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Saudi, Egyptian foreign ministers hold talks

Riyadh

Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir yesterday met his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shukri, currently on visit to Riyadh. Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said that the two sides had discussed bilateral relations, and issues of mutual interest.

Bahrain wins seat at Heritage Committee

Manama

In recognition of its outstanding role in backing the international efforts to preserve human heritage around the world, Bahrain won a seat in the World Heritage List by an overwhelming majority of 121 votes. This came during the 21st meeting of the General Assembly of the participating countries in the 1972 World Heritage Convention. The meeting on November 14 and 15 was held at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday held talks with King Abdullah II of Jordan in the presence of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister. The leaders, during the discussion, agreed that more concerted efforts are needed against current challenges sweeping across the Middle East. King Abdullah II stressed Jordan's support for Bahrain in facing attempts threatening its security and stability, saying the Gulf states' security is the cornerstone of the region's stability and security. HM, the King commended the Jordanian monarch's promotion to the joint Arab action. The meeting was also attended by senior officials of both sides.

Manama rated best for expats: survey

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Bahrain has been ranked by expatriates as the easiest place to live in the world with the capital Manama scoring highest in the 'Getting settled' section, knocking several top destinations off the podium including Paris.

The survey, by InterNations Expat City Ranking 2017, placed Manama as the favourite city for expats, ahead of 51 international destinations including Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Kuala Lumpur, Johannesburg and many others. Overall, Paris ranks 49th on the list, ahead only of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and Lagos, Nigeria.

"Welcoming atmosphere, friendliness of locals and good wages" were the factors that helped Bahrain take pole position in the survey. In 2016, Bahrain barely made the top 20, occupying the 19th slot.

Respondents said, "They appreciate how easy it is to live in Manama without knowing the local language." They also agreed "locals are welcoming and friendly towards foreign residents."

The survey also identifies Manama as the "friendliest community for expats".

"In stark contrast to Paris, which came at the end of the list as the most unfriendly city for expats, close to two-thirds (65 percent) of expats living in Manama said they've had few problems making

new friends," the survey finds.

One of the respondents in Paris told the survey: "Most French people are not interested in making friends with people outside of their family and social milieu."

And expats, the survey said, in Manama are twice as likely to have an annual household income of more than USD200,000 compared to respondents worldwide.

The survey is based on the responses of 7,985 expats across 40 countries who were asked to rate more than 25 aspects of urban life abroad that were broadly themed under indices like the quality of living, getting settled, urban work life, finance and housing.

Top 10 cities

1. Manama
2. Prague
3. Madrid
4. Kuala Lumpur
5. Amsterdam
6. Barcelona
7. Johannesburg
8. Bangkok
9. Basel
10. Frankfurt



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday received former President of South Korea, Lee Myung-bak, at Gudaibiya Palace. During the meeting, His Royal Highness noted the strength of bilateral ties between Bahrain and South Korea, which has contributed to enhanced cooperation across various fields. His Royal Highness went on to express his hope that Bahrain and South Korea will continue to develop partnerships across key strategic sectors such as the industrial sector, as a means of creating promising economic opportunities and generating positive growth in both countries.



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Liquor ban officially denied

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The authorities in Bahrain yesterday confirmed that “no ban has been imposed on liquor and nightclubs in the five-star hotels in Bahrain”.

Rubbishing the rumours that swarmed local social

media networks in this regard, Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayd bin Rashid Al Zayani said: “Services provided by five-star hotels in the Kingdom will continue and no changes have been made.”

According to a report, claimed to be issued by Tourism Undersecretary in

the ministry, doing rounds on social media networks, the undersecretary has approved a resolution to ban the sale of liquor and to shut nightclubs and bars at all five-star hotels in the Kingdom.

DT News reported yesterday that the document was shared by thousands in Bahrain and GCC countries. (See page 8)

Saudi Arabia allows Yoga, calls it ‘Sports Activity’

The Saudi Ministry of Trade and Industry has listed Yoga under “sports activities”, which allows any Saudi citizen to practice or propagate it by getting a licence from the government.

“My illness made me interested in Yoga”. 37-year old Nouf Marwaai has been on the forefront of the yoga campaign in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Finally her efforts have paid off.

Saudi Arabia on Tuesday officially approved Yoga as a sporting activity under its Ministry of Trade and Industry. So, anyone who now wishes to practice or teach yoga can do so by applying for and procuring a licence for the same.

Nouf Marwaai, who teaches yoga to thousands in the Islamic nation has had an uphill task to make the profession official. She started approaching the authorities in 2005 but to no avail. She finally approached

the princess, a member of the Royal Council, who started the basketball for women in Saudi Arabia who assured her that things are changing and they will soon approve sports for women.

“Princess Reema Bint Bandar Al Saud was chosen to be the Deputy of the General Sports Authority and she welcomed all leaders in any sports for women to approach her directly. Sports have been allowed for women this year and driving as well.”

The leadership in Saudi Arabia, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz and the Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman, are changing history of Saudi Arabia. The Crown Prince known as MBS launched the new vision 2030 that focuses on development and investing in youth.

His vision includes focus on health & wellness of the nation as well. This year Saudi

Arabia has also allowed women to drive which came after the kingdom nation was widely criticised for years for its conservative attitude towards women.

“I do yoga and naturopathy, my disease is stable and my doctors are surprised. That is why I became a champion of yoga and have been promoting it in Saudi Arabia.”

It was a concerted effort of campaigns through the nation and fighting conservative as well as fundamentalist forces to reach out to the government for a change in the mindset towards women that led to this decision by Saudi Arabia.

In 2015, shortly after the United Nations declared June 21 as the International Yoga Day, the Indian diplomatic missions in Saudi Arabia had organised maiden Yoga sessions in various Indian schools in the Islamic kingdom. (India Today)

New Guinness record for Bahrain

Manama

Bahrain yesterday successfully entered the Guinness World Records for hosting the biggest awareness lecture on diabetes.

A total of 1,577 people attended the seminar, which was held as part of Health Ministry's celebrations of the World Diabetes Day annually marked on November 14.

The event was patronised and attended by Supreme Council for Health Chairman Lieutenant General Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, who addressed the audience in a speech that included important figures in relation to diabetes patients locally and globally, in addition to the means to combat the quick spread of the disease among younger generations.

Around 1,000 public schools' students attended the seminar, which was also attended by Health Minister Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh. The minister dedicated the achievement to the Wise Leadership and the people of Bahrain.



Health Minister receives the Guinness World Record certificate



1,577 people attended the seminar



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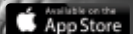


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My Opinion

Ahdeya Ahmed

Soon to be heroes of our parliament

It has been years since I typed a few words to express what I believe in or feel about something and fortunately the home I have always belonged to, the Tribune opened its door once again to me to start a journey I had always enjoyed every minute of...writing.

So to start, I had to choose a topic I had been deeply thinking about and nothing could come across my mind more than what will happen in Bahrain, exactly 12 months from now. The countdown has finally begun to bid farewell to 40 people we chose to represent us in the elected chamber.

November 2018 is when we once again as voters are tested with who we would head to the polling stations and vote for.

I have always believed that it's not the candidates that are evaluated during the four years they serve but who we vote for reflects on our ideologies and our will to make a difference in our country.

The calculations have always been simple when it came to who would win.

The upper hand and the seats to be occupied had always been maneuvered by the political societies, mainly religious ones that control the public.

But would this once again be an issue and people would once again become victims of emotional manipulation is what we look forward to see in precisely 12 months when the results are announced.

I had never been against any ideologies to be represented in our parliament but I am one of many hundreds of thousands of people who need action to be taken and do not only listen to meaningless words that candidates promise people with and once they occupy those seats, their only aim becomes their retirement plans and what they could personally benefit from by being in the parliament for a whole term.

After all the financial obligations and pressures that the people have understandably taken, a parliament that has conscious and represents people well and serves the public agenda and interests is what we need during these hard times.

One can also guarantee that the next 12 months we would be seeing many of our respected members of parliament who had been quiet for three years would start creating chaos and using social media to play on people's emotions by pretending to be heroes.

This does not mean that some candidates had been doing well and serving with great conscience but means that majority have failed.

But failure is not just to be blamed on who had occupied those seats but the hundreds of thousands of eligible Bahrainis who had voted for them.

In 12 months we will go through another test and hopefully we, as voters succeed in placing the right people in the right place.

When we evaluate the past three years we can say that many members of parliament had also barely spoken and the seat they had occupied had been a waste.

This parliament was the product of a democratization process that started 16 years ago and it is about time to stop referring to it as a new democracy and experimenting with a basic right that His Majesty granted the people of his country. This product of our democratization process should now be taken very seriously especially with what the whole region is witnessing and the repercussions of our choices that will affect future generations.

So soon we will see many heroes that had been asleep for three years but the real heroes remain to be the ones who will cast their votes in 12 months.

(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the policy or position of this newspaper.)



Basim Bin Yacob Al Hamer



Hayam Al Awadhi, Secretary General of the Tender Board

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The Tender Board of Bahrain yesterday released its Annual Report for 2016 announcing that it has awarded a total of 1661 tenders, worth around BD1.46 billion, during the year, with the number of bids received by the board reaching 5320.

Gulf Air, the Ministry of Housing, the Bahrain Gas Company, Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, and the Electricity and Water Authority topped the list of government entities in tender value.

The total number of opened tenders, according to the report titled 'Equal Opportunities with Full Transparency', was 999, amounting to BD2.88 billion.

The details were revealed during a press conference held to announce the board's future strategies, which form part of the development plan approved by Cabinet, at its new headquarters in Arcapita building.

"We are aiming to provide the best possible support to our partners and customers through simplifying procedures and seeking greater efficiencies," said Basim bin Yacob Al Hamer, Minister of Housing and Chairman of Tender Board

No of Tenders opened in 2016

999

Value of Tenders Opened in 2016 (BD)

2,880,938,259

Total Suppliers registered with e-Tendering System

5299



BD1.46bn tenders awarded in 2016

INFRASTRUCTURE

Number of Tenders	Value of Tenders	No. of Tenders	Amount
621	291,756,710 BD		
Electricity and Water Authority		329	123,896,065
Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning		199	130,088,162
Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications		30	23,193,533
Telecommunication Regulatory Authority		13	2,079,333
Bahrain Internet Exchange		6	160,879
Information and eGovernment Authority		44	12,338,738

AVIATION

Number of Tenders	Value of Tenders	No. of Tenders	Amount
186	534,630,095 BD		
Gulf Air		140	481,822,429
Bahrain Airport Company		46	52,807,666

HOUSING

Number of Tenders	Value of Tenders	No. of Tenders	Amount
64	215,669,192 BD		
Ministry of Housing		60	214,469,862
Eskan Bank		4	1,199,330

EDUCATION & YOUTH

Number of Tenders	Value of Tenders	No. of Tenders	Amount
115	57,466,648 BD		
Ministry of Education		57	45,846,444
Bahrain Polytechnic		9	1,078,434
University of Bahrain		18	3,198,590
Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs		28	6,229,376
Supreme Council for Youth and Sports		1	868,795
Education and Training Quality Authority		2	245,009

said, adding: "The approval of our development plan is another step forward for us in achieving this goal."

He told the reporters that the board is looking forward to increasing its flexibility by employing "wider use of technology".

Explaining, Hayam Al Awadhi, Secretary General of the Tender Board said, "We will be launching our new website which will provide a

new level of innovation and a digital window through which we will welcome our partners and clients."

This, Al Awadhi, said allows the board to provide the latest news, insights and updates in real-time.

When asked about other plans, Al Hamer said works are in progress to respond to all correspondence received by the board as soon as possible.

"About 93% of these

correspondences are answered within two weeks," the minister said, adding that the board receives an average of 100 requests per week.

"101 meetings were held during the sixth session starting from 6th October 2015 to 9th November 2017," Alhamer said.

The Tender Board is an independent body established by Royal Decree, 7 January 2003.

MPs condemn terrorist attack

Manama

Parliamentarians yesterday urged to take "maximum punishment against those involved in the terrorist incident" in the village of Buri.

