

**SEEF (I)** 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM + (12.45 MN FRI)

**AL HAMRA** FROM FRIDAY 10TH: 6.00 + 9.00 PM + (12.00 MN FRI)

**KHALAWEES**  
(PG-15) (ARABIC/COMEDY/DRAMA) NEW  
⊗ AHMAD EID, ETHIN AMIR, TARIQ ABDULAZIZ

**SEEF (I)** 11.00 AM + 12.45 + 2.30 + 4.15 + 6.00 + 7.45 + 9.30 + 11.15 PM

**LASHTAM PASHTAM**  
(PG-13) (HINDI/DRAMA/COMEDY) NEW  
⊗ TISCA CHOPRA, OM PURI, PRIYANSHU CHATTERJEE

**SEEF (I)** 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 PM + 12.00 MN

**SRINIVASA KALYANNAM**  
(TELUGU) NEW  
⊗ NITHIN, RASI KHANNA, PRAKASH RAJ, MAMILLA SHAILAJA PRIYA

**AL HAMRA** FROM FRIDAY 10TH: 12.00 + 3.00

Payne moves on from Cheryl

IAN5 | London

Former One Direction star Liam Payne moved on from singer Cheryl by dating a girl half her age.

Payne is getting cosy with 18-year-old American Instagram sensation Maya Henry, who is 17 years Cheryl's junior.

The pair enjoyed a secret date night at London's exclusive Bulgari hotel last week - checking out within hours of each other.

Last month, Payne, 24, and Maya were snapped together at the Dolce & Gabbana gala dinner. They were then also spotted partying together aboard a friend's luxury yacht in Cannes.

The pair had first been pictured together at a meet-and-greet event when One Direction fan Maya was 15.

But when he saw Maya, now 18, at the D&G party he had no recollection of meeting her years earlier. News of his fling comes six weeks after Payne announced his split from Cheryl - the mother of his one-year-old



Cheryl and Liam Payne

son, Bear.

"Liam and Maya get on well - and she's a stunning girl," a source told thesun.co.uk.

"They have kissed a couple of times, but he is in no rush to

date again and certainly isn't ready for a serious relationship.

"Liam is simply focusing on work at the moment, and above all else obviously his main priority is Bear."

Katie Price wants to marry Kris Boyson

IAN5 | Los Angeles

TV personality Katie Price is planning to get married to her boyfriend Kris Boyson despite still being married to Kieran Hayler.

Sources close to the 40-year-old claim that she wants to tie a knot with Boyson by the end of the December, reports mirror.co.uk.

"Price is smitten with Boyson. They love each other and Price is already talking about them being together forever, and has already asked friends including Kerry, her beautician Lou and her best friend Dionne to be bridesmaids if they do get married," said sources.

Boyson would be Price's fourth husband. Apart from her estranged husband Hayler, she was earlier married to Alex Reid and Peter Andre.

Britney reminisces her debut single

IAN5 | Los Angeles

Singer Britney Spears' first single "...Baby one more time" will complete 20 years this October. Recalling that moment, she said it was such a fun and crazy time.

"Wow, that went quick. It was such a fun and crazy time, it was a bit of a blur," Spears told The Guardian.

The 36-year-old talked about the making of the song.

She said: "The whole song is about the stress that we all go through as teens, I knew it was a great song. It was different and I loved it, but I don't think you can anticipate how a song is going to be received."

After hearing a demo of the song, written by Max Martin, in New York, Spears agreed to go to Sweden to record the track, as well as a handful of the album's other singles.



Britney Spears

"I think Max is a genius. It all just came together and felt right. In my opinion Max is the greatest songwriter of all time," Spears added.

Released on October 23, 1998, "...Baby one more time" became a huge hit and till date, has sold over 10 million copies.

Gemma pens short story about her bond character

IAN5 | Los Angeles

Actress Gemma Arterton has written a short story based on her Bond film character titled "Strawberry Fields".

The British actress starred in "Quantum of Solace" opposite Daniel Craig in 2008, and believes the high-profile role gave her a big career boost, while helping her secure the finances necessary to shoot her latest film "The Escape", reports ace-showbiz.com.

"I've written this short story, which I could get in so much trouble for. It's called Woke Bond Woman and it's about what my Bond girl should have done, but it's really funny," Arterton told publication Cover Media.

Areterton thinks it is high time a woman took on the James Bond role, but she does not want a female 007 to become just like 007: "I've always thought there should be a Bond woman... (but) I would not want to see her take advantage



Gemma Arterton



Gemma Arterton was nominated as the Best Newcomer for her performance in "St Trinian's" in the year 2008. However, she won the same award in 2009 for "Quantum of Solace"

of a young man," the actress added.

But Arterton has other roles planned for herself including a film project with Felicity Jones, thanks to the stars' commitment to the Time's Up anti-harassment and equality movement.

Aretha Franklin is critically ill

IAN5 | Detroit

"Respect" fame singer Aretha Franklin is believed to be 'gravely ill, with the music icons family gathering at her bedside.

