

Pitt spends Father's Day with children

Hollywood star Brad Pitt spent Father's Day here with his children amid an ongoing custody dispute. Last week, a judge presiding over Pitt and Angelina Jolie's divorce proceedings established a schedule for the actor to spend time with kids. **P16**

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Hodeidah almost under control

Dubai
The Saudi-led coalition fighting Iran-backed Houthi militia for control of Yemen's main port city of Hodeidah will take a "calculated and gradual" approach to the battle, a senior United Arab Emirates official said yesterday. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash said the military alliance led by Saudi Arabia and the UAE was taking into consideration a "fragile humanitarian situation," avoiding civilian casualties in addition to military calculations. He said that the Arab coalition's full control of Hodeidah only a matter of time.

US suspends August drill

Washington
The Pentagon said yesterday that it has formally suspended a major military exercise planned for August with South Korea, a much-anticipated move stemming from President Donald Trump's nuclear summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. The announcement said all planning for the exercise has been stopped. Pentagon spokeswoman Dana White said the department has made no decisions on other military exercises with South Korea. Exercises with other countries in the Pacific will continue.

Mid-air fire



The airplane carrying Saudi Arabia football team caught fire in mid-air as the team was traveling to Rostov, where they will play their 2018 World Cup game against Uruguay on Wednesday. The fire was seen from the engine of the Russian Airlines Airbus. A statement from the Saudi Football Federation reassured everyone about the team's safety. The plane caught fire due to a "minor technical malfunction in an engine".

Bahraini women won't bother men anymore for Saudi trips!

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Thamer Tayfoor

Many Bahraini women here are brimmed with enthusiasm as they would be able to cross the King Fahad Causeway, driving their cars for the first time.

Dammam, the third largest city in Saudi Arabia, is only 25 kilometers away from Bahrain.

Many Bahrainis love shopping in Dammam since goods are comparatively cheap in the neighboring Kingdom.

Saudi Ambassador Abdulla bin Abdulmalik Al Sheikh has said that many women would be able to enter Saudi driving their cars beginning the tenth of Shawwal, on June 24.

Speaking to Tribune, Bahraini Yasmine Ahmed said, "I am thrilled to go to Saudi driving my car. Now we women can go and shop with friends and family members."

"We won't be bothering men anymore to go to Saudi," she said.

Noura Al Bastaki said driving in Saudi won't be as easy as driv-



The border crossing on King Fahad Causeway.

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DR ALWAN

ing in the Kingdom. "The streets there are very big and it is easy to get lost. So Bahraini women who plans to drive in Saudi should be very careful."

Meanwhile, Noura Ali said there are some differences in the traffic laws of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

"In Bahrain, the red signal won't allow to go left through a dedicated lane, while in Saudi Arabia the vehicles can go right without waiting for the green signal."

Dr Alwan said it would be better for Bahraini women to travel along with men. "In case the car needs a repair, you will find it difficult to handle the situation without a man."

New axis of evil

Qatar reiterates its vow to strengthen ties with Iran; hails growing bilateral ties

● Commerce between the two countries is increasing, Tehran said recently that trade had risen by \$250 million in the 12 months to March as Doha becomes more reliant upon Iranian imports such as food products.

Doha

In a telephone call with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani yesterday, Qatari Emir reiterated that relations between Doha and Tehran were "developing on daily basis".

"Qataris are determined to strengthen the bilateral relations in all fields and I would personally observe the process of developing relations between the two cases," Tamin bin Hamad Al Thani was



Both Qatar and Iran are accused of supporting Hizbollah

quoted by Iranian Mehr News Agency.

Earlier, Qatari Emir had personally thanked Iran's President Hassan Rouhani for his country's support during Doha's crisis.

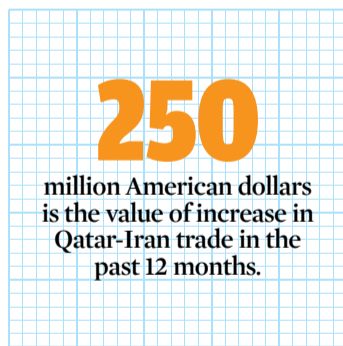
Qatar was boycotted by the Arab quartet including Saudi Arabia, Egypt,

Bahrain and the UAE last June due to its funding of terrorist activities in the region. Flights belonging to Qatar has been banned from using the airspace of boycotting countries, leaving the country reliant on Iran.

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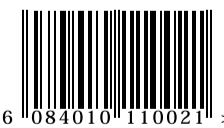
Iran has even offered to help Qatar with facilities during the 2022 football World Cup, which will be hosted by the emirate. It has offered its island of Kish to be used as a training camp during the tournament.



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Bahrain Summer Festival begins



Shaikha Mai interacts with the visitors at the opening day of the festival.

● The annual festival, which has become one of the most anticipated events throughout the region will be filled with various performances along with artistic activities and creative workshops.

● Themed “Muharraq Capital of Islamic Culture”, the 10th edition of the Bahrain Summer Festival is returning with a thrilling consecutive two-month programme.

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The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) yesterday officially launched the 10th edition of the Bahrain Summer Festival at the historical Arad Fort in Muharraq. The festival, which will run until August 18, is part of BACA's efforts to deliver sustainable cultural seasons for the public in Bahrain.

BACA President Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa attended the opening ceremony of the two-month festival, in the presence

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of diplomats, cultural and media figures as well as families and

children.

Shaikha Mai asserted that the festival is an opportunity to spread joy from the city of Muharraq, the “Capital of Islamic Culture 2018”, and affirm the city’s deep-rooted cultural value.

“From the city of Muharraq, we launch a new opportunity for joy, and affirm the city’s deep-rooted cultural value as we are celebrating it as the Capital of Islamic Culture 2018,” Shaikha Mai said.

“Over the past ten years, we have, through the Bahrain Summer Festival, focused our efforts on creat-

ing a cultural atmosphere worthy of the kingdom’s cultural status,” she added, noting that BACA is keen on achieving sustainability in its round-the-year events.

BACA president asserted that the Bahrain Summer Festival is held amid the kingdom’s preparations to host the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee in Manama, as part of its unwavering to consolidate its leading cultural role in the region.

Shaikha Mai extended sincere thanks and gratitude to the festival’s supporters, including government institutions and ambassador.

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The annual festival, which has become one of the most anticipated events throughout the region due to its reputation of exciting lineups of live shows and multi-cultural family-friendly entertainment, will be filled with various performances along with artistic activities and creative workshops.

The festival, held in Nakheel Tent at the historical Arad Fort, will offer a variety of children’s activities and workshops. Nakheel and Nakhoola, the adventurous duo and faces of Nakheel Tent, will welcome all families and friends daily from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. except Sundays. Along with the company of the beloved duo comes an exhilarating programme for all ages and will be open to the public.



Special entertainments for children were held on the opening day.



Bahraini arsonist loses appeal

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A Bahraini man convicted of setting an MP’s vehicle on fire in Ma’ameer has had his 10 years’ imprisonment upheld by the High Criminal Appeals Court.

The defendant was among five accused tried in connection with the case and were handed down the same sentences in prison.

According to court files, the convict set the MP’s car on fire on May 15, 2015, causing severe damages to it.

The suspects’ links to the incident were established thanks to the eyewitnesses and their confessions as well as technical pieces of evidence extracted from the scene.

Life sentence for drug smuggler

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A Pakistani man will spend 25 years behind bars in Bahrain for attempting to smuggle in one kilogram of heroin.

The 22-year-old was assigned by his fellow countryman to smuggle one kilogram of heroin, but was arrested at the Bahrain International Airport. A customs officer

became suspicious after watching the convict and ordered a thorough search.

“We X-rayed his luggage, and there was something hidden and deliberately covered. We removed it and there was almost one kilogram of heroin,” a customs officer said.

The 22-year-old Pakistani man admitted to committing the crime during the questioning.

He said he received the drugs from someone in Pakistan who instructed him to give it to someone in Bahrain in return of half a million Pakistani rupees (BD1500).

While officers were extracting confessions from him, his phone rang, and on the line was another Pakistani man, who was supposed to receive the drugs from him.

Police officers ordered him to cooperate

with them and the other man aged 33, was arrested while trying to receive the heroin bag.

Both men were tried and sentenced to life in prison, which was last week upheld by the High Criminal Appeals Court.

The pair will be deported once they serve their punishments. They were also fined BD5,000 each.

35 graft complaints received this year

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Capt Mohammed Jassim Al Khedri, the person in charge of Anti-Corruption Wing at the General Directorate for Combating Corruption, Economic and Electronic Security, said that the number of complaints received during the current year has reached 35.



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MR AL KHEDRI

Twenty-six cases were transferred to the Public Prosecutor’s Office. The most prominent of them were the breach of public duties.

Mr Al Khedri explained that a thorough investigation will be carried out into all allegations or complaints filed against public officials before submitting the case to Public Prosecution.

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Riches from rags

● The used clothes donated by good people are sold to traders here who export it to countries having high levels of low-income population.

● Charity societies earn nearly BD30 by selling 100 kilos of used clothes to traders, according to sources.

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Many charitable societies are allegedly running a successful second-hand garments business and their capital is the generous minds of citizens and residents in the Kingdom.

Sources say once the boxes kept in the neighbourhoods get filled with used clothes donated by generous individuals, they are shipped to Africa and Levant countries hosting refugees before being sold in the local markets.

Speaking to Tribune, Ahmed Ali, who worked for a society, said, "The clothes donated by good people are sold to traders here who export it to countries having high levels of low-income population. In the second-hand dress market, a big box full of clothes, for instance about 100 kilograms, could fetch something near BD30."

He said different charities follow different methods when it comes to selling second-hand garments. "Some sell per kilo-



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AHMED ALI

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ABU SAUD



Used clothing boxes are a common scene across the Kingdom.

gram while some calculate prices on the number of boxes and there are also a few who would sell each and every cloth for 200 or 300 fils."

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Tribune spoke to Abu Saud, one of the traders who buy clothes from these charities and export them to Jordan. "I buy second-hand clothes

from charities and they charge me per kilo. I sort them in my house before shipping them to Jordan. The profits aren't really high."

"We buy 100 kilo clothes for about BD30 and the cost of shipping them is BD5. Add BD10 to it, which is the import duty in Jordan. This means we would have spent BD45 to sent our clothes to the distributor in Jordan. He sells them for BD70 and takes his profit as well."

Mr Saud is said whatever he does is very much legal. "There is nothing illegal in this. I do business without violating the laws of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Jordan."

Fayez, another exporter of second-hand clothes, said the traders make more money by exporting clothes to African countries. "Clothes are first shipped to Sudan and from there to other African countries. The business generates huge profits as they sell one piece for as high as 600 fils."

He said though he is a businessman, he does some charity in the process. "Among the collected clothes we bought, if there are bad ones, I ask our distributors to give them for free to deserving people."



The demand for used clothes is very high in African markets as well as Syrian refugee camps in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.



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Eid bonanza for hospitality sector

Occupancy rates at many hotels as high as 80pc



For the first time, Bahrain attracted many tourists from Germany, Switzerland and the US during the Eid season.

● **The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority has also been successful in promoting the Kingdom as a major tourist destination.**

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The occupancy rates at five and four star hotels are all set to exceed 80 per cent

during Eid holidays, according to industry leaders.

This reflects the Kingdom's position as a most sought after tourist destination by Arab nationals as well as other foreigners, they say.

The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority has also been successful in promoting the Kingdom as a major tourist destination.

Speaking to Tribune, industry veteran Akram Miknas said the tourism movement in the Kingdom is gradually gaining momentum. "The Eid holidays are going to be really good for the hospitality sector. Tourists are flocking to hotels, restaurants, cafes, water parks and beaches."



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MR AL SAYED

Praising the tourism authority for its efforts, he said many events organised by the authority have attracted large number of Arab families.

Golden Tulip Hotel general manager Abdulrahim Al Sayed said the occupancy rates at his hotel exceeded 80 per cent. "Bookings began well in advance for these five Eid holidays and on the second day we had maximum customers."

"GCC nationals make up the largest share of customers and within that Saudis come first followed by foreigners residing in the eastern coast of Saudi Arabia," he explained.

He added that the tourists were getting benefited by the competition in the industry in

the form of promotions and offers.

For his part, Mohammed Jawadi, director (sales and marketing) at the Grove Hotel and Conference Centre, said that the Eid holidays have been a big boost for the hospitality sector with hundreds of tourists coming from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman and other countries.

"Apart from Gulf countries, even tourists from Switzerland, Germany and the United States visited the Kingdom during this Eid holidays," he said, adding that the World Cup Football also made a positive impact on Bahrain's tourism season.

Proposal to expand Tamkeen board with SME representatives

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Member of Parliament (MP) Ali Al Aradi, along with a number of MPs, has proposed a law aimed at setting up a legislative framework for the representation of small and medium enterprises within the Labour Fund's (Tamkeen) board of directors.

The proposal stated that "small and medium enterprises play a large role in the economies of countries and are an important aspect for the development of Bahrain. Today, they represent 76 per cent of the total industrial establishments operating in the Kingdom".

The proposed law aims at contributing to the development of the national economy and the development of the private sector to make it an engine for

economic growth in the Kingdom.

The proposed law calls for the addition of a new item in Article 5, paragraph (a), of the Tamkeen's Formation Law, whereby the number of members of the Tamkeen's board of directors shall be increased to 12 instead of 9 members. The board of directors shall include three members who are selected from among candidates from civil society organisations that are concerned with micro, small and medium enterprises.

Tamkeen currently consists of nine members, two members nominated by the Council of Ministers, one member nominated by the Economic Development Board, three members nominated by the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, one member nominated by the Bahrain Bankers Association

and two members nominated by trade unions

For its part, the services committee of the House of Representatives recommended approval of the proposed law, while it is scheduled to be discussed in the House's next session to be held on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Tamkeen stated that the purpose of the proposed law is achieved on the ground through the balanced composition of its board of directors.

In its memo, Tamkeen said, "In view of Tamkeen's establishment law, it is ensured that all stakeholders are involved in the fund's operations and the achievement of its objectives in a balanced way.

"The organisation has decided that six members out of the nine of the board - two-thirds of the members - should be



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MR AL ARADI

from the private sector or from the civil society organisations. The board consists of three representatives from the commercial sector, two business owners (employers), and one member belonging to the financial investment sector.

"All of them run for the membership of Board of Directors of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) in accordance with a mechanism that ensures the participation of the private sector and civil society organisations."

Tamkeen stated that the organisation ensured that all stakeholders were represented on the Board of Directors so that the resolution would be issued in a mixed manner that would realise the aspirations of all stakeholders through the work of the Fund.



The Filipino Creatives Bahrain, an all-Filipino visual arts group, held a general meeting in preparation for the upcoming Art Exhibit which will be held from 5-12 September 2018 at the Bahrain Financial Harbour. The exhibit is spearheaded by Philippine Ambassador to Bahrain, Alfonso A Ver. The theme of the visual arts exhibit is a celebration of the "40th Anniversary of the Diplomatic Relations between Bahrain and the Philippines".

Boys detained for bullying

Trio attacked their victim at a school in Hamad Town

● The victim was seen helplessly crying and groaning with pain, as the three boys punched him, kicked him and even stomped on him.

● The victim's father lodged a complaint against the attackers after seeing his son being assaulted in the footage, which went viral.

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Muhannad Mansour

Three minors were yesterday detained at a correctional facility for juveniles for brutally attacking another child in Hamad Town few weeks ago.

