

**Messi wins third straight Golden Shoe award**

Barcelona attacker Lionel Messi has been presented with the European Golden Shoe after ending the 2018-19 season as the leading marksman on the continent. **P16**

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**'Not our problem'**  
 Washington, DC

President Donald Trump has said the Turkey's assault into Syria is "not our border", and called the former US allies the Kurds "no angels".

The US is facing intense criticism for withdrawing its forces from Syria, which some say gave Turkey the green light to launch a cross-border offensive against Kurdish-led forces.

Mr Trump told reporters at the White House the US is "not a policing agent".

"It is time for us to go home," he said.

The US House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to condemn the president's withdrawal of US forces from Syria, with both Democrats and Republicans approving the measure.

**No Brexit deal yet**  
 London

A government source has told the BBC there has been "no deal yet", as officials continue to work on the technical details in Brussels.

The UK and EU had been hoping to sign off a revised Brexit deal before Thursday's crunch EU council meeting.

The BBC's Laura Kuenssberg said it was not now clear whether there would be a deal at all this week.

Boris Johnson has been trying to get Tory Brexiteers and the DUP to back his revised plan for Northern Ireland.

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**NAO efforts to protect public money lauded**

Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday received, at Al Safriya Palace, National Auditing Office (NAO) President Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, who submitted the 16th NAO Report for the year 2018-2019.

HM the King commended the efforts exerted by the NAO president and personnel, hailing their outstanding performance and achievements as part of a drive to protect public money and ensure the sound spending, considering highest standards of probity, professionalism and transparency marking NAO reports.

HM the King commended



His Majesty receives NAO report from Shaikh Ahmed.

the NAO-led monitoring team in assuming its crucial role and protecting its independent work, which contributes to enhancing the performance of ministries and state institutions towards attaining the highest levels of productivity, competence and optimising the use of resources for the sake of public interest.

National Auditing Office (NAO) President Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa said that he was honoured to submit the 16th NAO Report for the year 2018-2019 to HM the King as per article 19 of the law on the National Audit Office.

He said that the sixteenth annual report issued by the office, an entity which is financially and admin-

istratively independent from the legislative and executive branches of government and works professionally with the bodies under its control to enhance performance, ensure accountability and promote transparency.

He said that the report for the year 2018-2019 features substantive observations and recommendations which results from the financial and administrative monitoring.

He underlined outstanding NAO strides since its inception, paying tribute to HM the King for his royal support.

He said that he had been honoured to hear HM the King's remarks and directives regarding the NAO recommendations.

**'Daesh may resurge'**

Risk of dispersion of extremist prisoners of Syria highlighted

**The short text proposed by France was adopted following a brief meeting held at the request of European members of the Council.**

New York

The UN Security Council warned in a unanimously adopted statement yesterday of a risk of "dispersion" of extremist prisoners in Syria, but stopped short of calling for a

halt to Turkey's offensive against Kurdish forces there.

"Members of the Security Council expressed deep concerns over the risks of dispersion of terrorists from UN-designated groups, including ISIL," the statement said, using an acronym for the Daesh group.

All 15 Council members including Russia, a key player in the conflict, declared themselves "very concerned (about) a further deterioration of the humanitarian situation" in northeastern Syria.

All were in agreement on the danger of Daesh regrouping,



Iraqi security forces secure the Iraq-Syria border around the Rabiaa border crossing yesterday.

**15**

members constitute the United Nations Security Council.

summed up a Western ambassador, who requested anonymity.

The short text proposed by France was adopted following a brief meeting held at the request of European members of the

Council.

It does not condemn the Turkish offensive — which the United States is seen as having green-lighted by withdrawing troops from northeastern Syria — nor does it call for the operation to stop.

At a previous meeting late last week, Russia and China blocked the Council adoption of two separate texts calling for a halt to the offensive — one sponsored by European members Germany, Belgium, France, Britain and Poland — and the other by the United States.

Europeans and Americans on

the Security Council have since been coordinating their efforts more closely, said a Western diplomat under cover of anonymity.

Almost a week of deadly bombardment and fighting in northeastern Syria has killed dozens of civilians, mostly on the Kurdish side, and prompted at least 160,000 to flee their homes.

The Turkish invasion has also forced the withdrawal of several non-governmental organisations providing assistance to victims of the Syrian conflict, which has killed more than 370,000 people and displaced millions since 2011.

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**Second French academic detained in Iran since June**

Paris

A prominent French academic has been in detention in Iran since June, when he was arrested with his Franco-Iranian colleague, a researchers' group and the French foreign ministry said yesterday.

Roland Marchal, a sociologist whose research focuses on civil wars in Africa, and Fariba Adelkhah, an anthropologist, both work at the Sciences Po university in Paris.

The FASOPO association, of which they are both members, announced Marchal's detention on its website, saying it had remained quiet about his arrest at the

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We have remained quiet about the arrest at the request of French authorities.

FASOPO

request of French authorities until the story was reported on Tuesday by Le Figaro newspaper.

The association said "discretion had seemed preferable to the French authorities, who immediately began working, at the highest level, to obtain the liberation of our colleagues..."



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received at Safriyah Palace yesterday participants in the international conference on "Zakat and Comprehensive Development", led by member of the Muslim Council of Elders Ali Ameen and Vice-President of the Azhar University, Dr Mohammed Abu Zeid El Amir Mahmood. The conference is organised by the Zakat and Charity Fund at the Justice Ministry, in co-operation with the London-based Cambridge Research and Training Centre, the London Centre for Training and Consultancy, and the Al Raqaba Group for Financial Islamic Consultations in Jordan. HM the King welcomed them, praising participation of the elite of scholars, experts and specialists in the conference, which provides an important opportunity to raise ideas and initiatives to achieve Zakat (alms-giving) goals and promote its enforcement in the Muslim World.



Royal Guard Commander, Major General Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, received at Al Rawdha Palace yesterday the Abu Dhabi-Resident Canadian Military Attache, Colonel Dave Miller, who introduced to him the Regional Business Director of Rheinmetall Canada, Rolad Van Rnsburg. During the meeting, HH Shaikh Nasser lauded the depth of the relations between the two friendly countries, noting that bilateral relations are progressing steadily in various fields. The Royal Guard Commander praised the advanced level reached by Rheinmetall Canada, through its developed industries in the fields of defence, military security and advanced software systems.



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) received Lt-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council for Health. The BDF Commander-in-Chief lauded the council's considerable efforts to develop and enhance the health services provided to citizens and residents in the Kingdom.



The Korean Embassy in Manama celebrated the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea, in a reception held at the Diplomat Hotel yesterday. The reception was attended by a number of high-ranking officials from the Kingdom of Bahrain including Lt Gen Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa and Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa. In his welcoming remarks, Hyunmo Koo, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea praised 43 years of strong friendship between the Kingdom and the Republic of Korea and thanked the leadership of the Kingdom for their continuous support for boosting the bilateral ties.

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## Royal support for charity, humanitarian work praised

Manama

Vice-President of the Azhar University, Dr Mohammed Abu Zeid El Amir, has lauded the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Honorary President of the Royal Charity Organisation (RCO), for charity and humanitarian work, valuing highly the key role by RCO, led by the Representative of HM the King for Charity Work and Youth Affairs and RCO Board of Trustees Chairman, HH Shaikh



Dr Mohammed El Amir

Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, to deliver charity work efficiently. Dr Mohammed Abu Zeid El Amir commended the great role played by RCO Secretary-Gen-

eral, as member of the Board of Trustees of the Egyptian House of Zakat and Alms for the second consecutive term, noting that he has been one of the pillars of the House of Zakat and Alms since its establishment by its Board of Trustees President, the Grand Imam of Al Azhar, Dr Shaikh Ahmed Al Tayyib.

Al Azhar University Vice-President made the statements during the opening of the international conference on "Zakat and Comprehensive Development".

## Global Institute to hold breast cancer awareness programme

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As part of its CSR initiatives, the Global Institute for Management Science is conducting a breast cancer awareness seminar and self breast examination training in association with Al Hilal Hospital today at Global Auditorium.

The programme will have a presentation by a gynaecologist on symptoms and treatments for breast cancer and demo training on self examination to find out the symptoms of breast cancer, which will be followed by a question and answer session and personal consultation.

"Global Institute believes in the high standard of health and safety to its students and stake-

holders. Ever since the change of management, the institute is undergoing lot of positive transformations," the Director and CEO of Global Institute, Abdul Jaleel Abdulla said.

"We want to put quality in the forefront in our educational services. Being one of the few institutes registered under the Ministry of Education, we provide subject tuition for school going students, regular classes for National Institute of Open Schooling, IGCSE, AS and A level along with computer literacy programmes for school students. We are happy to conduct the 'breast cancer awareness programme for our students and their parents' as part of our vision towards healthy living."

Dr Sharath Chandran, CEO of Al Hilal Hospital, said: "We

are happy to associate with Global Institute in this noble venture of promoting preventive measures against cancer. Al Hilal Hospital has always been a frontrunner in periodically educating the larger population on an individual's health status.

"This being breast cancer awareness month, we want the maximum number of screenings for breast cancer to be done. This seminar will concentrate on providing self examination tips for the participants to identify the symptoms at a very early stage, we also encourage the participants to learn from this session and spread the word on awareness."

The entry to the seminar is restricted through prior registration. Please contact 36458340, 17740150 for registration.

# Thai drugs sellers acquitted 'after giving info on kingpin'

**Arab woman faces trial for insulting cops**  
TDT | Manama

Accused helped cops nab drug lord, who has been jailed

● The acquittal came as both defendants co-operated with the police and led the investigative teams to the source of the drugs.

● A bag of Shabu, a delicate scale and a bong (tool used to consume drugs) were found in the possession of the third defendant.

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The First High Criminal Court has acquitted two Thai women from the

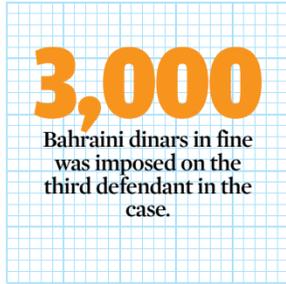
charges of selling drugs, sparing them a jail term of up to five years imprisonment, after they led the cops to their drug dealer, another woman of the same nationality who shares residence with them.

The court, however, sentenced both to six months imprisonment and fined them BD100 each.

According to the documents of the case, the investigations of the Anti-narcotics police led to the defendants, who were selling methamphetamine in Juffair.

A trap, with the help of an informer, was set to catch both women red-handed.

The informer communicated with one of the women, requesting to buy methamphetamine, which is common-



ly known as 'Shabu', worth BD400.

The woman then asked him to rent an apartment in Juffair, promising that she will come along with the second defendant to deliver the drugs to him.

Police provided the informer with the amount, which was previously fixed, for it could be used as an evidence of conviction.

Policewomen were also waiting in the apartment to arrest the women when they delivered the drugs to the informer.

After the deal was done, the women were arrested and four bags of Shabu and the copied amount were found in their possession.

After being interrogated at the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science, the defendants agreed to lead the police to their flat mate, who they told was their source of the drugs.

A force of policewomen then raided the flat, where the third defendant was found in an "abnormal condition".

A bag of Shabu, a delicate scale and a bong (tool used to consume drugs) were found in

her possession.

At the Public Prosecution, the three women were accused of selling and consuming drugs.

But the court acquitted the two defendants from the charge of selling and only sentenced them for consuming drugs.

The acquittal came as both defendants co-operated with the police and led the investigative teams to the source of the drugs.

As for the third woman, the dealer, the court sentenced her to five years imprisonment and fined her BD3,000.

The three defendants were also sentenced to be deported and were blacklisted from entering the Kingdom ever again.

An Arab woman cursed a policewoman that she wouldn't be able to give birth to children as she along with her team approached to arrest her.

The woman is said to have been under the influence of alcohol when she crashed her car and the policewomen attempted to arrest her.

The accused hit one of the policewomen in the face with the handcuffs before hurling the other cops with insults.

"We were notified on the incident and we rushed to the scene. When we arrived, the Arab woman was hysterical and very angry.

"We tried to calm her in an effort to take her to the Ministry of Interior's clinic to examine as she was obviously drunk," one of the policewomen told prosecutors.

"I tried to handcuff her but she hit me with the cuffs in the face, bruising my lower lip.

"She then cursed both of us saying, you wouldn't be able to bear children," she added.

The Arab woman was eventually arrested and tried for carrying out a physical assault and insulting two policewomen.

