

Zverev's slump continues in Rome

Germany's Alexander Zverev crashed out of the Italian Open yesterday with a 7-5, 7-5 loss to Italian wild card Matteo Berrettini in the second round. | P16

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Czech teacher survives 34 years with heart transplant

Prague, Czech Republic

A Czech teacher survived more than 34 years with a heart transplant, making him one of the longest living transplant patients, Czech media and a hospital said yesterday.

Local media reported that secondary school teacher Rudolf Sekava, who underwent the transplant on October 23, 1984, died in hospital in the central Czech city of Jihlava on May 10.

"Yes, it's true, but I can't tell you more," hospital spokeswoman Monika Zachrlova said.

The website of the Czech broadsheet daily DNES said Sekava, who had received the heart of a 25-year-old woman, would have turned 83 on Wednesday.

WHO to honour HRH PM as 'World Leader'

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The World Health Organisation (WHO) will honour His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa as a 'World Leader', in a new international achievement reflecting the global impact and resonance of the contributions of His Royal Highness.

The Premier was chosen after a careful follow-up on the progress achieved by Bahrain's health sector, which, according to WHO, "deserves to be a role model for other countries of the world."

The award honours HRH the Premier's contributions in the field of health and for his vision, ideas, policies, initiatives and achievements.



HRH the Premier with Dr Tidros Adhanom Gibressus, the Director-General of World Health Organization, yesterday

Dr Tidros Adhanom Gibressus, the Chief of the World Health Organization (WHO) said this in an invitation to HRH to attend the 72nd World Health Assembly.

The high international honour also reflects the role HRH Prince Khalifa has played in achieving WHO's objectives, missions and functions.

Bahrain has become a suc-

cessful model in this area, and we would like to convey your experiences to other countries to benefit from," said the Director-General of the WHO during his meeting with HRH Premier

last November.

Cooperation with WHO has been a consistent approach for His Royal Highness the Prime Minister since the adoption of the Alma-Ata Declaration in 1978.

HRH Premier earlier called on the WHO Member States to provide "health for all" by the year 2000. "This should be done following the new health strategy launched in 2002/2010 to make Bahrain one of the first countries to develop a strategy for the health system in line with the goals of WHO."

The honouring ceremony will be held at WHO headquarters at the UN Palace in Geneva on May 20. Heads of states, governments and ministers of health from the 194 WHO member states will be present.

Bahrain's economy among region's fastest growing: HRH CP



HRH the Crown Prince during a Majlis yesterday

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Bahrain is among the fastest growing economies in the region, said HRH the Crown Prince, citing the strong results achieved so far through policies that support financial stability and economic prosperity.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander, and First Deputy Prime Minister was visiting the Majlis of Ahmed Mansoor Al A'ali, and the Majlis of the sons of the late Haji Hasan Al A'ali.

Bahrain, HRH Prince Salman said, has launched several initiatives that had contributed to the ongoing economic

development, which also further diversified the Kingdom's economy.

"There is a need to reinforce the role of the private sector as Bahrain's primary growth engine while promoting greater innovation and competitiveness," said the Crown Prince.

In this regard, Prince Salman underscored the successful partnerships between the public and private sectors, which have resulted in wide-ranging achievements at all levels

HRH concluded his visits by recognising the vital role Bahraini citizens play in advancing Bahrain's economy.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa accompanied His Royal Highness during the Majlis visits.

Iran hand in attacks: US

Drone attacks claimed by Iran-aligned Yemen rebels shut down one of Saudi Arabia's major oil pipelines

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Iranian or Iranian-backed proxies used explosives Sunday to blow large holes in four ships anchored off the coast of the United Arab Emirates, a US official has said citing American military team's initial assessment.

The official said each ship has a 5 to 10 foot hole in it, near or just below the water line, and the team's early belief is that the holes were caused by explosive charges.

The team of US military experts was sent to investigate the damages at the request of the UAE, but American officials have not provided any details about what exactly happened or any proof as yet about the possible Iranian involvement in the explosions.

The official was not authorised to discuss the investigation publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Two Saudi oil tankers, a Norwegian-flagged vessel, and a bunkering tanker flagged in Sharjah, one of the UAE's seven emirates, all suffered similar damage Sunday.

The US has warned ships that "Iran or its proxies" could be targeting maritime traffic in the region, and America has moved additional ships and aircraft into the region.

The attacks came after the



A general view of oil tanks at a plant in Haradh, about 280 kilometres (170 miles) southwest of the eastern Saudi oil city of Dhahra

Saudi shuts oil pipeline after attack

Drone attacks claimed by Iran-aligned Yemen rebels shut down one of Saudi Arabia's major oil pipelines yesterday, further ratcheting up Gulf tensions after the mysterious sabotage of several tankers.

Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih said Saudi Aramco had "temporarily shut down" the pipeline to "evaluate its condition" but added that oil production and exports had not been interrupted.

In a statement carried by rebel-run Al-Masirah TV, the Huthis warned of other "unique operations."

Iran has repeatedly threatened to close the strait.

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The Moon is shrinking: study

Washington, United States

The Moon is steadily shrinking, causing wrinkling on its surface and quakes, according to an analysis of imagery captured by NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) published Monday.

A survey of more than 12,000

images revealed that lunar basin Mare Frigoris near the Moon's north pole -- one of many vast basins long assumed to be dead sites from a geological point of view -- has been cracking and shifting.

Unlike our planet, the Moon doesn't have tectonic plates;

instead, its tectonic activity occurs as it slowly loses heat from when it was formed 4.5 billion years ago.

This in turn causes its surface to wrinkle, similar to a grape that shrivels into a raisin.

The Moon has become about 150 feet (50 meters) "skinnier".