As reported by Tribune yesterday, the parents of the three boys were summoned by the Northern Governorate Police Directorate on Sunday. The directorate's statement confirmed that

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MR AL GHATAM

the case was referred to the Family and Child Prosecution.

This came after the attackers were seen in a video bullying and beating the victim after school hours. The victim was seen helplessly crying and groaning with pain, as the three boys punched him, kicked him and even stomped on him.

Family and Child Prosecution Chief Prosecutor Ahmed Al Ghatam explained in a statement released yesterday that the prosecution was notified about the incident by Hamad Town Southern Police Station on Sunday evening.

Mr Al Ghatam revealed that the notification mentioned that the three children physically assaulted the victim after school hours, while a fourth companion filmed the incident and spread it online.

According to Mr Al Ghatam's statement, the victim's father lodged a complaint against the attackers after seeing his son being assaulted in the footage which went viral on local social media



A screenshot of the video showing one of the attackers kicking the victim in his head.

networks.

“The prosecution immediately launched an investigation into the incident, summoned the children and questioned them. They confessed to their crime in the interrogation and they were referred to the Juveniles Court Judge.

“The judge ordered to refer them to the Juveniles Care Centre and tasked the Social Care Unit at the Centre to issue reports on their social status,” Mr

Al Ghatam added, without unveiling more details.

However, the Education Ministry didn't comment on the incident. The ministry had denied that any bullying cases were reported in Bahrain schools in a statement issued last year. A local daily quoting the ministry last July affirmed that “the ministry has implemented special programmes for students and teachers to combat bullying and curb such occurrences in schools”.

Bullying linked to learning disabilities, reveals AGU study

● The children who are exposed to bullying would feel frustrated, worried, inferior, helpless, failed, distrustful, and will fail in communication skills and skills of building social relationships, the doctor pointed out.

● For her part, Bahraini writer Mona Al Mutawa said that bullying is a crime against society and the person who practices it is an abnormal person who needs deterrent penalties and psychological rehabilitation.

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The act of bullying has a direct link to learning disabilities among students, a

recent study conducted by Arab Gulf University (AGU) reveals.

The study said that 19 per cent of students at intermediary levels were subjected to bullying and 30pc of students having learning disabilities had bullying behaviour. The same statistics also applies students who are academically poor.

“Preparing and providing training courses for teachers is the one of the ways to tackle bullying. Parents also need special training.

“Schools should host special workshops for children to combat bullying. But the most important thing is to give special attention to children who are academically poor and suffer from learning disabilities,” the study said.

Speaking to Tribune, Chairman and Consultant Psychiatrist in Serene Psychiatry Hospital, Dr Abdulkarim Mustafa Awadhi, said bullying is nothing but a mental illness.

“The biggest problem here is we don't have any preventive measures when it comes to tackling mental diseases like the ones we have to prevent physical diseases like small pox or poliomyelitis,” he said.

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MS AL MUTAWA

destroy their lives.”

Dr Awadhi urged parents to play a bigger role in order to combat bullying at schools. “Parents must cooperate with schools to spare students from this problem and if they find negligence or neglect by the school administration, they have to resort to the educational departments to force the school to recognise the seriousness of this problem.”

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Ms Al Mutawa said that bullying has new dimensions today, especially with the advent of social media. “According to a UN report, seven out of 10 people are subjected to electronic bullying and in some case the victims have committed suicide.”

“We need strong wholehearted efforts to tackle bullying, both at schools and in the society. Awareness campaigns and community partnerships can create success in our fight against bullying.”

Welfare measures mullied to help kindergarten workers

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Abbas Mughanni

The Labour Ministry is working on a project aimed at improving the lives of about 2,000 kindergarten workers in the Kingdom, it was learnt. Hundreds of women working in kindergartens have been seeking welfare measures including a minimum monthly salary of BD350.

According to the directives issued by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women, a committee headed by Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa was set up to address the issues faced by kindergarten and nursery workers.

Speaking to Tribune, Labour Ministry Undersecretary Sabah Al Dosari said the ministry is working hard to come up with a plan that would bring welfare to the kindergarten workers. “Soon their salaries will be raised to BD350 a month. Other welfare measures are also on cards.”



Members of Bahrain Odiya Samaj celebrated Raja Mauja 2018 with their families and children. Many fun-filled activities, musical shows and games for children were held as part of the event.

He defeated darkness to wear black gown

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Ali Tarraf

He became blind at the age of 10, but never lost sight of his goals in life.

Abdulrazzaq Abdulmohsen, a successful lawyer, says darkness never prevented him from realising his potentials. "If you have faith in yourself you can overcome any obstacle in life," he said.

Recalling his tough days, Abdulmohsen said, "I was a primary-school student in Saar, I could see everything, until I reached fourth grade. During the first semester, my sight was weak, and things got worse in the second semester. I was transferred to the Saudi Bahraini Institute for the Blind, as I was not allowed to continue at the regular school."

Abdulmohsen continued his studies up to middle school there before moving to Naem Secondary School. "I graduated from high school earning 88.2 per cent, and then I joined the University of Bahrain, specialising in law. I graduated after four years with a grade



Adv Abdulmohsen in his office

of 2.8, in 2011, and now I am studying my Masters in law."

Abdulmohsen attended all exams orally. "The final exams were written

on the Perkins machine in Braille and the papers were corrected by the Saudi Bahraini Institute for the Blind."

Describing the difficulties he faced,

the lawyer said, "There were many difficulties that I faced. As a student I could not interact as a normal child. I was harassed by friends. But there were



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ADV ABDULMOHSEN

lot of support as well. The support first came from my family and then from my teachers and friends."

He said the biggest difficulty was the lacking of freedom of movement. "It is the biggest difficulty faced by a blind man. But I have made up my mind to overcome this."

Like other law graduates, starting a career wasn't easy for Abdulmohsen. "After trying hard, I found a lawyer who was willing to train me and then I did an internship under Nawaf Al Sayed. Later, I joined his office and started to work and attend sessions in courts. I worked with him for two years."

As a lawyer, Abdulmohsen feels the profession is superior to all other jobs. "I am certainly enjoying the job. Despite being a disabled man I have made a mark in the legal profession and I will continue towards the path of progress."

To all youngsters, he got only one advice. "Follow your heart and chase your dreams. It doesn't matter you have any disabilities or weakness, if you have determination and plan of action."

Homely tastes sold here!

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A Bahraini couple has opened a shop in Qalali to help low-income families in the area.

Various food items prepared by these families are sold at the shop, which has a growing number of customers.

Speaking to Tribune, shop owner Ibrahim Al Kuwari said, "The idea behind the shop is to create a source of living for people from low-income families in the area. Initially three families were giving us food items and now it has increased."

"We sell home-made grape leaves, as well as, cakes, cabbage, juices and salads. Once you enter the shop you will find a variety of main dishes, sweets, appetisers, salads and drinks," he said.

Mr Al Kuwari said special care is given to ensure the quality of food items and the prices of these items are decided in consultation with the families.

The shop also has rent a shelf scheme. "The rent for a cooled shelf is BD40, while for the outer shelf is BD30. After getting shelves, the participants can decide as to what he can offer the shop."

Mr Al Kuwari said there is a strong demand for homemade food stuffs in the Kingdom and customers come to the shop from across the country.

The shop has a strong presence in social media with a large number of followers.



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MR AL KUWARI



The Dazzlers Gavel Club, Bahrain, held an investiture ceremony at Park Regis Hotel on June 16. The new executive committee members are Counsellor Toastmaster Nikitha Krishnadas, President-Leah Lukose, Vice President Education-Nandana Chandrasekhar, Vice President Membership- Ishani Anoop, Vice president Public Relations- Pranav Ranjith, Secretary-Gouri Bindu, Treasurer- Siva Krishnan, Sergeant At Arms- Manav Prasanth and Toastmaster Diviya Ramesh.

business

Google to invest \$550m in Chinese e-commerce giant

Reuters|Singapore

Google will invest \$550 million in Chinese e-commerce powerhouse JD.com, part of the U.S. internet giant's efforts to expand its presence in fast-growing Asian markets and battle rivals including Amazon.com.

The two companies described the investment as one piece of a broader partnership that will include the promotion of JD.com products on Google's shopping service. This could help JD.com expand beyond its base in China and Southeast Asia and establish a meaningful presence in U.S. and European markets.

Company officials said the agreement initially would not involve any major new Google initiatives in China, where the company's main services are blocked over its refusal to censor search results in line with local laws.

JD.com's investors include Chinese social media powerhouse Tencent Holdings Ltd, the arch-rival of Chinese e-commerce leader Alibaba Group Holding Ltd, and Walmart Inc.

Google is stepping up its investments across Asia, where a rapidly growing middle class and a lack of infrastructure in retail, finance and other areas have made it a battleground for U.S. and Chinese internet giants. Google recently took a stake in Indonesian ride-hailing firm Go-Jek, and sources have told Reuters that it may also invest in Indian e-commerce upstart Flipkart. Google declined to comment on the rumored Flipkart deal. The JD.com investment is being made by the operating unit of Google rather than one of parent company Alphabet's investment vehicles.

Regulatory environment to better FinTech sector: BAB

● Arab central banks have realized the critical impact of FinTech on banks, says Chairman of Bahrain Association of Banks

● Central banks are encouraging local banks to take several initiatives with the aim of creating appropriate ecosystem for FinTech industry

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Several Arab central banks have initiated legislation on the regulatory environment to provide FinTech services, followed by encouraging

alliances between locally emerging companies and well-known global partnerships, according to Adnan Ahmed Yousif, Chairman of Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB).

Central banks are encouraging local banks to take several initiatives with the aim of creating the appropriate ecosystem for the success and prosperity of the industry, said Adnan.

"But we believe that the journey is still at its start and we will witness profound changes in the legislative and regulatory environment that keep pace with the rapid changes taking place in this industry," he said.

Central banks are affecting asset prices through primary intermediaries and banks that offer liquidity at fixed prices, he said.

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industry and national economies, but also on the regulatory aspects of industry. Regulators and central banks wondering how FinTech will change the central banking landscape over the next generation," said Ad-

nan.

"With FinTech we may see shift in central banks' regulatory practices, where their efforts

will expand, public scrutiny and political pressure may increase which will require clearer interaction between different banking system partners," he said.

"We have clearly noted that Arab central banks have already realized the critical impact expected of FinTech industry developments on banks in their countries. If banks are not able to meet their technology-savvy customers, they risk losing competition with the rapid changes in the financial sector," Adnan said.

Adnan pointed out that these banks have shown an understanding of the wide impact of FinTech industry on business models and jobs, and it seems that there is no alternative to the decision to adopt FinTech to raise the pace of innovation, which is the only option for the preparation to the next phase.

Franklin Templeton gets QFI status in Saudi

● Around \$3 billion in foreign flows has come into the Saudi market in 2018, taking total foreign investment in local equities to \$9 billion

Arab News|London

US fund manager Franklin Templeton is to allow foreign investors to invest directly in Saudi Arabian stocks for the first time, after announcing that its funds have been granted Qualified Foreign Investor (QFI) status by market regulators.

The firm's increased commit-



The US fund manager is attracted by fiscal and social reforms in Saudi Arabia

ment to Saudi Arabian stocks follows the steady easing of restrictions on foreign investors by regulators in the Kingdom,

as part of capital markets and economic reforms within the country.

The Saudi Capital Market

Authority (CMA) announced measures to ease restrictions on foreign investment in the local stock market from this January and allowed eligible foreign enterprises to acquire a larger stake of up to 10 percent of any issuer's shares, up from 5 percent.

"Bold fiscal reforms, including steps to reduce its reliance on oil, will put the Kingdom's economy on more sustainable footing over the long-term," said Bassel Khatoun, managing director, frontier and MENA, Franklin Templeton Emerging Markets Equity.

"At the same time, impressive capital-market reform is culmi-

nating in classification upgrades by key index providers. Finally, social reform continues unabated, leading to new investment opportunities across the economy. As a firm, we are excited to be part of these positive developments."

Saudi stocks are expected to be upgraded to emerging market status by index provider MSCI on Wednesday, following a similar upgrade by fellow index provider FTSE Russell at the end of March.

Around \$3 billion in foreign flows has come into the market already in 2018, taking total foreign investment in local equities to around \$9 billion.

Young Iraqis use innovation to make a living in oil-rich south

● The job market for youths has become starkly different in the post-Saddam Hussein era Iraq

AFP|Basra

From a roving cafe to scrap metal sculptures, young Iraqis unable to tap into the country's oil wealth are having to find creative ways to make a living.

While their parents generally went straight into public sector jobs after graduation, the job market for Iraqi youths has become starkly different in the post-Saddam Hussein era.

In the decade which followed the US invasion and the dictator's ouster in 2003, authorities continued to increase state hirings -- with a heavy dose of nep-

otism. But now, as 26-year-old Karrar Alaa discovered, there are no more guarantees.

Three years ago, he was counting on his business degree leading to a public sector job in the southern port city of Basra. But tired of waiting, he has turned entrepreneur. After gathering up all of his savings and borrowing money from relatives, Alaa invested in a car and transformed it into a coffee shop on wheels.

"It's the first of its kind in Basra. I got the idea from a video shot in Europe and posted on Facebook," he told AFP.

The "Coffee 2 Go" car has a giant plastic cup mounted on the roof, while an image of a cup of cappuccino and coffee beans is emblazoned on the body. An initial investment of \$20,000 has led to daily earnings of around 150,000 dinars, or \$120, from cups of coffee made in a machine installed in the car boot.

“The common view is that there's no choice but to work in the public sector. Young people who go to work in the private sector say it's a temporary move before getting a post in the public sector”

AHMED ABDEL HASSAN,
ECONOMICS PROFESSOR,
UNIVERSITY OF BASRA

Engineers driving taxis

Mashreq Jabbar earns similar sums from his little bookshop squeezed into a corridor of a Basra fashion mall.



A youth at his workshop in Basra. From a roving cafe to scrap metal sculptures, young Iraqis unable to tap into the country's oil wealth are finding creative ways to earn a living.

"Renting a shop costs \$6,000 a month; I only pay \$2,500 for my hallway," said the slim 26-year-old, as he tidied shelves of school books, romantic novels and po-

etry collections. The geology graduate had also hoped to get a job as a public official, confident that his degree would make him employable in the local oil

industry. But even though the sector accounts for 89 percent of the state budget and 99 percent of Iraq's export revenues, it provides only one percent of jobs as the majority of posts are filled by foreigners.

The lack of opportunities is nationwide; from the capital Baghdad to second city Mosul in the north, and from the agricultural east to the western desert.

It is not uncommon to find engineers working as taxi drivers, or sandwich stalls manned by literature graduates in a country of avid readers. Officially, 10.8 percent of Iraqis are jobless, while youth unemployment is twice as high in a country where 60 percent of the population are aged under 24.

A mushrooming number of private universities -- with Baghdad boasting around 30 -- has made the situation even worse among graduates.

Audi boss arrested in VW “dieselgate” scandal

Audi faced suspicions its engineers helped create software used in the VW scam

● The dramatic development comes a week after Munich prosecutors raided Stadler's home

AFP | Frankfurt

Audi chief executive Rupert Stadler was arrested yesterday in connection with parent company Volkswagen's (VW) “dieselgate” emissions cheating scandal, with prosecutors saying they feared he might try to destroy evidence.

The dramatic development comes a week after Munich prosecutors raided Stadler's home, accusing him of fraud and the falsification of documents that allowed diesel vehicles equipped with cheating software to be sold to European customers.

Prosecutors in the Bavarian state said the arrest was justified because of the “risk of concealment of evidence”.

Audi confirmed the arrest to AFP, declining to give further details.