# Environmental police plan may be 'dropped'

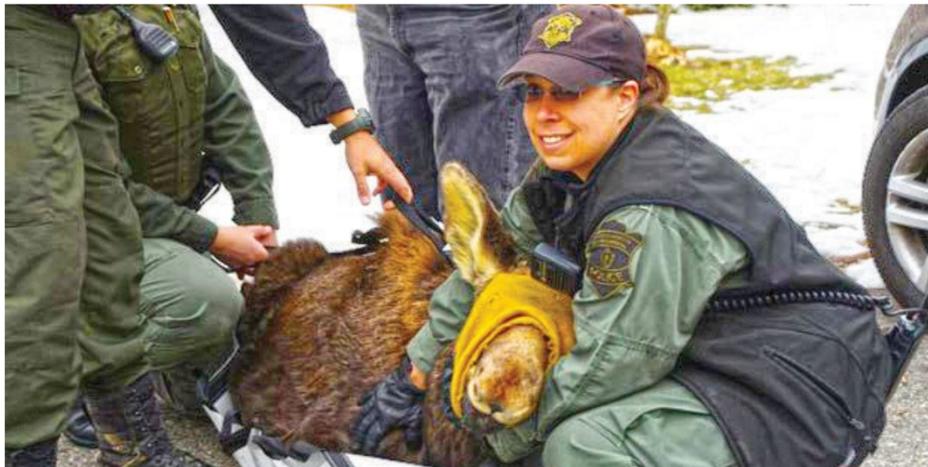
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The plan to create an 'environment police' may not come to life after the Supreme Council for Environment expressed its reluctance to go ahead with it.

The Northern Municipality's hope to create an environment police is unlikely to move ahead as the Supreme Council of Environment has expressed its reservations about the plan.

Responding to the proposal, the council stated that there are already many measures taken against environmental violations.

"There is a strong co-oper-



'Environmental police' concept has gained huge popularity in Western countries.

ation with the Ministry of Interior to tackle environmental violations."

The SCE said that it already has qualified inspectors at its disposal who are dealing with such violations.

"The proposal from the municipal council refers to many tasks already carried out by many inspectors. The Council shall study the feasibility of proposal regardless," an SCE official said.

"The inspector with the Supreme council for Environment have a high status and are highly qualified to tackle this issue," he added.

"The council participates in

campaigns organised by other ministries and coordinates with other government bodies for environmental safety."

The Northern Municipality members said they put forward the proposal because of the high level of importance for environmental safety.

In the proposal various threats to Bahrain's environment was highlighted as the council called for the formation of the environment police under the Ministry of Interior.

Earlier this year, the enforcement of the technical regulations, which resulted in the ban of single use plastic bags came into effect.

# 'NotifyMe' system benefits stressed at forum

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The Deputy Chief Executive of Electronic Transformation at the Information and eGovernment Authority, Dr Zakareya Ahmed Al Khajah, participated in a panel discussion titled "Consumer Protection Laws, Operational Functions, and Technical Infrastructure Readiness" at the Consumer Protection Forum and Expo 2019.

Dr Al Khajah noted that the Government Notification System 'NotifyMe' was launched following the directives of the Government Executive Committee - chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister - to introduce an integrated notification system related to all government services via SMS and email.

Dr Al Khajah added that 'NotifyMe' aims to enhance the efficiency of the government notification process and further strengthen government-to-citizen communication, adding that citizens will now receive notification about all government-related services, including license expiration date and maintenance works in residential areas.

Dr Al Khajah highlighted the progress of iGA's e-initiatives that

aim to further enhance consumer protection and promote transparency in government service delivery.

Dr Al Khajah also highlighted other national e-projects, such

as the National Suggestions and Complaints System 'Tawasul' and the Pre-Employment Health Checkup Appointment service that improves patient flow.

He concluded by emphasising

iGA's pledge to ensure that consumer protection remains tight throughout the digital automation process.

The iGA participated at the Consumer Protection Forum

and Expo 2019, held under the patronage of the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Zayed Al Zayani, during which the iGA showcased its most prominent projects.



Senior government officials with other dignitaries attended the event.

## Bahrain-Serbia parliamentary co-operation reviewed

Belgrade

Speaker Fawzia Zainal affirmed that the international Parliamentary community nowadays is especially required to take an effective and influential stance to protect maritime navigation in the Arabian Gulf region and countries around the world to protect the global

economy.

This came as the Speaker met the President of Serbian Parliament Maja Gojkovic on the sidelines of participation in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)'s 141st meeting held in Serbia Republic, in presence of the Shura Council's Second Deputy President Jameela Salman and MP Fatima Abbas.



Ms Zainal

Ms Zainal stressed the importance of holding accountable any country that assaults international navigation and violates international laws and conventions on maritime safety, in order to preserve global security and peace.

She reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to protect sea navigation with sisterly and friendly countries.

The Speaker pointed out Bahrain's keenness under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, on boosting security and stability around the world, and supporting the promotion of the culture of peace, tolerance and coexistence.

She cited the Kingdom's established culture, laws and measures at all levels and areas that reflect

Bahrain's cohesive society bonds and pioneering position in the realm of tolerance and peaceful coexistence.

During the meeting, the two sides explored ways of bolstering the parliamentary co-operation, co-ordination at international platforms, and furthering the friendship ties between Bahrain and Serbia.

# Launch of national broadband network 'ushers in new Internet technology era'

Launch in line with the Fourth National Telecommunications Plan

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TDT | Manama

The Kingdom's National Broadband Network (BNET) was officially launched at a high level press conference held at the Capital Club yesterday.

The launch was announced by Batelco Chairman, Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, in the presence of the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, Kamal Ahmed, BNET CEO Mohamed Bubashait, CEO's of OLO's (Other Licensed Operators) and members of Bahrain's media.

During the event, the BNET logo, which will soon be rolled out to all customer touch points, was revealed.

The launch event follows on from the announcement of Batelco's legal separation into two independent entities, which was announced at an earlier press conference held in May.

As part of the legal separation, a new executive structure was implemented and new CEOs were appointed for both Batelco and BNET.

Independent buildings and departments were also allocated for each entity, in line with the nature of the companies' work.

In line with the requirements of the 4th National Telecommunications Plan approved by the Council of Ministers in May 2016, BNET will provide broadband network services to all licensed operators including Batelco, whereas, Batelco will focus solely on retail and corpo-



Mr Ahmed, Shaikh Abdulla, Mr Bubashait and other dignitaries at the cake-cutting ceremony.



Mr Ahmed delivers his speech at the launch.

rate operations.

Mr Ahmed expressed his pleasure at the launch event by saying, "I would like to thank the team involved in the implementation of this successful project, which contributed towards turning the vision of the National Telecommunications plan into a reality, and is being witnessed today during this event. This project is a major leap for the services provided by telecommunications companies, where all customers will be able to benefit from high-speed Internet services from all telecom providers."

During the event, Mr Mohamed Bubashait, CEO of BNET gave a detailed presentation



The newly-revealed logo of BNET.

about the company's vision and functions as well as its strategy for managing the national network's infrastructure.

The presentation also included a detailed explanation of the

operational model and work mechanism that the company will follow to achieve its objectives.

Also revealed was BNET's new logo, designed to symbolise both the national network and the Kingdom while being distinguishable from Batelco.

Shaikh Abdulla stated that he was very pleased to announce the launch of BNET which is a key part of the Fourth National Telecommunication Plan (NTP4) to develop the growth and economic diversification of the telecommunication sector, including rolling out a fibre optic network to 100 per cent of all businesses and 95pc of all households across the Kingdom.

**This project is a major leap for the services provided by telecommunications companies, where all customers will be able to benefit from high-speed Internet services from all telecom providers.**

MR AHMED

"The restructure of Batelco is now complete with independent management teams and human resources in place. BNET's teams are now working on the imple-

mentation of its strategic plans which focus on the development of the fibre optic network across Bahrain and the provision of high-speed Internet services for OLO's on a fair and competitive basis.

"The company will continue to complete the separation process as required in line with the Government's strategy and future vision for the telecommunications sector."

"This step is part of a series of initiatives aimed to enhance Bahrain's position as a strategic investment destination, a regional ICT hub and a major contributor to upgrading the Kingdom's telecommunications services," he concluded.

## Majlis Fakhre Bahrain to hold seminar on renowned Urdu poet

TDT | Manama

Two-day national seminar dedicated to an unsung hero of Urdu poetry and journalism, Pt Harichand Akhtar, will be held at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) in Hyderabad on 30th and 31st of October, 2019.

The seminar is being organised by Majlis Fakhre Bahrain a literary and cultural society patronised by Shakeel Ahmed Sabrahdi, Chairman Shakeel Group of Companies, a well-known businessman in Bahrain, and IDEA Communication in collaboration with



Pt Harichand Akhtar

MANUU.

Around 35 academics of re-

puted institutions and Hindi-Urdu scholars are expected to participate and present their research papers.

Three renowned figures will also be honoured for their contributions in promotion of Urdu and national integration.

The seminar is part of an annual series of felicitating Indian literary figures.

Lovers of Urdu and Hindi poetry will come together in February 2020 to celebrate Pt Harichand Akhtar at an International Kavi Sammelan and Mushaira (poetry recital session) in Bahrain organised by Majlis Fakhre Bahrain.

## Delegation visit to the UK



Adeb Ahmed, managing director of Twenty 14 Holdings, was part of the high-level business delegation, which visited the United Kingdom. Above, Mr Adeb at the 10 Downing Street, and, right, Mr Adeb holding talks with the UK Minister of Investment, Graham Stuart.

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## William, Kate visit Pakistan's north

AFP | Bumburate | Pakistan

Wearing traditional headgear and clapping to music, Britain's Prince William and his wife Kate met a tiny animist tribe in northern Pakistan on Wednesday, after flying by helicopter to a remote Hindu Kush glacier near the Afghan border.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge spent the afternoon witnessing the effects of climate change on the Kalash, Pakistan's smallest religious minority -- an ancient, polytheistic tribe who live in three valleys.

Believed to be descended from Alexander the Great, they worship their gods with music and dance.

Men and women mingle freely, and women can choose their husbands but also move on to new loves, setting them apart from much of patriarchal Pakistan.

But their way of life they have practiced for centuries is under threat, both by global warming and the gradual absorption of their people into Islam.

Before visiting the Kalash, the royal couple travelled by helicopter to a melting glacier in Broghil Valley National Park, near the border with Afghanistan.

They walked around the northern tip of the glacier and saw how far it has retreated in recent years, a statement from Kensington Palace said.

Pakistan's north is one of the most glaciated regions in the world, and experts say its vast, hoary rivers of ice serve as a water store for 250 million people.

But rising temperatures have alarmed residents who watch helplessly as the glaciers melt so quickly that they have un-



The verdant, plunging valleys of Chitral have long attracted tourists for their natural beauty and their brush with legend as the home of the Kalash

leashed devastating floods.

In Chitral district -- where the Kalash live -- floods in 2015 left thousands of families camping in the open just as the cold winter approached.

The couple met with environmental experts to discuss the melting, and later spoke with residents who have suffered in the floods.

Emergency response teams demonstrated first aid and a river crossing, then posed for selfies with William and Kate.

The Duke of Cambridge called the glacial melt an "impending catastrophe" in a speech delivered at a glittering reception in Islamabad late Tuesday.

#### Feathers and dancing

Earlier Wednesday, during a refuelling stop on the way to the glacier, the Duke and Duchess tried on a Chitrali cap given a

touch of luxury with a peacock feather, which local media said was a gift to them from residents.

The flat, woollen hats, also known as "pakols", are popular in northern Pakistan and throughout Afghanistan, though feather decorations are usually reserved for special occasions.

They also tried on chapans, long bulky embroidered coats popular in Central Asia; as well as a lush woollen shawl for Kate, who snapped her own share of pictures during the trip.

The verdant, plunging valleys of Chitral have long attracted tourists for their natural beauty and their brush with legend as the home of the Kalash.

But the diminishing tribe -- who now number only around 3,000 people -- fear that their unique culture will not endure.

Not only are their young peo-

ple increasingly converting to Islam, but the modern world beckons for many eager to see beyond the valleys, where internet and mobile access can be patchy at best.

Even the peace of those valleys is being eroded as tourists from other areas of Pakistan arrive in droves, eager to see the colourful tribe.

A reporter said Prince William listened eagerly as a local guide explained the steps to the dance performed by the Kalash for the royal couple.

Kensington Palace has called the Cambridges' five-day trip, which ends Friday, their "most complex" tour to date.

Security is extremely tight for the trip, during which the couple is also set to visit Pakistan's second-largest city Lahore, once the capital of the Mughal Empire.

## 'SOS' picked up on CCTV saves Aussie woman lost in bush



Deborah Pilgrim, who went missing about 100 kilometres from the South Australian state capital of Adelaide, was discovered via CCTV

#### The 55-year-old took a walk from her campsite and lost her way

AFP | Sydney

An Australian woman lost for three days in dense bushland was found Wednesday after a man remotely monitoring security footage saw an 'SOS' sign scrawled in the earth on his property.

Deborah Pilgrim went missing on Sunday while camping with friends about 100 kilometres from the South Australian state capital of Adelaide.

The 55-year-old took a walk from the campsite and lost her way.

Dozens of police and emergency services personnel, as well as a rescue helicopter, were called in to search the remote area, but after three

days had failed to locate the missing woman.

Late Tuesday a man remotely monitoring CCTV footage of his property near the South Australian search area, noticed an SOS sign etched into a dirt driveway near his unoccupied home.

