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Tottenham narrowly avoided an embarrassing home defeat to bottom club Watford yesterday as Chelsea and Leicester leapfrogged champions Manchester City in the Premier League.

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**Syria truce takes hold**  
Damascus

Turkish and Kurdish leaders accused each other of violating a US-brokered truce in northeastern Syria even as it appeared to be taking hold on its second day yesterday.

The deal announced late Thursday is intended to halt a Turkish-led offensive against Kurdish forces launched on October 9, on condition they pull out of a "safe zone" on the Syrian side of the border.

The offensive has killed dozens of civilians, mainly on the Kurdish side, and prompted hundreds of thousands to flee their homes in the latest humanitarian crisis of Syria's eight-year civil war.

On Saturday, Turkey accused Kurdish forces of violating the truce.

"The Turkish armed forces fully abide by the agreement" reached on Thursday with the United States, the defence ministry said in a statement.

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# Loud voices of dissent

Tens of thousands gather across Lebanon for third day of protests

● Many waved billowing Lebanese flags and insisted the protests should remain peaceful and non-sectarian.

Beirut

Tens of thousands of Lebanese people took to the streets Saturday for a third day of protests against tax increases and alleged official corruption despite several arrests by security forces. They streamed into the streets around the country's parliament in Beirut, as well as elsewhere across the country, AFP journalists said, despite calls for calm from politicians and dozens of arrests on Friday.

The number of protesters grew steadily



A group of women protests in one of the streets of Beirut.

throughout the day, with major demonstrations in second city Tripoli, in the north, and other locations.

Many waved billowing Lebanese flags

and insisted the protests should remain peaceful and non-sectarian.

The demonstrators are demanding a sweeping overhaul of Lebanon's political



They took all our fundamental rights... We are dying at hospital gates.

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system, citing grievances ranging from austerity measures to poor infrastructure. They have crippled main roads and threatened to topple the country's fragile coalition government.

Most Lebanese politicians have uncharacteristically admitted the demonstrations are spontaneous, rather than blaming outside influence.

In Tripoli demonstrator Hoda Sayyur was unimpressed by the contrition some leaders displayed on television and echoed a widely-held hope that the entire political class be replaced.



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The Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, yesterday delivered a statement on behalf of the Arab group and the Maldives at the 100th meeting of the Development Committee, on the sidelines of the Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors of the World Bank Group (WBG) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, DC.

Shaikh Salman highlighted the importance of job creation in order to achieve the WBG's goals of ending poverty and promoting shared prosperity, adding that job creation is vital to the success of any social and economic programme aimed at achieving comprehensive development.

He welcomed the WBG's Jobs and Economic Transformation (JET) initiative, noting the importance of aligning its concepts with efforts to further develop the business environment, bridge infrastructural gaps, and lay the foundations of private sector investments through the modernisation of legislation.

The minister also stressed the importance of supporting private investment in education in order to provide quality opportunities, especially for women and young people.

He went on to highlight that the JET initiative could play a positive role in transforming the development of the MENA region by improving job creation and helping to alleviate youth unemployment, which is at its highest level in two decades.

# Job creation 'vital to success' of any socio-economic programme

Shaikh Salman calls for more investments in education, healthcare



Shaikh Salman speaks at the meeting.



Shaikh Salman yesterday met with the Vice-President and Secretary of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), Sir Danny Alexander, on the sidelines of his participation in the Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors of the World Bank Group (WBG) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, DC.

In this regard, Shaikh Salman noted that various studies show that the MENA region will need to create nearly 300 million jobs by 2050 in order to meet demographic pressures, stressing the importance of promoting vocational education, training and lifelong learning.

On behalf of the Arab group and the Maldives, Shaikh Salman welcomed WBG's support for the job creation agenda, highlighting the WBG's ambitious new approach and developed policies intended to create millions of quality op-

portunities for the region's young people.

He stressed that the region is in need of a comprehensive strategy to further develop its markets through policy reform, strengthening of institutions, and investment mobilisation in order to create quality jobs and prosperity for all.

Shaikh Salman added that comprehensive development is not in itself sufficient to create jobs, noting that equal opportunity, limiting restrictions on labour mobility, and increasing investments in

## 300

million jobs should be created in the region by 2050 in order to meet demographic pressures.

the health and education sectors are also important for regional growth.

Later, the Development Committee highlighted that the growth of the world economy is still unbalanced and vulnerable to risks that have recently intensified. The Committee further highlighted the vital role of Global Value Chains (GVCs) and world trade in supporting economic development, creating jobs, and promoting sustainable development.

In this regard, the Committee called on all member states to implement policies that ensure inclusive economic growth, reduce economic risks, enhance compet-

itiveness and further strengthen financial stability.

Furthermore, the Committee noted the importance of investing in human capital to ensure that all individuals are equipped with the skills and abilities to adapt to advancements in technology.

The committee also noted the importance of the Human Capital Index in the creation of policies and decision making, calling for its development as a credible measurement tool that reflects the actual situation of a country, for the benefit of all.

## Karva Chauth celebrations



Punjabis United in Bahrain (PUB) celebrated their annual Karva Chauth Ceremony on Thursday, which was attended by members and their families. Karva Chauth is a one-day festival celebrated by Hindu women from some regions of India, especially northern India, four days after purnima (a full moon) in the month of Kartika. Like many Hindu festivals, Karva Chauth is based on the lunisolar calendar which accounts for all astronomical positions, especially positions of the moon which is used as a marker to calculate important dates.

## Academy 'to bring out best diplomats'

Manama

The Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa Diplomatic Academy has

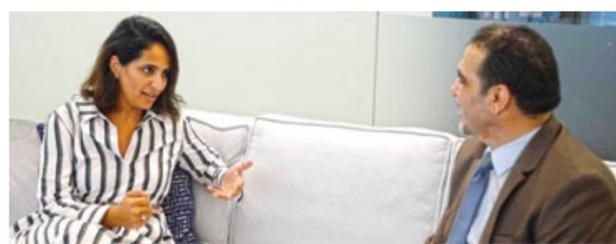
multidisciplinary particularities that blend diplomatic, historic and cultural stimulations to offer the most suitable environment

for people who want to become diplomats, the executive director Dr Shaikha Muneera bint Khalifa Al Khalifa has said.

The academy through its programmes is keen to provide its members with theoretical and practical skills that deal with international relations and foreign policy as well as with written skills, different languages and follow-up during their career in diplomacy, she said.

The academy prepares and qualifies diplomats through foundation programmes, starting with the "Foundation Programme for New Diplomats", which provides those working in the diplomatic field with all required academic curricula and diplomatic skills, Dr Shaikha Muneera said.

"The academy is committed to providing an intensive training and improvement programme for the diplomats before they are assigned abroad. The diplomatic qualification



Dr Shaikha Muneera is the executive director of The Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa Diplomatic Academy.

includes the languages of the host countries, training in negotiation and in dealing with the media as well as basic needs that prepare diplomats for their mission," she told Bahrain News Agency (BNA).

All the programmes that the academy is currently implementing or will introduce in the future are based on the main needs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, such as training in public speaking and political analysis, which is offered to all levels of staff in the ministry, she added.

King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to diplomacy in Bahrain, and his keenness on a sound training of young Bahrainis to become representatives of the Kingdom and its culture and diplomacy in various regional and international forums and to ensure that their aptitudes and capabilities are a source of pride for all Bahrain.

"There is an immense pride with the decision of HM King Hamad to transform the Diplomatic Institute into an academy and to name it after His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak. The academy is an essential part of the integrated progress in the Kingdom of Bahrain, especially in the field of diplomacy, to which HM the King accords great and care attention. The progress of the academy is in line with the requirements of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to prepare new generations of Bahraini diplomats according to the highest international standards in this field," she said.

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Dr Shaikha Muneera highlighted the special care and attention given by His Majesty

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# Kingdom's investment opportunities highlighted at roundtable discussion

Bahrain has successfully attracted FDIs in the past few months

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● **He also shed light on the government's efforts to move to cloud computing and adopt the best international practices in the field of financial technology.**



Mr Al Zayani speaks at the roundtable meeting in Washington.

Washington

Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister, Zayed Al Zayani, has highlighted the available opportunities for the private sector in Bahrain and the US to boost trade relations between the two countries.

This came as Mr Al Zayani participated, along with the Chief Executive Officer of the Economic

Development Board (EDB), as a key speaker in the round-table-panel discussion organised by the Bahrain-US Business Council, in co-operation with the US Chamber of Commerce here.

During the panel discussion, Minister Al Zayani highlighted the fertile ground provided by the Government of Bahrain to promote direct foreign investment ac-

ording to a modern and advanced economic environment in its infrastructure and legislative system.

In this regard, he cited the existence of infrastructure development projects totalling more than \$32 billion, and the strategic location of the Kingdom as a gateway to commercial opportunities in the GCC market and neighbouring countries worth more than 1.5 tril-

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**The Kingdom has succeeded in attracting major international companies to expand their business in the region from Bahrain.**

MR AL ZAYANI

lion dollars.

He also stressed that Bahrain boasts high-quality qualified and trained human resources.

Mr Al Zayani also shed light on the opportunities provided by the non-oil sectors and their growth and remarkable development in recent years, citing the tourism sector and the increase of its contribution to the GDP by more than

6 per cent during 2017 and 2018.

He also presented the ambitious plans of the strategies to attract tourism and promote its growth.

The minister also underlined Bahrain's success in coping with developments in all fields, most importantly the digital economy, noting that the Kingdom has succeeded in attracting major international companies to expand their business in the region from Bahrain, including the Amazon Web Services (AWS).

He also shed light on the government's efforts to move to cloud computing, adopt the best international practices in the field of financial technology, and host the Bahrain FinTech Bay as an important interface for investment and opportunities to promote the spread of startups locally and internationally.

During the panel discussion, the Bahraini delegation invited US investors and businessmen to participate in similar investment conferences in Bahrain, including the Gateway Gulf Investor Forum, which is expected to be held in Bahrain in 2020.

## Paedophile jailed for two months

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The Lower Criminal Court has sentenced a Bahraini paedophile to two months for attempting to have sex with a minor.

The defendant is said to have been attempting to befriend the boy, offering him BD5 to have dinner in an effort to lure him into having sex with him.

“He did this to me twice. But in the last attempt, he gave me BD5,” the boy told prosecutors.

The defendant was arrested after the father went to the police and filed a case against the suspect, according to prosecutors.

The defendant was identified by the boy after the police lined up suspected criminals.

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**The defendant was arrested after the father went to the police and filed a case against the suspect.**

PROSECUTORS

“I was giving him money and constantly encountering him in a bid to have sex with him. I tried to lure him by giving him BD5,” the Bahraini suspect revealed during questioning.

The Lower Criminal Court said in its ruling that the defendant exposed a child to delinquency, as a result of which it was decided to jail him for two months in punishment for his offence.

## Co-operation discussed



A delegation from the General Directorate of Traffic headed by the Director of Traffic Culture visited the Abu Dhabi Police and the Dubai Police in the United Arab Emirates. The delegation met Brigadier Hamad Dhahi Al Hamri Director of Traffic and Patrols Directorate, Central Operations Sector, Abu Dhabi Police and Major-General Abdullah Khalifa Al Marri Commander in Chief of Dubai Police. The delegation was briefed about traffic-related media practices and expertise and awareness programmes for the public, along with plans to protect general safety.

## BRCSS to enhance co-operation with Al Sanabel Society

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The acting secretary-general of the Bahraini Red Crescent Society, Mubarak Al Hadi, held a meeting with Shaikh Adnan Abdulla Al Qattan, the chairman of the Al Sanabel Orphan Care Society and discussed the mechanisms for promoting joint co-operation in various aspects of humanitarian, voluntary and charitable work.

Mr Al Hadi confirmed, during the meeting, the readiness of the Bahrain Red Crescent to offer the necessary support on the level of experiences and volunteers to Al Sanabel society.

He also affirmed the importance of strengthening joint cooperation especially on the level of humanitarian and voluntary work organisations and institutions outside the Kingdom of Bahrain.

In this context, he pointed out that

the Bahraini Red Crescent is always ready to exploit its position and regional and international relations to support charitable and voluntary work in Bahrain.

Mr Al Hadi valued the role played by the Al Sanabel Charitable Society including the care for orphans in need, follow-up upbringing them properly to be good and productive citizens and effectively contribute to the growth and prosperity of the community.

Besides, providing educational, health and social care for those orphans in need, strengthening their relationships with their family members and deepening their interaction with their social environment, thus allowing them to psychological harmony, social adaptation and a closer relation and cooperation with public and private institutions working in the area of orphan's service.



Mr Al Hadi, Shaikh Adnan and other society members at the meeting.

On his part, Shaikh Adnan Al Qattan confirmed that Al Sanabel Society

was keen to open more channels of co-operation with the Bahraini Red Crescent and launch joint programmes and initiatives that serve the neediest in Bahraini society, such as orphans, widows and others.

He singled out the active co-operation of the Bahraini Red Crescent in providing an ambulance, a paramedic and a driver to the Bahraini pilgrimage mission over the past 15 years.

Shaikh Al Qattan praised the role played by the Bahraini Red Crescent on the level of relief and humanitarian work and lend a helping hand to the vulnerable, the distressed and victims of disasters and conflicts inside and outside Bahrain.

Moreover, training and qualifying many Bahraini youths in different fields of humanitarian and voluntary work for the good of the Kingdom of Bahrain and all humanity was emphasised at the meeting.

● The veteran doctor said people should first remove fear from their minds about disorders and diseases to remain healthy.

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P Unnikrishnan

A prominent Indian doctor, who is on a visit to the Kingdom, has opined that the only way to lead a healthy life is to eat like one's ancestors.

