

Hamilton sets
scintillating pace

Championship leader Lewis Hamilton lived up to his status as prerace favourite for the Singapore Grand Prix when the Mercedes driver soared to the top of the timesheets with a storming lap in the second free practice ses- sion at a floodlit Marina Bay Street Circuit yesterday. **P12**

India cuts corporate taxes

THE DAILY tribune



Ariana Grande evacuates Scotland hotel after fire alert

Children hit streets in vast global climate strike

Security alert
level raised

Dubai

Kuwait has raised the se- curity alert level at all of its ports, including the oil terminals, the state-run Ku- wait News Agency reported yesterday, citing a decision by the trade and industry minister.

“The decision emphasises that all measures have to be taken to protect the vessels and the ports facilities,” it said.

French help for
Lebanon

Paris

F rance remains commit- ted to helping Lebanon in its plans for economic reforms, French President Emmanuel Macron said yesterday at talks in Paris with Lebanese Prime Min- ister Saad Hariri.

Lebanon, one of the world’s most indebted states, is aiming to drive through long-postponed reforms to try to improve its stagnant economy and state financ- es. Speaking at a joint press event with Macron, Hariri said he had had “excellent talks” with French business about investing in Lebanon.

Assault rifle
ban pledge

Toronto

C anadian Prime Min- ister Justin Trudeau, embroiled in a blackface picture scandal, on Fri- day pledged to ban mili- tary-style assault rifles in the country’s most ethni- cally diverse city in a bid to get his campaign back on issue.



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chemical weapon
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210 fils (includes VAT)



Free aliens!



Scores of enthusiasts converged on rural Nevada for a pilgrimage of sorts to the US installation known as Area 51, long rumoured to house government secrets about alien life, as law enforcement officials beefed up security around the military base. Visitors descended early in the day on the tiny desert town of Rachel, a short distance from the military site, in response to a recent, viral social-media invitation to “storm” Area 51 on Friday, raising concerns by local authorities of unruly crowds overwhelming the community. Situated about 240 km north of Las Vegas, the remote hamlet of just 50 year-round residents lacks a grocery store or even a gasoline station.

Latest wave of US sanctions on Iran

Jeddah



These are the highest
sanctions ever
imposed on a country.

TRUMP

U S President Donald Trump yesterday re- vealed the details of additional sanctions against Iran, which he described as the toughest ever imposed.

The Treasury Department decided to take action against Iran’s central bank after US of- ficials concluded that Tehran was responsible for last week- end’s drone and missile attacks on Saudi oil facilities in Abqaiq and Khurais.

“We have just sanctioned the Iranian national bank,” Trump said during a press conference in the Oval Office. “These are the highest sanctions ever im- posed on a country.”

When asked about the pos- sibility of a military response, Trump said: “The easiest thing I could do is knock out 15 dif- ferent major things in Iran. I could do it right here in front

of you and that would be it. And then you would have a nice, big story to report.

“But I think the strong-per- son approach, and the thing that does show strength, would be showing a little bit of re- straint. Much easier to do it the other way. It’s much easier. And Iran knows if they misbehave, they’re on borrowed time.”

Meanwhile, Chinese Pres- ident Xi Jinping on Friday strongly condemned the at- tacks. During a telephone call to King Salman, he said the strikes were a “serious viola- tion” of the Kingdom’s security and stability, and had affected on the global energy market.

Houthi sites attacked

Arab coalition hits ‘legitimate military targets’ in Hodeidah



The coalition said its operation destroyed four sites north of the port city of Hodeida.

● The coalition
warned civilians to
stay away from the
targeted locations for
their own safety.

● Saudi Cabinet
strongly condemned
the attacks on two Saudi
Aramco facilities in
Abqaiq and Khurais.

Riyadh

T he Arab coalition fight- ing the Houthi militias in Yemen announced on Friday that it had launched a mili- tary operation in the north of Yemen’s port city of Hodeidah against “legitimate military tar- gets.” The coalition said it had destroyed four sites used to as- semble remote-controlled boats and sea mines.

“These sites are used to car- ry out attacks and terrorist op- erations that threaten shipping lines and international trade in

the Bab Al Mandab Strait and the southern Red Sea,” coalition spokesman Col Turki Al Maliki said in a statement.

The destruction of hostile sites helps protect the freedom of mar- itime navigation, Al-Maliki said, adding that the operation abides by international law.

