

Kanye West back on Twitter with live rant

Kanye West is back on Twitter and posted a video about mind control to mark his return on the social media platform. West deleted his Twitter and Instagram accounts last week after he was criticised for a rant he gave to the “Saturday Night Live” audience. **P13**

IRGC now threatens to make Iran sanctions counterproductive

Shaikh Nasser excels in Ironman championship

Jordan says key border post with Syria to reopen



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Saudi appreciates US administration
Riyadh

Saudi Arabia has “extended appreciation” to the US administration among others for “refraining from jumping to conclusions” in the ongoing investigation in the Jamal Khashoggi case.

A tweet from the Saudi Arabian embassy in the US yesterday said: “To help clarify recently issued Saudi statement, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia extends its appreciation to all, including the US administration, for refraining from jumping to conclusions on the ongoing investigation.”

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Arab solidarity with Saudi

Bahrain reiterates its firm stance with Saudi Arabia against Khashoggi missing allegations

● **Khashoggi, a Saudi national who had been based in the US, has been missing since Oct 2, when he visited the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul to obtain marital documents.**

Riyadh

Bahrain, The UAE, Oman, Jordan, Palestine and Yemen yesterday affirmed their full solidarity with Saudi Arabia against all those who attempt to undermine or seek to harm the Kingdom’s policy, position and sovereignty.

The statements, issued by each country’s official news agency, came following accusations against the Kingdom in the case of the missing Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Khashoggi, a Saudi national who had been based in the US, has been missing since Oct 2, when he visited the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul to obtain marital documents.

Bahrain expressed its gratitude of the important role played by

Bahrain backs Saudi

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, in a phone conversation held yesterday with the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, affirmed Bahrain’s strong solidarity with Saudi Arabia, which stems from common destiny and goals bonding the two kingdoms. HM the King stressed the Kingdom of Bahrain’s standing by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia against aggressive campaigns targeting its security and stability.

HM the King expressed Bahrain’s, leadership and people, belief in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and HRH



His Majesty

the Crown Prince, highlighting admiration of its development and modernization process seen by all walks of life and its ongoing effort to maintain the international security and stability.

King Salman expressed appre-



King Salman

ciation of HM the King’s noble feeling and Bahrain’s genuine supportive stances towards the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which reflect the depth of the long-standing relations bonding the two countries and their people.



Saudi and Turkey are capable of presenting a model of bilateral cooperation in the most difficult circumstances.

DR AL OTHAIMEEN

The Jordanian government also affirmed the Kingdom’s central role in consolidating security, stability and peace and enhancing economic cooperation both regionally and globally.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas expressed his appreciation for the firm stance of the Kingdom, which always stands side by the side with Pal-

estine and the rights of its people.

Meanwhile, Yemen said the Kingdom is “being subjected to malicious and prejudicial tendencies due to its honorable and honest positions with issues regarding the Arab and Islamic nation and its leading roles in regional and international stability,” reported Yemeni news agency Saba.

The Arab League rejected any threat to impose sanctions on the Kingdom, saying “it is totally unacceptable in the framework of relations between countries to threaten economic sanctions as a policy or instrument to achieve political or unilateral objectives.”

The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) praised the Turkish-Saudi initiative of forming a joint working group and bringing together specialists from both countries to investigate the case.

“The two countries are capable of presenting a model of bilateral cooperation in the most difficult circumstances, as well as the means to produce results that translate into their good intentions and the depth of good inherent in their leadership,” said OIC Secretary-General Dr Yousef Al Othaimeen.

SUCCESS MOVE

Over 6,000 apply for the voluntary retirement scheme

● **Participants must have completed ten years of service in the public sector, and cannot be working in a senior position to be eligible for the scheme.**

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The Civil Service Bureau (CSB) yesterday announced that over 6,000 applications have been submitted for the voluntary retirement scheme, a new initiative designed to streamline government revenues and increase private sector growth.

The one-off scheme provides



Many sessions were held by the CSB to apprise government employees on the scheme.

eligible participants with early access to end-of-service packages and incentives consistent with existing laws and regulations.

It includes access to a cash sum equal to five years’ additional service, end of service increments for those eligible and end of service indemnity.

Participants will also be given the opportunity to enhance their contribution to the Kingdom’s economic growth through entrepreneurship or



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participation in the private sector.

Participants must have completed ten years of service in the public sector, and cannot be working in a senior position to be eligible for the scheme.

Measures are in place to ensure public sector functions will not be affected by the voluntary retirement scheme.

The voluntary retirement scheme represents one of a series of measures launched as part of the Fiscal Balance Programme, a comprehensive package of reforms that will secure the Kingdom’s long-term fiscal stability and increase opportunities and living standards for citizens.

Registration for the scheme will be open until November 9.



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Relaunched Tribune a big hit among readers

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Increasing number of readers has welcomed the all-new relaunched 'The Daily Tribune', according to Update Media WLL, which manages the newspaper.

The more than two decades old newspaper was relaunched on May 10, 2018, switching from tabloid to broadsheet.

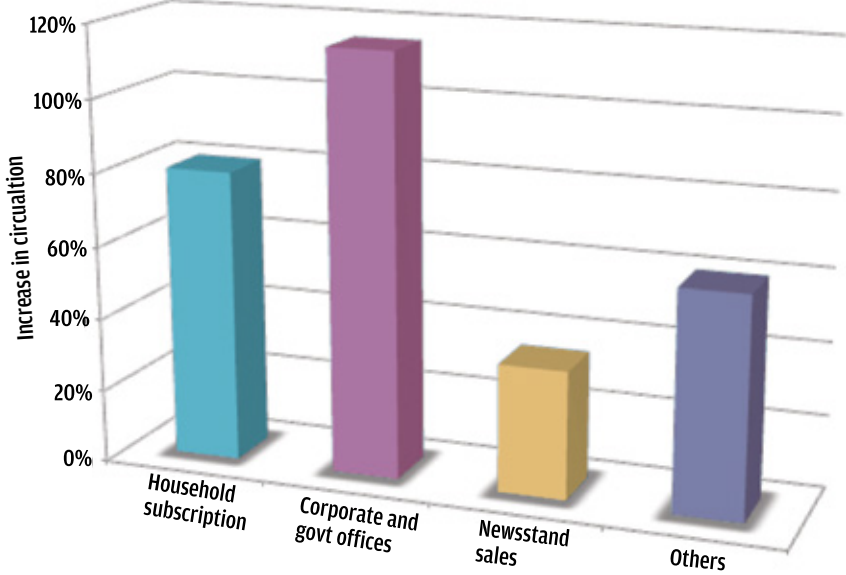
As of today, The Daily Tribune remains the lone English broadsheet in the Kingdom.

Chief Executive Officer Abdul Jaleel Abdulla said that the relaunched newspaper has been offering a unique experience to its readers.

"Being the only English broadsheet in the Kingdom, our reader base has been drastically increasing over the past few months. Some of our newly-introduced segments like the special features on arts and literature, 'big stories' on pressing local issues and segments for the youth and women have been very well received by the readers.

"The (Op-ed) special opinions and editorials, which is published in collaboration with The New York Times, along

THE RISE IN CIRCULATION ACROSS DIFFERENT SEGMENTS



with pieces from regional writers and news agencies, have also been a big hit among the readers.

"There are many plans in store. We are planning to come up with a Cam-

pus Tribune, catering to the student community. The newspaper has also been bringing out special industry-based supplements."

The Daily Tribune already enjoys a

The drive, which is the first-of-its-kind in the Kingdom, offers our readers a chance to win mega prizes including the latest model of Mitsubishi Eclipse Turbo.

MR ABDULLA

wide reach as it is circulated across almost all corporate houses and government offices in the Kingdom. It is the in-flight newspaper distributed by the national carrier Gulf Air.

Tribune is also distributed across the guest rooms of all major premium hotels and restaurants in the Kingdom.

Hundreds of readers were added following the new subscription drive launched by The Daily Tribune about two months ago.

"Our subscription drive has received an overwhelming response. More corporate and government offices in the Kingdom now subscribe The Daily Tribune.

"The drive, which is the first-of-its-kind in the Kingdom, offers our readers a



Touching tomorrow



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chance to win mega prizes including the latest model of Mitsubishi Eclipse Turbo.

"The winner will be selected through a draw to be held on December 31, 2018," he added.

'Every Arab should support Saudi'

HRH the Premier affirms Bahrain's support to Saudi Arabia against conspiracies targeting it

Manama

His Royal Highness Prime

Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has underlined the Bahraini people's support

to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia against all conspiracies targeting it.



HRH the Premier receives senior officials, media persons and citizens.

"It is imperative that the whole nation stand by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia against plots targeting it," he said, pointing out Saudi Arabia's unflinching support to all countries.

"The nation has to show its supportive stance to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as an act of gratitude for what it has done for all," he affirmed.

HRH the Prime Minister was speaking as he received yesterday senior officials, businessmen, intellectuals, journalists, media persons and citizens.

The Premier reiterated keenness on serving the nation and boosting citizens' welfare.

"We look forward to the

future optimistically despite challenges," HRH the Premier stressed, praising the Bahraini people's growing determination and sense of achievement."

Bahrain always emerges victorious and stronger than before," he affirmed, lauding the kingdom's successive accomplishments which earned it international respect and appreciation.

HRH the Premier praised Bahrain's achievements, pointing out that the kingdom's pioneering status in respecting human rights and freedom reflects a successful march of the dedicated and patriotic Bahraini people who deserved every respect.

He called to avail of the climate of freedom and openness in Bahrain to boost gains, urging to deal responsibly with the social media websites and use them to serve the kingdom's develop-

ment march.

HRH Prince Khalifa underscored the role of the private sector and businessmen in invigorating the national economy and fast-tracking development by providing more job opportunities for Bahrainis, stressing keenness on backing the private sector.

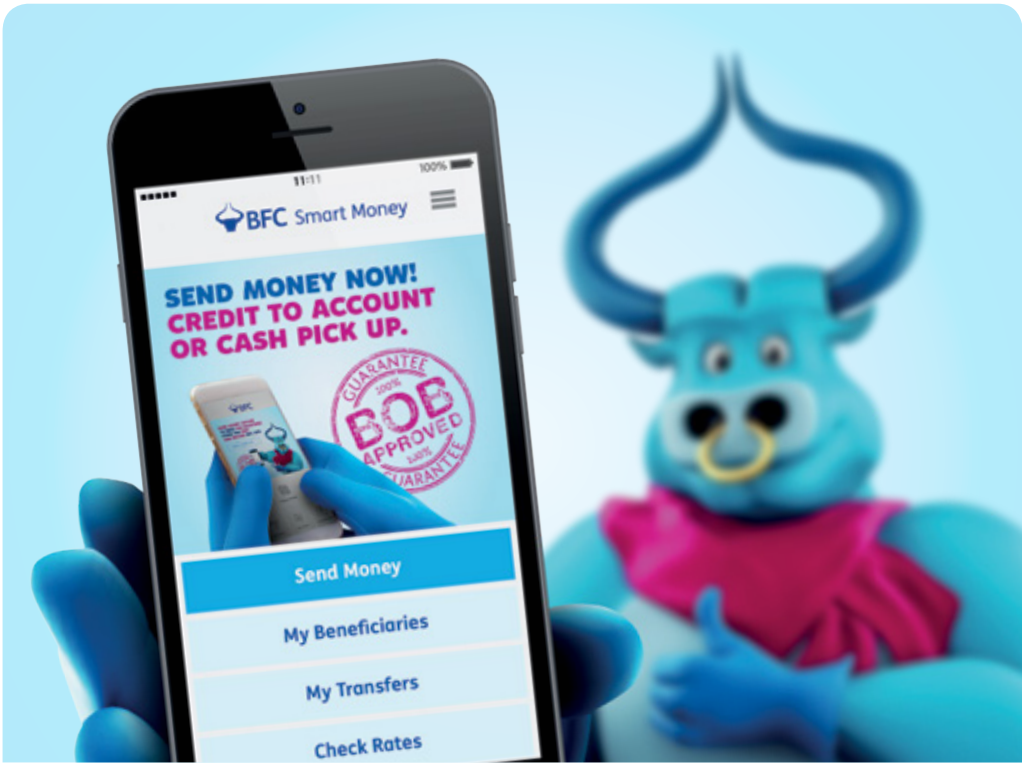
He also hailed the ongoing preparations for the upcoming parliamentary and municipal elections, commending the positive momentum in Bahrain which reflects citizens' keenness to take part in building their nation and protecting its accomplishments.