In his Showbiz 411 column, entertainment reporter Roger Friedman said: "Aretha is surrounded by family and people close to her. She will be so missed as a mother, sister, friend, cousin."

The 76-year-old singer was



Aretha Franklin

diagnosed with cancer in 2010, and delivered her most recent

performance at the Elton John AIDS Foundation party in New York last November.

"But her legacy is larger than life. It's not just that Rolling Stones called her the number 1 singer of all time, or that she is the Queen of Soul. Long live the Queen," added Friedman.

Franklin has won 17 Grammy awards, as well as three special recognitions from the academy, and even achieved a Golden Globe award for "Never gonna break my faith".



CHANGE OF NAME

<p>“I, <b>JAGAN NATH</b> s/o <b>RURA RAM</b> holding Indian Passport No. H 0711380 dated 06.11.2008 issued at <b>BAHRAIN</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) B-11-425, <b>CHUGETTI, JALANDHAR, PUNJAB</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>JAGAN NATH</b> (Surname) <b>RURA RAM</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>GORDHAN</b> s/o <b>PANCHU RAM</b> holding Indian Passport No. H 4023864 dated 28.04.2009 issued at <b>JAIPUR</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>VILLAGE &amp; POST. MANDHA SURERA, TEH. DANTA RAMGARH, DIST. SIKSR, RAJASTHAN</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>GORDHAN</b> (Surname) <b>PANCHU RAM</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>KAMLESH</b> s/o <b>BANSH BAHADUR</b> holding Indian Passport No. J 6212719 dated 22.02.2011 issued at <b>LUCKNOW</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>DIOLMANPUR, GAYGHAT, DELGHAT, GORAKHPUR, UTTAR PRADESH</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>KAMLESH</b> (Surname) <b>BANSH BAHADUR</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>INTAJ</b> s/o <b>FANKU</b> holding Indian Passport No. L 7350032 dated 24.02.2014 issued at <b>LUCKNOW</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) HOUSE NO-29, <b>VILLAGE- AKBARPUR, POST- BRAHMANPURA, MAU, PIN: 276403, UTTAR PRADESH</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>INTAJ</b> (Surname) <b>FANKU</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>RAM BARAN</b> s/o <b>PARMESHWAR</b> holding Indian Passport No. H 1080911 dated 28.12.2008 issued at <b>BAHRAIN</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) PUREY PAHAR SINGH, KARSAKA, EKSANA, RAEBARELY, <b>UTTARPRADESH</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>RAM BARAN</b> (Surname) <b>PARMESWAR</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p>	<p>“I, <b>JAYNATH</b> s/o <b>JHALPAL CHAUHAN</b> holding Indian Passport No. R 8313158 dated 12.10.2017 issued at <b>BAHRAIN</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>VILLAGE &amp; POST DEVAIT, PS- MEHNAGAR, DIST- AZAMGARH, UTTAR PRADESH</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>JAYNATH</b> (Surname) <b>CHAUHAN</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>CHINNAMALLU</b> s/o <b>YEDDANNA</b> holding Indian Passport No. G 9322771 dated 02.12.2008 issued at <b>RIYADH</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>JAFRANPUR KADTHAL, NIRMAL, ADILABAD DIST., TELANGANA-504 106</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>CHINNAMALLU</b> (Surname) <b>YEDDANNA</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>SUBHASH</b> s/o <b>RAMESHWAR LAL</b> holding Indian Passport No. N 5202980 dated 10.08.2016 issued at <b>BAHRAIN</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>VILLAGE- RAMATSAR KUNJALA, DIST- CHURU, RAJASTHAN</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>SUBHASH</b> (Surname) <b>RAMESHWAR LAL</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>RAJ KUMAR RAM</b> s/o <b>BIDESHI RAM</b> holding Indian Passport No. H 1080924 dated 28.12.2008 issued at <b>GHAZIPUR</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>BRINDABAN, HURMUJPUR, BAHARIABAD, GHAZIPUR, UTTARPRADESH</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>RAJ KUMAR</b> (Surname) <b>RAM</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>SHRIRAM</b> s/o <b>BHABHUTI</b> holding Indian Passport No. H 3460815 dated 03.03.2009 issued at <b>LUCKNOW</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>GAGAHAN, GORAKHPURWA, BANSGAON, GORAKHPUR, UTTARPRADESH</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>SHRIRAM</b> (Surname) <b>BHABHUTI</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p>	