“The Houthi terrorist mili- tia is using the governorate of Hodeidah as a base from which

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points of impact at
the two Saudi energy
facilities were stressed
by satellite pictures,
including damage at
the heart of the Abqaiq
plant.

to launch ballistic missiles, drones, and booby-trapped re- mote-controlled boats, as well as indiscriminately deploying naval mines, in a clear violation of international humanitarian law and in violation of the pro- visions of Stockholm Agreement and the cease-fire agreement in Hodeidah,” he said.

The coalition warned civilians to stay away from the targeted

locations for their own safety.

On Thursday, the coalition in- tercepted and destroyed a Houthi boat laden with explosives in the Red Sea.

“The coalition’s naval forces detected an attempt by the Iran- backed terrorist Houthi militia to carry out an act of aggression and terrorism in the southern Red Sea using an unmanned, rigged boat ... launched from Hodeidah governorate,” Al Maliki said.

He added that the foiled attack represented a threat to regional and international security and the safety of maritime routes and international trade.

The Houthis have carried out scores of attacks against Saudi Arabia using drones and ballistic missiles. Recently, leaders from around the Arab world con- demned last Saturday’s drone attack on Saudi Arabia’s Aramco refineries in the Eastern Province.

Saudi Cabinet strongly con- demned the attacks on two Sau- di Aramco facilities in Abqaiq and Khurais and reaffirmed the Kingdom’s ability to effectively deal with such attacks and their impact.

LITTLE ENEMIES

Philippines’ Duterte pestered again as gecko stalls speech

Manila

P hilippine President Rod- rigo Duterte just keeps getting bugged during his public speeches.

A noisy gecko was the latest wildlife contributor to an ad- dress by Duterte, interrupting

the leader on Thursday evening just as he launched another ti- rade at human rights groups critical of his bloody war on drugs.

The reptile’s persistence caused laughter in the crowd of mostly soldiers, causing Duterte stop mid-sentence, turn to his left



Rodrigo Duterte

and pause for a while to see what the off-camera commotion was.

“You brought a gecko here?” he asked an official sitting be- hind him, drawing laughs.

Geckos are common across Southeast Asia. The small liz- ard-like reptiles are known for their ability to produce vari-

ous loud sounds, from barks to chirps, to communicate or when threatened.

While activists accuse Duter- te of cowing his opponents into silence, reptiles and insects have no qualms about pestering him during his often hours-long, televised addresses.

‘Bahrain will always support peace, development efforts’

Community partnership directive lauded
Manama

Peace, a fundamental pillar of development, says HRH the Premier

● **HRH the Premier lauded the efforts of the United Nations and its specialised agencies to promote international peace.**

● **He urged the international community to be up to its responsibility and harness efforts to tackle climate change.**

Manama

In a message to the world marking the International Day of Peace, which is observed on September 21, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa urged to respond to the call of global conscience to

lay a solid foundation for comprehensive and just peace that enables people to live in harmony and welfare and paves the way for an active international partnership to achieve sustainable development that secures a more prosperous and reassuring future.

HRH the Premier, underlined the need for the international community to move towards a new forward-looking vision that works in accordance with a common collective will to press ahead with the international peace efforts by adhering to the lofty religious principles and values endorsed by international conventions. He stressed that peoples in the world are yearning for peace and stability to make up for missed life and advancement opportunities.

HRH the Prime Minister affirmed that the Kingdom of Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, has always sup-



HRH the Premier

ported and will continue to support efforts to achieve peace and promote growth and stability through its active participation



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HRH THE PREMIER

in regional and international alliances seeking to foster global peace and security and fight all forms of terrorism.

He described peace and stability as a fundamental pillar for development for prosperity can never be achieved in a volatile political, economic, social and environmental situation. “Effective sustainable development is the one that heeds various challenges and puts solutions and initiatives to tackle them,” he said.

HRH the Premier asserted that celebrating the International Day of Peace is an important occasion to inspire hope and remind the world of its responsibilities towards this dire goal for the present and future of mankind. He pointed out that the theme of this year, “Climate Action for Peace”, reflects the growing climate threat faced by mankind due to the catastrophes resulting from it and which affect development gains.

He urged the international community to be up to its responsibility and harness efforts in facing one of the biggest challenges in the world. He also underscored environmental problems emanating from climate change, describing them as a real threat to the present and future of humanity as well as global security and stability.

HRH the Prime Minister emphasised the need to tackle those challenges through joint action to preserve human achievements and promote growth and prosperity. He called to map out an integrated international framework to handle climate change and reduce its effects, being a real threat global peace and development.

He lauded the efforts of the United Nations and its specialised agencies to promote international peace, expressing hope for a unified will to work out a new reality where peace, co-operation and tolerance prevail.

