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Foreign minister attends GCC meeting in Riyadh

Riyadh
The Gulf Cooperation Council leaders' Summit with US President Donald Trump reflects the pivotal role played by GCC countries in consolidating the foundations of peace and stability regionally and internationally. Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa said at the GCC Ministerial Council meeting held here yesterday. The meeting will prepare ground for GCC-USA summit.



Ruth Jebet competes during the Women's 3000m Steeplechase

Golden day for Bahrain at Baku

Kingdom lifts four gold and three bronze medals at Solidarity Games

DT News Network Baku, Azerbaijan

Bahrain yesterday lifted four gold and three bronze medals at the ongoing fourth edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games, being held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Ruth Jebet raced to victory in the women's 3,000 metres steeplechase on day-two of the athletics competition to give Bahrain its first gold medal at the games. The Olympic champion, who is arguably the biggest star at these Games, won yesterday's race by over 10 seconds during the morning session at the Olympic stadium.

Her time of 9 minutes 15.41 seconds was over 21 seconds off her own world record she set in Paris last year, but she looked effortless in the Baku sunshine in front of another sparse crowd.

Algeria's Amina Bettiche (9:25.90) came in second place, followed by another Bahrain runner Tigest Mekonen, who completed this race in third place in 9:26.00 to seal the bronze.

Bahrain's athletes continued to impress late on as Adekoya Oluwakemi clocked 54.75 seconds to capture a second gold in the women's 400m steeplechase final, in

which compatriot Aminat Yusuf notched a bronze.

Ali Khamis completed the athletics triumph winning Bahrain's third gold in the men's 400m in 45.54 seconds, while Noora Jassim handed Bahrain its third bronze in the shot put event.

Bahrain's fourth gold medal of the day was won by the shooting team of Maryam Hasani and Hassan Al Majed in the skeet mixed team event at the shooting field.

The Bahraini pair scored 27 points in the final against Azerbaijan (24) for silver and Turkey took the bronze after beating Azerbaijan 25 (+2) - 25 (+1) in the final.

Hasani and Al Majed celebrated their victory with members of the Bahrain delegation headed by Supreme Council for Youth and Sports deputy general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) general secretary Abdulrahman Askar. Andrew Fisher opened Bahrain's medal account at the Games, racing to a second place finish in the men's 100m final on Tuesday.

Bahrain has now jumped from 24th to 8th position in the medal table with eight medals in total, including 4 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze.

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Noora Salem Jasim (bronze)



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Combating the IED threat

GCC nations mull forming 'Centre of Excellence'

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Counter-IED efforts took centre stage at a key conference held here yesterday by the Gulf nations, which also mulled creating a GCC 'Centre of Excellence' for the purpose.

The centre, once formed, will act as a hub for sharing information and training counter-IED (Improvised Explosive Devices) measures, according to officials at the conference.

However, it was later revealed that the decisions regarding this will not be taken here.

"No decision will be made

here now, as we will be hosting another conference around November-December and a decision could be made there," said Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Price, Defence Attaché at British Embassy in Bahrain to *DT News*.

This was revealed during the United Kingdom/Gulf cooperation council (UK/GCC) counter-improvised explosive device (C-IED) conference held here yesterday.

Meanwhile, Brigadier, Gareth Collett CBE, Defence Attache at the British Embassy in Baghdad told *DT News* that the UK would encourage forming such a centre.

He, however, said that this is the first time the Gulf



Brigadier Gareth Collett CBE, Defence Attache at the British Embassy of Baghdad

Cooperation Council nations have come together to discuss the threats posed by IEDs.



Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Price, Defence Attache at British Embassy in Bahrain

"The conference is all about enabling troops to counter IEDs effectively

with equipment, tactics, techniques and procedures while gathering biometric and forensic evidence," he said highlighting the need to close down its networks.

"By networks, I mean those who make them, the people who finance them, the people who supply them and such," he explained.

The Defence Attache, however, warned that those suppliers and financiers could be from outside the GCC countries.

"So by sharing information, we will bring an effective system in place at least to minimise the effect of the IEDs," the Brigadier said.

When asked about the challenges faced by the

GCC countries, Collett told *DT News* that the real threat lies in the pace at which the IED development is proceeding in terrorist organisations.

"What we need here is a system to share information to find out 'How these IEDs are proliferating'," he said.

The move, according to the Defence Attache, will also facilitate the formation of a 'GCC Centre of Excellence' where people can come together, train together and share common understandings to defeat these malicious devices.

The conference will continue for its second day today.



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Workshop proposes tougher penalties for terror crimes

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A regional counter-terrorism workshop held here yesterday has recommended tougher penalties for terror crimes, including death and life imprisonment to achieve deterrence.

The workshop was organised by the Parliamentary Training Centre at the General Secretariat of the House of Representatives in cooperation with Bahrain Institute for Political Development (BIPD).

The workshop saw the participation of Information Affairs Ministry in Bahrain, the League of Arab States, House of Representatives and Shura Council and parliamentary delegations from different Arab countries.

The delegations from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Sudan, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Egypt, Morocco and Palestine, reviewed their experiments in defeating terrorism in four



Delegates from different Arab countries attending the counter-terrorism workshop

sessions held at the workshop.

"The phenomenon of terrorism has become a serious threat to all countries and societies. No country can distance itself from the dangers of this phenomenon," said a joint statement issued by the participating delegations at the end of the workshop.

The delegation issued 28 recommendations that will be adopted by the Permanent Human Rights in the League of

Arab States.

A major recommendation included tightening the penalties imposed for terrorist crimes to achieve deterrence, with maximum penalties prescribed by comparative laws and regulations such as death and life imprisonment.

The delegations agreed to review the legislative councils of the Arab States for their national counter-terrorism legislations and to develop

it periodically to combat terrorism in all its forms and to develop its crimes in line with human rights.

The recommendations also

tackled the media, instructing to review legislations related to the media and press, in order to draw clearer boundaries between what is considered

an expression of opinion and what is a promotion of ideas related to terrorism, in addition to uniting the Arab media towards terrorism and extremism.

The workshop also recommended organising more joint events and conferences to tackle terrorism and extremism, cybercrime, promote moderate religious speeches and mobilise international opinion against terrorism.

The delegations which attended the workshop expressed their gratitude, appreciation and support to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for patronising human rights and combatting terrorism.

Narcotics worth BD10m destroyed by authorities

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Narcotics worth more than BD10 million confiscated between 2008 and 2015 were destroyed by the authorities yesterday.

This was announced by the Head of Judicial Inspection in the Public Prosecution and Head of the Committee for the Destruction or Delivery of Narcotic Substances and Instruments Subject to Confiscation General Attorney Osama Al Awfi, yesterday.

The General Attorney confirmed that the committee destroyed around 2.6 tonnes of assorted narcotic substances with a market value of more than BD10 million.

"The substances were burned inside the ovens of a company at a temperature of up to 900 degrees Celsius for nearly five hours until it was confirmed to be burnt completely. The process was done under the full supervision of the Committee, which documented the entire destruction process," Al Awfi explained.

He added that the committee was formed by the decision of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa as stipulated by the Law on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

It is headed by Al Awfi and includes members Major General Fawaz Issa Al Dosari in Interior Ministry's Anti-Narcotics Department, Mohammed Abdul Rahim Bujiri Courts Department Director at Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Ministry.

Safety campaign launched



An official distributing notices to a worker

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The General Directorate of Civil Defence has launched a labour camp safety campaign for all governorates to encourage labourers who live in shared accommodations to adopt safety instructions at homes.

As part of the awareness campaign, General Directorate of Civil Defence officials visited labour camps and distributed awareness publications in Arabic, English, Urdu and Hindi. The beneficiaries were gifted smoke detectors.

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International Book Fair and Cultural Fest opened



Dr. Shashi Tharoor, former UN Under Secretary General, inaugurating the International Book Fair and Cultural Fest



Shaikh Khalifa bin Dajj Al Khalifa unveiling the Malayalam translation of the "Era of Darkness" at the Book Fair and Cultural Fest

DT News Network Manama

The International Book Fair and Cultural Fest organised by Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam and DC Books was inaugurated by Dr. Shashi Tharoor, former UN Under Secretary General and Member of Indian Parliament at Segaya BKS DJ Hall yesterday.

Shaikh Khalifa bin Dajj Al Khalifa, President of HRH Crown Prince's Court, Anand Prakash, Second Secretary Indian Embassy, P V Radhakrishnan, Ravi Deecce, M K Veeramani and other dignitaries were present at the inaugural function.

'Era of Darkness', written by

Shashi Tharoor on the British empire in India, was released at the function. The ten-day-long event will feature a book fair, cultural fest and children's competition. The fest will also be graced by prominent litterateurs and renowned personalities like Dr. Vandana Siva, writers Dr. K S Ravikumar, Manoj Kuroor and career guru B.S Warriar.

Seminars, interactive sessions and literature workshops will be held during the festival. Story writing competitions, colouring and painting, poem writing and book cover designing will be conducted for school children.

Current Books, Manorama,

Mathrubhumi, Sankeerthanam, Olive, Penguin, HarperCollins, Oxford University Press and Random House among others will display their books at the Fair. DC Books will exhibit books from various genres --- stories, poems, novels, children's literature and self-help books among others. The fair will have titles for bibliophiles to choose from a variety of categories like fiction, non-fiction, novels, short stories, management and cookery. A special section has been arranged for children of all age groups. A wide range of classics, folklores, adventures and comics will be displayed in this section.



The audience at the inaugural ceremony



President of HRH the Crown Prince's Court Shaikh Khalifa bin Dajj Al Khalifa hosted a luncheon reception to Dr Shashi Tharoor, former UN Under Secretary General, Member of Indian Parliament and former Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India, at Trader Vic's yesterday. Indian Ambassador Alok Kumar Sinha and other community leaders attended the reception.

A book reading session for visually challenged kids

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Bahraini author Lamees Alhassar hosted a book reading session for a batch of visually challenged children at the Saudi Bahraini Institute for the Blind in Isa Town. She narrated a few chapters from her coveted children's classic 'A Space Adventure To The Green Sun' in the presence of the director of the institute A. Wahid Mohammed Alkhayat, teachers and members of the media.

'A Space Adventure To The Green Sun' has also been translated into Braille for the children as an aid to practice their English reading skills during the summer vacations.

"I believe that books touch upon the immense potential all human beings have to become tremendous catalysts of change and positivity," said Alhassar.



Lamees Alhassar during the reading session with visually challenged children

"These kids prove that there are no boundaries that define greatness, and their willingness

to learn inspires me," she said. The session ended with Alkhayat handing Lamees a

token of appreciation for her contribution and commitment to giving back to the society.

Alhassar has penned several books in genres such as fiction, non-fiction, kids' books, self

Lamees Alhassar narrated a few chapters from her book 'A Space Adventure To The Green Sun' during the reading session

help and more. Some of her notable books include 'The Power of Gratitude',

'Planet Robani 1', 'The End of the World', 'A Space Adventure to the Green Sun' and an array of colouring books for adults and children.