<p>“I, <b>VIKRAM</b> s/o <b>SUSHIL</b> holding Indian Passport No. H 7207726 dated 14.12.2009 issued at <b>JAIPUR</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>VPO- WARD NO: 21, MANSILSAR, TEH- JHUNJHUNU, DISTT- JHUNJHUNU, RAJASTHAN</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>VIKRAM</b> (Surname) <b>SUSHIL</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>KULDEEP</b> s/o <b>KARNAIL</b> holding Indian Passport No. N 5191616 dated 08.05.2016 issued at <b>BAHRAIN</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>VILLAGE- MAHIL KHURD, PO- GARCHA, DISTT- NAWANSHAHR, PUNJAB</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>KULDEEP</b> (Surname) <b>KARNAIL</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>CHENARAM</b> s/o <b>BALARAM</b> holding Indian Passport No. N5202997 dated 10.08.2016 issued at <b>BAHRAIN</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>SANJU DEGANA, NAGOUR, RAJASTHAN</b> presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>CHENARAM</b> (Surname) <b>BALARAM</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>MOLHU</b> s/o <b>NEENE</b> holding Indian Passport No. L 6391760 dated 09.12.2013 issued at <b>LUCKNOW</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>CHITAVAR, POST- KONDRAPANDEY, BASTI, PIN: 272002, UTTAR PRADESH</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>MOLHU</b> (Surname) <b>NEENE</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>BALVIR SINGH</b> s/o <b>PARKASH SINGH</b> holding Indian Passport No. H 1404690 dated 03.11.2008 issued at <b>JALANDHAR</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) VPO. <b>JHAWAN, TEH. DASUYA, PS. TANDA, DISTT. HOSHISRPUR, PUNJAB</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>BALVIR SINGH</b> (Surname) <b>PARKASH SINGH</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p>	<p>“I, <b>CHHOTE LAL</b> s/o <b>RAMDHARI BHAGAT</b> holding Indian Passport No. H 0376875 dated 29.12.2008 issued at <b>KUWAIT</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>HARIPUR, KHAMPAR, DEORIA, UTTARPRADESH</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>CHHOTE LAL</b> (Surname) <b>RAMDHARI BHAGAT</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>LAKHBIR</b> s/o <b>TARSEM LAL</b> holding Indian Passport No. J 1988184 dated 24.06.2010 issued at <b>BAHRAIN</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>V PO SAILA KALAN, P S GARHSHANKAR, DIST HOSHIARPUR, PUNJAB</b> presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>LAKHBIR</b> (Surname) <b>TARSEM LAL</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>MUKESH</b> s/o <b>RAM PRASAD</b> holding Indian Passport No. L 9003103 dated 24.04.2014 issued at <b>JAIPUR</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) 617, <b>REGARON KA BAS, CHANDARUN, TEHSIL DEGANA, NAGAUR, PIN: 341503, RAJASTHAN</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>MUKESH</b> (Surname) <b>RAM PRASAD</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>SHUKRULLAH</b> s/o <b>MOHAMMAD YASIN</b> holding Indian Passport No. L 7355167 dated 26.02.2014 issued at <b>LUCKNOW</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>VILLAGE JHOTPUR TAKIYA, POST- PANAIL, MAU, PIN: 275303, UTTAR PRADESH</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>SHUKRULLAH</b>, (Surname) <b>MOHAMMAD YASIN</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p> <p>“I, <b>PRAMOD KUMAR</b> s/o <b>FAUJDAR RAM</b> holding Indian Passport No. H 1212469 dated 14.10.2008 issued at <b>LUCKNOW</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) <b>VILL- BAGHARADOYAM, PO-UCHAHUA, PS- TARWA, DISTT-AZAMGARH, UTTAR PRADESH</b>. Presently residing at (full address in Bahrain) Building. 914, Road. 31, Block. 623, Kingdom of Bahrain will henceforth be known as (given name) <b>PRAMOD KUMAR</b> (Surname) <b>FAUJDAR RAM</b>. Objection (s), if any, may be forwarded to Embassy of India, P.O. Box 26106, Adliya, “Kingdom of Bahrain.”</p>	<p>“I, <b>HOSHIAR SINGH</b> s/o <b>GURNAM SINGH</b> holding Indian Passport No. R 8317920 dated 12.12.2017 issued at <b>BAHRAIN</b> having permanent residence at (full address in India) R/O <b>GANDHI NAGER PEHOWA, W. NO. 2, THE. PEHOWA, DIST. KURUKSHETRA</b>. 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# Silva retires from Spain duty

