

**Meghan Markle's sari-clad image goes viral**

Duchess of Sussex Meghan Markle sported a sari and embraced traditional Indian culture, it has emerged in a never-before-seen footage of a trip she made back in January 2017.

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**Annual heritage festival set**

Manama

Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the 27th edition of the Annual Heritage Festival will kick off on April 24 and continue until May 3.

The event will be organised by Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) near Shaikh Salman bin Ahmed Al Fateh Fort in Riffa.

This year's festival is themed "Arabian Horses" to reflect an inherent part of Bahrain's civilisation and history.

The BACA also pointed out that the festival will also offer the public a rich programme featuring local traditional handicrafts, which are still practised by many Bahrainis.

The event will also present an array of activities that will suit all ages, like workshops highlighting the authenticity and beauty of Arabian horses.

The festival will also present a wide variety of folkloric shows, traditional and modern products as well as a traditional market and cafes.



# Protests erupt again

Algeria protesters demand wholesale democratic change in the country

● **Protesters called for Abdelkader Bensalah, head of the upper house of parliament, to quit as caretaker president.**

● **The army has so far patiently monitored the mostly peaceful protests that at times swelled to hundreds of thousands of people.**

**Algiers**

Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators returned to Algeria's streets yesterday to press demands for wholesale democratic change well beyond former president Abdelaziz Bouteflika's resignation, chanting "we do what we want," witnesses said.

Parliament named an interim president and a July 4 election date was set in a transition endorsed by Algeria's powerful



Police use a water cannon to disperse people protesting in Algiers.

military. But Bouteflika's April 2 exit failed to placate many Algerians who want to topple the entire elite that have dominated the country since independence from France in 1962.

Protesters gathered anew in city centres around Algeria demanding root-and-branch reforms – including political pluralism and crackdowns on corruption and cronyism, witnesses said. Numbers later surged after

Friday prayers.

There was no official count but Reuters reporters at the scene estimated the number of demonstrators in the hundreds of thousands as on previous Fridays since the extraordinary mass dissent erupted on Feb 22.

"We will not give up our demands," said Mourad Hamini, standing outside his coffee shop, where thousands of protesters were waving Algerian flags.

The crowd later chanted: "This is our country and we do what we want!"

Protesters also called for Abdelkader Bensalah, head of the upper house of parliament, to quit as caretaker president and for Noureddine Bedoui to stand down as interim prime minister.

"They must go. The B's must go," one banner read, referring to Bensalah, Bedoui and Moad Bouchareb, head of the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) party.

Tayib Belaiz, chairman of Algeria's Constitutional Council and a fourth senior "B" official, resigned earlier this week.

A young man who was injured in protests in the Algerian capital last week died on Friday of injuries to the head, Ennahar TV said on Friday.

Ennahar said there were two accounts regarding the death of the 18-year-old. The first was that he was beaten during last Friday's protests and the second was that he fell from a truck on his way to the protests.

Police are investigating his death, Ennahar added.

On Tuesday, armed forces chief Lt General Ahmed Gaed Salah said the military was considering all options to resolve the national political crisis and warned "time is running out."

It was a hint the military was losing patience with the popular upheaval shaking Algeria, a major oil and natural-gas exporter and a key security partner for the West against extremist militants in north and west Africa.

Salah did not specify what measures the army could take but added: "We have no ambition but to protect our nation."

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is the year in which Abdelaziz Bouteflika was elected the President of Algeria.

  
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