



Facebook still auto-generating Islamic State, al-Qaida pages
 Washington

In the face of criticism that Facebook is not doing enough to combat extremist messaging, the company likes to say that its automated systems remove the vast majority of prohibited content glorifying the Islamic State group and al-Qaida before it's reported. But a whistleblower's complaint shows that Facebook itself has inadvertently provided the two extremist groups with a networking and recruitment tool by producing dozens of pages in their names.

Arab coalition destroys explosive-laden boat
 Reuters | Dubai

The Saudi-led coalition intercepted and destroyed an explosives-laden boat launched by the Iran-aligned Houthi movement from Yemen's main port of Hodeidah, *Al Arabiya TV* said yesterday. It said the coalition foiled "an imminent terrorist act by the Houthi militia south of the Red Sea" but gave no further details. There was no immediate confirmation by the Houthi group.

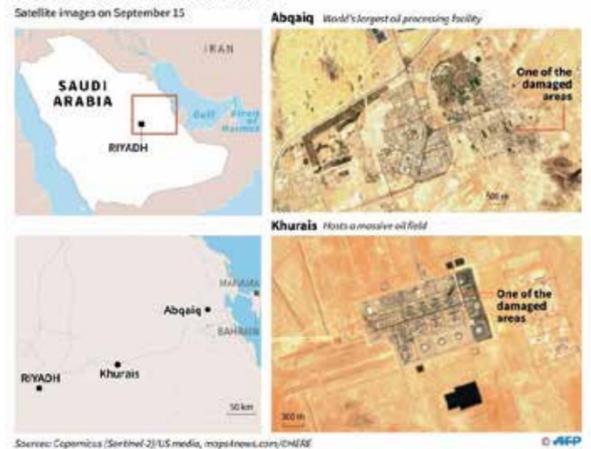
'Right to defend'

Pompeo says US supports Saudi Arabia's right to defend itself



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks with a Saudi official before boarding his flight from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to the UAE

Attacks on Saudi oil facilities



Pompeo says cannot 'tolerate' Iran's behaviour

An international inquiry is underway

UAE joins global maritime security coalition

Kuwait puts oil sector on high alert

Agencies | Cairo

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo yesterday said the United States supports Saudi Arabia's "right to defend itself" in a meeting with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Pompeo condemned the attacks and said Iran's behaviour would "not be tolerated" but said he preferred a "peaceful resolution" to the crisis while in UAE.

"I hope the Islamic Republic of Iran sees it the same way," he told reporters after talks with the leaders of the United Arab

Emirates. Pompeo arrived in Abu Dhabi from the Saudi city of Jeddah, where late Wednesday he met Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who has said the assault poses a "real test" of global will. The two sides agreed "the Iranian regime must be held accountable for its continued aggressive, reckless, and threatening behaviour," State Department spokeswoman Morgan Ortugus said.

The "unacceptable and unprecedented attack... not only threatened Saudi Arabian national security but also endangered the lives of all the American citizens living and working in Saudi Arabia," she added. In an earlier statement, describing the attack as an "act of war" Pompeo said Washington and Riyadh will hold Tehran accountable for the unprovoked strike.

Saudi officials Wednesday unveiled what they said were fragments of 25 drones and cruise missiles fired Saturday at the facilities in the country's east, engulfing them in flames. "The attack was launched

"We are still striving to build out a coalition in an act of diplomacy while the foreign minister of Iran is threatening all-out war and to fight to the last American"

US SECRETARY OF STATE MIKE POMPEO

from the north and unquestionably sponsored by Iran," defence ministry spokesman Turki

al-Maliki said.

Tehran-linked Houthi rebels in Saudi Arabia's southern neighbour Yemen have claimed responsibility, but both Washington and Riyadh have ruled that out, saying it was beyond their capabilities.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian also said the Houthi claim "lacks credibility".

Houthi military spokesman Brigadier Yahya Saree also threatened the United Arab Emirates, saying it was ready to attack dozens of targets including the skyscraper-filled cities of Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

US officials quoted said the most damning evidence against Iran was unreleased satellite photos showing Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps making preparations for the attack at its

Ahvaz airbase.

An international inquiry is underway, with the United Nations saying experts had arrived in the kingdom and begun their mission "at the invitation of the Saudi authorities".

Building a Coalition

The United Arab Emirates yesterday followed its ally Saudi Arabia in announcing it was joining a global maritime security coalition that Washington has been trying to build since a series of explosions on oil tankers in Gulf waters in recent months. Pompeo, who arrived in the UAE from Saudi Arabia yesterday, welcomed the move on Twitter: "Recent events underscore the importance of protecting global commerce and freedom of navigation."

List of Iran targets

land, the country's biggest oil export facility, the *New York Times* said.

Other potential targets include missile launch sites and other assets of the elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, and bases in the southwest where unusual activity suggests

they had a role in the strikes "Any strikes against Iran would almost certainly be carried out by volleys of cruise missiles from Navy vessels. Strike aircraft would be aloft to carry out attacks if Iranian retaliated against the first wave," the newspaper said.



US military planners weighing retaliation have reportedly forwarded a list of Iranian targets including the Abadan oil refinery, one of the world's largest, or Khark Is-

Cat walk

Black panther found roaming French rooftops

AFP | Lille, France

A black panther found roaming the rooftops near the northern French city of Lille like a stray cat on Wednesday evening was captured after being cornered inside a home, local authorities said.

The regional fire department tweeted pictures of the big cat, one of which showed it peering

in the top-floor window of a three-storey red-brick building.

Another showed it staring out over the city, ears pricked, like one of the stone gargoyles that jut out over the facade of Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris.

"Called out... for a dangerous animal, the northern fire service was confronted with a big feline roaming the gutters," the fire service tweeted.

The regional *La Voix du Nord* newspaper reported that the panther, which had escaped from a private apartment, "stopped sometimes to watch a train pass or a cat slinking by on the pavement below."

The police first threw up a security cordon around the building, and when the cat slipped into the window of an apartment believed to be its home, a veter-



The panther was spotted prowling rooftops in Armentieres, northern France

inarian was called in to dart it with a tranquiliser.

The panther's owner meanwhile is believed to have escaped through the same window, fearing being charged with illegal ownership of a wild animal.

After being tranquilised, the feline, believed to be five to six months old, was taken away in a cage and handed over to France's animal protection league.



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New appointments made

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday named Abdulaziz Mohammed Ali Al Ashraf as Assistant Undersecretary for Control and Resources and Iman Ahmed Hassan Al Dossari Assistant as Undersecretary for Domestic and Foreign Trade at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

Separately, HM King issued decrees announcing several other appointments.

Wael Rasheed Khalifa BuAllay was assigned the position of Undersecretary at the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments.

Dana Khamees Abdulrahman Al Zayani was named as Undersecretary for Planning, Family Reconciliation and Alimony at the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments.

Dr Mohammed Taher Mohammed Saleh Al Qattan was appointed as Assistant Undersecretary for Islamic Affairs at the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments.

Ahmed Jaafar Mohammed Al Hayki was named as Assistant Undersecretary for Labour Affairs at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development.

Deena Ahmed Isa Al Fayeza was named as Assistant Undersecretary for the Ministry of Parliament Affairs and Khalil Abdulrasool Hassan Bucheeri as Assistant Undersecretary for Research and Resources.

HM the King also announced a decree appointing Rana Ibrahim Faqehi as Chief Executive of the National Bureau for Revenue, with the rank of ministry undersecretary.



The Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, yesterday paid an inspection visit to a BDF unit, where he was informed about the progress of its military and administrative work, as well as development plans and training programmes. The commander-in-chief stressed that plans to enhance the combat and administrative readiness of BDF's units and branches are progressing quickly in line with the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander



Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa at the BDF's General Command with Shaikh Mohammed bin Atiyatullah Al Khalifa. The commander-in-chief welcomed Shaikh Mohammed bin Atiyatullah Al Khalifa, and exchanged cordial talks with him.

President George Vella of the Republic of Malta receiving the credentials of Ambassador Ibrahim Mahmood Ahmed Abdullah as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Republic of Malta, Residing in Tunisia



Royal Guard Commander Major General Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa deputised yesterday his Deputy Major General Hamad Khalifa Hamad Al Nuaimi to receive cadets who graduated from a qualifying course held at Isa Royal Military College. Major General Hamad Khalifa Hamad Al Nuaimi presented the graduates with certificates



Governor of Riyadh, His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Bandar bin Abdulaziz Al Saud at his office at Al-Hakam Palace with the Ambassador of Bahrain to Saudi Arabia, Shaikh Hmood bin Abdullah Al Khalifa. Prince Faisal reviewed the brotherly relations between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, stressing Saudi Arabia's keenness to enhance the relations at various levels.

Bahrain can't "turn a blind eye" to terrorism: official

Bahrain, Brazil stress closer ties, wider cooperation



Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa with Eduardo Bolsonaro, son of the President of Brazil and President of Foreign Relations Committee of the Lower House of the Federal Republic of Brazil, in Brasilia

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A top Bahraini official yesterday expressed Bahrain's keenness to enhance cooperation with Brazil especially in combating terrorism and improving the security and stability of the region.

"It is not possible to turn a blind eye or ignore those who are trying to undermine the stability of the Middle East," Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa said adding that the Kingdom is looking forward to addressing the crises and challenges through cooperation with partners.

Cooperation, he explained, would focus on combating terrorism, preventing threats to international navigation and contributing constructively to the resolution of protracted conflicts.

Dr Shaikh Abdulla was meeting Special Advisor on International Affairs of the President of the Republic of Brazil, Filipe Martins during his official visit to Bahrain.

Bahrain, he said, is holding a workshop next October on the safety of maritime and air navigation and dangers of smuggling weapons of mass destruction to the security of the region.

The workshop, he said, is the outcome of the Warsaw Conference in February, while stressing that eradication of terrorism requires collective efforts.

Dr Shaikh Abdulla explained that Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, embraces reform, development and coexistence as national constants. "It also gives priority to investments in the human

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DR SHAIKH ABDULLA BIN AHMED AL KHALIFA

element within the framework of Bahrain Economic Vision 2030."

Dr Shaikh Abdulla stressed that Bahrain is keen to bear its international responsibilities and will "not compromise on its security and stability."

For his part, Filipe Martins commended the Kingdom's efforts in enhancing regional and global security, expressing his country's aspiration to enhance cooperation and coordination with the Kingdom in various fields.

