

Marie Antoinette's
jewels go on show

Marie Antoinette's dazzling jewellery, unseen in public for two centuries, went on show in London yesterday before going on sale next month in a rare auction of such treasures.

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Giant galaxy supercluster

Paris

Scientists have discovered a primitive "supercluster" of galaxies forming in the early Universe, just 2.3 billion years after the Big Bang.

The structure, nicknamed Hyperion, is the largest and most massive to be found so early in the formation of the Universe, which sprang into existence around 13.7 billion years ago.

Its titanic mass is one million billion times that of the Sun.

"This is the first time that such a large structure has been identified at such a high redshift, just over two billion years after the Big Bang," said Olga Cucciati, a researcher at the Astrophysics and Space Sciences Observatory in Bologna and lead author of a study detailing the discovery.

130 Gazans hit by Israeli gunfire

Gaza City

At least 130 Palestinians were hit by Israeli gunfire yesterday as thousands protested near Gaza's border with Israel, the health ministry in the enclave said.

Following calls to avoid an escalation in violence, the demonstrators largely kept their distance from the fortified frontier fence.

But at least 130 Palestinians were injured by live fire in clashes with Israeli soldiers, the health ministry said.

An Israeli army spokesman told AFP that while most of the protesters stayed back from the fence, some came close and threw explosive devices and hand grenades at troops, while burning tires.

"The soldiers who were there responded with riot dispersal means, along with gunfire," he said.

His Majesty receives HH Shaikh Nasser



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier yesterday received Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa on arrival in the Kingdom after winning the Ironman World Championship, held recently in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, the USA. More than 3,000 participants from around the world participated in the championship in which HH Shaikh Nasser clinched the first place in an historic accomplishment.



Iran threatens to poll candidates

Manama

The Director-General of Anti-corruption and Economic and Electronic Security announced yesterday the department had monitored and followed up the complaints by some candidates over receiving threats on social media asking to withdraw their candidatures.

He said that an investigation showed that those social media accounts were managed in Iran by the political groups operating outside Bahrain, including the dissolved Al Wefaq Society, to disrupt the election process.

He said that to protect the elections from any foreign interference, the citizens should report such cases through the hotline 992 or via 992@interior.gov.bh

February deadline

Financial Action Task Force gives Iran three months time to stop terror financing

● Billingslea said if measures were not adopted by February next year, the FATF will take further steps to protect against the risks from Iran's lack of action.

Jeddah

A global financial watchdog yesterday warned Iran to clamp down on

terrorism financing by February or face a deeper squeeze on its sanctions-hit economy.

Tehran, already hurt by a resumption of US sanctions, this month approved a bill to help meet demands imposed by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

But nine of the 10 "action plan" items needed to remove Iran from an FATF blacklist have yet to be adopted by Tehran, according to Marshall Billingslea, the US assistant treasury secretary for terrorist financing.

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tion plan remains outstanding," said Billingslea, who currently

chairs the FATF, told a news conference.

"We expect that they will have adopted all these measures by February," he said.

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For Iran, access to finance has become particularly pressing since the United States walked out of a 2015 nuclear deal earlier this year and began reimposing sanctions.

OASIS OF HOPE

Majority of Albanians 'would like to emigrate'

Tirana

More than half of Albania's population would like to move to richer countries with better schooling, a study showed yesterday. The study, led by Russell King of the University of Sussex and Albanian researcher Ilir Gedeshi, found that the country's potential migration had grown from 44 per cent in 2007 to 52pc in 2018.

Since Albania toppled communism in 1991, more than 1.4 million Albanians, nearly half the current population of the Balkan country, have emigrated mostly to neighbouring Italy and Greece and less to the Britain, Germany and the United States.

The study showed economic motives were still the main factor, but less so, and that those mulling migration now prefer Germany and the US.

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plied for asylum in Germany in 2015-16, with most of them rejected as it began welcoming Syrians fleeing war at home. Germany has since begun welcoming doctors and nurses, almost all new graduates.

As the global and economic crisis since 2008 hit the economies of Italy and Greece, home to about one million Albanians, remittances to Albania, key to alleviating poverty, shrunk by one third and 133,544 migrants came back home.

Steering to record



PIC BY SUPRIYA REGINALD

Over 300 women got behind the steering wheels to form the largest ever women-only car parade yesterday at the Bahrain International Circuit. The event was a big success with participants from as far as Europe and the United States joining those from the GCC and MENA countries.



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On a record drive

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Over 2,000 visitors made the event a big success.

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Harpreet Kaur

More than 300 women got behind the steering wheels yesterday to break the record for this year's largest ever women-only car parade.

The event Yalla Banat 2018 brought together women from all over the Mena region to celebrate female empowerment at the Bahrain International Circuit.

Speaking to Tribune, Martyna Al Qassab, Founder and Managing Director at Yalla Banat said, "Bahrain has been making history for a long time now, there are a lot of amazing women in the Kingdom thus we are just joining the moment of uniting



Some of the participants at the event.

everyone on the track, which is the most unlikely of the places

to see a lady.

"Bahrain has been a pioneer in

everything in the region, which is from the first lady driver, from

the first nurses to the first school teachers. For us to do this event at BIC with all these wonderful women who are surrounding us is such an honour and privilege and we are very happy that the ability to do that."

"Originally, we assumed we would have 250 cars participating in the car parade but the turnout at the event was more the 370 and the event witnessed more than 2,000 visitors. We want to thank the BIC and the Marshals Club for taking care of the safety aspect.

Even participants were flown in from Europe and the US, according to organisers. "The participants were mainly from Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Oman and Kuwait," they said.

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The event also had many other attractions including Test Drives, Kids Engagement Zone, SME workshops, Innovative Food Truck Festival, live Graffiti shows and panel discussions.



More than 300 cars formed the record-breaking parade.



BKS honour for top businessman

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The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) last night presented its Outstanding Business Icon Award to Almoayyed International Group Chairman Farouk Yousuf Almoayyed. Company Executive Director Hala Farouk Almoayyed received the BKS Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur Award at the same function.

Farouk Almoayyed's reputation as a businessman is unparalleled, said BKS President P V Radhakrishna Pillai in his presidential address.

"He invests in continuous improvement of staff through professional development or other means," Mr Pillai said.

Keralite community is deeply indebted to Almoayyed International Group as it employs thousands of our fellow men, he added.

Receiving the award, Mr Almoayyed said it was a special privilege. "Nearly 95 per cent of our expatriate staff are Indian nationals, and among them majority are from Kerala. I always say that our businesses grow on their shoulders."

Earlier at the event, BKS General Secretary MP Raghu welcomed the gathering. Prominent Indian businessman Ravi Pillai was present on the occasion. The programme was followed by a musical night led by legendary Singer Padmabhushan S P Balasubramanyam and K S Chitra.



Mr Pillai hands over the award to Mr Almoayyed in the presence of BKS officials and dignitaries.

PICS BY SURYA PRAKASH



BKS officials honour Mr Balasubramanyam at the event.



Ms Chitra, Mr Balasubramanyam enthralled their fans.

Bahraini start-ups shine at GITEX

Over 60 entities including companies, government entities and start-ups from Bahrain took part in the event

● Tamkeen had offered support for Bahraini businesses to take part in the event.

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Mohammed Zafran

Gaining exposure to an international market and finding B2B networking opportunities were the most beneficial aspects of GITEX for Bahraini start-ups that participated in this year's edition of the event, they said.

Participation in GITEX has been an invaluable experience for many Bahraini start-ups, which attended this year's edition of the event, it is learnt.

Thousands of people including hundreds from Bahrain attended the prime technology event held in Dubai.

Top industry players from around the world exhibited their best offerings at the event. A wide variety of futuristic technologies were showcased at this year's edition of the event, which was held at Dubai World Trade Centre.

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Gaining exposure to a regional and international audience has been one of the biggest advantages of the event, they told Tribune on the sidelines



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Hala Sulaiman, Founder of AlRawi - a website and app that provides Arabic audio books, said that she has seen immense

success in raising awareness about her product. She said that participation in GITEX helped her gain over 200 new subscribers.

"The main aim in being here is spreading awareness about the service. The visitors here have been very curious about the service and are interested

to know more about it. There is a gap in the market for providing Arabic content, we have a unique service that caters to that," she told Tribune.

General Manager of IBA software, Alaa Masoud said that he has seen a huge interest from the expo visitors. "Our main aim is to spread awareness about



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Ahmed Faraj, CEO of Equilibria Digital Solutions said that the event was an opportunity to network with not only international companies but also amount Bahraini ICT firms.

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National Day Magazine Cover Photo Contest 2018

The Daily Tribune has always created interesting cover designs to reflect the spirit of our National Day Magazine and this year, we are giving the enthusiastic photographers/designers on the island an opportunity to showcase their creative side and possibly become the designer of our cover page for this year's edition.

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Reflecting the life in Bahrain



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- Photograph or design should be in 300dpi resolution
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- Last date of submissions will be 14th November 2018.
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SCW discusses women's advancement plan

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The Secretariat-General of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) held a preparatory working meeting at the SCW's premises here yesterday.

The meeting, attended by the SCW's members, discussed the results of the evaluation of the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women (2013-2017), and the expected action in the coming period, in accordance with the programmes and initiatives of the next Government Action Plan and the fiscal balance strategy of the national economy, and their impact on the Bahraini women's advancement plans.

The visions and remarks will be included in the recommendations to be submitted to next month's meeting, set to be chaired by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King and SCW President.



The meeting in progress.

SCW's Secretary-General, Hala Al Ansari, said that the meeting is in line with the SCW's work method, which is based on constant

evaluation of work in order to enhance the quality of its work to ensure the sustainability of women's advancement and participation in

the development process.

The aim is to monitor the main challenges and improvement opportunities in order to take

them into account during the preparation of the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahrain Women for the period 2019-2022, she said.

She added that the evaluation results included the implementation progress rates of the projects and programmes emanating from the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women by all partners.

Ms Al Ansari pointed out that the preliminary results showed that the policies of the kingdom have gone beyond the phase of meeting the basic needs of women's empowerment and care, and moved towards enhancing women's self-empowerment and ability to take the right decisions, and play an effective role in developing their society.

The meeting also discussed creating link in the SCW's website through which the citizens could submit their proposals regarding ways to enhance women's role in

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society, which, she said, would contribute to determining the guidelines of the next strategic plan.

Volunteers comb beach for litter

620kg of waste removed from Jid-Alhajj beach



Volunteers, who took part in the drive.



A volunteer in action on Jid-Alhajj beach.

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Harpreet Kaur

The CleanUp Bahrain team yesterday kicked off 'Think Pink Beach CleanUp' in support of Think Pink Bahrain's month of October awareness event for breast cancer.

More than 80 volunteers including citizens and expatriates took part in the initiative.

Speaking to Tribune, Ali Alqaseer, Co-founder of CleanUp Bahrain, said "The designated beach was Jid-Alhajj, where volunteers joined from all parts of Bahrain, local and international, of all ages, genders, races, united for one purpose and one goal.

"The goal was to take care of our mother, which is our planet - the mother earth."

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move 620kg of waste - 460kg general waste and 160kg plastic waste. The participants have followed the instructions well as separation, segregation of the waste is a key element of all beach cleanups."

The organisers thanked all volunteers, the Northern Municipality as well as Urbaser for the support.

"CleanUp Bahrain truly appreciates every single thing you do. A message

from CleanUp Bahrain to everyone is to kindly pay more attention and raise awareness about how we all can take care of our mother planet earth.