The MPs revealed that 22 policemen were killed and around 3,500 were injured in acts of terror committed by Iran-backed groups and

militias in Bahrain since the year 2011.

This came during a session held to discuss the threats posed by Iran to Bahrain and the entire region.

The move followed a request by MP Hamad Al Dossary to discuss the issue during the weekly session, which majority of MPs approved.

MPs viewed that the incident was aimed at intimidating citizens and damaging Bahrain's economy.

"The Council of Representatives expresses its strong condemnation of the criminal act of terrorism which took place in the village of Buri," a joint statement at the end of the session said.

The statement highlighted the continuing cooperation between the legislative and executive authorities and pledged to maintain Bahrain as an "Oasis of security and stability."

The statement also warned that all efforts will be taken to "forcefully confront every cowardly act of terrorism."

New EWA portal to go live next month

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Bahraini public will soon have an easier and a quicker way to interact with the Kingdom's Electricity and Water Authority, thanks to a new portal that will be launched by the authority next month.

The portal, which won a 'Tech Award' at GITEX expo in Dubai, will go live in Bahrain next month, officials announced yesterday.

The portal, designed by Al Nadeem IT company, was part of a pavilion organised by BTECH for Bahraini companies at GITEX.

Rashid Snan of Bahrain Technology Companies society (BTECH), Hamad Al Saie of Microsoft, Ubaydli Ubaydli of Al Nadeem and Adnan Fakro of EWA revealed this during a press conference held yesterday.

The portal, Ubaydli told reporters, was created using Microsoft's SharePoint

platform. "We have to thank Microsoft because the SharePoint platform was flexible enough to implement the requirements of the ministry," he said adding: "I would also like to Tamkeen for their support."

BTECH General Secretary Rashid Snan said the portal will save consumers a lot of time and effort. "The number of times the public will need to visit the EWA offices will be reduced drastically following this," he added.

Snan added: The new portal will accept online payment, online applications as well as submission of meter readings. "You will have personalised IDs to see your e-bill and everything," he added.

He further told the Press Conference that EWA's effort will definitely act as an encouragement for other ministries adding: "Websites of many ministries are static without much interaction with consumers."

Work begins to repair damaged houses in Buri



The move follows directives from His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa

Manama

Work has started yesterday to repair the houses which were damaged due to the terrorist oil pipeline blast near the village of Buri.

The move follows directives from His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

The Works, Municipalities

Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry has appointed three contractors to undertake the necessary repairs.

A technical team from the ministry has surveyed the damages, in coordination with other competent authorities, in addition to the Northern Governorate and the owners of the houses.

"Efforts are being coordinated with relevant agencies to implement the

directives which reflect the keenness of the wise leadership on ensuring citizens' security and providing required services", said Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister Essam Khalaf.

Assistant Undersecretary for Municipal Services Raed Al-Salah and the technical team visited the damaged houses to check their safety and assess the required repairs.



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Fighters wow the crowd



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The first day of the 2017 IMMAF World Championships turned out to be an eventful one with the stars of the ring, both from Bahrain and abroad, producing some high-octane performances.

His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, who was keen on supporting the national team, was present at their side in the ring and at the coach's corner to guide them during their bouts.

Encouraging Bahraini players to present their best Shaikh Khalid said: "We have great confidence in our fighters to achieving more victories and reach a new achievement in the world championship."

"The victories achieved by the Bahrain fighters are a clear indication of their huge capabilities and the great development of MMA in Bahrain," said Shaikh Khalid, the First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport, Honorary Chairman of the Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Federation (BMMAF), Chairman of the Higher Organising Committee for the BRAVE International Combat Week and the 4th edition of the Mixed Martial Arts World Championship.

Assessing the performance of the national team at the Championship, Shaikh Khalid said the Bahraini fighters have put in a good performance at IMMAF so far.

"They will record more wins in the tournament," Shaikh Khalid said adding: "The tournament saw a very distinguished Bahraini presence through a group of fighters who were keen to provide their best technical skills and dedicating all their experience in order to win these bouts."

The fighters, Shaikh Khalid said, have shown varying levels of capabilities. "Some have won and others have been very strong but

lost." "We believe that the future will be better for them because of their impressive levels and strong representation of the Kingdom," he said.

Khalid Abdul-Aziz Al-Khayat, Head of the Executive Committee of the BRAVE International Combat Week, said, "Shaikh Khalid's continuous presence at the IMMAF shows his passion for the national team."

Graceful gesture

When Bahrain's mixed martial arts player Ramadan Gitenov was injured from his match against his French rival Xecebede His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al-Khalifa showed a graceful gesture towards Gitenov by escorting him personally to the medical clinic for treatment.

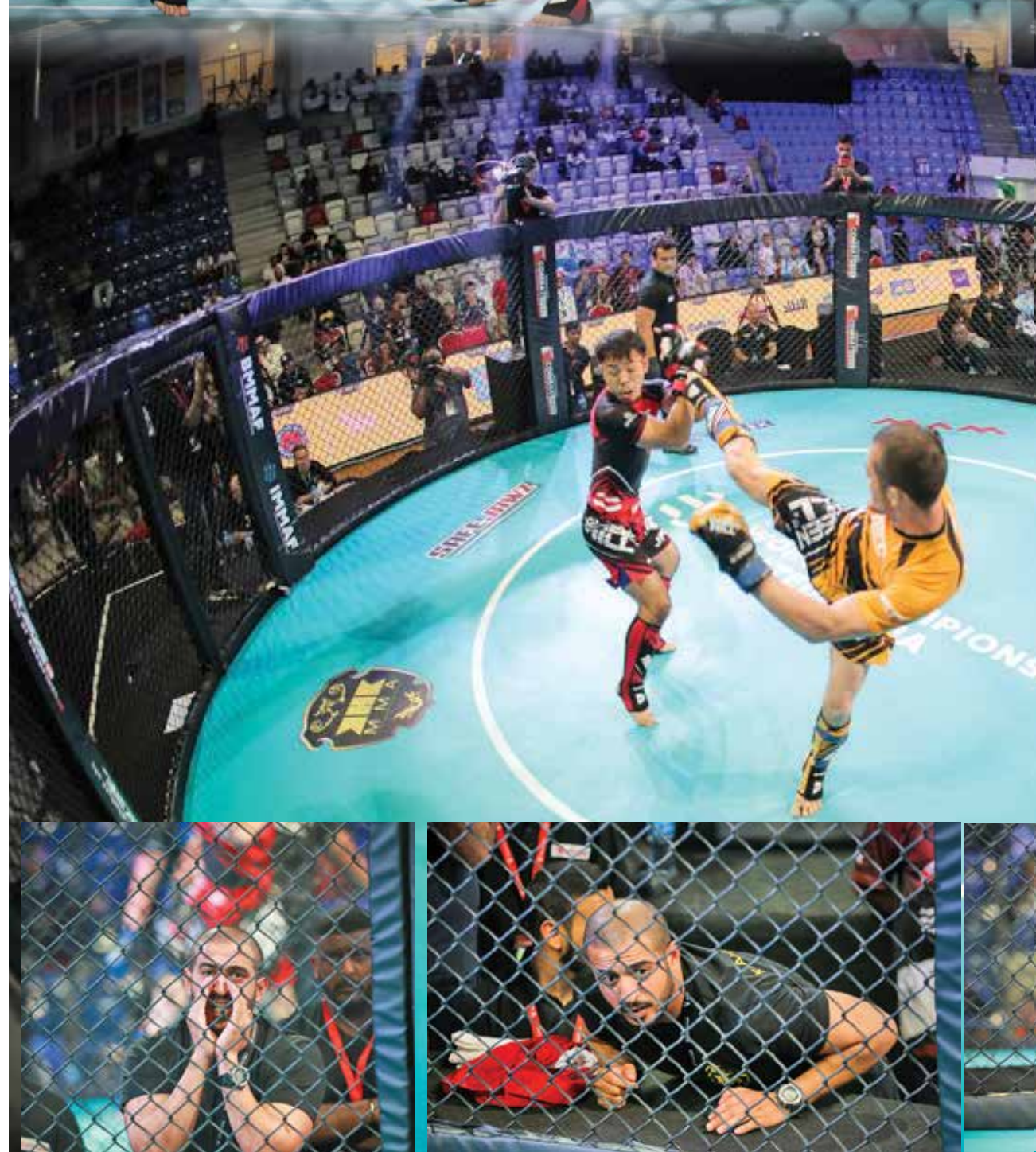
During the game, the Frenchman Xecebede punched the face of Ramadan, causing him to fall injured on the ground, and was treated by paramedics, announcing after that his withdrawal from the match and announcing Frenchman Xecebede as the winner.

The fighter rose and managed to walk out of the ring amidst applause from sports fans who wished the fighter a swift recovery and return to the ring to join the rest of the team.

Biggest supporter

"The biggest supporter of this game is His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, where he was keen to support the players during the bouts, which is a clear indication of His Highness's efforts to provide full support to the national team and the tournament".

He added that the organising committee is working around the clock to have the event as a success. He said that Bahrain Olympic Committee and the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs have also been instrumental in the success of the tournament.



with high-octane show

Ali Yaqoub loses to Stevens

The bouts saw mixed results for players who began with the loss of Ali Yaqoub to American player Cyan Stevens in the afternoon. Despite the loss, optimism was present and the Bahrainis did not feel despair.

Loss of Hamad Matar

Hamad Matar lost to his Canadian rival Ali Wasiq, who presented a strong level in combat, and in which Matar was unable to win and fell victim to the Canadian player.

Mehmeedov starts victories

Morals rose with the wining of Gamzet Mehmeedov against Tajik Manushiker, Mehmeedov performed at distinct levels, and his strikes were focused to begin the harvesting victory in the first day of the competition amidst the interaction of the masses near the ring viewing the bout.

Fikri prepares for Alessandro

Our player Nayef Fekri starred in his match against Alessandro and achieved an early win from the second round thanks to his strong blows, dropping his opponent more than once, punches in the face, high concentration, and avoiding the Italian's strikes.

Abdul-Manaf grabs second win

The level of optimism soared in the third game with our talented player Abdal-Manaf Megadov in his meeting with Japanese hocky, amidst a huge development in the results and determination of our player Megadov, who tried to get a quick win thanks to his strong strikes and attempts to finish the game early.

Abbas Khan loses to Benjamin

In the seventh game, Abbas Khan lost to American Benjamin in the third round, despite Khan's attempts to catch up with the results, the strikes of American Benjamin were faster and guaranteed him a win.