Separately, the Undersecretary met with the son of the President of the Federal Republic of Brazil and President of Foreign Relations Committee of the Lower House of the Federal Republic of Brazil, in Brasilia.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed ways to strengthen relations including the regional and international issues of common concern,

Eduardo Bolsonaro expressed his country's aspiration to strengthen cooperation and coordination with Bahrain, especially at the level of Legislative Authority, praising the Kingdom's remarkable development in many areas of development and reform.



Jaffari Endowments Council Chairman, Yussef bin Saleh Al-Saleh, and members extended their thanks and appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, for their interest in supporting and caring for houses of worship and religious occasions, particularly the Ashoora Commemoration season

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Bahraini Ambassador to Germany, Abdullah Abdullatif Abdullah, during a trip of the ambassadors accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany to Rhineland-Palatinate, with German President, Dr Frank Steinmeier, in the presence of officials from the Federal Foreign Office. The trip included field visits to economic, tourist and cultural places

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Privacy gets more teeth in Bahrain

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Do you worry about your credit card or personal details getting misused or leaked online, each time you use it at a vendor or for some identification purpose?

According to the 2019 Mid-Year QuickView Data Breach Report, the first six months of 2019 have seen more than 3,800 publicly disclosed breaches exposing an incredible 4.1 billion compromised records.

Perhaps, even more, remarkable is the fact that 3.2 billion of those records were exposed by just eight breaches, the report says.

Things, however, are changing in Bahrain with data becoming the new oil.

Regulators here are currently working to make sure that “privacy is not on sale”.

Earlier last month, Bahrain’s own ‘Personal Data Protection Law’ or PDPL came into existence.

The Law, Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chief Executive, Bahrain Economic Development Board said, will govern how personal information is used by individuals and organisations for commercial use.

PDPL aims at enhancing consumer trust in the market and for facilitating “increased data flows across borders which individuals and businesses can capitalise on for growth and trade.”

Data, as the law states, can be collected, but only in a legalised way.

So careful, if you think that collecting and storing information about customers is a must for growing your business.

Better know that such actions might land you in hot waters, if not done as per the law requires.

Punitive measure for data misuse is severe, a fine ranging from BD20,000 and a jail term of at

least one year.

For whom is it valid?

According to PDPL, the law applies to every individual or businesses that collect contact details, CPR copies or any other personal details in Bahrain.

The law enacted by the Kingdom in 2018 is modelled on the 1995 European General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), thanks to Edward Snowden without whom the world would have never known how the US National Security Agency (NSA) is collecting personal data from Facebook to identify, track and monitor individuals without their consent.

In the wake of Snowden’s revelations, Max Schrems, an Austrian PhD student and privacy activist, challenged the transfer of his data to the United States by Facebook, which breached his data privacy rights as an EU citizen including the existence of the Prism spying programme.

The complaint ultimately ended up before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) in October 2015. CJEU struck down the Safe Harbour framework then used by about 4,500 companies, including Facebook, to transfer data to the US.

The European GDPR was passed in response to this decision, and the subsequent controversies arising from the revelations of Edward Snowden.

Authorities here, in light of the opening of the Amazon Web Service Facility and other Fintech facilities, were quick to recognise the importance of giving assurances on privacy.

Thus came Bahrain’s ‘Personal Data Protection Law’ into existence. However, it will be in full swing only after the formation of a Data Protection Agency, which is currently taking shape.

Who is affected?

PDPL requires all individual who process any information owned by or related to the identity of an individual to do so with the consent of the data owners.

The term individual means every individual normally living or working in Bahrain, every business with a place of business in the Kingdom and individuals and businesses outside Bahrain who collect the personal data of individuals in Bahrain.

PDPL demands the process to be done securely with adequate protection. Exceptions are provided for processing data to fulfil a contractual obligation.

No or fewer exceptions, however, are provided for handling “sensitive personal data” related to religion, ethnic origin, gender, age, political views, criminal history or union membership of an individual.

Restrictions are also there for transferring the collected data to a country outside the authorised countries’ list maintained by the data protection authority.

Who is in charge?

As of now, this position is vacant with the country is fast-moving to establish a Data Protection Agency. Once formed, the national body will decide on the best practices and modus operandi that should be followed by individuals and corporates while handling or processing personal data. The authority will act as the enforcer of the law and be in charge of monitoring compliance with PDPL.

What are the fines?

First-time offenders will face a penalty of BD1,000 per day and BD2,000 per day for repeating the violation within three years from the first penalty. The law also proposes an administrative penalty of up to BD20,000. Crim-

inal penalties of imprisonment of not more than one (1) year can also be imposed instead of or in addition to any fine.

What is required?

Ensure that personal data are collected and processed in compliance with the law. Before doing that, the individual or organisation should know the circumstances in which prior authorisation is required.

Contract with third parties might require a second look along with privacy policies, consent forms and employment deals.

A Data Protection Supervisor should be there to look at what is being processed unless the processing is limited to certain activities as listed in article 14 of the law.

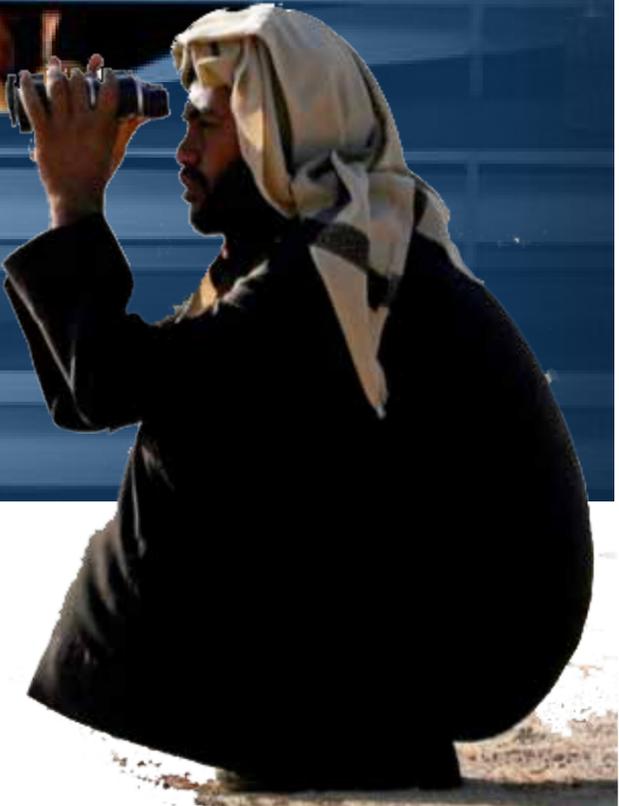
Automated processing of sensitive personal data, biometric data for identification purposes, genetic information and video monitoring will require the prior approval of the authority.

The benefits

As Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chief Executive, Bahrain Economic Development Board, has said, “The future prosperity of the GCC depends on countries like Bahrain responding quickly to the waves of digital and technological disruption that are sweeping the world economy.”

“As Bahrain’s digital economy deepens and expands, the Personal Data Protection law will enable the Kingdom to continue to attract high-quality FDI across multiple sectors.”

The Personal Data Protection Law, he said, is proof of Bahrain’s ability to stay right at the heart of the Gulf’s growth potential in the years to come. The conditions for trade, innovation, and disruption could not be better – for Bahrain, the region, and the world at large.



Key points of PDPL

1. The law, which calls for establishing a Personal Data Protection Authority, focuses on personal data processed in Bahrain
2. Data access is given after disclosing the purpose, source and data recipients with the basis for decision making (if applicable)
3. Bahrain’s data law allows the right to correct errors in processed personal data or erase it under certain conditions.
4. The law allows an individual the right to withdraw consent, opt-out of direct marketing and object to processing that may cause moral or material damage.
5. Response time for data subject request is limited to 15 days from the date of receipt
6. Cross-border transfer is permitted under specific conditions and could be overridden by an approval from the authority
7. Governance should be done by appointing a data protection supervisor and authorised representative. Roles & Responsibilities not defined by law
8. Regulatory enforcement penalties have a ceiling of BD20,000 with a potential sentence of imprisonment max 1 year.
9. As these are criminal matters, the public prosecutor can take action in the absence of the Authority (Courtesy of PwC)

What is personal data?

According to PDPL, personal data is any information (name, address, phone number, email address, passport number, IP address on the internet, fingerprint, credit card number etc) with which an individual is identifiable.

“Sensitive personal data” on the other hand is information that directly or indirectly reveals a person’s race, ethnicity, political or philosophical views, religious beliefs, union affiliation, criminal record or any data related to their health or sexual life such as a fingerprint.



Who is the data owner?

Data according to PDPL definition is the person to whom the personal data relates. Businesses who collect, store and use personal data of individuals will never be considered to be the “owner” of that information.

Data privacy in Middle East

- Bahrain Personal Data Protection Law
- UAE - Expected this year
- KSA - Expected this year
- Qatar - Qatar Personal Information Privacy Protection Law (PIPPL)

Bahrain is on the cusp of change, especially in protecting privacy. Experts say the new Personal Data Protection Law proves “Bahrain’s ability to stay right at the heart of the Gulf’s growth potential in the years to come”



Micro school opens doors for paediatric patients at SMC

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Health Minister Faeqa Al Saleh opened a Micro school at the Salmaniya Medical Complex providing children smart solutions in the form of basic knowledge, self-values and important life skills.

The opening of the facility, housed in Children's Oncology Section Ward 202 and the Children's Ward 31, coincides with the beginning of the new school year in the Kingdom.

"This provides a suitable environment for treatment, daily activities and education, which reflects positively on the course of treatment," said Al Saleh.

The minister lauded Her Highness Shaikha Zain bint Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Al Mabarra Al Khalifa for the initiative.



Health Minister Faeqa Al Saleh during the inauguration

Under the auspices of HH Khalifa has been actively supporting the education of paediatric patients as well as charitable work.

Nuclear technology for sustainable development

Bahraini, IAEA officials hold talks in Vienna



Officials during a meeting held on the sidelines of the 63rd session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna

Vienna

Bahrain yesterday expressed its interest in boosting cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in harnessing the nuclear technology in the field of sustainable development, said a top official.

The move, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa said, is in line with the Kingdom's Economic Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Head of the National Committee on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons was meeting the Deputy Director-General and Head of the Department of Technical Cooperation, Dazhu Yang.

The meeting was held on the sidelines of the 63rd session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy

Agency in Vienna.

Dr Shaikha Rana commended the constructive cooperation between Bahrain and the IAEA, noting in this regard the signing of the Country Programme Framework (CPF) with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Dazhu Yang affirmed that the IAEA is proud of its cooperation with Bahrain for securing a zone free of nuclear weapons and mass destruction.