The governors and officials have highlighted the directives of the Interior Minister to reinforce interaction with the public to promote community partnership.

Speaking during Thursday’s Al Amn Radio Show, Capital Governor, Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, said that the Capital Governorate provides around 70 programmes and activities annually to enhance the skills of the youth and encourage them to be involved in the voluntary work.

Meanwhile, Northern Governor, Ali bin Al Shaikh Abdulhussein Al Asfour, stressed that the governorates are dedicated to promoting nationalism values and encouraging the youth to benefit from their free time in skill-developing activities.

On March 19, Police directorates organised various activities to mark the Community Partnership Day, including visits to schools, lectures and awareness campaigns.

Marking the occasion, the Northern Governorate Police Directorate took part in an event organised by the Northern Governorate at Hamad Town Public School and its personnel also visited the Hopes Special Education Centre.

‘BRAVE proved Bahrain’s strong capabilities in organising global events’

TDT | Manama

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee has chaired the 2019 BRAVE International Combat Week’s High Committee meeting as the Kingdom gears up to host this prestigious event which is taking place on November 10-16, 2019.

Featuring the 6th edition of the Amateur World Championship and BRAVE 31, the 2019 BRAVE International Combat Week will be organised at Khalifa Sports City GYM.

The meeting held in the pres-



HH Shaikh Khalid chairs the meeting.

ence of all the Committee members, including HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, President of Bahrain’s Combat Sports Council, Aymen bin Tawfeeq Almoayed, Minister of Youth and Sports Affairs, Mohammed Hassan Al Nisf, Secretary-Gen-

eral of Bahrain Olympic Committee, Mohammed Shahid, Advisor of Bahrain Olympic Committee President and President of Brave Organisation and Mr Mohammed Ali Qamber, BMMAF President.

The meeting commenced with welcoming words from HH Shai-

kh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa to the members, stating that this meeting comes as part of the efforts being produced by the Committee to prepare for the 2019 BRAVE International Combat Week which will take place for the third time running in the

Kingdom of Bahrain and is considered Asia’s biggest MMA sport event.

“The Committee will strive, through the 2019 BRAVE International Combat Week, to maintain Bahrain’s leading position as a host to major sports events at the continental and international levels.”

Moreover, a detailed explanation of the steps taken by the Committee was given to the members during the meeting and they were informed of the working groups and the supporting committees as well as the on-going preparations.

In this context, HH Shaikh Khalid approved the Implementation Committee who will be led

by the BMMAF President, stressing on the importance of making maximum efforts to make this event a tremendous success.

“Leading the IMMAF-WMMA’s MMA ranking at the global level is something we are very proud of and this came thanks to HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain’s sponsorship to the MMA sport.

“The follow-up of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Charity and Youth Affairs and President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports to our progress has positively impacted this sport’s development in the Kingdom of Bahrain.”



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The “Smile” initiative of the Future Youth Association, which provides psychosocial support to children suffering from cancer in the Kingdom, organised a special celebration on the occasion of returning to schools with the great participation of the heroes’ kids, their parents and relatives. The event was organised with the support of INOVEST. This celebration is part of the activities of the sixth edition of its awareness campaign “Our Children as Gold”, in order to spread awareness of childhood cancer among various segments of society.



Cabinet Minister Mohammed Al Mutawa yesterday met the President of the 74th session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly Professor Tijjani Muhammad-Bande in New York, in the US. The meeting was attended by Shaikh Hussam bin Isa Al Khalifa, president of the award of His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa for Sustainable Development, as well as Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) Governor Rasheed Al Maraj and Bahrain's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Jamal Al Ruwae. The minister conveyed congratulations from His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa to Professor Tijjani Muhammad-Bande for on his election as President of the 74th session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly.

Chinese national jailed for ‘using forged credit cards’

The defendant was charged with fraud and forgery

● He stood trial before the High Criminal Court.

● According to police reports, the defendant attempted to commit the crime at a local mall.

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The High Criminal Court has sentenced a Chinese national to seven years in

prison for using fake credit cards.

It's stated that the convict withdrew large amounts from ATMs in the Kingdom using fake credit cards.

He was also fined BD10,000 for committing the crime.

The defendant was reported to the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic by a local bank after detecting he made several attempts to withdraw cash from its ATM device using counterfeit credit cards belong to a Chinese bank. All the cards were automatical-

10,000

Bahraini dinars in fine has been imposed on the defendant for committing the crime.

ly swallowed by the ATM, while an investigation was launched into the case.