He stressed the government's keenness to provide a favourable climate for the elections in order to enable citizens to exercise their constitutionally guaranteed rights.

NGPS hosts session for parents



Following the successful launch of New Generation Private School (NGPS), an open event was held at the Ramee Grand Hotel to offer valuable insight into the school activities to the parents. The NGPS is a British curriculum school, with British management and under the supervision of a British educational consultancy.



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3pc of Bahrainis suffer from visual disabilities

Cataract, glaucoma, corneal disorders and retinopathy among the major eye diseases diagnosed in the Kingdom

● The expert called on diabetic patients to visit the ophthalmologist periodically to avoid retinopathy.

● Dr Al Yousif pointed out that there are four million people with visual disabilities in the Middle East, and explained that diabetes is one of the main causes of cataract, glaucoma and diseases of the cornea and retinopathy.

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Close to three per cent of Bahrainis suffer from visual disabilities, an international report showed. According to the latest report by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB),

the percentage of visual disability in Bahrain is 2.7 per cent. Ophthalmic and Lasik Consultant at King Abdulla Bin Abdulaziz Medical City's University Medical Centre Dr Nada Al Yousif said the causes of visual impairment in the Kingdom include cataract, glaucoma, corneal diseases and retinopathy. She advised parents to examine their children's eyes beginning age five to detect and correct any symptoms of visual impairment and to avoid eye laziness that cannot be cured later. However, Dr Al Yousif said the percentage of visual disability in Bahrain is lower than neighbouring countries, where it could reach up to 3.17pc.



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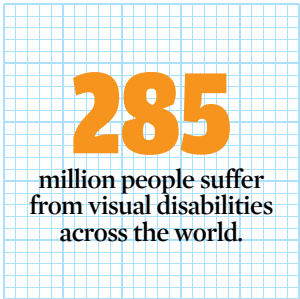
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Periodic eye check-ups are recommended to prevent visual disabilities.

She commented: "There are 285 million visually impaired individuals worldwide in which 80pc of them could've avoided their impairment and 90pc of these individuals are from developing countries. "Around 101 million people suffer from weak reading vision, according to the World Health Organisation." Dr Al Yousif's statements came during a ceremony held to observe the World Sight Day, which is annually observed on October

11. The event was held at King Abdulla Bin Abdulaziz Medical City, under the patronage of its president Dr Abdulla Al Awhali. The event aims at raising awareness on the global issue of blindness and avoidable visual impairment, and influence policy makers to support and improve the National Eye Health Programme. Dr Al Yousif pointed out that there are four million people with visual disabilities in the Middle East, and explained that



diabetes is one of the main causes of cataract, glaucoma and diseases of the cornea and retinopathy. She called for periodic measurement of eye pressure for people over the age of 40 to prevent glaucoma, which is one of the most important causes of visual disability in the world. Dr Al Yousif also advised to consult the doctor if any deterioration of vision is sensed for elder people, warning that cataracts can be easily treated by surgical intervention but could also lead to vision loss if neglected. The expert called on diabetic patients to visit the ophthalmologist periodically to avoid retinopathy.

Woman jailed for stealing gas cylinders

● The couple was put on trial before the Lower Criminal Court, which sentenced them to six months behind bars each.

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Ali Tarif

A Bahraini woman in her forties along with her boyfriend was jailed for stealing gas cylinders. The woman was arrested after the couple stole seven cylinders at one stretch from a building in Riffa. The couple was identified after the police reviewed CCTV images in the area. They were using a rented car to transport stolen cylinders, according to prosecutors. The suspects told prosecutors that they were selling stolen cylinders at a shop. The couple was put on trial before the Lower Criminal Court, which sentenced them to six months behind bars each. They were earlier sentenced to one year behind bars after being found guilty of stealing gas cylinders from another building.

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Bahrain may be exempted from US import tariffs on aluminium

Tariffs were set at 25pc and 10pc for steel and aluminium respectively by the US

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High-level discussions will continue to take place to explore the possibility for Bahrain to receive an exemption on the US import tariffs on steel and aluminium, it is learnt.

Discussions are ongoing about Bahrain's prospect of securing an exemption for the steel and aluminum tariffs that were imposed by the US government on the majority of countries. Tariffs were set at 25 per cent and 10pc for steel and aluminium respectively.

Responding to a question from Tribune, John J Sullivan US Deputy Secretary of State said that the discussions would continue. He said that during

his meetings with business leaders and government officials here, the subject of tariff exemption was discussed widely.

"We have had discussions about the steel and aluminium tariffs that were imposed. I understand its impact on the aluminum industry here in Bahrain," he told Tribune.

"There are processes for countries to seek exemptions and we've discussed that both in the past and will do so going forward with Bahrain."

Explaining the purpose behind the tariffs he explained, "The problem that the tariffs are ultimately seeking to solve is a problem of overproduction, principally in China, specifically with steel and aluminum."

"So there is a process for exemption and we are in continuing discussions



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MR SULLIVAN

with the government of Bahrain - to discuss the potentials for a waiver or an exemption from those tariffs."

US President Donald Trump imposed steel and aluminum tariffs in March. The EU, Canada, Mexico, Australia,

Mr Sullivan is on an official regional tour and will be visiting several countries in the Middle East.

"The United States' partnership with Bahrain is not limited to security issues, as important as those may be, our relationship is much broader," he said.

The US State official added that trade, commerce and investments remain an important aspect of the relationship between the US and Bahrain.

He also praised the role that the FTA agreement has played in boosting trade between the countries. He added that the US companies can play a role in the development of oil resources in Khaleej Al Bahrain basin.

"We will help the companies engage in Bahrain and pursue all those opportunities that we believe are waiting for them here," he said.

Science award winners named

● The Sastra Pratibhas will have the unique opportunity to visit prominent scientific establishments in India and to interact with senior scientists working there.

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The results of the nationwide science talent search examination (Sastra Pratibha Contest-2018) were declared yesterday.

The contest was jointly organised by Science India Forum Bahrain, National Science Movement of India and supported by Embassy of India Bahrain and Indian Space Research Organisation.

The 16 students declared as "Sastra Pratibhas" are: Amrutavarshinee Murugan(Bahrain Indian School), Sreya Saju(New Indian School), Aashna Akbar Sha(New Horizon School), Alvin Sunny Chirayath Manjiyil(The Indian School), Snehit Mannepalli(New Millennium School), Brindh Arumugasamy(The Indian School), Mariam Thomas(The Indian School), Devisree Sumesh(The Indian School), Harikrishnan K Menon(New Millennium School), Adithya Padmakumar Raina(The Asian School), Nishanth Nithyananda Shet(Al Noor International School), Sama Umesh Walke(New Millennium School), Reema Ratnadeep Gawas(The Indian School), Rishaban(New Millennium School), Srevin Saju(New Indian School), Brindh Arumugasamy(The Indian School)

Apart from 16 Sastra Pratibhas, 168 students won "A+" grade and 848 students won "A" grade. The winners were congratulated by the Embassy of India.

The Sastra Pratibhas will have the unique opportunity to visit prominent scientific establishments in India and to interact with senior scientists working there.

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Club to organise table tennis tournament

● The milestone event is being sponsored by Jollibee-Bahrain. Deadline for submission of entries is October 19.

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The Filipino Table Tennis Club under the patronage of the Philippine Embassy will hold its first Invitational Table Tennis Tournament on October 26, 2018, at Saar Cultural and Sports Club, Bahrain. The event is being organised to promote the table tennis sport and healthy lifestyle.

It is expected to attract a minimum of 70 amateur participants from different nationalities residing in the Kingdom and Saudi Arabia.

The tournament will be divided into three: Class A (advance skill), Class B (intermediate skill), Class C (beginner skill).

The milestone event is being sponsored by Jollibee-Bahrain. Deadline for submission of entries is October 19. For enquiries contact 3320 4443 (FTTC-Bahrain).

LMRA supports #Team Bahrain



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority has expressed support to the campaign #Team Bahrain, which offers a tribute to all those who have been contributing towards the nation building.

Diamond jubilee celebrations



The Diamond Jubilee and Annual Convention of Bahrain St Mary's Indian Orthodox Cathedral was inaugurated by the Supreme Head of the Indian Orthodox Church Moran Mor Baselios Mar Thoma Paulose II and University College of Bahrain (UCB) Founder and Chairman Dr Khalid M Al Khalifa by lighting the traditional lamp in the presence of Geevarghese Mar Coorilos Metropolitan (Mumbai Diocese) and Yuhanon Mar Dioscoros Metropolitan (Madras Diocese).

Health Ministry employs ‘only five psychologists’

Acute shortage coincides with the fact that there are 149 unemployed Bahraini trained psychologists

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Thamer Taifoor

There are only five Bahraini psychologists who’re officially working under the Health Ministry, Tribune has learnt. And this means that one psychologist is in charge of 124,000 citizens.

This acute shortage coincides with the fact that there are 149 unemployed Bahraini trained psychologists, according to sources.

The functional difference between a psychologist and psychiatrist, according to Health Ministry, is that the latter is authorised to prescribe medications while a psychologist treats patients by suggesting changing their behaviours without prescribing any drug.

A Health Ministry source told Tribune: “The education of a psychiatrist is based on bioscience and brain and neuroscience sciences, while a psychologist’s education mainly depends on behavior study.



The shortage of psychologists has led to delay in the treatment of many cases, sources say.

60
psychologists (at least) should be newly recruited to address the existing shortage in the Health Ministry, according to sources.

“The mental health services in Bahrain are provided both psychiatrists and psychologists. A medical team that consists of psychiatrists and psychologists usually treats patients suffering from severe psychological problems.

“In addition to psychiatrists and psychologists, there is a group of supportive medical professions working in the field of mental health in Bahrain, such as sociologists who can

provide assistance to individuals and families on how to deal with psychological problems and can also give consultations to couples and families.”

The source mentioned that Bahrain needs at least 60 psychologists in its public hospitals and health centres to cover the existing shortage, adding that each centre should have at least one psychologist, while five or more should be available in each hospital.

The source blamed the long-waiting periods for psychological consultations on the shortage of staff saying: “The delay in treating some cases makes their treatment more difficult. Most of these cases deteriorate because of the long-waiting period before being seen by an expert.”

“Many graduates of psychology in Bahrain are unemployed. In 2013 alone, 40 psychologists graduated their master’s from the University of Bahrain. Most of them studied in the fields of family guidance and psycholog-

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SOURCE

ical guidance.

“According to Labour and Social Development Ministry’s list of job seekers, 149 psychology graduates and 215 sociology graduates from the University of Bahrain and other universities, are unemployed and all of them are qualified to work as psychologists,” the source added.

Court issues first ‘undo damage’ ruling

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Ali Tarif

In a first-of-its-kind ruling by a Lower Criminal Court, a Bahraini man convicted of robbery was ordered to pay BD1,500 to his victim within three months instead of serving jail time.

The defendant benefited from a new “undo damage” ruling which gives judges the power to replace imprisonment issued against criminals with a compensation to repair the damage inflicted on their victims.

The defendant is said to have stolen a bike worth BD1,500, which he later sold for BD70 only.

His involvement in the robbery was discovered thanks to security cameras installed in the area where the crime occurred.

“I was drunk and I hitch-hiked because I wanted to return home. A driver offered me a lift and he dropped me after a short distance,” the defendant told prosecutors.

