

Directing makes me much better actor: Brie Larson

Oscar winning-actress Brie Larson donned the director's hat for her new project "Unicorn Store". She says her new directing duties have made her a better actor. **P14**

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Nearly '150 killed in battle for Tripoli'

Tripoli

At least 147 people have been killed and 614 wounded in the offensive launched on April 4 by Libyan military strongman Khalifa Haftar to take the capital Tripoli, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said yesterday.

The clashes have displaced more than 18,000 people, according to the latest figures from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.



At least eight ambulances have been hit during clashes in the southern outskirts of the capital.

WHO

Fighting broke out as Haftar's forces sought to take control of Tripoli from loyalists of the internationally backed Government of National Accord (GNA) which is based in the capital.

The rising number of casualties has prompted the WHO to deploy surgical teams "to support Tripoli-area hospitals as they cope with the influx of trauma cases," the UN agency wrote on Twitter.

Measles cases triple globally
 Geneva

The number of measles cases reported worldwide in the first three months of 2019 has tripled compared with the same time last year, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The UN body said provisional data indicated a "clear trend", with all regions of the world seeing outbreaks. Africa had witnessed the most dramatic rise - up 700 per cent. The agency said actual numbers may be far greater, since only one in 10 cases globally are reported.

Literary success hailed



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received Dr Mohammed Taher Ibn Al Shaikh Sulaiman Al Madani and poet Mohammed Hadi Al Halwachi yesterday. HM the King praised their fruitful efforts in religious and literary fields, wishing them success. They greeted His Majesty expressing their deep gratitude and wishing Bahrain constant progress and prosperity under His Majesty's wise leadership.

'No one above law'

Cabinet session warns strict action against those who fuel hatred, harm civil peace

- The Cabinet welcomed the practical steps taken by the US Administration, under the leadership of President Donald Trump, in the fight against international terrorism.
- The session affirmed Bahrain's support for sisterly Sudan, hailing the efforts made by Sudan's Transitional Council.

Manama

The Cabinet yesterday chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, yesterday stressed that the freedom of opinion and expression guaranteed by the Constitution does by no means imply



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

Premier's speech hailed

The Cabinet lauded the initiative taken by HRH the Prime Minister to hold a ceremony at the UN headquarters in Vienna marking the International Day of Conscience, praising HRH Premier's keynote speech during the festivity, in which he said that the global conscience should be more positive, and urged concerted efforts by the International Community to promote security and stability.

The initiative reflects His Royal Highness's keenness to support all efforts that promote the universal conscience and the process of international collective action in the service of mankind, humanity, security and peace. The celebration was held within the framework of co-operation and partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Federation of World Peace and Love.

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projects included in the third edition of the Unified Framework for the Government Programmes with Priority will be implemented soon.

targeting the sovereignty and independence of the State and its constitutional institutions or religions, sects and components of society.

The session pointed out that

there will be zero tolerance towards those who fuel sedition and harm civil peace, affirming that no one is immune when it comes to enforcing the laws of the land.

HRH the Premier gave strict instructions to take stringent legal measures against calls that incite hatred, threaten civic or social peace and abuse the rights and reputation of others, as well as against attempts to defame constitutional and legal institutions and entities.

Among other things, the session approved, based on a recommendation by the Executive Committee, led by HRH the Crown Prince, to implement 36 programmes included in the third edition of the Unified Framework for the Government Programmes with Priority during the period 2019-2022.

The programmes, which are directly related to the main themes of the Government Action Plan (GAP) 2019-2022, meet the requirements of efforts to achieve financial, development and economic sustainability, consolidate the basic fundamentals of the state and society and ensure a supportive environment for sustainable development.

FIRE HORROR

Paris disfigured as blaze engulfs Notre Dame Cathedral

Paris

A fire broke out at Notre Dame Cathedral in Central Paris yesterday afternoon, a spokesman from the fire department said.

Smoke could be seen billowing out from the top of the medieval cathedral, as flames leapt out besides its two bell towers, witnesses said, while black smoke was seen shooting from the base of the spire, which is undergoing renovation.

Fire spread rapidly through a major portion of the magnificent Gothic cathedral at the heart of Paris.

The Paris mayor, Anne Hidalgo, said the fire service was currently "trying to control the flames."



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The soaring spire collapsed in flames, and a church spokesman says the entire wooden interior of the 12th century landmark is burning and likely to be destroyed.

The massive fire engulfed the roof of the cathedral in the heart of the French capital as Parisians watched in horror.

Notre Dame spokesman Andre Finot told French media: "Everything is burning, nothing will remain from the frame."

The cathedral is home to incalculable works of art and is one of the world's most famous tourist attractions.

Paris is disfigured. The city will never be like it was before," said Philippe, a communications worker, who had biked over after being alerted of the fire by a friend.



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