The entire range of her books is published and available globally on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

visitUAE roadshow held



Mohammed Khamis Al Muhairi, Undersecretary for Minister of Economy and Consultant for Tourism Affairs, UAE along with the members of visitUAE

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Manama

Numerous tourism and travel companies showcased their products and services to promote 'Seven Emirates One Destination' at the UAE roadshow held at InterContinental Regency, the other day.

Business representatives from around 18 tourism-related companies were present at the event organised by visitUAE.

Mohammed Khamis Al

Muhairi, Undersecretary for Minister of Economy and Consultant for Tourism Affairs, UAE, said, "Although we have organised it in many other countries, this is the first time we are organising the UAE roadshow in Bahrain."

"The motive of this event is to bring all travel agencies and airlines under one umbrella which is the Ministry of Tourism and to brief them about the latest developments in the tourism industry. We believe this will increase the

visitors from Bahrain and from all GCC Countries to UAE and will boost the economy. GCC contributes for the 70 per cent of visitors coming into UAE. We need to keep the industry informed and also the people in the industry should travel abroad and meet the stakeholders and their partners. We will continue to promote in Bahrain. We have a great number of participants here and our expectations have been met", the Undersecretary told the DT.



Shanta Ashok

Condolence meeting

Manama

A condolence meeting will be held for Late Shanta Ashok Thaker who passed away on Tuesday at the age

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Nominations open for 9th eGovt award

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Nominations are now open for the 9th edition of eGovernment Excellence Award 2017, the The Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) announced yesterday.

This year's Government Awards categories comprise: 'Best eGovernment Website', 'Best Government-to-Government eService', 'Best Practice in Community eParticipation', and 'Best

eGovernment Integrated Services for Individuals or Businesses'. While Multi Sectors Awards categories encompass: 'Best Application for Smart Devices'; combined with Citizen Awards categories of both 'Best eConcept' and 'eCitizen'.

To file nominations log on to www.egovaward.bh starting today until 22 June 2017, the statement added.

The award, in its 9th version, is held under the

patronage of His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak AlKhalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the Supreme Committee for Information & Communication Technology.

"New categories have been introduced to the award in the government sector such as for the 'Best Government-to-Government eService' and 'Best eGovernment Integrated Services for Individuals or Businesses'," stated iGA's

Chief Executive Mohammed Ali AlQaed on the award.

Explaining further, AlQaed said that this year's award focuses on innovative applications that are utilized to upgrade the level of services as well as reduce costs, time and efforts in accomplishing a process or a set of processes through exchanging information and completing transactions.

"Overall, the award

highlights all the innovative projects that enhance the ICT infrastructure in the Kingdom of Bahrain," the CE further added.

AlQaed urged government entities, businesses, civil society institutions and citizens to submit their work for the award.

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BTEA holds embroidery Workshop for RCO



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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority (BTEA) Handicrafts Directorate held a graduation ceremony for the participants of the second edition of the embroidery workshop for the Royal Charity Organisation (RCO).

The ceremony held at the Al Jasrah Handicrafts Centre was attended by the Assistant

Secretary General for Planning Resource Development of RCO, Yusef Abdullah Al-Yaqoob, and other officials.

The workshop presented by the trainer, Sakina Al Qafas, focused on providing basic skills of embroidery, techniques and the method of employing its various tools and types. A total of 12 candidates from the Royal Charity Organisation participated in the workshop,

which ran for a period of three weeks starting 23 April.

"We are pleased to coordinate with the Royal Charity Organisation to graduate a new batch of trainees in the art of hand embroidery and to contribute to the spread of this traditional craft in the society," said the Director of Handicrafts Directorate at the BTEA, Shaikha Wafa bint Saif Al Khalifa.



Participants during a photocall

Armacell breaks ground for manufacturing facility

To create 100 jobs within the first three years of operation

Manama

Armacell has broken ground for the construction of its manufacturing facility in the Bahrain International Investment Park, which is expected to create around 100 jobs within the first three years of its operation.

The company, a global leader in flexible foam for the equipment insulation market and a leading provider of engineered foams, plans to start production in 2018, according to a statement released yesterday.

The Armacell Group, through Armacell Middle East Company S.P.C., will manufacture a comprehensive range of products for the GCC, including high-density materials and elastomeric insulation for heating, ventilation and air-



Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani and Khalid Al Rumaihi with Armacell officials during the ceremony conditioning (HVAC) systems at the new plant.

Commenting on the launch, Patrick Mathieu, President & CEO of Armacell International S.A., commented: "We are excited to begin our operations early next year, benefiting from

Bahrain's modern business environment, central location and world-class infrastructure."

The groundbreaking was attended by senior representatives from Armacell in the presence of Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister

of Industry, Commerce & Tourism and Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB).

Speaking on the occasion, Al Zayani said that the Kingdom is looking forward to supporting Armacell here in Bahrain and in the wider GCC.

In this regard, Khalid Al

Rumaihi pointed out that investment from companies such as Armacell creates high quality jobs and plays an important role in supporting the Kingdom's diversification efforts. Manufacturing sector is one of the key sectors in the Kingdom's economy. It accounts for around 15 per cent of real GDP and has grown by 20pc over the past 5 years and is the second largest contributor to Bahrain's non-oil sector.

Thanking the support provided by EDB, Guillaume Huguen, Vice President EMEA, added: "The construction of our own production site in Bahrain is the logical next step to serve the continuously growing domestic demand in the Gulf Region."

Armacell has been active in the Gulf Region for a decade and is led by Neville D'Souza, General Manager of Armacell Middle East Company S.P.C.

India to build 10 domestic nuclear power reactors

New Delhi

India yesterday said it will develop 10 domestically-built heavy water reactors to increase its nuclear power capacity, as it looks to ramp up clean energy generation.

The federal cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the plan to build the pressurised heavy water reactors with a combined capacity of 7,000 megawatts, more than double the country's current atomic power generation of 6,780 megawatts.

"A total of 7,000 MW capacity will be added. It will help produce clean energy," power minister Piyush Goyal said at a media briefing.

The planned nuclear units will generate business worth 700 billion rupees (\$11 billion) and create more than 33,000 jobs, the government said.

However it did not specify where these units will be built or how long they will take to become operational.

The homegrown reactors will be built under the ambitious 'Make in India' initiative, with the government saying it will boost India's nuclear manufacturing capability.



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Lulu opens food processing and export unit in Sri Lanka

Colombo

To further boost its sourcing operations and to bring in high quality products for its large chain of hypermarkets, Middle East based retail giant LuLu group yesterday inaugurated its world-class sourcing, food processing & export unit in Sri Lanka.

Y.A.S. Lanka was inaugurated by Sagala Ratanayaka, Chief of Staff to the PM and Minister for Law and Order and Southern Development in the presence of Duminda Disanake, Agriculture Minister, Navin Disanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries, Eran Wickramaratne, State Enterprise Development Minister, Yusuffali MA, Chairman of LuLu Group, other high ranking officials and prominent businessmen.

Situated ideally in the Katanayake Export Processing



In pictures, Sagala Ratanayaka, Chief of Staff to the Sri Lankan PM and Minister for Law and Order and Southern Development inaugurating and touring the YAS LANKA facility in Colombo. Also seen are Yusuffali MA, Chairman, Salim MA, Director of LuLu Group, Ministers and other key government officials.

Zone, near Colombo International Airport, the state-of-the-art facility will primarily focus on sourcing, processing, storing, packaging and exporting of fruits, vegetables and commodities from Sri Lanka to various LuLu operations around the world.

Speaking at the inauguration, Yusuffali MA, Chairman of LuLu Group said, "It is our ongoing strategy to set up our own sourcing and food processing units around the world to ensure uninterrupted supply and competitive pricing by eliminating middle

men. Sri Lanka has a vast variety of fruits, vegetables and various commodities and we are working closely with the ministry of Southern Development and Govt. of Sri Lanka to boost its export. Already we are exporting almost US\$5 million worth

of Fruits, vegetables and commodities, which is expected to go upto US\$10m by the end of first year."

The quantum of export is expected to raise from current 3500 tons to 7000 tons.

Currently LuLu operates 134 hypermarkets in 10

countries in Gulf countries, Egypt, Indian and the Far East and employs over 40,000 people. Last year the group recorded an annual turnover of US\$6.9 billion and was ranked as the No.1 retailer in the Middle East & North Africa region and as one of the Top 50 fastest growing retailers in the world by Deloitte.

Yusuffali MA will also be holding meetings with Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickramasinghe to update them about LuLu's future plans.

"Initially we have invested US\$20m in this facility, and soon we intend to venture into retail sector with a world-class shopping mall and modern hypermarket in Colombo," added Yusuffali. LuLu has similar centers in UK, USA, Turkey, Vietnam, Thailand, China, Africa among others.



Enjoy Ramadan Nights at Gulf Hotel



Manama

Experience the ever-popular Ramadan tent, Khaimat Al Khaleej serving Iftar and Gabgah daily this Ramadan at The Gulf Hotel Bahrain Convention & Spa.

This year The Gulf Hotel Bahrain will feature Khaimat Al Khaleej to a newer and larger Ramadan tent which will be hosting both Iftar and Gabgah.

The new Khaimat Al Khaleej tent will feature traditional ambiance with ornate décor, and will show case sophisticated contemporary design intertwined with artistic elements of authentic local culture and heritage.

Surrounded by bespoke décor and Arabian inspiration, Guests

can share precious family moments playing classic board games or relax with specialty shisha served in a separate interconnecting lounge. For little ones, the kid's area will host a series of creative activities and surprises.

"There is so much to offer in Khaimat Al Khaleej," said Rahim Abu Omar, General Manager for the Gulf Hotel Bahrain. "This year we are taking Khaimat Al Khaleej to a whole new level that will delight all our patrons and guest during this holy month of Ramadan," he added.

This is in addition to the lavish Iftar featured daily at the award winning Persian Restaurant Takht Jamsheed.

The Gulf Hotel's lavish Iftar Buffet is prepared with the freshest local ingredients, presenting traditional Arabic specialties.

The Iftar Buffet is priced at BD19++ per person in Takht Jamsheed and at Khaimat Al Khaleej until 8pm.

Offerings include a selection of exquisite dates, refreshing juices, as well as hot and cold Mezzeh with an enticing selection of salads, home-baked breads, shawarma and falafel. Add to this a wide variety of traditional Arabic dishes including Arabic Quozzi, Thareed, Harees and a delectable array of Arabic desserts such as Um Ali, Kunafa and Mahalabiya.

For those who wish to enjoy a late evening get-together with friends and family, The Gulf Hotel's famous Ramadan tent, Khaimat Al AKhaleej will be open every night during Ramadan from 10 pm onwards. Prices are BD 17++ on weekdays and BD 19++ on weekends, and guests may indulge in a delicious buffet, against a background of traditional Arabic music.