Reuters | Madrid

Spanish midfielder David Silva has joined compatriots Andres Iniesta and Gerard Pique in retiring from international football.

The 32-year-old Manchester City playmaker won the World Cup in 2010 and the European Championship in 2008 and 2012, a key player during Spain's golden era.

Silva scored 35 goals in 125 games for the national team over 12 years and was described as 'Spain's Lionel Messi' by former coach Vicente del Bosque.

The midfielder was part of the squad which was surprisingly eliminated by hosts Russia in the last 16 of last month's



David Silva

World Cup.

"It is not easy, after all I've lived through, to sit and write these lines. It has been days and weeks of reflection and analysis to take the decision to end my era in the Spanish national team," wrote Silva in an open letter on his Twitter account on Monday.

"Without a doubt it's been one of the most difficult choices of my career, which I make with gratitude and humility.

"The national team has given me everything and allowed me to grow as a footballer and person since (playing in) the youth categories."

Silva was brought into the side by the late Luis Aragones and shone as Spain triumphed in Euro 2008, winning their first major trophy since 1964.



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DAVID SILVA

# Brooks Koepka makes incredible comeback

AFP | St. Louis, United States

Sitting on a couch watching the Masters on television with an injured left wrist, Brooks Koepka never dreamed he would win two majors this year, much less battle his boyhood idols.

But the 28-year-old American did just that, defending his title at the US Open in June and taking his third major crown Sunday at the PGA Championship by two strokes over Tiger Woods.

"When I look at what I've done in the past two months, it's incredible," Koepka said.

"Looking where I was, sitting on my couch watching the Masters, to think I would do this, I would have laughed at you and told you there was no way, no chance. I can't even believe it."

As impressive as his long drives was Koepka's coolness under pressure, a composure that has become a trademark.

"When I show up to the majors I'm very focused, very disciplined," he said. "For some reason the majors get my attention. When you're firing at flags you have to be calm and focus on every shot."

To battle Woods and 2013 Masters winner Adam Scott, an Australian who took third, was a dream for Koepka, who idolized both in his youth.

"To duel it out with them, it's pretty neat. I don't think I ever dreamed of that situation that I was in," Koepka said. "It really is surreal."

Woods was impressed with Koepka's skill.

"It's tough to beat when the guy hits it 340 (yards) down the middle," Woods said of Koepka.

"When a guy's doing that and hitting it straight and as good a putter as he is, it's tough to beat."

Scott sees how Koepka handles himself in the biggest moments.

"What has been interesting to watch is how much of a big time player he is," Scott said.

"I'd just keep doing what he's doing because he's showing up

at the right moments in the biggest events. He's got that mindset. There's something inside his brain that makes him believe that's what he's destined to do."

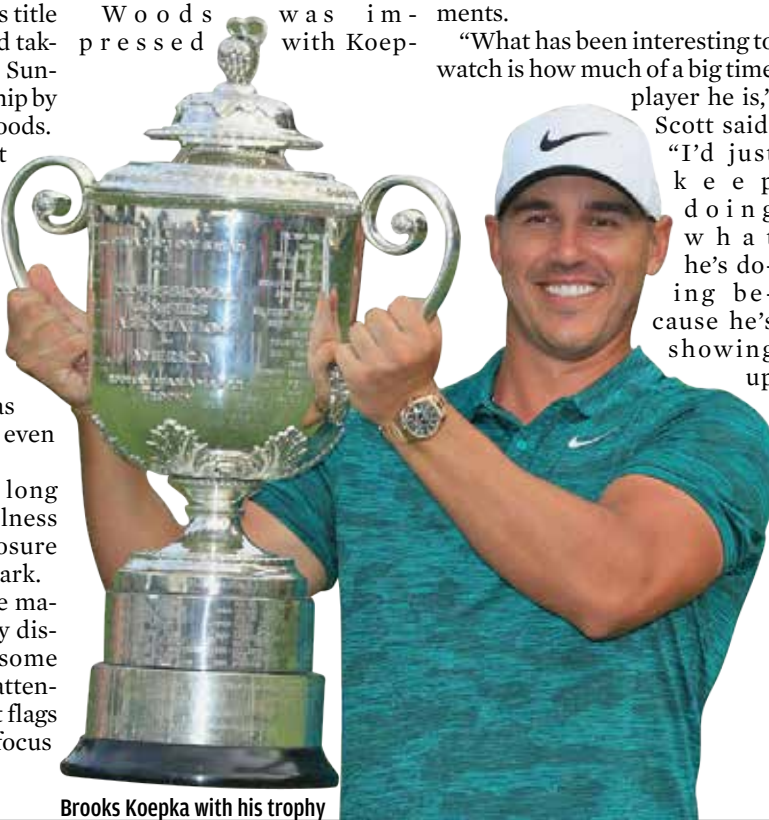
Koepka gets into a routine and keeps swing coach Claude Harmon III, his chef and a physiotherapist near during majors.

"He has a unique ability on these really intense weeks to be the calmest he is all year," Harmon said. "Brooks is a creature of habit. He enjoys keeping the same guys around him. He likes the routine. That's one reason he's so successful. He's able to keep things normal. He doesn't get too high. He doesn't get too low."

He admits being down when injured but adds, "I've never been more focused, more driven, more excited to play."

Koepka has won three majors in 14 months, the fastest such run since Ireland's Padraig Harrington took the 2007 British Open and 2008 British Open and PGA. Koepka was most proud of a 247-yard tee shot to six feet that set up a birdie at the par-3 16th hole.

"I hit a laser right at the flag," he said. "That will probably go down as probably one of the best shots I've ever hit under pressure."



Brooks Koepka with his trophy

# Abu Dhabi to Host BRAVE 16

TDT | Manama

In implementation of the directives of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Honourary President of BMMAF, the Brave Combat Federation will organise the 16th edition of BRAVE in Abu Dhabi on September 21.