“I saw the bike inside a building unattended. The key was hidden under the seat. I rode it to my house and used it for 17 days. I sold it later for BD70.”

The defendant will have now to pay BD1,500 to the victim who purchased it for BD1,800 one year ago.

Visa forgery case adjourned to communicate with LMRA

● The employee was put on trial on forgery charges. During questioning before the Public Prosecution, she branded the accusations against her as malicious.

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Ali Tarif

The High Criminal Court has adjourned the case of a female employee accused of visa forgery to October 30, 2018, to assign the Public Prosecution to communicate with the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA).

The defendant, an employee at a private school, is standing trial for issuing 17 work visas for foreigners using her employers’ commercial registration, selling them for BD200 each and

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There were disputes between me and the school management and this is the reason why they have accused me of doing this.

DEFENDANT

pocketing the money.

According to court files, the woman was working at the school for nearly 20 years, during which she committed the crime.

Her wrongdoing was discovered after a man went to the school to enquire about the reason behind an Arab woman’s sponsorship.

The school administration informed him that the woman in question wasn’t employed by

the school, but he provided them with official documents confirming his claims.

The female employee was responsible for registering workers for the school, and when she was quizzed on the reasons, she admitted to obtaining the visa for her own benefit.

“I got the visa for the Arab woman for BD200 because I was going through financial crisis,” the employee told her superiors, pledging not to repeat it again.

Shortly after, however, another man went to the school and made a similar inquiry, but this time it involved an Arab man.

The employee was questioned again by the owners of the school and she told them she did it only twice. But, this time the owners went to the LMRA and inquired about this.

They were stunned by the truth of that the employee obtained 17 visas under the school and sold them for BD200 each, collecting BD3,400.

The employee was put on trial on forgery charges. During

questioning before the Public Prosecution, she branded the accusations against her as malicious.

“There were disputes between me and the school management and this is the reason why they

have accused me of doing this. I did everything based on their orders,” she added.

The High Criminal Court asked the Public Prosecution to communicate with the LMRA to inquire about the issued visas.

Asian woman jailed for selling drugs

TDT | Manama
Ali Tarif

An Asian woman drug seller landed in the police net following a successful operation, which saw her selling drugs to an undercover police officer, it is learnt.

The defendant is said to have been selling shabu across the Kingdom and an undercover officer was assigned to nab her.

The officer contacted the woman and she of-

fered to sell him shabu for BD20. Subsequently, the woman was arrested.

Upon inspecting the house of the suspect, police officers discovered that an illegal resident was staying with her.

Both women were put on trial before the High Criminal Court. While the suspect received three years sentence, the illegal resident was handed down six months in jail followed by immediate deportation. The suspect was also fined BD3,000.

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Trump says Mattis 'could be' leaving

Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump said in an interview airing yesterday that Defence Secretary Jim Mattis "could be" leaving, referring to him as "sort of a Democrat."

Mattis, seen as one of the steadiest but also more independent members of Trump's cabinet, has served as a low-profile counterweight to the president in his often abrasive treatment of US allies.

In an interview to be aired Sunday on CBS's "60 Minutes," Trump was asked whether he wanted Mattis to leave.

"It could be that he is. I think he's sort of a Democrat, if you want to know the truth," Trump said, according to an excerpt released by CBS. "But General Mattis is a good guy. We get along very well. He may leave. I mean, at some point, everybody leaves."

Trump said he had lunch with Mattis two days earlier and Mattis, a retired Marine four-star general, had not told him that he was leaving.

The exchange on Mattis came after Trump alluded to upcoming changes in his cabinet, which last week saw the surprise resignation of Nikki Haley, the US ambassador to the United Nations.

Bodies of 9 climbers killed in Nepal found

The freak storm is the deadliest incident to hit Nepal's mountaineering industry since 2015

AFP | Kathmandu, Nepal

A rescue team yesterday began retrieving the bodies of nine climbers killed in a violent storm on Nepal's Mount Gurja, a freak accident that has left the mountaineering community reeling.

A helicopter dropped four mountain guides at the camp where the South Korean climbing expedition was staying when powerful winds and snow swept through, killing the entire team and scattering their bodies as far as 500 metre (1,640 foot) away.

"All nine bodies have been found and the team are in the process of bringing them down," said Siddhartha Gurung, a chopper pilot who is coordinating the retrieval mission.

Attempts to reach the remote site in the Dhaulagiri mountain range in Nepal's Annapurna region on Saturday were hampered by strong winds.

Gurung did manage to reach the area and described a scene of total destruction. "Base camp



Nepali volunteers and friends carry the dead bodies of Korean and Nepali climbers recovered from Mount Gurja after being airlifted to Teaching Hospital in Kathmandu

looks like a bomb went off," said Dan Richards of Global Rescue, a US-based emergency assis-

tance group that will be helping with the retrieval effort.

The expedition was led by ex-

perienced South Korean climber Kim Chang-ho, who has climbed the world's 14 highest moun-

tains without using supplemental oxygen. Mountaineering experts are questioning how the experienced team was so badly hit while still at base camp at around 3,500 metres.

"You don't usually get those sorts of extreme winds at that altitude and base camps are normally chosen because they are safe places," said Richards.

The team -- five South Koreans and four Nepali guides -- had been on 7,193-metre (23,599-foot) Mount Gurja since early October, hoping to scale the rarely climbed mountain via a new route.

A sixth South Korean climber was staying at a village lower in the valley when the storm hit, after being forced to a lower altitude by health problems.

The freak storm is the deadliest incident to hit Nepal's mountaineering industry since 18 people were killed at Mount Everest's base camp in 2015 in an avalanche triggered by a powerful earthquake.

Salvadoran, Pope Paul VI raised to sainthood

Vatican City, Holy See

Pope Francis raised slain Salvadoran archbishop Oscar Romero and Pope Paul VI to sainthood yesterday in a ceremony at the Vatican attended by tens of thousands of pilgrims.

"We declare and define Paul VI and Oscar Arnulfo Romero Galdamez... to be saints and we enrol them among the saints, decreeing that they are to be venerated as such by the whole church," Francis said, before the crowds broke into wild applause.

The pair were elevated to the highest position in the Roman Catholic Church along with five others, including an Italian orphan who died of bone cancer aged 19 and a German nun.

Relics of each new saint were carried to the altar -- part of a bone for Romero and the shirt Paul VI was wearing when he was stabbed in an assassination attempt at Manila airport in 1970.

Francis was wearing a blood-stained rope belt which belonged to Romero, who stood up for peasant rights in the face of a right-wing backlash and was murdered at the altar in 1980.

Jordan says key border post with Syria to reopen

AFP | Amman, Jordan

The Jaber crossing, known as Nassib on the Syrian side, was a key route for Middle East trade before Amman closed it after the post was overrun by rebels and sealed in April 2015.

Jordanian government spokeswoman Jumana Ghnei-

mat announced "the reopening on Monday of the border crossing".

Syria's Interior Minister Mohammed al-Shaar confirmed the border would reopen on Monday and said a joint technical committee met on the eve to discuss preparatory measures, according to Damascus's offi-

cial news agency SANA.

Rehabilitation work on roads leading up to the crossing have begun to restore traffic, SANA said.

The reopening comes after Syrian government troops retook their side of the crossing in July under a deal with rebel fighters brokered by Moscow.

UK mountain biker shot dead by French hunter

Lyon, France

A 34-year-old Briton riding a mountain bike was shot dead by a hunter as he sped down a wooded track in the French Alps, officials said.

The victim was identified as Mark Sutton, who originally came from Wales but had been living for the past four years in the small town of Les Gets where he owned a restaurant

and a rent-a-chef business.

He was shot Saturday evening as a hunting party beat its way through woods near Montriond, the local prosecutor said.

The victim, a keen cyclist, was "perfectly identifiable" and was on a well-used but hard to access mountain track when he was shot by a 22-year-old hunter who was taken to hospital in shock.

Mother falls to death taking selfie from 27th floor

Daily Mail

Photographs have emerged of the Portuguese woman who was filmed falling off a balcony of a high-rise building in Panama while trying to take a selfie on Friday.

Sandra Manuela Da Costa Macedo, 27, had just recently arrived to Panama where she had a job as a teacher, according to the Portuguese newspaper O Minho. Macedo was a native of the northern Portuguese town of Aves. She is survived by two children.

Susana Cunha Barros, a Portuguese woman, posted a tribute on Facebook to Macedo.

'So long,' Barros wrote in the caption above a photo of the teacher. "Sandra... thank you



Macedo (white shirt) leans on the railings before attempting to take a selfie and falling in Panama



Sandra Manuela Da Costa Macedo, 27, had just recently arrived to Panama where she had a job as a teacher

for your contribution in the education of my daughter Helena... Will always be remembered with great affection.'

Macedo was filmed from afar

as she tragically fell to her death from the 27th floor of a high-rise block while losing her balance taking a selfie.

She went over a balcony railing she was leaning against as she took the snap.

Sickening video footage showed her still holding the selfie stick as she plunged to the ground below.

An onlooker filming the tragedy shouted: 'She's mad, there she goes, look at her, look at her, she's fallen.'

Paramedics rushed to the scene, a building called the Luxor Tower in a popular neighbourhood of Panama City called El Cangrejo after the alarm was raised just after 10 am local time yesterday.

The woman, initially identi-

fied as a Portuguese holiday-maker who had just arrived in Panama although a woman describing herself as a friend later took to social media to say she was a mother-of-two who had gone to the country to work as a teacher, was already dead when they arrived.

Construction workers on a neighbouring tower block are said to have yelled at her to get down from the railing she was half-sat on before her death plunge, but strong winds blowing at the time meant she couldn't hear their warning cries.

Local reports said the incident was still under investigation, but police were focussing on the theory that a gust of wind may have knocked her off balance.

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Weaving cotton renaissance

Cotton was once Egypt's main source of wealth in the 19th century, as the Nile Delta provided fertile grounds for the crop used to make the towels, sheets and robes coveted by Europe's burgeoning bourgeoisie.



Tailors sewing at the Marie Louis textile clothing and textile factory

AFP | Cairo, Egypt

Treading carefully among his sprawling green plants in the Nile Delta, Egyptian farmer Fatuh Khalifa fills his arms with fluffy white cotton picked by his workers.

Durable, fine and luxuriously soft, cotton sourced from Egypt has long been seen as the best on the market.

But recent years have been far from smooth for the North African country's farmers.

"I cultivate 42 hectares (104 acres) and it's expensive ... while the price (of cotton) is very low", said Khalifa, who has been growing the premium long-fibre variety for over 30 years.

Profits are "meagre", he lamented, his head shaded by his cap from the unforgiving sun on his farm in Kafr El Sheikh.

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But decades of fierce international competition has diminished returns.

Well-marketed short-fibre cotton -- while lower quality than the long-fibre variety -- looks good and has increasingly been used by textile giants, dealing a heavy blow to Egyptian players.

The United States and Brazil are now the world's top cotton exporters, according to this month's report by the US Department of Agriculture, followed by India and Australia, leaving Egypt trailing far behind.

Back in 1975, Egypt exported \$540 million of cotton. By 2016, the sector's export receipts had fallen to \$90.4 million, according to the Massachusetts Institute of

Technology.

Major challenges

The popular uprising that toppled president Hosni Mubarak in 2011 dealt a fresh blow to the cotton sector, as political and economic chaos hit production and export chains.

Egypt's output of cotton fibres fell as low as 94,000 tonnes in 2013, according to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, down from 510,000 tonnes in 1971.

Last year brought producers some respite, thanks to rising prices and higher export volumes.

But a trade spat between the US and voracious importer China has seen benchmark global cotton prices fall afresh, as traders take fright over Beijing imposing tariffs.