He also blamed the medical lobbies from across the world for the disastrous healthcare crisis.

Dr Belle Monappa Hegde, cardiologist, Padma Bhushan honouree, professional educator and author told Tribune yesterday that medical lobbies have even created a sleeping industry, other than cancer industry, heart industry etc, to generate profits.

"Now I can see many medical literature suggesting the need to sleep at least eight to nine hours every day. This is just a creation of pharma companies, which want to sell sleeping tablets to people and make bucks," Dr Hegde said.

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ple should first remove fear from their minds about disorders and diseases to remain healthy.

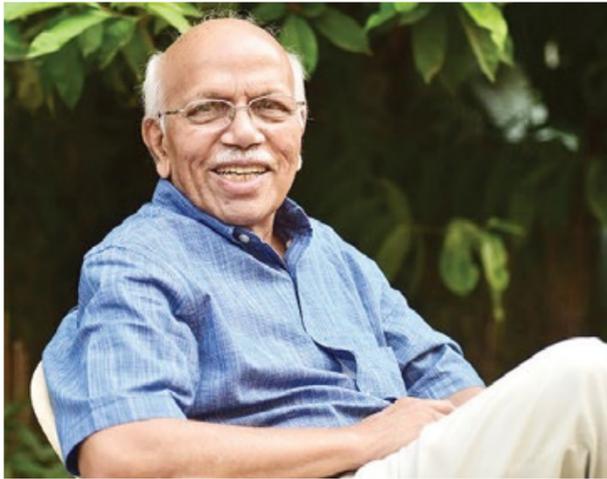
"Maintaining one's happiness index is most important when it comes to remaining healthy. There are people who don't eat rice, fearing diabetes, which is actually a stupid thing to do.

"We can safely eat whatever our ancestors had been consuming. Always eat in moderation. Keep away from alcohol and tobacco. And, of course, perform regular exercises to keep fit."

Demystifying the myth that one should drink at least four litres of water a day to stay healthy, Dr Hegde said adequate consumption of water should be on the basis of an individual's

# 'Eat like your ancestors' is the best tip for healthy life

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DR HEGDE

body weight.

"Drinking too much water is not a healthy option. Every individual should drink 30ml per one kilogram of body weight and that means, a person weighing 70kg should drink two litres and 100 ml every day."

When asked about the increasing heart attack deaths among the expatriates in the Kingdom, Dr Hegde said: "Stress is the biggest reason for heart attacks. People are always under pressure and are never relaxed, which is leading to large number of heart attack deaths."

"People are so much stressful and worried that they forget as to how to lead a healthy life. For instance, there are many who take Aspirin as a precaution against heart attacks. But regular consumption of Aspirin could lead to other medical issues, including hemorrhagic strokes. So the end difference will only be the reason cited in the death certificate."

## Projects, facilities in Zallaq inspected

Manama

● The governor also inspected a number of public facilities, and checked their suitability and safe use, in addition to services on roads and traffic safety.

Southern Governor, Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, has paid an inspection visit to the Zallaq area, as part of his visits to various regions across the Southern Governorate.

Representatives of security and service authorities, citizens

and officials were present.

The governor was informed about the progress of infrastructure projects, in line with the recommendations of the Coordination Council, stressing the need for co-ordination and follow-up with the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning to complete the projects that serve the

local citizens.

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HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali also discussed the possibility of revamping dilapidated and heritage houses and buildings

in order to turn them into buildings that the service society and public interests.

He asserted that field visits reflect the Governorate's role in adopting direct communication with the citizens in order to determine their needs and enhance the development process at the service, security and social levels.

## Cultural tourism potentials in focus Riyadh

The deputy chairman for antiquities and museums at the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage (SCTH), Rustom Al Kubaisi, and the adviser to the Saudi minister of culture, Hattan Al Banjabi, participated in the second joint meeting of Arab ministers of tourism and culture in Tunis.

Addressing the meeting, Al Kubaisi conveyed greetings from the chairman of SCTH, Ahmad Al Khatib, as well as his hopes that the meeting would yield positive results.

Mr Al Kubaisi said: "The different topics we discussed are important for the integration of tourism and culture, and they aim to enrich and advance sustainable tourism in Arab countries.

"Based on this approach, we have all launched serious work that deserves more attention and care, whether on the level of tourism or culture and heritage – both tangible and intangible.

"We look forward to improving coordination and unifying our efforts through this meeting to achieve the aspirations of our leaders and the ambitions of our people, in addition to serving cultural tourism in Arab countries," he said.

Mr Al Kubaisi stressed that technology gives Arab countries a great opportunity to cooperate among themselves to "enrich cultural tourism," which could play a key role in development.

The meeting discussed a number of topics related to the development in the field of cultural tourism.

A report submitted by the Secretariat General of the Arab League reviewed the conclusions and recommendations of the task team on the implementation of an initiative to integrate tourism and cultural heritage in Arab countries.

## Human resources expenditure of 44 government entities reviewed

Manama

Within the framework of continuous efforts of the Civil Service Bureau to optimise the utilisation of financial resources, preserve the actual rights and gains of employees and enhance productivity in government entities, and in line with the objectives of the Fiscal Balance Programme to achieve balance between government revenues and expenses and controls, and financial rules for the management, implementation and control of the state budget, Jamal Abdulaziz Al Alawi, the General Director of Organisation and

Position Budget stated that the Civil Service Bureau reviewed the budget of manpower expenditures (Part I), up to the first half of the fiscal year 2019 for 44 government entities.

It occurred that all 44 government entities were committed to disbursement of the financial allocations allocated to them.

The total actual disbursement of government entities up to the first half of fiscal year 2019 amounted to approximately 46 per cent of the total budget of the first part approved for the fiscal year 2019, where they took into account the commitment of these entities to pass the annual



Mr Al Alawi

increase and promotions and incentives due, and the continuation of the disbursement of employee benefits such as over-

time, bonuses and allowances associated with the job and so on, a statement said.

The Director-General of Organisation and Position Budget said that the actual disbursement rate of the six basic items related to employees (basic salaries, social allowance, living allowance, special allowance, government share in the civil pension system and government share in unemployment insurance system) amounted to approximately 91pc of the total actual disbursement in the first section until the first half of the fiscal year 2019.

While the percentage of spending for the rest of the first

section items such as bonuses, allowances, overtime and partial training, amounted to about 9pc of the total actual disbursement until the first half of the fiscal year 2019.

Mr Al Alawi stressed the need for government entities to adhere to the provisions of the Civil Service Instructions No (4) of 2019 on the controls of the management, implementation and control of the budget of manpower expenditures (Part I) for the two fiscal years 2019-2020, and the optimal utilisation of financial resources of government entities and the disbursement of all employee benefits and within budgets.

## Quiz victory



The Indian School walked away victorious with the much coveted Mothercare ISB APJ Inter-Junior School Science Quest 2019 winner's trophy on Friday. The winning team consisted of students Harshin Sijesh and Devasree Susanthkumar. The first runner-up position was bagged by New Millennium School represented by Chris Ivan and Pavithra Krishna. The second runner-up position was shared by the New Indian School represented by Shawanita Jose Anand and Geevarghese Shijo Koomulliyil and the Indian School represented by Meenakshi Deepak and Shashankit Rupesh Iyer. The event was organised by the Indian School, Riffa campus. Among the other finalists were two teams from the New Horizon School.

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Villagers search for bodies after 70 killed in Afghan blast



Around 350 worshippers were inside the mosque for Friday prayers when the blast took place

Jalalabad | Afghanistan

Villagers searched for the bodies of their loved ones yesterday in the rubble of a mosque in eastern Afghanistan that collapsed in a blast during Friday prayers, killing 70 people including dozens of children, officials said.

The attack -- the country's second most deadly this year -- took place in Haska Mina district of eastern Nangarhar province and also wounded at least 36 people.

"We have reports that the death toll has reached 70 in yesterday's incident," the provincial governor's spokesman Attaullah Khogyani told AFP.

"We have sent assistance to the district that includes food and other items," he said.

Witnesses said the roof of the mosque fell through after a "loud" explosion, the cause

of which was still being investigated Khogyani said.

At least 27 of the victims were school children, said Asif Shinwari, a spokesman for Nangarhar's education department.

"They were ninth- to tenth-graders. Sixteen school children were wounded," he said, adding that children usually studied at the mosque after prayers.

About 350 worshippers were inside the mosque when the blast happened, according to local residents.

"We are still searching for bodies. Most of those who were killed were children or young boys under 18," resident Omar Ghorzang said.

Donya Gul, another local resident who lost a brother and eight cousins in the incident, also said some people were still missing.

Boeing pilots saw MAX system problems in 2016

The Boeing employees quipped about problems during simulations of the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System

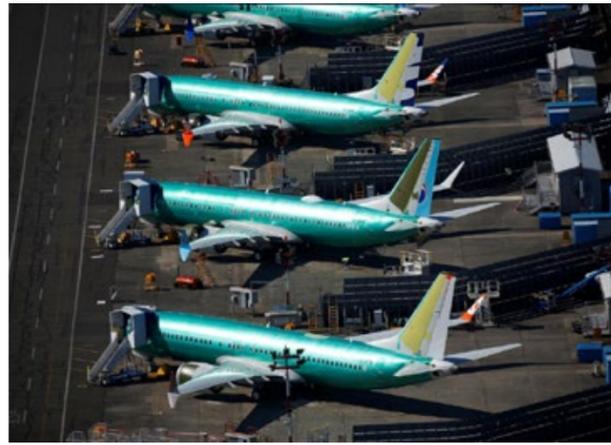
New York

A Boeing pilot behind the 737 MAX certification in 2016 told a colleague a key flight handling system was "running rampant" during simulator tests, according to documents reviewed Friday by AFP.

The Boeing employees quipped about problems during simulations of the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System, a flight-handling mechanism that is believed to be at the center of two MAX crashes that killed 346 people.

Boeing's chief technical pilot of the 737, Mark Forkner, said the MCAS system's performance during the simulator tests was "egregious" and that "I basically lied to the regulators (unknowingly)," according to the instant messages.

Forkner's lawyer, David Gergler, said yesterday, "If you read



Unpainted Boeing 737 MAX aircraft are seen parked in an aerial photo at Renton Municipal Airport near the Boeing Renton facility in Renton, Washington

the whole chat, it is obvious that there was no 'lie.' The simulator was not reading right and had to be fixed to fly like the real plane. Based on everything Mark knew, he thought the real plane was safe."

The messages -- which Boeing knew about for months before sharing with the Federal Aviation Administration -- raised fresh questions about the company's knowledge of problems with the MAX long before the crashes and about whether it has been transparent with reg-

ulators during investigations. The crashes and the FAA's certification of the MAX are under investigation from a number of authorities, including the Department of Justice and congressional committees that have scheduled hearings with Boeing Chief Executive Dennis Muilenburg later this month.

In both the Lion Air and Ethiopian Airlines crashes, the MCAS pointed the plane sharply downward based on a faulty sensor reading, hindering the pilots' ability to control the air-

craft after takeoff, according to preliminary crash investigations.

The FAA, based on its interactions with Forkner and others at Boeing, believed during certification that the MCAS system would activate only in rare cases and did not pose a threat to plane safety.

The FAA criticized Boeing for learning of the messages "some months ago," but not disclosing them to safety regulators until Thursday.

"Last night, I reviewed a concerning document that Boeing provided late yesterday to the Department of Transportation," FAA Administrator Steve Dickson said in a letter to Muilenburg.

"I understand that Boeing discovered the document in its files months ago. I expect your explanation immediately regarding the content of this document and Boeing's delay in disclosing the document to its safety regulator."

In recent days, American Airlines, United Airlines and Southwest Airlines have pushed back their target dates for returning the MAX to service, with the three carriers pulling all flights for the aircraft through January or February 2020.

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INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 30 SEPTEMBER 2019 (REVIEWED)															
INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION				INTERIM STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS				INTERIM STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS				INTERIM STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
At 30 September 2019 (Reviewed)				For the nine months ended 30 September 2019 (Reviewed)				For the nine months ended 30 September 2019 (Reviewed)				For the nine months ended 30 September 2019 (Reviewed)			
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ASSETS				Revenue from contracts with customers				Profit for the period				Other comprehensive income (loss)			
Non-current assets				Revenue				Adjustments for:				Share of profit from an associate			
Property, plant and equipment				Gross operating costs				Depreciation				Share of profit from an associate			
Investment properties				GROSS OPERATING PROFIT				Fair value gain on investments at fair value				Share of profit from an associate			
Investment in an associate				Net investment income:				Share of profit from an associate				Share of profit from an associate			
Non-current investments				Share of profit from an associate				Dividend income				Share of profit from an associate			
Total non-current assets				Dividend income				Interest income				Share of profit from an associate			
Current assets				Fair value gain on investments at fair value through profit or loss - net				Interest expense				Share of profit from an associate			
Inventories				Miscellaneous income				(Reversal of) provision for ECLs				Share of profit from an associate			
Current investments				Depreciation				Provision for employees' end of service benefits				Share of profit from an associate			
Trade and other receivables				(693,653)				Operating profit before working capital changes				Share of profit from an associate			
Bank balances and cash				General and administration expenses				Working capital changes:				Share of profit from an associate			
Total current assets				Financial charges				Inventories				Share of profit from an associate			
TOTAL ASSETS				PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD				Trade and other receivables				Share of profit from an associate			
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (in fills)				Trade and other payables				Share of profit from an associate			
Equity				PER SHARE (in fills)				Cash flows from operations				Share of profit from an associate			
Share capital				4				Employees' end of service benefits paid				Share of profit from an associate			
Treasury shares				3				Directors' remuneration paid				Share of profit from an associate			
Statutory reserve				10				Charitable contributors paid				Share of profit from an associate			
Revaluation reserve				6				Net cash flows from operating activities				Share of profit from an associate			
Revaluation reserve				INTERIM STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				Investing activities				Share of profit from an associate			
Investment revaluation reserve				For the nine months ended 30 September 2019 (Reviewed)				Purchase of property, plant and equipment				Share of profit from an associate			
Share of reserves of associate				Three months ended 30 September				Dividends received from an associate				Share of profit from an associate			
Retained earnings				2019				Interest received				Share of profit from an associate			
Proposed bonus shares				Reviewed				Government bond received				Share of profit from an associate			
Total equity				2018				Investment in mudharaba				Share of profit from an associate			
Non-current liability				Reviewed				Bank deposits with maturities of more than 3 months				Share of profit from an associate			
Employees' end of service benefits				2019				Net cash flows from (used in) investing activities				Share of profit from an associate			
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## 15 die in dam collapse at Siberian gold mine



Investigators said they opened a criminal probe into the violation of safety rules after the collapse of a dam in Siberia

### Moscow

Fifteen people were killed and another 13 missing after an illegally built dam collapsed at a gold mine in a remote Siberian settlement yesterday, in the latest deadly accident to hit Russia.