“For Mr Stadler, the presumption of innocence continues to apply,” a spokesman said in a statement.

Stadler is the most senior executive yet to be detained in the dieselgate crisis, which started when the Volkswagen group admitted in 2015 to installing so-called “defeat devices” in some 11 million diesels worldwide that made them seem less polluting in lab tests than they actually were on the road.

The affected vehicles in-



Rupert Stadler

involved VW's own-brand cars, but also those made by Audi, Porsche, Skoda and Seat.

VW's luxury subsidiary Audi has long faced suspicions that its engineers helped create the software used in the scam.

Audi's former head of engine development, Wolfgang Hatz, was taken into custody in Germany in September 2017 and remains behind bars.

A manager at VW subsidiary Porsche was also detained in April. He was identified by German media as Joerg Kerner, an engineer in charge of Porsche's engine division who was working at Audi when the diesel scandal broke.

‘New start’

In a separate setback for Audi, German authorities earlier this month ordered the recall of some 60,000 Audi A6 and A7 cars across Europe to remove illegal emissions control software -- using a different technique however than the one at the heart of dieselgate.

Auto industry expert Ferdinand Dudenhoeffer of the CAR research centre called the al-



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legations against Stadler “very serious”.

“Audi needs a new start,” he said.

Stadler, 55, who joined Audi in 1990 and has been its CEO since 2007, has enjoyed the full

backing of VW's top brass so far.

But Dudenhoeffer said VW's supervisory board may want to reconsider its stance when it meets today.

“VW supervisory board chairman Wolfgang Porsche has to be careful that he doesn't ‘burn’ the hand with which he is shielding Stadler.”

Stadler's arrest is the latest blow to the Volkswagen group, which has struggled to shake off the dieselgate crisis and continues to face a litany of investigations at home and abroad.

Two former VW chief executives -- Martin Winterkorn and his successor Matthias Mueller -- have both landed in the sights of German prosecutors.

They are suspected of knowing earlier than they have admitted about the cheating, meaning they may have failed in their duty to inform investors in the car giant about the financial risks.

US prosecutors also indicted Winterkorn last month, saying he knew of the company's emissions cheating as early as May 2014 but decided to continue.

Current boss Herbert Diess has been accused of knowing about the scam before it became public -- an allegation rejected by the firm last month.

Admitting ‘responsibility’

The diesel scandal has so far cost the VW group more than 25 billion euros (\$29 billion) in buybacks, fines and compensation, mainly in the United States where the cheating scam was first uncovered.

But pressure has been mounting on the auto giant to make amends in Europe too.

UK's CYBG bank buys Virgin Money for £1.7bn



The new group will have a combined customer base of 6.1 million people

● The deal worth \$2.3 billion will see the combined group adopt the Virgin Money brand over the next three years

AFP | London

Britain's Clydesdale Yorkshire Banking Group yesterday said it had bought Richard Branson's Virgin Money for £1.7 billion, as it seeks to challenge the dominance of top lenders.

The all-shares deal, worth the equivalent of \$2.3 billion or 1.9 billion euros, will see the combined group adopt the Virgin Money brand over the next three years, the pair said in a statement that indicated about 1,500 job losses. The new group, offering retail services like home loans, savings accounts and credit cards, brings together two so-called “challenger” or smaller banks with a combined customer base of 6.1 million people. It will be better placed to compete with established British bank names like Barclays, HSBC, Royal Bank of Scotland, Lloyds Banking Group and Santander.

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DAVID DUFFY

CYBG CHIEF EXECUTIVE

the first true national competitor to the status quo in UK banking, offering a genuine alternative for consumers and small businesses,” said CYBG chief executive David Duffy.

“By combining two of the UK's leading challenger banks, we will create a national, full-service bank with the capabilities needed to compete effectively with the large incumbent banks.” CYBG investors will hold a majority 62-percent stake with Virgin Money shareholders the rest. The pair warned that it could axe as many as 1,500 jobs of its combined workforce, following completion of the deal.

US imports push Japan into trade deficit in May

AFP | Tokyo

Imports of US aircraft helped push Japan to a trade deficit in May, official data showed Monday, but experts said it was a temporary effect not linked to ongoing trade tensions.

Japan's imports rose 14.0 percent in May from a year earlier, according to finance ministry data.

Exports also enjoyed an 8.0 percent rise but the overall effect was a net deficit of 578.3 billion yen (\$5 billion).

The deficit was nearly three times the size of the figure last year and came after two consecutive months of surplus.

“The deficit came from a surge in imports from the United States,” said Takeshi Minami, chief economist at the Norinchukin Research Institute, noting a quadrupling of Japan's purchases of US aircraft.

He also noted that crude oil prices rose strongly, pushing Japan's import bills higher.

“It's a temporary rise and is not linked to trade policies,” he said, ruling out the possibility that Japan was boosting purchases of US products as Wash-

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ington adopts an increasingly protectionist trade policy.

“Exports will keep growing for a while but we should be cautious against protectionist moves, a possible slowdown in the robust US economy, and how emerging markets are faring in light of hikes in US interest rates,” Minami told AFP.

Overall Japanese imports from the US rose nearly 20 percent year-on-year, meaning its politically sensitive trade surplus with Washington fell 17.3 percent.

Bitcoin could ‘bring internet to a halt’: BIS

● The BIS has warned in a report published on its website that cryptocurrencies cannot be trusted the way sovereign currencies can

AFP | Zurich

The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in a report warned digital currencies like bitcoin could overwhelm and break the internet if they continue to grow.

The BIS, often described as the central bank for central banks, also warned, in a 24-page report published on its website on Sunday, that cryptocurrencies cannot be trusted the way sovereign currencies can.

Unlike central bank-issued denominations, virtual currencies are produced, or “mined,” by banks of computers solving complex algorithms, and then freely traded online.

The other key difference with typical currencies is that the number of bitcoin in existence can never exceed 21 million. There are currently some 17 million bitcoins in circulation. Bitcoin's surge in value from a few cents to a peak in December



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2017 of \$19,500 turned some of its first investors into billionaires.

In a theoretical scenario where a country's entire population turned to a digital currency like bitcoin, “the size of the ledger would swell well beyond the storage capacity of a typical smartphone in a matter of days, beyond that of a typical personal computer in a matter of weeks and beyond that of servers in a matter of months,” the BIS said.

Trust fragile

“But the issue goes well beyond storage capacity, and extends to processing capacity: only supercomputers could keep up with verification of the incoming transactions,” the BIS said.

“The associated communication volumes could bring the internet to a halt.”

The BIS, which has previously warned of the fraud risk in cryptocurrencies, noted that

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there was “a fragile foundation of trust” in such systems.

“In mainstream payment systems, once an individual payment makes its way through the national payment system and ultimately through the central bank books, it cannot be revoked. In contrast, permissionless cryptocurrencies cannot guarantee the finality of individual payment,” the report said.

Furthermore, the BIS pointed to the “unstable value” of currencies such as bitcoin.

“This arises from the absence of a central issuer with a mandate to guarantee the currency's stability,” it said.

More broadly, the BIS raised long-standing regulatory concerns over the use of cryptocurrencies, particularly with regards to money-laundering and financing of terrorism.

UAE markets decline

Air Arabia, which lost 7 per cent, recorded the highest trading volume

● Markets in the rest of the region were closed because of the Eid holidays, which started last week

● Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank, Union National Bank and First Abu Dhabi Bank closed down

Reuters | Dubai

Stock exchanges in Dubai and Abu Dhabi closed in negative territory yesterday, reflecting a slump in global stocks and oil prices due to increasing trade tensions. Markets in the rest of the region were closed because of the Eid holiday, which started last week.

US President Donald Trump announced tariffs on Chinese imports, prompting Beijing to respond with similar measures.

Global stocks were down yesterday and oil prices came under pressure, in particular after China threatened duties on American crude imports.

In Dubai, where the index dropped 1.8 percent, the worst performer was Air Arabia, which lost seven percent and saw the highest trading volume in Dubai yesterday. The low-



Investors in front of a screen displaying stock information at the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange. REUTERS/File Photo

cost carrier said yesterday it has invested in Abraaj funds, without giving details on its exposure to the private equity group which last week filed an application for provisional liq-

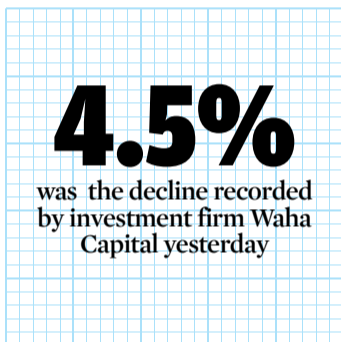
uidation. The founder of Abraaj is a board director of the airline, which said it has appointed a team of experts who are "actively engaged with all stakeholders and creditors involved with the matter to ensure Air Arabia's investment and business interest is protected."

The Abu Dhabi index lost 2.7 percent, with stocks in financial institutions mostly down. Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank, Union National Bank and heavyweight First Abu Dhabi Bank all closed in negative territory, with FAB, down 3.6 percent, posting the biggest loss. The only exception was National Bank of Fujairah, which outperformed the

Closing Bell

DUBAI ▼ 1.8% » 2,983
ABU DHABI ▼ 2.7% » 4,588

market soaring 13.4 percent. Its chief executive told UAE daily The National last week that the bank plans to set up a debt programme and become a regular borrower to fund its growth. Investment firm Waha Capital dropped 4.5 percent. Sources told Reuters that the Abu Dhabi firm had abandoned plans to raise a \$300 million private equity fund, as investor demand for Middle East private equity funds has been hurt by a crisis of confidence at Abraaj.



Oil rises ahead of OPEC, pressured by China tariffs

Reuters | New York

Oil prices rose in volatile trade yesterday as this week's OPEC meeting raised the specter of production increases and as investors assessed the impact of a trade dispute between the United States and China.

US crude oil edged up 20 cents a barrel to \$65.26 a barrel by 10:45 a.m. (1445 GMT). The contract earlier traded at a two-month low of \$63.59. Brent crude jumped \$1.17 to \$74.61 a barrel. In May, Brent hit a 3-1/2-year high above \$80 a barrel, but has slid since then on reports that top suppliers Saudi Arabia and Russia will increase production.

"Volatility is going to be pretty high this week," said Bob Yawger, director of energy futures at Mizuho in New York. Indications from OPEC members and other large producers on the scale of potential production increases are likely to drive the market, he said.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allied oil producers including Russia meet on June 22 in Vienna. Russia and Saudi Arabia are pushing for higher output. Over the weekend, Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak indicated the countries, which have cut production, would now consider increasing output 1.5 million per day in the third quarter.

Gold steadies after worst fall since November 2016

● The stronger dollar dampens demand for gold by making it costlier for buyers holding other currencies

Reuters | London

Gold held close to 5-1/2 month lows yesterday, with a strong dollar offsetting the impact on prices of an escalating trade dispute between the United States and China.

The stronger dollar dampens demand for gold by making it costlier for buyers holding other currencies, while geopolitical uncertainty fuels interest in bullion as a safe investment.

Spot gold was up 0.1 percent at \$1,279.73 an ounce at 1043 GMT, while U.S. gold futures for August delivery were 0.3 percent higher at \$1,282.30 an ounce. The dollar was stable near its strongest since November against a basket of currencies. Gold plunged 1.8 percent on Friday, its biggest one-day fall since November 2016, as Washington decided to enact tariffs on \$50 billion in Chinese goods, Beijing pledged to respond in kind and the dollar rocketed higher.

"We had a flush-out on Friday and the market is trying to work out whether these new prices are justified or not," said Saxo Bank analyst Ole Hansen.



A salesperson arranges 24K gold bracelets for Chinese weddings at Chow Tai Fook Jewellery store in Hong Kong. - REUTERS/Tyrone Siu/File Photo

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Gold would remain sensitive to trade dispute headlines and the possibility that a showdown over immigration between German Chancellor Angela Merkel and her conservative allies the Christian Social Union could escalate, Hansen said.

"The market is also ignoring the political risks in Germany," said analysts at Commerzbank. "A lack of consensus on refugee

policy could even cause a split in the government."

On the technical side, Fibonacci support for gold was at \$1,267.10, with resistance at \$1,301.40, analysts at Scotia-Mocatta said. They added that as long as gold continued to trade below its 200-day moving average at \$1,307 prices were more likely to fall than rise.

Reuters technical analyst Wang Tao said gold could break support at \$1,277 an ounce and fall towards \$1,258-\$1,268. Bets by funds on higher gold prices on the Comex exchange had risen in the week to June 12, supporting prices, but Friday's rout may have forced some to liquidate their positions. Holdings of gold by exchange traded funds tracked were stable after falling by 1.4 million ounces, or 2.4 percent, since late May.

Volvo to use 25pc recycled plastics in cars from 2025

● Recycled plastics - such as from fishing nets or old bottles in car dashboards or carpets, would not affect safety

● Volvo sold 570,000 cars last year, with about five percent of plastics in its cars currently made from recycled materials.



Hakan Samuelsson - REUTERS PIC

Reuters | Oslo

At least 25 percent of the plastics used in new Volvo car models from 2025 will be from recycled materials, the Chinese-owned company said yesterday in an anti-pollution plan praised by the United Nations.

Recycled plastics - such as from fishing nets or old bottles in car dashboards or carpets, would not affect safety or quality, Stuart Templar, director for sustainability at Volvo Cars, told Reuters. "We think this makes business sense," he said. Many big companies are designing products that can be recycled after use to limit pollution. Volvo's plan goes a step further by building ever more recycled materials into its production lines.

"Volvo Cars is committed to

minimizing its global environmental footprint," Hakan Samuelsson, president and CEO of Volvo Cars, which is owned by China's Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Co Ltd, said in a statement.

Volvo said it was in talks with plastics producers to achieve its "ambition that from 2025, at least 25 percent of the plastics used in every newly launched Volvo car will be made from recycled material."

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Volvo unveiled a test model of its XC60 T8 plug-in hybrid SUV in Gothenburg, Sweden, that it said looks identical to the existing car except that some of its plastic parts were made from recycled materials.

The carpet, for instance, had fibres made from PET plastic bottles, old Volvo car seats were used in sound-absorbing material under the bonnet and fishing nets and ropes were used in the tunnel console - between the passenger and driver seats. The United Nations welcomed Volvo's plan. More than eight million tonnes of plastics end up in the oceans every year, threatening marine life from fish stocks to coral reefs.

“We think this makes business sense. Volvo Cars is committed to minimizing its global environmental footprint.”

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DIRECTOR FOR SUSTAINABILITY
VOLVO CARS

ICICI names Bakshi new head as CEO Chanda Kochhar goes on leave

Reuters | Mumbai

ICICI Bank named group veteran Sandeep Bakshi as its interim head, and said Chief Executive Chanda Kochhar would go on leave pending the completion of a probe over an alleged conflict of interest that has led to months of controversy for the lender.

Bakshi, who currently heads ICICI's life insurance arm, will take up a newly created position of chief operating officer at the bank for a five-year term beginning June 19, pending regulatory approvals, the bank said in a statement late on Monday.

Bakshi will report to the bank's board during the period of Kochhar's leave and will be responsible for handling all the businesses and corporate centre functions, ICICI Bank said. All the executive directors of the bank and its executive

management would report to Bakshi. Kochhar, 56, who has been CEO of ICICI Bank, India's third-biggest lender by assets, since May 2009, has faced allegations of favouring Videocon Group, a consumer electronics and oil and gas exploration company, in the bank's lending practices. Videocon's founders had an investment in a renewable energy company founded by Kochhar's husband.