The commodity was trading at a shade under \$0.77 per pound



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An Egyptian farmer working in a cotton field in the Egyptian Nile Delta town of Kafr el-Sheikh

(0.45 kilos) in early October, after reaching \$0.95 -- the highest level in more than six years -- in early June.

In Egypt, the price has dropped back to the minimum guaranteed by the state of some 2,700 Egyptian pounds (\$150, 130 euros) per 100 kilos.

Egypt's cotton union says buyers are even demanding lower prices, without triggering any intervention by the government.

Productivity, modernisation

Others offer a different diagnosis of the sector's ills.

"The drop in prices is not in itself a bad thing", said Ahmed El-Bosaty, CEO of Modern Nile Cotton, one of the biggest companies in the sector.

Bosaty said the major challenge is boosting productivity.

"A rise in productivity rather than prices would ensure better incomes for workers", he said.



A worker preparing a threads on a machine at the Marie Louis textile clothing and textile factory in the 10th of Ramadan city, about 60 kms north of Cairo

A cotton expert at the agriculture ministry acknowledged that modernisation is key.

"Productivity is rising", said Hisham Mosaad. But cotton enterprises must invest in mechanisation, as the industry is still entirely manual, he added.

Another challenge is that few Egyptian firms make finished products.

"We produce raw cotton for direct export", said Mohammed Sheta, director of research at the Kafr El Sheikh cotton institute.

Egypt does not have "the factories or the means allowing us to transform it into fabric", he lamented.

State reforms

The state has tried to spur activity, boosting areas under cultivation over the last four years by around 50,000 hectares, to more than 140,000 hectares.

In an experimental move, the government in September even allowed the cultivation of short-fibre cotton, but only outside the Delta region.

Experts and farmers remain sceptical, believing Egypt will struggle against foreign heavyweights in the short-fibre market segment.

But many companies see the situation as urgent.

Even though official exports of Egyptian cotton rose 6.9 percent by volume in the three months to the end of May compared to the same quarter of 2017, there was a 57.9-percent fall in consumption of Egyptian cotton at home, due to the domestic market turning to imported products.

At the high end of the value chain, designer Marie Louis Bishara runs one of the few Egyptian firms that produces high quality finished products locally for the international market.

Young men and women work side by side in her modern factory in northern Cairo, in roles ranging from overseeing looms to packing finished shirts.

Promising Egyptian quality, she has dedicated one of her lines to local long-fibre cotton.

"We try to show the world that if you want to make luxury products, you have to use extra long cotton from the Delta", she said.

Shirts, trousers and jackets stamped "Made in Egypt" have gone from the design stage on her factory floor to grace shop shelves in France, Italy and her home country.

IRGC now threatens to make Iran sanctions counterproductive

As Ahmadinejad's economic mismanagement and sanctions killed off legitimate businesses, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' strode in and took over



During the Ahmadinejad era, the IRGC expanded from being a relic of Iran's revolutionary past to a generously-funded, region-straddling monster, monopolising the economy.



BARIA ALAMUDDIN

Even ahead of the imposition of additional oil sanctions in November, US measures against Iran are undoubtedly causing intense economic pain. However, many credulous souls complacently predict Tehran's hurried return to the negotiating table, or believe that, with the first flexing of Trump's muscles, this regime will simply implode. Instead, hardliners relish these renewed tensions, which they seize on as proof of American bad faith; arguing that Iran should have never have negotiated in the first place.

These same hardliners and paramilitary warlords are currently rushing to enrich themselves through dominance of regional criminal networks, heralding a new, lucrative era of sanctions evasion. Many of these techniques were perfected during the 2005 to 2015 global sanctions, when, instead of paramilitary spending being curtailed, funding for militants in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen soared.

Tehran's Mafioso regime is ill-adjusted to managing a peacetime economy. It func-

tions best through organized crime, militancy and gangsterism. To evade sanctions, Iranian tankers have begun ferrying thousands of barrels of oil around the world simply by turning their tracking beacons off, traveling under other nations' flags, and forging documents. Front companies, meanwhile, pop up around the world to launder Iranian funds and smuggle weapons and goods.

President Hassan Rouhani inadvertently highlighted the scale of clandestine oil trading when he boasted that he had reduced the annual value of these activities from \$22 billion to \$12.5 billion. Iran also hopes to move about a million barrels per day through an "energy exchange" — a process that, prior to 2015, created a generation of profiteers. Under President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the sanctions regime accelerated the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' (IRGC) wholesale takeover of the national economy. As Ahmadinejad's economic mismanagement and sanctions killed off legitimate businesses, the IRGC strode in and took over.

A recent article in Foreign Policy magazine argued that US officials deliberately downplayed the IRGC's smuggling activities because "the trade embargo is empirically shown to have a significant expansionary effect on the scale and value

of smuggling in Iran, in a black market controlled by the IRGC." The Obama administration also turned a blind eye to these criminal networks. Several kingpins from Hezbollah's international narcotics trade were allowed to slip through the net to avoid antagonizing the ayatollahs and undermining a flawed nuclear deal.

Iran is also looking to benefit from its growing stranglehold of the Iraqi, Syrian and Lebanese economies. Iranian ministers recently struck deals with the Assad regime for monopolizing reconstruction projects, including an ambitious plan to rebuild the regime's military. Such influence affords Tehran multiple revenue streams and additional routes for smuggling oil and goods. The financial systems in these states have been widely abused for money laundering and terrorism financing — resulting in a succession of sanctionary measures from the US Treasury.

On the back of Ahmadinejad's outreach efforts to Latin American leaderships (some themselves complicit in the narcotics trade), Hezbollah began transiting large quantities of drugs and contraband goods through the American continent, with billions in revenues laundered through the banking system. Last month, a pivotal figure for Hezbollah's South American drugs operations,

If Trump, Europe and the international community don't pull together and act quickly and decisively, we risk suffering a new phase of IRGC expansionism, underpinned by an infinitely stronger and more aggressive regional posture.

Ahmed Assad Barakat, was detained by Brazilian police. In areas of Beirut, the Beqaa Valley and Basra, such activities have a devastating impact on local communities, ironically with the highest rates of addiction being found within Iran itself. Iran has also been deeply involved in smuggling weapons across Africa and has a record of collaborating with illegal global proliferation networks to obtain parts for its ballistic and nuclear activities.

It is bad enough that Iran is involved in activities that kill millions. However, instead of such revenues being used to reduce the suffering of Iranian citizens, this money goes to the IRGC's Quds Force and Iraqi, Syrian, Lebanese and Yemeni paramilitary forces, which use extortion, abduction, murder,

torture and rampant destruction to destabilize their own nations.

A senior Western politician explained to me that there had previously been some sympathy toward Tehran's aggressive posturing — wasn't Iran surrounded by enemies? While legitimate security concerns can be amicably addressed, a belligerent ideology aspiring to regional supremacy only becomes greedier through attempts at appeasement. These malignant transregional ambitions are encapsulated by the brash megalomania of the Quds Force's Qassem Soleimani. The Houthis, Hezbollah and Al-Hashd Al-Shaabi are tools toward this goal of exporting the revolution and dominating the region.

This isn't just about maintaining oil exports or self-defense, this is about capitalizing on a dizzying range of illegal activities to bankroll an offensive paramilitary strategy; exploiting trading choke points like the Strait of Hormuz, the Bab Al-Mandab Strait and the Eastern Mediterranean to hold the world to ransom.

Just a minute — you may say — weren't Trump's sanctions designed to halt Iranian expansionism? Trump enjoyed tearing up the nuclear deal because it sabotaged a signature Obama policy and made him look tough. Yet, with his pitiful attempts to beg Rouhani

to meet him at the UN, Trump demonstrated his fundamental incomprehension of the threat posed by this gangster regime.

Sanctions are necessary and in some senses are working. Yet, without vigorously confronting loopholes, sanctions risk becoming counter-productive. Instead, Trump buries his head in the sand and pretends that his Middle East policy is flawless. Meanwhile, the EU adds insult to injury by breaking with America to appease and enable Tehran through a bizarre financing mechanism that nobody believes can function anyway.

During the Ahmadinejad era, the IRGC expanded from being a relic of Iran's revolutionary past to a generously-funded, region-straddling monster, monopolizing the economy, spreading terrorism abroad and pursuing an ever more confrontational path.

If Trump, Europe and the international community don't pull together and act quickly and decisively, we risk suffering a new phase of IRGC expansionism, underpinned by an infinitely stronger and more aggressive regional posture than even just a decade ago.

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

1990

Soviet Union leader **Mikhail Gorbachev** is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to lessen Cold War tensions and open up his nation.



1997

The Cassini probe launches from **Cape Canaveral** on its way to Saturn.

2001

NASA's **Galileo spacecraft** passes within 112 miles of Jupiter's moon Io.

2003

China launches **Shenzhou 5**, its first manned space mission.



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Fact:Top 1% of triathletes qualify for the world championship,1 gold medal per age group & category.After 4 years of competing,not only did HH Sh. Nasser complete his fist ever world's,but brought home the Gold as promised!Let's all stop & take in this historic moment #Bahrain

@AbdullaRAK

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Tump is golfing today, per pool report. Really am a bit surprised by this. He's petrified of getting tarred as uncaring about a Hurricane. And yet has spent the past few days at campaign rallies, with Kanye, and now this.

@samstein

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History can teach the world that Saudi Arabia doesn't tilt its head when a someone sends a threat. We face it and we beat it. Through history all who threatened us vanished and Saudi Arabia still here strong, soild, and steady

@lmlalla

04



#Saudi has more opportunities than the Americans think. It can make new deals with other countries with the same strength the US has, such as China or Russia. In the other side if Saudi stopped producing oil the world won't be able to afford it from others

@AlenziJehad

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Sweden, a blessed land for migrants

Swedes must remember our own history and stand up against a party fuelling anti-immigrant sentiment

MAUD CORDENIUS

I was nursing my daughter in our home here when I learned that the nationalist Sweden Democrats captured 17.5 per cent of the vote in parliamentary elections last month. Since neither the traditional left or right blocs won a majority, the Sweden Democrats, with roots in the neo-Nazi movement, hold the balance of power.

In the days leading up to the election I received racist propaganda in my mailbox from a more extreme right party that said of immigrants, "Time to go home."

It made me reflect on the women in my family and our own history of migration.

In the early 1900s, Sweden was a country you migrated from, not to. My great-grandmother on my father's side, Agnes Ester, was among the million Swedes who set sail for the United States in that era. She left the family farm for Ellis Island to meet up with her older brothers. But she didn't stay for long. Her lungs couldn't take New York's heat waves and she longed to marry a redheaded boy she had met back home.

Nearly 50 years later, my maternal grandmother, Isabella, was 18 years old and preparing to leave her hometown in Sardinia with her two young children. They were to join my grandfather, who was working in the coal mines in Alsace-Lorraine in northeastern France. It was a dangerous job, but better than the alternative many Sardinians were facing. After World War II, Isabella and her family were so poor that some days, while nursing her youngest child, she had only bread and fried onions to eat.

She boarded a ferry with my 2-year-old mother and her baby brother and crossed the Mediterranean Sea in hope of a better future — just as many people are doing at this very moment,



A demonstration in Stockholm welcoming the refugees.

but under much more dire circumstances. The family later resettled in Paris, where she eventually opened a restaurant. Bit by bit, they built a better life for themselves.

My mother is an immigrant, too. One hot summer night in 1974, the 19-year-old Maura Isabelle met my Swedish father, who was traveling by Interrail through Europe, at a Parisian cafe. Within a year they married in Paris, but decided their home base would be Goteborg, Sweden.

When my mother first came here, an official at the government job agency told her it wouldn't matter what education she had, as a foreigner she would only ever clean houses. Undeterred, she soon became fluent in Swedish and got a job on her own. She still works as a librarian.

But no matter how well-integrated you are, in homogeneous Sweden you could be labeled an immigrant your whole life. A customer at the library once yelled "go home" at my mother, who has dark hair and brown eyes. If this happened to her, I shudder to think what people

Sweden has historically had a generous policy for refugees seeking asylum and their families. During the European migrant crisis, Sweden was among the countries that accepted the biggest share of refugees fleeing war and terrorism.

from more marginalized minority groups experience.