He alerted police, who found Pilgrim close to midnight on a neighbouring property where she had located water.

"It was so overwhelming," an exhausted Pilgrim told *Nine News* yesterday.

"I think I dropped to the ground," she added, recalling the moment rescuers arrived.

Neil Marriot, whose CCTV cameras had picked up Pilgrim's distress signal, said he'd only recently had the security system installed after several recent break-ins.

"I'm so pleased she was able to find water because I feared the worst for her -- I really did," he told national broadcaster *ABC*.

## NASA unveils flexible, one-size-fits-all space suits

AFP | Washington

Bye bye to bunny hops: when BUS astronauts next touch down on the Moon, expect them to walk almost as they do on Earth, thanks to a new generation of spacesuits offering key advantages over those of the Apollo-era.

Prototypes of the Orion Crew Survival Suit that will be worn on the journey and the Exploration Extravehicular Mobility Unit (xEMU) for the lunar surface were unveiled at NASA's Washington headquarters Tuesday ahead of the agency's planned return to the Moon by 2024.

Standing in front of a giant US flag, spacesuit engineer Kristine Davis wore a pressurized red, blue and white xEMU suit, showing off a vastly improved range of motion thanks to bearings systems on the waist, arms, and legs.

They are also extendable and therefore one-size-fits-all, meaning there won't be a repeat of an embarrassing flub in March that caused the first all-female spacewalk to be aborted when a second medium-sized suit



Prototypes of the Orion Crew Survival Suit (R), which will be worn on the way to the Moon, and the Exploration Extravehicular Mobility Unit (xEMU) to be worn on the surface

wasn't available.

"If we remember the Apollo generation, we remember Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, they bunny hopped on the sur-

face of the Moon," NASA administrator Jim Bridenstine told a hall filled with students and interns at the space agency.

"Now we're going to be able to

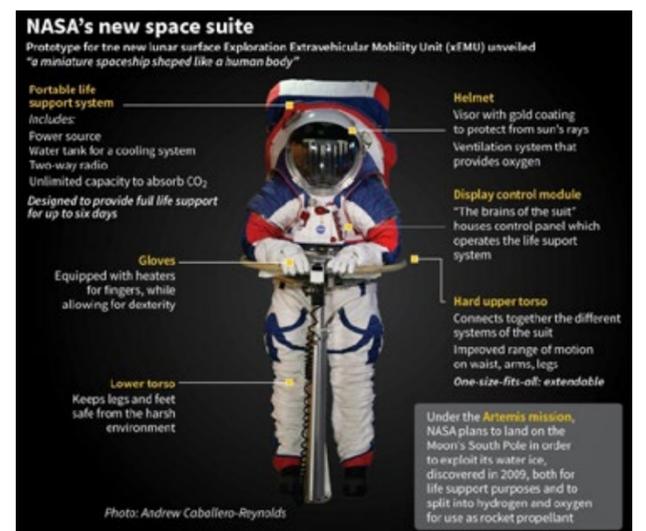
If we remember the Apollo generation, we remember Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, they bunny hopped on the surface of the Moon. Now we're going to be able to walk on the surface of the Moon, which is very different from the suits of the past

JIM BRIDENSTINE, NASA ADMINISTRATOR

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Another key innovation is the xEMU's unlimited capacity to absorb carbon dioxide, a byproduct of respiration that is also poisonous in high quantities.

It achieves this through a system that both absorbs and



then removes the gas into the vacuum of space, unlike current systems that merely absorb it until it reaches a saturation point.

The crew survival suit, meanwhile, is designed to provide full life support for up to six days -- a scenario that could be required, for example, if a meteorite punches a hole in the spacecraft's hull.

Under the Artemis mission, NASA plans to land on the Moon's South Pole in order to exploit its water ice, discovered in 2009, both for life support purposes and to split into hydrogen and oxygen for use as rocket propellant.

The agency views its return to the Moon as a proving ground for an onward mission to Mars in the 2030s.

# US passes Hong Kong 'Democracy Act'

AFP | Washington

The US House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday sought by pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong that aims to defend civil rights in the semi-autonomous territory, prompting an angry response from China.

The Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act, which will now move to the Senate before it can become law, has drawn rare bipartisan support in a polarized Congress.

The law would end the Hong Kong-US special trading status unless the State Department certifies annually that city authorities are respecting human rights and the rule of law.

China expressed "strong indignation" over the passing of the act, which also requires the US president to identify and sanction people who are responsible for the erosion of autonomy and serious abuses of human rights in Hong Kong.

"What Hong Kong faces is not the so-called human rights and democracy issue at all, but the issue of stopping violence, reinstating order and upholding the rule of law as soon as possible," said foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang in a statement.

Geng said the US should "stop meddling" and warned China would take "strong measures" to counter the proposed Hong Kong bill.

The act will now move to a similar vote in the Senate before it can become law.

"Today we're simply urging the Chinese president and the Hong Kong Chief Executive,

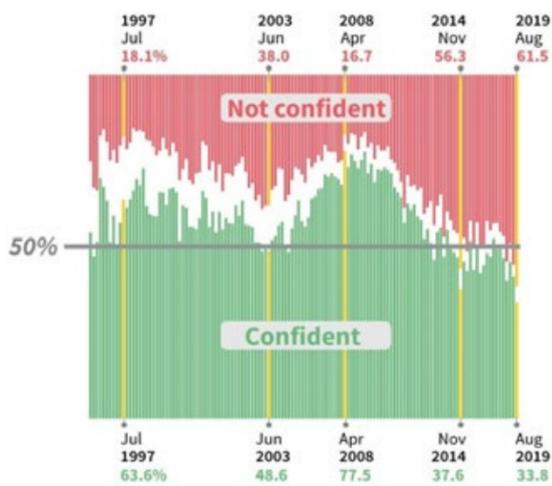


A protester holds a sign during a rally in Hong Kong calling on US politicians to pass Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act

## Hong Kong confidence in "One Country, Two Systems"

Hong Kong Public Opinion Research Group

Random telephone interviews, about 1,000 people per survey



Carrie Lam, to faithfully honor the government's promises" that Hong Kong's rights and autonomy would be protected, Republi-

can Representative Chris Smith, prime sponsor of the bill, said Tuesday on the House floor. China has frequently accused

## Hong Kong protest leader left bloodied in street attack



Civil Human Rights Front member Jimmy Sham was left bloodied after being attacked in Hong Kong

### Hong Kong

A leading face of Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement was rushed to hospital covered in blood late yesterday after being attacked by unidentified thugs with hammers, his protest group said.

The Civil Human Rights Front said leader Jimmy Sham was assaulted by four to five people wielding hammers in the district of Mongkok in what they described as an act of "political terror". "He received a bloody head wound and was sent to Kwong Wah hospital," the CHRF said in a statement,

adding Sham was conscious when paramedics arrived.

Photos posted online showed Sham in a red t-shirt, sprawled on the street in a pool of blood.

"It is not hard to link this incident to a spreading political terror in order to threaten and inhibit the legitimate exercise of natural and legal rights," CHRF added.

Sham is the main spokesman of the CHRF, a group which advocates non-violence and organised a series of record-breaking, peaceful marches earlier this summer that were opposed to a bill allowing extraditions to mainland China.

"external forces" of fuelling weeks of unrest in the global financial hub.

Millions have taken to the streets of Hong Kong, initially

against a now-dropped bid by its leaders to allow extraditions to the authoritarian Chinese mainland.

## Scientists shed light on how brains turn pain up or down

Washington

Pain perception is essential for survival, but how much something hurts can sometimes be amplified or suppressed: for example, soldiers who sustain an injury in battle often recall not feeling anything at the time.

A new study published in Cell Reports on Tuesday honed in on the brain circuitry responsible for upgrading or downgrading these pain signals, likening the mechanism to how a home thermostat controls room temperature.

Yarimar Carrasquillo, the paper's senior author and a scientist for the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH), said the region responsible was the central amygdala, which according to her work appeared to play a dual role.

Studying mice, Carrasquillo and her colleagues found that the activity in neurons that express protein kinase C-delta amplified pain, while neurons that express somatostatin inhibited the chain of activity in the nerves required to communicate pain.

The central amygdala isn't completely responsible for pain itself: if it were removed entirely, then "the 'ouch' of things, or the protective pain, would remain intact," said Carrasquillo.

# Kim Jong Un's horseback ride spurs policy shift speculation

Seoul

New pictures of Kim Jong Un riding a white horse through a winter landscape to the summit of Mount Paektu, a sacred peak for North Koreans, have fuelled speculation that the young leader may be set for a major policy announcement.

The images released by the official KCNA news agency were accompanied by a gushing text, that noted the "noble glitters" in Kim's eyes, and labelled his snowy, horseback ride "a great event of weighty importance" for the nation.

Accompanying officials were



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left convinced that "there will be a great operation to strike the world with wonder again and make a step forward in the Korean revolution," the agency said.

Analysts said the hike may signal a new policy direction for the nuclear-armed North.

"In the past, Kim has climbed Mount Paektu ahead of major political decisions," said Shin Beom-chul, an analyst at the Asan Institute of Policy Studies.

Kim hiked to the peak in December 2017 before launching diplomatic overtures that led to his first ever summit with US President Donald Trump.

But negotiations have been gridlocked since a second summit between Kim and Trump collapsed in February and the North has been raising tensions through a series of missile tests.

The sight of North Korean leaders riding white horses across snow-capped peaks - and in particular Mount Paektu - have been a dominant theme of past photos, posters and portraits of Kim's father Kim Jong Il and grandfather Kim Il Sung.

According to B.R. Myers, a professor at Dongseo University in South Korea who specialises in North Korean propaganda,

the images present an imperial motif of a leader protecting the cultural and ideological purity of the nation from corrupt, outside forces.

Kim also visited the site of a giant construction project in nearby Samjiyon county, KCNA reported, and blamed US-led international sanctions for his country's hardships.

"The situation of the country is difficult owing to the ceaseless sanctions and pressure by the hostile forces and there are many hardships and trials facing us," Kim was quoted as saying.

# Italy rejects bid to stop iconic Da Vinci loan to Louvre

AFP | Rome

An Italian court yesterday rejected a dramatic last-minute bid to halt the loan of Leonardo da Vinci's iconic Vitruvian Man drawing and other works to France's Louvre museum, ending a bitter cultural row.

The court in Venice cited "the exceptional global relevance of the (Louvre) exhibition and (Italy's) desire to maximise its heritage potential" in overturning the bid by a heritage group to stop the loan of several Da Vinci works.

The court last week suspended the loan of the world famous artwork, due to appear later this month in an exhibition at the



Leonardo's da Vinci's The Vitruvian Man is kept in a climate-controlled vault in the Accademia Gallery in Venice and is rarely displayed to the public

Paris museum to mark the 500th anniversary of the artist's death.



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It did so after the group Italia Nostra (Our Italy) filed a complaint saying the drawing was too fragile to travel.

The court had put on hold an accord signed in September in Paris between Italy's culture ministry and the Louvre for a swap of works by Da Vinci and Italian painter Raphael for the Renaissance master's quincennial next year.

Rome is lending several Leonardo works to the Louvre for a major exhibition which opens next week.

In return, paintings and drawings by Raphael are to be loaned to Italy for an exhibition in the Italian capital in March.

The loan was already ques-

tioned by Italy's former right-wing government, which railed against the idea of lending Da Vinci works to France.

With fewer than 20 Leonardo paintings still in existence, many Italians are resentful that the Louvre possesses five of them, as well as 22 drawings.

The Renaissance genius was born in Tuscany in Italy, but died in the French town of Amboise in 1519, at the age of 67.

Italia Nostra said its motives were not political, but aimed at safeguarding a national treasure, saying the Vitruvian Man risked tearing and those who had given the green light for it to travel had not removed it from its case to examine it properly.

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## Straying Safe



Cheryl Nielson

**A** topic of discussion and worry that resurfaces regularly, dealing with the stray dog population in Bahrain is a sensitive process that requires constant updating of awareness. Weekender has featured the issue of stray dogs before, and is once again in conversation with Cheryl Nielson, the founder of Bahrain Dumped Dogs.

The following are helpful guidelines on dealing with stray dogs, as outlined by Cheryl.

As we have been seeing on social media, there are many people that are truly scared of the stray dogs, and really don't want them near their homes. We can't ignore the fact that this is true. The Ministry's answer to this, at present, is to trap the dogs and move them to remote areas of Askar and Hidd. Thanks to a handful of volunteers, their basic needs of food, water and some shelter have been met, in addition to getting many of them spayed/neutered to avoid further litters. Please do not set the trapped dogs free, "Legal

action will be taken against anyone who obstructs official efforts to tackle the country's stray dog issue". Ask the driver who is transporting the dogs where he is taking the dogs.

If you are feeding or caring for strays, please do so away from residential areas and busy roads to avoid problems. Feed only three times per week so they will retain their foraging tendencies. Making them dependent on humans upsets the natural balance. Dogs that have been befriended by humans become groomed to believe that all humans are friendly and can be food and attention sources for them. So, it becomes natural for them to approach humans, regardless of the humans' feelings about them - they don't know the difference. We can't make those afraid of strays less afraid, but we can try to accommodate both the humans and the strays.