ICICI Bank's board, which had initially backed Kochhar calling the alleged nepotism charges against her "malicious and unfounded", last month said it would institute a probe headed by an independent person into allegations raised by an anonymous whistleblower.

"In line with the highest levels of governance and corporate standards, Ms. Chanda Kochhar has decided to go on leave till the completion of the enquiry," the bank said.

Adopt policy of inclusion

Leaders from the main political parties profess to abhor racism. But this cherished bipartisanship is in danger of fracturing



GEORGE MEGALOGENIS

As Australia faces the global virus of xenophobia, the country's early history provides a warning of the social and economic costs of isolation.

Australia was one of the richest settlements on earth when it was a British colony with open borders in the 19th century. But it retreated when it became an independent nation in 1901, and it endured almost half a century of economic stagnation before it opened its doors again to mass immigration after World War II.

The leaders of the main political parties continue to support an expansive immigration programme and profess to abhor racism. But this cherished bipartisanship is in danger of fracturing.

A set of controversies involving race threatens to make the next federal election — due later this year or early next year — the most

divisive in a generation. The conservative government of Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has been exploiting racial disharmony in a bid to shore up its older, whiter electoral base.

But the political benefits for the conservatives of a racially charged campaign are not as clear-cut as they once were. The Labour Party would probably win an election fought along racial lines because of demographic trends: More than half the population is made up of immigrants, their children and indigenous Australians. The younger, more ethnically diverse electorate tends to lean toward Labour.

So Labour has a strong incentive to make the coming campaign season an explicit contest between diversity and nativism. And in facing down the conservatives on race, Labour has the opportunity to reaffirm Australia's position as a global model for openness.

Immigration has been responsible for more than half the nation's population growth between 1996 and 2016. Last year, immigrants accounted for 63 per cent of growth. This boom prompted the first of three big controversies over race. Immigrants are being blamed by

One strategic goal for Labour would be to win over Chinese-Australian conservatives. The Turnbull government would likely lose power if a handful of cosmopolitan electorates in Sydney and Melbourne, where the Chinese-born cluster, swung to Labour.

grants already here and encourage potential immigrants to bypass Australia and settle in more welcoming nations like Canada and New Zealand.

When it comes to refugees, the second issue touching on race, the government is seeking to exploit divisions on the Labour side between the pragmatists in Parliament who want to wait until after the election to close the Pacific Island detention camps and the party members who want to bring the refugees home immediately.

The third controversy is not of Australia's making but could damage social cohesion if it is mishandled. The whole country is wary of Beijing's attempt to influence political and academic debate in Australia, and politicians are working on bipartisan legislation against foreign interference. The challenge for the main parties is to assure Chinese-Australians that they are not being targeted; on the contrary, political leaders should make clear that these measures are for the benefit of all Australians, including those of Chinese descent. Australia's argument is with the Communist Party of China, not the Chinese people here.

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CIVILIAN'S TRIBUNE

Address your problems first



European Parliament doesn't have any right to comment on Bahrain. In the first place, they should find solutions to the problems they face. Now all European countries are fighting over the migrant issue with no signs of reaching a solution. Many migrants are leading a sub-standard life in temporary camps and nothing is being done to address their problems. They too have human rights and they too have right to decent living. Now Italy is fighting with Spain where as Austria and Hungary are totally indifferent on the migrant issue. German government is showing some generosity but people are not very happy to welcome refugees. This situation should change. The rich club with a total GDP of close to

\$20 trillion can do a lot to rescue refugees from the current ordeal. America and Europe should realize that the existing problems in Mideast and other parts of Asia were caused by themselves. The origin of present issues can be traced back to colonial exploitation carried out in these countries. So European parliamentarians, instead of making comments on other nations do something for refugees. You are the people, who cheated Turkey on migrant issues and hence don't have any credibility to speak to nations outside the EU on human rights records. Please stop this practice and concentrate on your problems.

Saad Ullah

'Stopping barbarians'

They are singled out for rebuke by the Chinese gov



YI-ZHENG LIAN

More than two dozen of Hong Kong's young pro-democracy activists have been convicted of minor offences in recent weeks, and some have received lengthy jail terms. Most are being put away for their involvement in the so-called Fishball Revolution, a spontaneous protest that turned violent on the first night of Chinese New Year in 2016 in the popular shopping district of Mong Kok.

On June 11, Edward Leung, the charismatic former spokesman of a young party that has called for Hong Kong's independence from mainland China, was given a six-year jail sentence for mere skirmishes with the police. He is one of the leading figures among those known here as "localists": activists, many of them separatists, who cut their political teeth during the 2014 "Umbrella Movement."

That night in early 2016 Leung and colleagues from his party, Hong Kong Indigenous, rose to the defense of street hawkers selling fish balls and other delicacies to New Year revelers as food inspectors tried to clear them out, in front of police officers standing by. In April, during a hearing at his trial, Leung said that he had confronted an officer who was manhandling a

female protester.

He was arrested and charged with attacking the police, rioting (two counts) and, a far more serious offense, instigating a riot. (He also pleaded guilty to hitting and kicking an officer.) In the end, Leung was found guilty of one count of rioting, even though witnesses say that his skirmishes with the police happened before the rioting proper even began.

More problematic still is the government's abusive application of the law against him and other localists. To my knowledge, Hong Kong courts had not heard one case of politically motivated rioting since 1967. That year, a minor labour dispute in a factory quickly ballooned into full-blown chaos as communist unionists, students of communist-controlled schools and employees of communist media, banks and trading companies took to the streets against the British colonial government. Local Maoist radicals seized on that moment to try to bring the Cultural Revolution to Hong Kong — with terrorism. During the roughly six months that the riots lasted, some 1,100 bombs (and many more fake ones) were planted throughout the city. More than 50 people died and some 800 people were injured.

Leung was convicted of rioting under the 1970 Public Order Ordinance, a holdover from colonial days that defines a riot very broadly, as an "unlawful assembly" that leads to a "breach of the peace." Reacting to Leung's sentence on June 11 — which he called "extreme" — Chris Patten, Hong Kong's last governor before the British



Many top leaders of Umbrella M

handed the city to China. Patten had amended the ordinance in the 1990s to limit the risk that applied abusively. But, Patten's Chinese government reversal changes soon after the handover. That these provisions are wielded against localists is a sign of how vexing recent calls for autonomy for Hong Kong have

1910

The first **Father's Day** is celebrated in Spokane, Washington.

1961

Kuwait declares independence from the **United Kingdom**.



1978

Garfield, holder of the Guinness World Record for the world's most widely syndicated comic strip, makes its debut.

1991

The Soviet occupation of **Hungary** ends.

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Xenophobia is on the rise in Australia.

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One strategic goal for Labour would be to win over Chinese-Australian conservatives. The Turnbull government would likely lose power if a handful of cosmopolitan electorates in Sydney and Melbourne, where the Chinese-born cluster, swung to Labour.

The Chinese-Australian commu-

nity now represents five per cent of the total population, and three out of four Chinese migrants to Australia live in Sydney and Melbourne. If both Labour and the conservative Liberal Party wish to stand up to Beijing, they need to do it from a position of strength, with the Chinese-Australian community

on their side. How to deal with Beijing is the more meaningful debate for the nation's future.

An election contest for the loyalty of Australia's immigrant communities more generally would send a powerful message to the rest of the world. Only a principled policy of inclusion at home and an assertion

of Australia's egalitarian values in Asia will ensure the nation's future prosperity and security. If Shorten wants to lead a progressive government, he has to first lance the boil of race politics.

(George Megalogenis is a commentator and the author, most recently, of "Australia's Second Chance.")

barbarians' at Hong Kong's gate

Government, hounded by the local authorities - and disavowed by mainstream democrats.



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for China. Repression on the mainland has kept public dissent under a tight lid since the 1989 Tiananmen massacre, and the Chinese authorities wish they could do as much with growing separatist sentiments in Hong Kong.

The same goes, manifestly, for the city's own elites — those in power, predictably, but stalwarts of the mainstream opposition as well. The ruling elite — pro-Beijing politicians, public

officials and business leaders — essentially wants Hong Kong to keep conducting business as usual: namely, to make money in a stable environment. So be it if achieving that now means tolerating China's heavy hand; this group frowns on any talk of separatism, or even just further democratisation, that could invite retaliation from Beijing.

Hong Kong's traditional opposition,

Hong Kong's traditional opposition, known locally as the "pan-dems," is a seasoned group of pro-democracy politicians and advocates, and their supporters. Like the localists, pan-dems want free and fair elections in Hong Kong and resent Beijing's encroachment on the city's liberties.

known locally as the "pan-dems," is a seasoned group of pro-democracy politicians and advocates, and their supporters. Like the localists, pan-dems want free and fair elections in Hong Kong and resent Beijing's encroachment on the city's liberties. But they part ways with the younger cohort of separatists over what it means to be Chinese.

In fact, many pan-dems converge with the Chinese Communists in believing in a strong and unified China — although in their case, one not under Communist leadership. And so they look upon the localists as splitters within the pro-democracy opposition, whose actions risk benefiting Beijing by fragmenting the movement.

Pan-dems believe that Hong Kong's independence is an unrealistic goal and, some have told me time and again, that advocating it will only bring on more repression from Beijing — like

the harsh prison sentences recently or restrictions on free speech — to the detriment of the entire pro-democracy camp.

Leung Chun-ying, the previous chief executive of Hong Kong and a Beijing lackey, has said that Leung (no relation) "deserved" to be convicted of rioting. Little surprise there. But Albert Ho, a former chairman of the leading pan-dem political group, the Democratic Party, rather than decrying the conviction as unfair, praised Leung, the localist, for returning to Hong Kong to face his trial and "shoulder his responsibilities." Another notable pan-dem, from the more aggressively vocal People Power Party, went further, saying that sympathy for the young separatist — whom he called "riffraff" — would be grossly misplaced.

I saw Leung in prison on June 12. "Now that I am serving a long and unfair sentence," he told me, "at least I can convince people that I am not, and that my generation of localists are not, in politics for self-gain."

Hong Kong's localists, the most valiant defenders of the city's unique culture, rights and autonomy, are now essentially on their own. Singled out for the severest rebukes by the Chinese government and hounded by the Hong Kong authorities, they also have been essentially disavowed by the local mainstream pro-democracy camp. Yet they are only hoping to succeed where it failed: They are trying to stop the barbarians at Hong Kong's gate.

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Children are being used by some of the worst criminals on earth as a means to enter our country. Has anyone been looking at the Crime taking place south of the border. It is historic, with some countries the most dangerous places in the world. Not going to happen in the U.S.

@realDonaldTrump

02



We are delighted to be able to broadcast all World Cup matches over the next 48 hours. Importantly, Australia has made abundantly clear how important the World Cup is to the nation.

@Craig_Foster

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Conducted yoga and meditation in Museumplein, Amsterdam as part of the International Yoga Day celebrations. There is no better way to tackle aggression and depression, the two ills afflicting society, than through yoga. #IDY2018

@SriSri

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For those seeking asylum at ports of entry, we have continued the policy from previous Administrations and will only separate if the child is in danger, there is no custodial relationship between 'family' members, or if the adult has broken a law.

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Afghan peace marchers arrive in Kabul as Taliban end ceasefire

AFP | Kabul

Dozens of peace protesters arrived in Kabul yesterday after walking hundreds of kilometres across war-battered Afghanistan, as the Taliban ended an unprecedented ceasefire and resumed attacks in parts of the country.

Exhausted after their 700-kilometre trek, most of it during the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan, the marchers walked double file through the Afghan capital shouting "We want peace!"

Former Israeli minister charged with spying for Iran: Shin Bet

AFP | Jerusalem

A former Israeli government minister who once admitted to trying to smuggle ecstasy tablets has been charged with spying for Iran, Israeli security officials said yesterday.

The Shin Bet domestic security agency said former energy minister Gonen Segev was charged on Friday with "offences of passing information to the enemy in time of war and espionage against the state of Israel."

Rouhani to visit Europe in July

AFP | Vienna

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani will visit Austria and Switzerland next month as part of a campaign by Tehran to secure continued European backing for the 2015 nuclear accord.

The future of the landmark deal was thrown into doubt when United States President Donald Trump announced last month that the United States would withdraw and reimpose sanctions.

One dead and dozens missing in Indonesia boat accident

AFP | Jakarta

At least one person has died and dozens are missing after a ferry carrying 80 people capsized yesterday in Indonesia, an official from the national disaster agency said.

"Eighteen passengers have been rescued, one is dead," said agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho.

Strong quake jolts Japan's Osaka

People pause to look at a collapsed house following an earthquake in Ibaraki City, north of Osaka prefecture yesterday

- 3 dead, 300 hurt

- No large-scale destruction and no tsunami warning issued

Tokyo | Japan

A powerful earthquake rocked Japan's second city of Osaka yesterday, killing three people including a nine-year-old girl and injuring more than 300, according to an official tally.

Television images showed buildings swaying and burst pipes spewing water after the quake, which struck at the height of rush hour in the city of around two million.

However, there was no large-scale destruction and no tsunami warning issued after the earthquake, although commuters were stranded and tens of thousands were left without power.

Among the casualties was a nine-year-old girl who died in the city of Takatsuki north of Osaka, reportedly trapped by a collapsed wall following the 5.3-magnitude quake.

Local officials said that the other two dead were an 80-year-old man -- killed by a collapsing wall -- and a 84-year-old man trapped under a bookcase in his home.

The Fire and Disaster Management Agency said more than 300 people were injured in total, but many of them suffered minor injuries.

US strike blamed for death of Iraqi fighters in Syria

Syrian authorities and Iraqi forces pointed the finger at the coalition for killing 20 of its fighters in northern Syria

Beirut | Lebanon

An Iraqi paramilitary force key to the battle against the Islamic State group yesterday accused the US-led coalition of killing more than 20 of its fighters in an air raid in eastern Syria.

The bombing raid hit Al-Hari, a town controlled by regional militias fighting in Syria's complex seven-year war alongside President Bashar al-Assad's forces.

Both Syrian authorities and Iraqi forces pointed the finger at the US-led coalition, which denied it was involved in Sunday night's attack.

The raid slammed into a regime-controlled position in the border town and left at least 52 fighters dead, according to a Britain-based monitor.

Among them were fighters from Iraq's powerful Hashed al-Shaabi military alliance, some of whom have crossed into Syria to fight against IS.

"US planes fired two guided missiles at a fixed position of Hashed al-Shaabi units on the



The raid killed at least 52 fighters at Al-Harj in eastern Syria

border with Syria, killing 22 fighters and wounding 12," the Iran-backed Hashed said.

The bodies of three Iraqi fighters killed in the raid were returned on Monday to their hometowns for burial, said AFP's correspondent in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said a total of 30 Iraqi fighters were among the dead in Al-Hari, as well as 16 Syrian forces and six unidentified fighters.

'No strikes'

The attack was first reported overnight by Syrian state media, which cited a military source accusing the coalition of bombing one of its positions in Al-Hari. It said several people were killed and wounded but did not give a specific number or nationalities. Later yesterday, a military source in Syria's Deir Ezzor province where the targeted area lies said that coalition warplanes hit "joint Iraqi-Syrian positions in Al-Hari".

Mexico fans set off earthquake sensors

The Guardian | Moscow

Mexicans jumping in jubilation on Sunday shook the ground hard enough to set off earthquake detectors after their team scored a surprise victory over World Cup defending champions Germany.

The Institute of Geological and Atmospheric Investigations said highly sensitive earthquake sensors registered tremors at two sites in Mexico City, seven seconds after the game's 35th minute, when star player Hirving Lozano scored. It called the tremors an "artificial" quake.