The Sweden Democrats want to "offer" foreign-born residents help to return to their country of origin, to "go home." Their party leader claimed in a televised debate that some immigrants are failing to find jobs because "they are not Swedes — they don't fit in."

Sweden has historically had a generous policy for refugees seeking asylum and their families. During the European migrant crisis, Sweden was among the countries that accepted the

biggest share of refugees fleeing war and terrorism in Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq. Buckling under the strain to process asylum applications, house and integrate these newcomers, Parliament passed a temporary law that limits the number of people granted permanent residency and restricts immigration by relatives of refugees settled here. What will happen next year when the temporary law expires will be up to the new government. As I write this, Ulf Kristersson, who leads the Moderate Party and the center-right alliance, has been given the task of forming a new government. He might now turn to the Sweden Democrats for support.

In a small country of 10 million people, the cost of immigration is often debated. But already, nearly one-fifth of the population is foreign-born. Lost in a conversation where people are reduced to numbers is how much immigrants potentially contribute in tax revenue over time. And with an aging population, there will be a shortage of workers in many different fields. How can we tackle that

demand, if not by welcoming immigrants and letting them stay?

My mother became a Swedish citizen in the mid-1980s after my brother and I were born, during the twilight of the Cold War, when the Berlin Wall was still intact. She felt it could be risky to have a different citizenship from her children. I hope we never have to find out if that was a legitimate concern.

As I think about my daughters, Agnes and baby Ester, I hope that they will be able to follow in the tradition of the women in our family, and have the right to travel freely across borders. That they can fall in love with whomever they want, and that person would feel welcome in Swedish society. That we are still a liberal democracy that stands up for the right to asylum, in a unified Europe. That we reject these illusory ideas about irreconcilable differences between cultures and put the dignity and equal worth of all people as the highest value.

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CIVILIAN'S TRIBUNE

Bitcoin – a historical change

Many of us are familiar with stock markets, trading process, its different terms etc, but not much is intimate with the term or currency "Bitcoin". In the world stock exchange market now it is one of a ruling party. Bitcoin is a cryptocurrency, a form of electronic cash. It is a decentralised digital currency without a central bank or a single administrator. Bitcoin was invented by an unknown person or

group of people using the name Satoshi Nakamoto, the domain "Bitcoin.org" was registered on 18 August 2018 and released as open source software in 2009.

They can be exchanged for other currencies, products, services. Analyses prove that in 2017, there were 2.9 to 5.8 million unique users using a cryptocurrency wallet, most of them using bitcoin. As of the current status, 1 Bitcoin is equal to 2400 Bahrain



Dinars (estimated, as it is flexible for everyday changes).

Transactions are verified by network nodes and recorded in a public distributed system

called a blockchain. In the blockchain, bitcoins are registered to bitcoin addresses. Creating a bitcoin address is nothing more than picking a random valid private key and computing the corresponding bitcoin address, in such way bitcoins are advantageous. And to estimation in February 2018, the circulation supply of the coins has reached up to 16,858,762 Bitcoins and the supply limit is 21, 00,000

Bitcoins.

As it has much positiveness, it has also got disadvantages as well. Bitcoin has been criticized for its use in illegal transactions, its high electricity consumption, price volatility. They are vulnerable to theft through phishing, scamming, and hacking. As of December 2017, around 980,000 bitcoins have been stolen from cryptocurrency exchanges.

Naseeh Yousaf

business

Skal Int'l names Mouawad Asia acting president



Jano Mouawad

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Jano Mouawad has been appointed as the new acting president for Skal International Asian Area.

Mouawad, who is currently the vice-president for the West Asian Area, will now lead more than 2,425 members in 41 clubs in Asia.

Skal International is the professional organization of tourism leaders from around the world who have been promoting global tourism, business and friendship since 1934.

Its members, industry managers and executives, meet on a regular basis to discuss and pursue topics of common interest. "Mouawad is a very active member of the club and he is a deserving leader, able and capable to bring safe, sound and strong leadership," said Skal International Bahrain President Mohammed Buzizi.

This is the third time that the Skal Bahrain club has presided over the Asia region as Buzizi was elected in 1986 and served three terms.

Annual KPMG MESA conference in Nov.



Bill Thomas

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Bahrain will host the Annual KPMG Middle East & South Asia (MESA) Partners Conference, which also coincides with KPMG's 50th-anniversary celebrations in the Kingdom. The conference will take place on 7 - 8 November 2018, which includes a public reception on 6 November.

The conference will include a visit by Bill Thomas, Chairman of KPMG International, which will serve as his first visit to Bahrain.

Managing Partner at KPMG in Bahrain Jamal Fakhro emphasized the importance of the MESA, which is expected to bring together over one hundred partners from KPMG member firms in 20 countries.

Khamis Al Muqla gets global advertising industry honour

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Khamis Al Muqla, a founder of the IAA Bahrain Chapter established in 1993 and Chairman of the Gulf Marcom Group, was bestowed with an Honorary Life Membership Award by the international advertising industry for his services to the IAA and his work as a communication leader.

The event held in Bucharest paid tribute to a number of distinguished personalities at the 2018 IAA Inspire Awards and Gala dinner held on 2 October 2018.

"This is in recognition of your contribution to advancing the aims and objectives of the IAA in the Kingdom of Bahrain and your long and distinguished services in supporting the Association's activities and the global marketing communications industry," said IAA World President and Chairman, Felix Tataru, presenting the Inspire Award and Honorary Life Membership to Khamis Al Muqla.

This is also the third time Al Muqla is being honoured by the agency for his works - previ-



Khamis Al Muqla receiving the Award from the IAA World President and Chairman, Felix Tataru

ously in Moscow and London and this time in the Romanian capital, Bucharest.

Commenting on the nominations, Heather Leembruggen, IAA VP & Chairman of the IAA Inspire Awards selection com-

mittee said, "We were delighted with the calibre of the nominees and the spread of countries represented in the entries we received."

Al Muqla, referring to the honour, said, "It is indeed grati-

Top achievements

In 2013, in London, Al Muqla received a special honour for his leadership role, vision and commitment.

In 2010, Medal of Merit during the World Advertising Congress in Moscow.

Bahrain's Medal of First Class, conferred by His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa

Featured in the list of top 50 influential figures in Bahraini society, according to a 2009 Arabian Business magazine poll.

One of the most influential figures in the business sector in Bahrain for the year 2018, according to the recent 'Business in Gulf' Magazine.

First to join the International Advertising Association from Bahrain and the Gulf region

Represented Bahrain at the International Advertising Congress held in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1978.

Contributed to the establishment of several professional associations in the field of advertising and public relations.

Founder of Gulf Marcom Group (GMG), established in Bahrain in 1974, known as Gulf Public Relations (GPR).

Founder and Chairman of Hill + Knowlton Strategies M.E. established in 1985.

fying to be recognised for one's contribution along with venerable members from Romania and Sri Lanka."

Khamis Al Muqla is a member

of the High Authority for Information and Communications under the chairmanship of H.H. Shaikh Abdulla Bin Hamad Al Khalifa.



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr Abdulhussain Mirza with a delegation from Kassab International Company during a group photo session. The delegation, headed by Board Member Amer Mahjoub, expressed their desire to open cooperation in the fields of renewable energy and energy efficiency and offered modern techniques in producing solar energy. The meeting was attended by Advisor to the Minister Adel Al-Taho and officials in the Sustainable Energy Unit.



Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba) officials during the 12th World Trade Fair and Conference - Aluminium 2018, which took place from 9 to 11 October 2018 in Messe Düsseldorf, Germany. Alba's Chief Executive Officer Tim Murray, Chief Marketing Officer Khalid Abdul Latif, Director of Marketing Boris Santosí and Director Line 6 Smelter Project and Engineering Shawqi Al Hashimi were the key attendees at Aluminium 2018 along with other Alba officials. Aluminium 2018 in Dusseldorf is one of the leading B2B events in the world for the aluminium industry and its main application fields.

Durrat Marina beings residential units' handover

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Durrat Marina yesterday announced the completion and handover of residential units within the Marina Residence 1 Project on the main island of Durrat Marina.

"We are pleased to begin the handover process at Marina Residence 1, a prime location residential block which boasts both sea and Yacht Club views," said Fahad Bushager, Chairman of Durrat Marina's Board of Directors.

Upon completion of the Yacht



Durrat Marina - Marina Residence



Durrat Marina is approx. valued at US\$1.5 billion and consists of three interconnected islands linked via a network of bridges

club, which is in close proximity to Marina Residence 1, will be able to accommodate up to 350 boats or yachts and will further contribute to the vibrancy of the area.

CEO of Durrat Marina, Waleed Saffy said, "The units have been designed to cater to the practical demands of local family life as well as the comforts and recreational elements that are associated with sea-side living."

Durrat Marina, which is comprised of 3 interconnecting islands, is valued at approximately US \$ 1.5 billion.

BAC's Leena Faraj named to ACI committee



Leena Faraj

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Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) Vice President of Strategy Implementation & Business Improvement, Leena Faraj was elected to the ACI Asia-Pacific Regional Economics Committee following a successful nomination by Bahrain International Airport (BIA). In this role, she will help to provide regional support to members on airport economic matters.

Airport Council International (ACI) represents the world's airports and their collective interests. It promotes professional excellence in airport management and operations, and works closely with prominent aviation organisations such as ICAO and IATA to develop standards, policies, and recommended practices.

The ACI Regional Economics Committee serves as a forum for members to share best practices and discuss challenges and opportunities in areas such as airport charges, models of ownership, financing, performance management and regulation.

CIBAFI, Ivey Business School to hold joint Exe. programme

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The General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI) and Ivey Business School are set to deliver their 4th joint Executive Programme in the Kingdom from 13 – 14 November 2018.

This year's theme is "Strategic Thinking, FinTech Innovation, Founder's Mentality, and Leading Digitalization". The programme is set to begin with a practical deep-dive into the application of strategic thinking. The first session is followed by a FinTech business case, which will delve into practical applications in building a FinTech business in the digital currency. Participants will receive a joint certificate of attendance.

Abdelilah Belatik, Secretary General of CIBAFI said: "What makes this programme unique is the combination of case studies and recent thoughts on strategic thinking, innovation and financial technologies in the context of Islamic financial services industry."

Jordan's king vows to fight corruption

AFP | Amman, Jordan

Jordan's King Abdullah II yesterday vowed authorities would crack down on corruption in the country, following mass protests against graft and price rises earlier this year.

"All Jordanians have an equal right to justice, and corruption will not be left unaddressed to become a chronic social illness," the king said in a speech to mark the opening of parliament in Amman.

"I hereby affirm that the state's institutions are well capable of uprooting corruption and holding to account those who dare to encroach on public funds," he added.

Thousands of Jordanians hit the streets at the start of June to protest against corruption, price rises and austerity measures.



Jordan's King Abdullah II delivers a speech to the parliament, as he opens the third regular session in the capital Amman on October 14, 2018.

The week of mass demonstrations forced the prime minister's resignation and the withdrawal of a controversial income tax bill. With a lack of natural resources to boost state coffers,



More than \$1 billion has already been deposited in the central bank by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, a Jordanian government source said earlier this month.

Jordan relies heavily on foreign aid and faces an unemployment rate of 18.5 percent.

In 2016 Amman secured a \$723-million loan from the International Monetary Fund, but the resultant economic reforms led to price hikes.

The king on Sunday acknowledged "dissatisfaction with the way current challenges are being addressed".

"The process of development in Jordan, as in other countries, has been marred by some mistakes and challenges, which we must learn from, resolve, and prevent from reoccurring, so that we may move forward," he said. Abdullah put the current situation down to "a weakening (of) public trust in government institutions, as well as an atmosphere of scepticism".