The Undersecretary also met with the Deputy Director-General and Head of the Department of Safeguards, Massimo Aparo.

She commended the significant role played by the Safeguards Department in verifying the compliance of states with the framework of the NPT.

Dr Shaikha Rana affirmed Bahrain's position that all parties should abide by this treaty, stressing the need for states to apply safeguards to avoid incidents that lead to disasters.

Arabian Gulf University awarded 'CHES' accreditation

Manama

The Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources Master's Programme offered by the College of Graduate Studies in the Arabian Gulf University since 2006 has received the accreditation of the Committee of Heads of Environmental Sciences (CHES).

CHES is a committee for special education offered by academic institutions dealing with environmental sciences and the adoption of plans of programmes of higher education institutions in the field of environment.

AGU President Dr Khalid bin Abdulrahman Al Ohaly, expressed delight in obtaining the notable accreditation.

"Being awarded CHES accreditation is a motivation for AGU to



Being awarded CHES accreditation is a motivation for AGU to continue its efforts to improve the quality of higher education

AGU PRESIDENT DR. KHALID BIN ABDULRAHMAN AL OHALY

continue its efforts to improve the quality of higher education," he added.

Head of the Natural and Environment Resources Department in the College of Graduate Studies

Dr Mohammed Sulaiman Abido, said the accreditation allows the Master's students at the department to apply for a free membership to the Environmental Science Authority

once they graduate.

"This also makes it easier for them to obtain a license to organise professions related to their different environmental specialisations," he added.

UoB, AWS announce cloud computing degree programme

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In a first in the Middle East, the University of Bahrain (UoB) announced launching a new cloud computing degree programmes for nextgen cloud professionals.

The one-year cloud computing certificate and a full cloud computing bachelor's degree programme will be launched in collaboration with AWS Educate Cloud Degree initiative, UoB said in a statement.

AWS Educate is AWS's global initiative to provide students and educators with the resources needed to accelerate cloud-related learning. The AWS Educate Cloud Degree initiative is a collaborative effort between AWS Educate and leading educational institutions to develop degrees and certificates in cloud computing.

One-year cloud computing 101 certificate

Offered initially to students in the engineering, ICT and business colleges, the one-year cloud computing 101 certificate programme will start in 2020 and extended to all degree courses by 2021.

Four-year bachelor's degree

The four-year bachelor's degree in cloud computing will start in the fall semester of 2020. It will equip students with technical skills and hands-on

experiences for careers including cloud architecture, cybersecurity, software development, and DevOps.

LinkedIn has identified clouds as the top skill that companies need most for four years in a row. In UOB's 2019 own executive survey, 25 per cent of current local employers cite training of their staff in cloud computing as a priority.

"Cloud computing is having a powerful effect on the tech capabilities in the Middle East and is enabling innovative projects across artificial intelligence (AI), Blockchain, enterprise mobility, Internet of Things (IoT), and so much more," Prof Riyadh Hamza, President of UOB, said.

Ken Eisner, Director of Worldwide Education Programmes for AWS and head of AWS Educate, said they were excited to collaborate with the University of Bahrain.

"As the region's cloud adoption continues to grow, building a cloud-ready workforce is a priority and an unprecedented opportunity. We hope to collaborate with more educational institutions in the Middle East and support career pathways in technology for diverse populations across the region and beyond," Eisner said.

In July 2019, AWS announced the availability of the AWS Middle East (Bahrain) Region, giving developers, startups and enterprises the ability to run their applications and serve end-users from data centres located in the Middle East.



The University of Bahrain Introduces Cloud Computing Degree Programme in the Middle East with AWS Educate

WORLD

With Trump, Modi set to fire up Houston rally

● About 50,000 people have registered for the "Howdy, Modi" community event

● Trump has also agreed to attend

Reuters | New Delhi/Mumbai

With US President Donald Trump by his side, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will seek to fire up thousands of Indian-American supporters at a rally in Texas on Sunday.

Modi is travelling to the United States to speak at the UN General Assembly. Before travelling to the United Nations headquarters in New York, Modi will address a rally at a stadium in Houston that Trump has also agreed to attend.

"The special gesture of President @realDonaldTrump to join us in Houston highlights the strength of the relationship and recognition of the contribution of the Indian community to American society and economy," Modi said in a Tweet.

Though there have been recent tensions between Wash-



US President Donald Trump meets Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi for bilateral talks during the G7 summit in Biarritz, France. - Reuters

ington and New Delhi over trade and tariffs, the two men have shown a warm personal rapport at previous meetings.

About 50,000 people have registered for the "Howdy, Modi" community event, at which Trump will also speak, the big-

gest crowd that the Indian leader has drawn after a rock-show like rally at New York's Madison Square Garden in 2014.

Vijay Chauthaiwale, the chief of the BJP's foreign affairs department, said from Houston that Trump's decision to attend

the event was a surprise, but testified to the power of the US Indian community as well as the importance Trump attached to bilateral ties, despite recent trade frictions.

"The strategic relationship is stronger," he said.

Diplomatic victory

Modi's supporters say he has won a diplomatic victory by getting Trump on his side.

"They've developed quite a good camaraderie between them, leaders of the two most influential democracies on earth," said Shalab Kumar, an Indian-American businessman who founded the Republican Hindu Coalition, modelled on the Republican Jewish Coalition, in 2015.

"They're finally coming together on one stage, that's great particularly after abrogation (of Kashmir's special status). This is probably the biggest endorsement of the United States to Modi, that the move was the correct move."

In a statement confirming Trump's attendance in Houston, the White House said the president would discuss with Modi ways to deepen the two countries' energy and trade relationship.

South Korea serial killer suspect identified after 33 years

Seoul

South Korean police have identified a suspect in one of the country's most notorious serial murder cases more than 30 years after the first of the 10 killings, they said yesterday.

Between 1986 and 1991 a record number of police officers for a single case were mobilised to try to find the person who raped and murdered women in rural parts of Hwaseong, south of Seoul.

They investigated some



More than two million police officers were mobilised

21,000 individuals and compared the fingerprints of around 20,000 more without success,

and the case inspired South Korean filmmaker Bong Joon-ho's 2003 box office hit "Memories of Murder".

But using the latest forensic techniques to retrieve DNA from long-past crimes officers have identified Lee Chun-jae, 56, as a suspect in at least three of the killings, said Ban Gi-soo of the Gyeonggi Nambu Provincial Police Agency.

Samples collected from evidence including a victim's underwear matched with Lee's,

the police said.

The suspect is currently serving a life sentence for raping and murdering his sister-in-law in 1994, but denies involvement in the Hwaseong murders and the statute of limitations has expired, meaning he will not be prosecuted, police added.

"I express my deep condolences to the victims and their families, as well as the Korean public, for not having been able to solve this case for a long time," Ban told reporters.

At least 10 killed in car bomb attack in southern Afghanistan

Kabul

The Taliban killed at least 10 people and wounded 90 Thursday after a car bomb targeting an intelligence services building exploded and destroyed a nearby hospital in the southern Afghan city of Qalat, the governor of Zabul province said.

The blast in Zabul was just the latest in a string of deadly Taliban bombings across Afghanistan this week as violence intensifies after US President Donald Trump abruptly ended talks with the insurgents over an American withdrawal from the country.

"This morning a car bomb targeted the NDS (National Directorate of Security) in Qalat of Zabul. The regional hospital



Car bomb attack targeting intelligence services on Sept 19: provincial governor

of Zabul was also located there and has been destroyed," said governor Rahmatullah Yarmal.

Atta Jan Haqbayan, the head of Zabul's provincial council, gave a higher death toll, saying 20 people had been killed in the attack and another 90 wounded. The bombing was later claimed by a Taliban spokesman.

Thieves nab 2m euro haul from French chateau

Bobigny | France

The owners of a 17th-century French palace said to be the model for Versailles were tied up as their opulent home was ransacked yesterday by robbers who fled with a haul worth two million euros (\$2.2 million), police said.

The Vaux-le-Vicomte chateau, set amid sumptuous gardens about 50 kilometres (30 miles) southeast of Paris, has been owned by the same family since 1875.

A police source said six hooded but unarmed robbers found neckties belonging to Patrice de Vogue, 90, to tie up him and his wife Cristina, 78, in their lodging on the grounds of the palace.

The thieves targeted a safe and stole emeralds and other items, but did not attempt to make off with the chateau's works of art.



The Vaux-le-Vicomte palace, set amid sumptuous gardens about 50 kilometres (30 miles) southeast of Paris, has been owned by the same family since 1875.

The couple was not injured during the robbery, which occurred shortly before dawn, according to prosecutors in the nearby city of Melun.

"The owners are doing fine and the chateau remains open for visits as usual," the palace's

management said.

Patrice de Vogue opened the estate to the public in 1968, and it is now run by the couple's three sons.

The chateau was built by Louis XIV's finance minister Nicolas Fouquet, who according to

legend fell from grace in 1661, shortly after the building work was finished, when he staged an elaborate party there and aroused the Sun King's envy.

Fouquet spent the rest of his life in jail. The monarch then seized the palace and moved its most precious artworks and other objects to Versailles.

It is the largest privately owned heritage site in France, sprawled over 500 hectares (1,200 acres), and has some 250,000 visitors each year.

The chateau often stands in for Versailles for movie and television productions, from the Roger Moore Bond hit "Moonraker" to Sofia Coppola's "Marie Antoinette".

It has become a prize spot for celebrity wedding parties, such as the lavish 2007 bash for French basketball star Tony Parker and "Desperate Housewives" star Eva Longoria.