Fans waving Mexican flags and wearing traditional "som-



Mexico fans celebrate during the match between Mexico Vs Germany

brero" hats, gathered at the iconic Angel of Independence monument in downtown Mexico City, to watch the match on a giant screen in front of a towering cathedral.

As Mexico beat Germany 1-0 in Moscow, they sang the country's unofficial soccer anthem, "Cielito Lindo," or "Pretty Little Sky," a popular folksong.

At the Angel of Independence monument after the match, Rodolfo Pulido, 47, led a chant of "Mexico! Mexico! Mexico!" perched on a concrete barrier that usually separates traffic on a busy thoroughfare.

"I am incredibly happy," said Pulido, with his girlfriend and son on a Father's Day outing. "It's a double gift: Mexico won

and I get to celebrate with my son." He also said he could now dream of Mexico reaching the next stage along with 15 other teams, getting a shot at reaching the quarter- and semi-finals before the final match.

Presidential front-runner Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador offered his congratulations at a campaign event in Mexico state.

Drought-hit Iraq suspends farming of key crops

Baghdad, Iraq

An unusually bad drought has forced Iraq to suspend the cultivation of rice, corn and other cereals that demand large amounts of water, the agriculture ministry said yesterday.

"The agricultural plan for the summer" was modified "because the quantities of water needed for these cereals are not available", spokesman Hamid al-Nayef said. "The ministry does not take this decision lightly heartedly," he said, adding that cereal crops would no longer be grown without authorisation from the ministry of water resources.

Rice is a staple of the Iraqi diet. Nicknamed the "land of the two rivers" due to the presence of the Tigris and Euphrates.

Beyond this year's dramatic lack of rain, experts say a central reason for Iraq's creeping drought is the regional sharing of its water resources.

Neighbouring Turkey and Iran in recent years have both rerouted cross-border water sources they share with Iraq.



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Woman gives birth on Paris train

AFP | Paris

A woman gave birth on a Paris train yesterday, prompting the French capital's transport network to offer her newborn boy free rail travel until he turns 25.

The train stopped at the Auber station in central Paris as the woman went into advanced labour and the baby was born at 11.40 am, helped by around 15 people including emergency workers, police and rail staff.

Trains were halted in both directions on a particularly busy section of the RER A commuter line for 45 minutes due to the "unexpected" incident, Paris transport operator said. The train was evacuated during the birth, a spokesman said.

One dead, 3 hurt in Dutch music fest hit-and-run

AFP | The Hague

A van slammed into pedestrians near a Dutch campsite at a huge music festival early yesterday, killing one person and seriously injuring three others just hours after headline act Bruno Mars wowed tens of thousands of fans.

The four people were hit around 4:00 am (0200 GMT) yesterday by the van which then fled the scene, only hours after the end of the three-day Pinkpop Festival in the southern town of Landgraaf, near the German border.

Dutch judges ban homegrown bikers' gang

AFP | The Hague

Dutch judges on Monday banned a national motorcycle club and seized all its assets, ruling gang members had spread a culture of violence and criminal activities in the Netherlands.

"The court in The Hague has decided today that the motorcycle club Satudarah is banned with immediate effect," the judges said in their ruling.

The ban includes not just Satudarah and affiliate Supportcrew 999. The judges found "the combination of numerous offences along with its culture of violence."

Nigeria Eid suicide attack death toll rises to 43

AFP | Kano, Nigeria

Deadly weekend attacks by suspected Boko Haram jihadists using young girls as suicide bombers killed 43 people in north-eastern Nigeria, officials said yesterday, updating the toll. Blasts ripped through the town of Damboa in Borno state on Saturday evening targeting people returning from celebrating the Eid al-Fitr holiday.

EU migration policy flayed

US President Donald Trump says Europe made a "big mistake" by allowing in migrants

● **Trump raged on multiple fronts, firing off six tweets in little over an hour**

AFP | Washington

US President Donald Trump barged into an international row yesterday saying Europe made a "big mistake" by allowing in migrants, as he faces soaring pressure to end the separation of immigrant families on America's own southern border.

Trump raged on multiple fronts, firing off six tweets in little over an hour as the unfolding drama of thousands of children being separated from their parents at the US border swells into a critical challenge of his presidency.

While top administration of-



The family separations began earlier this year after Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced a new "zero tolerance" policy

officials stood by Trump's "zero tolerance" policy on arresting unauthorized border crossers, insisting children are being held in humane conditions, criticism swelled inside the president's own Republican camp as he stood accused of violating children's rights.

In a string of tweets defending



Donald Trump

US policy, Trump aimed a highly intrusive attack at German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who is fighting to save her coalition government amid demands by her interior minister to turn immigrants away. Germans are "turning against their leader-

ship" over migration, Trump said. "We don't want what is happening with immigration in Europe to happen with us!"

"Crime in Germany is way up," he added. "Big mistake made all over Europe in allowing millions of people in who have so

strongly and violently changed their culture!"

Crime is actually down in Germany, but Trump has repeatedly stoked crime fears to advance his anti-immigration agenda.

The escalation of tensions in Germany came with EU nations once again at loggerheads over immigration, triggered by Italy's refusal this month to allow a rescue ship carrying 630 migrants to dock.

On the home front Trump has repeatedly said he wants the separations to end, but has laid blame with Democrats, the minority party in Congress, accusing them of blocking legislation on the broader issue of illegal immigration.

"CHANGE THE LAWS!" Trump bellowed on Twitter.

Authorities said that during one recent six-week period about 2,000 minors were separated from their parents or adult guardians.

3 die in train accident at South London station

AFP | London

Three people died in south London after being hit by a train, police said yesterday, amid reports they may have been graffiti artists.

Police said they were treating the deaths as unexplained, but media said spray paint cans were found near the bodies.

The London Evening Standard newspaper reported that the victims were men in their 20s.

"My team are now working hard to understand what happened and how these three people came to lose their life on the railway," said detective Gary Richardson.

"At this time, we are treating their deaths as unexplained as we make a number of immediate inquiries."

He urged anyone with information to come forward.

Police were trying to ascertain when the incident oc-



Loughborough Junction train station in south London where the accident took place yesterday. - AFP photo

curred, with the possibility they were struck by a freight train overnight.

Officers were seen taking photographs of graffiti near the site, according to the Evening Standard.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan said: "My heart goes out to the families of the three people killed." The bodies were spotted by tracks close to Brixton overground station during morning rush hour.

Mozart manuscript set to notch half-a-million euros

AFP | Paris

The first draft of music Mozart wrote for the last act of his opera "The Marriage of Figaro" is expected to sell for half-a-million euros (\$578,000) when it goes under the hammer in Paris.

The "exceptional" manuscript from 1786 which will be auctioned on Wednesday in the French capital comes from the peak of the composer's career in Vienna, the auction house Ader Nordmann said.

Called "Scena con Rondo", Mozart wrote the music initially as a recitative to be sung by Figaro's bride, Susanna, before rejecting it for the now legendary aria, "Deh vieni non tardar." "These four pages are particularly important because they reveal Mozart at work, struggling to rethink a scene in the final act of the opera," expert Thierry Bodin said.

It will be sold along with another Mozart manuscript, a fragment of a serenade to youth written by young Wolf-

€5m

is the expected selling price of Mozart's last act of his opera

gang Amadeus when he was only 17.

Probably commissioned by the "chancellor of Salzburg, who was a friend of the Mozart family, to mark the end of his son's studies," according to Bodin, it is expected to make between 120,000 and 150,000 euros. The manuscripts are part of a vast sell-off by the French state of the collection amassed by the collapsed investment firm Aristophil.

It was shut down in scandal three years ago, taking 850 million euros (\$1 billion) of its investors' money with it.

Artist Christo floats tomb of barrels in London

● **The sculpture is made from 7,506 red, white and mauve barrels**

Reuters | London

A 20-metre (22-yard) high sculpture of an ancient Egyptian tomb, made from 7,506 red, white and mauve barrels, has taken temporary residence amid the aquatic wildlife on a lake in London's Hyde Park.

The floating installation - featuring two vertical sides, two slanted sides and a flat top - was unveiled yesterday by Bulgarian-born artist Christo.

"For three months, The London Mastaba will be a part of Hyde Park's environment in the



Bulgarian artist Christo Vladimirov Javacheff, better known as 'Christo', poses for a photograph as he unveils his artwork, 'The Mastaba' on the Serpentine lake



Work started in April to stack the 55-gallon barrels into their cut-off pyramid shape on a floating platform 40 metres long and 30 metres wide. Thirty-two anchors hold the structure in place

centre of London," he said.

"The colours will transform with the changes in the light and its reflection on the Serpentine Lake will be like an abstract painting."

Work started in April to stack the 55-gallon barrels into their cut-off pyramid shape on a floating platform 40 metres long and 30 metres wide. Thirty-two anchors hold the structure in place. Christo, whose full name is Christo Javacheff, was joined at the launch by former New York mayor Michael Bloomberg, chairman of the Serpentine Galleries.

Christo and his wife Jeanne-Claude, who died in 2009, are known for such works as "The Gates", a 2005 installation in New York's Central Park, and the wrapping of the Reichstag.

WORLD

features

Battle of the hats at horse race

The Prix de Diane or French Oaks has long been considered a pinnacle of "elegance a la francaise" since its founding in 1843



Women wearing hats attend the 169th Prix de Diane horse racing in Chantilly, northern Paris (AFP Photo)

AFP | Chantilly, France

Champagne corks pop over the pounding of hooves and the "best hat" prize is as fiercely contested as the race itself: welcome to the Prix de Diane, a highlight of the year for France's horsey set.

Some 40,000 well-dressed spectators flocked to Sunday's races in the shadow of a chateau north of Paris, clutching picnic baskets, ice-cold wine bottles, and -- in many cases -- hats ranging from the stylish to the outlandish.

Held each June in Chantilly, a picturesque forest town built around horseracing, the Prix de Diane or French Oaks has long been considered a pinnacle of "elegance a la francaise" since its founding in 1843.

"It's an event unique in the world," said Andre Berteau, a former jockey who has attended the race for 20 years.

"To start with, there's only one racecourse like this with a view over a chateau surrounded by forests. We're really lucky here," added Berteau, his top hat perched at a rakish angle.

While many come for an event that draws some of Eu-

rope's best three-year-old fillies, plenty of others come simply to see and be seen.

In particular, the 300 fashionistas vying in the Concours d'Elegance or Elegance Contest, and the hundreds of others swarming around the catwalk, displayed minimal interest in the flat race won this year by feisty English 7-1 shot Laurens.

Some of the also-rans for the best-dressed award included a huge black-and-red confection resembling a tropical flower, a gold cloche and a riff on a Span-

ish matador's hat.

Mad Hatters

A fair number of those jockeying for the only prize that mattered were professional milliners spying an opportunity to show off their most inventive work.

Some took inspiration from the race itself, topping their hats with model horses or champagne flutes.

But other strayed from the equine theme.

A group of young millinery graduates came in Alice In Wonderland garb, including one dressed as the Queen of Hearts and another as the Mad Hatter's tea table.

"I wanted something very large and something very feminine," explained 23-year-old Nadege Monett, leaning over to display the teapot and saucers perched upon her head, a flamingo-shaped umbrella under her arm.

"I wanted something very stylish, very 19th century -- personally when I think of the Prix de Diane, I think of an Englishwoman with those big hats and lace and umbrellas."

From haute couture to Primark

Comfort and convenience were set aside for the day.

One woman, a hand clamped to the large pink-and-gold contraption attached to her head, could be heard saying: "It's alright so long as I don't turn to the right."

Johanna Contremoulins, a 27-year-old human resources manager from Normandy, clinched the coveted "Most Elegant" title, winning rave reviews for a spiralling pink hat topped with spiky plant fronds.

But the top 10 also included Sara Rose from Carlow in Ireland, who delighted in the fact that she had come close to winning, despite having assembled her chic monochrome outfit mostly from high street brands Primark and New Look.

"It's no fun when somebody wins who spent 3,000 euros (\$3,500) on their outfit," she said.

Rose works at the Newmarket racecourse in England and acknowledged that the French race appeared decidedly better behaved than Ladies Day at Ascot, where even the most elegantly dressed, after a bottle or two of champagne, are frequently a little worse for wear by home time.

"But we're not at the end of the day yet, so we'll see," she laughed.



The Prix de Diane was abandoned throughout World War I, with no running from 1915 to 1918. The first two post-war editions were held at Longchamp, and it returned to Chantilly in 1921

Trash recycling scheme brings hope to Jordanian women

Reuters | Irbid, Jordan

Sameera Al Salam folds a discarded piece of newspaper into a long strip then loops it round her finger to form a tight circle, the first stage of making the upcycled handbags, trays and bowls the Syrian refugee hopes will help her earn a living.

Al Salam, 55, was a hairdresser with a passion for "art and making things" before she fled her war-torn homeland for Irbid in northern Jordan with her family in 2012.

Now she has two teenagers and a husband left paralysed by a stroke to support in a country where she has no automatic legal right to work, and they are three months behind on their rent.

"We were living a really happy life. I had a garden where I grew everything," Al Salam told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.



Sameera Al Salam displays some of the products she made as part of the scheme

"We had to leave because of the airstrikes. We were always trying to put things in front of the door to protect the children. Whenever I remember, it breaks my heart."

Like most of the more than

655,000 Syrian refugees living in Jordan -- and many Jordanians -- poverty, debt and unemployment dominate the family's existence.

Al Salam hopes her involvement in a new rubbish collection

and recycling scheme that aims to alleviate the poverty of both refugees and locals and bring the two communities closer will help turn things around.

The scheme, managed by charity Action Against Hunger, employs 1,200 people to collect and sort waste from the streets and provides temporary work permits to refugees who take part.

Nearly half the participants are female in a country where women can face cultural and family obstacles to employment, including a culture of shame around going out to work.

One in three Syrian refugee households in Jordan is headed by women and more and more are now seeking jobs in an already crowded market.

More than 80 percent of the Syrian refugees in Jordan live below the poverty line, according to Care International.



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Awsaf Qaddah, a 39-year-old Syrian widow, said working as a rubbish collector initially felt like "a kind of shame", but she now feels only pride.

"The job took me out of this atmosphere I was living in at home. Women can and should

go out and work, especially with the circumstances we're facing," she said. "I have no husband or father or brother to help -- I'm proud to do it."

Fellow worker Berwen Misterihi, who is Jordanian, was forced to earn after her husband left her and their four children.

"Women and men would make comments about me picking up waste," she said.

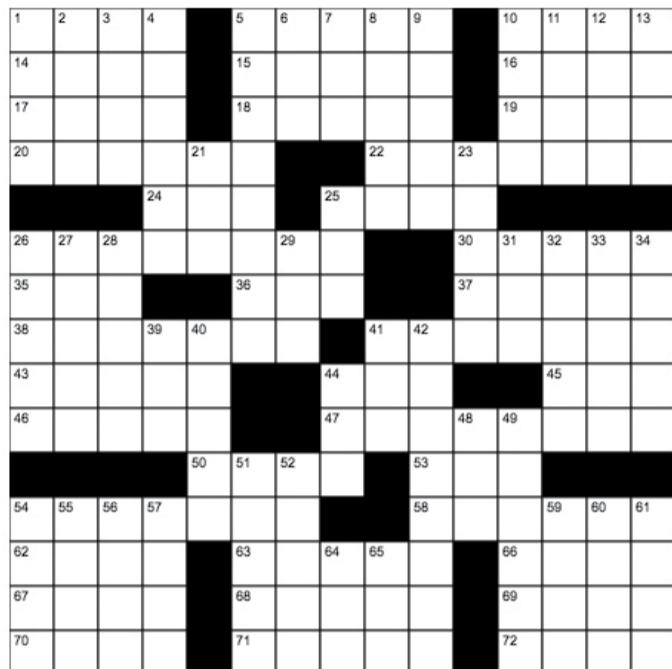
"I said to one man, 'I'd rather work than come to you for the money' and he apologised."