Stability in Jordan is seen as fundamental to the region and in the wake of protests Amman was offered a \$2.5 billion aid package from three Gulf backers.



Bahrain Airport Services Company (BAS) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Middle East Logistics High Institute for Training in Saudi Arabia to train a group of Saudi youth in air cargo and to bring them to the labour market by joining Saudi Airlines Cargo Company LLC. During a meeting held at BAS building, the Institute General Manager, Amer Badarneh said that the programme seeks to train about 280 young Saudis by 2020 in the field of air cargo.

Al Salam Bank launches Visa credit card offers

TDT | Manama

Al Salam Bank-Bahrain announced yesterday the launch of a special rewards offer on its range of Visa Credit Cards from 15 October until 14 December 2018.

According to the offer, Visa credit cardholders will receive special rewards on every BD 1 transaction made abroad by using Al Salam Bank's Visa credit cards. Transactions made at any point of sales (POS) and online will automatically offer rewards to earn 6 Times the Miles.

Mohammed Buhijji – Head of Retail Banking at Al Salam Bank-Bahrain said: "Visa Cardholders will earn 6 times the miles than the usual so the more they spend abroad the more miles they will be rewarded."



Mohammed Buhijji - Head of Retail Banking

Customers can redeem their earned miles directly towards Gulf Air's Falconflyer loyalty programme for a number of benefits including free flights, flight upgrades, lounge access and excess baggage as well as membership upgrades and much more.

NBB backs Yalla Banat's 'she drives' initiative

TDT | Manama

Yalla Banat announced National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) as the Exclusive Financial Sponsor for its upcoming event scheduled to take place at the Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) on 19 October 2018 on the theme 'She Drives'.

Yalla Banat event, the organisers said, is set to make history by hosting the longest female car parade as well as an executive round-table panel discussion to be held in a family friendly, festive style environment.

The event will also comprise the first female motor show competition, which aims to symbolize the role that women continue to play as a driving force in national and regional development today.



NBB continues support for women's empowerment with Yalla Banat partnership

"Yalla Banat at the BIC is set to be a fun-filled family event celebrating women and we encourage and welcome involve-

ment from all women who can register to take part in the parade, participate in one of many workshops or simply come to

enjoy the festival and support the making of history," said Yalla Banat Founder Martyna Al-Qassab.

Commenting, Richard Hicks – Chief Marketing Officer at NBB, said, "We look forward to hearing from some of the region's top female leaders and innovators at the event and are proud to help provide a platform whereby they can inspire and support the advancement of the next generation of female achievers."

A broad range of activities are available including Test Drives, an Art Expo led by Aysha Al-moayyed, Kids Engagement Zone, Innovative Food Truck Festival, Live Graffiti shows and others.

Register at yallabanat.me to reserve a place in the car parade at the BIC or to get tickets to join family and friends for the day-long festival. The event will start at 2:00 pm and end at 10:00 pm.

W. Bank offers \$1bn in loans to Indonesia

Nusa Dua, Indonesia

The World Bank yesterday announced funding of up to \$1 billion for Indonesia after it was rocked by a string of recent disasters.

CEO Kristalina Georgieva unveiled the funds at Indonesian holiday island Bali, where the Bank and the International Monetary Fund have been holding their annual meetings.

Georgieva said the funds being made available by the Bank in the form of loans could be used for reconstruction but were also intended to help Indonesia build “resilience”, so it would be better prepared in the face of future disasters.

“Disasters will continue to hit and with climate change there will be more,” said Georgieva, who visited Palu earlier this week.

“The best memorial we can build for the victims of disaster is to build better, so next time when a disaster hits fewer people are affected, fewer lives are lost, and there is less damage.”

Nearly 90,000 people were displaced by the quake in Palu, forcing them into evacuation centres across the rubble-strewn city.

● The Pavilion is supported by Tamkeen for the 11th year

● 60 IT companies and 20 startups are taking part in Gitex

TDT | Manama

The Chief Executive of Tamkeen Dr Ebrahim Mohammed Janahi inaugurated yesterday the Bahraini National Pavilion at GITEX 2018.

Forty companies representing IT and telecommunications sector and 20 start-ups along with three government agencies are taking part in the event.

The participating government bodies included: the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, the E-Government Authority and the Labour Fund “Tamkeen”.

This year marks the largest



During a group photo session at the event

increase in participation since the launch of the National Pavilion at GITEX, with 20 startups participating for the first time in the national pavilion.

Dr Janahi toured the participating exhibitors at the BNP and was introduced to products and services offered by them including Cloud computing, Blockchain, as well as exhibitor’s unveiling their

innovative IT services at the event.

Participating enterprises highlighted the opportunities and challenges facing the sector and stressed Tamkeen’s role in supporting the ICT sector and enhancing its competitiveness at the regional and international levels.

Speaking on the sidelines of the event, Dr Janahi stressed,

“Tamkeen is keen to support the annual participation of Bahrain’s national pavilion at GITEX, which comes as part of the Kingdom of Bahrain’s national efforts to promote economic growth and Bahrain’s capacity and infrastructure in the ICT sector.”

Chairman of Bahrain Technology companies society, Ubaydli Ubaydli affirmed that

BTECH is eager to organize a rich programme of events within the pavilion, Visits other national pavilions, providing a favourable platform for participants to enter into fruitful deals.

“This Bahraini technology conglomerate at GITEX reflects Bahrain eagerness to further develop its technology sector,” Ubaydli said.

Fairway enters Bahrain

Bahrain office kick starts the Jersey-based company’s int’l expansion plans

TDT | Manama

Fairway Group, a Jersey-based trust, fund and pension services, has kick-started its international operations with the opening of its office in the Kingdom.

The move into Bahrain comes on the back of the Fairway Group’s long and successful partnerships in the Gulf region, including with Emirates NBD in Dubai.

“We see Bahrain as a business-friendly, competitive landscape which is the perfect place for us to build our presence in the Gulf,” said Louise Bracken-Smith, CEO of the Fairway Group. Bahrain, he said, is their first office outside Jersey, which “is an exciting step”.

“We are seeing increased interest in highly regulated in-



Fairway Group Management with Bahrain EDB Officials

ternational finance centres like Jersey, to provide additional comfort outside the GCC,” Smith added.

Bahrain office of the St Helier-based Fairway Group, which has £5.5bn of assets under administration and almost 100 staff, will be used initially to provide trust services to high net worth individuals and families, as well as corporate solu-

tions. “The plan is to then develop additional fund structuring and pensions facilities in due course.”

Representatives from Jersey Finance group and several government officials attended the unveiling ceremony of the office located at United Tower in Bahrain Bay.

Dr Simon Galpin, Managing Director - Bahrain EDB said:

“Our strong regulatory environment, low costs, and one of the most educated workforces in the region make Bahrain an ideal location for companies like Fairway Group.”

Graeme Fairlie, who will continue in his current role as the Fairway Group’s International Business Development Executive, will take on the position as Regional Manager in Bahrain.



Jassim Salem, who has retired from his position as induction officer at the Gulf Hotel Bahrain Convention & Spa after 26 years of service during a farewell ceremony organised by Gulf Hotels Group and The Gulf Hotel Bahrain. Gulf Hotels Group's Chief Executive Officer Garfield Jones presented a gift to Jassim. The event attended by Fares Yactine General Manager of the Gulf Hotel Bahrain Convention & Spa.

Annual HRM summit and awards in November

TDT | Manama

The 7th Annual Human Resources Management Summit 2018 will be held from 27 to 28 November 2018 at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel, Bahrain, it was announced yesterday.

The two-day event, held under the patronage of Dr Abdul Hussain Bin Ali Mirza, Minister of State for Electricity and Water Affairs, features a conference with international, top-notch speakers, HR Awards and 3 parallel post-conference Workshops.

The summit, the organisers



Participants during a previous summit (file)

said in a statement, focuses on providing deep insights into the

Human Resources Development and management life cycles,

with particular emphasis on the application of international best

practices tailored to the Middle East market.

The event will also feature a gala dinner to present Bahrain’s inaugural HR Excellence Awards. 2018 Bahrain HR Awards is the Kingdom’s first and most credible HR awards.

The awards will identify and honour professionals who have envisioned and created marvels in the HR field in various industry sectors.

As part of the HRM Summit 2018, a Round Table Panel Discussions featuring top CEOs, GMs, HR Directors and business leaders from 10 leading organizations will be held.

show

Kanye West back on Twitter with live rant

IAN S | Los Angeles

Rapper Kanye West is back on Twitter and posted a video about mind control to mark his return on the social media platform.

West deleted his Twitter and Instagram accounts last week after he was criticised for a rant he gave to the “Saturday Night Live” audience.

He returned to Twitter on Saturday, reports hollywood-reporter.com.

“I just want to talk about mind control,” West posted.

“You know, when people try to influence you through social media and try to tell you what to do, or if you post something that’s like positive on Instagram it gets taken down if it’s not a part of a bigger agenda. That’s like mind control. That’s the echo chamber. That’s trying to control you based off of incen-



Kanye West

tivizing you and based off of you getting enough likes. That’s the poison that’s happening with social media.”

West said that he is “not cra-

zy”.

“I can ramp up if I suffer from sleep deprivation.”

He then claimed to be “the best living recording artist”.

Drake calls Kanye West manipulative

IAN S | Los Angeles

Rapper Drake says he felt betrayed when Kanye West released his album “Ye” just weeks before his “Scorpion”.

Drake spoke on his ongoing feud with West during a taping of LeBron James’ HBO show “The Shop” on Friday, reports dailymail.co.uk.

Drake felt betrayed as the two



Drake

collaborated on several songs but West didn’t mention that he was working on his own album.

“Oh this guy’s trolling me. This was like a manipulative, like, ‘I wanna break you’ thing,” Drake said.

“I said, ‘Alright, I’m gonna go back to distancing myself again. I know what this is,’” he added.

Prior to the release, Drake said the former friends got along great in the studio.

Richard Madden in talks to play Bond

IAN S | London

“Game of Thrones” fame Gstar Richard Madden is in talks to essay the role of Agent 007 after actor Daniel Craig stepped down from the film.

According to The Sun, Mad-den has impressed the creators of “Bond” with his performance in drama series “Bodyguard” and will replace Craig.

A source close to Barbara Dana Broccoli, producer for the Bond film series, said: “It’s seriously looking like he (Mad-den) is going to get the job. ‘Not



Richard Madden

only is he on top of Barbara’s list, but she is preparing to offer the role.”

Last month, Madden’s father revealed that his son was eager to play Bond’s character.

“I’m quite sure he does want that to be on his CV one day

but he’s not making a song and dance about it. Whether it’s Bond or any big role, Richard has ideas about things he’d like to do. It’s probably best what-ever his desires or thoughts are to keep it to himself,” Madden Sr added.