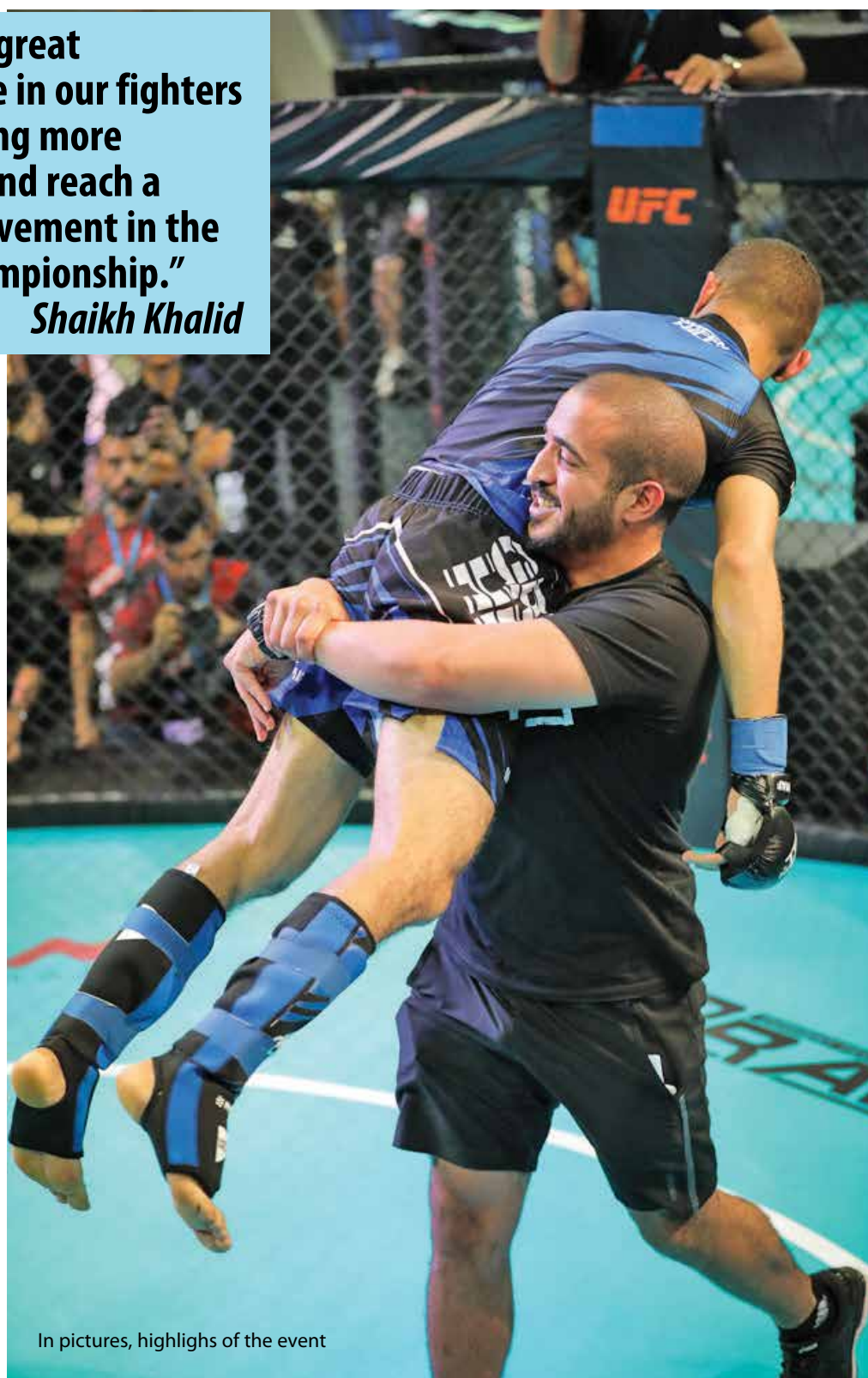
"We have great confidence in our fighters to achieving more victories and reach a new achievement in the world championship."

Shaikh Khalid



First Day results:

Irishman Ilan Kennedy defeated Tajikistan's Tohir Sidov,
Kazakh Dastan defeated Bulgaria's Nukulya,
Brazilian Karos defeated Irishman Ronan,
Giacom defeated Mexican Rangroot,
Indian Shiva defeated Lebanese Rolandi,
Kazak Ozzas defeated Indian Akash,
French Morio defeated Panamanian David,
British Ben defeated Cypriot Sitvanus,
American Shaz defeated British Kerandeeb,
Kazak Nautilic defeated Spaniard Alvaro,
Albanian Florin defeated Italian Alessandro,
Kazakh Denislam defeated Azerbaijani Mohamed Alif,
Belarusian Arsim defeated South African Katsum,
Russian Vilari defeated Frenchman Sammy,
Australian Abzi defeated Swede Timurmalik,
Irishman Austin defeated Bulgarian Owen,
Frenchman Petach defeated Bulgariain Lundy,
American Jack defeated South African Shan,
Mexican Jonathan defeated American Orlando,
Finnish Huwail defeated Italian Francesco,
Frenchman Puma defeated Turkish Abdullah Mehit,
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Czech Jacob defeated Kazakh Drakan,
Australian Cody defeated South African Sheldon,
Kazak Makir defeated Bulgarian Nikolai.



In pictures, highlights of the event



Islamic Finance

Dr Sutan Emir Hidayat



"The Role of CBB Waqf Fund in Sponsoring Education"

The concept of Waqf is popular in Muslim majority countries and has been well implemented even before the rise of the modern Islamic financial system in the 1970's. Different types of Awqaf (plural of Waqf) have been developed throughout time. By its nature of outcome, Waqf can be split into two kinds: Waqf istithmari and Waqf mubashar. Waqf istithmari literally means investment. Here, assets are managed to produce income that will be used to develop or build estates. On the other hand, Waqf Mubashar literally means directly. This type of waqf directly benefits charity beneficiaries through education. With regards to Waqf dedicated to education, it is important to note that schools have played a major role for the development of the society especially in poverty alleviation.

Some governments were even using Waqf to finance education. For example, the University of Al Azhar, which was founded in Cairo in 972, was financed by its Waqf revenues until the government of Muhammad Ali in Egypt took control over the Waqf. Like other Muslim countries, Kingdom of Bahrain has been recognizing the important role of Awqaf in the financing of education. A Waqf Fund (or called cash Waqf) was set up in 2006 under the auspices of the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) in partnership with Islamic Financial Institutions in Bahrain with the aim of financing education related initiatives, particularly Islamic economic and finance education. The fruits of this Waqf have benefited more than hundreds of people and will still benefit new beneficiaries in the future.

Over twenty Islamic Banks are registered with the CBB in Bahrain, operating either as a full-fledged wholesale Islamic bank or a retail Islamic bank. The full-fledged Islamic banks, made a one-time contribution to the Waqf Fund's corpus which is invested in Islamic money market instruments such as short-term Sukuk (Salam and Ijarah) which are relatively safe and provide a stable return. Any return on the investment is utilized to finance the fund's various education related enterprises. The amount of the contributions has reached US\$ 7.5 million by 2016.

The aim of the Waqf Fund establishment is to continuously enhance and develop the Islamic finance in Bahrain through education. This aim takes form into three aspects, to provide Islamic finance educational programs, to give Islamic finance training and to develop Islamic finance from a Shari'ah standpoint. As an example of the first aim, providing Islamic finance educational programs, the Waqf Fund's pioneering initiative was the provision of scholarships for eligible individuals to pursue a 9-month post-graduate diploma program at the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) naming it the Waqf Fund Graduate Sponsorship Program, which has been continuing until now.

As an example for the aim of giving Islamic finance training, the Waqf Fund financed the development of a course on Business Ethics for Islamic Bankers. The Waqf Fund sponsored the development of this course through the BIBF and has made the course mandatory to take for all junior and intermediate level employees of Islamic banks to attend. As an example of developing Islamic finance from a Shari'ah standpoint, the Waqf Fund sponsored Shari'ah scholar sessions. In 2013, the Waqf Fund started a regular session with leading Shari'ah scholars in the Islamic financial industry whereby they address the Internal Shari'ah Reviewers of Islamic financial institutions in Bahrain on specific topics, followed by an extensive questions and answers session.

Based on the above explanation, it can be concluded that the Waqf Fund of the CBB can be a good model to be copied and implemented by other countries.

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Reviving hospitality sector

Minister pledges to boost spending

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Manama

Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister, Zayed bin Rashid Al-Zayani yesterday pledged to continue investing in the Kingdom's hospitality sectors highlighting that the move "will increase the hotel room supply" in the Kingdom by about "4,000 until 2020".

The Kingdom, Al Zayani said, has succeeded in attracting tourism investments to build 15 5-star and 4-star hotels, and beach resorts to be completed within the next five years.

According to the latest Bahrain Economic Quarterly (BEQ) report by Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB), Bahrain recorded a 3 per cent growth in its hotel and restaurant sector, thanks to the plans to establish 15 new five and four-star



Zayed bin Rashid Al-Zayani hotels and beachfront resorts, with a collective investment value of more than US\$10 billion over the next five years.

The report also reveals that the list includes world-renowned hotel brands including The One&Only Resort, Wyndham Grand Hotel, Fairmont, Vida Hotel & Resort, The Address Hotel & Resort, Ibis Hotel and

Pullman Hotel. These hotels will add to the Kingdom's existing portfolio of over 190 hotels and resorts.

The EDB report, released in April this year, further points out that the hotels in the Kingdom currently offer a capacity of more than 16,500 rooms.

Elaborating, the minister also praised the hotel classification system, which has been in force since 2015. "The services delivered by hotels in accordance with their classification will continue unchanged," the minister said.

The system, according to reports, provides tourists with information on what they can expect from various classifications of hotels, apart from providing hoteliers with a clear perspective on the services and facilities and standards that they should

offer.

The minister also pledged to continue developing the tourism and hospitality sectors, as well as sub-sectors by "encouraging investments in them, and launching innovative models of hotel investment."

He pointed out that the Kingdom has a package of mega development projects worth more than the US \$32 billion.

These projects, some of which will contribute to revitalizing the tourism sector, include the construction of a second bridge linking Bahrain and Saudi Arabia through the GCC Railway Network, and the expansion of the Bahrain International Airport, which is expected to raise the airport's capacity by 65 percent to reach 14 million passengers annually.

Boston Dynamics reveals new version of its MiniSpot robot DOG

Boston Dynamics, best known for Atlas, its 5 foot 9 humanoid robot, has revealed a new 'lightweight' version of its robot MiniSpot. The robotic canine is shown trotting around a yard, with the promise that more information from the notoriously secretive firm is 'coming soon'.



90m on charge

SpotMini is all-electric and can go for about 90 minutes on a charge, depending on what it is doing. It weighs 25 kg, 30 kg if you include a robotic arm.

Boston Dynamics best known for Atlas, its 5 foot 9 humanoid robot, and spot, a four legged 'dog robot'

New spot Mini prototype is shown wandering around a yard and 'sniffing' the camera

Secretive firm was recently bought by SoftBank after being owned by Google

"SpotMini inherits all of the mobility of its bigger brother, Spot, while adding the ability to pick up and handle objects using its 5 degree-of-freedom arm and beefed up perception sensors," says its developers.

Cool Trends

It's Google

Google acquired Boston Dynamics in late 2013 along with several other robotics firms, in a deal set up by Andy Rubin, the former head of the Android division, who left the company in October 2014.

Non-Resident Indians meet in Bahrain

Manama

Massive global support has been pouring in for the proposed Pravasi Sammelan of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and People of Indian Origin (PIOs) to be held in Bahrain from January 6 to 9, 2018 at the Gulf Hotel Convention Center.

General Dr. V. K. Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India, will inaugurate the GOPIO International Convention on January 6th evening followed by the presentation of the Indian Women Achievers Samman in collaboration with GOPIO and NRI Achievers Magazine.

On January 7th, Dr. Shashi Tharoor, former External Affairs Minister, and top leaders of BJP - the ruling party of India will address delegates coming from nearly 40 countries.

On evening of the same day, the Global Indian Businessmen Award will be given in collaboration with GOPIO and Business India Magazine, a 37-year-old publication from Delhi.

Chandan Mitra, Editor, *The Pioneer* and former MP, Muralidhar Rao, National General Secretary, BJP and Nalin Kohli, BJP Spokesman, have agreed to be speakers at different sessions.

Sam Pitroda, the Global

Telecommunications Exponent will conduct a detailed session with the delegates on January 8th.

Former Prime Ministers, former Heads of State, and members of the House of Lords are expected to attend the three-day conference.

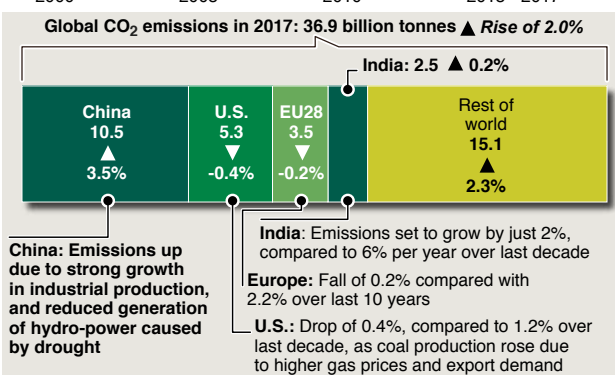
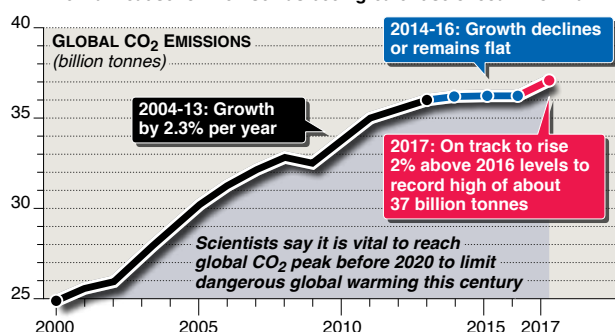
Among notable attendees include King Goodwill Zwelithini Ka-Bhekuzulu from South Africa who will also attend with 25 delegates.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Phadnavis and Chief Whip of the Assembly Raj Purohit, a lifetime member of GOPIO will be attending with a large number of business delegates.