The project workers were given 50-day contracts paying 12 Jordanian Dinar (\$16.90) a day, plus training and social security provisions. Some of the waste was sold to scrap dealers for extra cash.

Al Salam was among a group of women who started an upcycling project, turning the waste paper and plastic they collected into objects to sell.

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



(North Carolina's motto); 68- Separated; 69- Suffix with cigar; 70- Sunset direction; 71- Compact; 72- Nailed obliquely;

Down

1- Manitoba native; 2- Make; 3- Put a lid ___!; 4- Mountain range; 5- Blue gem; 6- Paid player; 7- Live; 8- Golden Horde member; 9- Japanese dish; 10- ___ Camera; 11- Actor Pitt; 12- ___ time (never); 13- Coral formation; 21- Small batteries; 23- Mystery writer's award; 25- ___ Lingus (Irish carrier); 26- Ready to hit; 27- Flora and fauna; 28- Perch; 29- Small cavity in a rock; 31- Praiseful poem; 32- Improve; 33- Unit of volume; 34- Legree's creator; 39- Golf gadget; 40- Insect stage; 41- Ruckus; 42- Coupled; 44- IV units; 48- Thickness; 49- Good to go; 51- Out of favor; 52- Military camp; 54- Took a blood sample; 55- Leisure; 56- Flat sound; 57- Guitarist Atkins; 59- Conductor Klemperer; 60- E or G, e.g.; 61- Rushed, drove too fast; 64- PC linkup; 65- SAT takers;

Across

1- Corp. bigwigs; 5- Tiffs; 10- Construction beam; 14- Punjabi princess; 15- Pianist Claudio; 16- Comedian Johnson; 17- Cleveland's lake; 18- Writers of verse; 19- Horse hair; 20- Snare; 22- Leading; 24- Encouraging word; 25- Bone-dry; 26- Like sandpaper; 30- Soccer scores; 35- Juan's uncle; 36- Capek play; 37- Fess up; 38- Unlawful liquor; 41- Go along with; 43- Lost; 44- Alphabet trio; 45- Innovative; 46- Spud; 47- Companion; 50- Contends; 53- Ailing; 54- Discourse on a theme; 58- Hose; 62- Impetuous; 63- Light wood; 66- Cease; 67- "___ quam videri"

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WORD OF THE DAY

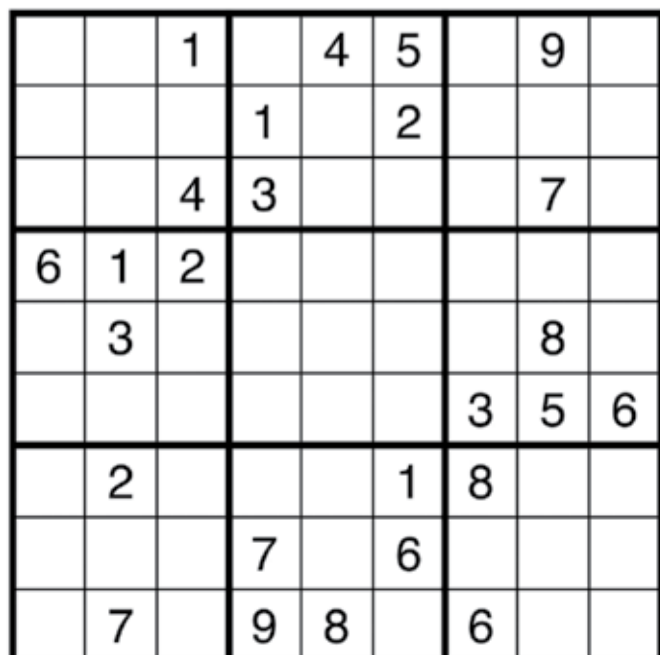
jabberwocky

Definition:
1: meaningless speech or writing

Did You Know?
In a poem titled "Jabberwocky" in the book *Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice*

Found *There* (1872), Lewis Carroll warned his readers about a frightful beast: Beware the Jabberwock, my son! The jaws that bite, the claws that catch! Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun The frumious Bandersnatch! This nonsensical poem caught the public's fancy, and by 1908 jabberwocky was being used as a generic term for meaningless speech or writing. The word *bandersnatch* has also seen some use as a general noun, with the meaning "a wildly grotesque or bizarre individual." It's a much rarer word than *jabberwocky*, though, and is entered only in the Merriam-Webster Unabridged Dictionary.

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



How to play
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

YOUR STAR TODAY



Aries

Are you sure that other people wouldn't like you to be in another space than where you are right now, or even be a different person than the one you always thought you were? These questions are beginning to bother you. Devote some time to thinking about them.



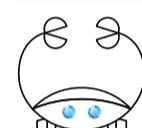
Taurus

People will understand and appreciate your desire to stand out from the crowd today. This isn't a sign of arrogance on your part. It's just that you're particularly perceptive right now and people need your good advice. Since you're ready to step into the spotlight and shine like the stars that are giving you all this wonderful energy, go for it.



Gemini

You love everyone on this planet, and this isn't the day to come bothering you with all the little details of everyday life. You're in orbit, on a voyage to the stars, and this great feeling of freedom is pushing you to demand more justice for all. You might even find the perfect situation today to use your wonderful diplomatic skills. It's the least you can do.



Cancer

Sometimes you make mistakes because of your lack of objectivity. You have a certain tendency to wish that other people were just like you. Yet this won't be the case today. You're using your good sense and reason, or rather your reason is doing the talking for you.



Leo

You were once a creature of reason. For you, everything had an explanation, a reason to exist, and a place in the world. You never missed a chance to share your viewpoint. Then all of a sudden, silence. Perhaps you needed to get some perspective, not necessarily on the things you know, but on how you express that knowledge.



Virgo

How about changing roles today? It's true that you aren't one for idle chat. You prefer taking action rather than talking about grandiose ideas that never go anywhere. Yet today you may actually feel like discussing things in depth. The stars' alignments are bringing out this other side of you, so take advantage of the energy.



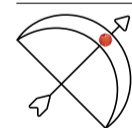
Libra

Scientists are sometimes pretty strange. They can be so engrossed in reality that they seem almost absent from it, as if they float above the Earth. That's a bit how you feel about things, too. You like to explain the world in your own special way, the way you see it and not necessarily the way it really is. That's your secret.



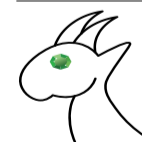
Scorpio

As the real Scorpio that you are, you aren't in the habit of talking without saying anything constructive. Sometimes people accuse you of having nothing to say. When you're just being patient, they say that you're ignorant.



Sagittarius

The people around you would really appreciate it if you'd slow down and relax a little. You always seem to be running around, so much so, in fact, that you've been neglecting the people close to you, especially your family. They really need you.



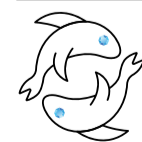
Capricorn

You did the right thing to put off those important decisions and not give in to pressure. You know well that sometimes it's important to relax and rest for the busy times ahead. Today you'll feel refreshed and ready to tackle the world.



Aquarius

You have a generous nature. You know how to give and devote yourself to solving the problems others that confide in you. This will still be true today, but not entirely in the same way. In fact, it wouldn't be wise for people to bother you with their problems if they really aren't all that important.



Pisces

It's always like this at first with you. You know something is happening but have no idea what. It's as if electricity flows through you. You're practically vibrating with emotion. You can feel other people's emotions, too. Begin by listening to your heart and feeling the sensation in your body. Only then will you be able to judge the intensity of your feelings. Could this be desire - or love?

SHOW

Kidman wants to stay 'healthy and vibrant' for kids

PTI | London



Nicole Kidman

Hollywood star Nicole Kidman said, she works hard to stay fit and energetic so that she can take care of her kids. The actor, who has grown-up children Isabella and Connor with former spouse Tom Cruise and Sunday, nine, and Faith, seven, with husband Keith Urban, said her younger kids encourage her to make an effort with her appearance.

Kidman said, "You have an almost 10-year-old and a seven year old, I mean, that's hard truth right there. They'll say, 'You're 50?' But it's interesting because particularly my little one will say, 'Please don't wear your work-out stuff to school this morning. Please blow dry your hair. Please wear some make-up. I did show up one morning looking like a wreck I suppose... and my daughter was mortified.'

He added, "I want to stay healthy and vibrant, I want to be able to take care of them... That's a big part of it when you have children when you're older."



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NICOLE KIDMAN

Pitt spends Father's Day with children

IAN5 | London

Hollywood star Brad Pitt spent Father's Day here with his children amid an ongoing custody dispute. Last week, a judge presiding over Pitt and



Pitt's career began in 1987, with uncredited parts in *No Way Out*, *No Man's Land* and *Less Than Zero*



Brad Pitt with his children

Angelina Jolie's divorce proceedings established a schedule for the actor to spend time with Pax, 14, Zahara, 13, Shiloh, 12, and 9-year-old twins Vivienne and Knox, who live with Jolie as she is shooting *'Maleficent 2'* here.

The court papers obtained by the news platform said "the children not having a relationship with their father is harmful to them."

RACE 3
(HINDI / ACTION / THRILLER)
⊛ ANIL KAPOOR, SALMAN KHAN, JACQUELINE FERNANDEZ

DANA CINEMA TIMINGS: 10:45,13:45,16:45,19:45,22:45
TIMINGS: 11:00,14:00,17:00,20:00,23:00

CINECO (20) STARTING THURSDAY 14TH 7 PM ONWARDS
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SEEF (I) STARTING THURSDAY 14TH 7 PM ONWARDS
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SAAR DAILY AT: 11:30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM
WADI AL SAIL STARTING THURSDAY 14TH 7 PM ONWARDS
DAILY AT: 11:45 + 2.45 + 5.45 + 8.45 + 11.45 PM

B-TECH
(MALAYALAM/COMEDY/ROMANCE/ THRILLER)
⊛ ASIF ALI, APARNA BALAMURALI, ANOOP MENON

DANA CINEMA TIMINGS: 10:30,13:15,16:00,18:45,21:30,00:15

SAAR DAILY AT: 3:00 PM

MAYA THE BEE: THE HONEY GAMES
(ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)
⊛ COCO JACK GILLIES, BENSON JACK ANTHONY, RICHARD ROXBURGH

DANA CINEMA TIMINGS: 10:45,12:30,14:15,16:00,18:45,21:30
SEEF (II) FROM EID DAY DAILY AT: 12:00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 PM

ADRIFT
(ACTION / ADVENTURE / DRAMA)
⊛ SHAILENE WOODLEY, SAM CLAFLIN, GRACE PALMER

DANA CINEMA TIMINGS: 19:30,21:15,23:00,00:45

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 12:00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 PM + 12:00 MN + 2.00 AM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11:45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM + 1.45 AM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 2.15 + 6.30 + 10.45 PM

INCREDIBLES 2: 2D
(ANIMATION/ACTION/ADVENTURE)
⊛ SAMUEL L. JACKSON, CATHERINE KEENER, SOPHIA BUSH

DANA CINEMA TIMINGS: 10:45,13:00,15:15,17:30,19:45,22:00,00:15
CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 12:00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM + 1.45 AM

DAILY AT (IMAX 2D): 10:30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 PM

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SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM + 1.45 AM

SAAR DAILY AT: 10:30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 PM

KAALA
(TAMIL / ACTION / CRIME)
⊛ RAJINIKANTH, ESWARI RAO, NANA PATEKAR

DANA CINEMA TIMINGS: 10:45,13:45,16:45,19:45,22:45

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 10:30 AM + 1.30 + 4.30 + 7.30 + 10.30 PM + 1.30 AM

SAAR DAILY AT: 12:00 NOON + 12:00 MN

JURASSIC WORLD: FALLEN KINGDOM
(ACTION/ADVENTURE/SCI-FI)
⊛ CHRIS PRATT, BRYCE DALLAS HOWARD, JEFF GOLDBLUM

DANA CINEMA TIMINGS: 13:00,17:30,22:00

CINECO (20) DAILY AT (IMAX 3D): 8:30 + 11.15 PM + 2.00 AM
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SAAR DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 2.00 + 4.45 + 7.30 + 10.15 PM + 1.00 AM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.15 + 5.00 + 7.45 + 10.30 PM + 1.15 AM

ABLA TAMTAM
(ARABIC / COMEDY)
⊛ YASMIN ABDULAZIZ, HAMDI AL-MERGHANI, BAYOUMI FOUAD

DANA CINEMA TIMINGS: 10:45,15:15,19:45,00:15

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.15 + 2.15 + 4.15 + 6.15 + 8.15 + 10.15 PM + 12.15 MN + 2.15 AM

SAAR DAILY AT: 2.15 + 6.30 + 10.45 PM

WADI AL SAIL STARTING THURSDAY 14TH 7 PM ONWARDS
DAILY AT: 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM + 1.45 AM

GOLI SODA 2
(TAMIL / DRAMA)
⊛ GAUTHAM MENON, SAMUTHIRAKANI, SUBIKSHA

DANA CINEMA TIMINGS: 11:00,13:30,16:00,18:30,21:00,23:30
SAAR DAILY AT: 6:00 PM

LAILAT HANA WA SROUR
(ARABIC/THRILLER/COMEDY)
⊛ MOHAMED EMAM YASMINE SABRI FAROUK EL FESHAWI

DANA CINEMA TIMINGS: 11:00,13:00,15:00,17:00,19:00,21:00,23:00,01:00

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SAAR DAILY AT: 12:00 + 4.15 + 8.30 PM + 12.45 MN

WADI AL SAIL STARTING THURSDAY 14TH 7 PM ONWARDS
DAILY AT: 12.30 + 2.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM + 1.45 AM

NAA NUVVE
(TELEUGU / ROMANCE)
⊛ TAMANNAAH BHATIA, VENNELA KISHORE, KALYAN RAM

DANA CINEMA TIMINGS: 11:00,13:15,15:30,17:45,20:00,22:15,00:30
SAAR DAILY AT: 9:00 PM

HEREDITARY
(THRILLER/HORROR) NEW
⊛ TONI COLLETTE, GABRIEL BYRNE, ALEX WOLFF

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 10:30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 PM + 12.00 MN + 2.15 AM

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SAAR DAILY AT: 8.30 + 10.45 PM + 1.00 AM **WADI AL SAIL**
DAILY AT: 12.00 + 4.15 + 8.30 PM + 12.45 MN

AL ABLA TAMTAM
(ARABIC/COMEDY) NEW
⊛ YASMIN ABDULAZIZ, HAMDI ALMIRGHANI, BAYOUMI FOUAD

CINECO (20) STARTING THURSDAY 14TH 7 PM ONWARDS

DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 PM + 12.30 MN + 2.30 AM

HOTEL ARTEMIS
(ACTION/CRIME) NEW
⊛ JODIE FOSTER, STERLING K. BROWN, SOFIA BOUTELLA

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.15 + 4.15 + 6.15 + 8.15 + 10.15 PM + 12.15 MN + 2.15 AM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 PM + 12.00 MN + 2.00 AM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 5.00 + 7.45 + 12.00 MN + 2.00 AM

AL RISALAH
(ARABIC VERSION/DRAMA/BIOGRAPHY) NEW
⊛ ABDALLAH GHEITH, MONA WASSEF, HAMDY GHEITH

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 5.30 + 9.15 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 3.30 + 7.15 + 11.00 PM

THE MESSAGE
(ENGLISH VERSION/DRAMA/HISTORICAL) NEW
⊛ ABDALLAH GHEITH, MONA WASSEF, HAMDY GHEITH

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 2.15 + 1.00 AM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 9.15 PM + 12.30 MN

MAYA THE BEE: THE HONEY GAMES
(ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY) NEW
⊛ COCO JACK GILLIES, BENSON JACK ANTHONY, RICHARD ROXBURGH

CINECO (20) FROM EID DAY DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 PM

DEADPOOL 2
(ACTION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)
⊛ RYAN REYNOLDS, JOSH BROLIN, MORENA BACCARIN

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM + 2.00 AM

DAILY AT (VIP II): 12.30 + 3.00 + 5.30 + 8.00 + 10.30 PM + 1.00 AM

AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR
(ACTION/ADVENTURE)
⊛ KAREN GILLAN, ROBERT DOWNEY JR., TOM HOLLAND

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 12.30 + 3.30 + 6.30 + 9.30 PM + 12.30 MN

RAMPAGE
(ACTION/THRILLER/SCI-FICTION)
⊛ DWAYNE JOHNSON, JEFFREY DEAN MORGAN, WILL YUN LEE

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM + 1.45 AM

LIFE OF THE PARTY
(COMEDY)
⊛ MELISSA MCCARTHY, GILLIAN JACOBS, JULIE BOWEN

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 7:00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM + 1.45 AM

THE LITTLE WITCH
(COMEDY/DRAMA/FAMILY) NEW
⊛ KAROLINE HERFURTH, AXEL PRAHL, LUIS VORBACH

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 PM

7 DIN MOHABBATIN
(URDU/COMEDY/ROMANTIC) NEW
⊛ MAHIRA KHAN, JAVED SHEIKH, AYESHA OMAR

SEEF (II) FROM EID DAY DAILY AT: 8:00 + 10.45 PM + 1.30 AM

'It depends on how you treat others'

IAN5 | Los Angeles

Popular American singer-rapper Akon says being a good person does not depend on the religion, colour and race but on how you treat others.