CEO of KHK MMA and BRAVE Combat Federation Mohammed Shahid said, "The vision of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa has transformed MMA sport into a world-class sporting model through the BRAVE Championship which tours cities and capitals of the world. BRAVE will return in its sixteenth edition to the Emirati capital of Abu Dhabi, which hosted the fourth edition of the championship. This event will surely leave a positive impact in strengthening bilateral relations between Bahrain and the UAE in many areas, especially in sports."

Shahid mentioned that 2018 will be a special year for this championship, which will take place again during Combat Week hosted by Bahrain next November.

BRAVE Abu Dhabi will witness two major fights for the championship belt; the first in the welterweight category between the Guyanese champion Carlston Harris, who will defend his title against Jarrah Al Silawi of Jordan; the second in the featherweight category, between Algerian champion Elias Boudegzdame and American NCAA league champion Bubba Jenkins.

# No recall for Stokes as England name unchanged third Test squad



Ben Stokes

AFP | London

Ben Stokes was again omitted as England named an unchanged 13-man squad on Monday for the third Test against India at Trent Bridge starting Saturday, where victory would see them clinch the series.

Stokes's ongoing trial on a charge of affray in Bristol saw him left out by England as they thrashed India by an innings and 159 runs in the second Test at Lord's on Sunday to go 2-0 up with three to play in the five-match campaign.

However, a brief statement issued by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) said they would review Stokes's position following the conclusion of the trial, which

is expected to end before the third Test starts.

"The ECB will make an assessment of Ben Stokes's availability after the trial in Bristol has concluded," the statement said.

Fellow pace-bowling all-rounder Chris Woakes, who took Stokes's place, starred with both bat and ball in a man-of-the-match display at Lord's. Woakes made 137 not out, his maiden Test century, and also took four wickets as England overpowered India, the world's top-ranked Test side.

By naming the same squad, England retained uncapped Essex pace-man Jamie Porter and off-spinner Moeen Ali, both of whom missed out on a place in their XI that played at Lord's.

# USA confirms eight for Ryder Cup, door still open for Tiger

AFP | St. Louis, United States

US Ryder Cup captain Jim Furyk unveiled the first eight members of his squad Monday, with the potential of a captain's pick remaining to add Tiger Woods to the lineup.

Furyk confirmed spots next month in France for Jordan Spieth, Bubba Watson, Webb Simpson and Rickie Fowler from US qualifying settled after Sunday's PGA Championship final round.

Four others who previously clinched positions were top-ranked Dustin Johnson, reigning Masters champion Patrick Reed, third-ranked 2017 PGA winner Justin Thomas and second-ranked Brooks Koepka, this year's Championship and US Open winner.

Furyk will make four captain's picks

in early September, potentially including Woods, before the Americans defend the trophy against Europe at Le Golf National near Paris on September 28-30.

The US captain has previously singled out Woods as a potential captain's pick. And the former world number one strengthened his case for inclusion in the team with a second place finish in the PGA Championship.

The 14-time major champion, eight months into his comeback following spinal fusion surgery, fired a six-under-par 64 in the final round at Belleve Country Club to finish second to two-time US Open champion Koepka by two shots.

Woods has already been selected as non-playing vice captain of the Ryder Cup team.





# Nadal earns 80th title

Tsitsipas found world number one Nadal an obstacle too far as the Spaniard ran out 6-2 7-6 (7/4) winner at the Toronto

AFP | Toronto

Rafael Nadal held off a late surge from birthday boy Stefanos Tsitsipas to claim the 80th title of his career with victory at the Toronto Masters on Sunday.

Nadal overcame a second set fightback from Greek youngster Tsitsipas to claim a 6-2, 7-6 (7/4) victory in just under 1hr 45mins.

The win gave the 32-year-old Spaniard a record-extending 33rd trophy at the elite Masters level as well as his 80th title.

Earlier, a vocal crowd of local flag-waving Greek fans had sang Happy Birthday to the 20-year-old Tsitsipas as Nadal reflected on a successful campaign.

"I feel I've improved every match, it's important to win even if you're not at your best," Nadal said as he prepares for the US Open later this month.

"It's been almost 10 years (2010) since I last played in Toronto," Nadal said of the event which comes to the city in even-number years as it trades with Montreal.

"This trophy means a lot."

The loss concluded the tennis week of his life for Tsitsipas, who beat four Top 10 opponent in a row to reach the final.

"It's been an amazing week for me," he said. "This trophy means a lot after playing my first Masters 1000 final.

"Rafa is amazing, he never cracks. He will always grab you



Stefanos Tsitsipas (L) and Rafael Nadal pose with their trophies

like a bulldog and he will always make you suffer on the court.

"He was (once) normal like all of us, and he managed to become this beast, this monster that he is today.

"That's how you feel when you play against him."

Tsitsipas is taking the lesson he learned on court to heart:

"I'm really hungry for more. I believe I can achieve much more this year.

"Although I lost today, I feel like I can still beat good players. I really want to make more points this year and get the best out of myself."

Nadal added the Canadian honour to the titles he won in

2005, 2008 and 2013.