Concern at first CO2 rise in four years

World carbon emissions in 2017 are projected to rise for the first time in four years, dashing hopes that a peak might soon be reached. The main cause for the rise has been greater use of coal in China

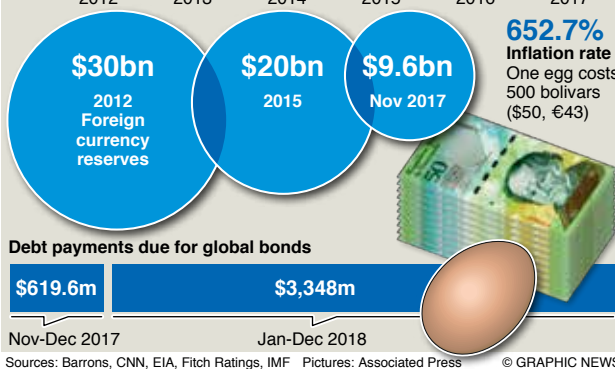


Sources: Global Carbon Project, Nature

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Venezuela on brink of bankruptcy

Venezuela has a \$120-\$140 billion external debt which it borrowed when oil prices were more than \$100 a barrel. Economists predict that a default is certain unless oil prices recover quickly



Sources: Barrons, CNN, EIA, Fitch Ratings, IMF Pictures: Associated Press

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India, US to have world's greatest armies: say Trump, Modi

PM Modi, Donald Trump have pledged that US and India would have the world's greatest militaries

Washington/Manila

US President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have pledged that the US and India should have the world's greatest militaries as they discussed bilateral strategic partnership and their shared commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific region, according to the White House.

The two leaders met yesterday on the sidelines

of the ASEAN Summit in Manila, the Philippines.

The two leaders discussed the comprehensive strategic partnership between the United States and India and their shared commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific region, the White House said in a statement.

"They pledged to enhance their cooperation as Major Defense Partners, resolving that two of the world's great

democracies should also have the world's greatest militaries," it said.

President Trump expressed appreciation that Indian purchases of oil from the United States have surpassed 10 million barrels in recent months, and expressed confidence that stronger energy cooperation will be a geopolitical and economic game changer for both countries.

The first consignment of American crude oil reached India in October and Indian petroleum companies plan to purchase crude oil worth \$2 billion from the US in the next one year. Prime Minister Modi said that he looked forward to hosting the US delegation to the upcoming Global Entrepreneurship Summit, showcasing innovation and collaboration between the two countries. (NDTV)



Joyalukkas Group conducted an hour-long fun exercise activity yesterday in support of the Dubai Fitness Challenge as part of the World Diabetes Day. Headed by Joyalukkas Group Executives Director John Paul Alukkas, the event was held at the Zabeel Park with the participation of staff and guests of the Group's various divisions. The Work Out Day, took place between 8:00 to 10:00 am, featured an exercise with a professional trainer, followed by a brief talk on healthy habits and leading active lifestyles.

Did You Know?



Oil has been used by people for over 5,000 years, once used as a medicine for treating ailments such as gout and frostbite. Saudi Arabia is the largest oil producer today and has the largest amount of reserves (267 billion barrels).



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CURRENCIES
EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2948	0.2923
BANGLADESH	0.00483	0.00460
CANADA	0.3025	0.2993
DENMARK	0.0625	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0220
EURO	0.4489	0.4464
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UNITED KINGDOM	0.5019	0.4990
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102500	0.102840
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37790	0.37800
YUAN	0.056800	0.056800

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GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5738	0.3788	0.3329
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.3329	0.2868	0.2521
OMAN	0.3849	0.3831	0.3867	0.3399
QATAR	3.6420	3.6249	3.6592	3.2159
UAE	3.6730	3.6557	3.6903	3.2433
SAUDI	3.7500	3.7324	3.7677	3.3113

Gulf markets mostly little changed

Dubai

Major Middle East stock markets moved largely sideways yesterday with little positive news to spur buying, although GFH Financial continued surging in Dubai after disclosing details of its business strategy.

In contrast to recent days, Saudi Arabia's index spent almost the entire day higher, closing up 0.3 per cent - a sign that the impact of the kingdom's sweeping anti-corruption purge, which has alarmed investors, might be easing.

Petrochemical investor Alujain rebounded 2.9 percent after sinking 9.7 percent in its heaviest trade this year on Monday, when it resumed trading after being suspended since August because of a delay in reporting earnings.

Another petrochemical

firm, Chemanol, jumped its 10 percent daily limit in its heaviest trade since early 2015.

Two major stocks linked to tycoons detained in the anti-graft crackdown - Kingdom Holding and Al Tayyar Travel - barely moved as trading volumes in them shrank, which suggested investors were no longer dumping the stocks out of concern over the companies' viability.

In Dubai, the index rose 0.3 percent as the most heavily traded stock, GFH Financial, added 4.6 percent.

On Monday GFH had climbed 6.3 percent after the company said it had swung to a third-quarter profit from a year-earlier loss, exited real estate portfolios in Bahrain and the United States, would invest in the education sector, and planned to acquire a financial institution in the Gulf.

Closing Bell

SAUDI gained 0.3 percent to 6,979 points.

DUBAI rose 0.3 percent to 3,489 points.

ABU DHABI edged down 0.1 percent to 4,366 points.

QATAR gained 0.2 percent to 7,874 points.

EGYPT edged up 0.1 percent to 14,133 points.

KUWAIT edged down 0.01 percent to 6,250 points.

BAHRAIN dropped 0.2 percent to 1,260 points.

OMAN climbed 0.6 percent to 5,115 points.

Qatar's index edged up 0.2 percent but real estate firm Ezdan Holding fell 2.3 percent after Standard & Poor's cut its credit rating by two notches to BB, in junk territory, with a negative outlook.

Egypt's index barely moved. Dice Sport, which rarely trades,

shot up 230 percent to 23.60 Egyptian pounds after Qalaa Holdings said it had sold its indirect stake in Dice through a public and private offer in the exchange's secondary market for about 300 million Egyptian pounds (\$17 million). (Reuters)

Friday cultural show



Hari Teja

Manama

India's **Telugu** community is getting ready for a mega entertainment show which is to be held this Friday at Asian School Auditorium in Tubli.

Syeaata 2007, a cultural show, is being organised by Telugu Kala Samithi (TKS) - Bahrain in association with 'Out of the Box'.

Around 3000 people are expected to attend the event where actors, singers, comedians and celebrities from Telugu Film and TV Industry are arriving from Hyderabad to perform live in Bahrain.

"Hari Teja, a film and TV actress, of 'Bigg Boss

Telugu' fame, will be performing with Suresh Varma and Shanti Tiwari (of 'Dhee' fame) and with Getup Srinu and Ram Prasad (of Jabardasth fame)," said Gopal Reddy, the Honorary President of TKS.

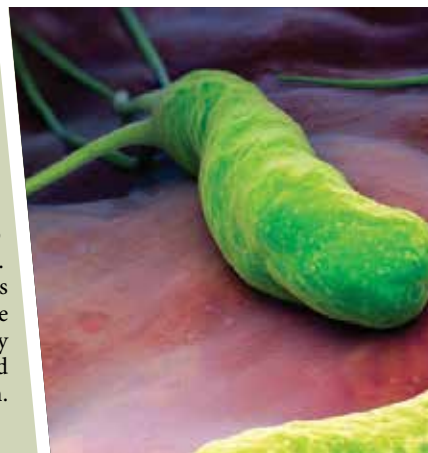
"This is our annual show which thousands of Telugu workers look forward to, and whatever funds we raise are used for the welfare of the needy workers, and for charity activities", he added.

The show starts at 6:00 pm, and for entry passes, the phone numbers to be contacted are: 3925 3563 / 3776 3573 / 3924 9640 / 3989, 5971.



Regular exercises can improve brain functioning

Are you having difficulty in memorising phone numbers or other valuable data for long term use? You need to start exercising to improve your memory functioning. Indulging in aerobic exercises can help you increase the brain size that further enhances the memory function and maintains a good brain health, says a new research. (IANS)



Shape-shifting agent kills bacteria in stomach

A new shape-shifting polymer can target and kill *Helicobacter pylori* bacteria in the stomach without killing helpful bacteria, researchers at the University of Illinois (UI) found. The findings have been newly published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. (Xinhua)

Here's why you 'Space Out' after too little sleep

Ever notice that too little sleep at night can cause you to "space out" the next day? New research suggests that a lack of sleep hampers communication between brain cells, causing temporary mental errors that affect memory and visual perception. That can lead to problems ranging from minor ones such as forgetting your keys when you leave the house, to more serious consequences such as lack of awareness while driving.

"We discovered that starving the body of sleep also robs neurons [brain cells] of the ability to function properly. This leads to [mental] lapses in how we perceive and react to the world around us," said study senior author Dr. Itzhak Fried, a professor of neurosurgery at the University of California, Los Angeles and Tel Aviv University, Israel.

Fried added that severe fatigue "exerts a similar influence on the brain to drinking too much. Yet no legal or medical standards exist for identifying overtired drivers on the road the same way we target drunk drivers."

The study included 12 epilepsy patients who had electrodes placed in their brains prior to surgery to pinpoint the origin of their seizures. They were kept awake all night to provoke seizures.

The patients were asked to categorize a number of images as quickly as possible while the

electrodes recorded the activity of brain cells that control memory and visual perception. As the patients grew more sleepy, these brain cells slowed down and the task grew more difficult.

"We were fascinated to observe how sleep deprivation dampened brain cell activity," study lead author Yuval Nir said in a UCLA news release. He is a researcher at Tel Aviv University's Department of Physiology and Pharmacology.

"Unlike the usual rapid reaction," Nir added, "the neurons responded slowly and fired more weakly, and their transmissions dragged on longer than usual."

The reduced brain cell activity was accompanied by slower brain waves. (HealthDay)



More digital screen time increases depression among teens

Are you in the habit of spending more time on cellphones, tablets or playing computer games? Limit the habit before it increases the risk of depressive disorders or induces suicidal tendencies.

A new research has found that teenagers, especially girls, who spend several hours per day before the digital screens are more likely to be depressed and have suicide-related outcomes.

The findings, published in the journal Clinical Psychological Science, noted that 48 per cent of teenagers who spent five or more hours per day on electronic devices reported at least one suicide-related outcome, compared to only 28 per cent of those who spent less than an hour a day on devices.

"These increases in mental health issues among teens are very alarming," said Jean Twenge, Professor at the San Diego State University in California.

"Teens are telling us they are struggling, and we need to take that very seriously," Twenge added.

The researchers studied the data from more than 500,000 teenagers. The results found that the suicide rate for girls, aged between 13 to 18 years, increased by 65pc. Also, the number of girls reporting symptoms of severe depression increased by 58pc.

"When the teens were asked about their leisure time activities, most of them increasingly spent more time with screens and less time on other activities. That was by far not a good formula for mental health," the researchers noted.

It was also suggested that engaging in social interaction, sports and exercise, doing homework, attending religious services, and others, was linked to having fewer depressive symptoms and suicide-related outcomes. (IANS)

US SAYS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE STARTS AT 130 AND NOT 140

High blood pressure was redefined by the American Heart Association, which said the disease should be treated sooner, when it reaches 130/80, not the previous limit of 140/90.

"High blood pressure is now defined as readings of 130mm Hg and higher for the systolic blood pressure measurement, or readings of 80 and higher for the diastolic measurement," said the guidelines.