"Living a green conscious life is not only good for our health and well-being, but it is the necessary foundation for our children and future generations to live in a beautiful clean world and climate," Mr Ali added.

Cancer Awareness Walkathon



Cancer Care Group along with its various wings took part in the Walkathon organised by the Bahrain Cancer Society at Bapco Group Awali. Over 2,000 people from various clubs, associations, schools, universities, public and private sector organisations took part in the event.

Awareness sessions held on voluntary retirement scheme

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The Information and eGovernment Authority (iGA) briefed iGA staff on the Voluntary Retirement Scheme, a one-off initiative launched as part of Bahrain's Fiscal Balance Programme.

During the briefing - which took place at iGA's branches of Muharraq, Isa Town and Juffair - iGA's Acting Director of Human and Financial Resources, Mohamed Jasim Sayyar, outlined the criteria for the scheme and its role in encouraging entrepreneurship as well as participation in the private sector.

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years of service is one of the criteria for being considered for the Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

The briefing followed a directive issued by the Civil Service Bureau instructing government departments to begin implementing the Voluntary Retirement Scheme. The scheme provides eligible participants with

early access to end-of-service packages and incentives consistent with existing laws and regulations, including access to a cash sum equal to five years' additional service, end-of-service increments for that eligible and end-of-service indemnity.

Participants must have completed ten years of service in the public sector and cannot be working in a senior position.

Measures are in place to ensure that the Voluntary Retirement Scheme will not affect public sector functions.

Registration for the scheme will be open until November 8, 2018.

Expert to study historic importance of Manama

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Manama

Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) President Shaikha



Shaikha Mai with Dr Kut and BACA officials.

kha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa received world-renowned expert Dr Michel Kut at the Bahrain National Theatre.

The expert came on visit at the invitation of the Bahrain-based Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH) to conduct a field study on the historic city of Manama, assess urban heritage and recommends ways of protecting its heritage. The meeting was attended by ARC-WH director Dr Shadia Touqan.

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The expert held a series of meetings with competent authorities, including the Capital Trustees' Board, the Urban Planning and Development Authority and Manama traders.

Dr Kut currently works as an advisor for the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) a professional association that works for the conservation and protection of cultural heritage places around the world.

Kidnappers jailed for five years

The four Bangladeshi nationals were charged with kidnapping and physical assault

● The four men were later arrested by cops following brief investigations into the case.

● The victim's friend alerted the police after paying money to the kidnappers.

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Ali Tarif

The High Criminal Court has sentenced four Bangladeshi men to five years behind bars for kidnapping

an expat.

The defendants abducted the man and tried to force him pay BD480 after threatening him, the court heard.

The fourth defendant contacted the victim on the pretext of buying 'free visas' and he agreed to meet him at a place in Manama, sources say.

"The four convicts dragged him to an Abaya shop in the area and forcefully made him sign papers, which said he owed BD480 to them," the sources added.

"They insulted me and physically assaulted me inside the Abaya shop. I bowed to their demands," the victim told Prosecutors.

"Later, they called my family and they

asked them to transfer the money to their accounts or they would kill me. Thereafter, they locked me up in a room.

"The next day, I called some of my friends and one of them accepted to pay the amount. And he asked the kidnappers to meet him at a place in Manama," he added.

"I met one of the kidnappers and I gave him the money. He fled without revealing the whereabouts of the victim. I directly informed police officers about the incident," the victim's friend revealed to prosecutors.

The four men were later arrested by cops following brief investigations into the case. The four men were charged with kidnapping and physical assault.

Over 1,500 experts to take part in World Data Forum

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More than 1,500 experts from the government, business and civil society will take part in the United Nations World Data Forum, which will be held in Dubai from October 22 to 24.

The forum will also have national statisticians, data scientists from the private sector and academia, international organisations, and members of civil society groups as participants.

The event aims to come up with innovative methods to deliver best data on health, migration, refugees, education, income, environment, human rights, and other aspects of sustainable development.

Samir Imtair Aldarabi, Director for United Nations Information Centre For The Gulf States and UNIC Manama told Tribune, "The second UN World Data Forum will be hosted by the Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority of the United Arab Emirates.

"Nearly 2,000 data leaders from national statistical offices, the private sector, the scientific community, international organisations and NGOs will be attending the forum.

"Participants will launch initiatives and examine challenges to deliver better data and use innovative data sources, all to improve data on health, migration, poverty, agriculture, the environment and other aspects of sustainable development where the forum aims to discuss the better ways



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to respond to the huge data gaps and to spur solutions that harness the power of the data revolution to address the data needs of the 2030 Agenda and to achieve sustainable development."

"The forum will further focus on core issues under six main areas: new approaches to building and financing national capacity for better data; bringing data sources together and furthering the integration of non-traditional data sources; leveraging data and statistics to ensure visibility and voice for everyone, leaving no one behind; increasing data and statistical literacy and communication, including through data journalism; building trust in data and statistics, including by applying data principles and governance to new and existing data sources and implementing open data practices," Mr Aldarabi added.

90pc Bahrainisation



Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel Humaidan received Al Salam Bank Chief Executive Officer Rafik Nayed and discussed joint cooperation to strengthen community partnership between the public and banking sectors, towards promoting human development programmes. He outlined the efforts in the field of training, employment, social rehabilitation and care, stressing the drive to encourage civil society institutions to promote community initiatives through the ministry-run financial grants programme. Citing latest statistics, he said that Al Salam Bank has so far achieved a rate of Bahrainisation of 90 per cent, hailing the ministry-led efforts to develop charity and voluntary work in Bahrain.

More NRIs investing in Indian realty sector owing to rupee fall

● The event, which will end today aimed at providing a platform for Indian expatriates to invest in various properties across India.

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Harpreet Kaur

Many Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) are heavily investing in the Indian real estate sector owing to the recent depreciation in the value of Indian rupee.

This came as NRIs in big numbers explored the opportunity of buying properties in India at the

ninth edition of India Property Show, being held at the Golden Tulip Hotel.

The event, which will end today aimed at providing a platform for Indian expatriates to invest in various properties across India.

Ali Hamad Abul, Managing Director of Zanj Exchange, who further provided tips and the advantages of investing in the property with the current exchange rates, inaugurated the show.

Speaking to Tribune, Sachin Vyas, Sales Head - GCC of 360 Realtors, said, "We are getting a very good response, as the number of buyers, investors and families willing to buy a house keeps increasing.

"Moreover, with the purchas-



Mr Hamad Abul tours the expo along with its organisers.

ing power of individuals in the region, we have witnessed an increase in the business especially among families who are willing to buy a house in India."

"In a span of two years, we have seen significant changes, where we have seen more developers come to Bahrain especially from major cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, NCR, Bangalore to tap into the market segment."

Echoing a similar view, Amit Malhotra, General Manager, Client Account Management for Vatika Group said, "We already have a lot of clients from Dubai and a few from Bahrain, but recently we have been receiving more investments from Bahrain. More NRIs are now investing in the Indian real estate sector."

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Norway to free Russian spy suspect: intel agency

Oslo, Norway

Norway will release a Russian suspected of spying, the country's intelligence agency announced yesterday, adding that it had withdrawn its appeal against his release.

Mikhail Bochkarev, 51, was arrested on September 21 at Oslo airport after attending a seminar in Norway's parliament, accused of having collected data on the building and its network.

A Norwegian court ordered his released on Thursday, the judge ruling that investigators had failed to substantiate their case. But Bochkarev was kept in custody after the PST intelligence agency appealed the decision.

On Friday however, the agency tweeted: "The PST has decided to withdraw its appeal. He is released today." They offered no explanation for the decision.

Afghan delays elections after Taliban attack

Kabul, Afghanistan

Afghanistan postponed legislative elections in Kandahar province on Friday, after a Taliban-claimed attack on a US-Afghan security meeting killed a powerful police chief and threatened stability across the south.

Saturday's parliamentary ballot would be delayed by one week, a spokesman for President Ashraf Ghani said in a statement, following an extraordinary meeting of the National Security Council.

The Independent Election Commission would announce the new date, he added.

China, SE Asia to hold joint drill

AFP | Singapore

China and Southeast Asian states will hold their first joint maritime exercises next week, officials said yesterday, in a move aimed at easing tensions but which may spark US alarm.

The navies of China and the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) are set to hold their first joint drills, which will take place in the South China Sea.

"As we speak, the navies of ASEAN are en route to Zhanjiang in China for the ASEAN-China Maritime Exercise," Singapore Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen said.

At least 50 dead in India train disaster

Over a thousand people had gathered in the area to witness the burning of Ravana effigies

● The incident took place at Joda Fatak level crossing

● PM Modi tweeted and expressed condolences

AFP | Amritsar, India

At least 50 people were killed yesterday after a train ploughed into revellers gathered to watch a Hindu festival in India's northern Amritsar city, police said.

The train hit a crowd standing on the railway line to watch a fireworks show during Dussehra celebrations, police and eyewitnesses said.

"There was a lot of noise as firecrackers were being let off and it appears they were unable to hear the approaching train," a police official at the scene said.

An eyewitness told a local TV channel there was "utter commotion" when the crowds noticed the train "coming very fast" towards them.



Indian relatives and revellers look at bodies of the victims of a train accident during the occasion of the Hindu festival of Dussehra in Amritsar

"Everyone was running helter-skelter and suddenly another train crashed into the crowds of people," he said.

"There are more than 50 casualties. The priority now is to take the injured to the hospital," Amritsar city police commissioner S. S. Srivastava told reporters.

Punjab Chief Minister Am-

arinder Singh has ordered an inquiry into the latest disaster.

"Extremely saddened by the train accident in Amritsar. The tragedy is heart-wrenching. My deepest condolences to the families of those who lost their loved ones & I pray that the injured recover quickly. Have asked officials to provide immediate as-

sistance that is required," Modi tweeted.

Home Minister Rajnath Singh also took to Twitter and expressed his condolence.

"Pained beyond words at the loss of precious lives due to a train tragedy during Dussehra festivities in #Punjab. My thoughts are with the



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families of the deceased and prayers with the injured," Home Minister Rajnath Singh tweeted.

The state government has announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh to the kin of each deceased and free treatment to injured in government and private hospitals.

India is home to hundreds of railway crossings that are unmanned and particularly accident prone, with motorists often ignoring oncoming train warnings.

Nearly 15,000 people die on the country's railways every year, according to a 2012 government report.

Several hurt in chopper crash on US Navy carrier in Pacific

Tokyo, Japan

A US Navy helicopter crashed on board a US aircraft carrier patrolling the Pacific yesterday, causing several injuries, the military said in a statement.

"All injured personnel are in stable condition under evaluation by Ronald Reagan medical staff. While some personnel will be medically evacuated

ashore, none of the injuries is life-threatening," the US 7th Fleet said in a statement.

There were no details on how many people were injured when the MH-60 Seahawk crashed shortly after take-off on Friday morning. "The cause of the mishap is under investigation," the statement added.

The ship was conducting "routine operations" in the

Philippine Sea at the time of the accident and remains "fully mission capable," the military added.

The massive nuclear-powered aircraft carrier patrols throughout the Pacific, including sailing through the disputed South China Sea earlier this year as part of a mission intended to reassure Washington's allies in the area.

FBI leaker jailed

Washington, United States

A former FBI agent who leaked internal documents showing how the agency used racial profiling in counter-terror investigations was sentenced to four years in prison Thursday.

In the third case this week to underscore the Trump administration's determined crackdown on media leaks, Terry Albury, a 17-year FBI veteran and son of an Ethiopian refugee, was ordered to prison

for 48 months by a Minnesota judge after pleading guilty in the case.