For those of you that would rather not interact with the strays, here is some helpful information when being approached by a dog(s):

**Gauge The Dog's Demeanour - Is the dog**

aggressive or afraid?

**Signs of Aggression Include:**

- baring teeth.
- lifted tail.
- raised ears.
- raised hackles (the fur behind the neck).

**Signs of Fear Include:**

- tucking the tail.
- laid back ears.
- snarling or barking.

**Stay Calm and Walk Away, Don't Run -**

This is the most important thing to remember. If a stray dog is barking at you from a distance, it is likely warning you to stay away from its territory. It may even be protecting the rest of its pack and/or offspring. As long as you remain calm and slowly walk away, you should have no problem. Dogs are instinctively prone to give chase, and it is unlikely that you will outrun them. Dogs that run you down are likely to bite your legs to make you stop. If you are a runner or a bicyclist, best thing to do is to stop and walk until you are further away. Avoid confrontational posturing and direct eye contact.

**Avoid Confrontations With Packs -** Dog packs are a bit harder as the dogs' confidence is multiplied when they have their buddies around. If a dog pack is just sleeping or acting friendly, you are probably OK. But trust your instincts and if you feel threatened, find another way around.

**Send Calming Signals -** There are simple and important ways you can signal to a dog that you have peaceful intents. By doing these, you are telling the dog you mean no harm and will avoid triggering its aggression. By telling them in their own language that

you're not there to threaten them, they are likely to back down.

**Some Useful Calming Signals Are:**

- yawning.
- licking your lips.
- avoiding eye contact - look away.
- standing sideways to the dog.
- letting them approach and sniff you (but don't raise your arms or hands as they might be surprised and bite).

**Avoid Acting Dominant -** If you escalate aggression, there is always a risk they will follow suit. Remember, the goal is to get away unscathed, not prove you're more dominant than the strays.

**Ask Rescuers/Animal Advocates for help -** Please avoid confrontations. Calmly explain to the advocates that you are afraid of the strays and would like to not have them near your residence. You will often find they will do what they can to possibly relocate them.

**Avoid Picking Up Rocks Or Other Items -** Dogs will surely perceive this as an act of aggression and view this as a source of impending pain - which says a lot about the abuse they have likely received.

If you do all of the above, a physical confrontation is unlikely. The goal, as always, is for peaceful coexistence.



### Eating out

**WHAT: FRIDAY BRUNCHISM**  
**WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**  
**WHERE: INTERCONTINENTAL REGENCY**

Spread across 3 venues, the InterContinental Regency's Friday Brunchism is not just a brunch, but a lifestyle, a plethora of experience offering a large spread of buffet, live food stations, live entertainment, kids' activities and much more. Every week the brunch will bring you something new to experience be it in the form of art, music or fashion, there is always something new to look forward to.

**WHAT: MEAT LOVES PLATTER**  
**WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**  
**WHERE: RIC'S KOUNTRY KITCHEN**

Its all about grilled meat with our chef's secret recipes and smoked with charcoal served in a wooden board and some mouthwatering side dishes, along with unlimited Beverages. So what for you are waiting for! Every Thursday from 6 pm till 10 pm.

**WHAT: WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT**  
**WHEN: MONDAY, OCTOBER 21**  
**WHERE: LNT GASTROPUB**

Say Cheese! Our next Wine and Cheese night is on this 21st of October, from 7 pm. EAT. DRINK. MINGLE!



### Nightlife & Music

**WHAT: S.O.S POOL PARTY**  
**WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**  
**WHERE: MUJU DRAGON HOTEL**

The weather is perfect for a pool party so don't miss out. Feat DJ COSSTA and DJ SAMI DE!

**WHAT: THE POP HOUSE 13 TOUR**  
**WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**

**WHERE: POLO GASTROPUB**  
Join us on Friday for another awesome evening at polo featuring live music.

**WHAT: LIVE SOUL SESSION WITH MANNY**  
**When: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

**Where: CODA JAZZ LOUNGE**  
Coda is proud to present American singer/songwriter MANNY who will be performing his unique repertoire of R&B, Funk & Soul live in concert on Saturday



## Forever Home Hopefuls

**Ready to take them home?**

Every week, Weekender, in collaboration with the Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BSPCA), will showcase two adorable fur babies who are looking for their Forever Homes.

### MOJO

**Type: Cat**  
**Breed: Domestic Medium Haired**  
**Colour: Peach/Cream**  
**Gender: Male**  
**Age: 6 Months**  
**Neutered: No**

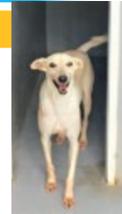
Mojo is the BSPCA's cat of the week. Mojo is an amazingly friendly cat that has nothing but kindness and care to offer. He is a very affectionate cat that loves chasing strings around and playing with his little cat toys. Mojo also usually enjoys spending his time absorbing some sunlight out in the garden or near the windows. His curiosity, playful nature and keenness to show his care make him the perfect house cat and little four-legged buddy to add to your family and home. This little character is always a pleasant joy to be around. Mojo is De-Wormed and Fully Vaccinated.



### MANGO

**Type: Dog**  
**Breed: Mixed**  
**Colour: White**  
**Gender: Female**  
**Age: 6 Years**  
**Neutered: Yes**

Mango is the BSPCA's dog of the week. Mango is an incredibly friendly yet very misunderstood little one. She has sadly been at the shelter for over 5 years (1849 days) now and is that very sweet and playful dog that unfortunately always gets overlooked by everyone, except for our wonderful volunteers. Mango deserves a much better home and loving family that'll look beyond her scrawny and plain looks to see the big heart that she always carries with her. Her presence and lively character will instantly add a warm and happy vibe to any household and is sure to never disappoint with her lovable personality. Mango is Neutered, Tick-Treated, De-Wormed and Fully Vaccinated.



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# Turn The Page



**B**ook reviews shouldn't require excuses except for the obvious sentiment "here's another great book I found, read it!". Featuring bookworms and their sentient opinions about their best friends, Weekender brings you book reviews for you to pick up the best ones off the shelf and tuck in for a cozy weekend in another world.

**This week, Mari Kareem reviews the Palace of illusions by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.**

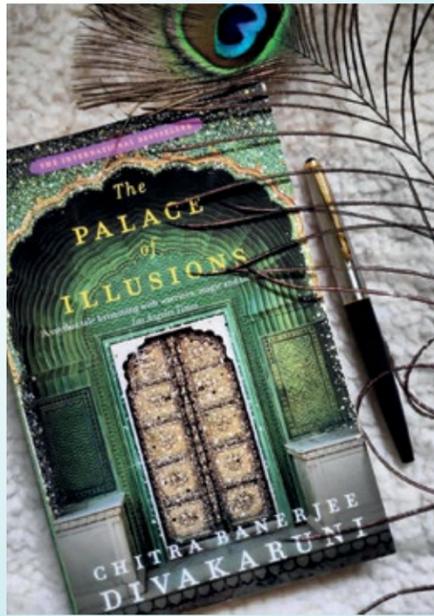
“Is the desire for vengeance stronger than the longing to be loved? What evil magic does it possess to draw the human heart so powerfully to it?”

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's Palace of illusion is the story of the Hindu epic Mahabharata from the perspective of Panchali- the woman who was married to the five Pandava brothers. The story of the epic Mahabharata has always fascinated me- the war, the warriors and their virtues. As a woman, I have always been intrigued about how a lot of female characters who despite being strong have never been appreciated.

We live in a world where there is a constant difference for equal rights between men and women. The author has described Panchali as quite relatable. Right from the beginning of her birth from the sacrificial fire where she was named Draupadi by her father (meaning: daughter of the king Drupad), and she renamed herself to Panchali (meaning: from the kingdom of Panchala) as she didn't want her name to be associated with the male in her life, she showed us that she had a voice so strong and fierce that she changed the course of history despite being in a patriarchal society. From the beginning of her childhood, she had considered her birth to be a mistake but eventually she realizes her importance when she meets the Vyasa. She is not depicted as a victim rather than a raw human being who had her heart broken with guilt which then turned to vengeance because of the humiliation she has faced.

All the characters in this book are described in the greatest honesty, emotions and they come to life in the reader's mind. Specifically Karna- who is narrated in a hauntingly beautiful way from his birth

till death, Krishna- whose friendship has always been there when she needed the most and her beloved brother Dhrishtadyumna who never left her hand throughout since their birth from the sacrificial fire. Divakaruni also adds other imaginative twists of her own: Which man does Panchali really love? This book shows the power of a woman, the beauty of friendships and how vengeance has been viewed as a rather strong emotion. This book will surely not be everyone's cup of tea but it surely is mine.



# Weekender brings you automobile reviews from hardcore fans to all lovers of everything on wheels!

# WEEKENDER PATROL



**BMW 5 Series: A Mini 7 Series**

**PRO**  
Fair styling, cabin space, handling, powerful engine choices, fuel economy

**CONS**  
High price, heavy, controls lack feedback

**Rating: 4.5/5**

The seventh-generation BMW 5-series arrived in 2017. The 530i has a turbocharged 2.0-liter 6-cylinder, mated to an 8-speed automatic with paddle-shifters. A 540i model gets a turbocharged 3.0-liter 6-cylinder. Some of the wide range of sophisticated driving and comfort features offered in the new BMW 5-Series include Dynamic Drive Control with four modes, namely comfort, normal, sport and sport+, as well as Comfort Start, Head-Up Display, Multi-Channel Audio System, Rear Seat Entertainment, Four-Zone Automatic Air Conditioning, and BMW iDrive control. BMW ConnectedDrive also offers a unique range of driver-assist technology functions for enhanced comfort and safety. The regular 5-Series can also be had with an M package that adds sports suspension and a body kit. The BMW 5-Series comes with a Parking Assistant, an optional feature that facilitates the process of parking, as well as Active Cruise Control, Surround View and Rear View Camera, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Change Warning and BMW Night Vision with pedestrian recognition.

**The all-new 5 Series starts from BHD 25,000 to BHD 38,000.**



# CELEBRATE THE PINK MONTH

**A**s the month arrives with a reminder for individuals to preventively get themselves checked and to continue raising funds for research and cure of this illness, a portion of the total sales from all Pink-themed events at Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, will be donated to the local charity organization, Think Pink Bahrain.

Commenting on the occasion, Jeremy Canivet, Director of Sales and Marketing said, "We are delighted to continue our support to a local charity partner Think Pink Bahrain for the fifth consecutive year. Aligning with our corporate social responsibility Community Footprints program, these annual events not only showcase solidarity across the Kingdom but most importantly our guests can enjoy unique experiences while supporting a global cause." Following the annual Pink Island Party on October 17, the month continues with a variety of events for guests to join in including, the Pink Brunch at La Med in partnership with Asia Jewellers on October 18, a special pink menu in Primavera by Chef Delfino Sanfilippo Chiarello as well as Plums by Chef Mohamed Abdou and pink-colored desserts by Executive Pastry Chef Jonathan



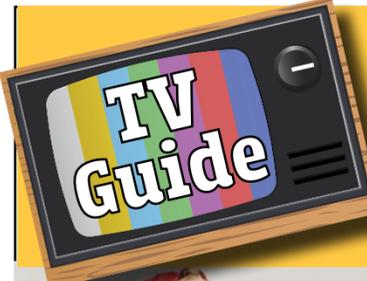
Challenger at the Ritz Gourmet Lounge and Lobby Lounge. The Ritz-Carlton Spa also treats guests to an ESPA pink hair mask enhancement and many more choices as part of their 90-minute treatment throughout the month.

**Pink Island Party Featuring Headliner DJ Ersan Erguner**

Thursday, October 17, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m., Private Island.



The annual Pink Island Party is back! Dance the night away and make your footprints count as you groove for charity, in conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness month. The most awaited party of the season will feature the latest tunes by their guest DJ Ersan Erguner and a sumptuous open buffet and beverage station. Price: BHD 25 for members and hotel guests, BHD 35 for non-members. Ticket includes open buffet and beverages from 8 pm - 11 pm Dress code: Pink, Smart Casual



**Streaming services have ushered in a whole new kind of reach and visibility for creativity in the field of 'filmmaking'. Whether they are short films, feature films, mini-series or full-blown web series, we are presently spoilt for choice. Weekender will review one production every week, so you can add or take it off your to-do list for the weekend!**



**This week, Nebal Shafi reviews the third season of the Netflix show 'Money Heist'.**

**Rating: 4/5**

**MONEY HEIST SEASON THREE**  
Season 3 of Money Heist was released on Netflix on July 19th, 2019.

First of all, the writing in the season 3 has to be praised for being consistent with the character arcs. Nothing looks to have been developed out of character from Rio being caught to everyone deciding to help their fellow member. Like the Oceans series, this one also works due to characters and themes than just the heist drama. The action also seems to have been heightened up and we can see the change in the budget as well. The concentration on pushing the limits of the individuals is well written with believable logic this season. We can see that the gang has taken a bigger job not completely prepared this time.