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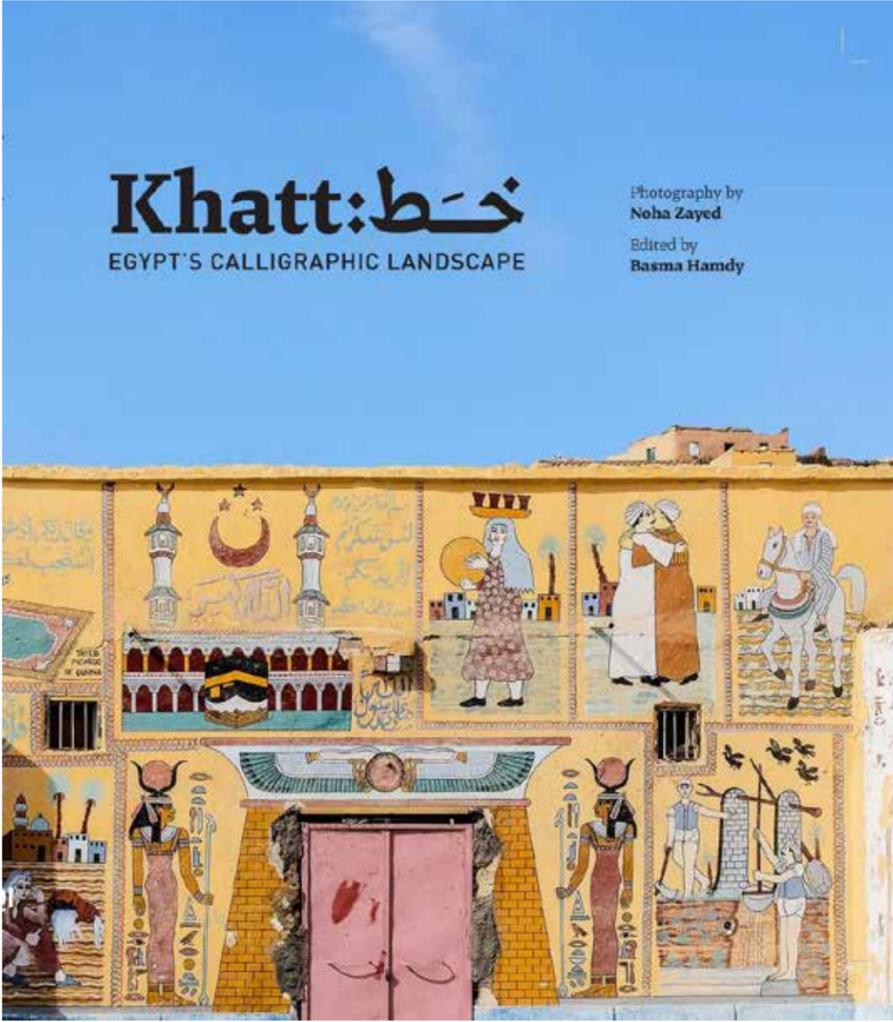
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LETTERS



The cover of Basma Hamdy's book

Khatt power: Keepin

Arab News | Cairo

Egypt's visual landscape is a vital source of expression of popular Arabic culture. Designer Basma Hamdy teamed up with photographer Noha Zayed to document the country's calligraphic landscape in a book

“Calligraphy is so strongly associated with Islam. It's part of our culture. And we take pride in the Arabic language — not only from oral culture, but also from the written script. It's so rich, but it's concise. It's complex and simple at the same time. And there's a beauty to the script that I think is unique. Even someone who can't read Arabic can appreciate how it looks. And Arabs take pride in that.”

Basma Hamdy is an Egyptian designer, author and researcher. Here, she explains why she got involved in her latest book, “Khatt: Egypt's Calligraphic Landscape,” which was released last year. In it, Hamdy and photographer Noha Zayed explored the ways in which Arabic lettering (khatt) — whether it be artistic calligraphy or spontaneous urban scrawl — continues to thrive in Egypt. And why that is important. “We're losing that (pride),” she continues. “I struggle with my own kids, even. They don't want to learn to speak and write Arabic. It's more ‘cool’ to speak English.”

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A photo titled

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Emirati artist Farah Al-Qasimi's

Farah Al-Qasimi's photographs subvert ingrained expectations of how images are constructed and conventions from various sources, including documentary photography and

Arab News | Dubai

Emirati artist Farah Al-Qasimi's first solo exhibition at a US institution opened on July 30 at the MIT List Visual Arts Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Working in photography, video, and performance, Al-Qasimi's work explores themes of gender, nationality and class. Her photographs subvert ingrained expectations of how images are constructed and understood and she is known for borrowing conventions from various sources, including documentary photography and Renaissance paintings.

Camouflage and concealment play a central role in the artist's work. In a recent series of portraits, Al-Qasimi obscures the faces of her subjects while capturing intimate images, despite the lack of a clear, engaging face. Various compositional strategies hide identifying features — behind plumes of smoke, a well-placed hand, or sumptuously patterned textiles and drapery — while she still manages to accentuate the opulent interiors her subjects inhabit.

Alongside a group of recent photographs, the exhibition will include a screening of Al-Qasimi's new film, “Um Al Naar (Mother of Fire)” (2019), which was recently un-



Farah Al-Qasimi's photo titled 'Napping on Carpet' (2016)

veiled at Art Basel Statement

The 40-minute video is s television documentary foll ghost-like entity in Islamic ering a confessional, reality logue, the jinn appears on c patterned sheet. The video thoughts on centuries of British colonial meddling in emirate of Ras Al-Khaimah

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1519

Spanish expedition led by Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan sets off on the 1st successful circumnavigation of the globe (Magellan killed on route)

1854

Battle of the Alma: first major battle of Crimean War. British and French alliance defeat the Russians



1990

Both East and West Germany ratify reunification

2001

In an address to a joint session of Congress and the American people, US President George W. Bush declares a "war on terror"

Keeping Arabic lettering alive in the digital age



'Mark my walls'

with fonts — often badly designed fonts. So there's definitely a feeling of nostalgia when you see hand-painted signs. There's just a different quality. It's more human. You're more connected to it. And I think it needs to be documented before it goes extinct."

"Khatt: Egypt's Calligraphic Landscape" is a stunning attempt to do just that. The book is split into four sections: On The Move, which is all about trucks and transportation; Text Sells, about advertising; Mark My Walls, which covers various uses of lettering, from simple warning signs and directions to graffiti; and Manifested Glory, which focuses on religious quotations and adornments.

"I knew Egyptians were in love with type, but I realized just how much it is a part of everyday life in Egypt and how much pride they take in it (through this book)," says Hamdy. "When you gather the images together, you just realize it's everywhere; even the street sellers and the little hole-in-the-wall shops have some kind of calligraphy or typeface on their shops or on their walls. It's very rich."

On the move

"Buying a truck is expensive in Egypt, not something many can afford, and therefore the object of great envy," writes Noha Zayed in her essay "Trucks: A Moving Canvas," for the book. "The truck is the driver's most-prized possession: it is his source of livelihood and it is how he feeds his children. It is also his eternal companion ... Driving a truck in Egypt is a dan-



Arabic calligraphy used to be huge in Egypt, back in the day. I grew up when things were still very much being written by hand: All the movie posters, all the billboards... but now everything's been digitized and they've replaced everything with fonts — often badly designed fonts. So there's definitely a feeling of nostalgia when you see hand-painted signs. There's just a different quality. It's more human. You're more connected to it. And I think it needs to be documented before it goes extinct

BASMA HAMDY

gerous business, both economically and physically. Egyptian roads are among the most dangerous in the world, and life and limb are at stake on every trip, along with the investment of the truck itself.

"It is rare to see a truck of any size that

is not richly decorated. The decorations' first objective is safety and protection from the evil eye, hence the use of written verses from (religious texts), or invocations for protection," she continues. "All are attempts to protect the truck and its driver from the dangers of the road, envy, and the misfortunes of destiny."

This truck, photographed on the Cairo Ring Road, has an abundance of text, reading: "This isn't an abundance of money, this is to challenge the scoundrels / 'With my almighty glory I will be generous with the helpless so that the conceited will wonder (sacred Hadith) / Doctor Reham, The pampered Ayah, Ali Pasha, and the young Aziz Pasha (the names of the driver's children) / In the name of the Prophet, Praise the Prophet."

Text sells

Advertisements are painted on walls all over Egypt's urban areas. The book seems to suggest that even the smallest grocery store would be considered incomplete without some kind of lettered adornment. While some are simply descriptions of the shops themselves — as with this example from Sohag, which reads "Al-aseel for mobile phone maintenance" (along with an illustration that perfectly sums up the dangers of using a "modern" image on your tech-store signage, as it rapidly becomes outdated; like all those outlets that added "2000" to their name a few years before the millennium) — others make lofty claims ("Loved by millions" on the shutters of a shabby, run-down store), offer consumer warnings ("The original Shahin, beware of similar names"), or spout sweetly naïve

self-justification ("We have decorated it for the viewer").

Mark my walls

"There is a nostalgia associated with handwritten lettering that can never be replaced with a digital alternative. A nostalgia that is potent in Egypt," writes Hamdy in "Language and Message," her essay for the book. "You can see it in the faces of the people on the street ... and read it in the words that adorn everything you see, words that weave the rich and complex tapestry that is Egypt." In this image, a man smokes a shisha underneath the background scrawl, "Manlihood is not easy."

Manifested glory

Quotations from holy books and exhortations to god are some of khatt's most important functions on the walls of Egypt. Hajj paintings are a subset of their own within that group. In villages along the Nile, Egypt's pilgrims will often commission local artists to paint the walls of their houses celebrating their journey to Makkah.

"I think it's rooted in ancient Egyptian art. I think that's where they get the inspiration from," Hamdy tells Arab News. "These painters... I don't think there are many left, but it used to be this tradition that the father would pass on to their son, and there would be one painter in each village that would paint the houses. It's like a mark of pride: 'I'm now a Hajji.'"

This house is decorated with the phrase: "May Allah accept your Hajj and forgive your sins / Hajj Mohamed Abdelaziz Mustafa, 2015."

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Farah Al-Qasimi's first solo US show set to open

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Farah Al-Qasimi's photo titled 'Um Al Naar' (Mother of Fire) (still), 2019

video also explores the influence of the European presence in the region and the use of Euro-centric practices for the display of historical artifacts.

Curated by Henriette Huldich, the director of exhibitions at the MIT List Visual Arts Center, the exhibition marks the first time Al-Qasimi's work has been shown in a solo exhibition in the US — it is set to wrap up on Oct. 20.

The artist lives and works between New York and Dubai and has seen her work ex-

hibited in The Third Line gallery in Dubai, Jameel Arts Centre in Dubai and the San Francisco Arts Commission, among other locations.

Al-Qasimi received her MFA from the Yale School of Art and has participated in residencies at the Delfina Foundation in London; the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in Maine; and is a recipient of the New York NADA Artadia Prize and the Aaron Siskind Individual Photographer's Fellowship.



Farah Al-Qasimi's photo titled 'Living Room Vape' (2017)

business

Batelco supports Youth City 2030



Youth city rewarding ceremony

TDT | Manama

Batelco yesterday announced its backing to the Ministry of Youth & Sports Affairs' (MYS) Youth City 2030, took place at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre.