The dam on the Seiba River in the Siberian region of Krasnoyarsk burst and flooded several cabins where the victims lived, Russian authorities said.

Muddy flood waters hit the cabins near the village of Shchetinkino at around 6 am as the workers were resting.

About 300 people, six helicopters and six boats were involved in a search and rescue mission, the emergencies ministry said, but the operation was challenging because of the remote location.

Officials said the dam had

apparently been built in breach of safety rules and claimed that the authorities were not aware of its existence.

President Vladimir Putin ordered officials to provide assistance to the victims and identify the reasons of the accident, his spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

Footage broadcast on national television showed the remote settlement surrounded by the woods and mountains, the ground covered in light snow.

Investigators said they have opened a criminal probe into the breach of safety rules.

Regional governor Alexander Uss said about 80 workers lived in the affected cabins near Shchetinkino, which lies south of the city of Krasnoyarsk and has a total population estimated at about 180.

### Violation of 'every single norm'

An unidentified worker from the mine told Govorit Moskva, a Moscow-based radio station, that people had been caught by surprise.

"People were sleeping, apparently they did not even understand anything," he said.

The worker said there were four such dams in the area and smaller bursts had happened before.

"The four lakes hit the settlement," he said, adding that the dams had been built more than three years ago.

"Each dam supports a small lake -- a flooded exhausted site."

The workers had lived in hastily built cabins, he said, adding: "That says it all."

The dam was built in violation of "every single norm," the head of the local government, Yury Lapshin, said in televised remarks.

Uss also said that rains could have eroded the dam. A number of top regional officials including Uss, prosecutors and inspectors went to the scene of the tragedy.

According to the latest information, 15 people were killed and 13 more were missing, a Moscow-based spokeswoman for the emergencies ministry said.

Fourteen people were hospitalised, three in a grave condition, the regional health ministry said.

A team of doctors including a neurosurgeon were dispatched to the scene from Krasnoyarsk, which is located some 4,000 kilometres (2,500 miles) east of Moscow.

Russian Health Minister Veronika Skvortsova was overseeing the delivery of aid to the injured.

The dam belonged to the Sibzoloto holding company which has not released any comment on the incident so far.

# Cartels more powerful than Mexico

Mexico's president admits freeing Chapo's son after 'badly planned' operation

Culiacan | Mexico

Mexico's president faced a firestorm of criticism Friday as his security forces acknowledged they arrested kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman's son, then released him when his cartel responded with an all-out gun battle.

Admitting his troops carried out a "badly planned" operation, Defense Minister Luis Sandoval said they briefly arrested Ovidio Guzman -- one of several sons running the Sinaloa drug cartel since their father was extradited to the US in 2017 -- but released him after being overpowered.

"It was a badly planned strategy," Sandoval told a news conference in Culiacan, the western city of 750,000 people that was turned into an urban war zone Thursday.

"The task force acted too hastily," he added, saying soldiers "improvised" by trying to obtain an arrest warrant mid-way through.

He added the authorities never "formally detained" Guzman, 28, one of at least nine children "El Chapo" fathered with three wives.

The six hours of clashes left one civilian and seven soldiers dead, and three police wounded, officials said after an emergency



Cartel gunmen are seen on a street during clashes with federal forces following the detention of Ovidio Guzman, son of drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, in Culiacan, in Sinaloa state, Mexico. Inset, Ovidio Guzman

cabinet meeting in Culiacan, the state capital of Sinaloa, the Guzmans's bastion.

### Stinging criticism

Heavily armed cartel gunmen surrounded the house where Guzman was being held Thursday afternoon and launched a massive machine-gun assault on various parts of the city, sending terrified residents fleeing for safety and leaving the streets strewn with blazing vehicles.

President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador defended the decision to free Guzman.

"I support the decisions that were made. The situation turned very difficult and many citizens' lives were at risk," he told a separate news conference.

"You can't fight fire with fire," added the leftist leader, who said Mexico was acting on a US request for Guzman's extradition, which it received in September 2018.

But the incident turned what was already a difficult week on the security front -- with two other gun battles that killed 28 people -- into a total nightmare for the leftist leader.

"This is a disaster any way you look at it," tweeted security analyst Alejandro Hope.

"What happened yesterday is that the drug cartels are more powerful than the Mexican government. They can bring it to its knees. That's not good," anti-narcotics expert Mike Vigil, former head of international operations for the US Drug Enforcement Administration, said.

In Congress, members of the conservative National Action Party called on Lopez Obrador and his security cabinet to step down.

"Resign!" they chanted on the floor of the lower house.

Security Minister Alfonso Durazo denied officials had negotiated Guzman's release with his cartel.

### Murky facts

The government also faced criticism for its murky communications.

Durazo initially said the gun battle erupted when soldiers on a routine patrol happened upon

Guzman.

Lopez Obrador, however, called it a planned operation carried out with an arrest warrant. Sandoval said there was no warrant.

The government, which initially released only hazy details, took around 18 hours to admit publicly that it had captured and released Guzman.



"El Chapo," 62, was sentenced to life in prison last July in New York for trafficking hundreds of tons of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and marijuana into the United States over the course of a quarter-century.

His extradition unleashed an initial period of instability in the group, as Ovidio and his brothers waged war with cartel co-founder Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada for control. But the situation has stabilized into a reluctant truce.



The Guzman brothers have tried to fill their father's shoes, but anti-narcotics experts portray them as flashy party boys who have little ability to run the business side of the cartel.



Ivan Archivaldo Guzman



Bullet-ridden and crashed vehicles in a street of Culiacan



Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman is now serving a life sentence in the notorious ADX federal maximum security prison in Colorado

## Meghan Markle says motherhood a 'struggle' under spotlight

### London

Meghan Markle has admitted becoming a mother while living under an intense media spotlight has been a "struggle".

The Duchess of Sussex gave birth to son Archie in May after marrying Prince Harry last year.

Britain's aggressive press at first welcomed Markle, 38, into the royal fold but coverage has become increasingly hostile, with the tabloids luxuriating in stories about Markle's fractured



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American family and rumours of palace rifts.

Speaking to ITV during the couple's recent tour of southern Africa, she said that: "Not many people have asked if I'm OK".

"Look, any woman - especially when they are pregnant - you're really vulnerable and so that was made really challenging, and then when you have a new born - you know?" she said, when asked how she was coping.

"And especially as a woman, it's a lot.

She added: "And also, thank you for asking, because not many people have asked if I'm OK. But it's a very real thing to be going through behind the scenes."

Asked if it would be fair to say it had "really been a struggle", Meghan said: "Yes."

Her comments come after the couple launched legal action this month against British tabloid the Mail on Sunday for invasion of privacy, with Harry recalling the hounding of his later mother Diana.

Harry told ITV the memo-

ries of what happened to his mother was a "wound that festers".

"I think being part of this family, in this role, in this job... every single time I see a camera, every single time I hear a click, every single time I see a flash, it takes me straight back, so in that respect it's the worst reminder of her life, as opposed to the best," he said.

The Duke of Sussex is also suing two British tabloid newspaper publishers over alleged phone hacking.

# Egypt unveils trove of ancient coffins

● **Discovery made at Asasif, a necropolis on the west bank of the Nile River**

● **The sarcophagi date back to the 22nd Dynasty, founded around 3,000 years ago**

Luxor | Egypt

**E**gypt revealed yesterday a rare trove of 30 ancient wooden coffins that have been well-preserved over millennia in the archaeologically rich Valley of the Kings in Luxor.

The antiquities ministry officially unveiled the discovery made at Asasif, a necropolis on the west bank of the Nile River, at a press conference against the backdrop of the Hatshepsut Temple.

"This is the first discovery in Asasif by dedicated Egyptian hands, comprised of archaeologists, conservationists and workers," the head of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, Mostafa al-Waziri, told reporters.

The 30 ornately decorated coffins of men, women and children were found only a metre (three feet) underground, stacked in two rows. They are believed to belong to family members of high priests.

Waziri explained that excavations of the site in the 19th century had revealed royal tombs,



Tourists observe sarcophagi displayed in front of Hatshepsut Temple in Egypt's Valley of the Kings in Luxor

but this latest discovery had yielded a collection of priests' burials.

The sarcophagi date back to the 22nd Dynasty, founded around 3,000 years ago in the 10th century BC.

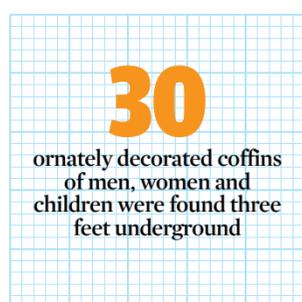
Despite their age, black, green, red and yellow paintings of snakes, birds, lotus flowers and hieroglyphics that cover the coffins are still clearly visible.

A sealed coffin belonging to a young ancient Egyptian child was incomplete and unpainted.

"We only did remedial first-aid on these well-preserved coffins. They are considered to be in great condition because there were hardly any settlements" around the site, local antiquities ministry restorer Saleh Abdel-Gelil said.

## Tombs and tourism

Discoveries of ancient Egyptian relics had slowed after the 2011 Arab Spring revolution that toppled long-time autocrat Hosni Mubarak and plunged the country in political turmoil, according to Antiquities Minister



Khaled el-Enany.

Several high-level officials, including President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, have in recent weeks affirmed Egypt's stability following rare, small-scale protests in September that drew a heavy-handed response from security forces.

"Now in Egypt we have more security so we have more foreign nationals. We have more than 250 (archaeological) missions. More work equals more discoveries", he told AFP on the sidelines of the press conference.

At Marsam, a boutique hotel in Luxor, the flurry of archaeological discoveries in recent years has translated into good business and foot traffic.

"You can say two years ago we noticed a difference. There was less than half the people that we have today," said Birte Fuchs, a German who manages the Marsam with her husband and local partners. "Tourism is coming back".

This year, over 11 million visitors travelled to Egypt, following a sharp dip in numbers after the revolution.

Egypt has sought to promote its archaeological heritage and finds in a bid to revive its vital tourism sector, which has suffered due to political insecurity and terror attacks.

However, critics point to archaeological sites and museums suffering from negligence and poor management.

But Enany, the minister, remains upbeat.

"Some people, we don't have

to mention names, don't want us to have these discoveries... that impress the world," said Enany before throngs of tourists, referring to detractors.

"These discoveries are priceless for Egypt's reputation," he added.

Sporting his trademark cowboy hat, Egyptologist Zahi Hawass, who has consistently promoted his discoveries to a global audience, was also at Saturday's unveiling.

He took selfies with tourists who flocked to the coffins.



Egyptian officials and archaeologists surround a sarcophagus at the Valley of the Kings in Luxor



The coffins belong to men, women and children, said to be family members of priests from the time of ancient Egypt's 22nd Dynasty

## Louvre gears up for Leonardo da Vinci retrospective

Paris

**T**he Louvre in Paris is putting the finishing touches to an ambitious Leonardo da Vinci retrospective opening Thursday, which groups more than 160 of the artist's works and has already attracted close to 200,000 advance visitor bookings.

Timed to coincide with the 500th anniversary of the famed artist's death, the show, simply



The Louvre holds the world's biggest collection of Da Vinci's paintings

called "Leonardo da Vinci", took a decade to put together and includes works on loan from Queen Elizabeth and Bill Gates.

"If you want to be amazed, you must come," said Vincent Delieuvin, chief curator at the Louvre's department of paintings, during a preview for staff at the Louvre.

"It's almost as if we were bringing Leonardo da Vinci's workshop back to life," he said.

The Louvre itself owns five

of the artist's paintings, more than anybody else, including the Mona Lisa which is seen by 30,000 people every day.

In addition to the Mona Lisa -- which will remain at her usual spot in the Louvre -- four paintings are to form the centre of the show: The Virgin of the Rocks, La Belle Ferronniere, Saint John the Baptist, and Saint Anne.

The exhibition runs until February.

## Hong Kong activist injured in knife attack

Hong Kong

**A** man handing out leaflets for a Hong Kong pro-democracy protest was attacked by a knife-wielding assailant who slashed his neck and abdomen on Saturday, days after a leading activist was left bloodied in another street attack.

The injured 19-year-old, wearing black clothes and a

black face mask, was knifed near one of the large "Lennon Walls" that have sprung up around the city during months of demonstrations, police said.