"We are conducting perhaps the most aggressive campaign against leaks in department history," said Attorney General Jeff Sessions in a statement.

"Crimes like the one committed by the defendant in this case will not be tolerated -- they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and punished."

China to launch lunar lighting in outer space

AFP | Beijing, China

China is planning to launch its own 'artificial moon' by 2020 to replace streetlamps and lower electricity costs in urban areas, state media reported Friday. Chengdu, a city in southwestern Sichuan province, is developing "illumination satellites" which will shine in tandem with the real moon, but are eight times brighter, according to China Daily.

The first man-made moon will launch from Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Sichuan, with three more to follow in 2022 if the first test goes well, said Wu Chunfeng, head of Tian Fu



Representative picture

New Area Science Society, the organization responsible for the project.

Though the first launch will

be experimental, the 2022 satellites "will be the real deal with great civic and commercial potential," he said in an interview

with China Daily.

By reflecting light from the sun, the satellites could replace streetlamps in urban areas, saving an estimated 1.2 billion yuan (\$170 million) a year in electricity costs for Chengdu, if the man-made moons illuminate an area of 50 square kilometers.

As China's space programme races to catch up with that of the United States and Russia, a number of ambitious projects are in the pipeline, including the Chang'e-4 lunar probe -- named after the moon goddess in Chinese mythology -- which aims to launch later this year. If it succeeds, it will be the first rover to explore the "dark side"

of the moon.

China is not the first country to try beaming sunlight back to Earth. In the 1990s, Russian scientists reportedly used giant mirrors to reflect light from space in an experimental project called Znamya or Banner.

Chengdu's artificial moon project was announced by Wu at an innovation and entrepreneurship conference in Chengdu.

In addition to Tian Fu New Area Science Society, other universities and institutes, including the Harbin Institute of Technology and China Aerospace Science and Industry Corp, are involved in developing Chengdu's illumination satellites.

Karaoke office

Japan inc. shifts to unusual workspaces

Unusual work venues are popping up all over Japan as firms try to move from chaining their employees to their desks towards offering staff more freedom

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

From tiny one-person cubicles in underground stations to camping tents under towering skyscrapers and even karaoke clubs: in workaholic Japan, salarymen are never short of a place to work.

Unusual work venues are popping up all over Japan as firms try to move from chaining their employees to their desks towards offering staff more freedom in their working practices and as the gig economy spreads even to this temple of corporate culture.

On the pavement in Tokyo's Marunouchi financial district, groups of businesspeople clutching laptops sit on pillows around a low table... in a camping tent surrounded by shimmering glass buildings.

These temporary "outdoor offices" created by Snow Peak Business Solutions are also available in riverside parks in Tokyo suburbs and are proving a hit with firms keen to get staff out of the stuffy office.

Yasuyuki Minami, who works for the Japanese arm of software giant SAP, said the unusual surroundings sparked "new business ideas" in their meeting held in the shade of the tent under the blazing sun.

His boss Tsutomu Ushida, an SAP Japan vice-president, agreed. "We tend to have fixed and stereotyped ideas when we are in the office. This was a good experience of working in the open air -- something we don't experience every day."

Ryo Murase, the head of the company promoting these open offices, said people enjoyed working "under the sunshine and feeling a gentle breeze".

"We live in a world where



Company employees working inside camping tents erected on the lawn outside an office building in Tokyo



The unusual surrounding sparked new biz ideas

YSUYUKI MINAMI, WHO WORKS FOR THE JAPANESE ARM OF SOFTWARE GIANT

AI and robots are taking over. I believe we humans should do something more emotional, inspiring, compassionate and exciting," he told AFP.

'Very convenient'

Still inside but a long way from a conventional office is the teleworking karaoke room offered by Japan's biggest karaoke operator.

Daiichikoshu started the new service in April last year and now opens up its singing rooms for officespace at 33 outlets close to business districts in big cities.

For 600 yen per hour (\$5.30), users can display images directly from their laptop computers onto the big screen on the wall usually used by karaoke singers for lyrics.

Shy public speakers can also practice business presentations using the karaoke microphone and a white board -- all in a soundproof room.

Hideyuki Aoki, an employee

at NTT Communications, uses the service several times a week while he is on the road.

"At first, I felt uncomfortable but once I used the room, I found it very convenient," Aoki said.

"Now I'm using it as my business hub."

Takayuki Suzuki, from Daiichikoshu, says many travelling businesspeople or freelancers use cafes for work but are worried about opening sensitive documents with others around.

"You can have your own enclosed space at a karaoke club, so you can work without worrying about information leaking or people peaking onto your desk," said Suzuki.

'Trend of the times'

Also catering for teleworking professionals, Fuji Xerox and the Tokyo Metro system have installed "satellite offices" in major subway stations around the Japanese capital.

The black-and-white cubicles are equipped with a desk and a chair as well as a computer display and wifi and can be reserved online for 200 yen per 15 minutes.

Unlike in many major cities, commuters in super-polite Japan rarely use their mobile phones to avoid disturbing others and the cubicle offers an opportunity to make a business call

without hesitation.

"The conventional officespace will not disappear, but we want to get rid of space barriers and improve the diversity of working practices," said Yasutaro Tanno, an official at Fuji Xerox, at a cubicle set up at Tameike-Sanno station in downtown Tokyo.

Experts say a shrinking labour force and ageing population will increasingly force companies to shake up their working practices and offer hard-pressed staff more flexibility in where they work.

Furthermore, freelancing, which has been popular in the United States and other developed nations for some time, is gradually spreading in Japan as the nation's corporate culture with its job for life and seniority system falls into decline.

The number of freelancers in Japan, including those who work a second job, was estimated to have reached 11.2 million this year, up from 9.1 million in 2015, according to IT and staffing agent Lancers.

Offering different places for both independent contractors and employees to work in is "a trend of the times," said Kentaro Arita, senior economist at Mizuho Research Institute.

"The working environment will increasingly change as working practices evolve," he added.



A Fuji Xerox employee (bottom) working in a cubicle installed at a subway station in Tokyo.

Royals Harry and Meghan go barefoot on Bondi

AFP | Sydney, Australia

British royals Harry and Meghan kicked off their shoes and donned tropical garlands yesterday as they hit Sydney's famed Bondi beach for the latest stop on their Australian tour.

Expectant Meghan put on a summer dress and set aside her high heels, while Harry ditched his usual suit for chinos as the couple lapped up cheers from Australian fans and enjoyed Bondi's surf.

Despite morning fog, the pair met local surfers enjoying winter swells and sat down on the sand for a long chat with leaders of the OneWave group, which focuses on helping people improve mental health by getting outdoors.

Signs screaming "G'day Harry and Meghan" greeted the royal couple, who have received a warm welcome from fans throughout the start of their 16-day Pacific tour.

"You hear people that met the Queen when she came here



Britain's Prince Harry and his wife Meghan, Duchess of Sussex join a circle during a "Fluro Friday" session run by OneWave, a local surfing community group who raise awareness for mental health and wellbeing, at Sydney's iconic Bondi Beach

(in 1954)" said 26-year-old fan Christopher Cundle, "and they are still talking about it now."

"I can easily see that that is one of the things I will be talking to my grandkids and future gen-

erations about. It was awesome."

While half of Australians oppose having British monarchs as head of state, and the vast majority of citizens have carried on with business as usual during

the visit, there has been sizable support for the celebrity couple at every stop.

News that the Duchess of Sussex is pregnant has only made the crowds swell.



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11-YEAR-OLD SCHOOLGIRL MYA

love," the Australian Republican Movement is putting on a brave face.

"The Duke and Duchess of Sussex are very welcome visitors" the group said at the start of the trip, pointedly adding that "Australians of all ages know the difference between this wonderful event and the questions of our nation's identity and future."

In a 1999 referendum, 55 percent of Australians voted against replacing Queen Elizabeth II as head of state, although polls indicate support for republicanism has grown since then.

The opposition Labor party has promised a plebiscite on the issue if it wins a general election expected in 2019.

Later on Friday the prince strapped on a harness and scaled the Sydney Harbour Bridge to hoist a flag of the Invictus Games, a sports championship for wounded military personnel.

On Monday the pair will go to Queensland's Fraser Island, the world's largest sand island, before jetting off to Fiji, Tonga and New Zealand.

She is the favourite royal of 11-year-old schoolgirl Mya.

"I actually think it is amazing that she actually got to meet Harry and fall in love with him."

Amid a torrent of fawning press coverage declaring Meghan the "Queen of hugs" and the prince receiving "buckets of

SOCIETY



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Athletics Association and Honorary President of Bahrain Sports Federation for Disabilities affirmed that the Youth Theatre Festival is a noble cause, especially given that this year's youth theatre has confirmed the ability of Bahraini youth to perform at a high level.



Korean Embassy in Manama celebrated the National Day of the Republic of Korea in the presence of diplomats and other dignitaries.

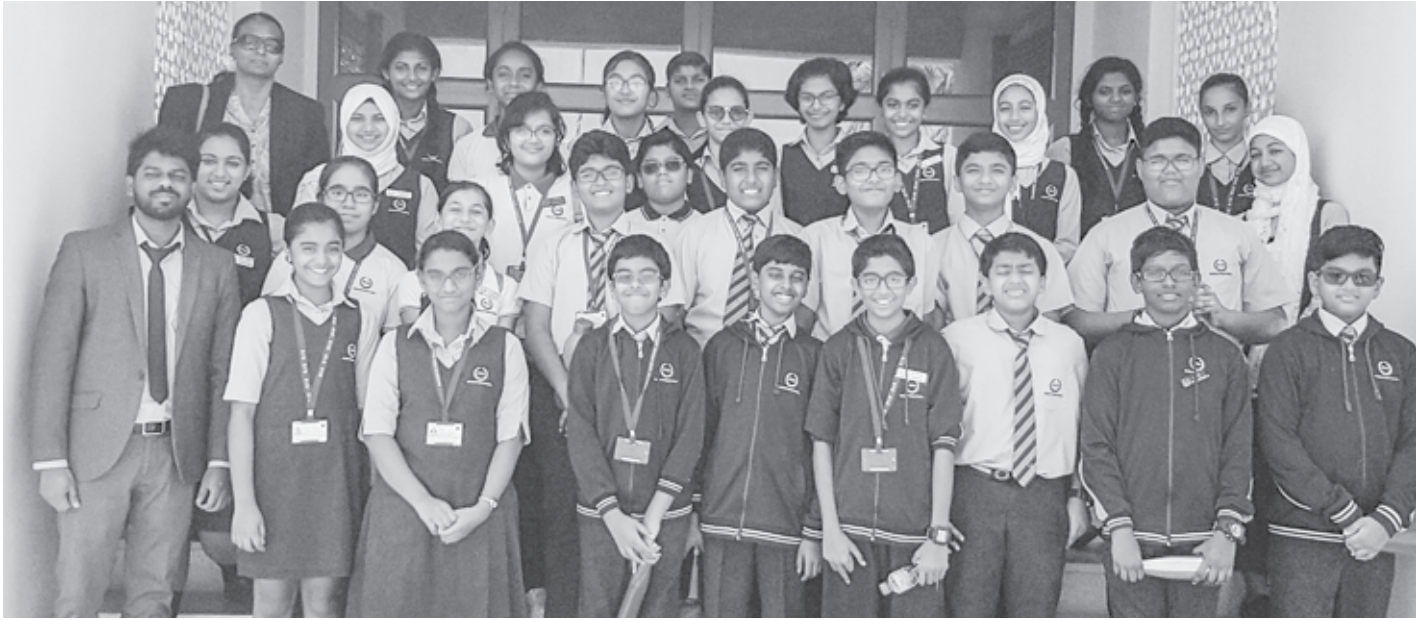
1948
is the year in which independent Korean governments were created.