Several options are also available for both Gabgah and Iftar packages with special rates for Corporate Groups and Prestige Club members.

As the Ramadan season draws to a close The Gulf Hotel will also be launching exciting and special packages to celebrate the upcoming Eid Al Fitr.

GFH best investment bank in ME

Manama
GFH Financial Group (GFH) announced yesterday that it has received five top honours at The Banker Middle East Awards. These include: the Best Investment Bank – Middle East, Best Bank – Bahrain, Fastest Growing Bank – Bahrain, Fastest Growing Bank – Middle East and its CEO was awarded the Investment Banker of the Year. The awards were presented to GFH at a gala dinner and ceremony in Dubai.



Volvo may pull brake on diesel engines

Frankfurt am Main
The head of Swedish carmaker Volvo said the firm might stop developing new diesel engines due to high costs triggered by stricter regulations, in an interview published by the German media on Wednesday. "From today's perspective we will no longer develop any new generation diesel engines," Hakan Samuelsson told the daily Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ).



“It is likely that the laptop restrictions that were put in place in March could be expanded to other areas. But not solely Europe -- extended to additional areas,”

David Lapan,

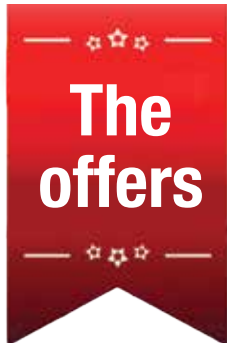
The US Department of Homeland Security spokesman



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Nass electrical enhancing standards



Above, from left, General Manager of Nass Electrical Jatinder Singh Gill, Director of Nass Corporation Fawzi Nass receiving the accreditation from TÜV NORD Middle East Country Manager Godly Mathew George

Manama
Nass Electrical Contracting Company, a subsidiary of Nass Corporation B.S.C. has successfully passed the certification audit for ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System, and BS OHSAS 18001:2007 Occupational Health and Safety Management System.

TÜV NORD Middle East conducted the audit at Nass Electrical and issued the certifications for the provision of electrical works for residential, commercial, industrial, distribution and transmission sectors for a period of four years. The new

ISO and OHSAS certificates were conferred to Nass Corporation Director Fawzi Nass by TÜV NORD Middle East Country Manager Godly Mathew George at the NASS Head office in Mina Salman.

Nass Electrical originally established in 1981 is a pioneer in all kinds of electrical contracting works and offers a comprehensive service from design and supply, to installation and commissioning, for a wide range of commercial and industrial projects. The company is also a Grade 1 registered contractor by the Electricity Distribution

Directorate in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Nass Electrical is one of the few electrical contractors in Bahrain specialised in the laying of 220/66kV cables and HV/LV cable distribution and joining.

The objective set by the holding company, Nass Corporation B.S.C. is to ensure that all divisions and subsidiaries acquires OHSAS 18000/18001 (ISO45001) by 1st of April 2018 and to further enhance the current practice by those who already have it and also to establish behaviour based safety culture throughout the organisation.

BIBF, Al Salam Bank hold workshop

Juffair
The Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) conducted a Board of Directors Workshop for Al Salam Bank-Bahrain titled "Corporate Governance" for Board representatives.

The training was delivered by Seamus Gillen, founder and Director of Value Alpha Limited, a governance advisory service experienced in boards and directors training.

Commenting, BIBF's Deputy

Director, Dr Ahmed Abdulhameed Al Shaikh said, "Continuous training and development is an investment for any organisation that looks forward to enhancing its overall performance".

In the regard, Yousif Taqi, Director & Group CEO of Al Salam Bank-Bahrain said that establishing a proper corporate governance culture in today's environment has been demonstrated to be healthy for the bottom line.



Participants posing for a group picture following the workshop



COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2861	0.2837
BANGLADESH	0.00493	0.00467
CANADA	0.2830	0.2799
DENMARK	0.0594	
EGYPT	0.0241	0.0219
EURO	0.4252	0.4231
HONGKONG	0.04983	0.04943
INDIA	0.00585	0.00595
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SINGAPORE	0.2750	0.2730
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TURKEY	0.1120	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.4965	0.4935
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102810	0.102810
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37800	0.37805
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BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.4860	0.3808	0.3330
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.3272	0.2884	0.2521
OMAN	0.3849	0.3811	0.3888	0.3399
QATAR	3.6420	3.6056	3.6788	3.2165
UAE	3.6730	3.6363	3.7101	3.2438
SAUDI	3.7500	3.7125	3.7879	3.3118

Batelco introduces all-in-One TV Solution



Batelco and At-Visions representatives at the launch of Batelco All-In-One TV Solution

Manama
Batelco has introduced an all-in-one managed TV solution for the hospitality sector, in collaboration with at-Visions, a global leader in hospitality solutions.

The launch took place at the Movenpick Hotel in the presence of an invited

audience of business customers from the hospitality sector.

The solution incorporates TV Channels and Video-on-Demand (VOD) along with advanced features such as room control, transactional billing, on-line shopping, personalised

messaging and video advertisements.

The move, according to Batelco, is in line with the company's on-going commitment to deliver the best and most innovative services to its business customers and exceed their expectations.

Commenting, Batelco Bahrain CEO, Muna Al Hashemi said, "By launching such a beneficial service as this All-in-One Batelco TV Hospitality solution, we aim to deliver a new and superior platform that supports the changing needs of businesses."

CrediMax launches Visa Infinite, MasterCard World Elite



Officials during a photocall following the launch ceremony

Manama
CrediMax has launched its newest Top Premium Cards, Visa Infinite and MasterCard World Elite during a cocktail reception party held

on Tuesday at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Bahrain.

Cardholders are given access to a range of lifestyle privileges including access to over 600 airport lounge,

exclusive discounts and offers, exclusive hotel memberships, personalized concierge services and much more. "We are very pleased to be launching our new Top Premium Cards to

select members of an elite VIP clientele providing added benefits that enhance cardholders' lifestyles," said Chief Executive of CrediMax, Yousif Ali Mirza.



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Strawberries

For sweetness and taste, you just can't beat strawberries. Whether you make chocolate fondue, strawberries and cream, or just sprinkle a bit of brown sugar over sliced strawberries, this tasty powerhouse is your dessert berry of choice. It has more Vitamin C than most berries, and they have been linked to boosted eye, immune system, and bone health.

*Berry vs
Berry: Which
is the Best?*

Berries are among the best fruits on the planet. Not only do they taste great, but they are densely packed with a variety of potent phytochemicals that can do wonders to normalize and improve health. They are also high in fiber and relatively low in sugar, so they won't stimulate severe insulin swings if eaten in moderation. Let's take a look at the top berries for you:



Blueberries

If you want antioxidants at a cheap price, blueberries are your best source. They were actually the most popular antioxidant food until Acai berries were discovered, and they're still your economical source of healthy cancer-fighting nutrients. They can boost your eye health, improve brain function, and can even help treat Alzheimer's.



Acai Berries

Acai berries contain more antioxidants than any other food on the planet. They are higher on the ORAC scale (the scale that measures antioxidants) than many spices, and they have 33 different types of antioxidants. They're also loaded with vitamins, minerals, and even Omega-3 fatty acids to boost heart health, reduce inflammation, and fight heart disease. (essentia)



Raspberries

Raspberries contain a nutrient called ketone, which is excellent to promote fat burning and a boosted metabolism. If you don't want raspberry ketone extract, you can always benefit from ellagic acid – an antioxidant that can both prevent cancer and reduce carcinogens in your body. They can even protect you from the sun!



RECIPES

Multi Grain Yogurt Coleslaw Sandwich

Ingredients

- ▶▶ 12 bread slices
- ▶▶ 10 gm garlic
- ▶▶ 3 gm salt
- ▶▶ 2 tablespoon Honey
- ▶▶ 20 gm cut into strips carrot
- ▶▶ 25 gm lettuce loose-leaf
- ▶▶ 100 gm hung curd
- ▶▶ 3 gm chilli flakes
- ▶▶ 2 gm spice black pepper
- ▶▶ 10 gm coriander leaves
- ▶▶ 15 gm cut into strips capsicum (green pepper)
- ▶▶ 2 teaspoon mustard paste

Method

Step 1

Take a bowl add the hung curd, brown garlic, chili flakes, salt, pepper, honey. Whisk it and make a smooth paste.

Step 2

Add the fine juliennes of carrot,

capsicum and mix well. Apply lightly the mustard paste on to the sliced multi grain bread.

Step 3

Keep the iceberg lettuce on the bread. Take the carrot and capsicum mixture and generously apply on the bread. (TimesFood)





BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Kuwaiti Ambassador Shaikh Az-zam bin Mubarak Al-Sabah at the BDF's General Command yesterday. The BDF Chief lauded the solid fraternal relations between the two countries growing steadily thanks to the directives of their leaderships



Information Affairs Undersecretary Abdulrahman Mohammed Bahar yesterday received a delegation from the Yonhap News Agency in South Korea. The undersecretary underlined the ministry's keenness on memoranda of cooperation between Bahrain News Agency (BNA) and various international news agencies and benefiting from their technical expertise



The Royal Academy of Police (RAP) received a delegation from the University of Huddersfield as part of efforts to exchange education expertise and joint cooperation between the two sides in scientific research and training. The delegation met the RAP commandment, Admission Director and Head of Education and Training and discussed reinforcement of cooperation in academic activities, training and latest education approaches (MOI)



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Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba) is a key sponsor of the first Bahraini-Egyptian Exhibition, which is being held under the patronage of Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa from 16 to 18 May at Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre





BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received the Commander of the United States Central Command General Joseph Votel and his accompanying delegation, in the presence of Minister of Defence Affairs Maj. General Yusuf bin Ahmed Al Jalahma at the BDF's General Command yesterday. The BDF chief reviewed the friendly Bahrain-US relations and ways to bolster them in various fields, especially regarding military coordination and defence cooperation, as well as issues of mutual concern



Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa attended the GCC Ministerial Council Meeting in its 143rd session which was held in Riyadh yesterday, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The meeting aims to prepare for the 17th GCC leaders' consultative meeting and for the USA-GCC Summit, to be held in Riyadh during the visit of President Donald Trump to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa deputized his Adviser HH Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa to attend a reception party marking the Russian National Day. Russian Ambassador Vagif Garaev hosted the ceremony at the Diplomat Hotel in the presence of senior state officials, members of the diplomatic corps and invitees



The Bahraini-Egyptian Joint Business Council held its fourth meeting at Bait Al Tijjar, headed from the Bahraini side by board member of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Afnan Al Zayani and from the Egyptian side by Mohammed Al Suaidi. During a media conference, in the presence of BCCI Chairman Khalid Al Moayed and the Egyptian ambassador Suha Al Far, Al Zayani expressed pride in the patronage of Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa



tion from activating agencies



The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) and the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) celebrated the completion of the 2nd Annual Mentorship programme at the BIBF headquarters in Juffair. The Mentorship Programme, organized by the CBB in collaboration with the BIBF, designed and intended to reinforce the relations between academic institutions and the financial and banking sector



Foreign exchange specialist Travelex officially re-opened its Sheikh Hamad Road branch on 7th May 2017. Travelex stores offer 35 plus foreign currencies, Buyback Guarantee, Western Union, Xpress Money and Travelex Money Transfer (TMT), which allows customers to exchange currency and conveniently transfer their money. The store was inaugurated by Jacqueline Nosworthy - General Manager Travelex Bahrain



Middle East Medical Center- Hidd celebrated Nurses' Day

CELEBS

Ashley Tisdale @ashleytisdale
 This morning in an all new Ashley Answers,
 I'm taking it back to my days on set with Zac.
 #TizzieTuesday



Taylor Swift dating Joe Alwyn?