Akon yesterday took to Twitter and wrote: "Being a good person does not depend on your religion, status, race, colour, political views or culture. It depends on how you treat others."

The 45-year-old rapper rose to prominence in 2004 following the release of "Locked Up", the first single from his debut album named "Trouble".



Akon



Being a good person does not depend on your religion, status, race, colour

AKON

His second album, "Konvicted" received three Grammy nominations in two categories, Best Contemporary R&B Album and Best Rap/Sung Collaboration for the songs "Smack That" and "I Wanna Love You".

'Incredibles 2' makes heroic box office

AFP | Los Angeles, United States



'Incredibles 2

"Incredibles 2," the long-awaited return of a quirky animated superhero family from Disney-Pixar, reigned supreme at the North American box office, raking in a record \$180 million in its debut, industry estimates showed Sunday. It was the highest ever opening for an animated film in the US and Canada, easily besting the \$135 million debut of its Disney-Pixar

stablemate, "Finding Dory" (2016). The film tells the story of the Parr family -- matriarch Helen (Holly Hunter) is called upon to help bring the world's hiding superheroes back into the open, as husband Bob (Craig T. Nelson) navigates the day-to-day work of being a homemaker. Their children Violet and Dash are back again, along with baby Jack-Jack, whose devastating super powers are about to be unleashed.

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Spain coach backs David De Gea

Hierro tells critics to give the Spanish goalkeeper 'time and oxygen'

Reuters | Krasnodar, Russia

Spain's under-pressure goalkeeper David de Gea has the backing of coach Fernando Hierro, who said he will stick by him for his side's next game against Iran on Wednesday despite his performance in the 3-3 draw with Portugal.

The Manchester United keeper let a tame shot from Cristiano Ronaldo through his arms for Portugal's second goal on Friday and has been criticised in Spain for his badly positioned defensive wall when Ronaldo struck the late equaliser.

"We have our full confidence in him, I know very clearly from experience that footballers need to feel confidence, not just in the good times," Spain's interim coach Hierro told reporters on Monday at the team's base in Krasnodar.

De Gea has repeatedly got his club out of jail and was voted player of the year at United last season. But he has made costly errors in three of his last four outings for Spain, also letting in



Spain's David De Gea before the match

cheap goals against Switzerland and Argentina.

"He's had difficult moments but you can get over everything with time. Goalkeepers have a special psychology, and sometimes action-reaction is not enough. De Gea needs time and oxygen," added Hierro.

"All players need confidence and I'm going to give that to them. De Gea has taken everything naturally, we have to



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FERNANDO HIERRO

get used to debate because it's part of the job. No-one has given him anything for free, and we need to be fair with him." Midfielder Isco also gave his

backing to Spain's number one, who for now is fending off competition from Athletic Bilbao's Kepa Arrizabalaga and veteran keeper Pepe Reina.

"De Gea is one of the best in the world, he knows how to react, and we are showing him a lot of love," Isco said.

"We have to help him because he helps us a lot, and that's what this group is all about."

A former Spain defender and until last week the Spanish football federation's director of football, Hierro has been catapulted into the unexpected position of head coach after Julen Lopetegui was sensationally sacked last Wednesday for negotiating a move to Real Madrid on the eve of the tournament.

"I came here in a suit and I'm going to return in a tracksuit," added Hierro.

"I was the sporting director but things are how they are, and in football things like this happen. Due to these circumstances I have a fantastic challenge, a challenge I'm working on all day every day."

Messi's penalty miss not to blame for draw with Iceland, says Maradona

Reuters | Moscow

Diego Maradona says Lionel Messi's second-half penalty miss was not the reason Argentina failed to defeat Iceland at the World Cup on Saturday.

Messi saw his spot kick saved by goalkeeper Hannes Þor Halldórsson after Alfred Finnbogason had cancelled out Sergio Agüero's 19th minute opener.

"I don't blame the players," Maradona told Venezuelan television channel Telesur.

"I could blame the lack of work rate. But I can't blame the players, much less Messi, who gave it all he had.

"I missed five penalties on



Argentina's Lionel Messi reacts after the match



the spin and I was still Diego Armando Maradona. I don't think that they dropped two points because Messi missed a penalty."

Argentina take on Croatia on Thursday before their final group game against Nigeria next week.

Lions leave Windies on survival mode

ESPN Cricinfo | St Lucia

Seamers helped Sri Lanka strides toward a series-leveling victory, after Shannon Gabriel had completed an exceptional match haul of 13 for 121 early in the day. At lunch, Sri Lanka needed seven further wickets (six, if Shai Hope, who retired hurt, doesn't bat again), with 69 overs left in which to get them. West Indies required 241 more runs, having been set 296.

At the crease for the hosts, though, were Shane Dowrich - one of the form batsmen of



Roshen Silva of Sri Lanka in action

the series so far - and Kraigg Brathwaite, who can sometimes be immovable when he gets set. The outcome of this Test may hinge on their partnership.

With quicks having been penetrative with the new ball right through this Test, the first 20 overs of West Indies' innings was always going to be crucial to their hopes. But they didn't resist for long.

scorecard

West Indies 300 (Smith 61, Kumara 4-86) and 55 for 3 (Brathwaite 32*, Dowrich 0*) trail Sri Lanka 253 and 342 (Mendis 87, Dickwella 62, Gabriel 8-62) by 241 runs

North, South Korea agree to joint teams for Asian Games

Reuters | Seoul

The two Koreas agreed yesterday to march together under a unified peninsula flag and form combined teams to compete in the next Asian Games, they said in a joint statement, in the latest sign of a thaw between the old rivals.

Both sides also agreed at a round of talks on their heavily fortified border to hold a

series of basketball matches in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang on July 3-6, marking the anniversary of a July 4, 1972, inter-Korean agreement on unification, they said.

The agreement comes amid a range of talks as part of efforts to promote reconciliation, including opening military hotlines and arranging reunions for families of Koreans divided by the 1950-53 Korean War.

Wawrinka eases to opening win at Queen's

Reuters | London

Three-time Grand Slam champion Stan Wawrinka made light work of Britain's Cameron Norrie in the opening round of the Queen's Club grasscourt tournament yesterday, winning 6-2 6-3.

The 33-year-old Swiss, ranked 261 in the world after two knee surgeries, served solidly throughout a one-sided contest on the slick centre court, easing past an opponent who struggled to cope with Wawrinka's power.

Wawrinka needed just shy



Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka celebrates winning first round match against Great Britain's Cameron Norrie

of half an hour to pocket the opener, breaking twice, and was hardly troubled in the second set as he set up a second round against American fifth seed Sam Querrey or young British wildcard Jay Clarke.

"In general (the knee) has been improving week after week," Wawrinka, beaten in the first round of the French Open, said on court. "Now I feel really good on court, strong physically."

"I will have ups and downs in the next months and need to be patient. You need to be ready to accept frustrating but today was

a great day."

Luxembourg's Gilles Muller, the man who ended Rafael Nadal's run at Wimbledon last year after reaching Queen's semi-final, had earlier knocked out Canadian shot-maker Denis Shapovalov in two tiebreaks.

Top seed Marin Cilic of Croatia was in action later against Spain's Fernando Verdasco.

Double Wimbledon champion Andy Murray makes his return after nearly a year out with a hip injury on Tuesday when he will face Australian Nick Kyrgios in the first round.

Murray must overcome mental challenge after injury: Djokovic

Reuters | London

Former world number one Novak Djokovic says overcoming the mental challenge will be Andy Murray's biggest obstacle when he returns to tennis after a long-term hip injury.

Murray, who has been sidelined for almost a year since losing in the quarter-finals at Wimbledon last July, will face Australia's Nick Kyrgios in the first round at the Queen's Club tournament on Tuesday.

"... I think the biggest challenge will always be mental," Djokovic, who is trying to recapture top form after undergoing elbow surgery earlier this year, told British media.

"How to get it out of your head, understand that it's behind you, that you're fine now, that you're healthy and you can focus on your game rather than



From the age of 11, Murray has been learning professional tennis. He won his first award at age 12.



Andy Murray

thinking 50 percent of the time about whether or not something can happen."

The 12-time Grand Slam champion also said grass might not be the ideal surface for Murray to make his return.

"I don't know the state of his hips," said Djokovic. "But the one thing that could be a bit

dangerous is slipping on the grass. That's something that is very unpredictable and grass is always this kind of surface where one wrong footing can make something go wrong, especially in the hips."

Open champion Koepka rises to world No. 4

AFP | Paris

Newly-crowned 2018 US Open champion Brooks Koepka climbed to a career-high world ranking of fourth on Monday, after successfully defending his title at Shinnecock Hills with a one-shot victory.

The 28-year-old American, who has missed much of the season with a wrist injury, jumped five spots from ninth in the rankings, while also gaining valuable Ryder Cup points.

Koepka's rise saw Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy and Jon Rahm, who all missed the cut last week, drop a place.

England's Tommy Fleetwood moved into the top 10 after becoming only the second man in US Open history to fire a final-round 63 as he finished second on Sunday.

Salah set to fire

Mohamed Salah

AFP | Saint Petersburg

Mohamed Salah is a looming obstacle as Russia attempt to virtually secure their place in the knockout stages of the World Cup in Saint Petersburg today. Fears that poor performances

from the home side could dampen enthusiasm in the host nation were blown away by a 5-0 demolition of Saudi Arabia in the opening game.

The seven-time African champions will pose a much tougher task, but a lot will depend upon Salah's fitness.

Liverpool star Salah has not featured since leaving the field in tears early in the Champions League final just over three weeks ago after landing heavily on his left shoulder and had to watch from the bench

as Egypt lost 1-0 to Uruguay in their opening game.

Salah has been declared 100 per cent fit by Egypt's team doctor and his agent, leaving little doubt he will be thrown back into action in the Pharaohs' hour of need.

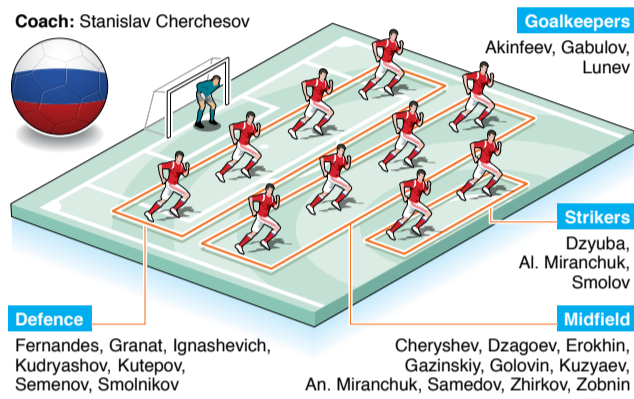
However, as he returned to training on Saturday, Salah was seen by AFP reporters at Egypt's training camp in Grozny needing help from teammates to lift a training top over his head.

Egypt coach Hector Cuper's decision not to risk Salah against Uruguay

may have been influenced by the fact his side held out for 89 minutes before conceding to Jose Gimenez, by which time the Argentine had made all three of his substitutions.

If fully fit, the sight of Salah, who scored 44 goals in a remarkable debut season at Liverpool, will strike fear into the Russians.

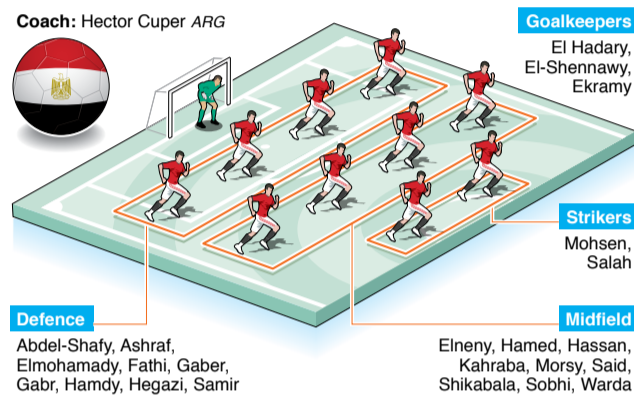
Concerns Russia could become just the second host nation to bow out of the World Cup at the group stage after a seven-game winless run ahead of the tournament have been alleviated by a perfect start.



Russia v Egypt
Group A, June 19
Saint Petersburg Stadium

70	FIFA rank	45
RUS 5-0 KSA	Match 1	EGY 0-1 URU
HEAD-TO-HEAD		
First meeting		
WORLD CUP RECORD		
18	Wins	0
8	Draws	2
15	Losses	3
1.73	Goals for*	0.60
1.15	Goals against*	1.40

*Per match © GRAPHIC NEWS



“ We're preparing ourselves, we're training according to a plan. We have done everything we planned to do. We are studying Egypt and we should be able to exploit their weaknesses

RUSSIAN COACH STANISLAV CHERCHESOV

Alan Dzagoev suffered a hamstring injury in Russia's opener and is not expected to recover in time to feature on Tuesday night. Aleksandr Golovin was the star man in the first match and will move into a central position to cover for Dzagoev's absence. Denis Cheryshev will get a start as a reward for his fine showing off the bench against Saudi Arabia.

Russia

Igor Akinfeev Russia's captain has featured more than 100 times for his nation between the sticks, and has won six league titles with CSKA Moscow

Mohamed Salah was an unnamed substitute in Egypt's 1-0 defeat to Uruguay after failing to prove his fitness in time. It would be a shock if he doesn't start on Tuesday, though. Salah's return should be the only change to the starting XI.