The final featured a plot twist at the end, with Nadal broken while serving for victory leading a set and 5-4.

Tsitsipas would not buckle, making it 5-5 as Nadal hit the net, with the set finally going into a tiebreaker.

Nadal regained control, earn-

## Nadal withdraws from Cincinnati Masters

AFP | Toronto

World number one Rafael Nadal on Sunday withdrew from next week's ATP Cincinnati Masters event as he prepares for this month's US Open.

The 32-year-old scooped the 80th title of his career earlier Sunday with victory at the Toronto Masters.

However the Spaniard said in a statement following the win that he had decided to adjust his schedule in order to preserve his fitness.

"I am very sorry to announce that I won't be playing in Cincinnati this year," Nadal said.

"No other reason than personally taking care of my body and trying to keep as healthy as I feel now.

"I am very thankful to my friend Andre Silva, Tournament Director of the Cincinnati tournament, who after speaking to him on the phone

understood what I said to him and understands the situation.

"I am sure the tournament will be a success and I wish him and his team all the best."

The withdrawal leaves Roger Federer as the tournament's highest seed in second. The Swiss did not play Toronto in order to conserve his resources, an example being followed by his main rival.

Nadal will be replaced in the draw by a lucky loser.

Nadal had signalled he was planning on withdrawing following his win over over Stefanos Tsitsipas earlier Sunday.

"I need to make a decision about what is going on in the next week and the next couple of weeks," he said. "We also have the Davis Cup semi-finals after the US Open.

"We need to think about the things that we can do or the things that about we can't do, no? So it's all about the decisions.

## Emery needs time to rebuild Arsenal: Cech



Unai Emery issues instructions to Mesut Ozil

AFP | London

Arsenal goalkeeper Petr Cech pleaded for patience after Unai Emery's first match as Arsene Wenger's successor ended in a 2-0 defeat to Manchester City.

The Gunners were largely outclassed by the Premier League champions on Sunday and struggled to implement some obvious changes demanded by Emery in the off season.

Cech nearly scored an embarrassing own goal and looked uncomfortable in trying to play out from the back as City pressed high.

After a series of risky passes, a long clearance by Cech was met with huge cheers from the Arsenal fans, but the veteran

called for Emery's methods to be given time.

"I think they have to understand that when you start building a new team with a new manager and a completely new way it may take time," said Cech, who kept his place in goal ahead of new signing Bernd Leno.

A tough start for the Spanish coach continues next weekend against Cech's old club Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea's new boss Maurizio Sarri did get off to a winning start in his Premier League debut at Huddersfield.

But Cech believes Arsenal can take heart from Chelsea's own struggles to cope with City in losing the Community Shield 2-0 last weekend.

# Halep takes Montreal crown

● The world number tops Sloane Stephens in 3 sets to win the title

AFP | Montreal, Canada

World number one Simona Halep held her nerve in a rollercoaster duel with Sloane Stephens Sunday to win the WTA Montreal crown for the second time.

In a gruelling 2hr 41min battle, French Open champion Halep prevailed 7-6 (8/6), 3-6, 6-4 over Stephens in a repeat of the duo's meeting in the final of Roland Garros earlier this year.

The victory was Halep's 18th career title and her second in Montreal following her success in 2016.

The 26-year-old sealed the



Sloane Stephens (L) and Simona Halep pose with their trophies

win with an ace on her fourth match point, capping an enthralling duel marked by several momentum swings.

Halep had taken the first set on a tie-break, after saving four

set points against American third seed Stephens.

Halep made the stronger start, dictating rallies from the baseline to race into a 4-1 lead after twice breaking

## Halep seals spot in WTA Finals

Reuters | London

World number one Simona Halep became the first player to qualify for the season-ending WTA Finals in Singapore, the WTA said yesterday.

The Romanian is the only player to have qualified for all five editions of the event since it has been held in Singapore

and will look to win the title for the first time. Halep was beaten in the 2014 final by American Serena Williams.

"Simona has been one of the sport's most consistent and leading performers over the last few years. We look forward to seeing her competing to hold the prestigious Billie Jean King Trophy," WTA CEO and chairman Steve Simon

said.

The top eight singles players at the \$7 million prize money event will face off in a round-robin format.

Halep won her maiden grand slam trophy at the French Open this year and claimed her third title of the season at the Rogers Cup on Sunday.

The WTA Finals will take place from Oct. 21-28.

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Stephens in the opening five games.

Yet reigning US Open champion Stephens rallied superbly to claw her way back into the contest, breaking twice to level at 4-4.

That however proved to be the cue for Halep to respond, breaking back after a net cord sat up invitingly for the Romanian, who crushed a winner into the corner for 5-4.

Another poor service game from Halep though gave the initiative back to Stephens, who broke for 5-5 and then held for a 6-5 lead.

Stephens appeared to be closing in on the first set in the next game, when a wild forehand from Halep -- her 20th unforced error -- handed her opponent two set points.

But Halep dug deep to save both points and then forced the tie-break.