Doctors now recognise that complications "can occur at those lower numbers," said the first update to comprehensive US guidelines on blood pressure detection and treatment since 2003.

The new standard means that nearly half (46 per cent) of the US population will be defined as having high blood

pressure.

Previously, one in three (32 per cent) had the condition, which is the second leading cause of heart disease and stroke, after cigarette smoking.

The normal limit for blood pressure is considered 120/80.

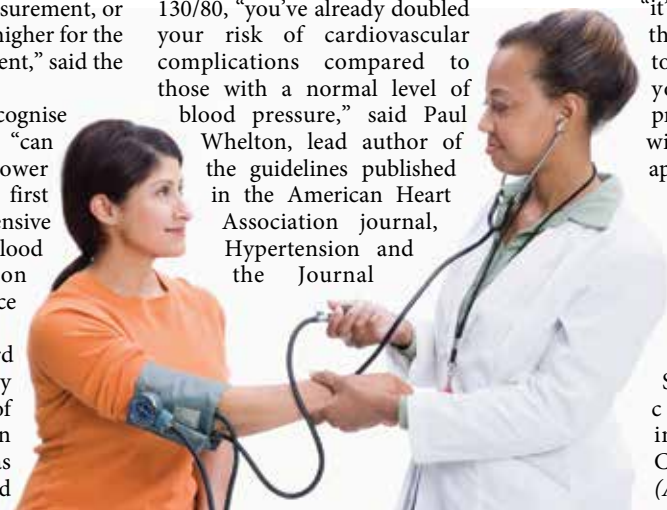
Once a person reaches 130/80, "you've already doubled your risk of cardiovascular complications compared to those with a normal level of blood pressure," said Paul Whelton, lead author of the guidelines published in the American Heart Association journal, Hypertension and the Journal

of the American College of Cardiology. "We want to be straight with people - if you already have a doubling of risk, you need to know about it."

He said a diagnosis of the new high blood pressure does not necessarily mean a person needs to take medication, but that

"it's a yellow light that you need to be lowering your blood pressure, mainly with non-drug approaches."

The changes were announced at the American Heart Association's 2017 Scientific Sessions conference in Anaheim, California. (AFP)





HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday held talks with HM King Abdullah II of Jordan in the presence of Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa. HRH King Hamad II praised the longstanding Bahraini-Jordanian relations highlighted by understanding and coordination.



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received former South Korean President Lee Myung-bak yesterday at Gudaibiya Palace. HRH Premier praised the progressive Bahraini-Korean relations highlighted by both countries' keenness to further boost cooperation to benefit joint interests.



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received Royal Family members following their recent visit to Thailand. HRH Premier affirmed the government's unwavering resolve to continue to strengthen bilateral relations with the Kingdom of Thailand.



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa received former president of South Korea Republic, Lee Myung-bak. The deputy PM praised the amicable bilateral ties and the ongoing cooperation in the interest of both countries and peoples.



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received the newly-appointed Combined Task Force 151 (CTF151) Commander Captain Youssef Ahmed Al-Mannai. The meeting was attended by BDF Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Dheyab bin Sagr Al-Nuaimi at the General Command headquarters.



Ritz Carlton Bahrain held the 8th Annual Bahraini Charity Golf Tournament.



bin Hamad Al Khalifa. HM the king welcomed the Jordanian monarch and



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday. He lauded the outstanding and advanced level of BDF and its role in defending the nation and maintaining its security, stability and sovereignty.



s and citizens, who greeted him on his return to the kingdom following his
arry on and accelerate the development process.



Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa received former President of South Korea Lee Myung-bak at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday. During the meeting, His Royal Highness noted the strength of bilateral ties between the Kingdom of Bahrain and South Korea, which has contributed to enhanced cooperation across various fields



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa received outgoing Turkish Ambassador Hatun Demirer. Shaikh Mohammed commended the ambassador's role in boosting the Bahrain-Turkey friendship and cooperation ties and her contributions in serving the shared interest of both countries, wishing her success in her upcoming assignment.



Supreme Council for Youth & Sport First Vice Chairman and Bahrain Royal Equestrian & Endurance Federation President HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa visited The K Hotel to meet and welcome all the fighters from 21 countries at Brave International Combat Week 2017. General Manager of The K Hotel Volker Mandlowsky welcomed His Highness and showed him the hotel facilities together with other dignitaries.



Annual Charity Swimming challenge. The proceeds will go to Bahrain Cancer Society



Tamil Social & Cultural Association (TASCA) held Children's Festival 2017 with various competitions. Children from aged 1 to 16 participated in the respective groups and showcased their talents.



Ellen DeGeneres @TheEllenShow
 .@DaxShepard1 is brilliant at giving relationship
 advice. If you tweet me your question, he might
 answer it on my show. #AskDax



JOE HAS FOUND LOVE OF HIS LIFE

Los Angeles

Singer Nick Jonas has praised his brother Joe Jonas and actress Sophie Turner's "beautiful" relationship, and said his sibling has found the "love of his life".

"I can tell you that he found his partner and love of his life," Nick told *etonline.com*.

"That's all that matters. It's a beautiful thing," he added.

Their engagement news comes just in time for the forthcoming Thanksgiving celebrations, and Nick says that Turner has already had a taste of the "Jonas experience".

"It's all love. She was with us last year as well, so she already had her first sort of Jonas experience," Nick said. (IANS)



Amy Schumer 'dating' chef Chris Fischer

Los Angeles

Actress Amy Schumer has sparked dating rumours with chef Chris Fischer after they were spotted enjoying a dinner date.

Schumer was photographed last week on a date with Fischer, who is reportedly her assistant's brother, reports *dailymail.co.uk*.

In some photographs, the two can be seen drinking wine and chatting with each other while gazing into each other's eyes.

Fischer is the first man Schumer is romantically linked to since her split from Ben Hanisch in May.

She had earlier said that Hanisch -- who she met on a dating app -- was the perfect man for her as he wasn't phased by her celebrity status. However, things didn't work out between them and they parted ways earlier this year. (IANS)



I was a selfish little brat: Julia Roberts

Actress Julia Roberts says she was a "selfish little brat" before she met her husband and cinematographer Danny Moder in 2000.

Reportedly, Roberts, who has been married to Moder for 15 years now, feels her husband has changed her life's priorities.

"I was my priority, a selfish little brat running around making films," Roberts said.

Roberts said "finding her person" in 2000 changed everything for her.

"When I think about what makes my life my life, and make sense and just shine inside of me, it's him. Everything has come from that," she added. (IANS)



STARRY
Birthday
 Shailene Woodley

November 15, 1991

Actress who played Amy Juergens in ABC Family's *The Secret Life of the American Teenager*, then went on to earn the lead role of Beatrice "Tris" Prior in the *Divergent* film series.

Harris 'feels insulted' by Swift's breakup song



Los Angeles

Singer Taylor Swifts former boyfriend and Scottish DJ Calvin Harris reportedly feels insulted by her new breakup song "Getaway car".

The song is from her sixth studio album "Reputation".

In "Getaway car", Swift compares the image of criminals in a speeding car to a doomed romance, sparking speculation that it's about Harris.

According to a source, Harris "feels insulted" by that song, reports *hollywoodlife.com*.

"He does not like how Taylor was looking for an easy way to move on from their relationship," the source added.

The lyrics of the song read: "The ties were black, the lies were white/The shades of gray in candlelight/I wanted to leave him/I needed a reason." (IANS)

Special tribute to James Bond films at IFFI 2017

Mumbai, India

A special curated section of James Bond films will be screened at the forthcoming 48th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), to be held from November 20-28 in Goa.

The festival organisers on Tuesday announced that the special section will showcase nine films from the franchise. The films include "Dr. No" and "Goldfinger" starring Sean Connery; "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" starring George Lazenby; "The Spy Who Loved Me" and "Octopussy" starring Roger Moore; "License to Kill" starring Timothy Dalton. (IANS)



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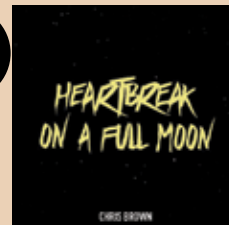
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Meaning Of Life
Kelly Clarkson

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Heartbreak On A Full Moon
Chris Brown

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Under The Covers, Volume II
Ninja Sex Party

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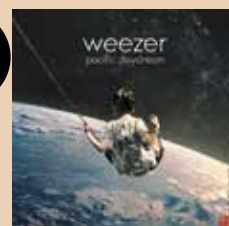
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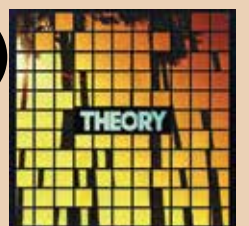
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START CAMERA ACTION

Zendaya joins 'A White Lie'

Los Angeles

Actress Zendaya will produce and star in the thriller "A White Lie", in which she will essay the role of the first African-American woman to graduate from Vassar College.

The project is based on Karin Tanabe's book "The Gilded Years", which tells the true story of Anita Hemmings, a light-skinned African-American woman who was the descendant of slaves and passed as white so she could attend Vassar during the 1890s, reports *variety.com*.

Hemmings is pulled into her elite world where she is treated as a wealthy, educated white woman who finds romance with a Harvard student.

Monica Beletsky will write the script and Zendaya will produce the film alongside Reese Witherspoon and her Hello Sunshine partner Lauren Neustadter. (IANS)



OUT & ABOUT

HOW TO REACH US

"Out & About", a ready reckoner for the events taking place on the island, is published from Friday to Tuesday. To be included, please send the matter to the following email ID : news@dt.bh

FUEGO: ANTONIO GADES COMPANY

Date: 1 December 2017, 8:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

The Antonio Gades Company, a major pillar of Spanish flamenco dance, will be presenting "Fuego", which is inspired by the work of the late Spanish legendary composer, Manuel de Falla. The plot, choreography and lighting made by the late Antonio Gades and the Spanish film director, photographer and writer Carlos Saura. Coinciding with the tenth anniversary of the death of Antonio Gades, the foundation that carries his name decided to undertake a very significant challenge setting up another version of the Manuel de Falla's ballet "Enchanted Love". Titled "Fuego", this production was the second scenic interpretation which the choreographer had of Manuel de Falla's work. Being an exponent of Gades' core idea "return to tradition if you want to evolve", this ballet is a transitional piece between the almost mythical setups in the classic plays, Carmen and Fuenteovejuna. It was also the last of the joint mythical flamenco works by Gades and Saura, with the same overlaying structure they followed in Carmen, first as a film and secondly as a ballet.

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



Date: 16 December 2017, 8:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

Coinciding with the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day celebrations, the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities presents a variety of events and cultural activities with the participation of a number of musical bands and Bahraini musicians.

Tickets will be available soon at Virgin Megastore.

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Venue: Oliveto Bahrain

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11TH SHAHRAZAD CHARITY BAZAAR

Date: 25th November 2017

Venue: Shahrazad Hall

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"HOUE"

Date: Till 31 December 2017,

8:00am - 8:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

The Bahrain National Theatre will host the "HOUE" installation by French-Iraqi artist Mehdi Moutashar. The HOUE installation will be exhibited at the Theatre's foyer, allowing the visitors to directly interact with it.

"Houe" is an Arabic word formed from two letters: an aerial letter, the aspired 'h', developed from a double movement - concentric and eccentric, and the waw (O) which follows a helical layout. A back and forth movement similar to breathing is born from the entanglement of these two letters; the first as a breath, the second as an instrument.

Houe literally means "the other, him, the one who reflects my image and confirms my humanity". It is also the root of the word identity, but beyond this first meaning, Houé (Him) is the name used by mystics to signify God.

Houe's calligraphic form, written from right to left using a qalam, a sharpened dried reed filled with ink, starts with a thick, intense, black line and narrows towards the end like a hair.

The material shape of the lines forming these three successive angles complies with this logic, as does the general structure: the beginning of the second angle appears halfway along the first, the third starts halfway along the second... So it is the construction in its entirety which results from the logic underpinning it.