With each complication, we see that the drama and suspense increase better. But Tokyo seems like that character, who will be a more flawed hero for audiences than even the Professor. The end of the season leaves big suspense for the next one and we believe that the team has laid out the story for both. Actors seem to have been cast perfectly for each role and their performances this season are much better too. The Professor character is more likable than previous seasons but Palermo is not as good as Berlin. Using the later in flashbacks worked well but maybe a better character could have replaced him. Still the actor who plays Palermo is really great.

On the whole, with the change in platform, the writers have also dared to become edgier and the series has just become the best one in heist based modern dramas after the Oceans series.



# Hear The Glass Shatter!

While the startup culture takes the world by storm, it has a reputation for being a sort of all-boys' club. Women who code, women in tech and women in science, and businesswomen, are breaking through these glass ceilings, doors, and walls. Here is someone we can celebrate and be proud of, for being a pearl from the land of pearls. Shabana Feroze was recently chosen to lead the mentorship in advanced digital scaling for tech startups. Weekender had the pleasure of chatting with this industrious, ambitious and triumphant woman.

**Shabana Feroze:** "Bahrain has always been home to me but I'm a native of India. My identity has always felt like a fluid unity of both cultures. As a college student in India, my personality developed strength and resilience, there was a profound respect for my roots, the art, and the diversity of the land. When it came to my entire childhood and adulthood in Bahrain, as a Bahraini national, I grew up understanding the value of mutual respect and how complicated differences can still peacefully not just co-exist but thrive in symbiotic relationships."

"I noticed brands in this region are inert in comparison to their Western or even Southeast Asian counterparts. Whether they are international or local, there seems to be a resistance in being creative or adapting technology. In my experience, good advertisement makes the rules, not the other way around. I believe you need to set the tone with brave, creative advertising and then crunch the data and numbers for refinement. This process is where we bridge the gap between creativity and tech. Despite there being many agencies in Bahrain, somehow this market seems to always

be disconnected with creativity and technology."

"What inspired me to help other start-ups through Flat6Labs - I am huge on kindness and compassion. I firmly believe that strong people help others be strong. We evolved intuitive traits such as empathy and generosity so we can share knowledge and skills. Everyone says business and advertising is cutthroat. It's parasitic. It shouldn't be. The more we pass on what we have learned, we learn ourselves and evolve our own knowledge. It helps us become better human beings, better brands, and fosters healthy competition."

"The most remarkable thing that my experience has taught me is that because of my adaptability, no matter what is thrown at me, I have everything within me to face it. Over the years I have faced many challenges. I have come across big obstacles and impossible situations. Every single time, my inner resilience and tenacity have helped me get through it. Because of this, I no longer get frightened or worried when I face a difficult situation. I'm calm because I know my own strength and I know what inner resources I will pull on. I feel that I am the strongest now than I have ever been. Being adaptable is one of the biggest factors that has helped me in all these situations. As an entrepreneur, you need to be able to keep up with changing trends, technology, and customer behavior. A high degree of adaptability and being open to learning new things has been one of my biggest strengths."

"My biggest advice would be to follow your gut instinct. A lot of people say don't bring emotion into business (I have heard that countless times as a woman), but I say - why not bring your emotions into it? If it's something you are passionate about, you will be emotional about it. So use your emotions, your intuition, and your gut instincts. They will serve you well when it comes to making decisions or even small things like which vendor to work with."

A word of caution for entrepreneurs is that you should take pride in your work. It's something I wish I had done a couple of years ago instead of just putting my head down and working. You need to stop and appreciate everything you have achieved. Taking pride in your work will make others realize how valuable your work is as well, and this recognition will help you go further in business."

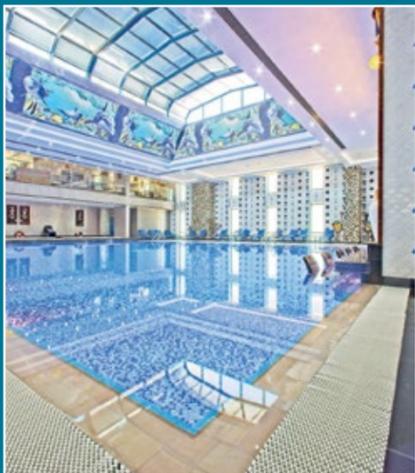


Shabana Feroze

## Celebrate The Last Of Summer With Reef Clubhouse



Checkout the prelaunch special offers at the Reef Clubhouse. Their fabulous indoor swimming pool is now open from 9 am to 6 pm every day. The large-scale indoor pool is a sight to behold with every detail designed to make being here a delightful experience. Whether you are enjoying the warm water, a drink at the poolside bar, soaking in the Jacuzzi, or relaxing on deckchairs, the pool offers a world-class environment in which you can luxuriate. Enjoy this at an unbelievable price of BD 10 per person. Enjoy free access to the lagoon beach while enjoying their scrumptious culinary treats at the savoury area! Access is free for kids under the age of 5. Bask in the sun while admiring the stunning lagoon beach! You can avail this majestic price of BD 10 per person as well. Reef Clubhouse and Lagoon Beach is located on the purpose-built Reef Island, our picturesque Clubhouse and Lagoon Beach are perfectly positioned, overlooking the panoramic view of Bahrain's skyline, and within close proximity to the city's business and shopping district of Manama. The Clubhouse is a vibrant hub of lifestyle amenities placing you at the heart of a world where dining, well-being, leisure, socializing and relaxation are all yours in luxury surroundings. It also has a playroom area where a sphere of entertainment and educational fun will keep younger guests amused in a safe and engaging environment.



Shayne Haridas

Weekender, in collaboration with local food bloggers, will bring you reliable reviews of eateries around Bahrain. Shayne Haridas is a food blogger/photographer based in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia with a passion for food. He reviews local eateries from all over Saudi Arabia and on occasion, travels abroad to experience local cuisines. Not to shy away from an experience, it is said there is nothing he won't eat.

EAT WITH WEEKENDER

## Melenzane, Al Khobar

My last visit to Melenzane (@melenzaneksa) was almost a year and a half ago and I had left satisfied. This time was no different and my review clearly explains the items I chose for lunch.

The menu has changed since the last visit to include a few new items to please the health-conscious foodie.

As soon as you are seated, you are served with a garlic bread basket served with a refreshing sun-dried tomato dip that I gulped in a matter of minutes. For the main course, I decided to try something healthy for a change, going for the "Chicken Avo Rice" and the "Sauteed Vegetables".

For drinks, I ordered the "Mora Fizz" and this was well worth the order. You had crushed blackberries served with crushed ice and topped with Sprite making for a refreshing drink. My waiter for the day was 'Prakash' and it was thanks to his recommendations that I decided to try out the healthy menu. I will say this though, the quantity served was disappointing. The "Chicken Avo Rice" was lip-smacking and light on the stomach with the chicken devoid of any oil and dressed with Sumac to really enhance the flavour. The avocado topping really complimented the chicken and the rice but the serving could have done with a bit more avocado.

The "Sauteed Vegetables" was my personal favourite with the charred veggies dressed in a light sauce and giving the rice a much needed edge. The charred flavour was absolutely wonderful and this I would definitely order again. The only drawback was the quantity served. This place has a wonderful ambience and there is a sign explaining where they source their meat and seafood products from.



# 13 FOR HALLOWEEN

A list by Ahmed Zayani

If there's one season I always look forward to the most, it is Halloween. To those of you who are familiar with me, this won't come as a surprise at all, after all I am a self-professed horror aficionado. I'm the kind of guy who'd love nothing more than to spend a lazy Saturday afternoon binge-watching classic horror films from the days gone by. I'm so enamored by the season that 'This is Halloween' is set s my default ringtone all year round.

One of my favorite things to do on Halloween is get together with the boys, and go through some of our favorite genre offerings. In case any of you are planning on doing the same, this list could act as your guide. When done, do hit me up on social media, and let me know what you thought of my selection and if there are any other movies that I may have overlooked that are worth the watch

### Behind the Mask: The Rise of Leslie Vernon

The fact that this movie is as little known as it is, saddens me. Those who have given this mockumentary a shot fell in love with its strong performances, namely from our lead Nathan Baesel, it's hauntingly beautiful cinematography, and its genuine element of surprise that will stay with you well after the credits roll.



### The Thing

If genre offerings from the 80s could be represented by one movie, I'd be hard-pressed to think of another movie that captures the decade's essence more than this masterpiece of practical effects. Avoid the recent remake/prequel at all costs though.



### Dracula: Dead and Loving It

When the name Mel Brooks comes up, most people would associate movies like Young Frankenstein, Blazing Saddles, and Spaceballs with him. However, I believe that his final movie is every bit as good as those prior endeavors. It is such a hilarious and enduring tribute to the movies it parodies and is must watch for any genre fan.



### Suspiria

With the surprisingly solid remake still fresh on our minds now is the best time to visit this Italian classic. Directed by Giallo legend Dario Argento, Suspiria is a haunting and captivating masterpiece, the kind that we sorely miss nowadays. This movie is so good many have wondered if the remake could possibly live up to its heights.



### Halloween III: Season of the Witch

This movie gets a lot of flack for being the one Halloween movie that does not include Michael Myers. It is a shame really, because had it been released without that moniker, I am sure that the Season of the Witch will be held in high regards by all those who gave it a shot.



### Day of the Dead

The remakes may have given us wall-crawling ghouls and zombie rapists but that doesn't and shouldn't take away anything from George A. Romero's classic. This is my personal favorite of the original Dead trilogy, and arguably the most accessible of the three.



### The Wolf Man

Before Universal attempted and failed to conceive their 'Dark Universe', the same studio was able to successfully create a shared monsters realm decades ago. Out of the dozens of movies that make up this universe, The Wolf Man from 1941 has to be my favorite. The storyline is engaging, the sets gorgeous, and best of all, Lon Chaney Jr. as the titular character, which is undoubtedly the best casting in film history.



### Train to Busan

For those who complain that there aren't any good modern-day zombie movies, this South Korean gem stands tall as the exception. Avoid the dubbed version and watch this new found classic in its native glory.



### Adam Green's Frozen

No, not the Disney animated feature but rather the similarly named 2010 movie by Adam Green. Hands down, one of the most intense movies of this decade and proof that Green is one of the modern-day masters of horror.



### Rare Exports

A Finnish horror movie about a monstrous version of jolly old St. Nick terrorizing a mountain based town? Why isn't this movie more popular than it is?



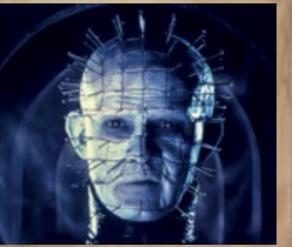
### Clown

An absolute guilty pleasure of mine. Eli Roth might have a questionable track record as a director, but his prowess as a producer is second to none. This movie is currently streaming on Netflix and is best watched with someone with coulrophobia.



### Hellraiser

Hailed as one of the best British horror movies of all time, Clive Barker's Hellraiser should be a mainstay on anyone's annual Halloween must-watch list. I've always enjoyed dissecting this movie with friends and comparing it to Barker's source material - The Hellbound Heart.



### Dead Sands

Before you all get your pitchforks out, let me say this - yes, this movie is bad. I mean really really bad. My name might be on the marquee, that does not make me blind to the problems it has. Still, the sixth anniversary is coming up in a few weeks, and there is an argument that this could be enjoyed in an ironic kind of way like Tommy Wiseau's The Room.



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## 10 Years of LoL!

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of League of Legends, Riot Games is celebrating its hit title by expanding the franchise and more. That includes League of Legends: Wild Rift, a 5v5 version of the MOBA that will be playable on consoles and mobile devices. Riot promises it's no port. Wild Rift is a new game that's supposedly built from the ground up, with twin-stick controls and matches made to last 15 - 18 minutes when it launches next year. New sets of champions and abilities will come to the game "every three or four months" on PC and mobile, with the first set, dubbed Rise of the Elements, scheduled to arrive on November 5th.



# business

## India cannot sacrifice economy to comply with US sanctions - FM

Reuters | New York

India wants to comply with global sanctions, including US sanctions on Venezuela and Russia, but also needs to maintain its own strength and strategic interests, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in an interview on Tuesday.

The United States in January imposed the toughest sanctions yet on Venezuela's oil industry. The move has scared away some global customers, but with few alternative suppliers of heavy oil, Indian refiner Reliance Industries Ltd has been buying Venezuelan crude from Russian major Rosneft. The company is set to resume direct oil loadings in the South American nation after a four-month pause.

Sitharaman said the Indian government has expressed its



India's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das arrive to attend the RBI's central board meeting in New Delhi, India

view to the United States.

"In specific issues which are critical for India's strategic interests, we have explained to the United States that India is a strategic partner for the United States of America and you want a strategic partner to be strong and not weakened," she said.

"We value the strong partnership with the USA, but we should equally be allowed to be a strong economy."