According to police reports, the defendant attempted to do the same at a local mall, but he was immediately arrested by detectives who were tracking him.

“We took him to his apartment and we searched it in his presence and we found a laptop and a huge number of fake credit cards as well as cash in Bahraini dinars and UAE dirhams,” a detective told prosecutors.

Meanwhile, the Chinese man told prosecutors that he was working a driver in the UAE and he was “planning to make

some good money before returning home”.

“I logged into a chatroom and I talked to someone, who requested me to withdraw money using the fake credit cards and he would give me a commission.

“I agreed and I came to Bahrain after I received the cards and the card reading device. I was arrested after making six attempts,” he explained.

The defendant was charged with fraud and forgery. He stood trial before the High Criminal Court.

Man paid \$15,000 to obtain fake certificate

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A 28-year-old man appeared in the dock for obtaining a fake bachelor's degree certificate.

It is stated that he had spent nearly \$15,000 to obtain the fake certificate.

According to court files, the Bahraini man was studying in a Malaysian university but he was dismissed after one year for failing to comply with the attendance rules.

Therefore, he allegedly took the short-cut by contacting counterfeiters.

And he was asked to pay a huge sum and was ensured that the faked certificate would go unnoticed.

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I attended the university for one year but was kicked out because of attendance shortage. Then I decided to get a fake certificate.

DEFENDANT

However, the Accreditation of Abroad Qualifications Department at the Ministry of Education discovered the misconduct after the man decided to equalise the certificate.

“I attended the university for one year but was kicked out because of attendance shortage. Then I decided to get a fake certificate and I searched online.

“I found a counterfeiting group and they asked me to pay \$15,000. I settled the amount and I received the certificate,” he told Prosecutors.

The defendant is facing trial before the High Criminal Court.

Kingdom's efforts to promote peace hailed

Manama

The Shura Council has expressed deep pride in the efforts being exerted by Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, to support all endeavours aimed at promoting peace all over the world, through implementing international plans and goals that would achieve stability, progress and prosperity to countries and their peoples.

In a statement marking the International Day of Peace, observed around the world every September 21, and themed “Climate Action for Peace” this year, the Shura Council lauded the keenness of the government, led by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and supported by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, to put forward plans and strategies aimed at consolidating the values and principles of peace, both at the local and international levels.

The Shura Council asserted that the Kingdom is making continuous efforts to support peace in various ways and through the implementation of national initiatives, and clear and ambitious programmes to keep pace with the challenges related to climate change, to be able to honour its international obligations while meeting the mechanisms and requirements for mitigating climate change.

The Council pointed out that many institutions, as well as official and non-governmental bodies play a vital and important role in the development and implementation of awareness-raising and educational programmes related to climate change, adding that various groups and segments of society, especially school students, are involved in the

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The climate change issue requires more collective action at the local and international levels, and the adoption of advanced policies.

SHURA COUNCIL

successful implementation of these programmes.

The Shura Council commended the continuous efforts, coordination and cooperation among various bodies and institutions, affirming that Bahrain was among the first countries to have ratified the Paris Climate Agreement in December 2016, in order to reaffirm its commitment to and participation with the world countries in implementing initiatives to reduce Implications of climate change.

The Shura Council also stressed that the climate change issue requires more collective action at the local and international levels, and the adoption of advanced policies that are compatible with the growing problem of greenhouse gas emissions and its negative impact on the environment, given the fact that climate change is directly related to promoting peace and ensuring a secure and safe future environment for the next generations.

The Shura Council noted that the Kingdom boasts a system of legislation and laws that protects the environment, and supports the plans and strategies developed by the parties concerned with climate change and the environment, affirming its continuous efforts to update the national legislation related to the protection of the environment.

Bahrain to attend Asia-Europe parliamentary partnership meeting

Manama

A parliamentary delegation led by Council of Representatives Speaker Fawziya Zainal will take part in the fourth Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership (ASEP) meeting, scheduled to be held on Monday and Tuesday in Kazakhstan.

A Shura Council delegation led by First Deputy Chairman Jamal Mohammed Fakhro will also take part in the two-day session, themed “Greater Euro Asia: Dialogue, Culture, Partnership”.

Bahrain's participation followed a invitation from Russian State Council Duma President Vyacheslav Volodin and Korean National Assembly Speaker Moon Hee-sang.

Ms Zainal and Shura Council First Deputy Chairman Jamal Mohammed Fakhro will address the event, stressing the importance of Euro Asian partnership.