London
Singer Taylor Swift has been reportedly dating actor Joe Alwyn for months. The "Bad Blood" hitmaker has been wearing a wig to keep her relationship with Alwyn a secret, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.
 "Taylor and Joe are the real deal, this is a very serious relationship. But after what happened with Tom Hiddleston, they were determined to keep it quiet," a source told *The Sun* newspaper.
 The 27-year-old singer-songwriter has been renting a property in London while she's been spending time with her new boyfriend. Swift has been taking steps to keep their relationship a secret. (IANS)

Holland wants to be Spider-Man for long time



Los Angeles
Actor Tom Holland says he has pitched an idea that would keep him as Spider-Man "for a very long time". Speaking with *Empire* magazine, Holland said that his plans to continue in the role for a while are being considered, reports *express.co.uk*.
 He said: "Peter Parker is a character we see (in the comic books) as a 15-year-old boy and then as a 35-year-old man. So I have an idea of what I'd like to do, and I've pitched it and it's already been taken into the boardroom. It would be really cool if it pans out because it means I would be Spider-Man for a very long time." (IANS)



Perry confirmed as 'American Idol' judge

New York
Singer Katy Perry has joined "American Idol" reboot as a judge, and she is thrilled. Perry was announced as a judge on Tuesday, reports *variety.com*.
 "I am honoured and thrilled to be the first judge bringing back the 'American Idol' tradition of making dreams come true for incredible talents with authentic personalities and real stories," Perry said.
 "I'm always listening to new music, and love discovering diamonds in the rough -- from mentoring young artists on my label, or highlighting new artists on my tours, I want to bring it back to the music," she added. (IANS)



STARRY
Birthday
 Spencer Breslin

May 18, 1992

American actor for his roles in Disney's *The Kid* and *The Cat in the Hat*. In 2016, Breslin began with his band, *Broken Machine*.

Johnson truly loves 'Baywatch' team

Los Angeles

Hollywood star Dwayne Johnson has praised his "Baywatch" co-stars, including Indian actress Priyanka Chopra, and says he truly loves and appreciates all of them.

Johnson on Tuesday took to *Twitter*, where he shared a photograph alongside his co-stars Priyanka Chopra, Jon Bass, Zac Efron, Ilfenesh Hadera, Alexandra Daddario and Kelly Rohrbach.

"I truly love and appreciate every single one of these good humans. Priyanka Chopra, Jon Bass, Zac Efron, Ilfenesh Hadera, Alexandra Daddario and Kelly Rohrbach. They all bring their unique values and qualities to elevate the game," Johnson wrote alongside the image. The 45-year-old actor said they are all phenomenal in the movie.

"I'll happily commit and go the distance with them anytime. Just say the word and I got your backs. And your fronts." (IANS)



START CAMERA ACTION

Stanley Tucci's 'Final Portrait' Lands at Sony Pictures Classics

Sony Pictures Classics has acquired North American rights to Stanley Tucci's *Final Portrait*.

Written and directed by Tucci, the film tells the story of the friendship between American writer James Lord and Alberto Giacometti. *Final Portrait* had its world premiere at the Berlin Film Festival out of competition.

THR's review of the 1964-set film stated: "Writer-director Stanley Tucci's fascination with the artistic process yields a lively character study if not quite a full-bodied exploration of the uneven relationship between painter and subject in *Final Portrait*."

The film also stars Geoffrey Rush, Armie Hammer, Clemence Poesy, Tony Shalhoub and Sylvie Testud. *Final Portrait* is produced by Gail Egan, Nik Bower and Ilann



Girard and executive produced by Deepak Nayar, Fred Hogge and Ted Blumberg.

"Giacometti's work and life and Lord's poignant memoir have fascinated me for years. To finally bring my adaptation to the screen with this extraordinary

cast and crew has been indeed a pleasure and to have Sony Classics distributing is a great honour," said Tucci.

The deal was negotiated between CAA and SPC. HanWay Films is handling international sales and distribution. (hollywoodreporter)

Top Album Sales this Week

- 1 **Humanz**
Gorillaz
- 2 **Strength Of A Woman**
Mary J. Blige
- 3 **DAMN.**
Kendrick Lamar
- 4 **Guardians Of The Galaxy, Vol. 2: Awesome Mix Vol. 2 Soundtrack**
- 5 **Sad Clowns & Hillbillies**
John Mellencamp
Featuring Carlene Carter
- 6 **God's Problem Child**
Willie Nelson
- 7 **Moana Soundtrack**
- 8 **Divide**
Ed Sheeran
- 9 **24K Magic**
Bruno Mars
- 10 **Places**
Lea Michele

DT NEWS

Show Time

16 Thursday, May 18, 2017

SANGILI BUNGILI KADHAVA THORAE (Tamil/Comedy/Romance)

Starring: Jiiva, Sri Divya, Soori, Radhika Sarathkumar
DANA : Timings: 10:30, 13:00, 15:30, 18:00, 20:30, 23:00

SAKHAVU (Malayalam / Comedy)

Starring: Nivin Pauly, Aishwarya Rajesh, Aparna Gopinath
DANA : Timings: 10:30, 13:15, 16:00, 18:45, 21:30, 00:15

HALF GIRLFRIEND (Hindi / Drama / Romance)

Starring: Shraddha Kapoor, Arjun Kapoor, Rhea Chakraborty
DANA : Timings: 11:00, 13:30, 16:00, 18:30, 21:00, 23:30

ALIEN COVENANT (Sci-Fi / Thriller)

Starring: Michael Fassbender, Katherine Waterston, Billy Crudup
DANA : Timings: 10:45, 13:00, 15:15, 17:30, 19:45, 22:00, 00:15

SMURFS: THE LOST VILLAGE-2D (Animation/Adventure/Comedy)

Starring: Michelle Rodriguez, Ariel Winter, Julia Roberts
DANA : Timings: 10:45, 12:30, 14:15, 16:00, 17:45, 19:30, 21:15, 23:00

THE BOSS BABY - 2D

(Animation/Comedy/Family)

Starring: Eliza Dushku, Robert Patrick, Chace Crawford
DANA : Timings: 11:00, 13:00, 15:00, 17:00, 19:00, 21:00, 23:00

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY 2: ATMOS - 2D (Action / Adventure / Sci - Fi)

Starring: Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista
DANA : Timings: 10:45, 13:15, 15:45, 18:15, 20:45, 23:15

EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING (Drama / romance)

Starring: Amandla Stenberg, Nick Robinson, Anika Noni Rose
DANA : Timings: 10:45, 12:30, 14:15, 16:00, 17:45, 19:30, 21:15, 23:00, 00:45

BAHUBALI 2: THE CONCLUSION (HINDI/ACTION/ADVENTURE/DRAMA)

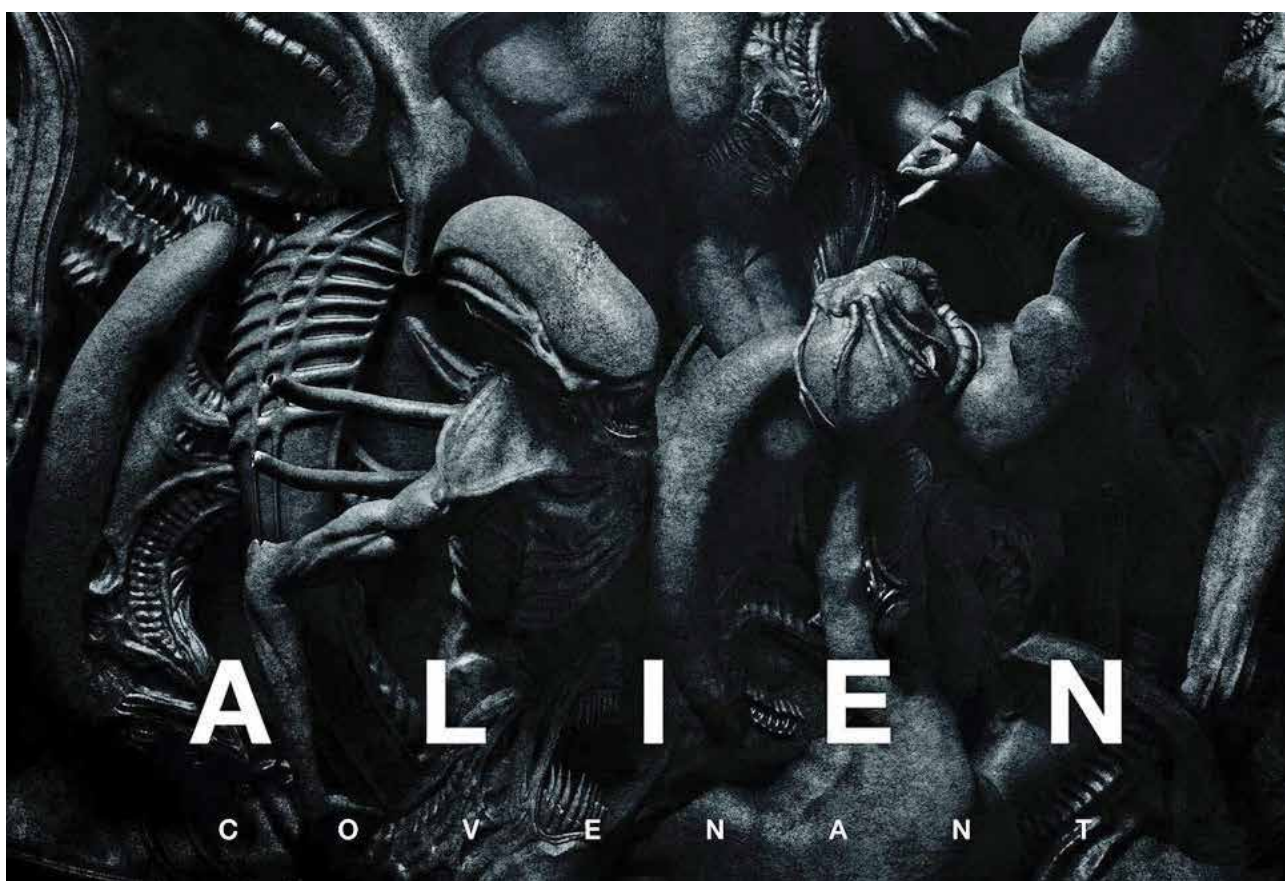
Starring: Prabhas, Anushka Shetty, Rana Daggubati
DANA : Timings: 11:00, 14:00, 17:00, 20:00, 23:00