Bahrain Airport Services Company (BAS) honoured the staff for their excellent performance.



Ahlia University staff expressed support to #TeamBahrain initiative.



Bahrain Indian School (BIS) Grade VII and VIII students visited the MET Directorate. The chief radar monitoring observer and seismologist took them around and provided an in depth understanding on the role played by the Department.



Society



Annual Festival for National Clubs, Youth Centres and People with Disabilities has brought out many young talents in its fourth edition, organised under the slogan #Painting_A_Smile by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs from 1 to 15 October at Al Naham Theatre at Doha. Below: HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad honouring the winners.



The Minister of Education, Dr Majid Al Nuaimi, inaugurated the Clinical Simulation and Skills Centre at Arabian Gulf University (AGU). This inauguration comes in line to keep pace with the academic curriculum of the College of Medicine and Medical Sciences.



Ahlia University offers 18 programmes across six colleges, at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels.



Arabian Gulf University (AGU) celebrated World Breast Cancer Awareness, which is held every October to spread awareness about the disease, its causes, preventive methods, besides raising funds in support of institutions and bodies dedicated to its treatment and prevention.



KCA, the organiser of the upcoming BFC-KCA THE INDIAN TALENT SCAN 2018, presented by Indian Delights in association with DHL, has announced the formation of committee for the efficient conduct of the event. In their first meeting held on 12th October 2018 at the newly opened Indian Talent Scan Office, the committee members discussed the arrangements being made for its smooth conduct. The Indian Talent Scan organisation committee is headed by Leo Joseph as the General Convener. The Joint Conveners are Shiju John, Roy C Antony, Shirley Antony and Juliet Thomas.



Grainne Hallahan, an English specialist and lead practitioner who has worked in UK schools for over 10 years, held a talk for BSB school faculty. Above, from right, BSB Executive Head - Jeff Smith, Grainne Hallahan and Cheryl Stewart - CPD Coordinator.

business

Malaysian opp. leader charged in \$26m graft case
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Malaysia's opposition leader was yesterday hit with 45 charges in a \$26 million corruption case, a new blow to his beleaguered party which lost power in landmark elections this year.

Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, a former deputy premier and ally of scandal-mired ex-leader Najib Razak, is accused of crimes that include accepting bribes to award government contracts and money-laundering.

The 65-year-old pleaded not guilty to all charges, and will stand trial.

"I am ready to face all these charges thrown at me," Ahmad Zahid told reporters. "It is a test from Allah."

A crowd of supporters turned up outside the court in Kuala Lumpur where he was being charged, waving banners that read "we reject the cruel treatment of our leader". Najib also attended the hearing to offer support.

The veteran politician is head of the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), the lynchpin in a coalition of parties that ruled Malaysia from independence in 1957 until their shock defeat in May polls.

UMNO has been on the ropes since, with many coalition partners abandoning a party that had become synonymous with widespread graft, divisive racial politics in the multi-ethnic country and a rotten ruling elite.

Najib has also been arrested and charged over allegations he oversaw the plundering of state fund 1MDB, a scandal that played a major part in the election defeat.

Ahmad Zahid is facing 27 money-laundering charges, eight counts of accepting bribes, and 10 for criminal breach of trust.

StanChart set to miss 2018 cost targets

Reuters | London

Standard Chartered is a facing 'a significant challenge' to meet its 2018 cost reduction targets and predicts a recent slowdown in income will continue for the rest of the year, website efinancialcareers reported yesterday, citing an internal email.

"We have made virtually no progress since May when we adjusted our budgets in reducing our cost base," StanChart CFO Andy Halford wrote in the email sent to senior managers at the bank earlier this month.

A spokeswoman for StanChart confirmed the veracity of the email.

Chinese third quarter growth hits 9-year low

● **Economy expanded 6.5 per cent on-year in July-September**

● **Exports still drive a significant chunk of China's economy**

● **Trade row with US has sapped investors confidence**

AFP | Beijing, China

China's economy grew at its slowest pace for nine years in the third quarter, as a campaign to tackle mounting debt, and trade frictions with the US take their toll.

The world's second largest economy expanded 6.5 per cent on-year in July-September, National Bureau of Statistics figures showed, marking the worst performance since the start of 2009 at the height of the global financial crisis.

It is also well down from the 6.8pc and 6.7pc in the previous two quarters but in line with Beijing's target for the year.

China is in the midst of a increasingly bitter trade row with



A worker checking a newly-made truck at a factory in Weihai in China's eastern Shandong province

the United States with both sides exchanging tariffs on billions of dollars worth of goods.

While exports to the US have held up so far, the row has sapped confidence.

"China-US trade frictions have affected the market, but frankly

speaking, the psychological impact is greater than the actual impact and China and the US are currently in contact," said Liu He, China's top economic policy maker in interview yesterday with official news agency Xinhua intended to reassure

markets.

Liu trumpeted a raft of new policies intended to boost the stock market and reaffirmed the importance of China's private sector, which has suffered from a push to strengthen state-owned enterprises.

Further cooling

The Shanghai composite stock index has fallen by about 30 percent from its January high, while the yuan has slipped about nine percent against the dollar.

In response, some of China's top financial and economic officials, including the vice-premier and head of the central bank made a concerted effort Friday to reassure investors and stem the market sell-off.

Adding to concerns were data showing fixed-asset investment growth remains bogged down. It inched up to 5.4 percent in January-September from a record-low 5.3 percent in the first eight months of the year as Beijing has reined in spending on bridges, railways, and highways.

Exports still drive a significant chunk of China's economy and Washington's targeting of cars, machinery, electronics, consumer appliances and other products have led some firms to shift production out of the country, or begin considering it.

"If the market becomes a bit panicked... that can dampen investment, investment and trade are closely linked so this can be a vicious cycle," said Lian Weicheng, an economist at the International Monetary Fund during a briefing in Beijing.

Russia, Uzbekistan hail \$11 billion nuclear power plant

Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Russia and Uzbekistan yesterday hailed the construction of an \$11 billion nuclear power plant that should help solve an energy deficit in the Central Asian country.

Russian President Vladimir Putin was paying a first state visit to Uzbek counterpart

Shavkat Mirziyoyev since Mirziyoyev replaced the late Islam Karimov, who ruled for nearly three decades before his death in 2016. During the visit the two countries signed deals worth \$27.1 billion, according to the Uzbek economy ministry.

The nuclear power plant, set to be completed by 2028, has strategic significance for

Moscow which is looking to reassert its economic and political clout in Central Asia amid fierce competition from China and other players.

According to the Russian Rosatom nuclear energy agency overseeing the project the plant's output should account for a fifth of Uzbekistan's overall power generation.

Daimler cuts 2018 view

Frankfurt am Main, Germany

German luxury automaker Daimler yesterday again cut its profit outlook for 2018, warning that costs related to polluting diesel engines would drag down earnings.

The Mercedes-Benz maker, which this year had to recall more than 770,000 diesel cars across Europe, said it now expected earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) to come in "significantly below" last year's figure. The group booked an

EBIT of \$16.4 billion in 2017, and had originally expected to see results "slightly above" that this year.

In an ad-hoc statement, Daimler said the latest reassessment was partly due to an "increase in expected expenses" related to "Mercedes-Benz diesel vehicles".

The diesel saga erupted in 2015 after Volkswagen admitted to installing "defeat devices" in 11 million diesels worldwide designed to dupe emissions tests.

FB hires British ex-deputy PM as global affairs head

AFP | London, United Kingdom

British former deputy prime minister Nick Clegg, a leading anti-Brexit advocate, said yesterday he would be starting a job at Facebook, as the US giant faces up to regulatory pressures.

"I am delighted to be joining Facebook. After almost 20 years in European and British politics, this is an exciting new adventure for me," Clegg wrote on his Facebook page.

Clegg said Facebook was "at the heart of some of the most complex and difficult questions we face" such as "privacy of the



British Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg addresses delegates at the annual Confederation of British Industry

individual", "integrity of our democratic process", and "the balance between free speech and prohibited content".

The Press Association news agency and the Financial Times said Clegg would be Facebook's new head of global affairs and communications and would move to California in January.

The 51-year-old is also a former European Commission trade negotiator and member of the European Parliament.

Clegg used to be head of the Liberal Democrats, a small opposition party, but was voted out of parliament in a 2017 election

when the party suffered major setbacks.

"As someone who has spent a lifetime arguing for Britain's wholehearted commitment to Europe, it is of course a wrench to be leaving the public debate at a crucial time in the Brexit process," Clegg wrote on Friday.

The social network has faced several public relations crises in recent months and has instituted changes, particularly on privacy and the transparency of political campaign ads.

In September, it admitted that up to 50 million accounts had been breached by hackers.

EU, Asia to trade free in face of Trump's US first

● More than 50 senior figures from Asia and Europe gathered in Brussels

● The summit voiced support to WTO

● The EU inked a landmark trade deal with Singapore

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

More than 50 European and Asian leaders backed free trade and the fight against climate change on Friday in a veiled swipe at US President Donald Trump and his increasingly protectionist approach.

As disputes fester with Washington, the 12th summit of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) gave its support to the World Trade Organization (WTO), which Trump has accused of treating the US unfairly.

Senior figures from Asia and Europe gathered in Brussels for talks over two days, including the prime ministers of China, Japan and Russia.

The leaders "committed to ensure free and open trade on a level playing field and fight



(L/R): Austria's Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, Thailand's Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-cha, Hungary's Prime minister Viktor Orban, Sultan of Brunei Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, European Council President Donald Tusk, Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen, EU's High representative for foreign affairs and security policy Federica Mogherini, China's Premier Li Keqiang, Netherlands' Prime minister Mark Rutte, Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel, Malta's Prime minister Joseph Muscat, Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and officials look up as an unseen drone passes overhead while they pose for a family photograph

all forms of protectionism, including protectionist unilateral measures and unfair trade practices", in a statement issued after the summit.

The US president has relentlessly pursued a confrontational trade policy, including imposing

harsh tariffs on steel and aluminium, and on \$250 billion in annual imports from China.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, the head of Europe's biggest economy which Trump has targeted for criticism, rejected the idea that trade deals must

be about winners and losers.

"The summit shows that countries from Europe and Asia, which all want a rule-based world trade, are gathering here to commit themselves to multilateralism and this is an important signal," Merkel told



The EU has warned Cambodia and Myanmar that they could face losing preferential trading privileges with the bloc over election irregularities

reporters. "I believe that we can make it clear that the world is about creating win-win situations, making it clear that what benefits one can also benefit the other."

The EU inked a landmark trade deal with Singapore on the margins of the summit on Friday in what Brussels hopes will be a clear rebuttal of rising US protectionism.

The Korean peace process was also on the agenda, with senior EU officials holding talks with South Korean President Moon Jae-in.

Desperate pleas

Earlier this week Moon said world powers needed to reassure the North Korean leader Kim Jong Un that he had taken the right decision in committing to scrap his nuclear weapons programme.

Leaders at the summit also "reiterated their collective support" for the beleaguered Iran nuclear deal, which suffered a hammer blow when the US pulled out earlier this year and reimposed sanctions on Tehran -- despite the desperate pleas of European allies.