Local media images showed the man had been severely injured, with his inner organs visible where his abdomen had been cut in the afternoon incident in northeastern Tai Po district.

## Elizabeth Taylor's personal treasures set for auction

● **Following Elizabeth Taylor's death in 2011 at age 79, a week-long auction in New York of her vast collection of luxury dresses, jewels and fine art saw total sales topping \$153 million**

New York

**I**nternationally known for her lavish lifestyle and glam taste, silver screen siren Elizabeth Taylor also boasted a playful side, and now some of her personal effects that bared it are hitting the auction block.

Items including a gold vermeil link belt, a sumptuous silk caftan and a studded black leather Versace biker jacket belonging to the late Hollywood legend will travel across the Atlantic on the

famed Queen Mary 2 ocean liner, giving guests a first glimpse at Taylor's treasures.

Following the actress' death in 2011 at age 79, a week-long Christie's auction in New York of her vast collection of luxury dresses, jewels and fine art saw total sales topping \$156 million.

But this time the items anticipated to go for a wide range of price points show the side of a larger-than-life woman -- known for starring roles in classics like "Cleopatra" and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" -- her closest friends and family knew.

"The icon on screen isn't the grandmother that I would hang out with around the house," said her grandson Quinn Tivey, a 33-year-old artist who is an ambassador for The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation.

"I don't really know Elizabeth Taylor the celebrity," Tivey told AFP aboard the enormous ocean liner his grandmother frequented, on which he will make the

week-long journey with the preview of her items.

**"To me she was just grandma."**

Martin Nolan -- the executive director of Julien's Auctions, which is hosting the sale -- says some items like Taylor's scarves or costume jewelry carry pre-sale estimates of \$200 to \$400, meaning not only institutions and members of the upper crust will have a chance at taking something home.

"I think people will be surprised that they will be able to actually acquire and afford to have something from the amazing Elizabeth Taylor," he told AFP.

After their voyage across the Atlantic and to the Newbridge Silverware's Museum of Style Icons in Ireland, Taylor's effects will be taken to California, with bidding December 6-8 online and in person at a Beverly Hills exhibition.

The gold coin-chain belt from Cartier was a gift Taylor gave to her mother to match one of her own, which she engraved with the message: "To My 'Hippy' Mom All my love Elizabeth."

The house estimates the belt could go for between \$1,000 and \$2,000, while the aforementioned leather jacket -- which Taylor wore in 1992 on Johnny Carson's iconic talk show -- carries an estimated price tag of \$4,000 to \$6,000.

Tivey remembers growing up watching movies with his grandmother, her frequent advice on his love life -- and even swiping the jacket from Taylor's closet on occasion to give it a try.

He hopes that

whoever buys it will "actually wear it" and share her style with the public.



# Europe risks losing its Balkans backyard

*The failure of the bloc to move ahead with accession talks forfeits a visionary goal as well as practical perks*

DAMIEN MCELROY

The theatrics of Brexit at last week's European summit largely obscured another crisis – the failure of the bloc to move ahead with membership talks for western Balkan countries.

A number of European leaders – among them French President Emmanuel Macron, as well as Denmark and the Netherlands – blocked membership talks with North Macedonia and Albania, prompting opprobrium from EU commission president Jean-Claude Juncker, who described it as a “major historic mistake” and European council president Donald Tusk, who said he was “embarrassed” by the bloc's actions.

They have a valid point: Europe is losing its Balkans backyard and this development comes as other parts of the world are flocking to the region, with good reason.

When the religious and ethnic wars of the 1990s erupted across the former Yugoslavia, the future of the region was pretty obvious amid the bloodshed.

As the bullets flew, every transaction was done in deutschmark. Germany had a key role in the diplomacy while France and Britain were key to the military interventions that stopped the spiral of conflict.

Stabilisation was a project that was funded in euros, the currency that reflects the post-war revival of Germany. For the Balkans, all-important diplomacy was well-supported by political engagement from Brussels and other European capitals.

So far, only Croatia has been invited into the club of EU nations. The rest are effectively being told that a common European home has been put on the never-never list of international talks.

An appalling signal was sent out when Mr Macron abruptly ended



European Council president Donald Tusk, right, with North Macedonian Prime Minister Zoran Zaev before the Brussels summit

talks on bringing in North Macedonia and Albania to the accession process when the issue was discussed on Friday in Brussels.

Many in the room were furious, among them Mr Juncker. “It's a major historic mistake,” he said. “I hope it will only be temporary and won't become engraved in the collective memory as a historic mistake.”

Europe has often turned its focus on to its western core. Turkey has been sitting in the waiting room for decades. Balkan states first began

EU accession talks at a summit in Thessaloniki in 2003. After Brussels, there is a feeling of shock and betrayal across the region. One analyst was said to have called Mr Macron “the European Trump” as he described the scale of the volte face. North Macedonia's foreign affairs minister Nikola Dimitrov tweeted: “The least that the European Union owes the region is to be straightforward with us. If there is no more consensus on the European future of the Western Balkans, if the promise of Thessa-

loniki 2003 does not... zens deserve to know... a tweet from Mr Tusk... for patience: “I would... a message to our Ma... Albanian friends: don... did your share and w... have absolutely no d... will become full me... European Union.”

The turning point... summit forfeits a vis... well as practical bene... with huge potential.

## Gulf conservationists playing an important role

Peter Hellyer

Earlier this month, a gathering in Abu Dhabi of the world's elite in their field went under the radar of most residents in the UAE. At the four-day conference, sponsored by the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD), more than 350 specialists in the conservation of the world's endangered plants and wildlife gathered to discuss challenges in the struggle to preserve global biodiversity.

The event brought together members of the Species Survival Commission, a group of more than 8,000 expert volunteers from around the world, who come under the umbrella of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the body that issues a “red list” of endangered species. So far, more than 105,000 species have been assessed, with a target of 160,000 set for the end of next year.

This red list classifies species on the basis of the following categories: not evaluated, data deficient, least concern, near-threatened, vulnerable, endangered, critically endangered, extinct in the wild and extinct. Through regular re-evaluation, individual spe-

cies can then move from one category to another. Occasionally, their status can improve. The risk status of the scimitar-horned oryx, for example, native to the Sahel region of Africa, might shortly be downgraded from extinct in the wild to critically endangered, thanks to the success of a reintroduction programme organised by EAD in collaboration with a number of other organisations.

For the most part, however, the trend is downwards. More than 28,000 species assessed so far are thought to be threatened with extinction, including, remarkably, more than half the native trees of Europe. Only 14 American red wolves are believed to survive in the wild.

But I don't want to focus on threats to the world's biodiversity; that is a never-ending conversation. Instead, it is worth focusing on ways in which the UAE's conservation bodies such as the EAD are now playing an increasingly important role on a global scale.

Their good work in the country is recognised by those in conservationist circles, although they could do with getting attention on a wider platform. Sharjah's Environment and Protected Areas Authority, for example, is planning to in-



UAE conservation bodies such as the EAD are now playing an increasingly important role on a global scale.

introduce fines of up to AD50,000 for those dumping waste in what it describes as “wilderness” areas. I look forward to reading about the first culprits being caught.

In Abu Dhabi, the EAD has just announced the discovery of two new species of wasp, one at

Al Wathba nature reserve and the other in Fujairah's Wadi Madaqa, while a new species of mammal for the UAE is thought to have been found in the Al Dhafra region – further evidence that there is still much to be discovered about the country's biodiversity.

Here in the Emirates, however, we hear little about what our environmental and conservation bodies do overseas. Besides the scimitar-horned oryx reintroduction programme in Chad, the EAD has also been active in Central Asia and Mongolia. Its global footprint is also

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*Their good work in the country is recognised by those in conservationist circles, although they could do with getting attention on a wider platform*

1952

The Governor of Kenya declares a state of emergency and begins arresting hundreds of suspected leaders of the **Mau Mau** Uprising.

1961

The Soviet Union performs the first armed test of a submarine-launched ballistic missile, launching an **R-13** from a Golf-class submarine.

1962

People's Republic of China launches simultaneous offensives in **Ladakh** and across the McMahon Line, igniting the Sino-Indian War.



1968

Former First Lady **Jacqueline Kennedy** marries Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis.

The turning point of Friday's summit forfeits a visionary goal as well as practical benefits in a region with huge potential. The coastline along the Adriatic is an undoubted strategic asset but has not been fully exploited.

along the Adriatic is an undoubted strategic asset but has not been fully exploited. Its people need the gold standard of EU membership to launch a host of ambitious projects.

There are glimmers of what is possible. Exhibit A is the Masdar investment in Serbia. This \$335 million investment in Cibuk 1, a 57-turbine generation unit, has great potential. By coincidence, it was inaugurated last week. As an example of the strategic importance of wind farms in Europe, it is useful to know that the former iron curtain border between Austria and Slovakia has been developed into a giant, highly profitable wind farm.

The demographics in the Balkans are an asset that ageing Europe should see as a resource. A youthful population can compensate for older populations elsewhere in Europe.

Politics triumphed last week over a bigger vision for the region. The bad dynamic is not confined to recent days.

The news cycle is not kind to the Balkans. The area is portrayed as a hotbed of cyber chicanery and is even partly blamed for the alleged interference in the race for the White House in 2016. One advantage of

membership for countries in central and eastern Europe is that the authorities have much more firepower to face down such activity.

The pressures on Bosnia Herzegovina are particularly acute. Its post-war future was under a cloud. Battling the spectre of new forms of Islamist radicalisation there is, say experts in the field, an increasingly uphill task. Meanwhile splits with nationalist factions are becoming ever more bitter, calling into question the settlement that followed the Dayton Accords, which ended the war in 1995.

For Mr Macron, there is a long-standing French foreign policy objective in blocking Balkans accession. A larger and more internally complex EU cannot act swiftly or deal well with its challenges.

Moreover, Mr Macron does not want to give open goals in domestic politics to the far-right politician Marine Le Pen.

At the moment of British withdrawal from the EU, Mr Macron sees an opportunity to assert a French foreign policy vision. Adding the Balkan nations to the voices around the table within the EU is a distraction to his grand plans.

As surely as Brexit, the decision marks the retreat from the ideal that the EU could hold pan-European ambitions in one central hub.

The French leader wants to shape Europe as a geopolitical player in the mould of Parisian foreign policy.

He is succeeding and his ambitions should be taken seriously. France boasts ownership of major diplomatic and strategic initiatives, from climate change to the Sahel to Iran's nuclear deal.

It is reckless to cast off the Balkans so summarily. Europe's rejects could find a common political project that allows them to stand apart from Brussels.

international network. Its latest round of grants last month, totalling about \$500,000, went to 59 projects in Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania and North and South America, bringing the total distributed to date to more than \$19 million.

A new Mohamed bin Zayed Raptor Conservation Fund, established last year, is now preparing a programme that will focus on tackling the global threat to birds of prey posed by electric power lines. Pilot studies in Mongolia have shown power lines kill hundreds of birds a year.

Replicating the EAD pattern of engaging not only at home but overseas, the Emirates Falconers' Club has also become a leading participant in the International Association of Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF), with the club's executive director Majid Al Mansouri currently serving as the IAF's president.

This is just a sample of the international work of our UAE conservation bodies. As I found during this month's conference, it is not surprising that that they have a good reputation globally. It is time that their contribution to the country's international standing was more widely known at home.

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was the second such meeting sponsored by the EAD and followed an international conference on houbara conservation last year.

It is not just through the EAD, though, that the UAE's outreach on conservation issues can be seen. The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund, which has been operating for more than a decade, has given more than 2,000 grants to research and conservation projects in 170 countries, involving more than 1,340 species or subspecies of a wide range of plants and animals. Many of these projects also receive support from other grant-giving bodies, helping to consolidate the fund's



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Let's go for a deal that can heal this country and allows us to believe in ourselves once again as an open, generous, global, outward-looking and free-trading United Kingdom. #GetBrexit-Done

@BorisJohnson

02



Ever heard of anything 'temporary' lasting 7 decades? Misdeeds of Congress in Kashmir eroded the Sufi tradition of that land. Congress ensured women, SC & ST communities do not get their rights. Kashmiri Pandits suffered. Militancy rose. Our Government changed that!

@narendramodi

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Slowly but surely, passion for Kashmir is cooling. That mad bloodlust that accompanied the abrogation of Article 370 is fading. Not that Pakistan has suddenly realised what its priorities should be; far from it. However, there is a realisation that they can do nothing about it.

@majorgauravarya

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@AOC was torn for months over whether to endorse @BernieSanders, a person close to her told me. That changed when he invited her to Burlington to ask for "strategic guidance" over dinner and breakfast. His heart attack spurred her to publicly endorse.

@eliza\_relman

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stances)

## Need to stem rising coastal degradation



KOTA SRIRAJ

Bahrain is a nation that has the unique natural advantage of being surrounded by water, which provides a rich source of aquatic ecosystem to a plethora of living organisms and underwater plants. Being an archipelago consisting of the main Bahrain Island and some 30 smaller islands, the name of the nation itself is derived from the Arabic word Al-Bahrayn or "two seas". Evidently water has immense importance for Bahrain around which much of the country's natural habitats revolve. The coastlines of Bahrain are the buffer interaction zones between the sea's and mainland and hence need to be in pristine condition. But off late some of these coastlines are unable to stay unspoiled due to a variety of anthropogenic reasons. This is where Bahrain needs to quickly step in and contain the degradation.