"Global headwinds ... are getting stronger by the day," Sitharaman said. Asked about further fiscal stimulus, she said: "I have not closed the door" on that.

New Delhi has been trying to boost domestic growth through an infrastructure package and a new loan programme organised with the banking sector that has doled out loans worth over 8.7 billion pounds, she said.

## GIB names Khaled Abbas Group Head of Wholesale Banking

TDT | Manama

Gulf International Bank (GIB) appointed Khaled Abbas, a banker with more than two decades of experience, as Group Head of Wholesale Banking.

Khaled assumes the role after having served as GIB's Country Head of UAE. Before joining GIB, he was Executive Vice President and Regional Head - Wholesale Banking Group at Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank for eight years and previously held other senior roles at Samba Financial Group and Banque Saudi Fransi.

Abdulaziz Al-Helaissi,



Khaled Abbas

Group Chief Executive Officer of GIB, said Khaled's deep experience will support GIB's continued focus on growth and diversification across the region.

## Oil rises on hopes OPEC will extend supply cuts

Reuters | Houston

Oil rose above \$59 a barrel yesterday, gaining support due to signs that OPEC and allied producers will make further curbs to oil supply in December, and as traders covered short positions ahead of an industry report on U.S. crude inventories.

Brent crude LCOc1, the global benchmark, rose 83 cents, or 1.4 per cent, to \$59.57 a barrel by 10:36 a.m. CDT (1536 GMT). U.S. crude CLc1 gained 82 cents, or 1.36pc, to \$53.63.

The Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies meet on Dec. 5-6 in Vienna to review output policy.

OPEC Secretary-General Mohammad Barkindo has said deeper cuts in oil production are an option. On Tuesday, he said OPEC would do what it could with allied producers to sustain oil market stability beyond 2020. OPEC, Russia and other producers have agreed to cut oil output by 1.2 million barrels per day until March 2020.

## US 'deeply concerned' about China ships carrying Iran oil

Reuters | Washington

The White House is warning Chinese shipping companies against turning off their ships' transponders to hide Iranian oil shipments in violation of US sanctions, two

senior administration officials said.

"We've been messaging very heavily to the shipping companies, you don't want to do this, it's not worth it," said one official, who spoke to Reuters

on condition of anonymity. "It's incredibly dangerous and irresponsible behaviour."

On Sept. 25, the US imposed sanctions on five Chinese individuals and two Chinese COSCO Shipping Corp subsidiaries,

saying they had shipped Iranian crude oil in violation of the sanctions. Days later, 14 COSCO Shipping Tanker (Dalian) vessels stopped sending location data from their automatic identification system (AIS).



The Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Shaker Al Shater recently received at Bait Al Tijjar the Riyadh-based Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Hungary Laszlo Csaba Pap accompanied by the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Hungary Balazs Garamvolgyi. Al Shater stressed the importance of bolstering trade and partnerships ties and invited the Hungarian Deputy Chief of Mission and the Hungarian business community to the 18th edition of the Arab Businessmen and Investors Conference in Bahrain between 11th and 13th November 2019.

## Gulf Air takes part in Women Power Summit 2019

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Gulf Air took part in a two-day Women Power Summit 2019 held at the Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa Hotel as its main sponsor and travel partner.

Five Bahraini women at Gulf Air- Director of Human Resources Nouf Al Sowaidi, Captain Yasmeen Fraidoon, Eman Mandeel, Flight Attendant Eman Abdulla and moderator Sarah Al Wasaibe of Gulf Air's marketing department - took part in a dedicated Gulf Air session on women in aviation.

Talks shed light on creating opportunities for the younger



Gulf Air's session on women in aviation

generation of women to follow their passion and seek non-traditional careers.

This year's summit focused on 'Women in Leadership: Inspiring Action and Leading Change'.

Gulf Air alongside other sponsors was recognised in an appreciation ceremony.

## Going Green: 350 kg of plastic waste removed from the port area

TDT | Bahrain

Around 350 kg of plastic waste were collected from the port area by APM Terminals as part of a mass clean-up campaign aimed at eliminating single-use plastic waste.

The event, part of a global 'Go Green' initiative was held in association with international port operators.

The campaign, now in its fifth edition, promoted environmental awareness and featured a series of activities and workshops.

APM Terminals, the operator of Khalifa bin Salman Port (KBSP), planted several trees by



In pictures, participants during the 'Go Green'



making use of recycled water from air conditioners.

APM Terminals Bahrain CEO Susan Hunter talked about the importance of preserving environmental resources during one of the workshops held. Another session by APM's Technical and Operations teams highlighted "Save Energy, Save Generations" campaign.

Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications (MTT), Ports and Maritime Affairs (PMA), Supreme Council for Environment and other government entities took part.

# Majid Al Futtaim Retail receives 'Sharjah Gulf Localisation Award'



The award ceremony during the sixth GCC HR & Labour Market Conference

TDT | Dubai

Majid Al Futtaim Retail, which operates the Carrefour brand across the Middle East, Africa and Asia, won the Sharjah Gulf Localisation Award during the sixth GCC HR & Labour Market Conference.

The award recognises Majid Al Futtaim's achievements in hiring and retaining GCC national talent across its Carrefour operations in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Bahrain.

The event was organised by the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Federation of GCC Chambers.

Majid Al Futtaim currently employs 125 Emiratis in senior roles in the UAE. In Saudi Arabia, the company has 1440 employees, 320 of whom hold

leadership positions. Over 1230 Omani, Bahraini and Kuwaiti nationals also work at Majid Al Futtaim Retail. The company said it aims to employ more GCC nationals by next year.

Receiving the award from Sheikh Abdullah bin Salem bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Deputy Ruler of Sharjah and Deputy Chairman of Sharjah Executive Council, was Younis Al Mulla, Senior Vice President - Development at Majid Al Futtaim Retail in the presence of Dr Abdullatif AlZayani, Secretary-General of Gulf Corporation Council and other guests.

Younis Al Mulla said: "The GCC is full of competent national talent that are highly capable and can contribute positively to the retail sector."

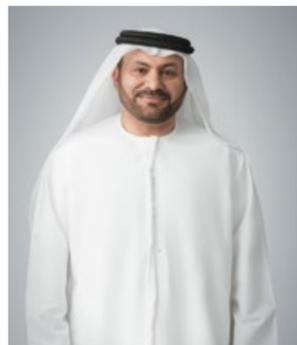
Al Mulla added that the company is working on a range of strategies and partnerships with



The award

various government and private entities, universities and training institutes "to enhance our position as an attractive brand that invests in local talent".

Majid Al Futtaim said it is actively supporting the career development of GCC nationals via several initiatives such as "Tumoohi", a comprehensive en-



Younis Al Mulla - SVP Business Development

try-level training programme for fresh graduates.

The company recently launched Tamkeen, the region's first fast-track programmed aimed at growing local talent and helping them unlock their vast potential in the retail industry.

# Hard work path to a brighter future: ABG CEO tells UoB students



Adnan Yousef, the Chairman of Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB) and Chief Executive of Al Baraka Banking Group (ABG), during an interactive session with UoB students

TDT | Manama

A top banker in Bahrain has urged students to "strive and work hard" and make use of their time efficiently for developing a strong personality and building a successful career.

Adnan Yousef the Chairman of Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB) and Chief Executive of Al Baraka Banking Group (ABG) was sharing his experience as a banker in the Kingdom with the students of University of Bahrain.

The meeting organised by BAB was part of its effort to inspire and encourage young people by introducing them exceptional personalities in banking banking sector.

"Keep focusing, determine your goal and make efficient use of time," Adnan Yousef told young students when asked about the ingredients for building a successful career.

Explaining Bahrain's growth as a banking hub, Adnan Yousef said the Kingdom since the early 1970s managed to attract major international and Arab banks, thanks to large increases in the petroleum revenues.

"This has brought benefits to Bahrain, primarily in diversifying income sources and generating thousands of jobs for Bahrainis, besides introducing international banking practices and producing several distinguished names in the industry."

Adnan also talked about his career starting with Habib Bank Limited in 1973 and then in American Express Middle East as a supervisor of the operational aspects of the loan portfolio. In 2000, he was named as the CEO of Al Baraka Banking Group.

Adnan Yousef also shared with students about the many important awards he received during his career.

# 'A Gift of Gold' from Malabar Gold & Diamonds

Offers valid from 16th October to 27th October 2019

'Scratch & win' coupons on purchase worth BD 300

Chances to win a gold coin or up to 50 gold coins instantly.



customers to win assured gold coins with Gold & Diamond Jewellery purchases.

In Bahrain, the offer began on Wednesday and will be spanning till 27th October 2019. Also, the company has unveiled the latest Festive Jewellery collection at special offer prices in gold, diamond and precious gem jewellery featuring the most eye-catching and unique trends bound to captivate the custom-

ers.

'A Gift of Gold' by Malabar Gold & Diamonds gives unmatched chances to win gold coins with gold & diamond jewellery purchases. Customers can win a guaranteed gold coin or up to 50 gold coins instantly on purchase of gold jewellery worth BD 300 via 'Scratch & Win' coupons. Adding to the above, customers also get two gram gold coin on diamond jewellery purchase of BD500 and a one gram gold coin on purchase of diamond jewellery worth BD300.

Also, customers will have a great opportunity to get protected from the increasing gold rate by just paying 10pc of the entire amount on your favourite gold jewellery. This offer is valid until 25th October. The customers also get a fabulous chance to buy 8 gm gold coins with absolutely no making charges from any of

Malabar Gold & Diamonds outlets in Bahrain during this period. Furthermore, customers can avail the zero deduction offer on 22K (GCC) gold jewellery exchange as well. Above offers are valid at their outlets in Bahrain until 27th October only.

The latest jewellery collection launched in celebration of the festive season includes both traditional and contemporary designs in 18 & 22K gold, diamond and precious gem jewellery and are guaranteed to suit the tastes of their multicultural and multinational customers. Malabar Gold & Diamonds has incorporated these designs as a part of various brands presented at Malabar Gold & Diamonds' namely Mine - Diamonds Unlimited, Era - Uncut Diamond Jewellery, Precia - Gem Jewellery, Divine-Indian Heritage Jewellery and Ethnix - Handcrafted Designer Jewellery.

# Batelco gets AVAYA 'Partner of the Year 2019' award



Avaya Award presented to Batelco - GITEX 2019

TDT | Manama

Batelco has been presented with the AVAYA 'Partner of the Year 2019' award by Westcon group, a leading distributor of Avaya products, at GITEX 2019.

The award recognises Batelco's focussed efforts in delivering Avaya products and solutions.

Westcon also presented Batelco with a certificate for its excellence in digital adoption

for ICT Order Management Systems for the Year 2019.

Abderrahmane Mounir, GM Enterprise, Batelco received the award.

Westcon Group Managing Director MENA Steve Lockie said, "This award is presented as a result of the exceptional efforts exerted by Batelco to deliver leading-edge technology that meets the requirements of its business customers and supports their economic growth."

# Etihad Airways, Air Arabia join hands for new low-cost airline

Sharjah | United Arab Emirates

Abu Dhabi's giant Etihad Airways and Sharjah's low-cost carrier Air Arabia announced yesterday an agreement to launch a new low-cost airline based in the United Arab Emirates capital.

Etihad Airways posted a loss in 2018 for the third year running, it said earlier this year, blaming investment losses and challenging market conditions.



A Boeing 787-10 Dreamliner of Etihad airline on take-off from Duesseldorf, Germany

The new Air Arabia Abu Dhabi will be launched in "due course", Tony Douglas, CEO of Etihad Aviation Group, said in a statement issued by the two Emirati carriers.

"This exciting partnership supports our transformation programme and will offer our guests a new option for low-cost travel to and from Abu Dhabi, supplementing our own services," he added.

Etihad, which has been undergoing restructuring since late 2017, said it had narrowed its losses in 2018 to \$1.28 billion, from \$1.52 billion the previous year.

Along with its 2016 losses, that adds up to total losses of \$4.67 billion over three years, prompting the company to scrap dozens of orders on aircraft.

Established in 2003 by the

oil-rich Gulf emirate's government, the airline has faced stiff competition from regional rivals Dubai aviation giant Emirates and Doha-based Qatar Airways.

Etihad invested heavily in carriers around the world including Alitalia, airberlin, Air Seychelles, Virgin Australia and India's Jet Airways, some of which have faced financial difficulties, causing Etihad heavy losses.