DANA : Timings: 10:30, 13:30, 16:30, 19:30, 22:30

THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:15, 14:15, 17:15, 20:15, 23:15

HINDI MEDIUM (Hindi/Comedy/drama)

Starring: Irrfan Khan, Saba Qamar, Deepak Dobriyal
DANA : Timings: 11:00, 13:30, 16:00, 18:30, 21:00, 23:30



THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE (Biography/Drama/History)

Starring: Jessica Chastain, Johan Heldenbergh, Daniel Brühl
DANA : Timings: 11:00, 13:15, 15:30, 17:45, 20:00, 22:15, 00:30

COLOSSAL (Action/Comedy/Drama)

Starring: Anne Hathaway, Jason Sudeikis, Austin Stowell
DANA : Timings: 11:00, 13:00, 15:00, 17:00, 19:00, 21:00, 23:00

YO KAI WATCH MOVIE 3 (Animation/Comedy/Family)

Starring: Etsuko Kozakura, Tomokazu Seki, Haruka Tomatsu
DANA : Timings: 10:45, 12:30,

14:15, 16:00, 17:45, 19:30, 21:15, 23:00, 00:45

AKHLA' EL ABEED (ARABIC / DRAMA)

Starring: Khaled El Sawy, Youusra El Lozy, Sara Salama
DANA : Timings: 10:45, 12:45, 14:45, 16:45, 18:45, 20:45, 22:45, 00:45

FAST AND FURIOUS 8 (Action/Crime/Thriller)

Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Charlize Theron, Scott Eastwood
DANA : Timings: 11:00, 13:30, 16:00, 18:30, 21:00, 23:30

STRATTON (Action / Thriller)

Starring: Connie Nielsen, Gemma Chan, Tom Felton
DANA : Timings: 12:30, 16:00, 19:30, 23:00, 00:45
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:45, 13:30, 15:15, 17:00, 18:45, 20:30, 22:15

ALL NIGHTER (Comedy)

Starring: Analeigh Tipton, Emile Hirsch, J.K. Simmons
DANA : Timings: 10:45, 14:15, 17:45, 21:15
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 12:45, 14:30, 16:15, 18:00, 19:45, 21:30, 23:15
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:15, 13:00, 14:45, 16:30, 18:15, 20:00, 21:45

KING ARTHUR: THE LEGEND OF THE SWORD (Action/Adventure/Drama)

Starring: Charlie Hunnam, Astrid Bergès-Frisbey, Jude Law
DANA : Timings: 10:45, 13:00, 15:15, 17:30, 19:45, 22:00, 00:15

SPARK: A SPACE TAIL (Animation/Adventure/Comedy)

Starring: Jessica Biel, Patrick Stewart, Susan Sarandon
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:15, 13:00, 14:45, 16:30, 18:15, 20:00, 21:45

THE ASSIGNMENT: REVENGER (Action/Crime/Thriller)

Starring: Michelle Rodriguez, Sigourney Weaver, Tony Shalhoub
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings:



11:30, 13:15, 15:00, 16:45, 18:30, 20:15, 22:00

:15, 22:00

VINCENT N ROXXY (Crime / Drama / Thriller)

Starring: Emile Hirsch, Zoë Kravitz, Zoey Deutch
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:30, 13:45, 16:00, 18:15, 20:30, 22:45

MERI PYARI BINDU (Hindi/ Drama/Music/Romance)

Starring: Parineeti Chopra, Ayushmann Khurrana, Abish Mathew
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:30, 14:15, 17:00, 19:45, 22:30

SNIPER: SPECIAL OPS (Action/Drama/War)

Starring: Steven Seagal, Rob Van Dam, Tim Abell
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:30, 13:15, 15:00, 16:45, 18:30, 20:15, 22:00

THE REZORT (Horror/Sci-Fi/Thriller)

Starring: Dougray Scott, Jessica De Gouw, Martin McCann
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 12:00, 13:45, 15:30, 17:15, 19:00, 20:45, 22:30

AKHLA' EL ABEED (ARABIC / DRAMA)

Starring: Khaled El Sawy, Youusra El Lozy, Sara Salama
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 12:00, 14:00, 16:00, 18:00, 20:00, 22:00

DON'T HANG UP (Horror / Thriller)

Starring: Gregg Sulkin, Garrett Clayton, Bella Dayne
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:15, 13:00, 14:45, 16:30, 18:15, 20:00, 21:45



As expected, this is Arthur's origin story and is reminiscent of The Lion King. Guy Ritchie has a unique style and if you fancy his idea of cool, this erratic film revolving around the Arthurian legend is bound to engage you. Replete with Ritchie's trademark fast to slow-mo action cuts, witty one-liners, exciting chase sequences, elaborate sets and a swashbuckling hero who is always two steps ahead of his enemies, this action adventure keeps you on tenterhooks.

While Hunnam makes for an impressive Guy Ritchie's Arthur, it is Jude Law, who turns out to be a total stunner, making evil look sexy. He is cold, cruel and irresistible. After playing Watson with much élan, his collaboration with the Sherlock director in a much diverse role does wonders for them once again. Hunnam is delightful too. Astrid Bergès-Frisbey makes her presence felt and Eric Bana is likable as usual as the righteous king.

What doesn't work is a rather embarrassing guest appearance by David Beckham and Guy Ritchie himself. Also, the visual effects in 3D seem pretty messed up after a while. Despite the inconsistency in pace and vision behind this unique take on the legend of Arthur, Ritchie pulls it off in style. This may not be one of his best works but it entertains, nonetheless. Daniel Pemberton's music deserves a special mention too. (TOI)



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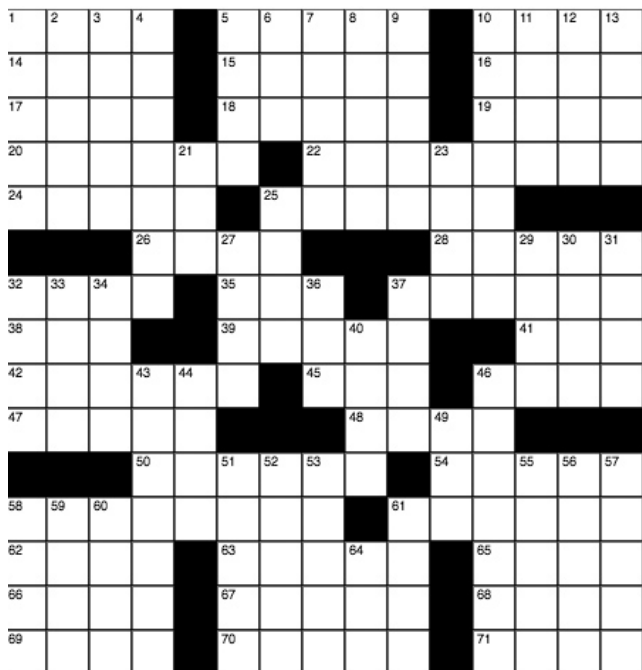
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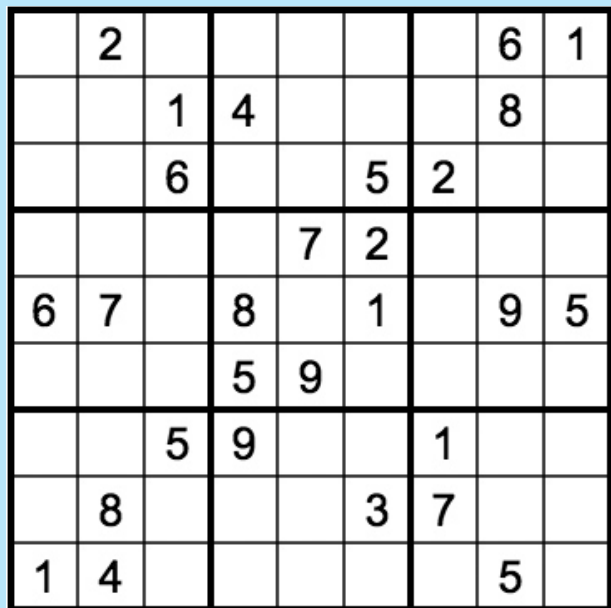
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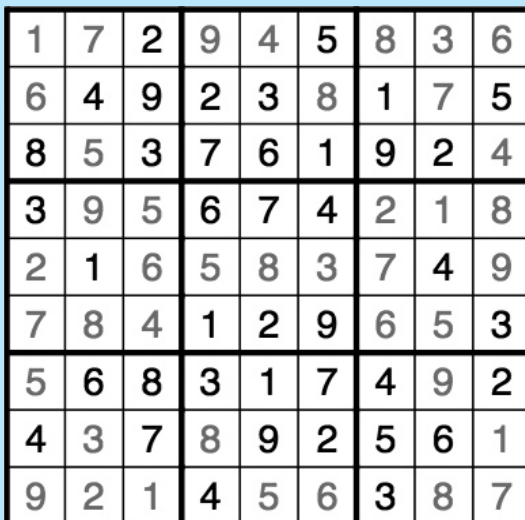
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(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



A relaxing evening at home may be just what you need, but a colleague might ask you to attend a business-related event. You may have had a stressful few days. Such a party may be the last thing you want to do. Don't be afraid to say no. There will be plenty of colleagues there. At the most, put in a quick appearance and then leave.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Today you may try to contact several people, none of whom may be available. You might particularly want to reach a female friend or relative who lives far away. This could prove frustrating, as you have some interesting news for her. Keep trying. You will eventually manage to connect, and she will be glad to hear from you.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Whether or not you should make a specific expenditure could cause some tension between you and a partner. You may think that it isn't feasible now, while your friend is determined to go for it. This isn't the day to try to reach an agreement in this matter. Neither of you is likely to give in. Wait a couple days until you're both a bit less tense.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



A friend may be throwing a party and you might be expected to attend. You've probably had a stressful day and really don't feel up to it. Your friend may try to induce you to come by making you feel guilty. Don't fall into that trap. Go only if you feel that the value of the occasion overrides your need to rest. Your friend will forgive you if you say no.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Today you might receive some uncomfortable intuitive signals from one or more of your friends. Perhaps someone doesn't feel well but came out to play anyway. Sensing the tension in others could save you some grief, as people may be stressed and likely to lash out over nothing. It's best to focus on solitary pursuits if you can.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



Today you may attain a goal you've been hoping to reach for a long time. Oddly enough, friends, family, and even your significant other may not seem as happy as you expected. They've probably suffered too many frustrations recently, and your success only reminds them of this. Give them some time to settle their own affairs and they will congratulate you.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Today you may be anxious to spend time with your family, but there could be some chores you need to do first. This could stress you out quite a bit if you let it. Roll up your sleeves and handle whatever needs to be done and then hightail it back to your Earth. Relax and enjoy the company of your loved ones!