In this respect, its development in space clearly refers to the concept of the arabesque, to that essential idea that painting, sculpture and architecture all stem from a single measurement. While the different levels that this work introduces subtly match those of the human body: the lines of the knees, the core and the solar plexus...



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ART AT THE HARBOUR EXHIBITION "FROM BAHRAIN"

Date: Ongoing

Venue: Harbour Towers-West

Bahrain Financial Harbour Holding Company had more than 30 people attending the opening of the 20th Art at the Harbour exhibition "From Bahrain" in the Harbour Towers-West, within Bahrain Financial Harbour. Twenty-six pieces by the Bahraini artist Ameena Alaidi went on display at the expo showcasing the artist's own representation of Bahrain, introduced by the CEO of Bahrain Financial Harbour Holding Company, Mr. Angus Campbell.

Ameena is a very talented young artist who has always been very interested in art since she was a young girl, spending most of her time playing with pencils and colours. She studied Educational Arts in University of Bahrain for two years and a half and she participated in Nasser Bin Hamad International Youth Creativity Award in 2013 and won the 3rd place. In addition, she participated in many exhibitions in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Oman.

"From Bahrain" is a very unique reflection of Bahrain, not only reviving some elements from the old Bahraini culture, heritage and lifestyle, but also featuring other sides of the current modern life and beautiful nature.

"I felt like I owe it to my country to dedicated time and effort to reflect its beauty on canvas. Bahrain Financial Harbour Holding Company gave me the opportunity by giving me the space to showcase my artwork in the Harbour Towers and I decided to allocate my entire exhibition for the love of Bahrain."

This is yet another step that Bahrain Financial Harbour Holding Company takes towards supporting art in Bahrain and providing artists a space to display their artwork. The exhibition will continue in the Harbour Towers-West lobby for a total of four weeks, after which it will be moved to the Harbour Towers-East for another four weeks and it is open for visitors at any time.



JEWELLERY ARABIA 2017

Date: November 21-25

Venue: Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre

The Middle East's premier jewellery and watch exhibition, Jewellery Arabia, is set to return to the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre from 21 - 25 November 2017.

Held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, this spectacular annual event brings together over 600 exhibitors from 30 countries for a dazzling 5-day gala of glitz and glamour. Spanning 21,000 square metres of exhibition space, a huge range of finished jewellery, luxury timepieces, precious stones, objets d'art, clocks, fine writing instruments and more from around the globe go on sale.

"Last year, we welcomed over 49,000 visitors from 43 countries. In 2017 visitors can look forward to the latest collections, creations and innovations at this trendsetting exhibition and the unique opportunity to purchase from the widest selection of jewellery and watches in the region," said UBM AEM's Director of Sales and Marketing, Fawzi Al Shehabi.

World famous watch and jewellery

houses will be making a return appearance at the 26th edition of the exhibition, including major brand names. Many of these high profile international exhibitors will use the event as a platform to introduce exclusive collections and limited edition pieces to the Middle East collectors' market.

Complementing these iconic brands are national groups from leading jewellery export countries. They include large returning delegations of the finest retailers, designers and manufacturers from Hong Kong, India, Singapore and Thailand. Collectively, these groups reflect the very best manufacturing capabilities, design expertise and gemological resources that their respective countries have to offer.

Joining international brands and national groups are a host of designers, retailers and manufacturers from all over the world, including a selection of Bahrain's leading jewellers.

To assist visitors with making informed buying choices, the world's foremost authority on gemology the GIA (Gemological Institute of America) will be offering visitors complimentary seminars on gems and jewellery. Jewellery Arabia 2017 is open free of charge to the public. The exhibition will open from 4 pm to 10 pm on 21 to 24 November, and from 12 pm to 10 pm on 25 November. For more information, please visit www.jewelleryarabia.com.

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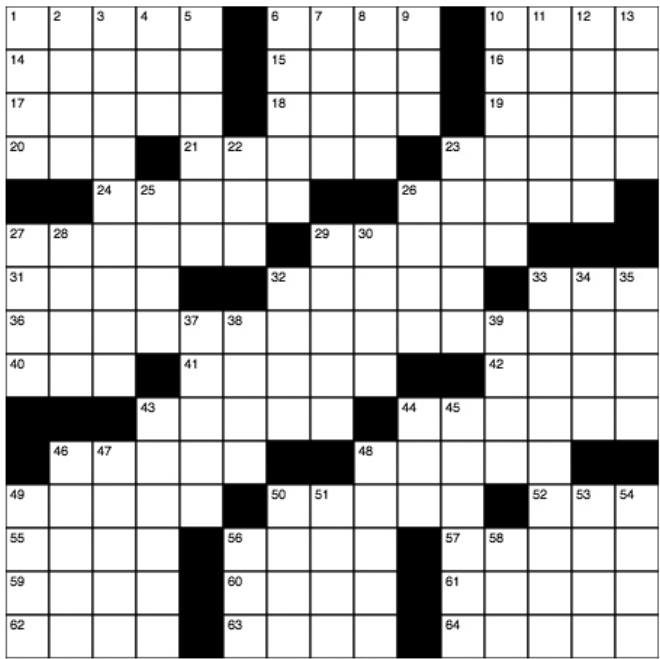
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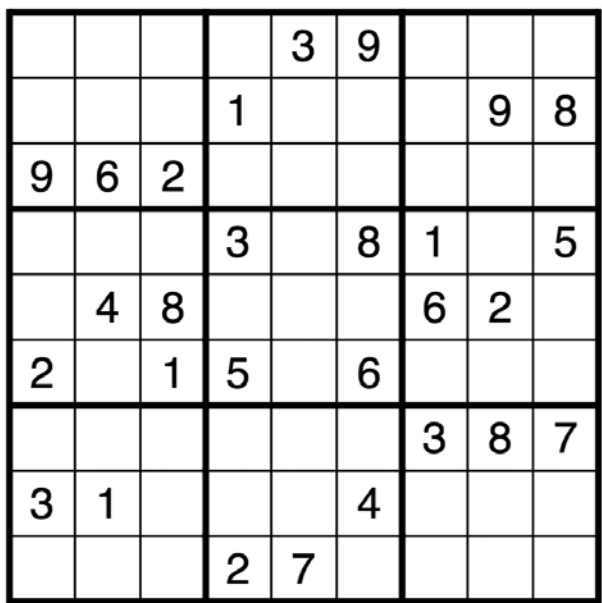
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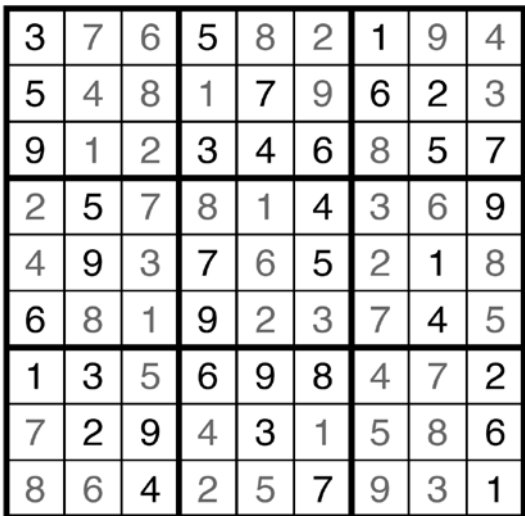
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(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



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(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Tap into your internal resources. Listen to your deepest, strongest feelings and take things slowly. Plan your actions and consider the emotions of others before you take the first step. Take advantage of the pauses in your day. Enjoy the rest and use the time to plan ahead instead of acting rashly and running full throttle to the next task.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Things should come together nicely as long as you've done the necessary prep work to make it successful. The burners are hot and it's time to add the ingredients. If you've done the preliminaries, the next step will be easy. If you've neglected to take care of these details, you'll scramble to do many different things at once.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Your witty, social attitude may not be appreciated, given the emotional and sober mood of the day. You adjust your outfit to reflect current weather patterns. If you dress in silk, you won't be too happy when it rains and you have no umbrella. Consider such things when you walk into a room full of people today. What is the mood? How can you fit in with it and lift it?

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Your emotions might be raw today, and you may act rashly because of the way you feel. Realize that some people may not appreciate this behaviour. Let your emotions be an asset that helps fuel your passion, but don't let them rule you entirely. Temper your actions with self-restraint and you'll get through the day.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



You may feel out of your league today. The good news is that thanks to your flexible, adaptable nature, any league can always become yours after you take the steps to work the crowd. Have patience and understanding as you learn a new set of rules and a new group of people with their own habits and behaviours.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



All of a sudden you may experience a burst of emotional energy that throws a monkey wrench into your plans. Don't be surprised if you suddenly burst into tears over something that normally wouldn't even faze you. Sometimes it's important to let the emotions flow. Feel free to share your feelings. Don't try to hide them.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Sit back and receive instead of trying to make things happen by imposing your will. You're always taking action and directing your energy outward. Think about ways you can direct your energy inward and watch how this draws people to you. If nothing else, you'll learn something about yourself by being more attentive to your thoughts and emotions.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



There's a unique combination of energies in the air urging you to combine your psychic powers with your ability to organize. Your business sense is keen, and you understand people and their general tendencies. You instinctively know motives behind actions, so use this to your advantage to make things work effectively for you.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



Everyone around you may be taking the initiative to start something new, and you get the feeling that you want to join the cause. Be careful about getting something going just because everyone else is. You have a tendency to act hastily in an effort to prove that you're on top of the situation. Life isn't a popularity contest or race to the finish line. Take your time.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



Your masculine and feminine sides may be saying completely different things today, but this situation isn't necessarily bad. You can learn a lot from both sides of your being. Take the most useful aspects of each and put them toward achieving your goals. A delicate balance of give and take needs to happen.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Turn one part of the project over to someone you feel is more qualified to handle it. There's no sense trying to do everything yourself when you know someone out there is better suited to the task. Today calls for a steady and patient hand. If you don't think you have the skills, admit it. You'll gain more respect by delegating than by trying to muddle through.

Quake toll reaches 540, survivors plead for help

Rescue workers try to extract a body of a victim from under a wreckage

The death toll in the devastating 7.3-magnitude earthquake that struck Iran in a region bordering Iraq has reached 540, with thousands of Iranians struggling to cope without basic necessities and making desperate pleas for help.

Rescuers used heavy equipment to dig through the debris of toppled buildings yesterday and the government scrambled to get aid to the worst-hit Kermanshah province where hundreds of homes were destroyed, the BBC reported.

The number of victims in Sunday's quake, which also injured close to 8,000 people, was expected to rise as efforts continued to clear the rubble from 30,000 destroyed homes.

The quake struck about 30 km south of the Iraqi town Darbandikhan, near the

north-eastern border with Iran.

Night-time temperatures in Kermanshah province fell close to freezing point for a second night in succession.

Ali Gulani, 42, who lives in the province's badly-hit town of Qasr-e-Shirin, told BBC that people were burning crates to try to stay warm.

"We are living in a tent and we don't have enough food or water. You can hear children crying, it's too cold. They are holding on to their parents to warm themselves - it's pretty bad," he complained.

Gulani said there were an average of three strong aftershocks an hour, triggering panic. Close to 200 aftershocks have hit the region since Sunday night. It was one of the strongest on earth this year as well as the deadliest.

Ahoora Niazi, who lives in Sarpol-e Zahab in

Kermanshah province, filmed scenes of ruin and posted the videos on the social media.

They included a desperate plea: "Please don't stop helping. We need water, we need food, like bread, and we need blankets."

"The weather is turning colder now. No one has anything to keep warm, not even tents. Please help us. I plead with the people of Iran for help," he said.

President Hassan Rouhani visited Sarpol-e Zahab town and expressed his condolences to the distraught families.

