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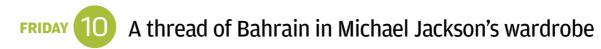
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'First man' to open **Venice Film Festival**

Oscar-winning director Damien Chazelles space race drama "First Man" will open the 75th annual Venice International Film Festival on August 29.





Thomas triumphs again



SPORTS

Russia meddled, whatever Putin, Trump say: FBI official

Chinese President Jinping in UAE

Gulf News | Abu Dhabi

President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China arrived here yesterday on a three-day state visit to the UAE accompanied by First Lady Peng Liyuan.

Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, and Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, received the distinguished guests and his accompanying delegation at the Presidential Flight. Upon his arrival, President Xi Jinping was accorded an official reception ceremony including the playing of the national anthem of China and a 21gun salute.

Saudi signs deal for five warships

AFP | Riyadh

Saudi Arabia's state-owned defence company has forged a deal with Spanish shipbuilder Navantia for a joint venture to build five warships, state media said yesterday.

The agreement with Saudi Arabian Military Industries for the design and construction of five Avante 2200 corvettes warships will start this autumn, with the last unit to be delivered by 2022, the official Saudi Press Agency reported. The agreement appears part of a framework agreed in April during Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's visit to Spain for Navantia to provide warships to the Gulf state for around two billion euros (\$2.3 billion).



Promoting Islamic way of life, Al Zayani style

Mangroves tours **05** to Tubli Bay launched

Syria gets back Golan



Israel adopts controversial Jewish nation-state law

AFP | Jerusalem

Ladopted a law defining the comes first. country as the nation state of the ination against Arab citizens.

tinians called the law "racist" and said it legalised "apartheid" in parliament.

Others said it neglects to spec-

ify equality and Israel's demo- hours of Thursday, speaks of

Jewish people, provoking fears 62 votes to 55, makes Hebrew of the final text quoted by Israeli it could lead to blatant discrim- the country's national language media. and defines the establishment of the national interest.

following a tumultuous debate an official language, was granted communities was changed after the legislation, backed by his in the chamber of the Knesset, only special status.

The law, passed in the early Israeli President Reuven Rivlin.

cratic character, implying that Israel as the historic homeland of the country's basic laws, Tsrael's parliament yesterday the country's Jewish nature of the Jews and says they have a which serve as a de facto con-"unique" right to self-determi- stitution. The legislation, adopted by nation there, according to copies

Arab lawmakers and Pales- Jewish communities as being in sial clause that had been seen as istence and our rights," Israeli Arabic, previously considered establishment of Jewish-only tanyahu said after the vote on ist" ripped up copies of the bill it drew criticism, including from right-wing government.

The legislation becomes part sive moment" in Israeli history.

state, but in recent years some of the mainly Arab Joint List have tried to question that as alliance Ayman Odeh called it However, a deeply controver- well as the principles of our exmore specifically legalising the Prime Minister Benjamin Ne-

He called its approval a "decipassed.

'Death of democracy'

A range of opposition politicians "It is our state, the Jewish denounced the vote. The head

"the death of our democracy". Arab parliament members who called the legislation "rac-Israel's parliament, after it was

Emergency rule ends in Turkey

The opposition, however, fears the **Emergency rule will** be replaced by even more repressive legislative measures

AFP | Istanbul

urkey's state of emergency which was imposed after the failed 2016 coup came to an end yesterday, but the opposition fears it will be replaced by even more repressive legislative measures.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan declared the state of emer-Istanbul in a doomed putsch bid that claimed 249 lives.

ly lasts three months but was 80,000 people and about double 1:00 am yesterday (2200 GMT public institutions. The biggest Democratic Party (HDP) -- Fi- election campaign, which he



80,000 people were detained and about double that number sacked from jobs during the Emergency period

The measure, which normal- gency saw the detention of some activists and leftists.

after warplanes bombed Ankara adolu news agency said, after ry has targeted not just alleged Demirtas -- are still languishing and bloody clashes broke out in the government decided not to supporters of Fethullah Gulen, in jail following their arrest in gency. ask that it be extended for an the US-based preacher blamed November 2016 on charges of eighth time. The state of emer- for the coup, but also Kurdish links to Kurdish militants.

The former leaders of the opextended seven times, ended at that number sacked from jobs in position pro-Kurdish Peoples' During last month's presidential and then in plenary session on

gency on July 20, 2016, five days Wednesday), the state-run An- purge of Turkey's modern histo- gen Yuksekdag and Selahattin

With this bill, the state of emergency will not be extended for three months. but for 3 years. They make it look like they are lifting but in fact they are continuing it

OZGUR OZEL, HEAD, CHP PARLIAMENTARY FACTION

won, Erdogan pledged that the state of emergency would end.

But the opposition has been angered by the government's submission of new legislation to parliament that apparently seeks to formalise some of the harshest aspects of the emer-

The bill, dubbed "anti-terror" legislation by pro-government media, will be discussed at commission level on Thursday

A STEP BACKWARD

Facebook to remove bogus posts inciting violence

AFP | Menlo Park, US

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m acebook\, has\, built\, on\, its\, cam-}_{
m paign\, to\, prevent\, the\, plat-}$ form from being used to spread dangerous misinformation, saying it will remove bogus posts likely to spark violence.

The new tactic being spread through the global social network was tested in Sri Lanka, which was recently rocked by inter-religious conflict over false information posted on the



have contributed to physical ations in the real world. harm, and we are making a polsaid after a briefing on the policy and likely to prompt violence. at its campus in Silicon Valley.

world's leading online social leading content, such as doc- dhists, according to Facebook. network. "There are certain tored photos, created or shared forms of misinformation that to stir up to ignite volatile situ- deemed credible are violations

icy change which will enable partnering with local organisa- another step back, eliminating us to take that type of content tions and authorities adept at content that may not be explicitdown," a Facebook spokesman identifying when posts are false ly violent but which seems like-

"We will be begin implement- Sri Lanka under the new policy for allowing rumours or blatanting the policy during the coming included content falsely con- ly false information to circulate months." For example, Facebook tending that Muslims were poi- that may have contributed to may remove inaccurate or mis-soning food given or sold to Bud-violence.

Hate speech and threats of Facebook rules, and are re-The social network said it is moved. The new policy takes ly to encourage such behavior. Misinformation removed in Facebook has been lambasted