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Today it might be more difficult than usual for you to deal with words. Someone might lend you a book on a rather obscure subject that you can't understand. In fact, you might find the book - or anything else you try to read - boring! You don't want to hurt your friend's feelings. Put the book aside and try again later. The words should be clearer to you then.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



Some news that comes to you from a friend or colleague could shake you up today. You might find that what you learn casts doubts on concepts you've embraced for most of your life. This could confuse you. Don't feel threatened. Everyone has to recreate some values from time to time. Think about it when you're more relaxed and you might find it isn't so radical after all.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



Today you may see that nearly every couple you know is quarrelling. You may have a few differences with a current or potential partner, but this is nothing to worry about. You're tense and edgy because of outside pressure, so your fuse might be a bit shorter than usual. Try to stretch your patience a little further, just for today. All should be well by tomorrow.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



Today you may be in a very stressful atmosphere. Your entourage is likely to be tense and anxious, and you're no exception. You may need to stay in the environment until you've accomplished your objectives. You will probably want to spend your evening at home in front of the TV, doing and thinking absolutely nothing. Relax!

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



You and a current or potential partner may disagree on whether to spend some time together alone or go out with friends. If you've both had a rough day, you're likely to be rather tense and apt to snap at each other. A compromise may be the best answer. Spend an hour or two with your friends and then come home and relax. That way, everyone's happy.

Lavrov-Trump exchange

Putin 'ready to provide recording'



Sochi President Vladimir Putin said yesterday that Moscow could provide a recording of the exchange between Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and US President Donald Trump, but his aide later suggested he had meant a written transcript.

"If the US administration finds it possible, we are ready to provide a recording of the conversation between Lavrov and Trump to the US Congress and Senate," Putin said during a press conference.

He mocked the idea that Trump went off-script to share secrets with the Russians, saying he could issue a "reprimand" to

Lavrov since he hasn't passed on the information.

"(Lavrov) didn't share these secrets with us -- neither with me nor with the representatives of the Russian security services. That is very bad of him," Putin said to sniggers from the audience as he answered questions after talks with Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni in the southern Russian city of Sochi.

Although Putin used the Russian word for audio recording at the press conference, his foreign policy aide Yuri Ushakov said that "audio is not made."

"There is a recording kept by a special person present at conversations," Ushakov told Russian news agencies.

Citing unnamed sources, *The Washington Post* reported that Trump had shared intelligence with Lavrov regarding an Islamic State group terror threat related to the use of laptop computers on airplanes.

Putin slammed critics who spread allegations about Trump's ties with Russia.

"What else will the people generating such drivel and nonsense think of next?" he said.

"They either don't understand that they are hurting their own country, and then they are simply dumb, or they understand everything and then they are dangerous and corrupt," Putin added. (AFP)

No bone could resist the pulverising bite of T. Rex

Paris The bone-crunching bite of Tyrannosaurus Rex was like no other, according to a study released yesterday that solidifies the fabled carnivore's reputation as the most fearsome of dinosaurs.

T. Rex could not only crack the biggest of bones, it could also pulverise and ingest them, absorbing marrow and minerals beyond the reach of less well-endowed competitors, researchers reported.

"The combination of impressive bite force and stout teeth set T. Rex apart," lead author Paul Gignac, an assistant professor at Oklahoma State University, said.

"It regularly scored, deeply punctured and even sliced through bones."

Gignac and Gregory



Visitors check out part of the Feathers to the Stars exhibit where the largest feathered dinosaur is seen on opening day for the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science on May 8, 2017 in Miami, Florida.

Erickson from Florida State University built on earlier attempts to measure T. Rex's bite force by adding comparisons with predators roaming the wild today.

Wolves and hyenas, for example, are also able to crush bones with their teeth, accessing nutritious marrow.

Their secret? So-called occluding teeth that fit together perfectly, top-and-bottom, a feature common in carnivorous mammals.

T. Rex lacked such dental gear, raising the question of how they managed to shatter resistant bones the size of small tree trunks.

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Rest in sight

SA Everest permit dodger arrested



A South African who attempted to climb Mount Everest without permission has been arrested in Nepal where he faces a \$22,000 fine -- double the cost of the permit.

Myanmar's army sues jourmos for satirical article

Myanmar's military sued two local journalists using a controversial censorship law over an article they wrote criticising the top brass as fears grow over curbs on press freedom.

Macedonia president hands opp mandate to form govt

Macedonia's president yesterday asked the long-time opposition Social Democratic party to form a government.

S.Lanka's men face rape a decade after civil war

Men in Sri Lanka are being raped in custody nearly a decade after the civil war, when sexual assault was routinely used to torture detained Tamils, a report said yesterday.

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One of first cosmonauts Viktor Gorbatko dies

Moscow

Soviet cosmonaut Viktor Gorbatko, a colleague of Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space, died Wednesday at the age of 82, Russia's space agency said.

Gorbatko was among the eight young pilots chosen in 1960 from 3,000 candidates in the Soviet manned flight programme to train for the country's first space mission.

Born in southern Russia, Gorbatko was 26 when he joined the first team of cosmonauts recruited under a veil of total secrecy.

"I was called in by my commander who immediately ordered me to sign a form that I promise not to reveal the details of the



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conversation that followed," Gorbatko said in an interview in 2001.

"Then they asked me if I wanted to fly higher than an airplane. I understood immediately what this was about and accepted without hesitation," he said.

India allows abortion for 10-year-old rape victim

New Delhi

A 10-year-old girl who was raped will be allowed to have an abortion even though she has crossed the 20-week limit for terminations in India, police in the country said yesterday. The child has said she was repeatedly raped by her stepfather, who has since been arrested.

Her case only came to light last week, by which time she had crossed the 20-week legal limit after which terminations are only allowed where there is a danger to the life of the mother or the baby.

"The court had asked the medical board to take a call and doctors have decided to

go ahead with the abortion," Garima Devi, the police investigation officer assigned to the case, said. "The board has not said when they are planning it (abortion) but it will be any time soon."

The *Indian Express* said the victim's mother wanted the accused to be set free as he had apologised and that she had other children to take care of.

"The girl's life is destroyed but what will happen to my other children? I need to think about their future too," the daily quoted the mother as saying from a hospital in Rohtak, a district in northern Haryana state.

Backpacker attacker jailed in Australia

Sydney

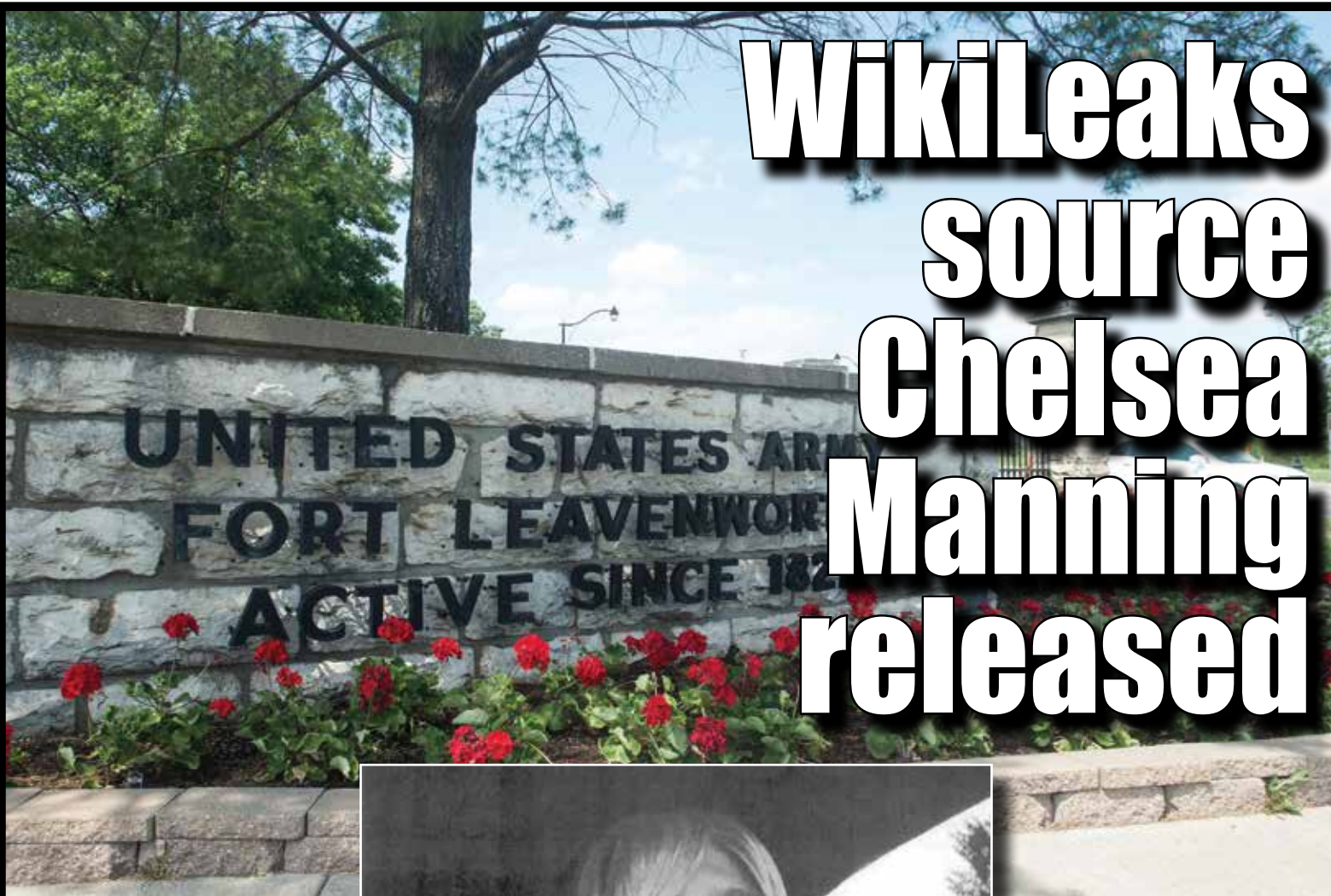
A man who brutally attacked two female backpackers on a remote Australian beach will spend at least 17 years in jail with a judge yesterday accusing him of damaging the country's reputation as a safe destination.

Roman Heinze was found guilty of six offences in March over the harrowing ordeal in which the 61-year-old tied up and sexually

assaulted a Brazilian woman and beat her German friend with a hammer when she tried to intervene.

As she handed down the sentence for indecent assault, aggravated kidnapping and endangering life, Justice Trish Kelly said, "you have violent and obsessive sexual preoccupations for which you have amply demonstrated you're capable of acting out".