The legislative branch of government is keenness on promoting parliamentary diplomacy



Ms Zainal

and opening up channels of communication to strengthen co-operation and dialogue between the Asian and European countries.

Indian firm ‘interested in Kingdom’s renewable energy projects’

Manama

Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr Abdulhussain Mirza received a delegation from Helios Solutions Limited, an Indian company specialised in solar energy and its technologies, headed by Chief Executive Officer R R Ravi. The company's agent in Bahrain, Nasser Al Hashemi, was present.

Renewable energy projects being implemented in Bahrain and the investment opportunities available to international companies in this field were discussed.

The minister listened to the visitors about the company's activities and programmes around the world and their interest to establish a solar panel factory in Bahrain.

The minister welcomed the opening of co-operation prospects and said it would help achieve Bahrain's national objectives related to renewable energy and energy efficiency.

The visitors expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr Mirza for the warm welcome and his keen desire to co-operate with international companies in the field of sus-



Dr Mirza receives the delegation headed by Mr Ravi.

tainable energy.

The meeting was attended by Acting Executive Director of the Centre for Sustainable Energy Alexander Al Samahiji.

The Kingdom has achieved many milestones in the sustainable energy sector, a recent report has confirmed.

The Sustainable Energy Unit Annual Report 2018 published yesterday by the SEU has confirmed Bahrain's advancement in the sector.

The report titled ‘Journey towards a sustainable energy future, the beginning’ outlined all the eco-friendly steps taken

by the nation.

“The year saw many innovations in the field of renewable energy. The projects implemented by SEU helped accelerate the progress towards a sustainable future,” said Dr Abdulhussain Mirza, Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs, in a statement issued.

“The report shows the high position Bahrain has achieved in the sustainable energy sector. It named many prominent projects from 2018, which accelerated Bahrain's progress towards a sustainable future. It also highlighted the comple-

tion of a Net Metering System as a strong development in the sector.”

Net Metering is one of the three policies envisioned in the National Renewable Energy Action Plan to encourage the uptake of renewable energy in the Kingdom.

This policy allows individuals, companies and industries to install solar and other renewable energy systems on their properties, connect these systems to the EWA electricity network and benefit from this clean and renewable energy source.

Kingdom's anti-chemical weapon stance stressed

Key meetings put spotlight on Kingdom's existing co-operation levels with AAEA, IAEA



Dr Shaikha Rana with Dr Hamdi.



Dr Shaikha Rana with Prof Abaya.

Vienna

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Head of the National Committee on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and their Destruction, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa and her accompanying delegation met Director General of the Arab Atomic Energy Agency (AAEA) Hamdi Salem.

The meeting comes on the sidelines of the participation of the Kingdom of Bahrain's delegation in the activities of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), currently held in Vienna.

Dr Shaikh Rana praised the existing co-operation between the Kingdom and the AAEA, reviewing ways of developing bilateral relations and emphasising the importance of supporting scientific researches in

the field, topped by support for the Arab Strategy for Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy.

Dr Hamdi, in his turn, appreciated the good efforts made by the National Committee, headed by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in banning the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons and their destruction, asserting AAEA keenness on cooperating with the Kingdom of Bahrain and the world.

The Kingdom is a member of the Executive Board of the Arab Atomic Energy Agency and chaired its 59th General Meeting.

Separately, the delegation of the Kingdom to the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) met with Jane Gerardo-Abaya, Director of Technical Co-operation for Asia and the Pacific, on the sidelines of the Annual Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference in Vienna.



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The delegation of the Kingdom expressed its pride to meet Professor Abaya and extended to her sincere congratulations on her recent appointment as Director of the Technical Co-operation Division for Asia and the Pacific at the IAEA, wishing her every success in her duties.

The delegation commended the great efforts of the Techni-

cal Co-operation Department and its outstanding provision of support to member states to enable them to benefit from the advanced technical sciences and comprehensive scientific and technical training to ensure peaceful use of nuclear energy.

They stressed the need to increase the volume of bilateral co-operation between the Kingdom and the IAEA in all matters that would accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030, welcoming all aspects of co-operation with the technical team.

For her part, Professor Abaya appreciated the Kingdom's continued keenness on supporting the IAEA to carry out its tasks and responsibilities, wishing the Kingdom of Bahrain constant progress and prosperity.

The meeting also discussed a number of issues related to peaceful use of nuclear energy and all aspects of enhancing co-operation between the Kingdom and the IAEA.

'Insurance comparison to benefit customers'

TDI | Manama

Souqalmal.com, the region's leading personal finance comparison platform has officially launched operations in Bahrain.