The event was held under the Patronage of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport (SCYS) and Captain of the Royal Endurance Team.

Batelco was the exclusive

telecommunications provider, where the Company provided internet for the duration of the event, as well as participated in several initiatives and activities taking place in the City.

A workshop was held to spread awareness to attendees on 5G technology and its benefits in terms of speed and efficiency, in addition to highlighting its practical applications across all fields.

Batelco's CSR team 'Nasna's' volunteer, Senior Product Marketing Manager Nasreen Buhammood, delivered a workshop on digital applications such as bwallet and mobile shopping apps.

Fifth MIFF, CIBAFI Technical workshop to be held in Barcelona



Participants during a previous event

● The forum will be held under the framework of MedaWeek Barcelona 2019

TDT | Manama

The General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI), the official global representative for Islamic financial institutions (IFIs) and the Association of the Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASCAME) are co-organising the 5th Mediterranean Islamic Finance Forum (MIFF) on 21st November 2019 in Barcelona Spain.

The forum held under the framework of MedaWeek Barcelona 2019 will have the theme "Leveraging on Islamic Finance for Sustainability, Innovation, and Economic Development."

MIFF will focus on the potential of Islamic finance in the Mediterranean region for the attainment of sustainability

and economic development. The forum will also shed light on the role of Sukuk, Takaful and innovation as key instruments for Islamic finance adoption and will discuss the role of Fintech in achieving increased financial inclusion.

In conjunction with the forum, CIBAFI will also conduct a 2-day Technical Workshop from 20th - 21st November 2019. The workshop will involve a detailed discussion on Sukuk structuring and legal documentation. It will tackle in detail, the different types of Sukuk, the regulatory requirements in Sukuk structuring and Shariah governance in Sukuk issuance among many other related topics. The workshop will also include case studies and hands-on exercises in Sukuk from different angles and aspects.



Participants (file)

Saudi stocks gain

● Saudi's petchems rise after feedstock supply improves

● Bank Albilad sees biggest gain in 4 years

● Most of financial shares slide in Abu Dhabi

● Real estate and banks move sideways in Egypt

Reuters

Saudi Arabia's stock market rose sharply yesterday ahead of their inclusion in FTSE Russell and S&P Dow Jones emerging market indexes next week, which are expected to attract billions of dollars in passive funds.

Saudi stocks will see fourth tranche inclusion in FTSE Russell and the second and final tranche entry into S&P Dow Jones as an emerging market starting on September 23.

Saudi stocks initially joined the two indexes earlier this year.

The market was also supported by news that Saudi oil supply was uninterrupted despite weekend attacks on the kingdom's oil facilities and by a cut in Saudi interest rates.

Saudi Arabia said it continues to supply oil to its customers from its stockpiles and the attacks would have "zero impact" on government revenues.

The Saudi index ended 1.4 per cent higher with Al Rajhi Bank gaining 2pc and Bank Albilad



Traders on the floor of Saudi Stock market (file)

surging 8pc, its biggest intraday gain since August 2015.

The central banks of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, which peg their currencies to the US dollar, cut interest rates on Wednesday after the Federal Reserve lowered US rates, which Saudi officials said should help the country's banks by boost lending.

Petrochemical stocks also rose, extending their gains from Wednesday after saying their feedstock supplies from Aramco had significantly improved.

Saudi Basic Industries climbed 2pc, while Saudi Arabia Fertilizers leapt 5.5pc.

However, the tensions in Middle East weighed on other regional markets after Saudi Arabia presented what it called "undeniable" evidence of Iranian links to the Aramco attacks.

In Abu Dhabi, the index eased 0.6pc, with the country's largest lender First Abu Dhabi Bank losing 0.8pc and Abu Dhabi Commercial bank shedding 2.5pc.

Qatar's index was down

Closing Bell

SAUDI	▲ 1.4pc	» 7,927 pts
ABU DHABI	▼ 0.6pc	» 5,125 pts
DUBAI	▼ 0.1pc	» 2,820 pts
QATAR	▼ 0.3pc	» 10,512 pts
EGYPT	■	» 14,742 pts
BAHRAIN	▲ 0.1pc	» 1,490 pts
OMAN	▼ 0.6pc	» 3,992 pts
KUWAIT	▲ 1.3pc	» 6,010 pts

0.3pc, led by a 6.5pc plunge in Ooredoo and a 2.2pc drop in Masraf Al Rayan.

In Dubai, the index slipped 0.1pc, extending losses for a third-day consecutively. Dubai Islamic Bank, the United Arab Emirates' largest sharia-compliant lender, lost 1.9pc and Emirates ended 1.1pc lower.

Egypt's blue-chip index traded flat as gains in the real estate sector were marred by financial shares.

Talaat Mostafa hiked 3.9pc, while Commercial International Bank dropped 0.9pc.

WHO welcomes Indian electronic cigarette ban

Narendra Modi
New Delhi

The World Health Organization congratulated India yesterday for its ban on electronic cigarettes, the latest evidence of a global backlash against a technology touted as safer than regular smoking.

In a tweet, the UN body's South-East Asia office said that India was the sixth country in the region to ban e-cigarettes after North Korea, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and East Timor.

Singapore has also outlawed e-cigarettes.

Billionaire Michael Bloomberg, a prominent opponent of smoking, also congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "recognising this epidemic and putting the health of your citizens first".

Citing health concerns, the Indian government announced on Wednesday a ban on the production, manufacture, import, export, transport, sale, distribution and storage of e-cigarettes.

It came a day after New York became the second US state to outlaw flavoured e-cigarettes, and a week after President Donald Trump said his administration was considering a ban.

Gulf Air adds four US airports through codeshare agreement with Etihad

● Gulf Air will place its 'GF' code on Etihad flights

● The agreement will see Etihad place its 'EY' code on Gulf Air flights

TDT | Manama

Gulf Air, Bahrain's national airline, and Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, have added four airports in the United States to the list of cities served by the existing codeshare agreement starting September 23.

The deal follows the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two carriers at the Bahrain International Airshow in November last year, Gulf Air said in a statement.

Gulf Air will place its 'GF' code on Etihad flights from Abu Dhabi to and from Chicago O'Hare, Los Angeles, New



The deal follows the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two carriers

York JFK and Washington. Gulf Air will also enjoy pre-clearance facility offered at Abu Dhabi International Airport exclusively for Etihad flights.

The United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) facility at Terminal 3 in Abu Dhabi Airport is a purpose-built facility that allows US bound passengers to process all immi-

gration, customs and agriculture inspections in Abu Dhabi before they depart.

On arrival in the USA, guests arrive as domestic passengers, speeding up the arrival process and making onward connections seamless.

Besides, Gulf Air will place its 'GF' code on Etihad flights from Abu Dhabi to and from Bahrain,

Brisbane, Jakarta, Lagos, Melbourne and Sydney for a total of nine cities under this codeshare agreement.

The agreement will see Etihad place its 'EY' code on Gulf Air flights from Bahrain to and from Abu Dhabi, Baghdad, Casablanca, Dhaka, Faisalabad, Larnaca, Multan, Najaf, Peshawar, Sialkot and Tbilisi.

SHOW

RAMBO: LAST BLOOD (15+)(ACTION/CRIME/DRAMA)

OASIS JUFFAIR : 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 PM + 12.00 MN
 OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 2.00 + 6.45 + 11.30 PM
 CITY CENTRE : 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 PM + 12.00 MN + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)
 CITY CENTRE VIP (I): 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM
 CITY CENTRE (ATMOS): 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 PM + 12.00 MN
 SEEF (II): 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 PM + 12.00 MN
 SEEF (I): 11.30 AM + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 PM + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)
 WADI AL SAIL: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 PM + 12.00 MN
 SAAR: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + (11.30 PM THURS/FRI)

SYLVESTER STALLONE, PAZ VEGA, SERGIO PERIS-MENCHETA

AD ASTRA (PG-13)(DRAMA/THRILLER/SCI-FICTION)

OASIS JUFFAIR : 10.45 AM + 4.00 + 6.30 + 11.45 PM
 OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 11.30 AM + 4.15 + 9.00 PM
 CITY CENTRE : 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)
 CITY CENTRE (IMAX 2D): 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.45 + 6.30 + 9.15 PM + 12.00 MN
 CITY CENTRE VIP (II): 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM
 SEEF (I): 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM
 WADI AL SAIL: 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 PM + 12.00 MN
 SAAR: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + (11.15 PM THURS/FRI)

BRAD PITT, TOMMY LEE JONES, RUTH NEGGA



PRASSTHANAM (PG-15)(HINDI/ACTION/DRAMA)

OASIS JUFFAIR : 3.00 + 8.45 PM
 CITY CENTRE: 12.45 + 6.15 + 11.45 PM
 SEEF (II): 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM
 SAAR: 10.30 AM + 5.30 + (11.00 PM THURS/FRI)
 SANJAY S DUTT, JACKIE SHROFF, MANISHA KOIRALA
 THE ZOYA FACTOR (PG-13)(HINDI/COMEDY/ROMANTIC)
 STARTING FROM THURSDAY 7.00 PM ONWARDS
 OASIS JUFFAIR: 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 PM
 CITY CENTRE : 3.30 + 9.00 PM
 SEEF (II): 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM
 WADI AL SAIL: 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM
 SAAR: 2.45 + 8.15 PM

SONAM KAPOOR, DULQUER SALMAAN, SANJAY KAPOOR

PAL PAL DIL KI PAAS (PG-15)(HINDI)

OASIS JUFFAIR : 12.00 + 5.45 + 11.30 PM
 CITY CENTRE : 11.30 AM + 5.15 + 11.00 PM
 SEEF (II): 11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM
 WADI AL SAIL: 2.45 + 8.30 PM

KARAN DEOL, KALLIRROI TZIAFETA, SAHHER BAMBA

DIEGO MARADONA (PG-13)(DOCUMENTARY/BIOGRAPHY)

SEEF (II): 11.15 AM + 4.15 + 9.15 PM
 DIEGO ARMANDO MARADONA, CLAUDIA VILLAFANE, DIEGO MARADONA JR.
 NIKKA ZAILDAR 3 (PG-13) (PUNJABI/COMEDY)
 SEEF (II): 1.45 + 6.45 + 11.45 PM

AMY VIRK, WAMIQA GABBI, NIRMAL RISHI

ANGEL HAS FALLEN (PG-15)(ACTION/THRILLER/DRAMA)

