

**Beyonce, Jay-Z surprise with joint album**

Music's most famous couple Beyonce and Jay-Z pulled a surprise by releasing a joint album late Saturday, a long-rumored collaboration that celebrates their marital passion. **P16**

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**Relief ready for Hodeidah**

Riyadh

The King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSRelief) has readied an urgent response plan as the Yemeni Army, backed by the Saudi-led coalition, tightens its grip on Hodeidah.

The plan involves sending specialized medical teams to the port city, and intensifying humanitarian and relief aid, Dr Abdullah Al Moallem, director for health and environmental aid at KSRelief, said yesterday.

The army took control of Hodeidah's airport on Saturday, and is continuing an offensive to liberate the city from Iran-backed Houthi militants.



His Majesty's Representative for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Affairs and Bahrain Olympic Committee President His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa hosted an Eid Al Fitr entertainment event for the families and children of the martyred servicemen affiliated with the Bahrain Defence Force and the Ministry of Interior. Shaikh Nasser paid tribute to Bahrainis for their dedication and sacrifices for the sake of their homeland, to protect the security and stability of the Kingdom and confront terrorists.

**Protests in Greece as Macedonia renamed**

Athens

Greek protesters have clashed with riot police while a historic deal to end a 27-year name dispute was signed.

The demonstration came as the foreign ministers of Greece and Macedonia signed a preliminary accord to rename the country the Republic of North Macedonia.

A woman was hit on the head by a rock and a man was treated for breathing problems during the clashes.

The trouble broke out when about 500 demonstrators waving Greek flags tried to approach the signature ceremony on the banks of Lake Prespa.

**The Bahraini who swam around Kaaba 77 years ago**

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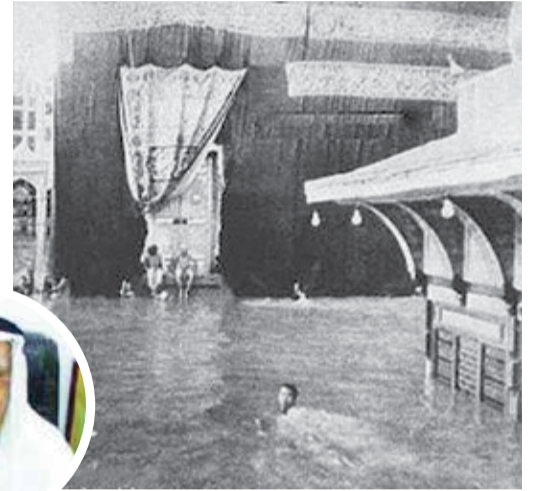
A report on a Bahraini whose faith and courage made his country proud 77 years ago dominated social media yesterday.

Ali Al Awadhi became a proud symbol of the Kingdom as he performed Tawaf (circumambulating the Kaaba), during the 1941 flood which caused the Kaaba to be surrounded by water.

The pictures from 77 years ago show Al Awadhi in the water, which measured up to more than a meter and a half high, in front of Maqam Ibrahim, as well as his brother and friend sitting by the door of the Ka'ba in the back.

Al Awadhi, who passed away in 2015, has previously said that he was about 12-years-old studying in Mecca, when the heavy rain persisted for an entire week without any interruptions.

He said that he went to the Meccan Sanctuary with his brother and two of his friends, as well as his teacher, when they found the place completely flooded. Al Awadhi, who used to swim often, said



A 1941 picture shows Al Awadhi swimming in front of Maqam Ibrahim.

he suggested performing Tawaf around Kaaba by swimming for their pilgrimage to count.

As quoted from the Islamic prophet Muhammad's biography, the first person to perform Tawaf swimming was the sahabi (the prophet's companion) Abd Allah Al Zubayr. Others who swam around the ka'ba include scholar Badr Al Din bin Jama'a, who dove every time he approached the stone to kiss it.

Performing Tawaf by swimming is a rare form of worship. Mecca has seen many large floods, but according to historians, it is never high enough for someone to swim, except for two incident, one from the Islamic era, and one 77 years ago.

**Blast after blast**

54 dead, over 200 wounded in two attacks in the past two days in Jalalabad, eastern Afghanistan

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Kabul

A suicide bomber struck in Afghanistan's eastern city of Jalalabad yesterday, killing at least 18 people in the second attack in as many days targeting Taliban fighters, security forces and civilians celebrating a holiday ceasefire. The Taliban later rejected an extension to the ceasefire.

Najibullah Kamawal, director of the provincial health depart-

16 years have passed since the war began in Afghanistan.

ment, said another 49 people were wounded in the attack, which struck a crowd of people

as they left the governor's compound. Saturday's attack, which also took place in Jalalabad, killed at least 36 people and wounded 65, according to the official.

No one has claimed the attacks, but they appear to be the work of the Islamic State group, which is not included in the ceasefire and has clashed with the Taliban in the past. The local IS affiliate has a strong presence in the province.

The bomber on Saturday targeted a gathering of Taliban fight-

ers who were celebrating a three-day truce coinciding with the Eid Al Fitr holiday.

The Taliban have steadily expanded their presence in recent years, seizing a number of districts across the country and carrying out near-daily attacks on Afghan security forces. But over the past two days Taliban fighters could be seen celebrating the truce alongside Afghan troops and other people in a number of locations.



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KILLED BY DEAD

**Indonesian killed by his mother's falling coffin**

Jakarta

An Indonesian was killed when his mother's coffin fell from a funeral tower and crushed him during a service on the island of Sulawesi, police said Sunday.

Samen Kondorura, 40, died Friday when pallbearers lost their footing while carrying the coffin up a bamboo ladder in the Parinding valley in North Toraja district, local police said.

The casket fell as the group ornately carved tower where the deceased is placed before



elaborate traditional funeral rites.

"As the mother's coffin was being raised to the lakkian, suddenly the ladder shifted and collapsed, the coffin fell and hit the victim," Julianto Sirait, chief commissioner of the Tana Toraja resort police, said.

Video from the scene, which has gone viral online, shows the ladder slip just as the casket enters the tower, sending the men tumbling several meters to the ground where the victim is struck by the coffin.



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Horried onlookers rush to the men's aid but Kondorura died later in hospital.

Sirait said the accident happened because the ladder was not properly reinforced but the family has declined to press charges.

The body of Kondorura is now resting alongside his mother Berta, he added.

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