

**N. Zealand coach wants rules review**

New Zealand coach Gary Stead has called for the Cricket World Cup's rules to be overhauled, labeling the showpiece final "hollow" after England defeated the Black Caps on a technicality.

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**New board for Bapco announced**

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Oil Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa issued edict nine of 2019 reforming the new Bapco board yesterday.

Dr Dawood Nasif has been appointed the chairman of Bapco board, which includes as members Mohammed Abulla Al Jamea, Nasser Sultan Al Suweidi, Abdulmajid Ali Al Awadhi, Abdulmajid Bashir Al Qassab, Youssef Abdulla Humood and Dr Ashok Krishna.

Their three-year-tenure shall start from the day of the issuance of this edict. The minister congratulated newly-appointed Bapco chairman and members, wishing them every success to support the march of the company in serving the community.

He paid tribute to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier.

The newly-appointed Bapco chairman extended deepest thanks to HM the King, HRH the Premier and HRH the Crown Prince, hailing their constant support to bolster the company and promote Bahrain's sustainable development.

He also expressed thanks to Oil Minister, hailing his dedicated and constructive efforts to promote the company and support mega development plans.

**US 'suspects' Iran seized UAE-based oil tanker**

● A US defence official said that Riah is in Iranian territorial waters near Qeshm Island.

London

The US said it suspects Iran has seized an oil tanker that drifted into Iranian waters as it traveled through the Strait of Hormuz.

Ship tracking data shows the Panamanian-flagged oil tanker Riah, which is based in the UAE, stopped transmitting its location on Saturday.

The incident is the latest involving shipping in the region where tensions between Iran and the US have escalated in recent



The Japanese oil tanker Kokuka Courageous was attacked in the Gulf of Oman last month.

months. Iran has been accused of planting mines on several tankers as Washington ramps up economic and military pressure

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US DEFENCE OFFICIAL

on the regime over its nuclear program and aggressive foreign policy in the region.

Iran also threatened to retaliate against shipping after British forces this month helped seize an Iranian tanker near Gibraltar as it attempted to deliver oil to Syria.

A US defence official told AP that Riah is in Iranian territorial waters near Qeshm Island, which has a Revolutionary Guard base on it. He said the US “has suspi-

cions” Iran seized the vessel. “Could it have broken down or been towed for assistance? That's a possibility,” the official said. “But the longer there is a period of no contact ... it's going to be a concern.”

The Riah, a 58-meter oil tanker, travelled from a port near Dubai through the Strait of Hormuz towards Fujairah on the UAE's east coast. After 11 p.m. Saturday something happened to the vessel, according to tracking data.

Capt Ranjith Raja of the data firm Refinitiv told AP that the tanker had not switched off its tracking in three months of trips around the UAE.

“That is a red flag,” Raja said. An Emirati official told AP Arabiya that the oil tanker is not owned or operated by the UAE and has not sent a distress call.

**Out and out loyalty**

Al Buflasa, Al Balushi and Al Jalahma families reiterate allegiance to leadership

● Families vow to stand by HM the King's leadership to defend the homeland.

● Documentary filled with “clear and blatant lies and fallacies”.

Manama

Bahraini families yesterday disowned ‘members’ who appeared in a documentary broadcast by Qatar's Al Jazeera channel under the title ‘The hidden is more immense’.

The families - Al Buflasa, Al Balushi and Al Jalahma, condemned the statements given to the channel by their ‘members’.

“The allegations by Moham-

“We are deeply patriotic, and we do stress our great pride in our genuine Bahraini values.”

AL BALUSHI FAMILY

med Al Buflasa are mere lies aimed at offending the reputation of the Kingdom. He is not related to Al Buflasa family and he has no right to discredit the family's name and reputation,” Al Buflasa family said in a statement issued.

The family reiterated allegiance to HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and loyalty to the homeland, vowing to stand by HM the King's leadership to defend the homeland.

Echoing a similar view, Al Bal-

“We disown Yasser Athbi Al Jalahma. We pledge allegiance to the Kingdom's leadership.”

AL JALAHMA FAMILY

ushi family said it would disown anyone who betrays his homeland or family, reiterating its allegiance to HM King, loyalty to the homeland and adherence to the national values and principles.

The Balushi family is an integral component of the peaceful and good Bahraini community that is loyal to the homeland and lives in peace and harmony, the family said in a statement.

“Based on such premises, the Balushi family does not accept,

“The allegations raised are blatant lies aimed at offending the reputation of the Kingdom.”

AL BUFLASA FAMILY

in any case, that any member offends the family or tarnishes its glorious history on this land or in any part of the Arabian Gulf region.

“We stress that the attempts by Al Jazeera through broadcasting a video of a dead person in which he harms our beloved homeland, will not succeed and will not impact our national unity, which constitutes our essential protection. We are deeply patriotic, and we do stress our great pride in our genuine Bah-

rains values.”

Pledging allegiance to the Kingdom's leadership, Al Jalahma family also said it disowns Yasser Athbi Al Jalahma.

Al Jalahma family reiterated absolute loyalty to HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

Foreign Affairs Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, yesterday stressed that the documentary filled with “clear and blatant lies and fallacies”.

“It is the latest episode in a series of conspiracies staged by a rogue state against the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the security and stability of the entire region,” the minister had said.

ROLE CHANGE

**IMF chief Christine Lagarde resigns following ECB nomination**

New York

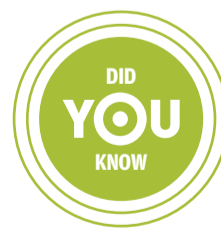
Christine Lagarde submitted her resignation as managing director of the International Monetary Fund yesterday following her nomination to serve as the next European Central Bank chief.

Ms Lagarde, who was nominated earlier this month to succeed Mario Draghi starting in the fall, had subsequently suspended her role running the IMF.

Her resignation will take effect on September 12 and begins the process of finding her replacement at the Washington-based group.



Ms Lagarde



Quotas are the IMF's main source of financing. Each member of the IMF is assigned a quota, based broadly on its relative position in the world economy.

“With greater clarity now on the process for my nomination as ECB President and the time it will take, I have made this decision in the best interest of the Fund, as it will expedite the selection process for my successor,” Ms Lagarde said in a statement.

The IMF executive board said it will “initiate promptly the process of selecting the next Managing Director and will communicate in a timely fashion”.

David Lipton will remain acting managing director. “We would like to express our greatest appreciation for all that Managing Director Lagarde has done for the institution,” the board said.

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