A STAR IS BORN

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

Ⓢ LADY GAGA, BRADLEY COOPER

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 1.00 + 3.45 + 6.30 + 9.15 PM + 12.00 MN + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)

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

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM + (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

SAAR DAILY AT: 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + (11.15 PM THURS/FRI)

SAAR DAILY AT (VIP I): 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM

BAD TIMES AT THE EL ROYALE

(15+) (THRILLER/CRIME) NEW

Ⓢ CHRIS HEMSWORTH, JEFF BRIDGES

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

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

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

HELICOPTER EELA

(PG) (HINDI/DRAMA/COMEDY) NEW

Ⓢ KAJOL, RIDDHI SEN, TOTA ROY CHOWDHURY

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.45 + 6.30 + 9.15 PM + 12.00 MN

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM

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

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

THE PRINCESS AND THE DRAGON

(G) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE) NEW

Ⓢ IRINA KIREEVA, KONSTANTIN KOZHEVNIKOV,

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 1.15 + 3.00 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 1.15 + 3.00 + 4.45 PM

JALEBI

(PG-15) (HINDI/ROMANTIC/DRAMA) NEW

Ⓢ RHEA CHAKRABORTY, FARIDA DADI

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

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM

VENOM

(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE)

Ⓢ TOM HARDY, MICHELLE WILLIAMS

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT (IMAX 3D): 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT (ATMOS): 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 PM + 12.00 MN

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)

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

JOHNNY ENGLISH STRIKES AGAIN

(PG) (COMEDY/ACTION/ADVENTURE)

Ⓢ ROWAN ATKINSON, OLGA KURYLENKO

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 12.00 + 1.00 + 2.00 + 3.00 + 4.00 + 5.00 + 6.00 + 7.00 + 8.00 + 9.00 + 10.00 + 11.00 PM + 12.00 MN + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 2.45 + 7.00 + (11.15 PM THURS/FRI)

SAAR DAILY AT: 12.30 + 4.45 + 9.00 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM

NIGHT SCHOOL

(PG-15) (COMEDY)

Ⓢ KEVIN HART, TIFFANY HADDISH

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 PM

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

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM

9-SMALL FOOT

(PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)

Ⓢ CHANNING TATUM, JAMES CORDEN,

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM

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

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 PM

AL DIESEL

(PG-15) (ARABIC/ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME)

Ⓢ MOHAMMED RAMADAN, YASMINE SABRI, FATHY

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM

11-THE NUN (18+) (HORROR/THRILLER)

*- TAISSA FARMIGA, DEMIAN BICHIR, BONNIE AARONS

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 2.45 + 7.15 + 11.45 PM

THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN IT’S

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

Ⓢ CATE BLANCHETT, JACK BLACK, LORENZA IZZO

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.30 + 4.45 + 9.00 PM

THE MEG

(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)

Ⓢ JASON STATHAM, RUBY ROSE, BINGBING LI

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

EL BADLAH

(PG-13) (ARABIC/COMEDY)

Ⓢ TAMER HOSNY, AKRAM HOSNI, MAJED EL MASRY,

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM

THE EQUALIZER- 2

(15+) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER)

Ⓢ DENZEL WASHINGTON, PEDRO PASCAL

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM

PEPPERMINT

(PG-15) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER/DRAMA)

Ⓢ JENNIFER GARNER, RICHARD CABRAL

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

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE FALLOUT

(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME)

Ⓢ TOM CRUISE, HENRY CAVILL

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 4.00 + 9.00 PM + 12.00 MN

HOTELTRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER

(PG) (ANIMATION/COMEDY/DRAMA)

Ⓢ ADAM SANDLER, ANDY SAMBERG

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.00 + 2.00 + 7.00 PM

GHOST STORIES

(15+) (DRAMA/HORROR) NEW

Ⓢ ANDY NYMAN, MARTIN FREEMAN

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

THE LAST WITNESS

(PG-15) (THRILLER/CRIME/DRAMA/BIOGRAPHY)

Ⓢ ALEX PETTYFER, ROBERT WIECKIEWICZ, TALULAH

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 1.00 + 5.00 + 9.00 PM

BEKIYA

(PG-15) (ARABIC/COMEDY/CRIME/DRAMA) NEW

Ⓢ MOHAMMED RAJAB, ETHEN AMIR, MOHAMMED LUTFI

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00 PM

DEAD TRIGGER

(15+) (ACTION/HORROR) NEW

*- DOLPH LUNDGREN, AUTUMN REESER, ISAIAH WASHINGTON

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 5.15 + 9.45 PM

VENOM

(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE)

*- TOM HARDY, MICHELLE WILLIAMS, RIZ AHMED

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)

SAAR DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + (11.00 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM

MY GIRAFFE

(PG) (FAMILY) NEW

*- LIAM DE VRIES, MARTIJN FISCHER, DOLORES LEEUWIN

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.15 + 2.00 + 3.45 PM

KAYAKULAM KOCHUNNI

(PG-15) (MALAYALAM) NEW

Ⓢ NIVIN PAULY, MOHANLAL, PRIYA ANAND

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

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

ARAVINDHA SAMETHA

(PG-15) (TELUGU) NEW

Ⓢ N.T.R. JR., POOJA HEDGE, SUNIL

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

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 12.00 + 3.00 PM

ANDHADUN

(PG-15) (HINDI/CRIME/COMEDY)

Ⓢ TABU, AYUSHMANN KHURRANA, RADHIKA APTE

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM

VARATHAN

(MALAYALAM)

Ⓢ FAHADH FAASIL, AISHWARYA LAKSHMI

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM

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(TAMIL)

Ⓢ VIJAY SETHUPATHI, TRISHA KRISHNANA

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

Liam Neeson, Kate Walsh to star in thriller ‘Honest Thief’

PTI | Los Angeles

Veteran action star Liam Neeson and actor Kate Walsh are set to star in independent action-thriller ‘Honest Thief’. Mark Williams will direct the film from a script by Steve Allrich, reported Variety.


Neeson will portray a bank robber who tries to turn himself in because he is falling in love with a woman, played by Walsh, who works at a storage facility where he is stashed his loot. Complications come when his case is turned over to a corrupt



Liam Neeson

FBI agent.

Williams is also producing along with Craig Chapman, Tai



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Duncan, and Myles Nestel of Solution Entertainment Group, which is fully financing.

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SPORTS

Drag and Drift Night returns today at BIC



A car in action during a drag race

TDT | Manama

The temperatures continue to rise at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) despite the cooling weather, as the new season continues to heat up at the world-famous Sakhr desert facility.

One of the most popular activities for motor racing enthusiasts is set to return to action today with the Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Night taking centre stage at “The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East”.

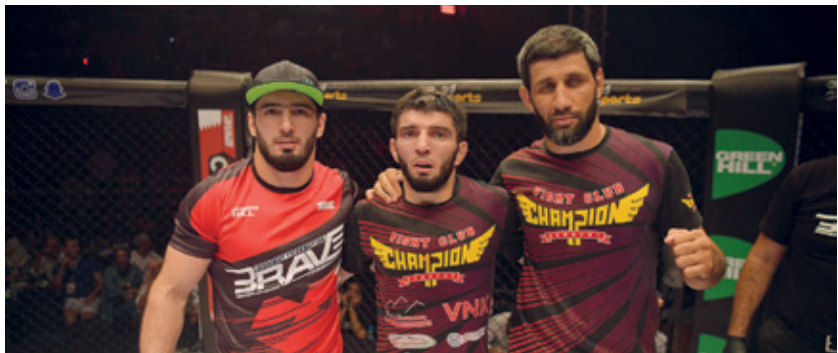
Sponsored by Ebrahim K Kanoo, Drag and Drift Night gives partici-

pants the chance to take their very own cars or motorbikes and push them to their limit in a safe and controlled environment, either down the strip or around a drifting course, or both.

BIC’s world-class quarter-mile drag strip is a member of the prestigious National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Worldwide Network. The drifting course is a specially configured facility at at BIC’s car park number five.

Safety standards of the highest level are followed at all times during the evening’s events for both drivers and spectators alike.

Combat Sambo champ prepares for title shot



Velimurad Alkhasov with teammates

TDT | Manama

Velimurad Alkhasov has started his preparations for the upcoming flyweight championship title bout at the KHK MMA Gym in Bahrain.

The bout for the flyweight title will take place on 16th November at Brave 18 in Bahrain. He will face Marcel Adur from Brazil in a bout that will determine the flyweight champion of the promotion.

Alkhasov is the 2016 Combat Sambo World Champion and the former ACB flyweight champion. Alkhasov made

his promotional debut at Brave Combat Federation during Brave 14 hosted in Tangier, Morocco.

He defeated veteran flyweight fighter from the United States of America, Sean Santella by unanimous decision. Alkhasov is training alongside the Bahrain National Team who are preparing for the upcoming IMMAF - WMMAA World Championships 2018.

This marks the first time an MMA fighter is preparing for his championship title fight at KHK MMA Bahrain. Alkhasov has an undefeated professional record of 5 wins.

Shaikh Nasser excels in Ironman championship

TDT | Manama

His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa has come out with flying colours in the 2018 Ironman World Championships held in Kailua Kona, Hawaii.

HH Shaikh Nasser, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman, and BOC President had successfully completed the event, which commenced with a 3.8km swim, followed by a 180km bike and was wrapped up with a 42km run.

Shaikh Nasser, competing in the age category of 30 to 34 years, took a total time of nine hours, nineteen minutes and nine seconds to finish 251st out of 2,379 competitors.

The Ironman world championship brought the world’s best athletes together in competition with over 2,000 athletes embarking on a 226.26km journey that presents the ultimate test of body, mind and spirit to earn the title.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Athletics Association (BAA), congratulated His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, on the achievement of HH Shaikh Nasser.

Shaikh Khalid affirmed that the unprecedented achievement of Shaikh Nasser is a clear result of the patronage and support of HM the King to Bahraini sports and athletes, which contributed to HH’s achievement of this level of competition and honourable accomplishment.



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa crossing the finish line

“It is a pleasure to watch Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa move confidently towards the desired goal. He had determined to reach the World Championship and has thus succeeded,” Shaikh Khalid said. “Today, we see him deservedly crowned the hero of Ironman, which proves that Shaikh Nasser is a true model of a successful athlete and leader who never gives in. HH had termed the year 2018 as the ‘Year of Gold’, which is what he has achieved in this world event.”

Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant secretary general and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC)

secretary general Abdulrahman Askar congratulated HH Shaikh Nasser on his success.

Askar said the triumph represents another crucial achievement for Bahrain sports in general – and to HH Shaikh Nasser – in specific, and asserts his initiative for the year of ‘Only Gold’ campaign launched in 2018.

“HH Shaikh Nasser has become one of the most prominent athletes in this type of sports as he managed to build a remarkable presence on an international level with his physical strength, stamina and determination to excel,” Askar said.

Yastremska claims first title in Hong Kong

AFP | Hong Kong

Ukrainian teenager Dayana Yastremska said yesterday she was dreaming of a Grand Slam after she crushed Chinese number one Wang Qiang 6-2, 6-1 at the Hong Kong Open to claim her first ever title.

The 18-year-old comprehensively outplayed the world number 24 to win the tournament without losing a set all week, walking away with a cheque for \$163,265 and more than doubling her career winnings at a stroke.

Wang -- who has been touted by some as a potential successor to Chinese tennis icon Li Na -- was chasing her third title but was never in the match, which was over in little more than an hour.

Despite chants of “Keep going Wang Qiang!” ringing out in Cantonese round the Centre Court, the 26-year-old appeared curiously listless, the day after she had put both world number five Elina Svitolina and former Wimbledon champion Garbine Muguruza to the sword.

Until yesterday, Yastremska’s chief claim to fame had been 2016 Wimbledon girls singles finalist, but earlier this year she became the first player



Dayana Yastremska of Ukraine celebrates her victory

born this millennium to break into the WTA top 100 rankings.

She did not appear overwhelmed appearing in her first final, despite saying she had woken up so nervous she could not eat.

“I thought it would be more difficult,” she said.

“But if before the match you think it’s going to be really difficult you up

your focus, and when you go on court you stay more dedicated to each point, that’s what helped me to stay that calm during the whole match.”

She instantly put her opponent under pressure by forcing two break points in the opening service game, eventually breaking Wang to go 4-2 up, and claimed the set with a blistering backhand return.

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Mourinho is one coach I want to be reunited with: Hazard

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Chelsea’s Eden Hazard has revealed his appreciation for Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho and said the Portuguese is the one coach he would like to work with again.

The Belgian forward played under Mourinho at Stamford Bridge for more than two years and was an integral part of Chelsea’s Premier League title win in 2014-15.

However, the following season was marred by poor performances and reports of friction between certain members of the squad and Mourinho, who left by mutual consent in December, 2015.

Hazard, who will face his former manager when Chelsea host United in the league next Saturday, admitted he made a complacent start to that campaign.