Stephens again looked to be on the brink of the first set after surging into a 5-1 lead which soon became 6-4 in the tiebreak.



# Rooney inspires DC United to last-gasp win



Wayne Rooney (left) set up the winner for Luciano Acosta - bringing up the Argentinian's hat-trick - seconds after a last-ditch tackle while his goalkeeper was upfield

AFP | Washington

A moment of magic from Wayne Rooney fired DC United to a last-gasp 3-2 victory over Orlando in Major League Soccer on Sunday.

The two sides had appeared to be heading for a 2-2 draw at Audi Field as Orlando broke out following a United corner in the fifth minute of stoppage time.

With United goalkeeper David Ousted stranded upfield, Orlando's Will Johnson advanced past halfway with an empty net ahead of him.

But a superb last-ditch tackle from Rooney upended Ousted, and the former England and Manchester United star then launched a long ball into the area met by Luciano Acosta, who nodded home the winner.

Argentinian striker Acosta's goal completed a hat-trick and gave United a vital three points as they attempt to move



**Rooney played his #500 game On February 11, 2012 after 10 years in international arena**

off the bottom of the Eastern Conference.

United remain rooted to the foot of the standings however with 21 points from 20 games. United have several games in hand over the teams above them however, and could yet conceivably mount a charge towards the playoffs in the closing months of the season.

Rooney had also been instrumental in setting up Acosta's first goal of the game in stoppage time at the end of the first half.

# Barca rallies to win Spanish Supercup

Dembele fires his team to the first trophy of the Spanish football season

AFP | Tangiers, Morocco

Barcelona battled back to defeat Sevilla 2-1 and win the Spanish Supercup on Sunday with French World Cup winner Ousmane Dembele hitting a sensational winner to help give Lionel Messi a winning start as captain.

It was Barcelona's 13th Supercup and sixth in the last nine seasons.

However, Sevilla squandered a golden chance to send the match into extra-time when Wissam Ben Yedder missed a last-minute penalty.

Pablo Sarabia gave Sevilla the lead after just nine minutes on a counter-attack.

Gerard Pique, who announced his international retirement with Spain on Saturday, levelled three minutes before the interval for Barcelona after he was fastest to respond to a loose ball following a Messi free-kick.

That set the stage for French star Dembele to take the headlines with a 78th minute screamer from 25 yards and again Messi played a crucial role with the key pass.

There was still time for late drama when Barca goalkeeper



Ousmane Dembele in action

Marc-Andre Ter Stegen brought down Aleix Vidal in the area as the Sevilla youngster closed in on an equaliser.

But Ben Yedder hit a weak penalty which was easily saved by Ter Stegen.

The match had endured a controversial build-up when Sevilla threatened to file a complaint against Barcelona if the La Liga champions fielded more



than three non-EU players.

The Spanish football federation (RFEF) said on Saturday that there would be no restrictions on players from outside the EU for the Supercup, despite only three being allowed in squads for league matches.

Sevilla said they could file a complaint if Barca name an "improper lineup" in Tangier.

## Dembele puts troubled Barca past behind him

Reuters | Madrid

Ousmane Dembele endured a problematic first season at Barcelona but after producing a special goal to win the Catalans the Spanish Supercup, the Frenchman has started his second firing on all cylinders.

Dembele rifled home a long-range strike on Sunday to help Barcelona to win over Sevilla in Tangier.

It was a rare moment of joy for the 21-year-old forward since his move from Borussia

Dortmund last year for a fee which could rise to 147 million euros (\$167.3 million).

A severe hamstring injury kept him out for nearly four months and he suffered another injury setback shortly after returning in January.

When he was fit the winger played tentatively, showing little of the imagination and quality that persuaded Barcelona to sign him as a replacement for Neymar.

Catalan media questioned his professionalism and rumours that he would leave Barcelo-

na circulated even as he lifted the World Cup with France in July.

However, Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde says he counts on Dembele and he started the forward alongside Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez against Sevilla.

In the second half, as Barcelona struggled to break down the Andalusians, Dembele took a step forward and became the game's most dangerous player, ramming home the winner in the 78th minute.

"He is with us and we have

high expectations for him. He has great quality and is here with us," Valverde said.

"He took part and he scored a goal, which I think is something to be happy about. As the game went on, he got better."

With Suarez and Messi both 31 and losing speed, if not quality, Dembele's urgency could give Barcelona a vital outlet this season.

The forward is capable of using both feet equally well, his goal lashed home with his right foot even though he says his left is stronger.

# Lewandowski hat-trick leads Bayern to Frankfurt cup revenge

AFP | Frankfurt, Germany

Brilliant hat-trick from Robert Lewandowski led Bayern Munich to a comfortable 5-0 victory over Eintracht Frankfurt in Sunday's German Supercup, giving former Frankfurt coach Niko Kovac a memorable start to his reign at the Bavarian giants.

Kovac returned to Frankfurt for his first competitive game in charge of the Bundesliga winners, having ended two successful years at Eintracht with a shock win over Bayern in last season's German Cup final.