The importance and significance of Bahrain's coastlines cannot be emphasized enough. The coastline and the marine environment of Bahrain are especially important and indispensable for the Bahraini people. In addition to supporting the country's economy as most developments lie along the coastal areas, it supports a range of marine organisms that are important components of a wider ecosystem. While the coastlines have gradually developed into a beehive of activity, sadly the pollution and degradation levels too have soared. Oil related pollution and industrial activities have created a suffocating environment for the marine ecosystems that are in the proximity of the coastlines. The beaches especially are experiencing challenging levels of pollution that need urgent remedial measures.

**Bahrain can protect coastal biodiversity by firstly banning the use of plastics along the beaches and sensitive coastlines.**

Whereas laws and regulations do exist in order to protect the environment but they need to be further developed, strengthened and modified as well in order to keep up with the rapidly changing coastal degradation conditions. As the Kingdom ramps up its pollution monitoring and control protocols, it is quite important that interim contingency plans too are crucial in order to prevent, remedy and ameliorate negative impact from disastrous ecological debacles such as oil spills which have a debilitating impact on the fragile coastal ecosystems. Bahrain urgently needs to develop, finalise and implement an integrated coastal zone management plan that is able to factor in the current and future challenges faced by the coastal areas and prepare a calibrated response mechanism.

The marine ecosystems along the coastlines are intensively subjected to human disturbance either by direct physical damage or by deterioration of the water quality resulting from increasing levels of pollution. The main man made impacts in Bahrain are reclamation and dredging, industrial and sewage effluents, hypersaline water discharge from desalination plants, and oil pollution. According to a study done by Zainal et al in 2012 the total cumulative loss of the major maritime habitats, due to dredging in Bahrain, has been roughly 160 square kilometers. In addition to this, as per the findings of a report by the United Nations Development Program roughly 80 per cent of Bahrain's coastline has been subjected to land reclamation (Fuller, 2006), resulting in a loss of a fertile coral reef between Qatar and Bahrain. These conditions are not only deplorable but also cause irreversible damage to the coastal environment. In order to rein in the pollution streak, Bahrain needs to quickly administer some much-needed measures.

Bahrain can protect coastal biodiversity by firstly banning the use of plastics along the beaches and sensitive coastlines. Increasing public awareness and combining the single use plastic ban towards achieving cleaner beaches will eventually translate to healthier coastlines. Secondly, stricter monitoring of emissions by ships especially oil tankers will go a long way in ensuring healthy sea waters and hence better coastline ecology. Many oil tankers empty ballast water into the seas causing instant death to many marine life organisms due to presence of arsenic in the discarded ballast water. The naval patrols must ensure usage of advanced satellite technology to prevent ships in Bahrain waters from undertaking any polluting activity.

In addition to these efforts, Bahrain can also involve organisations appointed by the corporate under the corporate social responsibility initiatives to commission projects to rejuvenate coastlines. These projects can serve the twin purpose of making coastlines healthy and increase public awareness as well. These projects can in turn be publicised at appropriate global forums so that the world is not only able to appreciate the benchmarking activities of Bahrain to save the coastlines but also hold them as global examples for other nations to emulate.

Seas and coastlines are as old as the human civilisations and as such need to be take care of as they are a natural repository of marine biodiversity and ecology and Bahrain is truly a gifted nation to be in possession of such extensive coastlines.

## on the global stage



ngthened by its support for the International Fund for Houbara Conservation based in Abu Dhabi, while it also contributes to the International Convention for the Conservation of Migratory Species with its support for the IUCN meeting

# business

## Mumtalakat's Aysha Abdulmalek enters Legal 500 GC Powerlist

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Aysha Abdulmalek, the General Counsel of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), has been selected for The Legal 500 GC Powerlist: Middle East 2019.

The 2019 Powerlist, a publication of the Legal 500, recognises Aysha Abdulmalek's legal expertise and innovative approach in driving Mumtalakat's legal business forward.

The Powerlist, revealed at an official at the Waldorf Astoria in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, rewards the best in-house lawyers through the GC Powerlist series and Legal 500 award.

"Since joining Mumtalakat in 2012, I have had the privilege of expanding my practice in more innovative ways," said Aysha.



Aysha Abdulmalek, Mumtalakat General Counsel

Rima Hadid-Al Masri, Mumtalakat's Chief Operating Officer, congratulated Aysha and her team on the occasion.

In 2018, Mumtalakat's legal team was recognised as one of the top 100 in-house legal teams.

## Top biz leaders to headline mentorship forum



Alba Acting Chief Executive Officer - Ali Al Baqali



Ali Moosa, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, Bahrain



Dr Dawood Nassif, Chairman Bapco, CE, nogaholding



Abdulaziz A. Al-Helaissi, CEO GIB



Jean Christophe Durand, NBB CEO



Najla Al Shirawi, Chief Executive Officer SICO



Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa

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Top regional business leaders are set to join the "Mentorship Forum Middle East - Harnessing the Power of Mentorship" taking place in partnership with Tamkeen on 25 November 2019.

The Forum will showcase the role mentorship can play in accelerating human capital development and in the realisation of the development goals of the GCC economies and companies

across all sectors.

Kicking off the event will be an address from Khalid Al Rumaihi, CEO of Mumtalakat, and Rana Salhab, Regional Talent & Communications Partner, Deloitte Middle East.

The forum will feature C-suite leaders including CEOs of the National Bank of Bahrain, the Forum's Lead Partner, Aluminium Bahrain, Gulf International Bank, Osool Asset Management, SICO, Tasnee, APM Terminals

and EMIC Training as well as other senior leaders from the World Bank, JP Morgan Corporate & Investment Bank, Invesco and Gulf Air, among others.

Forum Partner Reach will also have senior representatives and its programme mentors and mentees taking part and sharing experiences.

Commenting, Zahraa Taher, Managing Director of FinMark Communications, the founders

and organisers of the Forum, said the forum will serve as a platform to encourage its adoption of mentorship corporates across the Gulf region. "We look forward to announcing further updates on the Forum and to gathering in Bahrain in November to discuss how best to harness the power of mentorship for continued sustainable growth and value creation for GCC companies and the economies of the region."

## Beijing removes non-tariff barriers for foreign investors: Xinhua

Reuters | Shanghai

Chinese Vice Premier Han Zheng vowed to further reduce tariffs and remove non-tariff barriers for global investors, official Xinhua News Agency reported yesterday.

Han welcomed multinational companies to invest more in China, saying the country will only open its door wider and wider, according to Xinhua.

Han made the remarks at a summit for multinational companies in China's eastern city of Qingdao, Xinhua said.

In a separate event yesterday, Chinese Vice Premier Liu He said China will work with the United States to address each other's core concerns on the basis of equality and mutual respect, and that stopping the trade war would be good for both sides and the world.

## China revises rules to include HK-listed shares

Reuters | Shanghai/Hong Kong

Chinese bourses revised rules that would allow Hong Kong-listed dual-class shares to be included in the Stock Connect scheme for the first time, potentially benefiting Xiaomi Corp and Meituan Dianping.

The rule change, which takes effect on Oct. 28, came 15 months after China and Hong Kong bourses started work towards including dual-class shares in the investment link following a rare public dispute over the issue.

Dual-class shares give greater voting rights to company founders over individual investors.

Under revised rules published late Friday separately by the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges, stocks qualified for inclusion must meet certain thresholds in terms of liquidity, market cap and trading period.

For example, they must have a minimum listing history of



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six months plus 20 trading days on the Hong Kong Exchange and Clearing (HKEX), and a minimum market cap of HK\$20 billion (\$2.6 billion) on average during the 183 days prior to the vetting.

Xiaomi and Meituan, China's biggest platform for on-demand services, both listed in Hong Kong last year with two classes

of shares, after the Hong Kong exchange changed its rules to allow companies to do so.

Days after Xiaomi's initial public offering (IPO), the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges said that they would not allow companies with two classes of shares to be included in Stock Connect, triggering a dispute with HKEX.

## BCCI's Shaikha Hind, Sawsan Abu get IWEC top honour

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Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Sameer Nass congratulated board member Shaikha Hind bint Salman Al Khalifa and head of the Finance, Insurance and Tax committee Sawsan Abu Al Hasan for winning the International Women's Entrepreneurial Challenge (IWEC) Foundation's Award.

Nass voiced pride in the unwavering support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the Supreme Council for Women presided over by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the



Sameer Nass congratulates award winners

King on empowering women.

The award ceremony will be held on 10th and 13th November 2019 in New Delhi-India during the forthcoming IWEC Foundation Conference in which IWEC Chairwomen Ruth A. Davis and Princess Noor bint Asem of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan will present the awards.

## Google completes first drone delivery in the US

Washington

Alphabet (Google) subsidiary Wing has become the first company in the United States to deliver packages by drone.

In Christiansburg, the small Virginia town chosen as Wing's test location, the 22,000 residents can order products normally shipped by FedEx, medicine from Walgreens and a selection of candy from a local business -- all of which will arrive via drone.

Wing, which already operates in two Australian cities as well as Helsinki, announced in a statement that the first drone-powered deliveries had taken place Friday afternoon in Christiansburg, "paving the way for the most advanced drone delivery service in the nation."

One family used the Wing app to order Tylenol, cough drops, Vitamin C tablets, bottled water and tissues, the statement said.

An older resident ordered a birthday present for his wife. Although the majority of the



This handout photo shows one of the Wing drones used to make deliveries

delivery was done by a FedEx truck, the last mile was completed by drone.

The yellow and white drones are loaded with packages at a local center of operations called the "Nest," where Wing employees pack them with up to three pounds (1.3 kilograms) of goods, deliverable within a six mile (10 kilometer) radius.

Once they have arrived at their destination, the drones don't land. Instead, they hover above the house and lower the package with a cable.

Other companies are working to launch similar services, most notably Amazon, UPS and Uber Eats.



Bahrain Chapter of ICAI in association with Almoayyed Computers Middle East SPC (ACME) and Amazon Web Services (AWS) hosted a seminar on "Cloud Economics" at the Gulf Hotel Convention Centre. Jonathan Smare, AWS Finance Leader & Enterprise Transformation Executive shared detailed insights on how Cloud technologies can be used to bring about significant Business Transformation and K. Giridhar, GM (Sales) ACME shared on how ACME is helping the customers in their AWS Cloud Journey

# British MPs force Johnson to seek delay

● The result is a major blow to Johnson

● Opposition parties and Johnson's own Northern Irish allies rejected the text

● Johnson earlier warned a third Brexit delay was "pointless"

London

British MPs voted yesterday to force Prime Minister Boris Johnson to ask the European Union to delay Brexit yet again but he insisted Britain must leave on October 31.

In a day of high drama in the House of Commons, MPs declined to give their backing to the divorce agreement Johnson struck with the EU this week until accompanying legislation has been passed.

In doing so, MPs triggered a law requiring Johnson to write to EU leaders asking to delay Brexit to avoid a "no deal" departure in less than two weeks.

The result is a major blow to Johnson, who said he would rather be "dead in a ditch" than prolong the torturous Brexit process that has left Britain in political turmoil since the 2016 EU referendum.

But in a typically defiant response, the Conservative leader refused, sparking outrage among opposition MPs -- and



Demonstrators brandish an effigy depicting Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson as a puppet operated by his adviser Dominic Cummings during an anti-Brexit protest

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**I will not negotiate a delay with the EU and neither does the law compel me to do so**

BRITISH PRIME MINISTER BORIS JOHNSON

fresh uncertainty about what happens next.

"I will not negotiate a delay with the EU and neither does the law compel me to do so," he told MPs, who were sitting on a Saturday for the first time since the 1982 Falklands War.

He said he would tell EU leaders that "further delay would be bad for this country, bad for the European Union and bad for democracy".

The Tory party went further, writing in a tweet: "The Prime Minister will not ask for a delay."

Brussels urged Britain to explain its plan as soon as possible while Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, whose party opposed the deal, said: "The prime min-

ister must now comply with the law."

**'Pointless' delay**

Securing the deal at Thursday's Brussels summit was a personal victory for Johnson, a figurehead in the 2016 Leave campaign who has vowed to deliver Brexit on October 31 come what may.

He has spent the last 48 hours frantically trying to persuade MPs to back it, and won support from many of the eurosceptic Conservative MPs who rejected a previous divorce agreement.

But parliament -- like the frustrated public -- is still bitterly divided over how and even if Britain should end four decades

Johnson needed a clear vote in favour of the deal to avoid triggering a law passed against his will last month, requiring him to send a letter asking for a delay of three months to Brexit

of integration with its closest neighbours.

Opposition parties and Johnson's own Northern Irish allies rejected the text, and joined together to back an amendment brought by former Conservative minister Oliver Letwin.

This amendment made approval of the deal contingent on parliament passing legislation to ratify the text before Britain leaves the EU.

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If he refuses, he is likely to face a court challenge forcing him to send it.

If EU leaders agree, he must accept, or if they offer an alternative date, he must also accept unless parliament intervenes.

Johnson earlier warned a third Brexit delay was "pointless", adding: "Now is the time to get this thing done."

He said he would introduce legislation next week to implement his Brexit deal, expressing hope that if it passes, Britain could still leave on October 31.

The first vote could come as soon as Tuesday.

**Electric Hummer could be part of GM's move into EV trucks, SUVs**



A Hummer sits in the parking lot of a dealership in Scottsdale, Arizona

Reuters | Washington/Detroit

General Motors Co plans to build a new family of premium electric pickup trucks and sport-utility vehicles at its Detroit-Hamtramck plant beginning in late 2021, possibly reviving the imposing Hummer brand on some of them, several people familiar with the plans said.

The so-called BT1 electric truck/SUV program is the centerpiece of a planned \$3 billion investment in the Detroit-Hamtramck plant to make electric trucks and vans, and part of a broader \$7.7 billion investment in GM's U.S. plants over the next four years, according to a proposed labor deal between the automaker and the United Auto Workers union.