WikiLeaks source Chelsea Manning released



Fort Leavenworth

Chelsea Manning, the transgender Army private jailed for one of the largest leaks of classified documents in US history, was released from a military prison yesterday after seven years behind bars.

The 29-year-old walked free from a maximum-security facility in Kansas thanks to a commutation of her sentence by president Barack Obama before he left office.

Manning "has been released from the United States Disciplinary Barracks" at Fort Leavenworth, US Army spokeswoman Cynthia Smith said in a brief statement.

In July 2010, Manning -- then a male soldier known as Bradley -- was arrested over the release of a huge trove of more than 700,000 classified military and diplomatic documents via WikiLeaks.

Without Obama's parting gift, the army private, who served as an intelligence official in Iraq, would have remained behind bars until 2045, after serving a 35-year sentence.

Supporters of Manning -- who attempted suicide twice last year alone -- said they feared she would not have been able to survive the long sentence. Now, she can complete her transition as a free, openly transgender woman.

"Two more days until the freedom of civilian life," Manning tweeted Monday. "Now hunting for private #healthcare like millions of Americans."

Manning went on a hunger strike during her detention to denounce the disciplinary measures to which she was subjected -- including stints in solitary confinement.

"For the first time, I can see a future for myself as Chelsea. I can imagine



This undated file photo courtesy of the US Army shows a photo of Bradley Manning in wig and make-up.

surviving and living as the person who I am and can finally be in the outside world," she wrote last week.

Quiet release

Manning's defence team is intent on protecting her.

The Oklahoma native had a difficult childhood. After her parents' divorce, Manning moved with her mother to Wales, where she repressed her sexuality and was mocked for her effeminate ways.

The military was therefore keen on keeping her release low-key. No press conference is planned and media massed at the military installation caught no glimpse of Manning as she was released.

Manning, of whom few photographs are publicly available, could find refuge at an aunt's home in the Washington region.

Unwanted fame

Virtually unknown at the time of

her arrest, Manning today is a well-known figure around the world.

Labeled a traitor by President Donald Trump, she has gained the support of celebrities and is seen by many Americans as a courageous rights activist who was handed an unfair sentence for revealing civilian deaths caused by US bombings in Iraq and Afghanistan.

She wasn't able to flee abroad like Edward Snowden, who in 2013 released documents showing that the NSA was sweeping up US citizens' communications metadata.

Ahead of Manning's release, a group of musicians released a compilation album with all proceeds to go to the former soldier as she starts a new life.

"Hugs for Chelsea," a digital album available for a \$25 donation, features tracks by artists known for their left-wing activism including Rage Against the Machine guitarist Tom Morello and Sonic Youth co-founder Thurston Moore. (AFP)



Media crews wait outside US Army facility Fort Leavenworth in Leavenworth, Kansas, before dawn on May 17, 2017.

The leaks

Here is a chronological summary of the material disclosed by Manning:

The first document published by WikiLeaks that Manning admitted to having leaked was a diplomatic cable from the US Embassy in Iceland released on February 18, 2010.

Starting in November 2010, five major global news organisations -- *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *Der Spiegel*, *Le Monde* and *El Pais* -- collaborated with WikiLeaks to partially publish more than a quarter of a million State Department cables from US embassies and consulates dated 1966 to 2010.

Manning admitted to the "willful transmission" of a video that showed a US attack helicopter mowing down Iraqi civilians in July 2007. Dubbed "collateral murder" by WikiLeaks, the video was made public by WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange during a news conference in Washington in April 2010.

Manning also acknowledged transmitting a confidential video of a US air strike on the Afghan village of Granai, where more than a hundred civilians lost their lives in May 2009.

More than 90,000 documents linked to the war in Afghanistan were published in July 2010, followed in October of that year by more than 400,000 others connected to the conflict in Iraq. The reports showed US troops ignoring torture by local allies and killing civilians on a number of occasions.

Confidential files related to 779 detainees who passed through the military prison at Guantanamo Bay -- leaked by Manning and published in April 2011 -- revealed new details about their treatment at the "war on terror" prison.

Fraille breaks duck

Dumoulin controls Giro rivals

Spaniard Omar Fraile of team Dimension Data, celebrates as he crosses the finish line

Bagno di Romagna

Spaniard Omar Fraile broke his grand tour duck with victory in a thrilling 11th stage of the Giro d'Italia yesterday that ended the hopes of Britain's Geraint Thomas.

Tom Dumoulin retained the pink jersey after a 161 km ride from Florence to Bagno di Romagna that saw the Dutchman and his Sunweb team pushed all his way before he maintained his overall race lead of 2min 23sec on 2014 champion Nairo Quintana (Movistar).

Italy's two-time and defending champion Vincenzo Nibali (Bahrain), who saw teammate Franco Pellizzotti crash but get back on his bike, remains fifth overall at 2:47 as the contenders for the "maglia rosa" look forward to two days of comparative rest on stages 12 and 13, which are more suited to sprinters.

The overall victory hopes of Sky rider Thomas, whose bid more or less ended when he lost over five minutes in a crash on Saturday, now look conclusively over after the Welshman finished 2min 25sec in arrears to drop to over six minutes behind Dumoulin.

Despite his significant advantage following victory in the 10th stage time trial on Tuesday, Dumoulin had to rely on his team to chase down and control a number of attacks.

He was quick to pay tribute, giving Sunweb and in

particular rider Laurens ten Dam the thumbs-up as he crossed the finish line to thank them for keeping the threats to a minimum.

"We expected a really hard fight today, and it was," said Dumoulin, who pushed Quintana into second when he finished 49secs ahead of second-placed Thomas on Tuesday.

"We expected guys to attack on the first climb, and they did. All I can do is thank my team. They always kept it within distance. It was a really good day, I'm really happy."

He added: "Laurens is our old warrior, he's getting better with age. Like a good wine."

With over 4,000 metres of climbing on the stage, the attacks came thick and fast but mountain man Fraile seized the day.

He managed to join Sky

rider Mikel Landa in a two-man breakaway and when they were eventually reeled in by a counter-attacking group containing Portugal's former world champion Rui Costa, the Spaniard did well to keep some powder dry.

Their three-man lead group increased to four in the final kilometres when Tanel Kangert (Astana) tagged along with less than two kilometres remaining.

The Estonian launched a bid for stage victory in the final kilometre and, for a brief moment, it looked like the four leaders would be thwarted when the peloton came over the horizon with 400 metres to race.

But Fraile, 26, countered, driving for the finish inside the final 200 metres to cross the line in triumph.

"I've been waiting for this

day for a long time," said Fraile, a former winner of the Tour of Spain's King of the Mountains jersey. (AFP)

Results from the 11th stage held over 161km between Florence and Bagno di Romagna:

Stage

1. Omar Fraile (ESP/DDD) 4hr 23min 14sec,
2. Rui Costa (POR/UAE) same time,
3. Pierre Rolland (FRA/CAN) s.t.,
4. Tanel Kangert (EST/AST) s.t.,
5. Giovanni Visconti (ITA/BAH) s.t.,
6. Ben Hermans (BEL/BMC) s.t.,
7. Dario Cataldo (ITA/AST) s.t.,
8. Simone Petilli (ITA/UAE) s.t.,
9. Maxime Monfort (BEL/LOT) at 03sec,
10. Laurens De Plus (BEL/QST) s.t.

General classification

1. Tom Dumoulin (NED/SUN) 47hr 22min 07sec,
2. Nairo Quintana (COL/MOV) at 2min 23sec,
3. Bauke Mollema (NED/TRE) 2:38,
4. Thibaut Pinot (FRA/FDJ) 2:40,
5. Vincenzo Nibali (ITA/BAH) 2:47,
6. Andrey Amador (CRC/MOV) 3:05,
7. Bob Jungels (LUX/QST) 3:56,
8. Tanel Kangert (EST/AST) 3:59,
9. Domenico Pozzovivo (ITA/ALM) 4:05,
10. Ilnur Zakarin (RUS/KAT) 4:17



Italy's rider of team Bahrain - Merida Vincenzo Nibali (R), France's Thibaut Pinot (2ndR) of team FDJ and Colombia's Nairo Quintana of team Movistar (3rdR) compete

Nadal advances as Almagro quits

Rome

Rafael Nadal advanced to the third round yesterday as fellow Spaniard Nicolas Almagro was forced to quit with a left knee injury during their match at the Rome Masters.

Three-time French Open quarter-finalist Almagro -- he lost all three to Nadal -- was unable to continue after 24 minutes while trailing his

compatriot 3-0 in the first set.

It was a 50th win for Nadal in Rome and he is on a hot streak after sweeping the honours on clay at Monte Carlo, Barcelona and last weekend in Madrid.

"I am happy with almost everything, I am playing well. I won a lot of matches this year," said the fourth seed, who next faces either Jack Sock or Jiri Vesely as he builds up to Roland

Garros.

"There is always things to improve, but it is not the right time to say I'm not happy with one thing or another.

Nadal though was distressed to see Almagro injured.

Joining Nadal in the next round was Japanese seventh seed Kei Nishikori, winner over Spain's David Ferrer 7-5, 6-2.

In women's play, world

number one Angelique Kerber crashed out, the top seed beaten 6-4 6-0 in the second round by Anett Kontaveit of Estonia.

Second seed Karolina Pliskova beat Lauren Davis 6-1, 6-1, Madrid winner Simona Halep started with a win over Germany's Laura Siegemund 6-4, 6-4 and eighth seed Elina Svitolina put out Alize Cornet 6-4, 7-6 (13/11).

Football

Scores as of closing

English Premier League:

Southampton 0 Man Utd 0

English Championship play-off semi-final second leg:

Sheffield Wed 1 Huddersfield 1

Scottish Premiership:

Dundee 0 Inverness 2
Rangers 1 Aberdeen 2
St Johnstone 1 Hearts 0

Spanish La Liga:

Celta Vigo 1 Real Madrid 4

French Ligue 1:

Monaco 2 Saint-Etienne 0

Serie A: Italian Cup final,

Juventus 2 Lazio 0

Shaikh Nasser announces candidacy for BOC President

Manama

His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) announced his candidacy for the Presidency of the Bahrain Olympic Committee's Board of Directors for the current period until the year 2020.

"My candidacy for the presidency of BOC comes after the successes achieved by the sports sector in Bahrain through the implementation of BOC's strategy which has been designed to make a better future for sports in Bahrain. We are on the right track towards reaching BOC's aspirations of building a sports system that is based on modern scientific work in accordance with the ambitions and hopes of all sports members in Bahrain," Shaikh Nasser stressed.

Malkiya, Al Ahli hailed

Manama

Supreme Council for Youth and Sports deputy general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) general secretary Abdulrahman Askar congratulated Al Malkiya and Al Ahli Sports Clubs on their respective victories this season. Askar congratulated Al Malkiya Club board members, players and all their affiliates on the club's team winning their first-ever Bahrain VIVA Football League for the season 2016/2017 and Al Ahli Club volleyball team on winning the Crown Prince Cup recently.