The company's innovative car insurance comparison platform is now open to the residents of Bahrain.

An unmatched level of transparency, side-by-side comparison of multiple products, quickly generated quotes, easy application process and secure online payments – are sure to add the 'wow' factor to an otherwise tedious car insurance purchase, the company said in a statement issued.

To truly deliver great value to customers, Souqalmal.com has currently partnered with six of the biggest and most credible insurance companies in Bahrain, with many others to come on-board soon, it added.

Souqalmal.com Founder and CEO, Ambareen Musa: "At Souqalmal.com, we aim to provide our users with the best deals on car insurance from the most reliable providers.

"So it made perfect sense for us to partner with leading insurance companies that prioritise the same values as us - customer focus, innovation,



With the launch in Bahrain, the aggregator is committed towards simplifying insurance and demystifying the jargon surrounding it.

MR MUSA

and service excellence."

Souqalmal.com is also going one step further by bringing its widely popular financial education initiative to Bahrain.

The team's ongoing efforts in promoting financial awareness have made Souqalmal.com a trusted brand and household name in the region, the company pointed out.

"With the launch in Bahrain, the aggregator is committed towards simplifying insurance and demystifying the jargon surrounding it.

"Eventually, it is customers that stand to benefit from the introduction of insurance aggregation in Bahrain.

"Comparing all options before buying is undoubtedly the most effective and practical way to choose an insurance policy that suits one's budget and specific requirements."

MoU signed in support of Palestinians

Geneva

Saudi Arabia and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) signed a memorandum of understanding in support of the Palestinian people.

The Kingdom's permanent representative to the United Nations in Geneva Dr Abdulaziz Al Wasel, the secretary general of UNCTAD Dr Mukhisa Kituyi and head of the department of support for the Palestinian people at UNCTAD Dr. Mahmoud Al Khafif at-

tended the signing ceremony.

Kituyi thanked the Kingdom for its support for the Palestinian people and its continuing partnership with UNCTAD, Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported.

Dr Al Wasel confirmed Saudi Arabia's firm stance on the side of the Palestinian people, noting that the Palestinian cause is a priority for the Kingdom, lauding UNCTAD's position towards the Palestinian people and hoping for more cooperation between the two sides.

Saudi justice ministry launches 15 new e-services



Dr Al Samaani chairs the meeting.

The ministry said the new services aim at expediting and automating the procedures and saving beneficiaries effort, time and money.

Riyadh

Saudi Justice Minister Dr Walid Al Samaani has ordered the launching of a package of development ser-

vices in the enforcement sector, aiming at facilitating the procedures for beneficiaries.

The new services target both the claimant (or the claimant's representative) and the defendant, where the application is referred to the enforcement panel and treated without the need to visit the enforcement courts and panels.

The ministry said the enforcement sector includes several services' development programmes that aim at finding innovative technical solutions and promoting the digital capacities of enforce-

ment courts, to help beneficiaries and facilitate their procedures.

These development programmes are in line with the ministry's systematic move towards digital transformation.

The ministry said the new services aim at expediting and automating the procedures and saving beneficiaries effort, time and money.

The package includes several services, such as informing the defendant of the enforcement order against them and the issuance of visit, custody and eviction orders.

UN urged to condemn 'Iranian behaviour'

Chicago

The head of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSRelief) called on the UN to pass a resolution condemning the Iranian government for its support of a wave of violence by the Houthis against civilian targets in Yemen.

Dr Abdullah Al Rabeeah said the violence is having a "significant negative impact" on the people of Yemen and on the humanitarian aid effort led by the Saudi government.

Referring to the recent drone strikes against the Aramco fields in Saudi Arabia that sent a shockwave through the oil industry and spiked oil and gasoline prices around the world, Al Rabeeah said it was obvious the Houthis are not capable of mounting such high-tech strikes.

"The initial info indicates that the incident is an Iranian-made attack. We feel there is a need for an investigation by



There is a need for the international community to unify and have the political will to fight any violations against humanitarian support.

MR AL RABEEAH

volvement of the UN delivers a message."

Although he said that the attack is still under investigation, he said that "drones are a technology that the Houthis do not have ... the technology is beyond the abilities of the Houthis. There must be a country behind it."

During a press briefing at the Saudi Embassy in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, Al Rabeeah said as many as 20 humanitarian aid workers funded by a coalition of 80 nations led by Saudi Arabia have been injured or targeted.

He said providing humanitarian aid to the people of Yemen faces many challenges, including the targeting of women and the recruitment of children by the Iranian-backed Houthi militias.

