

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

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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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chairs the FATF, told a news conference.

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

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.

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.



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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.