But Europe's desire to build a united front with Asian powers is tempered by grave concerns about numerous human rights issues in countries across the continent.

The EU warned Cambodia and Myanmar that they could face losing preferential trading privileges with the bloc over election irregularities and the Rohingya crisis, respectively.

The summit statement stressed the need to find a solution to the unrest and to "establish conducive conditions for the safe, voluntary, dignified, and sustainable return and reintegration of displaced persons" to Rakhine, but did not refer to the Rohingya by name.

Brexit deal: What happens next?

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

A European Union summit this week broke up with little progress towards a Brexit deal, just months before Britain is due to leave the bloc on March 29, 2019.

EU leaders agreed to keep talking but refused to confirm a special meeting in November to seal the agreement, pushing any possible deal back to a December summit.

Before that, British Prime Minister Theresa May must win a parliamentary vote on her government's budget on November



President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker (R) welcomes Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May upon her arrival at the European Commission in Brussels



Anti-Brexit campaigner Steve Bray walks along colleague green outside the Houses of Parliament in central London

1, a test of her ability to get the final Brexit deal approved.

Here is an outline of what

could happen next:

Budget day

May's Conservative government depends on its majority in the House of Commons on the 10 MPs from Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party.

The DUP has threatened to vote against the budget if May agrees a Brexit deal with the EU that threatens the status of Northern Ireland in the United Kingdom.

Media reports suggest some headline eurosceptic Conservative MPs, who believe May has already conceded too much to Brussels, could also use the budget vote as a show of strength.

Leadership challenge?

Losing the budget vote could spark a challenge against May from inside her Conservative party.

The support of 48 MPs -- 15 percent of the parliamentary party -- is needed to trigger a vote of confidence.

Her critics have the numbers to do this but say they have held off so far because they believe she would survive.

May needs a simple majority to win any such vote.

If May loses, there would be a leadership contest with the winner becoming prime minister, without the need for new elections.

New elections?

In the past, budget votes have been viewed as votes of confidence in the British government and losing one would trigger a new election.

A 2011 law changed this, setting a programme of elections every five years except in two specific circumstances.

Either two-thirds of MPs back a new election, or they pass a motion of no confidence in the government and fail to agree an alternative within a fortnight.

Brexit deal?

If the prime minister survives the November 1 vote she will press on with Brexit negotiations.

Agreement at a formal December summit is viewed by all sides as the final deadline, to leave enough time for its ratification by the British and European parliaments before Brexit day.

It will become clear then if there is no deal.

Will British MPs accept it?

If there is a Brexit deal with the EU, it will be presented to the 650 MPs in the House of Commons for their approval.

May's Conservatives have 315 MPs and with the support of the DUP's 10 lawmakers could get the deal through.

But if the DUP or her hardline eurosceptics fail to support her, she must turn to the opposition Labour party.

Labour, which has 257 MPs, has warned it will probably oppose the deal but some MPs have indicated they would defy their party to avoid a damaging no-deal Brexit.

No deal

Failure to reach any agreement on Britain's exit could see legal, security and economic ties with the EU severed overnight, leaving planes grounded, expatriates left with no rights and goods stuck at borders.

If the December summit breaks up without an agreement, there could still be some mini-deals in areas such as aviation to avert a potential catastrophe.

If British MPs reject the plan, they might demand the government try to negotiate a new deal, but that would require more time.

London is set to leave the EU on March 29, 2019, although the bloc's leaders could agree to delay this.

The question is, with the Conservatives and Labour divided over Brexit, whether there is a majority in the House of Commons for any other withdrawal plan.

Failure to agree a deal at any stage is also likely to spark a leadership challenge against May, which in turn could see new elections.

Forget Brexit?

There are growing calls in Britain for a referendum on the Brexit deal, possibly with an option of staying in the EU.

But a majority of MPs must agree and May's government is opposed, although Labour has refused to rule it out.

Germany orders recall of 73,000 Opel diesels

Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Germany's KBA transport authority said Friday it had ordered carmaker Opel to recall 73,000 diesel vehicles worldwide that were configured to fool regulatory emissions tests.

The authority "ordered an obligatory recall on October 17" for Opel Insignia, Cascada and Zafira diesels meeting the latest Euro 6 emissions standard manufactured between 2013 and 2016, saying they were fitted with an "illegal 'defeat device'".

Such software is designed to make vehicles appear less polluting during regulators' tests than in real on-road driving.

French-owned Opel had already "voluntarily" refitted 23,000 of 96,000 manipulated cars in total, the KBA added, meaning that an officially-approved retrofit procedure exists that can quickly be applied to the recalled vehicles.

Opel became on Monday the latest German household name to suffer a police search at its headquarters in the wake of the "dieselgate" scandal, in which Volkswagen admitted in 2015 to installing defeat devices in 11 million vehicles worldwide.

Other prominent carmakers like Mercedes-Benz maker Daimler and BMW have already digested recalls of their own, while official probes into the emissions cheating are under way.

For its part, Opel has rejected the KBA's findings and said Monday it would contest any recall order.

Canada inflation at 2.2pc in September

Ottawa, Canada

Inflation in Canada rose 2.2 per cent in September compared to the same time a year earlier, the country's statistics agency said Friday, a jump owed to reduced "transitory pressures" on transportation prices.

Price increases slowed in September on a year-on-year basis after spiking to 2.8pc in August and 3pc in July, which beat a record held since 2011.

In September prices rose in all eight main categories followed by Statistics Canada. "The transportation index increased at a slower pace in September (+3.9%) than in August (+7.2%), but remained the largest contributor to the year-over-year increase," the government statistics agency said in a statement.

Compared to a 19.9pc spike in August gasoline price increases slowed in September, which saw a year-on-year jump of 12pc.

In early September the Bank of Canada had maintained its key policy rate at 1.5pc, despite a 2.9pc increase in gross domestic product in the second quarter -- the largest increase since 2014.

Eurozone retreat on Italy woes, China slowdown

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Eurozone equities slid yesterday after Brussels slammed Rome over its 2019 budget plans, with sentiment hurt also by weak Chinese growth, poor French corporate news and rising global interest rates, dealers said.

Milan's stock market slipped after the European Commission formally warned Italy late Thursday that its budget plans for 2019 were a serious concern, demanding "clarifications" over Rome's "unprecedented" deviation from EU rules.

"Italy is headed for a slowdown with Brussels and I am not sure they have much to lose," Manulife equities head David Hussey said.

Avoid 'loss of Italy'

"Given how damaging Brexit is to the EU project, a loss of Italy would be devastating and to be avoided at all costs -- hence I think (that) Italy's hand is quite strong."

However, Italy is facing higher borrowing costs as investors sell off its bonds. In the secondary market, the yield on 10-year government bonds reached 3.726 per cent, its highest rate since 2014.

Italy's populist government has submitted its draft 2019



Traders work on the floor at the closing bell of the Dow Industrial Average at the New York Stock Exchange

budget to the European Commission in which it laid out plans to increase spending and end the austerity policies of recent years, despite deficit warnings.

Italy's deficit is now projected at 2.4pc of GDP, far higher than the 0.8pc estimate given by the earlier centre right government.

Brussels says Rome needs to cut the deficit in order to begin reducing its massive debt, which exceeds 130pc of annual economic output -- way above the EU's 60pc ceiling.

Paris stocks were weighed down by weak outlooks from

telecoms group Bouygues and tyre maker Michelin.

London, however, gained after upbeat state borrowing data.

On Wall Street the Dow index also posted gains at the opening bell, after losing 1.3pc on Thursday, with a number of strong corporate results bolstering sentiment.

'Hard to adapt'

But worries continue on several fronts, analysts said, including an expected series of Federal interest rate rises.

"Many investors have not experienced a rising rate cycle and will find it hard to adapt", said

Key figures around 1330 GMT

Milan - FTSE MIB:	▼ 0.5pc at 18,979.80 points
Frankfurt - DAX 30:	▼ 0.4pc at 11,538.98
Paris - CAC 40:	▼ 0.8pc at 5,077.67
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 0.3pc at 7,047.63
EURO STOXX 50:	▼ 0.2pc at 3,206.78
New York - Dow Jones:	▲ 0.2pc at 25,424.00
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▼ 0.6pc at 22,532.08 (close)
Hong Kong - Hang Seng:	▲ 0.4pc at 25,561.40 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▲ 2.6pc at 2,550.47 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▲ \$1.1468 from \$1.1453 at 2100 GMT
Pound/dollar:	▲ \$1.3041 from \$1.3018

Hussey at Manulife.

Investors fret over rising borrowing costs because they impact on loan repayments for both businesses and individuals -- and affect consumers' disposable incomes.

Earlier Friday, Asian stock markets traded mixed, with Shanghai bouncing back from early losses despite data showing Chinese economic growth slowed to its weakest level in nine years.

The world's second largest economy expanded 6.5pc on-year in July-September as a campaign to tackle mounting debt took its toll -- alongside trade frictions with the US.

The growth figure marked the worst performance since the

start of 2009.

Shanghai equities nevertheless finished the week with a rally after a rare joint intervention by some of China's top financial officials.

However the pronounced slowdown weighed on markets elsewhere because China is a crucial driver of global economic growth.

"The Chinese economy is slowing -- but that's down to a deleveraging process and concerns about trade and a global slowdown, as interest rates rise," CMC Markets analyst Michael Hewson said.

Oil prices rebounded after Thursday's sharp losses caused by a surprise jump in US energy stockpiles.

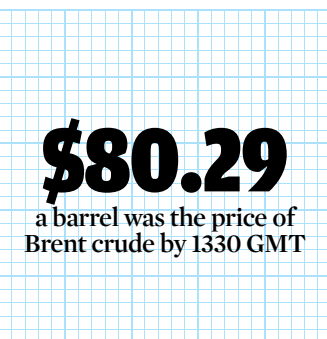
Oil set for weekly loss

Reuters | London

Oil prices rose yesterday on signs of surging demand in China, the world's second-biggest oil consumer, although the market was heading for a second week of losses on rising US inventories and concern that trade wars were curbing economic activity.

Benchmark Brent crude oil LCOc1 jumped \$1.14 a barrel, or 1.4 per cent, to a high of \$80.43 before easing back to around \$80.29, up \$1.00 by 1330 GMT. US light crude CLc1 was 60 cents higher at \$69.25.

For the week, Brent crude was 0.2pc lower while US crude was down 2.9pc, both on track for a second consecutive week-



ly decline, and down around \$7 a barrel from four-year highs reached in early October.

"After two consecutive days of slide the oil market is staging a half-hearted come-back," said Tamas Varga, analyst at London brokerage PVM Oil. "Maybe it

is down to some pre-weekend short-covering."

Refinery throughput in China, the world's largest oil importer, rose to a record high of 12.49 million barrels per day (bpd) in September as some independent plants restarted operations after prolonged shutdowns over the summer to shore up inventories, government data showed yesterday.

Undermining sentiment were official figures showing China's economic growth slowed in the third quarter. US crude stocks last week climbed 6.5 million barrels, marking a fourth straight weekly build and almost triple the amount analysts had forecast, the US Energy Information Administration said.

RBI eases bank lending limits to some NBFCs

Reuters | Mumbai

The Reserve Bank of India yesterday eased lending norms related to certain non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) as liquidity concerns in the sector persist and markets continue to question the viability of some of the firms following the IL&FS debacle.

The central bank said it would allow banks to allocate up to 15 per cent of their lending to NBFCs that do not finance infrastructure projects, up from an earlier limit of 10 percent. The move is effective up to Dec. 31, the Reserve Bank of India said in a statement.