"There is a need for the international community to unify and have the political will to fight any violations against humanitarian support," Al Rabeeah said.

the UN," Al Rabeeah said. "Iran is behind many attacks against the region. The UN should take action. There should be a resolution against Iran. The in-

world

Saudi Arabia shows attack site



Workers are seen at the damaged Aramco oil facility in Abqaiq, Saudi Arabia



The damaged Aramco facility in Abqaiq, Saudi Arabia



Workers fix a pipeline at the damaged site of Aramco in Khurais, Saudi Arabia



Workers are seen at the damaged site of Saudi Aramco oil facility in Khurais, Saudi Arabia



A damaged pipeline is seen at Aramco facility in Khurais, Saudi Arabia

● **Full production by end September**

● **Khurais produced 1.2 million barrels per day before the attack**

Reuters | Khurais, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia yesterday took media to inspect oil facilities hit by attacks showing melted pipes and burnt equipment.

The kingdom sees the Sept. 14 strikes on its Khurais and Abqaiq facilities — the worst attack on Gulf oil infrastructure since

Iraq's Saddam Hussein torched Kuwaiti oilfields in 1991 — as a test of global will to preserve international order.

Responsibility was claimed by Yemen's Houthi movement, an Iran-aligned group fighting a Saudi-led alliance in Yemen's four-year-old conflict.

At Khurais, which the Saudi defence ministry says was hit by four missiles, reporters were shown repair work under way, with cranes erected around two burnt-out stabilisation columns, which form part of oil-gas separation units, and melted pipes.

"We are confident we are going back to the full production we were at before the at-

tack (on Khurais) by the end of September," Fahad Abdulkarim, Aramco's general manager for the southern area oil operation, told reporters. "We are working 24/7...This is a beehive."

The Khurais field and processing plant resumed 30 per cent of production within 24 hours of the strike and will produce 1.2 million barrels a day by the end of September, Fahad Al Abdulkarim said.

Workmen wearing red high visibility jackets and white helmets moved through the site, a large compound the size of several football stadiums containing interconnected structures of piping and towers.

The assault affected four of

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ARAMCO'S GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE SOUTHERN AREA OIL OPERATION

its crude-stabilization units -- 90-meter (300-foot) towers that remove pressure and gas from the crude. One of two towers not visible on the site visit sustained even more severe damage than those on view, he said.

Emergency crews arrived within 10 minutes of the first

strike at Khurais, tackling fires as the attack continued, Al Abdulkareem said.

A mound of blackened debris lay on the ground. An executive said the scorched mess once covered much of the ground but now only a small mound is left.

Some workers sprayed what

appeared to be water on the ground. Mobile cranes and water trucks stood near the crumpled, mangled remains of a fire-damaged stabilisation tower.

Saudi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Adel al-Jubeir said on Thursday the attacks were an "extension of the Iranian regime's hostile and outlawed behaviour".

Khurais produced 1.2 million barrels per day before the attack. The attacks reduced nearly halved the kingdom's output, shutting down 5.7 million bpd in production.

Aramco has ramped up output at its offshore fields and is also tapping oil in storage to meet export commitments.

Watery grave for ancient Turkish town of Hasankeyf



A man prays in the new Hasankeyf cemetery where bodies have been moved to from the old one on the banks of the Tigris

Hasankeyf | Turkey

In a graveyard beside the doomed town of Hasankeyf, workers are exhuming bodies, carrying them to a new resting place away from the waters that will soon submerge this ancient site.

Here on the banks of the Tigris in southeastern Turkey, the residents of Hasankeyf, a town

with 12,000 years of history, are waiting for the waters to come.

A new dam upstream is already operational. In the next few months, the town and nearly 200 villages in this valley will be gone.

Fatih, who did not give his full name, watches as workers carry away the bones of his brother, killed in an accident more than 20 years ago. It is like a second



A new Hasankeyf has been built nearby

funeral, he says.

In the background is Hasankeyf's ancient citadel, one of the few monuments high enough to survive the rising waters, but is now fronted by a huge, white stone wall to protect it.

For 73-year-old Mehmet, the endless construction work around these old monuments is like watching the funeral of an old friend. He is busy cultivating

the figs and grapes in his garden that he has tended since he was a child. This is the last time -- by April, they will be underwater.

A new Hasankeyf has been built nearby, with some of the old town's monuments relocated there and brand-new homes for its 3,000 inhabitants.

But many find it hard to let go. "This year, officials told us not to sow seeds because the water



Workers carry a coffin from the old cemetery

was coming, but we did it anyway. We will sow right up to the end," said Meseha, 62, in the nearby village of Cavuslu.