The investments were made public by the UAW on Friday but no details were provided.

The investment would move the automaker into a part of the EV market that is largely untested and where GM has a higher likelihood of turning a profit, analysts said.

## Anti-Brexit activists march to parliament as MPs delay decision

London

Tens of thousands of pro-EU protesters from across Britain wielding banners, placards and flags converged on parliament Saturday, erupting in cheers as MPs forced the government to ask Brussels for another Brexit delay.

Demonstrators rallied near Hyde Park in central London before marching to parliament to call for a second Brexit referendum, in the hope of overturning Britain's planned departure from the European Union.

Walking behind a pink banner proclaiming "together for the final say", they chanted: "What do we want? People's vote! When do we want it? Now!"

"The first referendum was jumping on a train without a destination," said Douglas Hill, 35, from Oxford, south central England, with his Es-



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is seeking a clear-cut vote that either approves or rejects the divorce treaty

tonian wife and their baby daughter.

"Now that we have a destination, we need to have a second referendum."

Another attendee, Theodor Howe, a 20-year-old student in Dundee, eastern Scotland, conceded another poll could be divisive but insisted it was still necessary.

"People should have a say in what is going to happen," he told AFP.

The mood was buoyant when news came through that MPs had voted to delay their decision on whether to accept the deal, although the prime minister vowed again he will not negotiate an extension beyond October 31.

The crowd broke into cheers and applause, with demonstrator Philip Dobson saying: "That's really good, that's one step away from Brexit."

"It could be that the government falls, who knows?"

Thomas Lambert, a rare Brexit supporter wandering among the crowds, said he was "gutted" by the vote, adding: "Another delay is an abomination." "Last opportunity"

Politicians including John McDonnell, the main opposition Labour Party's finance spokesman, and London Mayor Sadiq Khan, were due to

address the crowds.

Organisers from the People's Vote pressure group laid on 172 buses to bring demonstrators to the British capital, with the cost covered by supporters from sport, business and entertainment, it said.

Former prime ministers John Major, a Conservative, and Tony Blair, of Labour, feature in a film set to be broadcast to the crowds in Parliament Square.

"Whatever is the outcome, no deal or bad deal, it should not pass without the final say resting with the people," they said in a statement Friday.

Khan was among those leading the crowd as it snaked its way towards parliament, which was holding its first Saturday sitting since the 1982 Falklands War as the Brit-

### Draft Brexit deal



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**The first referendum was jumping on a train without a destination. Now that we have a destination, we need to have a second referendum**

DOUGLAS HILL, WHO WANTS A NEW REFERENDUM

**Catalan leaders demand talks**



More than half a million people rallied in Barcelona

Barcelona

Separatist Catalan leaders on Saturday called on the Spanish government to enter into talks as Barcelona braced for fresh violence after days of clashes between police and protesters.

Nearly 200 people were hurt in another night of clashes with radical separatists hurling rocks and fireworks at police who responded with tear gas and rubber bullets.

A hardcore movement of young separatists, Arran, called for a new demonstration "against repression" for 1600 GMT in central Barcelona.

"We exhort the head of the government to fix today a day and hour to sit with us for unconditional talks," regional president Quim Torra said in a speech.

His demand for "unconditional" negotiations, addressed to Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, appeared to be aimed at ensuring that a referendum on independence, currently a non-starter for Madrid, is up for discussion.



Thousands of protesters are calling for a second referendum on Britain's EU membership



## BPW Consultative Council meeting discusses future plans

TDT | Manama

The Consultative Council of the Bahrain Business & Professional Women International Federation (BPW Bahrain) held its first meeting at BPW premises in Al Andalus Park

The meeting discussed mechanisms to further enhance and develop BPW Bahrain functions and explored best practices to bolster the economic growth through supporting startups, entrepreneurship and youth empowerment activities.

Commenting, Shaikha Hind Bint Salman Al Khalifa BPW Bahrain President said: "The significance of forming this consultative council lies upon helping BPW Bahrain to transfer its vision into a newly developed level of sustained growth and leading projects, following the Bahrain Vision 2030 and the



The council and board members discussed the main aspects of the new vision for the next phase

UN Sustainable Development Goals."

**The consultative council has 12 members:** Jamal Fakhro managing partner at KPMG, abd-nabi Alshoala founder and board consultant of Alfanar investment holding, Yahya Nooraldeen CEO Ta'azur, Sheikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa Acting Undersecretary for municipalities, Shaikha Hala bint Mohammad Al-Khalifa director of Culture & Arts at the Culture & Archaeology Authority, Suhail Algu-saibi founder of Falak Consulting, Mones Al Mardi the editor in chief of Al Bilad daily, Dr. Dawood Nassif Board Director of the Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO), Isa Abdulrahim Chairman of Alhafeera Contracting, Abdulkareem Bucheeri Bahrain Bourse Chairman, Dana Buheji Chief HR Officer at NBB.

## China, US make 'substantial' trade deal progress: top official

● Trump announced a partial deal after meetings in Washington

Reuters | Beijing

Beijing and Washington have made "substantial progress" towards a partial trade deal, China's top trade negotiator said yesterday, in his first comments since talks with US president Donald Trump last week.

Trump announced a partial deal after meetings in Washington with the Chinese trade delegation led by Liu He, which ended on October 11.

It included promises to increase purchases of US farm products and protections for intellectual property -- but lacked specific details.

"China and the US have made substantial progress in many aspects, and laid an important foundation for a phase one agreement," the Vice Premier said at a virtual reality conference in Nanchang, Jiangxi province, yesterday.

In his first public comments about the Washington talks, Liu said an important foundation for the signing of a phased deal



Chinese Vice Premier Liu He (C) said an 'important foundation' has been laid for a partial trade agreement with the US

had been worked out.

China is "willing to work together with the US to address each other's core concerns on the basis of equality and mutual respect," Liu said, according to a report on Taoran notes, a social media account run by the official *Economic Daily*.

The deal announced by Trump offered a temporary re-

prieve from tariffs planned for mid-october.

It did not however roll back any of the stinging import duties already imposed up to now on hundreds of billions of dollars in trade between the economic powers. Neither did it address another round of import taxes planned for December.

"Stopping the escalation of

the trade war benefits China, the US and the whole world. It's what producers and consumers alike are hoping for," Liu said.

Trump last week said he hopes to sign the agreement with his Chinese counterpart President Xi Jinping at the APEC summit in Chile next month.

## Former IMF chief Lagarde takes swipe at Trump's Twitter habits

Washington

Former IMF chief Christine Lagarde said President Donald Trump's trade offensive against China could slash global economic growth and she critiqued his Twitter habits in an interview with US television program 60 Minutes.

Lagarde, who takes over leadership of the European Central Bank on November 1, called for world leaders to act like grownups and negotiate a solution to the trade conflicts, and called for "rational decisions."

Newly freed from the restraints of her previous post, where she would have had to guard her language, Lagarde said, "market stability should not be the subject of a tweet here, a tweet there."

"It requires consideration, thinking, quiet and measured and rational decisions," she said of Trump in the interview due to air Sunday night.

Lagarde led the Washington-based crisis lender for eight years and previously was more cautious in comments about Trump since the United States is the main IMF shareholder.

In the interview, she warned that Trump's trade war with China will give the global economy "a big haircut."

"My very, very strong mes-



Christine Lagarde, incoming head of the European Central Bank (ECB), called for world leaders to act like grownups and resolve their disputes

sage to all policymakers is please sit down like big men, many men in those rooms and put everything on the table, and try to deal bit by bit, piece by piece, so that we have certainty," she said, according to excerpts of the interview released by CBS News.

As she takes on the new role as central banker, Lagarde also took a swipe at Trump's barrage of criticism of his own Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell, whom Trump has called a "bonehead" among other insults.

"A central bank governor does best his job if he is independent."

## Facebook says it will deliver News Corp stories

● The tab will be separate from the feed that displays updates from people's friends

● A human team will select relevant, reliable breaking and top news stories for the tab

San Francisco

Facebook has confirmed that some stories from News Corp, publisher of *The Wall Street Journal*, will be among the

headlines delivered in a news tab the leading social network plans to launch in coming weeks.

Edited by seasoned journal-

ists, the tab will be separate from the feed that displays updates from people's friends, according to the California-based tech



Representative picture (Courtesy of engadget)

giant.

The new feature marks a departure from Facebook's longstanding practice of letting algorithms dictate users' experiences.

"I'm excited we'll have the opportunity to include award-winning journalism from *The Wall Street Journal* -- and other US News Corp properties -- in our news tab," the firm's co-founder and chief executive Mark Zuckerberg said in a statement.

No details were provided about the agreement, but last month Facebook said it plans to pay only a portion of the publishers whose stories appear in the tab.

Facebook and Google currently dominate the market for online advertising, making it harder for traditional news organizations to gain traction in digital.

Zuckerberg and his social network have also come under intense pressure in recent years over the spread of so-called "fake news" and data privacy issues.

News Corp chief executive Robert Thomson said Facebook "deserves credit for recognizing the principle of journalistic provenance."

"Mark Zuckerberg seems personally and professionally committed to ensuring that high quality journalism has a viable,

valued future," he added.

*The Wall Street Journal* has reported that Facebook plans to pay about a quarter of the estimated 200 news organizations whose articles will be featured.

A human team will select relevant, reliable breaking and top news stories for the tab and the number of publishers involved will grow over time, Facebook has said.

Aside from human-curated top news, sections of the tab will rely on algorithms to figure out a user's interests based on "signals" -- such as pages followed, interactions with online news or subscriptions to publications.

## show

**MALEFICENT 2: MISTRESS OF EVIL (PG)**

OASIS JUFFAIR :11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM  
 OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP):10.30 AM + 3.30 + 8.30 PM  
 OASIS JUFFAIR (KIDS CINEMA): 12.45 + 7.45 + 10.15 PM  
 CITY CENTRE: 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 + 12.00 MN + (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)  
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 CITY CENTRE (IMAX 3D): 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM  
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ANGELINA JOLIE, TERESA MAHONEY, MICHELLE PFEIFFER

**ZOMBIELAND: DOUBLE TAP (15+)**

OASIS JUFFAIR : 2.15 + 7.00 + 11.45 PM  
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 WADI AL SAIL:10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 + 12.00 MN  
 SAAR: 7.00 + 9.15 + (11.30 PM THURS/FRI)

WOODY HARRELSON, JESSE EISENBERG, EMMA STONE

**LAAL KAPTAAN (PG-15)(HINDI)**

OASIS JUFFAIR : 11.45 AM + 2.45 + 5.45 + 8.45 + 11.45 PM  
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 SAAR: 2.45 + 8.15 PM

SAIF ALI KHAN, SONAKSHI SINHA, HENRY DOUTHWAITE

**ABDUCTION (PG-15)**

SEEF (II): 10.30 AM + 2.30 + 6.30 + 10.30 PM

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**KILLERS ANONYMOUS (18+)(DRAMA/CRIME)**

SEEF (II): 12.30 + 4.30 + 8.30 PM

GARY OLDMAN, JESSICA ALBA, TOMMY FLANAGAN

**ARDAB MUTIYARAN (PG-13)**

SEEF (I): 3.15 + 8.45 PM

SONAM BAJWA, NINJA, AJAY SARKARIA

**JOKER (15+)(THRILLER/CRIME/DRAMA)**

OASIS JUFFAIR (ATMOS) :10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM  
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 SAAR: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + (11.15 PM THURS/FRI)

JOAQUIN PHOENIX, ZAZIE BEETZ, ROBERT DE NIRO

**GEMINI MAN (PG-15)(ACTION/THRILLER/DRAMA)**

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 SAAR: 12.15 + 5.45 + (11.15 PM THUR/FRI)

WILL SMITH, MARY ELIZABETH WINSTEAD, CLIVE OWEN

**WAR (PG-15)(HINDI/ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME)**

OASIS JUFFAIR :11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM  
 CITY CENTRE:11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM  
 SEEF (II): 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM  
 WADI AL SAIL: 12.30 + 5.45 + 11.00 PM

HRITHIK ROSHAN, TIGER SHROFF, VAANI KAPOOR

**BORN A KING (PG)(DRAMA/HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY)**

CITY CENTRE :11.30 AM + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 PM  
 SEEF (II): 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 + 12.00 MN  
 WADI AL SAIL:3.30 + 8.45 PM

ABDULLAH ALI, RAWKAN BINBELLA, ED SKREIN

**ABOMINABLE (PG)(ANIMATION)**

OASIS JUFFAIR (KIDS CINEMA) :10.30 AM + 3.15 + 5.30 PM  
 CITY CENTRE: 11.15 AM + 1.30 + 3.45 + 6.00 + 8.15 + 10.30 PM  
 SEEF (I): 1.30 + 3.45 + 8.00 + 10.15 PM

CHLOE BENNET, TENZING NORGAY TRAINOR, ALBERT TSAI

**ANGEL HAS FALLEN (PG-15)**

CITY CENTRE :11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 + 12.00 MN

GERARD BUTLER, MORGAN FREEMAN, JADA PINKETT SMITH

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

CITY CENTRE : 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM

SYLVESTER STALLONE, PAZ VEGA, SERGIO PERIS-MENCHETA

**KHAYAL MAATA (PG)(COMEDY/DRAMA)**

CITY CENTRE :1.00 + 5.45 + 10.30 PM

AHMAD HELMY, MINNA SHALABI, HASSAN HOSNEY

**A SHAUN THE SHEEP MOVIE: FARMAGEDDON**

CITY CENTRE: 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 PM  
 SEEF (II):11.30 AM + 6.00 PM