The relaxation in lending

norms by RBI follows worries over tightening credit lines to NBFCs after a series of defaults at India's Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd (IL&FS), spooked markets and led to a major sell-off in the stocks of many NBFCs.

Earlier this month, the Indian government stepped in to take control of IL&FS saying it feared its collapse would cause "catastrophic" damage to the financial markets and the economy.

This week a loan default by real-estate developer Supertech, based in New Delhi, has further panicked investors, leading to further sell-offs in NBFCs with any potential exposure to real estate.

Cyprus refused to grant more time to Cobalt

AFP | Nicosia, Cyprus

Cyprus turned down appeals from the country's ailing airline Cobalt for more time to find investors as it withdrew the carrier's operating licence, officials said yesterday.

"We wanted more time, but our licence was revoked," Cobalt's chairman Grigoris Diakos told state radio, a day after the carrier's sudden collapse.

"We asked for a suspension (of the licence), we needed two months to find a strategic investor after the Chinese investor pulled out," he added.

Diakos said there were "one



Cobalt airline Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Pyne, walks past a Cobalt aeroplane at Larnaca airport

or two serious proposals" from potential investors.

But the Cyprus Air Transport Licensing Authority (ATLA) de-

cided to revoke the licence, senior transport ministry official Alecos Michaelides said.

A temporary suspension was

ruled out because there was no sign of a solid rescue plan.

"A company that is constantly posting losses, and especially losses of around \$34 million a year over a three-year period, cannot survive," Michaelides told ANT1 television.

He said the strategic Chinese investors were estimated to have ploughed in \$114 million, but losses had continued unabated.

Although the airline's licence has been revoked, it can reapply to resume operations once it finds the necessary financing, the government said, although it could also face legal action.

Cobalt Air ceased all opera-

tions at Wednesday midnight and entered an administration process, after only two years and three months of operations.

Transport Minister Vassiliki Anastasiadou has said \$2.3 million have allocated for the repatriation of thousands of passengers left stranded by Cobalt's collapse.

Cyprus said it will pay to ensure hundreds of Cobalt passengers stranded on the holiday island can return home safely.

Cobalt was launched in 2016, to become the Mediterranean island's biggest airline after state-owned Cyprus Airways went bankrupt in January 2015.

show

Bollywood director fired in #Metoo storm

AFP | New Delhi, India

Fox Star Studios yesterday sacked a Bollywood director working on a Hindi-language remake of hit US movie “The Fault In Our Stars” after he was accused of sexual harassment by two women.

Mukesh Chhabra is the latest to get embroiled in India’s #Metoo movement which has been gaining traction, with several women calling out powerful men in government, Bollywood and the media.

Fox Star Studios, a joint venture between Fox and Star India, said Chhabra had been asked to exit the project as it “takes allegations of sexual harassment of women at workplace very seriously”.

An internal complaints committee would look into the allegations against Chhabra.

Two women have accused Chhabra of sexual harassment during auditions, according to the local media, both anonymously.

“He (Chhabra) asked me to enact a scene which had the hero and the heroine hugging each other,” one of



Mukesh Chhabra (file)

the unnamed women was quoted as saying.

“Under the pretext of showing me how the scene should be performed, he grabbed me hard and felt me up. I could feel his hand on my butt.” The other woman, also anonymous, told a newspaper that she has a recording of a phone call with him in which he said she would “have to compromise, get physical with people in power”.

The film, starring Sushant Singh Rajput and Sanjana Sanghi, was supposed to

be the directorial debut for Chhabra, who was previously a casting director.

Chhabra has denied the “unsubstantiated wild anonymous allegations”.

India’s belated #MeToo movement has made headlines in recent weeks with women sharing accounts of alleged harassment on Twitter. The trigger appears to have been actress Tanushree Dutta, who accused well-known Bollywood actor Nana Patekar of inappropriate behaviour on a film set 10 years ago.

FIRST MAN
(PG-13) (DRAMA/BIOGRAPHY) NEW
Ⓢ RYAN GOSLING, CLAIRE FOY, JASON CLARKE

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + (1.00 AMTHURS/FRI)

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT (IMAX 3D): 3.00 + 8.30 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM + (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

SAAR DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 5.15 + (11.00 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM

GOOSEBUMPS 2: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN
(PG-13) (ADVENTURE/COMEDY/FANTASY) NEW
Ⓢ CHRIS PARNELL, KEN JEONG, WENDI MCLENDON-CONVEY

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM

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

SAAR DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 3.30 + 7.30 + (11.30 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 PM

MASRYCANY (KIDBA BYDA)
(PG-15) (ARABIC/COMEDY/ROMANTIC) NEW
Ⓢ SAMMY SHEIK, NAHED ELSEBAI, MOHAMED

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 PM + 12.00 MN

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 6.00 + (11.15 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00 PM

NAMASTE ENGLAND
(PG-15) (HINDI/ROMANTIC/DRAMA) NEW
Ⓢ SHREYA MEHTA, ARJUN KAPOOR, PARINEETI

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + 12.00 MN

SAAR DAILY AT: 3.00 + 8.15 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 3.00 + 8.15 PM

THE OLD MAN & THE GUN
(PG-13) (CRIME/COMEDY/DRAMA) NEW
Ⓢ ROBERT REDFORD, CASEY AFFLECK, SISSY

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 1.30 + 5.30 + 9.30 PM

AL KOUWAYESEEN
(PG-15) (ARABIC/COMEDY) NEW
Ⓢ AHMAD FAHMY, HUSSEIN FAHMY, SHEREIN

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 1.30 + 6.30 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

BADHAAI HO
(PG-15) (HINDI/COMEDY/DRAMA/ROMANTIC)
Ⓢ SANYA MALHOTRA, AYUSHMANN KHURRANA

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.00 + 4.30 + 9.00 PM

LEGEND OF A RABBIT- THE MATERIAL OF FIRE
(PG) (ANIMATION/ACTION/ADVENTURE) NEW
Ⓢ YUNWEI HE, LEI HUANG, ZISHAN YANG

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.15 + 4.15 PM

VENOM
(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE)
Ⓢ TOM HARDY, MICHELLE WILLIAMS

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT (IMAX 3D): 12.30 + 6.00 + 11.30 PM

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT (ATMOS): 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 PM + 12.00 MN

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT VIP (I): 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM + (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

SAAR DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 PM + (11.30 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM

JOHNNY ENGLISH STRIKES AGAIN
(PG) (COMEDY/ACTION/ADVENTURE)
Ⓢ ROWAN ATKINSON, OLGA KURYLENKO, EMMA

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 12.00 + 1.00 + 2.00 + 3.00 + 4.00 + 5.00 + 6.00 + 7.00 + 8.00 + 9.00 + 10.00 + 11.00 PM + 12.00 MN + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT (VIP II): 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM

NIGHT SCHOOL
(PG-15) (COMEDY)
Ⓢ KEVIN HART, TIFFANY HADDISH, ROB RIGGLE

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 4.30 + 9.15 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 6.00 + 11.15 PM

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 6.00 PM + (12.00 MN THURS/FRI)

SMALL FOOT
(PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)
Ⓢ CHANNING TATUM, JAMES CORDEN, ZENDAYA

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 PM

A STAR IS BORN
(15+) (DRAMA/ROMANTIC/MUSICAL) NEW
Ⓢ LADY GAGA, BRADLEY COOPER, SAM ELLIOTT

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 2.30 + 8.15 PM

EL BADLAH
(PG-13) (ARABIC/COMEDY)
Ⓢ TAMER HOSNY, AKRAM HOSNI, MAJED EL MASRY, AMINA

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM

AL DIESEL
(PG-15) (ARABIC/ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME)
Ⓢ MOHAMMED RAMADAN, YASMINE SABRI,

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 4.00 + 9.00 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM

THE MEG
(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)
Ⓢ JASON STATHAM, RUBY ROSE, BINGBING LI

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 2.45 + 7.15 + 11.45 PM

THE EQUALIZER- 2
(15+) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER)
Ⓢ DENZEL WASHINGTON, PEDRO PASCAL, ASHTON SANDERS

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 1.45 + 6.30 + 11.15 PM

THE NUN
(18+) (HORROR/THRILLER)
Ⓢ TAISSA FARMIGA, DEMIAN BICHR, BONNIE

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 2.30 + 7.00 + 11.30 PM

THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN IT’S WALLS
(PG-13) (COMEDY/FANTASY/THRILLER)
Ⓢ CATE BLANCHETT, JACK BLACK

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 4.15 + 9.00 PM

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE FALLOUT
(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME)
Ⓢ TOM CRUISE, HENRY CAVILL, VING RHAMES

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 5.45 + 8.45 + 11.45 PM

PEPPERMINT
(PG-15) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER/DRAMA)
Ⓢ JENNIFER GARNER, RICHARD CABRAL, JOHN GALLAGHER

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 5.15 + 9.45 PM

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER
(PG) (ANIMATION/COMEDY/DRAMA)
Ⓢ ADAM SANDLER, ANDY SAMBERG

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 PM

ACCIDENT
(18+) (THRILLER) NEW
Ⓢ STEPHANIE SCHILDKNECHT, ROXANE

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 PM

HELLO GURU PREMA KOSAME
(PG-15) (TELGU) NEW
Ⓢ RAM POTHINENI, ANUPAMA PARA

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 1.15 + 4.00 PM

BADHAAI HO
(PG-15) (HINDI/COMEDY/DRAMA/ROMANTIC)
Ⓢ SANYA MALHOTRA, AYUSHMANN KHURRANA,

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 2.00 + 6.45 + 11.30 PM

SANDAKOZHI 2
(PG-15) (TAMIL) NEW
Ⓢ VISHAL, KEERTHY SURESH, VARALAXMI

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + 12.00 MN

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 3.00 + 9.00 PM

VADACHENNAI
(PG-15) (TAMIL) NEW
Ⓢ DHANUSH, AISHWARYA RAJESH, ANDREA

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 2.00 + 5.15 + 8.30 + 11.45 PM

KAYAKULAM KOCHUNNI
(PG-15) (MALAYALAM)
Ⓢ NIVIN PAULY, MOHANLAL, PRIYA ANAND,

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 12.00 NOON

ARAVINDHA SAMETHA
(PG-15) (TELGU)
Ⓢ N.T.R. JR. , POOJA HEDGE, SUNIL, JAGAPATHI

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM

ANDHADUN
(PG-15) (HINDI/CRIME/COMEDY)
Ⓢ TABU, AYUSHMANN KHURRANA

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 12.30 + 6.15 PM + 12.00 MN

96
(PG-15) (TAMIL)
Ⓢ VIJAY SETHUPATHI, TRISHA KRISHNANA,

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 3.15 + 9.00 PM

Marie Antoinette’s jewels go on show

London, United Kingdom

Marie Antoinette’s dazzling jewellery, unseen in public for two centuries, went on show in London yesterday before going on sale next month in a rare auction of such treasures.

The collection, held by the historic Italian royal House of Bourbon-Parma, is being sold by Sotheby’s auction house in Geneva on November 14.

On show at their London headquarters, the lots include 10 jewels which belonged to Marie Antoinette, the last queen of France be-



A model poses with a Diamond Tiara, ‘Hubner’, circa 1912 with an estimated value of \$350,000-\$550,000 USD)

fore the French Revolution. She was guillotined in Paris aged 37.

The highlight is Queen Marie Antoinette’s Pearl, a natural pearl and diamond pendant valued at \$1-2 million (870,000-1.75m euros).