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JUSTIN FLETCHER, JOHN SPARKES, KATE HARBOUR

**THE LION KING (PG)(ADVENTURE/DRAMA/FAMILY)**

CITY CENTRE: 12.30 + 5.15 + 10.00 PM  
 DONALD GLOVER, SETH ROGEN, CHIWETEL EJIOFOR

**DORA AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD (PG)**

CITY CENTRE:10.30 AM + 3.00 + 7.45 PM  
 ISABELA MONER, Q'ORIANKA KILCHER, BENICIO DEL TORO

**TOY STORY 4 (G)(ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)**

CITY CENTRE:10.45 AM + 3.30 + 8.15 PM  
 TOM HANKS, TIM ALLEN, JOAN CUSACK

**SALMA'S BIG WISH (PG)(ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)**

SEEF (II): 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 PM  
 CRISTINA MALIZIA, JOSEPH HERNANDEZ, LUIS DUBUC

**THE SKY IS PINK (PG-15) (HINDI/DRAMA/ROMANTIC)**

SEEF (I): 12.30 + 6.00 + 11.30 PM  
 ZAIRA WASIM, PRIYANKA CHOPRA, FARHAN AKHTAR

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OASIS JUFFAIR : 3.15 + 8.30 PM  
 BIJU MENON, AJU VARGHESE, ANASWARA

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OASIS JUFFAIR : 12.30 + 5.45 + 11.00 PM  
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**JALLIKATU(PG-13)(MALAYALAM)**

OASIS JUFFAIR :12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM  
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**MOVIE REVIEW**

## 'Terminator: Dark Fate' ups the cyborg action

Tim Miller's new Terminator installment to show off more blood, more action and more Sarah Connor

● **'Terminator: Dark Fate' has a hugely emotional and powerful ending**

**T**erminator: Dark Fate is an upcoming American science-fiction action film directed by Tim Miller, with a screenplay by David S. Goyer, Justin Rhodes and Billy Ray from a story by James Cameron, Charles Eglee, Josh Friedman, Goyer and Rhodes. Cameron and David Ellison are the film's producers. It will be the sixth installment in the Terminator franchise and the first since Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) to have franchise creator James Cameron involved.

Cameron considers the film a direct sequel to his films The Terminator (1984) and Terminator 2: Judgment Day, while Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (2003), Terminator Salvation (2009), Terminator Genisys (2015) and the television



aa A scene from 'Terminator: Dark Fate'

series Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles (2008–2009) are described as occurring in alternate timelines.[6] The film stars Linda Hamilton, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Edward Furlong returning in their roles of Sarah Connor, the T-800 "Terminator", and John Connor, respectively, reuniting after 28 years. The film also stars Mackenzie Davis, Natalia Reyes, Gabriel Luna and Diego Boneta as new characters.

Distributed by Paramount Pictures in North America,

Tencent Pictures in China, and 20th Century Fox in other territories, the film is scheduled to be theatrically released in the United States on November 1, 2019. A first-look promotional image showing the film's three lead actresses was released in August 2018. It was the subject of some misogynistic Internet comments. A teaser trailer for the film was released on May 23, 2019, and features the cover version of Björk's "Hunter" performed by John Mark McMillan. The film's theatrical and inter-



**As Linda Hamilton returns to the blockbusting franchise, it's now clear that it was she, not Schwarzenegger, who changed the action movie for ever**

national trailers were released on August 29, 2019. The trailers' release date marked the anniversary of the original Judgment Day date given in the second film. In September 2019, Adobe Inc. and Paramount Pictures launched a contest for people to create their own remix version of the trailer using Adobe software and assets from the film.

The 2019 video game Gears of War 5 allows the player to play as either Sarah Connor with Hamilton voicing her character or a T-800 Terminator model. The game was released on September 6, 2019. The T-800 model will also be a downloadable playable character in Mortal Kombat 11. A mobile game, titled Terminator: Dark Fate – The Game, is scheduled for release on November 1, 2019. The film is scheduled to be released by Paramount Pictures in North America, Tencent Pictures in China, 20th Century Fox outside of North America and China on November 1, 2019 and in UK cinemas on October 23.

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Jameela Jamil and Sara Sampaio

# celebs

Bella Hadid



## Jameela Jamil, Sara Sampaio in bitter Twitter feud

Los Angeles

Actress Jameela Jamil and model Sara Sampaio are engaged in a bitter Twitter spat.

Jameela recently shared a video that was taken at a fashion show featuring women of various shapes and sizes.

"Oh my God, this looks like the most fun, and not a long starved terrified teenager in sight," she captioned the video.

Jameela's caption did not go down well with a lot of Twitter users, especially model Sara Sampaio.

Sara slammed Jameela, saying her comment is "extremely offensive".

"How about celebrating someone without bringing other people down? Calling runway models 'long-starved terrified teenager' is extremely offensive. From someone that is always preaching for body positivity this just screams hypocrisy," Sara wrote.

Jameela responded minutes later, clarifying she wasn't referring to every model in her original tweet, reports dailymail.co.uk.

"I didn't say all models in my tweet... so try to calm down. But I will say there is a 'vast' majority issue with young girls starving themselves, and using drugs to control their weight, to meet the very small sample sizes. If you don't see that, then you are in a bubble," Jameela said.

Jameela also shared that she does not preach body positivity.

"I also don't preach body positivity. I talk about moving away from all talk of body, in order to combat our current pervasive issue of eating disorder culture, which is in NO small way perpetuated by the extreme thinness demanded of girls by the high fashion powers that be," she added.

**Los Angeles**

Supermodel Bella Hadid is the most beautiful woman in the world. At least, that's what Greek mathematics says. Scientists determining the most beautiful woman on the planet according to the "Golden Ratio of Beauty Phi Standards" have picked the Victoria's Secret model's face as the one that comes closest to perfection, reports goss.ie. The "Golden Ratio of Beauty Phi" defines beauty in accordance to classic Greek calculations. Measurements of facial proportions are done going by standards that Greek scholars applied while trying to define beauty with scientific formula. According to the "Golden Ratio" measurements, the 23-year-old Bella has a face that is 94.35 per cent perfect.

## Bella Hadid is the world's most beautiful woman, says science

Also, going by the parameters of the "Golden Ratio of Beauty Phi", pop diva Beyoncé finished at the second spot. She has a face that is 92.44 per cent perfect.

Actress Amber Heard is at number three with a ratio of 91.85 per cent while pop star Ariana Grande is placed fourth with 91.81 per cent.

The measurements were conducted by Dr Julian De Silva, an eminent facial cosmetic surgeon at London's famous Harley Street.

"Bella Hadid was the clear winner when all elements of the face were measured for physical perfection. She had the highest overall reading for her chin which, with a score of 99.7 per cent, is only 0.3 per cent away from being the perfect shape," Dr Julian told The Daily Mail.



Shakira opens up about her upcoming Super Bowl show with Jennifer

Los Angeles



Shakira and Jennifer Lopez

## Saif to Sara: Focus on acting, not on being a star

Mumbai

Actor Saif Ali Khan says he tells his actress daughter Sara Ali Khan to focus on acting and not on being a star.

"I always tell her to focus on the acting and not being a star, and to always be herself," said Saif, when asked what advice he gives to his daughter Sara for her career.

The 49-year-old actor expressed dismay as far as fame is concerned.

He said that he does not like being

famous and that he thinks of fame as a hindrance in getting things done. He added that he finds fame annoying because it prevents him from wanting to just walk around the city doing his own thing.

Saif was on Beer-Bicep's video podcast called "The Ranveer Show" hosted by Ranveer Allahbadia, where he opened up on a number of things from acting to money, and from his good and bad days to his own growth as an actor.



## Miranda Kerr, Evan Spiegel blessed with baby boy!

Los Angeles

It's a boy! Supermodel Miranda Kerr and Snapchat CEO Evan Spiegel welcomed their second child, a son.

The proud parents named their son Myles. Kerr also shared the happy news on Instagram and said that they are "overjoyed" after welcoming their baby boy into the world.

"We are overjoyed at the arrival of Myles and so appreciate everyone's kind words and wishes during this special time. We couldn't be more excited to welcome our beautiful son into our family,"



Miranda Kerr and Evan Spiegel

Kerr captioned the post. Kerr and Spiegel are already proud parents to a 17-month-old son Hart. Kerr also shares 8-year-old son Flynn with ex-husband and actor Orlando Bloom, reported People.

The Australian model and Spiegel walked down the aisle in May 2017 in a small ceremony that included friends, family, and music from Jason Mraz and Colbie Caillat.

A representative for Kerr told People in March that she and Spiegel were expecting their second child together, 10 months after welcoming their son. The model gave birth to Hart on May 7, 2018.

## Bhumi Pednekar: I crave for versatility as an actor

Mumbai

Bhumi Pednekar, who has three films lined up for release, says she craves for versatility as an actress. She will be seen in "Saand Ki Aankh", "Bala" and "Pati Patni Aur Woh" in the coming months.

"I crave for versatility as an actor and my next three films will showcase my diversity of choosing films. All three are incredible scripts and are films that are close to my heart. Interestingly "Saand Ki Aankh" and "Bala" have an important message that will touch the hearts of audiences because of the social commentary present in the scripts. "Pati, Patni Aur Woh" is a superb script that will stand out," Bhumi said.



## Copycat art for Katrina Kaif's make-up line?

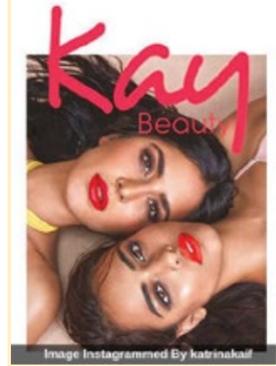


Image Instagrammed By katrinaKaif

Mumbai

If there is nothing like a bit of controversy to garner limelight, actress Katrina Kaif's bid to popularise her just-launched make-up line, Kay, has already made a head-start. The art direction of the advertisement announcing Katrina's venture bears an uncanny resemblance to that of reality TV star Kim Kardashian West's KKW Beauty.

The anonymous Instagram account Dietsabya called out the similarity on Wednesday, sharing snapshots of similar photographs of Katrina's Kay by Katrina and Kim's KKW Beauty.

"Gandi art direction or coincidence? Choose one... #dietsabya #beauty #dietbeauty #tooclosetohome," the images were cheekily captioned.

Kim's KKW Beauty art direction features Kim and model Winnie Harlow in a yin-yang position, while Kay's art direction has two models in a similar pose.

The photograph has currently 2,388 likes on Instagram.

## WAR becomes 2019's highest-grossing movie



Tiger Shroff and Hrithik Roshan

Mumbai

Hrithik Roshan and Tiger Shroff starrer 'WAR' has surpassed Kabir Singh to become the highest-grossing release of 2019.

The Siddharth Anand-directed movie minted Rs 280.60 crore, including the Telugu and Tamil releases, to achieve the feat.

Film critic and trade analyst Taran Adarsh shared the figures on his Twitter handle and also gave a list of the top five highest-earning films of the year.

According to Taran, as of October 15, 'War' is followed by Kabir Singh, 'Uri', 'Bharat' and 'Mission Mangal'.

## SPORTS

# Italy hammer Liechtenstein

Italy stays perfect in Euro 2020 qualification with 5-0 win in Liechtenstein

● **Andrea Belotti scored twice for Italy**

AFP | Rome

Andrea Belotti scored a second-half brace as already-qualified Italy overran Liechtenstein 5-0 on Tuesday to stretch their perfect run in Euro 2020 qualifying to eight games and match an 80-year Italian record.

Roberto Mancini's side were assured of top spot in Group J after a 2-0 win over Greece in Rome on Saturday.

Federico Bernardeschi gave Italy the lead after just two minutes in Vaduz but it was not until the last 20 minutes that the 'Azzurri' hammered home their domination with four late goals.

Belotti headed in twice for a second-half brace with Alessio Romagnoli and substitute Stephan El Shaarawy also scoring near the end.

Mancini celebrated his ninth win in a row as Italy manager to draw level with the record run of legendary Vittorio Pozzo back in 1938-1939.

Pozzo won the first two of Italy's four World Cup titles in 1934 and 1938 and gold in the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

"I'm more interested in his record of two World Cups and the Olympics, but even just winning Euro 2020 would be enough," said Mancini.

The 54-year-old former Inter Milan and Manchester City manager took over in May 2018 after Italy's failure to qualify for the World Cup.

Liechtenstein are already eliminated from the European tournament and they also lost 6-0 to Italy in Parma last March.

With qualification already in the bag, Mancini rang the



Italy's forward Andrea Belotti scores a goal



**Italy have won all eight games in Group J and now have nine consecutive wins**

changes with Paris Saint-Germain midfielder Marco Verratti the only survivor from the Greece game.

The 26-year-old took the captain's armband with Leonardo Bonnucci rested, as Napoli defender Giovanni Di Lorenzo got his senior Italian debut aged 26, with winger Vincenzo Grifo, also 26, getting his first start.

Roma midfielder Nicolo Zaniolo, 20, made his first senior start having come off the bench in his three previous appear-

ances.

Brescia midfielder Sandro Tonali, 19, was also given his first international debut in the second half.

"We struggled a bit because we didn't find the second goal right away, but with so many changes it was inevitable to spend a little time finding the right chemistry," said Mancini.

"The important thing is that all the kids are really involved.

"And the truth is that in June, I will be forced to make choices and some good players will have to stay out."

### 'Italy back'

With only pride to play, for the hosts threatened early with Dennis Salanovic testing Salvatore Sirigu after just one minute.

A minute later Italy were ahead with Belotti setting up Cristiano Biraghi who connected with Bernardeschi to finish off for his second goal in a row after Greece last weekend.