Egypt

Strengths
Héctor Cúper, as always, builds his team on a solid defence and Egypt conceded only 20 goals in his first 35 games in charge.
Weaknesses
With Mohamed Salah in a race to get fit in time for the finals, Egypt may struggle to score with Marwan Mohsen often left isolated up front.

“ It will be a very tough game of course, because we are meeting the hosts in a venue that could witness 60,000 spectators, but the team members are determined to win

EGYPT'S TEAM MANAGER IHAB LEHETA

Strengths
Russia have a clear gameplan and have benefited from a switch to a back three, which most players use at club level. There are also a number of good box-to-box players in the squad.
Weaknesses
Russia will sorely miss the injured striker Aleksandr Kokorin while the wing-backs are arguably too old and the centre-backs too young and inexperienced



PREVIEW

Colombia

Frank Fabra would have started at left-back for Colombia but was ruled out of the tournament earlier this month. Johan Mojica will start instead.

Jose Pekerman has to decide between the likes of Carlos Bacca, Luis Muriel and Mateus Uribe on the flanks.

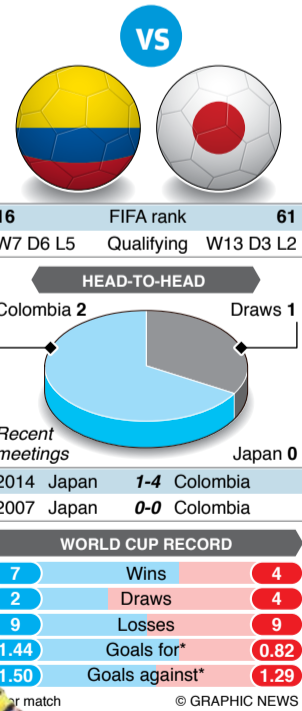
Wilmar Barrios, Carlos Sanchez and Abel Aguilar are in competition for a starting berth in central midfield.

Strengths

The country's two superstars, James Rodríguez and Radamel Falcao, have had good seasons at club level and arrive in Russia in good shape.

Weaknesses

David Ospina has suffered from not playing regularly at Arsenal and has made high-profile mistakes for the national team recently.



Match Facts

- There have been under 2.5 goals scored in 5 of Colombia's last 6 WC games. There have been under 2.5 goals scored in Japan's last 3 WC games.
- Colombia are unbeaten in four matches but drew both of their warm-up matches for the 2018 World Cup 0-0. They have won five of their last six World Cup matches.
- Japan ended a five-game winless streak with a 4-2 win over Paraguay in their final World Cup warm-up match. They are underdogs going into Tuesday's clash with Colombia.

Japan

Japan have a number of options in midfield in attack.

Hotaru Yamaguchi and Takashi Inui are both pushing for starts.

Strengths

The high-profile trio of Keisuke Honda, Shinji Kagawa and Shinji Okazaki are back after being sidelined by Halilhodzic and should lift the team on and off the pitch.

Weaknesses

Nishino has tried 3-4-2-1 - a formation used by some top clubs in the J-League - in a few friendlies but the team have struggled to adapt to the changes, recently.

“ Even if Japan play with Mourinho or Arsene Wenger, it would be so difficult for Japan to get to the last 16. If Poland was the first match it would be different

FORMER COACH OF JAPAN PHILIPPE TROUSSIER

“ We have three tough opponents. But they (Colombia) are not (defending champions) Germany, so we have a chance and we hope we can go further

JAPAN CAPTAIN MAKOTO HASEBE

Poland

Poland have experimented with a three-man defence and back four in the build up to the 2018 World Cup.

Kamil Glik's injury in the build up to the tournament may forced them into fielding a back four.

Strengths

Robert Lewandowski is one of the most lethal strikers in the world and should be ably backed up by Arkadiusz Milik, who is back from two serious knee injuries.

Weaknesses

Had the worst defence of all European group winners in qualifying and Adam Nawalka is considering using a back three instead of his favoured 4-2-3-1.

Match Facts

- There have been over 2.5 goals scored in Poland's last 10 WC games
- Poland have won 8 of their last 9 WC matches
- Poland have been winning at both half time and full time in 6 of their last 7 WC matches
- Senegal have scored at least 2 goals in 7 of their last 8 WC matches



Senegal

Kara and Salif Sane compete for a starting berth alongside Napoli ace Kalidou Koulibaly at the heart of Senegal's back four.

Senegal have a lot of attacking talent and Keita Balde may have to settle for a place on the bench.

Strengths

The team have an impressively strong spine with Kalidou Koulibaly in defence, Idrissa Gana Gueye and Badou Ndiaye in midfield and Sadio Mané up front.

Weaknesses

There is a feeling in Senegal that Cissé does not get the best out of the attacking talent at his disposal and the friendly draws against Uzbekistan and Bosnia-Herzegovina in March did nothing to change that.4-2-3-1.



Swede penalty downs Korea

Reuters | Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

Sweden won an opening World Cup game for the first time since 1958 with a narrow 1-0 victory over South Korea, but they will need to find their shooting boots if they are to match their two other, trickier opponents in Group F.

After dominating the game but missing a string of chances, the Swedes won a 65th-minute penalty when Kim Min-woo brought down Viktor Claesson in the box. Salvadoran referee Joel Aguilar initially waved the Swedes away, before being called to consult the Video Assistant Referee system.

In the second VAR-award-

ed penalty of the World Cup, Sweden's 33-year-old captain Andreas Granqvist swept the ball low and left of impressive goalkeeper Cho Hyun-woo.

"The VAR took a while but we are very pleased they had it ... I was pretty sure," Granqvist said of the wait.

The result brought wild celebrations from hordes of yellow-clad Swedish fans, fearful their team would draw another blank after failing to score in their last three games.

Sweden had not won an opening World Cup game since 1958, when they were the hosts and eventual runners-up.

The Asians began the game brighter, harrying for the first 15 minutes against an initially sluggish-looking Sweden.

But the Scandinavians quickly found their poise, coping comfortably with Korea's attacks

despite the absence of defender Victor Lindelof through illness.

Swedish coach Janne Andersson said the penalty was "crystal-clear", adding: "I felt the wait for VAR was unnecessary."

Son V Forsberg

In a game short on finesse, several of Sweden's best chances fell to Marcus Berg, who had one close-range side-foot shot spectacularly saved by Cho off his knee in the 21st minute.

"We played the match the way we intended, but I'm a little unhappy with chances we didn't put away," added Andersson.

Both teams' star players provided their creative drive, Son Heung-min trying to drive Korea forward from the left flank but again failing to have the same impact on the international stage as he does in the Premier League. For Sweden, the pacy Emil Forsberg constantly fed the frontmen, and also curled a shot over from outside the box.

Korea's best chances fell to Koo Ja-cheol, who headed just wide in the second half and Hwang Hee-chan who saw his stoppage-time header also just miss during a late, desperate siege.

The Asians' coach Shin

Tae-yong had no complaints about the penalty, and praised his team's battle with Sweden for aerial superiority.

GROUP F

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	PTS
Sweden	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Mexico	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
South Korea	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Germany	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0

Croatia's Kalinic sent home after refusing sub role



Croatia's Nikola Kalinic

Reuters | Roshchino, Russia

Croatia striker Nikola Kalinic has been sent home from the World Cup after refusing to come on as a substitute in the team's opening game against Nigeria, coach Zlatko Dalic said yesterday.

"During the Nigeria encounter, Kalinic was warming up and was supposed to come on in the second half," Dalic said in a statement.

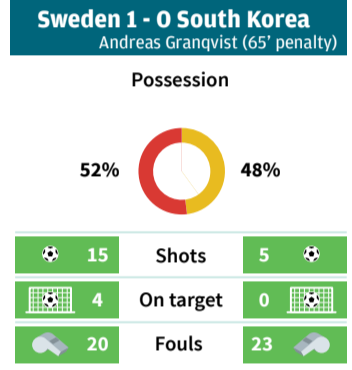
"However, he then stated that he wasn't ready to come on due to a back issue. The same thing happened during the Brazil friendly in England, as well as before the practice session on Sunday.

"I have calmly accepted that, and since I need my players fit and ready to play, I have made this decision," he added.

The Croatian Football Federation (HNS) said that Dalic had taken the decision after consultation with his coaching team.



South Korea's Kim Young-gwon in action with Sweden's Marcus Berg



Saudi face S. American powerhouse

Reuters | Moscow

After shipping five goals against hosts Russia - the lowest-ranked team in the World Cup, Saudi Arabia could probably do with facing a rival other than South American powerhouse Uruguay and its star forward Luis Suarez.

On Wednesday, the two Group A teams will face off in Rostov-on-Don, with Uruguay hoping to appease some worries after only beating Egypt 1-0.

Bizarrely, two-time World Cup champions Uruguay have never beaten the 'Green Falcons'; Saudi Arabia won a friendly in 2002 while a 2014 friendly ended in a draw.

In another potential source of reassurance for the perennially underachieving Saudis, the



Saudi Arabia's Abdullah Otafy in action with Russia's Aleksandr Golovin

usually ruthless Suarez missed three chances against Egypt on Friday in their opening game.

But Group A favourites Uruguay are still widely expected to

clobber Saudi Arabia, the second-lowest World Cup team in the FIFA rankings at No. 67.

Nevertheless, the South Americans are guarding against

complacency. Asked by a reporter whether beating the Saudis would essentially guarantee passing the group stage, defender Jose Gimenez pushed back.

"Easy, easy. We need to keep a cool head. We know that any game here is very hard, and we need to think of it that way. I think that if Uruguay do things right we have a lot of chances of passing," said Gimenez, who scored the 89th-minute header against Egypt.

Saudi Arabia seem unlikely to emulate the surprisingly strong performances of underdogs Mexico and Switzerland, and the players themselves seem to be preparing the ground for another defeat.



Andreas Granqvist

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Lukaku shines



Belgium's forward Romelu Lukaku celebrates his second goal

After a worryingly sluggish start, Belgium saw off Panama in the Group G opener, courtesy three goals in the second-half

AFP | Sochi

Romelu Lukaku netted a brace as a much-improved second-half performance gave Belgium an ultimately comfortable 3-0 victory over tournament debutants Panama in their World Cup opener in Sochi yesterday.

A moment of inspiration from Dries Mertens set the Belgians on their way two minutes after the break, his volley breaking the deadlock after a rather flat first period.

Lukaku then converted assists from Kevin De Bruyne and captain Eden Hazard to secure victory in this Group G clash, with the Central Americans succumbing to a defeat in their first-ever match at the finals.

Group rivals England will look to respond to Belgium's

win when they kick off their campaign against Tunisia but this was not entirely the statement of intent that Roberto Martinez's side would have been hoping to make.

A victory will do for a team who are, on paper at least, good enough to go far in Russia, especially after heavyweights Germany, Brazil and Argentina all slipped up over the weekend.

Belgium are now unbeaten in 20 matches, although the nature of the first-half performance against weak opposition showed that Martinez's men still have significant progress to make if they are to improve on quarter-final appearances at the last two major tournaments.

To be fair to Martinez, the Spaniard had warned on the eve of this game that his side would not have it easy.

The Central Americans lined up with a team of journeymen featuring five thirty-somethings. Jaime Penedo in goal is 36, while Blas Perez up front is 37. But while the Belgians had the younger, talented players, other factors played in Panama's favour.

The heat and humidity on Russia's Black Sea coast was one, as was the fact their sup-



Belgium's forward Dries Mertens (C) reacts as he vies for the ball with Panama's midfielder Jose Luis Rodriguez (L) and Panama's defender Erick Davis (R)

porters greatly outnumbered those following the Belgians.

The locals at the Fisht Stadium got behind the outsiders too, and they were given encouragement as Hernan Dario Gomez's side competed well in the first period.

Hazard pulled the strings when he could, although the Chelsea star was denied by Penedo in the 38th minute, having earlier found the side-netting when a slack back-pass from opposing captain Roman Torres gifted him the chance.

Mertens strike

Belgium just needed a spark from somewhere, and they got it from Mertens in the 47th minute.

The Napoli man's cross looking for Lukaku was headed out by Torres and on by Fidel Escobar. But the ball dropped perfectly back to Mertens, whose volley from the right side of the box arced into the far corner.

Panama sought to regroup and right-back Michael Murillo came surging forward to finally force a save from Courtois.

But the gulf in class began to tell as Belgium doubled their lead midway through the second half. Hazard found De Bruyne, and his sumptuous cross with the outside of the right boot was headed in by Lukaku.

With Panama forced to throw more bodies forward, they were punished on the break a quarter of an hour from the end.

BELGIUM 3 0 PANAMA



47'
69' 75'

Mertens
Lukaku

Possession

60%



40%

15	Shots	6
6	On target	2
17	Fouls	18

Today's match

Group H
Colombia vs Japan (3:00 PM)
Poland vs Senegal (6:00 PM)

Group A
Russia vs Egypt (9:00 PM)

Kane to the rescue

Two-goal Kane strikes late to give England 2-1 win

AFP | Volgograd, Russia

Captain Harry Kane came to the rescue with two goals, the second a dramatic injury-time winner, as England began their World Cup Group G campaign with a stuttering 2-1 win over Tunisia yesterday.

Gareth Southgate's men almost paid a heavy price for missing a slew of first-half chances when Tunisia's Ferjani Sassi slotted home a softly-awarded penalty 20 minutes before half-time.

And the north Africans were still level as the game went past the 90-minute mark.

But Harry Maguire won a header from a corner and Kane was on hand at the far post to nod in the winner before being mobbed by his ecstatic teammates.

England had started brightly in a blur of passing and movement and could have been two goals up inside the first four minutes.

First Jordan Henderson's lofted first-time pass released Dele Alli and when the ball eventually broke to Jesse Lingard he saw his shot from six yards saved by the outstretched left boot of Mouez Hassen in the Tunisia goal.

Kane had been kept quiet in the opening salvos but he exploded into action in the 11th minute when he cut inside from the left and saw his shot from the edge of the box deflected wide for a corner.

Ashley Young delivered the set piece for John Stones to rise highest and meet with a powerful header. Hassen saved acro-

batically but Kane was on hand to tap home the rebound with his right foot and open his World Cup account.

Hassen, who had injured his left shoulder making an earlier save, could not continue and left the field in tears as he was replaced in goal by Farouk Ben Mustapha.

England continued to press and were made to pay for not converting a succession of chances when they conceded a soft penalty.

Kyle Walker swung a lazy arm across Fakhreddine Ben Youssef who fell as if poleaxed and Colombian referee Wilmar Roldan pointed to the spot, with his decision being upheld by the VAR.

Ferjani Sassi took one step and fired home confidently past the hitherto unemployed Jordan Pickford and Tunisia who had been outplayed for the first half-hour were somehow level 10 minutes before half-time.

Still there was time for Lingard to come close again twice, first from a goalbound shot and then a dink over the keeper which agonisingly struck the post.

Alli too hit the woodwork with a header and England went into half-time wondering how they had not sealed victory already.

England still enjoyed the lion's share of possession but could not find the same zip and penetration they had enjoyed at the start of the first half.

The ineffective Sterling gave way to Marcus Rashford with just over 20 minutes to go and

the Manchester United man almost fashioned a chance straight away with a jinking run into the box.



England's Harry Kane celebrates

TUNISIA 1 2 ENGLAND



35' (pen) Sassi

Kane 11', 90' +1'



Possession

41%



59%

6	Shots	17
1	On target	7
14	Fouls	8

Group G

Team	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Belgium	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
2 England	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
3 Tunisia	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
4 Panama	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0