“In 12 years I’ve only had one bad season, the last six months under Mourinho and it was partly my own fault. After the title, we asked Mourinho for extra holidays. I came back totally out of shape,” Hazard told Belgian newspaper HLN.

Henry has ‘everything’ to become good coach: Deschamps

AFP | Paris

Thierry Henry has “everything” needed to become a good manager, France coach and former international teammate Didier Deschamps said of the newly-named Monaco coach.

“Thierry’s ready,” Deschamps told TF1. “He has everything” to be a good coach.

“He’s throwing himself into an exciting, exhilarating project where he’ll have to take responsibility. It’ll be up to him to take the reins.”

Former Arsenal star Henry was named Monaco coach on Saturday, his first job in club management after leaving his position with the Belgian national team.

The 41-year-old French World Cup winner, who had been working as an assistant to Belgium coach Roberto Martinez since 2016, returns to the club where he began his professional career.

Henry replaces Leonardo Jardim, who in 2017 guided Monaco to their first Ligue 1 title since 2000. He was sacked on Thursday after a string of poor results left Monaco in the relegation places.

Deschamps, who captained the France team featuring Henry that won the 1998 World Cup and Euro 2000, also started his coaching career at Monaco, back in 2001.

“The first season was very complicated,” he said, wishing Henry “lots of courage and big success”.

India’s Yadav helps seal 2-0 West Indies Test sweep



Indian captain Virat Kohli (C) and bowler Umesh Yadav celebrate the dismissal of West Indies batsman Shannon Gabriel (R)

AFP | Hyderabad, India

Paceman Umesh Yadav claimed a match haul of 10 wickets to lead India to a series sweep against the West Indies with a win inside three days in the second Test yesterday.

The hosts chased down their 72-run target in just 16.1 overs in an extended final session to win by 10 wickets.

Prithvi Shaw and Lokesh Rahul, both on 33, remained unbeaten.

The 18-year-old Shaw hit the winning boundary as the world’s top Test side registered their 10th successive series triumph on home soil.

India have not lost a Test series at home since 2012, when they went down to England 1-2.

Yadav, who returned overall match figures of 10-133 -- his maiden 10-wicket haul in 40 Tests -- taking four wickets in

the West Indies’ second innings.

Sunil Ambris top-scored with 38, offering some resistance with skipper Jason Holder for the seventh-wicket, but the tourists were bowled out for just 127 in the final session.

Ravindra Jadeja ended their stand, getting Holder caught behind for 19 and then trapping Ambris lbw.

Yadav had rattled the West Indies top order earlier, sending back opener Kraigg Braithwaite on the second delivery of the innings.

Shai Hope then scored a gritty 28 before falling to Jadeja’s guile.

There was promise for the West Indies at one stage in the match, after they bowled out India for 367 and limited the hosts’ first innings lead to 56.

Holder, who returned after missing the opening game in Rajkot that also ended in three days, returned figures of 5-56

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India 1st innings (overnight 308-4, A. Rahane 75, R. Pant 85)		
L. Rahul b Holder	4	S. Hope c Rahane b Jadeja 28
P. Shaw c Hetmyer b Warrican	70	S. Hetmyer c Kohli b K. Yadav 17
C. Pujara c sub (J Hamilton) b Gabriel	10	S. Ambris lbw b Jadeja 38
V. Kohli lbw Holder	45	R. Chase b U. Yadav 6
A. Rahane c Hope b Holder	80	S. Dowrich b U. Yadav 0
R. Pant c Hetmyer b Gabriel	92	J. Holder c Pant b Jadeja 19
R. Jadeja lbw b Holder	0	D. Bishoo not out 10
R. Ashwin b Gabriel	35	J. Warrican b Ashwin 7
K. Yadav b Holder	6	S. Gabriel b U. Yadav 1
U. Yadav c sub (J Hamilton) b Warrican	2	Extras (lb1) 1
S. Thakur not out	4	Total (all out, 46.1 overs) 127
Extras (b12, lb2, nb5)	19	Fall of wickets: 1-0 (Brathwaite), 2-6 (Powell), 3-45 (Hetmyer), 4-45 (Hope), 5-68 (Chase), 6-70 (Dowrich), 7-108 (Holder), 8-109 (Ambris), 9-126 (Warrican), 10-127 (Gabriel)
Total (all out, 106.4 overs) 367		Bowling: Umesh 12.1-3-45-4, Ashwin 10-4-24-2, Kuldeep 13-1-45-1, Jadeja 11-5-12-3
Fall of wickets: 1-61 (Rahul), 2-98 (Shaw), 3-102 (Pujara), 4-162 (Kohli), 5-314 (Rahane), 6-314 (Jadeja), 7-322 (Pant), 8-334 (K. Yadav), 9-339 (U. Yadav), 10-367 (Ashwin)		India 2nd innings (target 72)
Bowling: Gabriel 20.4-1-107-3 (nb3), Holder 23-5-56-5 (nb2), Warrican 31-7-84-2, Chase 9-1-22-0, Bishoo 21-4-78-0, Brathwaite 2-0-6-0		L. Rahul not out 33
		P. Shaw not out 33
		Extras (b6, lb2, nb1) 9
		Total (0 wickets, 16.1 overs) 75
		Did not bat: C. Pujara, V. Kohli, A. Rahane, R. Pant, R. Jadeja, R. Ashwin, K. Yadav, U. Yadav. S. Thakur
		Bowling: Holder 4-0-17-0 (nb1), Warrican 4-0-17-0, Bishoo 4-1-0-19-0, Chase 4-0-14-0
		Result: India won by 10 wickets
West Indies		
K. Brathwaite c Pant b U. Yadav	0	
K. Powell c Rahane b Ashwin	0	

with his pace bowling in the first innings.

Rishabh Pant’s 152 run fifth-wicket stand with Ajinkya Rahane, who made 80, was the highlight India’s first innings. Pant scored 92.

West Indies batsman Roston Chase top-scored with 106 after the visitors elected to bat first. He was eventually bowled by Yadav, who returned ca-

reer-best figures of 6-88 in an innings.

Yadav’s pace partner Shardul Thakur had a forgettable debut after limping off the field in just his second over early on day one with a groin strain.

He could not bowl and field after that and only came in to bat at number 11, putting on a crucial 28-run last-wicket stand with Ravichandran Ashwin.

Spain are above England’s level: Kane

Reuters | London

Harry Kane admitted England are not on the same level as pass masters Spain ahead of their Nations League encounter today, as he batted away doubts about his own potency since winning the World Cup’s Golden Boot in July.

“We’re not quite there in the way they keep the ball,” said Kane of opponents, who have scored 10 goals in their past two games.

“We’ve got different qualities. We’ve got great pace in the team, great one-against-one ability, and that’s what we’ve got to try to exploit when we play them.

“It will be a tough game, but these are the experiences you want to be in.”

England have just one point from their opening two games in Group 4 and lost to Spain 2-1 at Wembley earlier this month when Saul Niguez and Rodrigo scored to cancel out Marcus Rashford’s opener.

England’s captain has faced criticism after scoring six times in 13 games for club and country since the summer, sometimes struggling to reproduce the form that made him

one of Europe’s most lethal strikers with six goals at the World Cup.

Another blank in Seville today would mean seven successive games without a goal for England — the longest barren run of his international career — although his five Premier League goals for Tottenham make him second top scorer behind Chelsea’s Eden Hazard.

“It’s been tough after the World Cup, not getting much rest, but I think I’ve dealt with it well,” said Kane.

“I’ve stayed fit and stayed healthy. That was my main priority at the start of the season. Now it’s building on that and pushing forward over the winter.

“I set a standard for myself and I want to reach that standard every game I play. I don’t think my game has dipped.”

Harry Kane



German press hammer Loew after Dutch mauling

AFP | Berlin

The German press turned on Joachim Loew after the hammering by the Netherlands left the future of Germany’s head coach in doubt with world champions France looming on Tuesday.

“Not at the moment,” Loew replied in the post match press conference when asked if he can still decide his future following the 3-0 drubbing - Germany’s heaviest defeat to the Dutch.

Dutch captain Virgil Van Dijk gave the hosts a first-half lead before late goals by Memphis Depay and Georginio Wijnaldum capped a golden night for the Oranje in Amsterdam.

“That was a brutal and disappointing defeat, especially as we had the game under control in the first 30 minutes,” said Loew, whose contract runs until 2022.

“At the moment, you can literally feel that we do not have the self-confidence that we used to have.”

It could have been 4-0 as Depay also hit the crossbar in the dying stages as the German



Germany’s defenders Jonas Hector (L) and Mats Hummels react at the end of the UEFA Nations League football match between Netherlands and Germany

defence collapsed in the last 10 minutes.

If Loew’s side loses to world champions France in Paris on Tuesday, it will mean a record sixth defeat for Germany in a calendar year, which Loew can ill afford.

Having steered Germany to the 2014 World Cup title, Loew was irritated when asked if the heavy defeat was his 168th -- and final -- international.

“For me, or what?” he replied, flustered, with his 12-year reign in peril.

“We need to move on quickly (to the next question), I am the wrong person to talk to about that.”

He only signed a new contract with the German Football Association (DFB) in May until the next World Cup, yet unless results improve, it is doubtful he will see it through.

After the World Cup debacle, when Germany crashed out after finishing bottom of their group, the Germans again find themselves last in their Nations League pool.

Garcia takes Tianjin trophy



Caroline Garcia of France hits a return against Karolina Pliskova of Czech Republic

Reuters | Beijing

France's Caroline Garcia survived a difficult opening set before beating top seed Karolina Pliskova 7-6(7) 6-3 to lift the Tianjin Open title yesterday.

Trailing 5-1 in the tiebreak, Garcia made the most of Pliskova's two backhand errors to clinch the opening set after just over an hour of play.

With momentum on her side, Garcia broke Pliskova's serve twice to claim her first WTA title since her back-to-

back triumphs in Wuhan and Beijing last year.

"I was a little bit more aggressive than her, and I think that's what made the difference in the first set," the 24-year-old Garcia said.

"Of course, I've won three titles in China so it's bringing me luck... China is doing a lot for women's tennis."

The defeat means Pliskova will have to wait to book a place at the WTA Finals, but the Czech remains eighth in the Race to Singapore standings.

Djoko wins fourth Shanghai Masters

Novak Djokovic is within touching distance of Rafael Nadal's number one ranking after winning the Shanghai Masters with a victory over Borna Coric

AFP | Shanghai

The "new" Novak Djokovic warned that he was gunning for Rafael Nadal's world number one ranking after winning the Shanghai Masters with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Borna Coric yesterday.

The 14-time Grand Slam champion has been imperious all week and barely offered a sniff to the 19th-ranked Croatian, a good friend and sometime-training partner.

The end when it inevitably arrived was anti-climactic, with the Serb winning the championship point after a video review.

Djokovic buried his head in his hand at the absurdity of it.

The 31-year-old will leapfrog Roger Federer into second in the world when the rankings are released on Monday but will not stop there as the season reaches its climax.

Spanish great Nadal, who was



Novak Djokovic of Serbia celebrates with the trophy after winning the final against Borna Coric of Croatia

not in Shanghai or Beijing last week because of a knee injury, will be just 215 points ahead of

Djokovic in the race to finish as year-end number one.

"I could not ask for a better

scenario," Djokovic, who last sat atop the rankings two years ago, said of his late surge to the summit of men's tennis.

"I am very close now to Nadal in the rankings and put myself in a good position for the last period of the year."

Red-hot Djokovic has now been victorious in 18 ATP matches in a row and in recent months won Wimbledon, the Cincinnati Masters, the US Open and now Shanghai for a fourth time.

It is all a far cry from just five months ago, when Djokovic fell to 22nd in the world as he struggled following elbow surgery in February.

He missed the second half of 2017 with elbow and off-court issues, but said he had adapted his game since the operation.

Djokovic, who has been particularly dominant on his serve, not dropping one service game in Shanghai, said: "I think you're seeing the new Novak."

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