Yet there was no time for sentimentality on Sunday, as Bayern took brutal revenge for their cup humiliation, Lewandowski leaving the Frankfurt defence in tatters.

"It was a really good performance today, we scored at all the right moments," Kovac told ZDF.

"Of course I feel some sympathy for my former players and



Bayern's Robert Lewandowski in action

my former club, but I think it will still be a good season for Frankfurt.

"I am very optimistic for this season. I have a great team and a lot of strength in depth."

A ruthless Bayern took the lead with their first chance on 21 minutes. Joshua Kimmich's cross picked out Lewandowski at the far post and the Polish star

fired a header across Frederik Roennow in the Frankfurt goal.

The striker nodded in a second from almost exactly the same position five minutes later, heading Arjen Robben's corner past the stranded Roennow.

The game could have turned in Frankfurt's favour just before half-time when Mats Hummels escaped with a yellow card after

## Bayern's Alaba escapes ligament damage

Reuters | Munich

Bayern Munich defender David Alaba suffered a bruised knee bone in Sunday's German Supercup win over Eintracht Frankfurt with scans ruling out ligament damage, the Bundesliga club said yesterday.

Austria left back Alaba sustained the injury to his left knee in a collision with Frankfurt defender Danny Da Costa late in the match.

"The joint will be rested and

bringing down Mijat Gacinovic in front of goal.

At the other end, Lewandowski faced increasingly



David Alaba during training

rough treatment from the Frankfurt defence, and Eintracht captain David Abraham was also lucky to escape a red card when

he appeared to elbow the Polish striker late in the game.

There was no stopping Lewandowski, however, who danced free of Abraham to rifle in his third goal on 54 minutes.

Kovac's perfect evening was sealed in the 63rd minute when Kingsley Coman bundled in Bayern's fourth.

The new Bayern coach had focused on low crosses in training the week before, and watched happily on as David Alaba's low cross found Coman at the far post to make it 4-0.

Thiago delivered the final flourish five minutes from time, gratefully receiving a pass from Coman to slot home Bayern's fifth.

Sandro Wagner could even have made it six, missing an open goal from two yards out, but that didn't stop Bayern celebrating a winning start under Kovac and a successfully defended Supercup title



# Neymar on the mark

*Tuchel's youthful PSG seal opening day win over Caen*

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**N**eymar scored his first goal for Paris Saint-Germain since February as the French champions kicked off the new Ligue 1 season with a 3-0 defeat of Caen on Sunday.

The Brazilian star, who scored 19 times in 20 league games before fracturing his foot last season, struck just 10 minutes into his first start for the club in almost six months.

Adrien Rabiot netted a second for PSG before half-time and Timothy Weah, the son of 1995 Ballon d'Or winner and Liberia president George Weah, rounded out the victory with his first league goal.

Gianluigi Buffon also produced a couple of sharp saves on his home bow in goal for PSG as coach Thomas Tuchel made a winning start at the Parc des Princes.

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German Tuchel, who replaced Unai Emery on a two-year deal, was without a host of first-team regulars as PSG's trio of World Cup winners -- Kylian Mbappe, Presnel Kimpembe and Alphonse Areola -- showed off the trophy to fans before kick-off.

Edinson Cavani and Marco Verratti were also absent as Tuchel handed starts to youngsters Colin Dagba and Stanley N'Soki in defence, and fellow 19-year-old Antoine Bernede in midfield.

After appearing in a 15-minute cameo at the end of last weekend's 4-0 rout of Monaco in the Champions Trophy in China, Neymar made a long-awaited return to the line-up in Paris.

He needed little time to leave his mark as Caen goalkeeper Brice Samba was punished for a sloppy pass, with Christopher Nkunku setting Neymar up for a calm, side-footed finish on his left foot.

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came the oldest PSG player in Ligue 1 history at 40 years and six months.

The 2006 World Cup winner was called into action for the first time midway through the opening period when Malik Tchokounte's firm volley forced

Buffon to punch to safety.

## Buffon bails out Silva

Angel Di Maria, on target twice in the victory over Monaco, laid the ball on a plate for Rabiot to add PSG's second on 35 minutes.

The Argentine winger's acceleration took him past Alexander Djiku and into the Caen area where he crossed for a charging Rabiot to tap in from close range.

Silva was indebted to the quick reflexes of Buffon on the stroke of half-time when an attempt to head clear a cross left his keeper scrambling to turn the ball behind.

Stef Peeters had Buffon beaten after the break when his free-kick smacked against the inside of the post, while a combination of Samba and the woodwork then denied Weah on 85 minutes.

But the US international pounced on another mistake by Samba a minute from time, Weah forcing the ball over the line after catching the Caen keeper in possession.

Earlier, Bertrand Traore and Memphis Depay scored for Lyon in a 2-0 victory over Amiens.

Burkina Faso forward Traore fired Lyon ahead on 24 minutes when he broke down the right side of the area and sneaked the ball through the legs of Amiens goalkeeper Regis Gurtner.

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