Belotti broke through for the second with 20 minutes to go

getting his head to the end of Freiburg winger Grifo's corner.

El Shaarawy, who plays for Shanghai Shenhua, came on for Zaniolo after the hour mark, and set up Romagnoli for the third before scoring himself with eight minutes to go.

Belotti completed the rout when he dived to meet a Di Lorenzo cross for his second goal on the night as Liechtenstein fell to their sixth defeat in eight games, having held Greece and Armenia to draws.

"Liechtenstein brings me luck, especially here as I got a brace last time too," said Belotti, with five of his eight Italy goals against the team.

"We're a completely different team from the one that lost the World Cup play-offs to Sweden two years ago.

"It's right that Italy are back where we belong."

Italy next play Bosnia and Herzegovina on November 15 with Liechtenstein travelling to second-placed Finland Liechtenstein.

## Bahrain1Racing driver clinches Pro Mod title in NHRA series



Bahrain1Racing driver Stevie Jackson celebrates with his trophy

TDT | Manama

Bahrain1Racing driver Stevie Jackson was crowned World Champion of the 2019 E3 Spark Plugs NHRA Pro Mod Series in the United States of America.

Behind the wheel of Bahrain1Racing's supercharged Camaro, Jackson clinched the title on Monday at the zMAX Dragway in North Carolina after winning his Pro Mod final against fellow-American Steven Whiteley.

Jackson, who is fondly nicknamed "Stevie Fast", was able to wrap up the championship battle with one round still remaining in the 2019 season. It is his first title in the Pro Mod category of the prestigious National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) series.

BIC lauds the efforts of the entire Bahrain1Racing Team, led by HH Shaikh Abdullah, and in particular the determination and skill of Jackson, who has once again proven that he is one of the top drag racers in the world.

BIC Chief Executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa commented: "I congratulate HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al

Khalifa on winning the World title and for leading Bahrain1Racing to the highest levels of international motor racing."

"Bahrain1Racing is an inspiration to the drag racing community not only in the Kingdom of Bahrain but also in the entire region, as one of the most competitive outfits globally in the sport."

"The team's success would not have been possible without the considerable efforts and dedication of His Highness Shaikh Abdullah. It is also a testament to the vibrant motorsport culture we enjoy in the Kingdom of Bahrain, which has been growing exponentially year after year."

On his title victory, an emotional Jackson was quoted as saying: "This shows that anyone who works hard can be a champion."

"This all started in a hospital bed in 2018 after I crashed here [in another race]. HH Shaikh Abdullah said we were going to put together a team to go after the championship and that's what we've done."

Jackson will be back in action for Bahrain1Racing at the 2019 NHRA season finale in Las Vegas at the end of the month.

## Switzerland beat Ireland to keep automatic Euro hopes alive

AFP | Geneva

Haris Seferovic's early effort and Shane Duffy's late own goal kept Switzerland's hopes of automatic qualification for Euro 2020 alive with a 2-0 victory over the Republic of Ireland on Tuesday.

Although Vladimir Petkovic's side have already guaranteed a play-off spot via the Nations League, the win means they are just a point behind Group D leaders Republic and Denmark with two matches remaining in their campaign.

They also have the better of the head-to-head record with the Irish as the two teams drew 1-1 in September.

Ireland's destiny will come down to their final game of the campaign against Denmark, a match they need to win to qualify.

"They were dominant in the first half but we had a second half we can be proud of," man-



Switzerland's forward Haris Seferovic (L) scores his team's first goal

ager Mick McCarthy told broadcasters Sky Sports.

"It's a cup final. Beat Denmark to reach Euro 2020. I would have taken that at the start and

I'll take it now," he added.

Captain Duffy and right-back Seamus Coleman will both miss the fixture in Dublin after picking up yellow and red cards re-

spectively.

McCarthy, in his second spell as Republic coach, made three changes from Saturday's draw at Georgia, handing 19-year-old

striker Aaron Connolly his first international start.

Petkovic kept faith in the starting lineup which lost 1-0 to Denmark at the weekend.

The hosts claimed an early lead as Benfica's Seferovic scored his first international goal since last November after a quarter of an hour.

McCarthy's side's could have equalised with four minutes of the first half to play but Shane Duffy fired his header straight at goalkeeper Yann Sommer.

Defender Ricardo Rodriguez missed a chance to make sure of all three points when his 77th minute penalty was saved superbly by Darren Randolph.

Everton right-back Seamus Coleman was shown a red card for a hand ball which resulted in the spot kick.

The home side's second goal came as Duffy deflected an effort from Edimilson Fernandes in injury time into an empty net.

## Sanchez may require surgery for ankle injury - Inter

Reuters | Milan

Chile striker Alexis Sanchez may need surgery on his ankle after picking up an injury in their 0-0 draw with Colombia last week, his club side Inter Milan have said.

Sanchez injured tendons in his left ankle when he was fouled towards the end of the match and missed Tuesday's friendly win over Guinea.

Chile coach Reinaldo Rueda had said after the Colombia game that Sanchez could be out of action for two to three months if the injury required surgery.

"Alexis Sanchez underwent medical tests... Results revealed a joint dislocation in his left ankle which has caused damage to the peroneus longus tendon," Inter said in a statement.

## Clasico concerns for Madrid as Modric, Bale sit out training

AFP | Madrid

Real Madrid face an anxious wait to see if Luka Modric and Gareth Bale will be fit for next week's Clasico against Barcelona after both players missed training on Tuesday.

Modric and Bale each did gym work indoors as they attempted to recover from injuries sustained playing in the Euro 2020 qualifier between Croatia and Wales on Sunday.

It leaves Madrid uncertain over the fitness of two key players, with the crunch La Liga game against Barca at Camp Nou fast-approaching on October 26.

Wales coach Ryan Giggs said Bale was struggling with pain in his calf towards the end of their draw with Croatia in Cardiff but suggested the problem was cramp. Madrid confirmed that Modric sustained a thigh injury in the match.

"Following the tests carried out today on our player Luka Modric by the Real Madrid medical department, he has been diagnosed with a bruise in his right quadriceps," a club statement read. "His recovery will continue to be assessed."

Real Madrid, who sit top of La Liga, play away at Mallorca on Saturday and at Barcelona a week later, with an important Champions League group game away at Galatasaray in between.

# Rodrigo fires Spain into Euro

Rodrigo Moreno ensures a Euro 2020 spot for Spain with his late equaliser against Sweden

**Marcus Berg thought he had won the match for Sweden with his header before Rodrigo struck**

AFP | Stockholm

Spain sealed qualification for Euro 2020 with two games to spare on Tuesday after Rodrigo Moreno came off the bench to score a dramatic injury-time equaliser in a 1-1 draw with Sweden.

The 2008 and 2012 European champions needed only a point in Stockholm to guarantee automatic progress to the finals. Rodrigo ensured they got it, after Marcus Berg had headed Sweden into the lead early in the first half.

Rodrigo's 92nd-minute tap-in sparked jubilant celebrations on the touchline. It provided a dramatic conclusion to an otherwise fairly smooth campaign for Robert Moreno, who took over in June following the resignation of Luis Enrique.

"Qualification is a must for a team like Spain but achieving it still has value," said Moreno. "It releases the pressure and gives us time to work."

After drawing their last two matches, Spain are top of Group F on 20 points, five ahead of Sweden and six above Romania, who missed the chance to



Rodrigo Moreno of Spain celebrates after scoring his team's first goal

take second spot when Norway's Alexander Sorloth snatched a last-ditch 1-1 draw in Bucharest.

Finishing ahead of Sweden, Romania and Norway offers only a limited idea of how Spain will fare against Europe's elite.

There remain several question marks over key positions, not least in goal, where David de Gea started but was forced off injured in the second half, a worry for his club Manchester United ahead of their meeting with Premier League leaders Liverpool this weekend.

De Gea appeared to have pulled a muscle in his right leg after making a clearance and

was replaced by Chelsea's Kepa Arrizabalaga, who had started Saturday's 1-1 draw Norway.

"He said at half-time he wanted to continue," Moreno said. "It's a pull in his adductor. We will have to assess the damage."

New era for Spain

Suspensions for Sergio Ramos and Sergio Busquets meant there was not a single player in the starting line-up who had played in the Euro 2008 and 2012 triumphs, or the World Cup in between.

Moreno is furthering Spain's attempt to usher in a new era. Barca's 16-year-old sensation

Ansu Fati could be an option against Malta and Romania next month.

Fati became the second youngest player to represent Spain under-21s on Tuesday night, coming on for the final 10 minutes of Spain's 2-0 win over Montenegro.

For the senior side, Villarreal's Gerard Moreno made his debut up front. Rodri and Inigo Martinez came in for the banned Ramos and Busquets.

Spain made a strong start and should have taken the lead when Thiago Alcantara had only the keeper to beat, but failed either to finish or find Mikel Oyarzabal



**David De Gea suffered an injury that could rule him out of Manchester United's Premier League clash with Liverpool on Sunday**

waiting for a tap-in inside him. Rodri and Moreno both went close but Sweden survived and then grew into the game, breaking Spain's rhythm and creating chances of their own.

De Gea made a brilliant diving save to stop Robin Quaison's header flying into the top corner. Then a neat touch from Berg set up Emil Forsberg who grazed the post.

Sweden stayed in the ascendancy after half-time and broke through in the 50th minute. De Gea palmed away Berg's header and then rose to deny Forsberg on the rebound but the ball spun up from his second save and Berg was well-placed to nod in the opener.

Kepa replaced the limping De Gea on the hour.

Spain had some joy from crosses, with Moreno and Oyarzabal both going close. But it looked like Sweden would hold on until Rodrigo, on for Thiago, struck.

## Messi wins third straight Golden Shoe award

AFP | Beijing

Barcelona attacker Lionel Messi has been presented with the European Golden Shoe after ending the 2018-19 season as the leading marksman on the continent.

He won the race by scoring 36 times in 34 outings for the Camp Nou side last season as they regained their Primera Division trophy, with the 32-year-old once again their star performer.

It was the sixth occasion he has won the award and marked nine years after he first lifted the prize by scoring 34 goals during the 2009-10 campaign.

Kylian Mbappe of Paris Saint-Germain was the only player to push the South American close in the race, with the young French superstar having netted on 33 occasions for the Ligue 1 champions.

Completing the top three was



Lionel Messi poses with his family after receiving his sixth Golden Shoe award

Fabio Quagliarella of Sampdoria, who found the net 26 times to finish as Serie A's leading scorer.

Three players have dominated

the Golden Shoe over the course of the last decade, with the usual suspects of Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo joined by two-time winner Luis Suarez,

who is the only non-La Liga player to win the award - doing so jointly with Ronaldo in 2014 while still a Liverpool player - since the Portuguese did so with Manchester United in 2008.

Remarkably, the winner of the Golden Boot award in eight of the last nine seasons has scored at a rate of more than a goal per game. The one exception was Messi's 2018 triumph, when he netted on 34 occasions, having played 36 matches.

Messi will be hard pushed to match his previous exploits during the 2019-20 season, which has already been marked with two spells out with injury, restricting him to just one full 90-minute display in La Liga to date. The five-time Ballon d'Or winner, who was also recently awarded FIFA's The Best Male Player for 2018-19, marked that appearance with a goal against Sevilla.

## Bahrain's Salwa Eid Naser nominated for Female World Athlete of the Year



Salwa Eid Naser of Bahrain crosses the finish line to win the Women's 400 Metres final (file photo)

TDT | Manama

Bahraini champion Salwa Eid Naser, has been selected as a nominee in the 2019 World Athletes of the Year.

She is one of the 11 nominees for Female World Athlete of the Year who were selected by an international panel of athletics experts, comprising representatives from all six continental areas of the IAAF, the IAAF said.

The nominations of 11 athletes reflects the remarkable

range of exceptional performances that the sport has witnessed this year, at the IAAF World Athletics Championships in Doha, and in the Diamond League and in road and cross country events.

Salwa was selected after she won world 400m title in 48.14, the third-fastest time in history. She also won the Diamond League title and three gold medals at the Asian Championships.

Salwa remains undefeated at 400m outdoors.

## Murray overcomes Coppejans in Antwerp opener

Reuters | Antwerp

Former world number one Andy Murray began his European Open campaign with a battling 6-4 7-6(4) victory over unseeded Belgian Kimmer Coppejans in Antwerp on Tuesday.

The 32-year-old Scot, who is continuing his comeback after having career-saving hip re-



Andy Murray returns a shot

surfacing surgery in January, was stretched by the wildcard in the second set but held his nerve to prevail in an hour and 44 minutes.

Three-times Grand Slam champion Murray won 75% of points on his first serve and converted four out of six break points to overcome his opponent, who is ranked 158

in the world, for his first ATP level victory in Europe for 16 months.

Up next for Murray is either eighth seed Pablo Cuevas or Bolivia's Hugo Dellien.

Murray is hoping to regain full match fitness before he makes his much-anticipated Grand Slam return at next year's Australian Open.