CITY CENTRE : 10.30 AM + 11.30 AM + 1.00 + 2.00 + 3.30 + 4.30 + 6.00 + 7.00 + 8.30 + 9.30 + 11.00 PM + 12.00 MN
 SEEF (II): 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 + 12.00 MN
 GERARD BUTLER, MORGAN FREEMAN, JADA PINKETT SMITH

DREAM GIRL (PG-15)(HINDI/COMEDY/ROMANTIC/DRAMA)

OASIS JUFFAIR : 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM

CITY CENTRE : 2.30 + 8.15 PM

AYUSHMANN KHURRANA, NUSHRAT BHARUCHA, ABHISHEK BANERJEE

IT CHAPTER TWO (15+)(HORROR/DRAMA)

CITY CENTRE : 12.30 + 4.00 + 7.30 + 11.00 PM
 SEEF (II): 2.30 + 8.30 PM
 SAAR: 1.15 + 7.45 PM

JAMES MCAVOY, JESSICA CHASTAIN, BILL HADER

FAST & FURIOUS: HOBBS & SHAW (PG-15)(ACTION)

CITY CENTRE: 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM
 SEEF (II): 11.45 AM + 5.45 + 11.45 PM

DWAYNE JOHNSON, JASON STATHAM, IDRIS ELBA

DORA AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD (PG)(ADVENTURE)

OASIS JUFFAIR (KIDS CINEMA): 10.30 AM + 2.45 + 7.00 + 11.15 PM
 CITY CENTRE: 11.30 AM + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 PM
 SEEF (II): 11.15 AM + 4.00 + 8.45 PM

ISABELA MONER, Q'ORIANKA KILCHER, BENICIO DEL TORO

KHAYAL MAATA (PG)(COMEDY/DRAMA)

CITY CENTRE : 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM
 SEEF (II): 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM

AHMAD HELMY, MINNA SHALABI, HASSAN HOSNEY

THE LION KING (PG)(ADVENTURE/DRAMA/FAMILY)

CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 2.30 + 5.00 + 7.30 + 10.00 PM

SEEF (II): 1.30 + 6.15 + 11.00 PM

DONALD GLOVER, SETH ROGEN, CHIWETEL EJIOFOR

THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE 2 (PG)(ANIMATION)

OASIS JUFFAIR (KIDS CINEMA): 12.45 + 5.00 + 9.15 PM
 CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 4.30 + 9.00 PM

SUDEIKIS, JOSH GAD, AWK WAFINA

47 METERS DOWN : UNCAGED (15+)

CITY CENTRE: 12.00 + 4.00 + 8.00 PM + 12.00 MN

SOPHIE NÉLISSE, CORINNE FOX, BRIANNE TJU

READY OR NOT (18+)(THRILLER/ HORROR)

CITY CENTRE: 2.00 + 6.00 + 10.00 PM

SAMARA WEAVING, ADAM BRODY, MARK O'BRIEN (IX)

TOY STORY 4 (G)(ANIMATION)

CITY CENTRE: 2.15 + 6.45 + 11.15 PM

TOM HANKS, TIM ALLEN, JOAN CUSACK

ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD (18+)

CITY CENTRE : 11.30 AM + 5.30 + 11.30 PM

LEONARDO DICAPRIO, BRAD PITT, MARGOT ROBBIE

ALADDIN (PG)(ADVENTURE)

CITY CENTRE: 2.45 + 8.45 PM

WILL SMITH, NAOMI SCOTT, MENA MASSOUD

CHHICHHORE (PG-15)(HINDI/DRAMA/COMEDY)

OASIS JUFFAIR : 1.15 + 9.00 PM

SUSHANT SINGH RAJPUT, SHRADDHA KAPOOR, VARUN SHARMA

LOVE ACTION DRAMA (PG-15)(MALAYALAM)

OASIS JUFFAIR : 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 PM
 SEEF (I): 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 PM

NIVIN PAULY, NAYANTHARA, AJU VARGHESE

KAAPPAAN (PG-15)(TAMIL)

STARTING FROM THURSDAY 10.30 PM ONWARDS
 OASIS JUFFAIR : 10.30 AM + 1.45 + 5.00 + 8.15 + 11.30 PM
 CITY CENTRE : 10.45 AM + 2.00 + 5.15 + 8.30 + 11.45 PM
 SEEF (I): 11.00 AM + 2.15 + 5.30 + 8.45 PM + 12.00 MN
 WADI AL SAIL: 10.30 AM + 1.30 + 4.45 + 8.00 + 11.15 PM
 SAAR: 11.30 AM + 4.30 + (11.00 PM THURS/FRI)
 AL HAMRA: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + (12.00 MN THURS/FRI)

MOHANLAL, SURYA, BOMAN IRANI, ARYA, SAYYESHAA SAIGAL, PRAKASH RAJ

BANDOBAST (PG-15)(TELUGU)

STARTING FROM THURSDAY 10.30 PM ONWARDS
 SEEF (I): 12.00 + 5.45 + 11.30 PM

MOHANLAL, SURYA, BOMAN IRANI, ARYA, SAYYESHAA SAIGAL

PATTABHIRAMAN (PG-15)(MALAYALAM)

OASIS JUFFAIR: 1.15 + 6.30 PM
 SEEF (I): 3.00 + 9.00 PM

JAYARAM, SHEELU ABRAHAM, ALI

FINALS (PG-15)(MALAYALAM)

OASIS JUFFAIR: 10.45 AM + 4.00 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM
 SEEF (I): 3.15 + 9.00 PM

RAJEESHA VIJAYAN, SURAJ VENJARAMODU

VALMIKI (PG-15)(TELUGU)

STARTING FROM THURSDAY 10.30 PM ONWARDS
 SEEF (I): 11.45 AM + 5.45 + 11.45 PM

POOJA HEGDE, VARUN TEJ, ATHARVA MURALI

MOVIE REVIEW

Rambo: Last Blood - Stallone storms Mexico in a laughable Trumpian fantasy

The film is a rollicking good time of hyper-violent xenophobic revenge fantasies

● The grizzled warrior dusts off his crossbow to take revenge on sex traffickers in a creaking, cringeworthy fifth instalment

Rambo: Last Blood (also known as Rambo V and Rambo V: Last Blood) is a 2019 American action thriller film directed by Adrian Grunberg and co-written by Sylvester Stallone, who also reprises his role as Vietnam War veteran John Rambo.

A sequel to Rambo (2008) and the fifth installment in the Rambo franchise, it co-stars Paz Vega, Sergio Peris-Mencheta, Adriana Barraza, Yvette Monreal, Genie Kim, Joaquín Cosío, and Oscar Jaenada. The story follows Rambo as he travels to Mexico to save his niece, who has been kidnapped by the Mexican cartel.



Sylvester Stallone in Rambo: Last Blood

Plans for a fifth film were announced on and off again since 2008, with different iterations developed and cancelled. It was finally officially announced in May 2018, and production began that October in Bulgaria, lasting through December.

The review-aggregation website Rotten Tomatoes assigned the film an approval rating of 40%, with an average rating of 4.99/10, based on reviews from

20 critics. Metacritic said the film received "generally unfavourable reviews," with an overall weighted average of 30 out of 100 based on six critics.

Many critics reported being appalled by the brutality of the film's action scenes. Peter Debruge of Variety called it "horrible, gut-wrenching carnage to witness, and yet, it's been calibrated to elicit whoops and cheers from fans, who've faith-

fully followed along as Rambo evolved."

Vince Mancini of Uproxx wrote that "it's so genuinely horrific I'm convinced there are real-life cartel videos celebrating the torture of rivals that are less gory. I was either howling with nervous laughter or covering my face the entire time."

Witney Seibold in IGN called it "over-the-top in a way that isn't fun," and compared its amount

of gore with that of a slasher film.

By contrast, Don Kaye in Den of Geek! said he "didn't find the violence disturbing per se, but rather jarring in the way it takes on an almost comic book tone after the more elegiac effect the movie was striving for earlier."

Some critics also accused the film of xenophobia, citing its stereotypical depiction of Hispanics and Latinos as criminals, and its portrayal of Mexico as a country that is besieged with crime. Seibold said, "I understand that Rambo films have rarely been bastions of cultural togetherness, but in 2019, these broad stereotypes are offensive and dated and downright irresponsible."

Eric Kohn of IndieWire, who gave the film a grade of D+, said: "In 2019's hypersensitive cultural environment, the depiction of murderous Mexican crime bosses and their cowering sex slaves encountering a literal white saviour doesn't go down so easy."



Rambo's cartoonish action feats may have been riveting in the Reagan years, but these days, they're just a tiresome slog

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Swift's album 'Lover' inclined to politics

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American pop-icon Taylor Swift recently revealed that her latest album 'Lover' is the most politically engaged body of music yet as she was deeply affected by "the 2016 presidential election and the 2018 midterm elections" in the US.

The 29-year-old Grammy winner said in an interview with Rolling Stone

Taylor Swift

magazine, as reported by Fox News that she consciously made the choice to get her music inclined towards politics because she was so deeply affected by the 2016 presidential election and the 2018 midterm elections. She specifically touched upon the lyrics in her new song "Miss Americana & the Heartbreak Prince" and its obvious metaphors.

"There are so many influences that go into that particular song. I wrote it a couple of months after midterm elections, and I wanted to take the idea of politics and pick a metaphorical place for that to exist. And so I



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was thinking about a traditional American high school, where there are all these kinds of social events that could make someone feel completely alienated," she told the publication, as cited by Fox News.

"And I think a lot of people in our political landscape are just feeling like we need to huddle up under the bleachers and figure out a plan to make things better."

Talking about white supremacy and how it is revolting, Swift said, "There's literally nothing worse than white supremacy. It's repulsive. There should be no place for it. Really, I keep trying to learn as much as I can

about politics, and it's become something I'm now obsessed with, whereas before, I was living in this sort of political ambivalence because the person I voted for had always won. We were in such an amazing time when Obama was president because foreign nations respected u."

"We were so excited to have this dignified person in the White House. My first election was voting for him when he made it into the office and then voting to reelect him. I think a lot of people are like me, where they just didn't really know that this could happen. But I'm just

Jennifer Aniston was told to lose 30 lbs to make it big in Hollywood

ANI | Los Angeles

Before actor Jennifer Aniston became a successful filmstar gracing countless magazine covers and red carpets, she was just another young, working actor in an industry with high beauty standards.

Before the actress became a household name by starring in the beloved sitcom 'Friends', she was told to lose about 30 lbs to make it big in the film industry, according to a new book in honour of 'Friends' 25th anniversary, reported People.