He said these victories reflect the teams' outstanding efforts throughout the season on achieving positive results.

Askar also commended the efforts of Al Malkiya Club president Jassim Abdula'al and his compatriot at Al Ahli Club Khalid Kanoo, in addition to the administrative and technical staff of both teams in securing their respective titles.

Sports Management course

Manama

A sports management course, organised by the Bahrain Olympic Committee's (BOC) Sports Training and Development Centre, will come to a close today at the centre premises in Juffair. Director of the centre Nabeel Taha will be presenting the concluding session of this course, which will focus different subjects related to the main themes.

Taha conducted the first of the three sessions on the inaugural day of the course on Saturday, speaking about Olympic movement.

Twenty four sports officials from various national sports federations are attending the course, which aims to develop administrative performance and skills within national sports federations.

BAHRAIN FINISHES

with
GOLD

Baku
Hasan Mohamed and Maryam Hassani of Bahrain brought down the curtain on the shooting competition with a gold medal in the mixed skeet final.

The Bahraini duo saw off Azerbaijan's Emin Jafarov and Nurlana Jafarova in the

gold medal match, winning by three points to bag their country's second gold.

In the third place playoff, Salih Hafiz and Nur Banu Ozpak of Turkey had to wait until the final shot in the shootout to edge out Azeris Niyaz Aghazada and Rigina Meftakhetdinova and claim bronze. (AFP)



Hasan Mohamed (above) and Maryam Hassani during the mixed team's skeet event

Olympic
champion
Jebet
storms
to gold

Baku
Bahrain's Olympic champion Ruth Jebet strolled to gold in the women's 3000-metre steeplechase on day two of athletics.

Jebet is arguably the biggest star at these Games and she won by over 10 seconds during the morning session at the Olympic stadium.

Her time of 9 minutes 15.41 seconds was over 21 seconds off her own world record she set in Paris last year, but she looked effortless in the Baku sunshine in front of another sparse crowd.

The battle for second place was intense between Turkey's Tugba Govenc and Bahrain's Tigest Mekonen, but the Burundi athlete got the upper hand on the final 400 metres.

But after a gruelling race which featured 35 barriers, Algeria's Amina Bettiche came from nowhere to snatch silver on the line from Mekonen in a personal best time of 9:25:90.

Mekonen crossed just a tenth of a second later in a season's best time to take bronze just ahead of Guvenc.

Ruth Jebet competes during the Women's 3000m Steeplechase

Almuwallad surges to men's hurdles title

Baku
Saudi Arabia's Ahmed Almuwallad earned a gold in the men's 110-metre hurdles ahead of Azerbaijan's Rahib Mammadov.

Almuwallad's time of 13.68s was just 8 hundredths shy of his personal best, while Iraqi Mohammed Sad Al-Khfaji earned bronze.

It was another good day for the host Azerbaijan as they chalked up three more athletics golds to make it seven in total.

Nazim Babayev leapt 17.15 metres in the men's triple jump final to snatch gold ahead of compatriot Alexis Copello (16.90m).

Turkey sign off in style as Algeria snatch second in swimming

Baku
Turkey rounded off their magnificent swimming campaign with another dominant performance in the pool on the fifth and final day of competition.

The current leaders of the overall medal table claimed six more golds to increase their swimming haul to a staggering 57 medals: 26 gold, 18 silver and 13 bronze.

Algeria were the day's other big winners, securing the remaining two gold medals to pip hosts Azerbaijan to

second place in the discipline.

Algeria finish second in the swimming medal table with 10 medals: five gold, two silver and three bronze.

Hosts Azerbaijan - whose four golds all came courtesy of one man, Maksym Shemberev - finished third, while Indonesia will be deeply frustrated to have come fourth.

Often the bridesmaid but too rarely the bride in Baku, Indonesia chalked up an impressive tally of 33 medals, but could only manage three golds, along with 17 silvers and 13 bronzes.

Azerbaijan deliver golden double in Baku

Baku
Hosts Azerbaijan picked up two much-needed golds in their battle to top the Islamic Solidarity Games medals table with Turkey, as the home taekwondo fighters starred at the Baku Sports Hall yesterday.

Women's under-49kg athlete Patimat Abakarova delighted a large home crowd by thrashing Ainur Yesbergenova 14-4.

The first men's final saw Aykhan Taghizade beat Iranian practitioner Seyedhossein Ehsanipetroudi in the under-68kg category 9-8 to make it a golden Azeri double.

Weightlifting: Records tumble on dramatic final day

Baku
Shaimaa Haridy smashed the Islamic Solidarity Games records as she cruised to women's +90kg victory in the final session of the weightlifting as Egypt won two gold medals.

Haridy won without breaking sweat recording a record 275kg overall, before the -90kg clean and jerk record

was broken twice as Dina Barakat prevented Clementine Meukeugni Noubissi from claiming Cameroon's first ever gold medal at the Games.

Iran's Mohammadreza Barari grabbed a thrilling men's -105kg gold medal and Uzbek Rustam Djangabaev won the last weightlifting title of the Games in the +105kg.



Adekoya surges to women's hurdles title

Baku
Bahrain's Oluwakemi Adekoya was crowned women's 400-metre hurdles champion after blitzing the field yesterday. Adekoya was huge favourite having already won gold at the Asian Games and Asian Championships in the discipline, and she scorched to a time of

54.68 seconds - just 8 hundredths off her personal best - to hand Bahrain their second athletics gold of the day. Adekoya's performance was too much for the rest with Nigeria's Glory Onome Nathaniel over a second behind in silver, while Aminat Jamal took bronze.

Oluwakemi Adekoya competes during the Women's 400m Hurdles



Brilliant Khamis wins Bahrain's third athletics gold

Baku
Ali Khamis Khamis capped off a scintillating day for Bahrain at the fourth Islamic Solidarity Games as he landed his country's third athletics gold medal with victory in the men's 400-metre final.

European Games silver medallist Rahib Mammadov.

Almuwallad's time of 13.68s was just 8 hundredths shy of his personal best, while Iraqi Mohammed Sad Al-Khfaji finished strongly to earn bronze.

The Asian Games champion from Incheon three years ago was pushed all the way by Winston George, but he moved past the Guyana athlete on the final straight to claim gold in 45.54 seconds in a thrilling race.

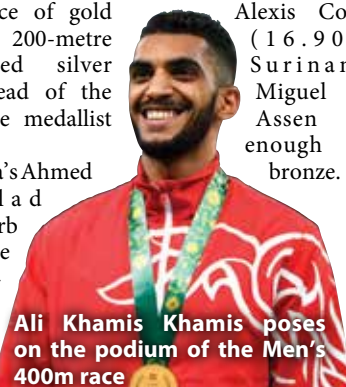
It was another good day for the host nation Azerbaijan as they chalked up three more athletics golds to make it seven in total.

George, who has another chance of gold in Thursday's 200-metre final, claimed silver in 45.69s ahead of the Iranian bronze medallist Ali Khadivar.

Nazim Babayev leapt 17.15 metres in the men's triple jump final to snatch gold ahead of compatriot Alexis Copello (16.90m).

Suriname's Miguel Van Assen did enough for bronze.

Saudi Arabia's Ahmed Almuwallad earned a superb gold in the men's 110-metre hurdles ahead of Azerbaijan's



Ali Khamis Khamis poses on the podium of the Men's 400m race

Family business for Azerbaijan in shooting

Baku
Ruslan Lunev claimed his fifth gold medal on home soil at the Islamic Solidarity Games in Baku as the Azeri dominated the mixed 10-metre air 50 pistol final alongside cousin Nigar Nasirova.

Lunev bagged his other titles in individual events, striking gold in the 25-metre centre fire pistol, the 25-metre rapid fire pistol, the 25-metre standard pistol and finally the 10-metre air pistol.

In was a family matter also in the other shooting action of the day as husband Emin Jafarov and wife Nurlana Jafarova took the silver in the mixed skeet final after being edged out by Hasan Mohamed and Maryam Hassani.

Azerbaijan finished the shooting competition with a total of ten medals, six of them gold, while Turkey had thirteen medals but just four golds.

Iran also had a good competition, claiming four golds, five silvers and three bronzes, including a clean sweep in the women's 50-metre rifle 3 positions through Nalmeh Khedmati, Elaheh Ahmadi and Mahlagha Jambozorg.

Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan impress in first semis

Baku
Hosts Azerbaijan dominated the semi-finals of the boxing competition as six of their athletes reached today's finals.

It was also a good day for Uzbekistan, who will have a chance to contest gold-medal bouts in three different weight categories.

The semi-finals in all 10 weight divisions were held at Baku's Crystal Hall yesterday, with the 20 losers earning themselves a bronze medal.



Noora Jassim performs in the women's shot put event



Treble-chasing Juve beat Lazio

Rome
Dani Alves and Leonardo Bonucci struck one apiece as treble-chasing Juventus secured a record third successive Italian Cup with a 2-0 victory over Lazio at the Stadio Olimpico yesterday.

Juventus, who won a league and Cup double the past two seasons, can clinch a record sixth consecutive Serie A title -- and a record third double -- with victory at home to Crotona on Sunday. Massimiliano Allegri's men also face Real Madrid in the Champions League final in Cardiff on June -- and on this showing the Spanish giants will

have cause for concern. Days after seeing their title celebrations put on hold at the Stadio Olimpico following a 3-1 defeat to Lazio's city rivals Roma, Juventus were back their formidable best.

Lazio, whose last trophy came from their 2013 Cup triumph, had hoped to emulate Roma by sending Juventus back to Turin with their tails between their legs.

But despite a battling display by Simone Inzaghi's men, Lazio spurned their few chances, and were outplayed by the slick, passing play inspired by Argentinian playmaker

Paulo Dybala. The sizeable Lazio support were given hope in the opening minutes when Keita Balde latched on to Sergej Milinkovic-Savic's smart ball up the left flank to slip past Andrea Barzagli.

But the Senegal striker saw his shot from a tight angle, which evaded 'keeper Norberto Neto, given a start ahead of Gianluigi Buffon, come off the post. The scare was enough to jolt Juve into life.

Argentina striker Gonzalo Higuain, who went on to spurn several chances to add to Juve's tally, controlled well outside the area and unleashed a volley

that Thomas Strakosha did well to block. Strakosha pulled off an acrobatic save out the bag to stop Paulo Dybala's long-range effort, the first of many in a performance that underlined the 22-year-old Albanian's talents. On the quarter-hour, Lazio piled on the pressure, but when Balde's cross into the area went awry it sent Juventus on a quick counter that left the capital side exposed.

Juve should have had more, but Dutch defender Stefan De Vrij did well to stop Dybala and Higuain spurned two great chances late on to get his name on the scoresheet. (AFP)



Juventus' defender from Italy Leonardo Bonucci (C) celebrates with teammates J



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