A natural pearl and diamond necklace composed of three rows of more than 100 slightly graduated pearls is expected to fetch \$200,000-300,000, as are a pair of natural pearl and diamond pendant earrings.

A monogrammed ring containing a lock of her hair is valued at \$8,000-10,000.

Bangladesh music fans mourn rock megastar

AFP | Dhaka, Bangladesh

Thousands of Bangladeshi music fans gathered in the capital yesterday to mourn the sudden death of one of the country’s most famous rock stars.

Ayub Bachchu, widely known as AB among his fans, started his music career in 1978 and was one of the pioneers of the celebrated underground rock music scene in Bangladesh.

The 57-year-old was also credited with introducing the blues music genre to Bangladeshi audiences and created several smash-hit rock tracks with his band Love Runs Blind.



Ayub Bachchu is widely known as AB among his fans

He was declared dead at a Dhaka hospital after a cardiac arrest on Thursday.

Fans grieved on social media over the passing of Bachchu,

one of the major patrons of the rock genre in the conservative South Asian country.

Over 10,000 people took to the streets in the capital’s Sha-

hid Minar neighbourhood with flowers to pay homage to the guitar maestro.

“He stood tall and will stand tall with his songs,” said reputed musician Hamin Ahmed.

Bangladesh’s president, prime minister and culture minister also all paid tribute.

Thousands of people attended his funeral prayers for Bachchu in Dhaka before his body was taken to the port city of Chittagong, his hometown, where he will be laid to rest.

“This is an untimely demise of such a legend,” transport minister Obaidul Quader told reporters.

Giorgio says Armani to stay

AFP | Milan, Italy

Italian fashion house Armani will stay independent, its founder and designer Giorgio Armani in an interview published yesterday on business website Milano Finanza.

“I have always believed that economic independence was the fundamental principle to work in full freedom,” said Armani.

The 84-year-old giant of Italian fashion said he had been approached about selling many times “but the answer is always the same”.

A number of Italy’s major

luxury brands have been sold to foreign outfits in the past couple of decades, including Gucci and Fendi. The latest one is Versace, which was sold to US group Michael Kors in September.

“For these houses, the esprit is Italian: if that can be kept intact, then international groups are suitable,” said Armani.

Armani, Italy’s second luxury group behind Prada, created a foundation in 2016 which will make it difficult for any outsider to gain control or dismantle the firm. Armani plans to lead the foundation until his death.

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Injuries put pressure on Liverpool

Huddersfield, United Kingdom

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp is entitled to feel frustrated as his fears over the international break were realised with a lengthening injury list that will do little to help his side arrest a recent dip in form.

Without a win in four games, the Reds travel to face Huddersfield on Saturday anxious to rediscover the fluent football that delivered seven successive victories during the opening weeks of the season.

That run appeared to confirm Liverpool's status as the main challengers to reigning champions Manchester City in the Premier League title race.

There was little to separate the sides in a 0-0 draw at Anfield in Liverpool's last outing after defeats by Chelsea in the League Cup and Napoli in the Champions League either side of another Premier League draw at Chelsea.

Klopp could at least point to a hugely demanding set of fixtures before the international break.

But there will be no excuses in a gentler run starting against a Huddersfield

side without a win this season on Saturday, before meetings with Red Star Belgrade in the Champions League and Cardiff next weekend.

However, Klopp has a selection headache this weekend after Sadio Mane, Mohamed Salah, Virgil van Dijk and Naby Keita all returned early from international duty.

Mane underwent surgery on Wednesday on a broken thumb suffered in training with Senegal, while Salah returned to Merseyside after suffering a muscle strain in Egypt's Africa Cup of Nations defeat of eSwatini on Friday.

Keita was forced off with a suspected hamstring strain in Guinea's 1-1 draw with Rwanda.

Van Dijk has been carrying a rib injury for a few weeks and returned home after scoring in the Netherlands' victory over Germany, with national team manager Ronald Koeman suggesting the centre-back has two broken ribs. All four are rated doubtful for the Huddersfield clash, while James Milner is also sidelined with a hamstring problem.

As the Clasico looms

Barcelona and Real scrap for revival



Real Madrid's Spanish coach Julen Lopetegui

Fixtures (all times GMT)

Celta Vigo	v	Alaves (1900)
Today		
Real Madrid	v	Levante (1100)
Valencia	v	Leganes (1415)
Villarreal	v	Atletico Madrid (1630)
Barcelona	v	Sevilla (1845)
Tomorrow		
Rayo Vallecano	v	Getafe (1000)
Eibar	v	Athletic Bilbao (1415)
Huesca	v	Espanyol (1630)
Real Betis	v	Real Valladolid (1845)
Monday		
Real Sociedad	v	Girona (1900)

AFP | Madrid, Spain

Real Madrid and Barcelona cannot avoid heading into next week's Clasico under pressure but each have two games to lift the mood at least, ahead of the pivotal clash at the Camp Nou.

Eight games into La Liga and both Julen Lopetegui and Ernesto Valverde are feeling the heat, forced to defend poor runs that have seen their teams manage a combined total of two wins from their last 10 games.

Madrid's slump feels the more entrenched, given they are without a goal in 360 minutes, discounting injury time, and three of their last four matches have ended in defeat.

While Barca can point to their riveting win at Wembley over Tottenham, and then a point gained in Valencia, Madrid have endured successive setbacks away to CSKA Moscow and Alaves. They have two home games to clear the fog, and winnable ones too, against Levante in La Liga on Saturday before Viktoria Plzen visit on Tuesday in the Champions League.

A pair of victories, and just as importantly, some goals, would earn

Lopetegui much-needed breathing space. He is already being asked about his future in the same job he sacrificed Spain and the World Cup for in June.

"A coach does not think about this, we are in October," Lopetegui said after Alaves' first league win at home to Real Madrid since 1931.

"The only positive is we are close to the top of the league, the most important thing now is to recover the injured players and then calmness will come by winning games and scoring goals."

Injuries have certainly not helped. Marcelo and Isco are both expected back against Levante while Gareth Bale has been training again this week, albeit on his own. All three would provide an attacking boost.

Karim Benzema is struggling with a hamstring strain but the forward might anyway be less missed.

Seven games without a goal have seen calls grow louder for Mariano Diaz to be given a chance and Lopetegui may now be able to oblige, without the unwanted dig at the Frenchman's confidence.

Lopetegui is also right to draw comfort from the table, as Barcelona's

stumbles mean his team are only two points off the top, where Sevilla are the surprise frontrunners.

Barca face table-toppers Sevilla

Barca face Sevilla today night in an unexpected duel of first and second, where the onus will be on Valverde's men to make a statement.

Sevilla have won four league games on the bounce and, in one of those, thumped Real Madrid 3-0.

They also continue a run of blockbuster ties for Barca, which has already included Spurs and Valencia, and will stretch deep into November.

After Sevilla, they play at home to Inter Milan on Wednesday and Real Madrid on Sunday. At the start of next month, they face Inter again in Italy, Atletico Madrid and Real Betis.

A win this weekend and Barcelona might feel a corner has been turned.

Atletico visit struggling Villarreal on Saturday, looking to make it eight games unbeaten.

The real surprise leaders of the weekend, however, could be Alaves, who were playing in Spanish football's third tier only five years ago.

Toulouse appeal Kaino suspension

Paris, France

French Top 14 side Toulouse have appealed the five-week suspension handed to New Zealander Jerome Kaino for a dangerous tackle on Bath player Jamie Roberts, the club said yesterday.

Two-time World Cup winner Kaino was handed the ban after charging Welsh star Roberts' head with his shoulder in last week's 22-20 European Champions Cup win at Bath.

It earned the powerfully-built flanker a yellow card but merited "a red card", the tournament's disciplinary commission said on Wednesday.

Toulouse are appealing the ban, claiming there was "no clear and obvious act of unfair play" and that it was motivated "by feelings and not the facts", the club said in a statement.

Kaino will miss Sunday's European clash at home to defending champions Leinster and will not be eligible to play again until December 3.

Wimbledon to introduce final set tie-breaks

London, United Kingdom

Wimbledon will introduce tie-breaks in the final set of all events for the first time next year, but only once the score in the deciding set reaches 12-12, the All England Lawn Tennis Club announced yesterday.

"Our view was that the time had come to introduce a tie-break method for matches that had not reached their natural conclusion at a reasonable point during the deciding set," said the club's chairman Philip Brook.

A tie-break is normally played to decide the set when the score reaches 6-6. However, until now the US Open

has been the only Grand Slam that uses a tie-break in the fifth set.

In this year's Wimbledon men's final, South African Kevin Anderson lost to Novak Djokovic in straight sets less than two days after beating John Isner 26-24 in the fifth set after more than six-and-a-half hours on court.

Djokovic's own five-set semi-final victory over Rafael Nadal also had to be played over two days due to the delay in a conclusion to the Anderson-Isner match.

The AELTC said it had studied data from the past 20 years at Wimbledon, as well as consulting players and officials before reaching the decision.

Hazard can be world's best if he stays at Chelsea, says Sarri

London, United Kingdom

Eden Hazard can still become the best footballer in the world even if he stays at Chelsea, Blues manager Maurizio Sarri said yesterday

Hazard has made no secret either of his desire to win the Ballon d'Or, the annual prize for the best player in the game, or wanting to play for Real Madrid.

The 27-year-old Belgian playmaker has though insisted it would "not be a problem" for him to finish his career with Chelsea if a move to Real was not forthcoming.

Meanwhile Sarri said Hazard could realise his individual ambitions while remaining at Stamford Bridge.

"He's a fantastic player," Italian boss Sarri said. "And so it will be very important for us if he will remain with us. Very, very important.

"I think also he can win everything, also the Ballon d'Or, here, without playing in Spain.

"Because, for example, if Chelsea



Belgium's footballer Eden Hazard reacts during a press conference

were able to win the Champions League, Belgium won the European Championships, he would be able to win everything, without playing in Spain."

Hazard's current Chelsea contract expires in June 2020 and for all his talk of wanting to play for Spanish

giants Real, there has been no dip in his form for the Blues this season.

"I can finish with Chelsea," Hazard told Sky Sports ahead of Saturday's match with Manchester United. "No problem at all. I am very happy with this club, with the team, my family is happy here.



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Ronaldo ready to roar

Champion Ron looks to pick up where he left off as Juve host Genoa

AFP | Milan, Italy

Engulfed in turmoil, Cristiano Ronaldo will look to pick up where he left off on the pitch as Juventus host Genoa in Serie A today before next week's trip to his former club Manchester United in the Champions League.

Ronaldo shrugged off explosive rape allegations to score for the champions in their last Serie A game against Udinese before the international break on October 6 to keep Juventus's 100 percent record after eight games.

The allegations made by 34-year-old American Kathryn Mayorga, that Ronaldo raped her in a Las Vegas hotel in 2009, threaten to engulf the Portuguese superstar in a lengthy legal battle.

Ronaldo, 33, issued a statement to "firmly deny the accusations" but was left out of Portugal's squad for this month's 3-1 friendly win over Scotland, and 3-2 Nations League victory against Poland.

Juventus have stood behind their star signing and he will look to help the reigning champions maintain their six-point lead on second-placed Napoli, ahead of next week's visit to Old

Trafford where he became a star.

"Goals, pains, tears and the case in the USA -- the first 100 days at Juventus," wrote Gazzetta dello Sport.

"With Juventus it's a honeymoon," the newspaper added of the former Real Madrid player's three months in Turin, "but the Mayorga case..."