"She had to lose thirty pounds if she wanted to stay in Hollywood," author Saul Austerlitz wrote in 'Generation Friends: An Inside Look at the Show That Defined a Television Era'.

"Los Angeles was a tough place to be an actress -- it was a tough place to be a woman -- and Jennifer Aniston's agent was reluctantly levelling with her," the author added.

Aniston had gotten a callback and was instructed to wear a leotard. According to 'Generation Friends', she joked, "This'll blow it for me," to her agent, who "responded seriously."

"Aniston was hardly fat --

everyone could see she was beautiful -- but as the show she would one day become indelibly associated with later made a point of noting, the camera added ten pounds," the author added in his book.

In a 1996 cover story for Rolling Stone, Aniston revealed her pre-fame guilty pleasure snack.

Jennifer Aniston



Liam Payne confident about reunion

ANI | Los Angeles

Singer-songwriter Liam Payne opened up about the future of the famed band One Direction and revealed that most of the group members are ready to reunite.

Payne shared that his former bandmates Louis Tomlinson and Niall Horan are ready for a One Direction reunion, but he isn't sure about Harry Styles, reported Us Weekly.

The 26-year-old singer revealed in an interview with SiriusXM Hits 1's 'The Morning Mash Up' that he hasn't spoken to Styles "in a while".

On being asked when does he think a One Direction reunion will happen, Payne said it's hard to predict because of his lack of communication with Styles.

"I say different times all the time,"

Payne said.

"It's difficult. I haven't spoken to Harry in a while, so I don't know where his head is at with a reunion. I heard he mentioned it in some sort of magazine thing or whatever the other day, which is cool," he added.

As for Tomlinson and Horan, Payne is sure about where they stand when it comes to the famed boy-band getting back together.

"I think everybody else has been really outspoken. I think they're ready to go whenever. I think Niall was ready the day we decided to stop. He was like, 'I'm sure we're coming back in tomorrow, boys!' He was just ready to go," Payne said.

The 'Stack It Up' singer didn't mention Zayn Malik, who quit the band five months before the group announced its hiatus in 2015, but he did

reference the 'Pillowtalk' singer and Styles when he was asked earlier in the interview about which 1D members were most likely to have a baby last.

Payne is a father of 2-year-old son Bear with ex-girlfriend Cheryl Cole, while Tomlinson is a father of 3-year-old son Freddie with stylist Briana Jungwirth.

In August 2015, Horan, Payne, and Tomlinson announced that the band would be taking an indefinite break. Although the members denied that the hiatus was permanent, a source told Us Weekly in January 2016 that the band was done for good.



Liam Payne

Jada turns 48, recalls journey with husband

ANI | Los Angeles

As soon as American actor Jada Pinkett Smith ringed in her 48th birthday today, she took a trip down memory lane and recalled her relationship with husband Will Smith.

"The journey between Will and me... we have come to such a beautiful place," Pinkett Smith told PEOPLE in June. "I feel like we have a stronger bond

than we even had in the beginning."

Jada and her 50-year-old actor husband have come a long way from the near breaking point she experienced years back. The long-time couple started dating in 1995 later tying the knot in 1997.

"It just felt like a loss," she said. "There was too much concentration on what was happening externally, and the family unit itself wasn't getting

the attention and care that I felt we needed."

Jada Pinkett



Jada said that juggling her family's four careers (they're parents to kids Willow, 18, and Jaden, 21) was a lot

draining and she felt suffocated by the conventional marriage standards duo were living by.

"Will's like, 'We just came from Oslo, going to the [2009] Nobel Peace Prize ceremony [for Barack Obama] as a family, you've got a big house with a lake- isn't this amazing?'" And I'm like, 'No,'" Jada recalled.

"By the time my 40th [birthday] came, I was like, 'I can't do it anymore.' I was so depleted," she said.

Brad Pitt to 'abstain' from Oscars campaign

ANI | Los Angeles

American actor Brad Pitt is planning to take it easy during this award season. The star says that he will "abstain" from campaigning in the upcoming Oscars race despite being expected to be among the contenders for starring in films 'Once Upon A Time In Hollywood' and 'Ad Astra'.

In a recent interview with Entertainment Weekly, the 55-year-old star revealed that he has no interest in campaigning for Oscar nominations for his roles in Quentin Tarantino's 'Once Upon a Time In Holly-

wood' and James Gray's 'Ad Astra'.

"Oh, man. I'm gonna abstain," the actor told the outlet.

"I mean, you never know, and it's really nice when your number comes up," Pitt added.

The actor went on to say that campaigning for Oscars nominations is "actually disservice" to the films.

"But the goal is for the film to land, to speak to someone whether it's now or a decade from now. I find chasing it actually a disservice to the purity of your telling a story, and a shackling thing to focus on," he said.

Pitt received rave reviews

for his performance as Cliff Booth in 'Once Upon A Time In Hollywood', which marked his second collaboration with Tarantino. Their first was the 2009 hit film 'Inglourious Basterds'.

It was also Pitt's first film in two years, after last featuring in the 2017 Netflix drama 'War Machine'.



Brad Pitt

Sarah Hyland learned life lessons while living with chronic illness

ANI | Los Angeles

American actor-singer Sarah Hyland, who is suffering from a chronic illness, opened up about the life lessons she learned through her course of tough times.

"Everything happens for a reason," says

Hyland, who was born with kidney dysplasia, a condition in which the kidneys don't fully develop in the womb. "[Struggles are] only going to make you a stronger and more efficient person."

The 29-year-old star underwent her first kidney transplant surgery in

2012, but she discovered four years later that the kidney was failing, reported PEOPLE.

"When I found out, there was a nice cocktail of guilt, fear and a kind of hopelessness. But also it was like, okay, this is now a part of your life," she told PEOPLE exclusively in this week's issue.



Sarah Hyland

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PSG tear apart Real

● Angel Di Maria double helps PSG ease to win against Real Madrid

● PSG played without Neymar, Mbappe and Cavani

AFP | Paris

Angel Di Maria scored twice against his former club as Paris Saint-Germain shrugged off the absences of Neymar and Kylian Mbappe and thrashed Real Madrid 3-0 on Wednesday to get off to the perfect start in their latest bid for Champions League success.

Di Maria beat Real goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois at his near post to put PSG ahead in the 14th minute at the Parc des Princes, but it was his second goal just after the half-hour mark that really lit up this encounter.

The Argentine, who starred for Real for four years and won the Champions League with them in 2014 before making an ill-fated move to Manchester United, gave Courtois no chance with a shot on his left foot from 20 yards out that arched into the corner.

Thomas Meunier added the gloss to the score-line at the death but it was Di Maria who had cleared the way for his side, stepping up in the absences of the injured Mbappe and Edinson Cavani as well as the suspended Neymar.

After a summer dominated by the saga of whether the world's most expensive player would leave the club, here was a reminder that the French cham-



Angel Di Maria of Paris Saint Germain, scores a goal

“What upset me is that we did not put enough intensity in the game and at that level of competition”

ZINEDINE ZIDANE

pions have others capable of winning such games.

These two clubs are trying to recover some of their lustre after disappointing campaigns in Europe last season, but for PSG this result is a measure of revenge for their defeat at the hands of Real in the last 16 the previous year.

They remain unbeaten at home in the Champions League group stage since 2004 and they are already in control of Group A before facing Galatasaray and Club Brugge, who drew 0-0 in Belgium on Wednesday.

Real remain far from convincing since Zinedine Zidane's return to the club for a second spell as coach and the 13-time European Cup winners have won only twice in five outings so far this season.

There is still much work to be done if they are to go deep in this competition again after being humbled by Ajax in the last 16 last spring.

Hazard makes little impact

They had a Gareth Bale goal disallowed for handball after a VAR review just after going two behind, while Eden Hazard struggled to make an impact on his first start since his 100 million-euro (\$110 million) move from Chelsea.

Madrid were also handicapped by the absences of Sergio Ramos, Nacho and Marcelo in defence as well as Ballon d'Or winner Luka Modric from their midfield. Mauro Icardi made his first start for the home side after

his arrival on loan from Inter, but his fellow countryman Di Maria stole the show.

PSG, confusingly wearing white while the visitors wore dark blue, opened the scoring in the 14th minute when Di Maria latched onto a Juan Bernat cutback from the left byline and fired in, although Courtois should have done better.

Hazard shot just wide at the other end moments later and Bale curled a free-kick over the bar from the edge of the area after he had been fouled.

Just after that, in the 33rd minute, Di Maria took a touch and smashed a shot into the right corner of the net to make it 2-0.

Then came Bale's disallowed goal, and the Welshman came close again in first-half stoppage time, yet the Spanish giants created little in the second half apart from a Karim Benzema goal that was ruled out for off-side.

Dynamic Dinamo hand Atalanta sour Champions League debut



GNK Dinamo Zagreb's Bruno Petkovic in action with Atalanta's Rafael Tolo

Reuters | Zagreb

Dinamo Zagreb made a perfect start to their Champions League Group C campaign when a majestic performance gave the Croatian side a 4-0 home win over Italian rivals Atalanta on Wednesday.

Midfielder Marin Leovac fired Dinamo ahead in the 10th minute before a Mislav Orsic hat-trick sent Atalanta reeling on their debut in Europe's premier club competition.

The score did not flatter the home side as they missed several chances to win by a bigger margin, having ripped into the visitors with crisp one-touch passing and darting raids down both flanks.

Atalanta barely threatened and missed their best chance after the damage had already been done, as Dinamo keeper Dominik Livakovic pulled off a magnificent save to deny Duvan Zapata.

Leovac opened the flood-

gates when he slid in to meet a perfect Petar Stojanovic pass from the right and blasted it into the roof of the net from close range, with Atalanta keeper Pierluigi Gollini a mere bystander.

Leovac turned provider in the 31st minute after he left his marker for dead on the left flank and squared the ball back to Orsic, who side-footed it sweetly into the bottom left corner of the net from the edge of the penalty area.

Another raid by Stojanovic produced the third goal in the 42nd minute, as Arijan Ademi met the right back's deep cross at the far post and headed it back for Orsic to nod in the ball from two metres.

Livewire Orsic completed a memorable night with a superb finish from 16 metres in the 68th minute, applying a perfect first touch to control a lofted pass into his stride before driving an unstoppable shot past Gollini.