"I call on all governmental and military officials and all NGOs to help the Housing Foundation and do not do separate work. Of course they can plan and work for providing schooling services," Rouhani said in a statement. (IANS)

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BUILDING MAINTENANCE DIRECTORATE

The Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning would like to announce the following tender:

TENDER TITLE	TENDER NO.	INITIAL BOND (BD)	TENDER DOCUMENT FEE (BD)	TENDER BOX CLOSING DATE/ TIME
REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING INSTALLED CHILLERS AT MINISTRY OF WORKS HEAD QUARTERS BUILDING, BLOCK 4 - HOORA	BMD-17/0023	1,000/-	25/- Non-Refundable	Wednesday, 27 December 2017, 1:30 PM

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 - Saudi Contractor Registered Under Class A for Roads Works as per Deputy Ministry for Contractor Classification in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia JV International Company.
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Donald Trump Jr

Trump Jr communicated with WikiLeaks

New York

Donald Trump Jr, the eldest son of the US president, was in direct communication with WikiLeaks in the crucial final stages of the 2016 presidential election, a new leak of private correspondence from inside the Trump circle reveals.

The younger Trump exchanged direct messages with the WikiLeaks account on Twitter between 20 September and 12 October 2016. Copies of the correspondence were handed to congressional investigators by Trump Jr's lawyers and subsequently obtained by the Atlantic magazine.

The communication occurred at a highly sensitive moment for both the Trump presidential campaign and for

WikiLeaks, just weeks before election day and at the height of WikiLeaks' publication of hacked emails belonging to senior Democratic figures at the instigation, US intelligence agencies allege, of the Russian government.

The most politically explosive communication between the two parties, according to the Atlantic, came on and after 12 October 2016.

"Hey Donald, great to see you and your dad talking about our publications," the WikiLeaks account, @WikiLeaks, said to Trump Jr two days after his father had proclaimed at a campaign rally: "I love WikiLeaks!"

"Strongly suggest your dad tweets this link if he mentions us. There's many

great stories the press are missing and we're sure some of your follows [sic] will find it," the message continued.

The message went on to offer a link to wlsearh.tk – a search tool that facilitates the exploration of the database of leaked emails from John Podesta, Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign chairman, that WikiLeaks had by then begun to publish.

Julia Ioffe, author of the Atlantic article, writes that Trump Jr did not reply to the WikiLeaks message. But two days later, on 14 October, he did tweet that same link to wlsearh.tk, encouraging "those who have the time to read about all the corruption and hypocrisy" exposed by the WikiLeaks emails. (*The Guardian*)

Sad farewell as Malaysia-born panda heads to China

Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia's first locally-born giant panda headed to its homeland China on Tuesday, with officials bidding a sad goodbye to the female cub.

Two-year-old Nuan Nuan, whose name means "warmth", was born in Malaysia's national zoo in August 2015 a year after her parents Feng Yi and Fu Wa arrived in the country on a 10-year loan from China.

In the wild, giant pandas can only be found in China's mountainous central regions where their favourite food, bamboo, grows in abundance.

But as part of its policy of "panda diplomacy", Beijing loans the animals to countries



Two-year-old giant panda cub Nuan Nuan

worldwide as a goodwill gesture.

Its agreement with Malaysia provides that cubs born in captivity must be handed back to China at the age of two.

Nuan Nuan was placed

inside a container Tuesday and lifted into a Malaysia Airlines freighter for a four and a half hour flight to the Chinese city of Chengdu -- home to a special research base for giant panda breeding. (*AFP*)

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Do you think target of Paris Agreement to keep global average temperatures from rising 2°C by the end of the century can be achieved without US participation?

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"I mentioned human rights, the rule of law, and specifically extrajudicial killings as being an issue that Canada is concerned with"

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, recounting a conversation with Duterte.

Rest in sight

Pakistan court orders finance minister's arrest



A Pakistani anti-corruption court issued an arrest warrant for Finance Minister Ishaq Dar after the veteran politician failed to turn up for several court hearings.

Syria signs up to Paris Agreement

Syria has officially signed up to the Paris Agreement, leaving the United States as the only country to reject the global climate-rescue pact.

Dozens of Afghan forces killed in Taliban raids

Dozens of Afghan police and soldiers have been killed in a wave of Taliban attacks on checkpoints in Afghanistan as insurgents step up assaults on the beleaguered security forces.

N. Korean soldier shot while defecting

A North Korean soldier is expected to survive critical wounds he received when his old comrades fired a hail of bullets at him as he made a defection dash to South Korea.

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Suitcase containing £1m of gems stolen on train

London

British police were hunting for an unidentified man yesterday after a suitcase containing 1 million pounds (\$1.3 million) worth of gems was stolen from a luggage rack on a train at London's Euston station.

The owner, a 35-year-old jewellery dealer, boarded a train to Birmingham on Nov. 8 but when the train arrived at Rugby in central England, he discovered that his suitcase of rubies, emeralds

and sapphires was no longer on the luggage rack.

Police released a grainy image of a man who they said they would like to speak to.

"I would like to speak to the man in the CCTV images about this extremely high value luggage theft," Det. Sgt. Nick Thompson from British Transport Police said.

"The suitcase was a large black suitcase and contained more than 40 gems such as rubies, emeralds and sapphires." (*Reuters*)

British doctor 'punches shark' to survive attack



Charlie Fry escaped with minor injuries

Sydney

A 25-year-old British man escaped from a shark after "punching it in the face" while surfing in Australia, saying his feat was inspired by professional surfer Mick Fanning.

Charlie Fry, a doctor who moved to Australia two months ago to work, was surfing at Avoca beach, north of Sydney, when a shark leapt out of the water and bit him.

He said he heard a "massive thud" and initially thought it was a friend playing around

but turned and "saw a shark's head come out of the water with its teeth".

"I turned to the right and I saw a shark's head come out of the water with its teeth and I just punched it in the face," he told Nine News.

Dr Fry said he learnt of the escape technique from a YouTube video featuring an interview with Fanning, an Australian who famously punched a shark to survive an attack during a surfing competition in South Africa in 2015. (*Telegraph*)

US shooter kills doctor, commits suicide

Washington

A gunman shot a doctor in the parking lot of a hospital in the US state of Ohio before killing himself, authorities said.

The shooting took place at around 2pm on Monday when the victim, later identified as 59-year-old doctor George Seese, was shot at close range as he was walking to his car outside the Affinity Medical Centre in Massillon, reports *Xinhua*

news agency.

The doctor, who was struck at least twice, died later in a hospital while the gunman was found dead near his vehicle.

According to the police, the incident appeared to be an attempted murder and suicide.

The shooter, Michael Wood, aged 50, targeted Seese specifically because the two men had a mutual love interest. (*IANS*)

118 drivers to suit up for WEC weekend at BIC

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A total of 118 drivers from all over the world will be competing in the FIA WEC Bacco 6 Hours of Bahrain weekend at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC).

This field of talent includes some of motorsport's top stars of the present and the future, and they will be showcasing their skills in four different series, headlined by the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC).

Other races supporting the WEC include the World Series Formula V8 3.5, the MRF Challenge and the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East.

The BIC Paddock, along with the main and support pits, continued to be busy yesterday as the WEC family stepped up their preparations for racing.

A majority of the drivers competing this weekend have already arrived in Bahrain. They will be able to get into their cars for the official start to racing on Thursday.

On Friday and Saturday, the gates will be open for the public to attend and enjoy all the racing as well as off-track family entertainment. Fans will be able to enter at 9am on both days. Gates close at 9pm on Friday and at 11pm on Saturday.

Tickets to the FIA WEC Bacco 6 Hours of Bahrain are BD10 a piece for the entire weekend while all those aged 12 years old and younger can get in for free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.bahraingp.com, by calling the



BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000 or by visiting the BIC stand at the ground floor of Bahrain City Centre opposite Gate no. 3.

Race goers will be free to watch all the high-octane action from the Main Grandstand and also enjoy an Open Paddock experience throughout the entire weekend. Watching the event

from the Main Grandstand overlooks the start and finish line, the main pit lane and the main straight.

The Open Paddock will give fans a chance to experience what goes on behind-the-scenes in the WEC paddock, where they will likely get a chance to meet one or more of the championship's star drivers.



Andre Negrao arrives in Bahrain

Big victory for MNCA Arabian Oryxes

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MNCA Arabian Oryxes beat Masters by 50 runs in the latest matches of the CBA Division D knock out cricket tournament.

Toss was won by MNCA and elected to bat first, MNCA scored 151 runs in 20 overs. Husnain scored 57 runs for MNCA and well supported by Nabeel who scored 39 runs.

In second innings, Usman's magic spell did the damage for the opponent and took 4 wickets for MNCA and wind up the opponent Masters for 101 runs.

Other scores:

Karnataka Strikers 157/7 in 20 overs (Kamal 58, Sageer 34, Farhan 2/32) beat Spartan 148/7 in 20 overs (Ali 58, Haroon 3/25) by 9 runs.

Bassali Tigers 142/7 in 20 overs (Omer 28, Arun 3/20) beat Matrix CC 141/6 (Aby 31, Waleed 2/14) by 3 wickets

Bulls 105/4 in 15.3 overs (Raheef 52, Karthik 1/13) beat Lanterns Lions 102/6 (Tabrez 53, Binoy 2/18) by 6 wickets.

Royal Blaster 92/1 in 13.1 overs



Kamal - Karnataka Strikers



Shakeel - Pristine

(Dhilson 41) beat Magic Bubbles 91/10 (Preeth 36, Vijeesh 2/13) by 9 wickets.

Azeem CC 120/8 in 20 overs (Bilal 37, Shahid 29, Kamran 3/19) beat Panthers 100/10 (Habib 36, Bilal 4/15, Jabbar 3/27) by 20 runs

Bharath Legends 91/2 in 11.5 overs (Deepu 55, Shlok 2/21) beat Young Blaster 87/8 (Ahmed 17, Prashanth 3/6, Nabeel 2/13) by 8 wickets

Al Ghad Cargo 105/7 in 18.5 overs (Irshad 45, Thyib 3/27) beat Hempel Paints 104/8 (Vijay 21, Nisar 3/23) by 3 wickets.

MNCA Arabian Oryxes 151/7 in 20

overs (Husnain 57, Nabeel 39, Nishad 2/24) beat Masters 101/7 (Faisal 35, Usman 4/23, Anad 2/13) by 50 runs.

Rangers 121/7 in 18.3 overs (Gautam 27, Anthony 23, Ajeesh 2/17) beat Friends XI 120/10 (Silamb 34, Sharon 43, Aneesh 3/11) by 3 wickets.

SAG Bahrain 160/6 in 19.4 overs (Afzal 38, Zeeshan 32, Qamar 3/31) beat Pak Hawks 159/4 in 20 overs (Kashif 60, Hashim 26) by 4 wickets.

Pristine 212/5 in 20 overs (Shakeel 105, Asim 26,) beat Falcon 109/10 (Irfan 25, Ashfaq 2/13) by 103 runs.

Bahrain Women's Day 2017 set for sportsfest excitement

DT News Network
Manama

The lady footballers and basketball players of Bahrain are in for a treat on 1st December as 'The Bahrain Women's Day Sportsfest 2017', an exciting addition to the continued development of women's sport in the Kingdom, gets set to play out at the Umm Al Hassam Sports Stadium.

The one day event, organized by Out of the Box to celebrate 'Bahrain Women's Day', is being held under the patronage of Shaikha Hayat bint Abdulaziz Al Khalifa, member of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, Chairperson of the Women's Sport Committee of the Olympic Committee and President of the Bahrain Table Tennis Federation with the full support of the Bahrain Olympic



Committee (BOC).

In this inaugural edition of what will hopefully become an annual event, teams will get the chance to compete in the fast paced sports of Futsal and 3-on-3 Basketball for a range of trophies and great sponsor prizes; it is expected that 10 teams will battle it out for the Futsal title, while as many as 24 teams will shoot the hoops on the way to hopeful basketball success.

There will also be action away from the sports halls with display stands showcasing arts and crafts from a number of lady entrepreneurs, a range of children's activities and food stalls.

Italy fail to qualify for World Cup

The Sweden players react to their World Cup qualification at the final whistle after their defiant draw in Italy (Picture courtesy: theguardian)

Milan

Italy have failed to qualify for the World Cup for the first time since 1958, as Sweden secured their spot in Russia after the teams' 0-0 draw on Monday in Milan.

Sweden, who qualified for their first World Cup since 2006, go through 1-0 on aggregate on the back of Jakob Johansson's goal last week in the first leg.