JUSTIN FLETCHER, JOHN SPARKES, KATE HARBOUR

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

CITY CENTRE: 12.30 + 5.15 + 10.00 PM

DONALD GLOVER, SETH ROGEN, CHIWETEL EJIOFOR

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

CITY CENTRE:10.30 AM + 3.00 + 7.45 PM

ISABELA MONER, Q'ORIANKA KILCHER, BENICIO DEL TORO

**TOY STORY 4 (G)(ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)**

CITY CENTRE:10.45 AM + 3.30 + 8.15 PM

TOM HANKS, TIM ALLEN, JOAN CUSACK

**SALMA'S BIG WISH (PG)(ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)**

SEEF (II): 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 PM

CRISTINA MALIZIA, JOSEPH HERNANDEZ, LUIS DUBUC

**THE SKY IS PINK (PG-15) (HINDI/DRAMA/ROMANTIC)**

SEEF (I): 12.30 + 6.00 + 11.30 PM

ZAIRA WASIM, PRIYANKA CHOPRA, FARHAN AKHTAR

**ADHYA RATHRI (PG-13)(MALAYALAM)**

OASIS JUFFAIR : 3.15 + 8.30 PM

BIJU MENON, AJU VARGHESE, ANASWARA

**ASURAN (PG-15)(TAMIL)**

OASIS JUFFAIR : 12.30 + 5.45 + 11.00 PM

DHANUSH, MANJU WARRIER, BALAJI SAKTHIVEL

**JALLIKATU(PG-13)(MALAYALAM)**

OASIS JUFFAIR :12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM  
 SEEF (I): 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 + 12.00 MN  
 WADI AL SAIL: 1.15 + 6.30 + 11.45 PM  
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ANTONY VARGHESE, CHEMBAN VINOD JOSE, SABUMON ABDUSAMAD



## MOVIE REVIEW

## Zombieland: Double Tap - back to crack wise and crush skulls

● A taut and hilarious horror comedy that infuses new blood (and brains) into the zombie genre

Some movies are lucky in the way they're remembered. "Zombieland" (2009) was a zombie-movie satire, but mainly it just was a zombie movie with laughs. Yet it's remembered today as almost entirely funny, while the zombie battles contained in it have faded. You could say it's remembered for what was distinct about it and forgotten for everything that was routine.

Well now, 10 years later, there's "Zombieland: Double Tap," and it's the ideal sequel. Think of it not as a sequel to the original movie, but as a sequel to the legend of the original movie. There are zombies — there have to be zombies — but they are fewer, and the gross-out visuals are at a minimum. "Double Tap" is a straight-up comedy, and it's funny from start to finish.

At the same time, the peril that the zombies represent is still felt. Every time someone



Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, Abigail Breslin and Emma Stone in a scene from 'Zombieland: Double Tap'

gets into a fight with a zombie, a viewer's eyes go right to the zombie's mouth. We don't want any of our people getting bitten.

So it's 10 years later, and the gang is still together. They shoot their way into the White House and find it abandoned but well stocked, and so they set up there. But there are tensions. Little Rock (Abigail Breslin) is a young woman now and would like to meet a guy, but there are no guys to meet. Wichita (Emma

Stone) feels suffocated by Columbus (Jesse Eisenberg), who wants to get married. And Tallahassee (Woody Harrelson), who sees himself as the boss, is getting on everyone's nerves.

Harrelson deserves special praise for never hinting at the comic intelligence that guides his performances. If he's playing someone a little bit stupid, he becomes a little bit stupid, and never winks at the audience from inside the character. And

he's exuberant. He's constantly putting out and going extreme, letting himself look foolish, while defining, with the size of his performance, the movie's big scale.

He might make it all look fun, and as easy as breathing, but this is actual work, requiring thought, energy and inspiration, and not everyone can do it. If others could, more would.

Jesse's Eisenberg's nervous and cerebral style is well paired with Harrelson. Stone and Breslin do well in their capacity as comic straight women, and the movie gets an additional comedy boost from Zoey Deutch as Madison, an airhead who takes an immediate liking to Columbus (presumably the only young man still alive). There's a lot of comedic skill on that screen.

One of the funny conceits of "Double Tap" is that Madison might not be bright, and yet she's not as silly as the rest of them think. There's one especially smart bit in which she starts riffing on the taxi industry, and says that it would be better if private individuals just gave each other rides, which could be ordered over the Internet. The others just look at each other and roll their eyes.

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# celebs

Eva Mendes



## Eva Mendes: Motherhood is a job

Los Angeles

Actress Eva Mendes says motherhood is like a "job", because she has to use the same skills as a chauffeur, chef, and personal assistant.

The 45-year-old actress has Esmeralda, five, and Amada, three, with her husband Ryan Gosling, and has joked that her kids are "not grateful" for all the work she does, which sees her use the skills of various other occupations, including a chauffeur and a chef, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

"Nobody told me it was really going to be a job, and a job I would need an incredible amount of skill for. (I'm) a chauffeur, a cook, a personal assistant to an abusive boss. They're not grateful. Any other profession you would need to pass a test, but the only test I had to pass was a pregnancy test. That doesn't seem fair," Mendes said during an appearance on "The Kelly Clarkson Show".

Although she has so much to do for her children every day, the "Hitch" star says the hardest part of parenting is needing to carry snacks with her wherever she goes.

She added: "The hardest part (of parenting) hands down is the amount of snacks I have to carry with me all day long, and the variety. They like something different so you need to keep it fresh, especially on long car rides. Those are the worst. Even going to the market, I need to take food in the car to go (there)."

## Jim Carrey, Ginger Gonzaga call it quits

Los Angeles

Actor Jim Carrey and his "Kidding" co-star Ginger Gonzaga have reportedly split after dating for a few months.

"They broke up months ago," a source told people.com.

Carrey and Gonzaga played love interests on "Kidding". A representative for the actor had confirmed to people.com in January the two were dating.

Carrey, 57, and Gonzaga, 35, made their red carpet debut together at the Showtime Golden Globe Nominees Celebration in January.

Carrey had even gushed about the actress at the Golden Globes earlier this year. The actor called Gonzaga "incredible, unbelievable, a wicked talent and amazing person".



Jim Carrey and Ginger Gonzaga

## Lady Gaga almost had 'entire body' X-rayed after stage fall

Las Vegas

Pop star Lady Gaga says she has almost had her entire body X-rayed after Thursday night's fall off the stage.

On Friday, the singer shared a shot of her hand under the X-ray machine on Instagram, and informed fans that she has undergone thorough examination by the doctors after she and a fan took a tumble off the stage during her Las Vegas residency show, Enigma, reports etonline.com.

Going by fan videos of the show, after Gaga hit the floor the fan seemed to crash atop her even as the audience screamed.

Gaga managed to get back on the stage and continue her gig. Later, however, she chose to be better safe than sorry and went for a complete medical check.

"When they have to X-Ray almost your entire body... Just Dance. Gonna be ok," Gaga captioned the photo in which she is flashing the "OK" sign.

In an earlier social media post, Gaga shared a snapshot in an ice bath, as part of her recovery process.



Lady Gaga

## Kelly Clarkson sings duet with Cyndi Lauper

Los Angeles

Singer Kelly Clarkson performed "True colors" as a duet with "Girls just want to have fun" hitmaker Cyndi Lauper. It was like a "dream come true" for former "American Idol" winner Clarkson.

The singers performed the iconic song together during an episode of Clarkson's talk show "The Kelly Clarkson Show", reports people.com.

During the episode, Clarkson welcomed Lauper as one of her guests. The two also decided to perform duet of Lauper's iconic song "True colors".

"You start us off, I'm so excited!" Clarkson said ahead of the duet, with her hands cupped around her mouth in joy.

During the performance, the duo traded verses - Lauper taking the first, while Clarkson took the second - before they joined together and harmonised during the choruses. Lauper also played the dulcimer throughout the acoustic duet.

After the stars finished singing, Clarkson happily said: "Life made! I'm not kidding, that was a dream come true for me. Thank you!"

During their conversation, Lauper revealed that she loved Clarkson's song "Stronger (What doesn't kill you)".



Kelly Clarkson

## None of my 6 kids want to be actors: Angelina Jolie

Los Angeles

Hollywood megastar Angelina Jolie's kids are surely following their mother's footsteps for humanitarian works, but not to the entertainment industry.

The actor who will soon be seen in 'Maleficent: Mistress of Evil' spoke about her six children revealing that they are not making cameos in any of the Disney films.

"I tried, nobody was interested!"

the 44-year-old star told the People magazine.

Instead, Jolie said that her kids Maddox, Pax, Zahara, Shiloh, and 11-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne have other ambitions.

"None of my kids want to be actors. [They're into] business, humanitarian affairs, things like that," she revealed.

Even her youngest daughter, who appeared in one of the scenes in 'Maleficent' as young Aurora, now maintained distance from the cameras.



Angelina Jolie

## Jennifer Lawrence marrying Cooke Maroney this weekend in Rhode Island?

Los Angeles

Academy Award-winner Jennifer Lawrence and fiance Cooke Maroney were spotted at the Rhode Island, US on Friday evening, strengthening the reports that the couple will tie the knots there this weekend in front of 150 guests.

According to Page Six, the pair has already said 'I do' at the Manhattan marriage bureau in New York City and this perhaps is their large ceremony.

The couple was photographed together outside the marriage bureau. 'The Hunger Games' actor was spotted smiling as she stepped outside with Maroney.



Jennifer Lawrence and Cooke Maroney

## Victoria Beckham is Eva Longoria's go-to person for parenting tips

Los Angeles

Actress Eva Longoria says her friend and designer Victoria Beckham is her go-to person for parenting advice.

The "Desperate Housewives" actress has been friends with the former Spice Girl for many years. Eva, 44, welcomed her first child - son Santiago - last year, and since then, she has turned to mother-of-four Victoria many times for parenting advice.

"Victoria is the first person I turn to. She has

kids that have been through all the stages. She gets it, she does the juggle. She's there for me whenever I need advice. Eva told The Sun Online.

"We have play dates and the best thing is that Harper is a great babysitter. She adores my little Santi."

Victoria has sons Brooklyn, 20, Romeo, 17, and Cruz, 14, as well as daughter Harper, eight, with husband David.



Victoria Beckham and Eva Longoria

## Big B: Ailments and medical conditions a confidential individual right

Mumbai

Amitabh Bachchan, who was discharged from hospital on Friday night, took to his blog to express displeasure about the media's rampantly speculative reporting over his ailment these past few days. He said that medical conditions were the confidential right of an individual, and hence should not be commercialised.

Big B's blog entry was in reaction to what he said was unsubstantiated reporting by a large section of the media about his health condition, ever since he was admitted to Mumbai's Nanavati hospital earlier this week."

Do NOT break the CODE of professional documentation.. ailments and medical conditions are a confidential individual right..its exploitation, and its attempted commerce are a social illegality..respect and give required understanding to this..all is not in the world of sale.

"This world this universe of today the most recorded and vision documented era shall ever be remembered by the cataloging of all that transpires within and without .. the act is lauded and given applause.but..

"..in the presence of such a vast record among the billions..about which shall be filed for posterity as the truth.. as that of fact..it shall never be known, for there shall be a billion versions opinions and thoughts for debate..



Amitabh Bachchan

## SPORTS

# Barcelona dispatch Eibar

● Antoine Griezmann, Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez score as Barcelona beat Eibar

● Barcelona moved to the summit of La Liga with their sixth league win of the season

AFP | Madrid

Barcelona's 'MSG' is finally up and running as Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Antoine Griezmann all scored in a ruthless 3-0 victory over Eibar yesterday.

Griezmann's place in the newly-formed attacking trident has not been secure this season but the Frenchman opened the scoring at Ipurua before teeing up Messi and then playing the crucial pass for Suarez to make it three.

An authoritative Barca display thrusts them to the top of La Liga, for a few hours at least before Real Madrid play Real Mallorca, and dismissed suggestions the players might be affected by Friday's postponement of the Clásico due to protests in Catalonia.

Violence in the city of Barcelona and disruptions at El Prat airport meant Ernesto Valverde's side chose to alter their pre-match routine and embark on a 589-kilometre bus trip to



Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi (L) challenges Eibar's Portuguese Serbian goalkeeper Marko Dmitrovic

the Basque County on Friday.

And all the while, discussions continued over the Clásico against Real Madrid, which had originally been scheduled for next Saturday at Camp Nou but was postponed on Friday and is expected now to go ahead in December.

Perhaps chaos off the pitch inspired Barca to unite on it.

This was their fifth consecutive victory in all competitions, a sequence which is swiftly erasing memories of their stumbling start to the season.

The resurgence has coincided with Messi's return from injury but it was the fluidity and co-

hesion of the front three, rather than the Argentinian's familiar solo brilliance, that will have been most pleasing for Valverde.

Griezmann now has four goals since joining Barca from Atletico Madrid last summer but he has not entirely convinced so far, a series of underwhelming showings leading to Ousmane Dembele taking his starting spot against Sevilla before the international break.

Dembele might even have continued had he not been sent off and suspended for this game but Griezmann certainly took his chance. This was the third time he has started alongside

Messi and Suarez but the first that they have really gelled as a trio. There was good news too for Barcelona in defence, where Samuel Umtiti came through 90 minutes in what was his first appearance of the season. Umtiti, who has been out with a foot injury, replaced the banned Gerard Pique.

The only blot on the afternoon was an injury to Sergi Roberto, who hurt his left knee and was replaced at half-time.

The visiting fans chanted in support of the nine Catalan leaders imprisoned last week for their failed independence bid in 2017.