Herrera completes Atletico comeback against Juve

AFP | Madrid

Hector Herrera grabbed a dramatic point on his Atletico Madrid debut with a late header that saw his side come back from two goals down to draw 2-2 in their Champions League opener against Juventus on Wednesday.

Herrera came off the bench to crash home Kieran Trippier's last-minute corner and complete the comeback after Juve had gone ahead through Juan Cuadrado's superb strike seconds after the break and a bullet header from Blaise Matuidi on 65 minutes.

Stefan Savic gave the home

fans hope when he pulled one back for Atletico five minutes after Frenchman Matuidi had doubled the away side's lead.

"I'm happy to have made my first appearance and to have helped the team. This side is known for how it always fights to the end," said Herrera to TV broadcaster Movistar.



Cristiano Ronaldo had scored a hat-trick against Atletico in last year's Champions League to eliminate the Spanish club at the last-16 stage

"A draw against a team like Juventus isn't bad at all. We wanted to win the match but a draw is a good result given the quality of the opposition."

Both sides now trail Lokomotiv Moscow in Group D thanks to the Russians' 2-1 win at Bayer Leverkusen after a result that left Maurizio Sarri's Juve disappointed they didn't get more from an impressive second-half display.

"I think we played well but we have a bitter taste in our mouth

now because we felt we had the game in our hands," said Sarri.

"We need more attention and focus on set-pieces. We will work on that."

Towering Atletico

Cuadrado had flashed Juve into the lead two minutes after the restart with an exceptional strike after good work from Gonzalo Higuain, who rolled a neat pass that allowed the Colombian to smash home the opener.

Jose Maria Gimenez then passed up a good chance to level when he blasted over Koke's pull-back, and the away side capitalised when Matuidi charged onto Alex Sandro's cross and thumped his header past Jan Oblak.

The hosts got back into the game almost immediately when Savic headed home a towering Gimenez's perfect knockdown, and they were then pleading for a penalty with seven minutes left when referee Danny Makkelie waved away their appeals despite Matthijs de Ligt kicking the ball onto an unsuspecting Leonardo Bonucci's hand.

Haas confirm Grosjean in unchanged 2020 F1 lineup



Romain Grosjean

Reuters | Singapore

French driver Romain Grosjean will stay at Haas next season with Dane Kevin Magnussen in an unchanged lineup for a fourth straight year, the Formula One team announced on Thursday.

Magnussen, 26, already had a contract for 2020 while 33-year-old Grosjean had faced an uncertain future at the U.S.-owned outfit.

"I've always stated that it was my desire to remain... and keep building on the team's accomplishments," Grosjean said in a statement at the Singapore Grand Prix.



Atletico Madrid's Mexican midfielder Hector Herrera scores a goal

Age not an obstacle to Serena's pursuit of 24th major -Mouratoglou

Reuters | New York

Serena Williams is getting faster and fitter in her hunt for an elusive 24th Grand Slam title and the 37-year-old still has time on her side despite missed opportunities, the American's coach, Patrick Mouratoglou, has said.

Williams suffered her fourth consecutive defeat in a Grand Slam final at the U.S. Open earlier this month, as she again came agonisingly close to Australian Margaret Court's all-time record of 24 majors before falling in straight sets.

Williams has not won a set in any of the four Grand Slam finals she has reached since returning from maternity leave in September 2017. At Flushing Meadows, she fell to a first-time Grand Slam finalist in Canadian teenager Bianca Andreescu.

Williams may not need statistics to prove her standing in the game but Mouratoglou is confident she has plenty of gas in the tank to continue her pursuit next season.

"I think time is working for her," Mouratoglou told Sky Sports. "I think she was much better at the U.S. Open than she was at Wimbledon, and Wimbledon (was) better than Roland Garros."

Serena Williams



Man City stroll past Shakhtar

Manchester City overran an outclassed Shakhtar Donetsk to get their Champions League campaign off to a winning start

● Riyad Mahrez, Ilkay Gundogan and Gabriel Jesus scored the goals for City in a one-sided affair

AFP | Kharkiv, Ukraine

Pep Guardiola insisted he never doubted Manchester City could cope with their defensive injury crisis as his side made a flying start to the Champions League campaign with a 3-0 win against Shakhtar Donetsk on Wednesday.

City boss Guardiola was forced to deploy Brazilian midfielder Fernandinho at centre-back after losing Aymeric Laporte and John Stones to recent injuries.

But Fernandinho slotted in comfortably at the back as City easily subdued Shakhtar with first-half goals from Riyad Mahrez and Ilkay Gundogan at the Metalist Stadium.

Gabriel Jesus netted City's third goal in the closing stages to ensure they made the long flight home with three points stowed away.

"When you win the manager makes the right decisions, when you lose the wrong decisions. We lost one game in eight months and we will not doubt who these players are. It is a joy to be their manager," Guardiola said.

"We defended really well and created chances. We don't have many choices in defence."

"Fernandinho's the only



Ilkay Gundogan of Manchester City scores his team's second goal

one I have. He is a clever player and so intelligent and an incredible guy.

"He has a lot of experience and personality and what he says the people follow him in the locker room. He's important."

Fernandinho added: "I've been training in this position since the start of the season. Pep knows all about our squad and team. Today was my opportunity and I hope I can improve more."

There was more good news for Guardiola as French defender Benjamin Mendy, on as a late substitute, made his first appearance since April after returning from a knee injury.

With Dinamo Zagreb and Atalanta making up Champions League Group C, City are expected to cruise into the last 16.

This mature performance was the perfect opening to their bid to win the Champions League for the first time, especially coming after Saturday's shock 3-2 defeat at Norwich in the Premier League.

"Three points away are so important. Now it's in our hands. If we can close the games at home then we will be in the last 16," Guardiola said.

City have failed to get past the quarter-finals in Guardiola's previous three seasons in charge, while the Spaniard hasn't won the tournament since the second of his two titles with Barcelona in 2011.

Those past failures gave extra significance to City's opening match.

Nicolas Otamendi is the Eng-



Manchester City have failed to get past the Champions League quarter-finals in Pep Guardiola's previous three seasons in charge

lish champions' only fit centre-back, so Fernandinho was pressed into action, with Guardiola giving the Brazilian the captain's armband for his first start this season.

The 34-year-old had lost his place as City's holding midfielder following the pre-season signing of Rodri from Atletico Madrid.

Emphatic response

Rodri wasted a chance to put City in front inside the first minute when he met Kevin De Bruyne's free-kick with a mis-directed header inside the six-yard box.

City were dominating possession without testing Shakhtar keeper Andriy Pyatov and Jesus's shot deflected for a corner after the Brazilian was teed up by Gundogan's clever pass.

Their pressure was rewarded in the 24th minute when Jesus flicked the ball back to Gundogan on the edge of the area.

Gundogan's curling strike cannoned back off a post into the path of Mahrez, who had the simple task of slotting into the net from close range for his first goal of the season.

It took 35 minutes for Shakhtar to muster their first shot on target when Junior Moraes had a close-range effort well saved at the near post by Ederson.

City's response was emphatic and they doubled their lead in the 38th minute.

Mahrez was the provider this time with an incisive surge towards the Shakhtar area.

The Algerian deftly picked out Gundogan's run and he finished with a clinical strike that flashed past Pyatov.

Jesus wrapped up the points in the 76th minute when he slotted home from De Bruyne's pass for his second goal of the season.

Lewandowski strikes again as Bayern see off Red Star

AFP | Munich

Robert Lewandowski scored as Bayern Munich eased to a 3-0 win over Red Star Belgrade in their opening Champions League group-stage match at the Allianz Arena on Wednesday.

After Kingsley Coman gave Bayern a first-half lead, Lewandowski poked home ten minutes from time for his ninth goal in six matches before Thomas Mueller added a stunning late third.

Bayern visit last season's runners-up Tottenham, who blew a two-goal lead on Wednesday in a 2-2 draw at Olympiakos, in their second Group B game in two weeks' time.

The hosts were stuttering to a slender win before Lewandowski capitalised on two mistakes in the Red Star defence for a classic poacher's goal.

"We had the whole game under control, we just scored too few goals," Lewandowski told Sky.

"I'm very happy that I scored and that we played well as a team."

The margin of victory pleased Bayern head coach Niko Kovac after his side peppered the Serbian team's defence and enjoyed a huge share of possession.

"I believe we can be very satisfied, the team concentrated very hard on the job at hand," said Kovac.



Bayern Munich's Polish forward Robert Lewandowski shoots the ball



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ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI

"We scored three goals, that's standard for us." However, Red Star came

within a whisker of equalising just before Lewandowski struck when their captain Marko Marin fired narrowly wide with Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer beaten.

The German champions are not having things their own way so far in the Bundesliga and Saturday's 1-1 draw at early leaders RB Leipzig left Bayern fourth in the table, two points adrift.

However, they remain a force to be reckoned with and last lost a Champions League group game at home in December 2013.

It took just over half an hour for them to take the lead, capitalising on 70 percent possession.

With the away defence hanging back, understandably worrying about Lewandowski, Coman slipped his marker and headed home from fellow winger Ivan Perisic's pin-point cross from the left flank on 34 minutes.

It could have been 2-0 going into the break as Philippe Coutinho, on loan from Barcelona, audaciously flicked the ball into the net with his heel, but was narrowly offside.

Olympiakos hit back to draw 2-2 with Tottenham

Reuters | Athens

Last season's runners-up Tottenham Hotspur squandered a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 in their Champions League Group B opener away to Greek club Olympiakos Piraeus on Wednesday.

Tottenham silenced the raucous crowd with two goals in four minutes midway through the opening half, first with Harry Kane's well-struck penalty and then a stunner by Lucas Moura.

Olympiakos, who had conceded only once in nine games in all competitions so far this season, halved the deficit through Daniel Podence shortly before halftime.

The hosts levelled it up after 54 minutes when Mathieu Valbuena beat fellow Frenchman Hugo Lloris from the penalty

spot after some sloppy play by the visitors.

Tottenham looked the more likely winner in the closing stages with Dele Alli and Erik Lamela squandering chances.

While it was an improvement on their start in last season's ultimately memorable Champions League campaign, when they lost their opening two matches, Tottenham will be disappointed at their failure to protect their lead.

They will need to be far more clinical when they host Bayern Munich in their second game. Olympiakos will travel to Red Star Belgrade next.

"When you go 2-0 up after 30 minutes you are in a great position, after that I thought we controlled the game whereas before we didn't play well but scored two goals," Kane said.



Mathieu Valbuena of Olympiakos scores his sides from the penalty spot