Italy, who have won the World Cup four times, will miss out after finishing second to Spain in the UEFA qualifying group stage, and then falling short in the two-legged playoff.

Despite the lack of goals, the game was full of action; each team were controversially denied two penalties by Spanish referee Antonio Mateu Lahoz.

Italy's Marco Parolo was

bowled over from behind by Ludwig Augustinsson in the eighth minute, but shouts for a penalty were waved away.

Giorgio Chiellini was booked for dissent, then was fortunate to stay on the pitch three minutes after the referee missed an elbow to the stomach of Ola Toivonen.

It was then Sweden's turn to shout for a penalty, as striker Marcus Berg tried to pass Matteo Darmian, and the ball struck the defender's hand, but nothing was given.

Ciro Immobile then had Italy's first chance to score, running onto Jorginho's through ball, but he could only hit the side-netting.

Sweden were dealt a blow in the 17th minute when Johansson was injured while lunging for the ball and had to be stretchered off the pitch. He was replaced by Gustav

Svensson.

Italy's best opportunity to find a goal came in the 27th minute when Immobile bounced a low cross through the six-yard box that was just out of reach of striker Manolo Gabbiadini, and Antonio Candreva then blazed his shot over the bar.

Two minutes later Sweden were screaming for a penalty again -- and Emil Forsberg was booked for dissent -- after Forsberg's attempted cross struck the arm of Andrea Barzagli, but again nothing was given.

Immobile had another chance to score before the break when he got behind the Sweden defence and shot through goalkeeper Robin Olsen's legs, but defender Andreas Granqvist was able to clear the ball off the line.

In the second half, Mikael

Lustig levelled a kick at Darmian in the box, but referee Lahoz had already whistled the play dead as the ball touched Darmian's arm.

Italy continued to push for the goal they needed as Alessandro Florenzi's shot flew just wide, and in the 63rd minute coach Gian Piero Ventura made a double change, bringing on Stephan El Shaarawy for Darmian and Andrea Belotti for Gabbiadini.

Soon after, Florenzi's cross into the box fell to the head of Lustig, who deflected the ball onto the crossbar but safely out for a corner.

Ventura then made his final change. Federico Bernardeschi came on for Candreva, meaning prolific Napoli forward Lorenzo Insigne would not see the pitch. (espn.in)

Gianluigi Buffon retires

A tearful Gianluigi Buffon said he was "sorry for all of Italian football" as he led a wave of international retirements after a World Cup play-off defeat by Sweden.

Buffon, 39, said: "It's a shame my last official game coincided with the failure to qualify for the World Cup."

"Blame is shared equally between everyone. There can't be scapegoats."

Buffon's Juventus team-mate Andrea Barzagli and Roma midfielder Daniele de Rossi also ended their Italy careers, while Juve defender Giorgio Chiellini is expected to join them. The quartet have won 461 caps between them.

Goalkeeper Buffon made 175 appearances for his country in a 20-year career - lifting the World



Gianluigi Buffon cries into the shoulder of Leonardo Bonucci (Picture courtesy: theguardian)

Cup in 2006 - and believes the future could still be bright for the four-time world champions.

"There is certainly a future for Italian football because we have pride, ability, determination and after bad tumbles, we always find a way to get back on our feet," he said. (BBC)

'I can join Muhammad Ali and Mike Tyson'

London

Anthony Joshua believes becoming the first heavyweight in history to hold all four world title belts would put him alongside the likes of Muhammad Ali and Mike Tyson in the pantheon of boxing greats.

Joshua became the unified champion in April when he added the WBA strap to his IBF title with victory over Wladimir Klitschko in only his 19th professional contest.

Following victory over Carlos Takam last month, the unbeaten 28-year-old is on a collision course with WBO king Joseph Parker and WBC champion Deontay Wilder.

And Joshua claims victory over the other two belt holders would put him alongside the best heavyweights in history - including The Greatest of all.

'One hundred per cent because we have done something credible, tangible and we have the assets to prove it. I always say the proof is in the pudding,' he told *Dubai Eye* 103.8.

'When I negotiate the fight,



Anthony Joshua (file pic)

once it's done, I'll announce it. I don't like to talk about 'I'm this, I'm that' when I haven't got it. So once I have it and I'm on the journey, say the fight is a week away, I'll say: 'I'm on the verge of mentioning my name alongside the greats like Muhammad Ali and Mike Tyson. 'At the minute, I'm a prospect and I know what the future holds but I'll just keep a lid on it for now because we still have so far to go.'

Another mega-fight on the horizon for the unbeaten world champion is a domestic dust-up with former unified champion Tyson Fury.

The self-styled 'Gypsy King' has been in the gym this week as he eyes a return to fighting fitness following two years away from the sport.

'I wish Tyson Fury the best,' Joshua said. 'It'll be great to see him back... it's a fight that people want to see and provided he's back it's a fight I'll make happen.'

Britain's Lennox Lewis is the last undisputed heavyweight champion of the world. (dailymail.co.uk)

Bottas still needs "the tick of a killer": Wolff

London

Mercedes Formula 1 boss Toto Wolff says Valtteri Bottas is still missing "the tick of a killer", although he reckons the Finn has started to recover from his slump.

Bottas secured pole position for the Brazilian Grand Prix, but he was beaten to the race victory and ended up just 2.7 seconds ahead of his pitlane-starting teammate Lewis Hamilton.

With little to separate Mercedes and Ferrari in pace terms, Bottas effectively lost his best chance of the win when he got too much wheelspin away from the line and lost the lead at the first corner to eventual race winner Sebastian Vettel.

But the way in which Hamilton brilliantly battled through the field, and came home just 5.4 seconds adrift of Vettel, has prompted suggestions that Bottas should have been able to do more to put the pressure on Vettel.

Wolff admits that there was



Valtteri Bottas (file pic)

a clear pace disparity between Hamilton and Bottas in the race, but was not too alarmed by what he had seen.

Bottas, who has struggled to match Hamilton after the summer break, has made progress, according to Wolff, but he reckons the Finnish driver is still lacking his teammate's killer instinct.

"I think Lewis the whole year has been rock and roll, and Valtteri has recovered slowly but still needs the tick of a killer," said Wolff. (motorsport)

Jack Sock boosts ATP Finals hopes



Marin Cilic hits a volleyed return against Jack Sock at the O2 Arena (Picture courtesy: theguardian)

London

Jack Sock kept his dreams of a fairytale finish to his season alive yesterday, beating Wimbledon finalist Marin Cilic 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (7/4) at the ATP Finals.

Cilic, who won the 2014 US Open, broke the American twice to win the first set but found himself adrift in the second as Sock levelled the round-robin match with two breaks of his own.

In a see-saw deciding set, the Croatian fifth seed started quickly and raced to a 3-0 lead before Sock, the eighth seed, steadied himself,

cancelling out the break.

The match then settled back on serve and went to a tie-break. Although Cilic edged ahead 4-2, Sock held his nerve, winning five points in a row to seal the victory.

"That was a tough one for sure," said the American.

"It's been an interesting morning so far. The fire alarm went off at 4:00 am and we had to exit the building. But I love playing here in London. It's an amazing atmosphere, you make me feel like home.

"I'm just excited to win and keep

myself alive."

Sock, the American No 1, came from nowhere to reach the end-of-season event, reaching London by winning the Paris Masters — and breaking a run of European success at Masters events stretching back to 2010.

This week, Sock lost his first match in the Boris Becker group to Roger Federer while Alexander Zverev beat Cilic, leaving both fighting for their lives on Tuesday.

The top two players from each of the two groups of four will progress to the semi-finals. (AFP)

Murray can get back to his best after injury



Andy Murray (Picture courtesy: theguardian)

London

The encouraging news is mounting for Andy Murray before his return to the Tourin Australia in the new year. His travelling coach, Jamie Delgado, sounded as confident as Roger Federer had earlier in the week about the Scot's chances of coming back competitively from a hip injury that at one point seemed bad enough to end his career.

"He played the exhibition last week in Scotland with Federer, that was good," Delgado told *Sky Sports*. "That was the first time [since losing to Sam Querrey in the semi-finals at Wimbledon four months ago] that he had played against anyone at that level.

"His body recovered well after that. Then a few days later we came down here to practise with [Dominic] Thiem. That was a progression as well. He enjoyed it.

"It was great to be back here and see all the guys again and also to give him the feel of coming to a tennis event. He hasn't been to a

tennis event for a few months. [He is] missing that a lot. He will need that, practising with those guys over the next couple of months to get him ready for next year."

All the signs were positive for his return, Delgado said.

"The plan is to start in Brisbane in the first week of the year, and then there is a week's gap between that and the Australian Open. We are in the process now of getting ready for a few weeks, and try to get a pre-season block together, try and get some good players to practise with and pick up that level and get ready for Australia. We are very confident and hopeful that he will be back to his best."

Federer earlier in the week added to the feelgood bounce after their exhibition match in Glasgow, observing that he looked "pretty good" — although the former British players Tim Henman and Andrew Castle were less upbeat. Castle, who had hip problems towards the end of his career, was particularly pessimistic. (theguardian)

Serena attends first public event



Serena Williams

New York

Serena Williams has made her first public appearance since the birth of her daughter Alexis Olympia in September, at the Glamour Women of the Year Awards at the Kings Theatre in Brooklyn, New York City.

Williams, who was honoured as a Glamour Woman of the Year in 2009, presented the Supernova Award to her friend Gigi Hadid. "You are one of the few people on this planet I would leave my baby for—for one night," Williams joked to the model.

"But for you, it shows how much

you mean to me. And I want you to imagine the effect you have on the world."

Williams is yet to make an announcement regarding her planned comeback in 2018, though her coach Patrick Mouratoglou has said that a return in Australia is the "goal".

In October, Australian Open tournament director Craig Tiley told the media that "Serena will be back" in Melbourne to defend the title she won while pregnant with Alexis Olympia. (wtatennis)

David Goffin of Belgium reacts during his group stage match
(Picture courtesy: xinhua)

Nadal ends season after defeat by Goffin

London

World number one Rafael Nadal pulled out of the ATP Finals and brought an end to his season after defeat by Belgian seventh seed David Goffin in his opening round-robin match.

Nadal said before the tournament his knee was "not perfect" but fought hard before losing 7-6 (7-5) 6-7 (4-7) 6-4.

The Spaniard, 31, described it as a "miracle" that he took Goffin to three sets over two-and-a-half hours.

"I am off and the season is finished. I am really not ready to play," he said.

"I really fought a lot during the match knowing probably it was a big chance [that it would be] the last match of the season. It's about the pain and I cannot hold with enough power to keep playing."

It is the sixth time Nadal has withdrawn from the season-ending tournament in 13 years of qualifying and he will be replaced by compatriot Pablo Carreno Busta.

Nadal is, however, guaranteed to end the year as the world number one and will now concentrate on recuperation before preparing for the new season.

"The good thing is [the injury] is nothing new," he added. "We hope to have the right rest, the right work and try to be ready for the beginning of the

next season."

Grigor Dimitrov earlier beat Dominic Thiem 6-3 5-7 7-5 in the opening round-robin match in the Pete Sampras Group.

The Bulgarian sixth seed admitted he had felt "pretty nervous" after seeing off Austrian fourth seed Thiem in three dramatic sets on his ATP Finals debut.

Roger Federer and Alexander Zverev won the opening matches in the Boris Becker Group on Sunday.

Nadal had been determined to try to compete in London despite the knee injury that caused him to pull out of the Paris Masters, but was clearly struggling in the closing stages against Goffin.

The Belgian made most of the running, with his effortless backhand down the line the decisive shot, but double faults at key times betrayed the nerves he felt trying to claim a first win over the 16-time Grand Slam champion.

Nadal was not at his best but his competitive spirit almost carried him through as he converted all four break points that came his way, while saving eight of 13 on his own serve.

After twice seeing leads disappear in the first set, Goffin edged the tie-break and appeared to be heading for victory with a break for 5-3 in the second. (BBC)



Rafael Nadal of Spain reacts