Paris Saint-Germain's Argentine midfielder Angel Di Maria (R) shoots and scores a goal against Nice's Argentine goalkeeper Walter Benitez

## Di Maria, Mbappe guide PSG past nine-man Nice

AFP | Cardiff

Angel Di Maria grabbed two goals while Kylian Mbappe struck on his return from injury as Paris Saint-Germain won 4-1 at Nice on Friday to surge five points clear at the top of Ligue 1.

PSG lost Neymar and the influential Idrissa Gueye to injury over the international break while Mbappe and Edinson Cavani were only fit enough to make the bench for the trip to the Cote d'Azur.

"At the start of a run of six very intensive matches, it's always good to start with a win," said PSG coach Thomas Tuchel. "We had a good first half, I was happy. We had chances to control the match but at the start of the second half, we forgot to close it out."

A spectacular triple save by Walter Benitez kept out Presnel

Kimpembe and Abdou Diallo in the opening minutes at the Allianz Riviera but PSG soon made the breakthrough.

Di Maria raced on to a first-time pass from fellow Argentine Mauro Icardi before calmly guiding beyond Benitez in the Nice goal on 15 minutes.

Only Mbappe has been involved in more goals in France

this year than Di Maria, who duly doubled his tally six minutes later with a sublime lob from an unfavourable angle.

Marquinhos replaced PSG captain Thiago Silva at half-time and headed against the crossbar at a corner, but a mistake from the Brazilian presented Nice a lifeline on 67 minutes.

An ill-advised attempt at chesting down a cross allowed Kasper Dolberg to tee up Ignatius Ganago to blast home via the underside of the bar.

Any chance Patrick Vieira's side had of salvaging a result effectively evaporated

though with the dismissal of Wylan Cyprien and Christophe Herelle in a matter of minutes.

Cyprien was shown a second yellow card for dissent with Herelle sent off following a VAR review for a petulant slap on Leandro Paredes.

Tuchel threw Mbappe, restricted to just two substitute appearances since August, for the final eight minutes and PSG made the most of their two-man advantage.

Mbappe drove low under Benitez to claim his first goal since August 11 and then laid on an assist for Icardi to tap home in stoppage time.

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**”**

THOMAS TUCHEL

## Bahrain ITF Juniors tournament kicks off

TDI | Manama

Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) hosted a total of 22 matches yesterday in the qualifying draws for both the Boys' and Girls' Singles in the 11th Bahrain ITF Juniors Tennis Championship 2019.

Many of the best up-and-coming under-18 players from around the world feature in the competition, which is be-

ing held in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs, the Bahrain Tennis Federation and the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

It is being supported by Bahrain National Gas Company, Bapco and Ebrahim K Kanoo.

More than 100 players from around 30 countries are participating in the tournament. It is a part of the ITF World Tennis

Tour Juniors, and it continues the tradition of BTC's hosting world-class tennis tournaments each year.

Twenty-seven boys and 11 girls are competing in qualifying. Up for grabs are four spots each in the 32-player Boys' and Girls' Singles main competitions.

From the 27 boys, five are flying Bahrain's flag at home. They include Shadi Kallel, Mo-

ammed Aljishi, Jaber Abdulla'al, Essa Alqattan and Faris Altoobli. Vivek Kolluru of India is the Boys' top seed in qualifying.

Among the 11 girls, there are no Bahraini players. They are led by number one seed Jermin Sherif of Egypt.

Many of the participating players have been practising at the BTC hard courts over the past few days.

## Andy Murray reaches first finals since 2017

AFP | Antwerp

Former world number one Murray, who underwent career-saving hip surgery in January, showed his trademark stubbornness to win 3-6 7-5 6-2.

France's Humbert played aggressively but 32-year-old Murray outlasted him over two hours 23 minutes.

He will face fellow three-time Grand Slam winner Stan Wawrinka in the final.

It is Murray's first final appearance since the Dubai Championships in March 2017, when he was then the world number one.

No player had ever returned from a hip resurfacing operation to play singles before Murray.

And he has managed to reach a final just two months after making his singles return, at Winston-Salem in August.

The Scot has played four tournaments in just over four weeks and showed signs of fatigue and frustration in the opening set.

He struggled on his serve, producing three double faults in the first six games, which allowed Humbert to force the first break of the match.

By contrast, Humbert wrapped up the first set with an ace, and kept up his aggressive play with some deep hitting in the second set.

The two traded breaks in the second before Humbert, serving to force a tie-break, lost his rhythm, and handed Murray the



Britain's Andy Murray returns a shot

set on a double fault.

Five games in a row went to Murray, allowing him to open

up a 3-0 lead in the decider, and his serving grew stronger as the match progressed.



**Two years and eight months after winning his 45th tour-level trophy in Dubai, Andy Murray returned to an ATP Tour championship match**

He appeared to have some trouble with his right elbow, which may have affected his

serve, but he finished the match with six aces and won 77% of points on his first serve.

He holds an 11-8 head-to-head record over Switzerland's Wawrinka, 34, and both players have struggled with injuries in recent years.

Murray injured his hip in his 2017 French Open semi-final against Wawrinka, while the Swiss had a disrupted two years with a knee injury.

Antwerp is likely to be Murray's last tournament of the year, with the possible exception of the Davis Cup, for which Great Britain will announce their squad on Monday.

He could still leave early if his wife, Kim, goes into early labour with their third child.

# Spurs stumble as Chelsea succeed

● **Alonso silences Newcastle taunts as Chelsea climb to third**

● **Alli saves Spurs from another defeat to bottom club Watford**

● **Tielemans gives Leicester win but Burnley denied equaliser by VAR**

AFP | London

Tottenham narrowly avoided an embarrassing home defeat to bottom club Watford yesterday as Chelsea and Leicester leapfrogged champions Manchester City in the Premier League.

With leaders Liverpool not in action until Sunday, it was a chance for the chasing pack to press their credentials for top-four spots.

Chelsea's Marcus Alonso broke the deadlock for Frank Lampard's side at Stamford Bridge against Newcastle for a 1-0 win while Yuri Tielemans sealed a 2-1 victory for Leicester at the King Power Stadium.

But Spurs boss Mauricio



Marcos Alonso of Chelsea scores his team's first goal

Pochettino saw his side labour to a 1-1 draw at home to Watford, following a 3-0 thrashing at Brighton and a humiliating 7-2 defeat at home to Bayern Munich.

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Tottenham got off to an awful

start as they fell behind in the sixth minute, Abdoulaye Doucoure finishing superbly from Daryl Janmaat's assist.

Dele Alli grabbed a late leveller for Spurs with his first goal since January. There was major confusion as it appeared as if VAR had ruled out the effort, but it was allowed to stand.

Leicester held a minute's silence before kick-off to remember their late owner Vichai

Srivaddhanaprabha, who was killed in a helicopter crash at the stadium last October.

Chris Wood put Burnley in front but Leicester's in-form forward Jamie Vardy headed an equaliser just before half-time and Tielemans completed the turnaround with just over 15 minutes to go.

Ahead of City's match at Crystal Palace, Leicester were second in the Premier League table, sev-



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en points behind leaders Liverpool, while Chelsea, also on 17 points, were third.

Matt Targett scored a goal deep into injury time as Aston Villa came back from 1-0 down to beat Brighton 2-1.

Southampton took the lead against Wolves at Molineux, courtesy of a Danny Ings goal but Raul Jimenez hit back from the penalty spot just eight minutes later after Matt Doherty was brought down.

Bournemouth drew 0-0 at home to Norwich.

## Everton relieve pressure

In the early kick-off yester-

day, Everton climbed out of the Premier League relegation zone with a well-deserved 2-0 victory against West Ham that eased the pressure on Marco Silva.

A first-half goal from Brazil forward Bernard and a late second from substitute Gylfi Sigurdsson gave Everton the three points in a match in which they had 19 shots.

"It was a fantastic performance," Sigurdsson told BT Sport. "We had a lot of chances, especially in the second half. You never know when it's 1-0 -- you always want to get more."

"They are dangerous going forward and their goalkeeper made some spectacular saves. I was pleased to come on and give us a bit of comfort. There was a real purpose to our game today."

Manchester City were to face Crystal Palace in a late match yesterday. Pep Guardiola had left Sergio Aguero and Riyad Mahrez out of his starting lineup but there was a place on the bench for defender John Stones after an injury lay-off.

Liverpool travel to face struggling Manchester United at Old Trafford on Sunday, chasing a record-equalling 18th consecutive Premier League win while Arsenal face Sheffield United on Monday.

## Sharma, Rahane help India hit back after early wobble



India's Rohit Sharma plays a shot

AFP | Ranchi, India

Opener Rohit Sharma hit his third century of the series to lead India's charge after they lost early wickets against South Africa on day one of the third Test yesterday.

Sharma, on 117, combined with Ajinkya Rahane, on 83, to put on an unbeaten 185-run stand after the hosts were wobbling at 39-3 following their decision to bat first in Ranchi.

India reached 224 for three when bad light stopped play in the final session. It began to rain as well and no further action was possible.

Sharma and Rahane ensured that India, who have already taken an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series, denied the opposition bowlers any wickets after lunch.

Kagiso Rabada got two early scalps and fellow pacer Anrich Nortje claimed his maiden Test wicket after he trapped India skipper Virat Kohli lbw for 12.

Sharma, who hit twin centuries in his debut game as an opening batsman at the start of the series, then steadied the innings along with Rahane, who



completed his 21st Test fifty.

Sharma played it cool to fifty then soon launched an attack with a barrage of sixes, reaching his sixth Test hundred with his fourth hit over the fence amid loud applause from the home crowd.

The duo from Mumbai have recorded India's best fourth-wicket stand against South Africa after surpassing the 178 between Kohli and Rahane in the second Test in Pune.

In the morning session, India lost Mayank Agarwal, for 10, and Cheteshwar Pujara, for nought, to Rabada's lively spell of pace bowling and slipped to 16 for two.

Rabada nearly got his third when Sharma was judged lbw by the on-field umpire when the opener was on seven.

## Bayern stunned in late draw at Augsburg

AFP | Berlin

Alfred Finnbogason scored in injury time to earn Augsburg a 2-2 draw with Bayern Munich and prevent the German champion from reclaiming the top spot in the Bundesliga yesterday.

Goals from Robert Lewandowski and Serge Gnabry had put Bayern on course to move a point ahead of Borussia Monchengladbach ahead of its late game at Borussia Dortmund, but Finnbogason ensured they dropped points for the second consecutive game and remained a point behind the league leaders.

The seven-time defending champion was stunned when Augsburg's Marco Richter scored in the first minute after a one-two with Rani Khedira.

But Gnabry crossed for Lewandowski to equalize in the 14th. It ensured the Polish striker matched Pierre-Emer-



Munich's Benjamin Pavard, left, and Augsburg's Florian Niederlechner challenge for the ball

ick Aubameyang's Bundesliga record of scoring in each of the first eight games of the season.

The former Dortmund striker managed it in 2015. Lewandowski also became the first to score in eight consecutive league games for Bayern since Dutch forward Roy Makaay in 2005.

Bayern's first-half performance was marred by many small mistakes, though both sides missed good chances to score.

Gnabry made no mistake four minutes into the second half with a fine individual goal, but the visitors were stunned again when Sergio Cordova set up

Finnbogason's late leveller.

There was further bad news for Niko Kovac's team as defender Niklas Sule was forced off early with an injury and left the dressing room on crutches.

Bayern began the game with former Germany forward Thomas Muller on the bench for the sixth consecutive game, while midfielder Javi Martinez started for the first time this season.

Union Berlin ended a run of four defeats by beating Freiburg 2-0 at home thanks to goals from Marius Bulter and Marcus Ingvartsen.

Bulter got the home side off to a flying start when he let fly inside the top right corner in the second minute, while sealed the result with a fine dipping shot under the crossbar in the 84th.

Leipzig was held 1-1 at unbeaten Wolfsburg, Hertha Berlin came back to draw 1-1 at Werder Bremen and Fortuna Dusseldorf defeated 10-man Mainz 1-0.

## Champion Marquez secures his first pole at Japan MotoGP

AFP | Motegi, Japan

MotoGP world champion Marc Marquez will eye his tenth win of the season after snatching pole position yesterday in Japan.

The Honda rider clocked 1min 45.763sec for his first pole start in the premier class at Twin Ring Motegi, where he won in 2016 and last year, while coming second in 2017, 2014 and 2013.

"Finally we did it. So happy," Marquez said, after securing his 90th career pole.

He will be joined in the front row by Petronas Yamaha SRT riders Franco Morbidelli and



Repsol Honda Team rider Marc Marquez of Spain takes a corner during the MotoGP practice session

Fabio Quartararo, who came in 0.132sec and 0.181sec later.

Marquez, who finished third

in Friday practice, has already secured his sixth season win in seven years after triumphing in Thailand two weeks ago.

He also finished second in five of the season's six other races, missing the podium only once in the United States after crashing out while leading the race.

Still, the season champion was keeping his guard high, with the Yamaha duo and Andrea Dovizioso on Ducati maintaining pressure.

Marquez admitted that he and his team were yet to find the best setup for their machine, saying "tomorrow will be a tough race" as the weather has changed constantly on Friday

and Saturday.

"We will see tomorrow because Yamaha riders have good pace, Dovizioso has a good pace. We will try to do our 100 percent," the Spaniard said.

"The main target is to finish in the podium. Then if I feel OK, try to fight for the victory," he said.

Quartararo is nipping at the Spaniard's heels after two narrow defeats to the world champion in recent races, with victory only decided on the closing laps.

"I am ready to fight. I hope to make good first laps," the Frenchman said about the Sunday race.