It was business as usual at training for Ronaldo who posted a photo of himself listening to coach Massimiliano Allegri's instructions on social media Thursday with the 'thumb up' emoji.

Their rivals are Genoa, in 11th, but with Europe's top scorer this season in Polish striker Krzysztof Piatek.

The 23-year-old Pole has scored nine goals in seven games for Genoa, who have a match in hand, compared to Ronaldo's four.

The young player, who arrived from Cracovia for four million euros (\$4.6 million) in the summer, was relishing coming up against the five-time Ballon d'Or winner.

"Cristiano Ronaldo is the best player in the world right now and in my view the greatest there has ever been," said Piatek.

"I'd like to give my jersey to Ronaldo and maybe get his."



Ronaldo shrugged off explosive rape allegations to score for the champions in their last Serie A game

Genoa also switched coaches during the break with Ivan Juric replacing Davide Ballardini.

"Genoa have changed coach and they will want to make a good impression here in Turin," said Juventus full-back Mattia

De Sciglio.

"Against the Rossoblu (Genoa) it's always a tough game, and after the international break it's even harder to start again."

Carlo Ancelotti's Napoli visit Udinese ahead of their trip

Series A

Today		
AS Roma	v	SPAL (1300GMT),
Juventus	v	Genoa (1600),
Udinese	v	Napoli (1830)
Tomorrow		
Frosinone	v	Empoli (1030GMT),
Bologna	v	Torino (1300),
Chievo	v	Atalanta,
Parma	v	Lazio,
Fiorentina	v	Cagliari (1600),
Inter Milan	v	AC Milan (1830)
Monday		
Sampdoria	v	Sassuolo (1830GMT)

Wednesday to Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League.

Inter Milan, third, two points adrift of Napoli, face city rivals AC Milan in the first derby of the season in the San Siro, before travelling to Barcelona three days later.

"It's the game the city most looks forward to," said Inter captain Mauro Icardi. "The goal for Inter remains to reduce the gap with Juventus and Napoli."

Roma host SPAL looking to stretch their run to four league wins in a row before welcom-

ing CSKA Moscow in the Stadio Olimpico, as city rivals Lazio, in fourth, travel to Parma.

Meanwhile, ex-Italy boss Gian Piero Ventura returns to coaching bidding to guide tailenders Chievo to their first win of the season.

It will be Ventura's first match since being sacked last November after Italy failed to reach the World Cup finals.

"I'm experiencing this new beginning with the enthusiasm of a child," said Ventura, 70, who replaced Lorenzo D'Anna.

Spotlight on Mourinho once more

London, United Kingdom

Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho remains the centre of attention when the former Chelsea boss returns to Stamford Bridge today.

A dramatic fightback from 2-0 down to beat Newcastle 3-2 before a two-week international break offered Mourinho a stay of execution, but the pressure is still on the Portuguese to close a seven-point gap on Chelsea, Manchester City and Liverpool at the top of the table.

Here, we look at what to look out for in the Premier League this weekend.

Can Mourinho stop the rot?

Mourinho has been quick to remind Chelsea fans on his previous returns to Stamford Bridge he delivered three Premier League titles in two spells in charge.

However, he has lost without even scoring a goal in three visits as United manager.

Another defeat wouldn't just realistically end United's chances of winning the title in mid-October, but leave a mountain to climb just to make it back into the top four.

With Juventus to come twice in quick succession in the Champions League and a visit to City also to come before the next international break in three weeks' time, Mourinho needs a good start to a difficult spell to avoid more speculation over his future.

Testing times for Tottenham

Spurs start a demanding seven-game stretch in 21 days against a West Ham side on Saturday that have already proven



Manchester United's Portuguese manager Jose Mourinho gestures during the English Premier League football match between Manchester United and Newcastle at Old Trafford in Manchester

Fixtures (all times GMT)

Today

Chelsea v Manchester United (1130), Bournemouth v Southampton, Cardiff v Fulham, Manchester City v Burnley, Newcastle v Brighton, West Ham v Tottenham, Wolves v Watford (all 1400), Huddersfield v Liverpool (1630)

Tomorrow

Everton v Crystal Palace (1500)

to be at their best on the big occasion this season.

Of the Hammers seven Premier League points from eight games, four came from home games against Chelsea and United. Spurs have equalled their best ever start to a Premier League season despite already appearing at times to be running on fumes with a series of injuries to players who went deep into the World Cup.

Mauricio Pochettino will again be without Dele Alli, Jan

Vertonghen and Danny Rose and could be distracted by a must-win Champions League tie at PSV Eindhoven on Wednesday.

Arsenal under the radar

Amid the three-way battle at the top and the circus surrounding Mourinho, Arsenal's resurgence under Unai Emery has gone under the radar.

The Gunners have won nine games in a row in all competitions, six of them in the Premier League, to close to within two



The pressure is still on the Portuguese to close a seven-point gap on Chelsea

points of the leaders.

Emery has managed to find the right balance to get club record signings Alexandre Lacazette and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang into the same side with the two combining for 11 goals in all competitions.

Questions remain over how far Arsenal can go this season, particularly as they lost to City and Chelsea in the opening weeks of the season and haven't beaten any side in the top eight on their winning run. But the visit of Leicester to the Emirates on Monday night offers another perfect opportunity.

City, Liverpool expected to bounce back

Neither side were too disheartened when Liverpool and City played out a 0-0 draw at Anfield just before the international break to preserve their unbeaten starts to the league season.

After that anticipated thriller fell flat, though, both will be expected get back among the goals this weekend when Burnley visit the Etihad and winless Huddersfield host Liverpool.

Bayern boss out to end winless streak

Berlin, Germany

Under-pressure Bayern Munich head coach Niko Kovac desperately needs a win at Wolfsburg today to break the Bavarian giants' miserable run and reignite their Bundesliga title defence.

Kovac, 47, only took charge in July, but must turn things around at mid-table Wolfsburg with the German champions winless in their last four matches, including back-to-back league defeats.

After dominating the Bundesliga for the last six seasons, Bayern are sixth in the table and four points behind leaders Borussia Dortmund -- an unacceptable situation for senior bosses.

A humbling 2-0 defeat away to Hertha Berlin was bad enough before Bayern crashed to an embarrassing 3-0 drubbing at home to Borussia Mönchengladbach a fortnight ago.

Gladbach midfielder Chris-

Fixtures (all times 1330 GMT unless stated)

Today

Wolfsburg v Bayern Munich, Bayer Leverkusen v Hanover, Stuttgart v Borussia Dortmund, Augsburg v RB Leipzig, Nuremberg v Hoffenheim, Schalke v Werder Bremen (1830)

toph Kramer rubbed salt in Bayern's wounds by saying their superstars were dispirited -- "this is not the dominant Bayern team we all know".

A third straight defeat would test the patience of Bayern president Uli Hoeness, who has promised to "defend Kovac until the death".

"It's about time that we get the feeling of a win back again," admitted defender Mats Hummels.

Former Bayern midfielder Markus Babel says pressure on Kovac will come from within at Munich.



Bayern Munich's Croatian headcoach Niko Kovac reacts on the pitch

Ten star Abbas sends Aussies Down Under

Pakistan take series win over Australia in second test



Pakistan's cricket team celebrates at the end of day four of the second Test cricket match between Australia and Pakistan at Sheikh Zayed stadium in Abu Dhabi

AFP | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Medium pacer Mohammad Abbas took his maiden ten-wicket haul in a match to fire Pakistan to a 373-run win over Australia in the second Test in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

Abbas followed his 5-33 in the first innings with figures of 5-62 to wreck Australia for 164.

The victory, after Australia were set a 538-run target, allowed Pakistan to wrap up the two-match series 1-0 after Australia fought back to draw the first Test in Dubai last week.

It was Australia's heaviest defeat against Pakistan, beating the 356-run hammering at this same venue four years ago.

It was Abbas, 28, who destroyed Australia with a haul of 17 wickets in the series -- becoming the first Pakistani fast bowler to take ten wickets in a Test since Mohammad Asif did so against Sri Lanka at Kandy in 2006.

Abbas had jolted Australia with four wickets



off just 23 balls while Yasir Shah finished with 3-45 to give Pakistan their tenth series win on the neutral venues of United Arab Emirates.

They have only lost one series -- 2-0 to Sri Lanka last year -- since being forced to play their home matches in UAE since 2009.

Pakistan were forced to play their home matches in UAE since attacks on the Sri Lankan team bus in Lahore in March 2009.

Australia's batsmen had no answers to his accurate seam bowling under cloudy conditions at Sheikh Zayed Stadium as only Marnus Labuschagne (43), Travis Head (36) and Aaron Finch (31) offered some resistance.

Yasir dismissed number ten Jon Holland soon after lunch to hand Pakistan victory.

The first Test ended in a draw in Dubai last week.

Australian opener Usman Khawaja could not bat after suffering a recurrence of a knee injury during practice on Thursday.

Abbas jolted the Australians in the seventh over of the day when he removed a solid-looking Head, getting an edge to substitute wicketkeeper Mohammad Rizwan, deputising for Sarfraz Ahmed.

'Youngsters coming through'

Sarfraz, who was hit on the helmet by a rising Mitchell Starc delivery on Thursday, had gone for a precautionary scan which came back clear.

Sarfraz was full of praise for Abbas, the man of the match.

"The way Abbas has bowled all series is one of the biggest positives for us," said Sarfraz.

"All the youngsters who have come through in recent times have done

Scoreboard	
Pakistan 1st innings 282	
(Fakhar Zaman 94, Sarfraz Ahmed 94; N. Lyon 4-78; M. Labuschagne 3-45)	
Australia 1st innings 145	
(A. Finch 39; Mohammad Abbas 5-33, Bilal Asif 3-23)	
Pakistan 2nd innings 400-9 dec	
(babar Azam 99, Sarfraz Ahmed 81, Azhar Ali 64; N. Lyon 4-135)	
Australia 2nd innings	
A. Finch lbw b Abbas	31
S. Marsh b Hamza	4
T. Head c sub (Rizwan) b Abbas	36
M. Marsh lbw b Abbas	5
M. Labuschagne c sub (Rizwan) b Abbas	43
T. Paine b Abbas	0
M. Starc lbw b Yasir	28
P. Siddle lbw b Yasir	3
N. Lyon not out	6
J. Holland c Sohail b Yasir	3
Usman Khawaja absent injured	-
Extras: (lb5)	5
Total: (all out; 49.4 overs)	164
Result: Pakistan win by 373 runs, take series 1-0	



Australian cricketer Marnus Labuschagne gestures as Pakistan team is presented with the series trophy

Australia weren't ready for Abbas, says Sarfraz Abu Dhabi

Rival captains Sarfraz Ahmed and Tim Paine were unanimous in their praise of wicket-taking sensation Mohammad Abbas, who helped Pakistan thrash Australia in the second Test in Abu Dhabi on Friday.

Sarfraz claimed Australia weren't ready for Abbas, who was also named man-of-the-series on Pakistan's trip to England earlier this year.

"Looks like they hadn't prepared for Abbas, they took him a little easy," said Sarfraz.

Australia entered the two-Test series focused on the threat of leg-spinner Yasir Shah, although he managed just eight wickets.

"But credit goes to Abbas, because the pitch is not suitable for fast bowlers," said Sarfraz.

"The way he bowled, he was the best bowler on either side. The way he bowled throughout he was the main factor for us winning the series."

Pakistan cricketer Mohammad Abbas bowls during day four of the second Test