Some parts of the valley have already become a lake.

That is forcing local fishermen, used to working the flowing waters of the Tigris, to adapt to still waters.

Halil Ertan, 48, isn't impressed by the new types of fish he finds

in the lake -- fatter and less tasty, he says.

Back at the graveyard, 12-year-old Yunus is looking for the grave of his little brother who died at birth in 2016.

But when he finds it, the officials tell him the family has not done the necessary paperwork for the grave to be moved. It will be submerged with everything else that is left behind.

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Indian Ladies Association members along with Excom celebrated Onam Festival at Indian Delight Restaurant, Manama.



The Sri Lanka Club held the captains' meeting at the Club House for their Mega Annual event Lal Thenabadu Memorial Soft Ball Cricket Tournament at Busaiten Sports Club. Above, the club Officials with the team captains.



Under the patronage of Assistant Undersecretary of Human Resources, Brigadier Adel, in fulfilling their job duties and enhance their capabilities to be able to work as one team.



As part of 200 years celebration of Shreenathji (Shree Krishna) Hindu Temple, the Thattai (Bhatia) Hindu Community (THC) in association with Al Hilal Medical Centre, Adliya, organised "Free Medical Camp" on Friday at the THMC Auditorium, located on Al Hilal Road, Adliya.



Kerala Catholic Association (KCA) is celebrating Golden Jubilee this year. As part of its Onam festivities, "Onam Maha Sadya" was served to around 2,000 members including 1,000 members from various labours camps in Bahrain. Several dignitaries and prominent personalities from various institutions/organisations and KCA members participated in the Onasadya, which was held at Bahrain Keralaleeya Samajam. KCA President Sevi Mathunny, General Secretary Varghese Joseph and ICRF Chairman Aruldas Thomas inaugurated the event and addressed the members.

Society



Ameen, the Other Ranks Affairs Directorate held a workshop on the teamwork spirit. Organised by the Team of Happiness of the Human Resources Department, the Assistant Undersecretary affirmed the workshop aims to reinforce the role of the employees. He hailed the efforts of the trainers and their dedication to promoting the participants to be more productive.



Madrami Avenue, Manama.



The Rotary club of Sulmaniya held it's regular lunch meeting at the Golden Tulip Hotel on Wednesday. In-house speaker was Dr Dhafer Alumran who spoke about his, "Mission to China".

business

India cuts corporate taxes



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman (C) and Krishnamurthy Subramanian (R), chief economic adviser - Reuters

- **Headline corporate tax rate dropped to 22 per cent from 30pc**
- **India's effective corporate tax rate would be lowered to about 25pc**
- **Manufacturing companies incorporated on or after Oct. 1 would be eligible for a 17pc tax rate**
- **Considering lowering sales taxes on 20-25 products**

Reuters | Panaji, India

India cut corporate tax rates yesterday in a surprise move designed to woo manufacturers, revive private investment and lift growth from a six-year low.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the lower tax rates would spur new investment and drive his "Make In India" plan to boost domestic manufacturing. "The step to cut corporate tax is historic. It will give a great stimulus to #MakeInIndia, attract private investment from across the globe, improve competitiveness of our private sector, create more jobs and result in a win-win for 1.3 billion Indians," Modi said on Twitter. The cut in the headline corporate tax rate to 22 per cent from 30pc was widely cheered by Indian equity markets. The benchmark index posted its biggest intraday gain in more than a decade to end more than 5pc higher. "The measures announced by the finance minister this morning can be described as a 'New Deal' for the Indian economy," said VK Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist at Geojit Financial Services. "The psychological stimulus

from this ... will be higher than the fiscal stimulus." Modi is headed to the United States this weekend where he will showcase India as an attractive destination for investment at a rally organised by Indian-Americans which US President Donald Trump is set to attend. Modi is also due to discuss investment opportunities with executives from US bank JPMorgan Chase, aerospace company Lockheed Martin Mastercard and the world's biggest retailer Walmart. The new corporate tax rate for domestic companies, excluding surcharges, makes India more competitive than neighbouring Bangladesh and puts it almost on par with Vietnam and Thailand, countries that have wooed businesses affected by the US-China trade dispute. "The move will make Indian companies globally competitive, and allow global companies a good option for growing their manufacturing base in-country,"

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NARENDRA MODI



said Mukesh Aghi, president of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum. 'Very bold' Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said India's effective corporate tax rate would be lowered to about 25pc. She said that would put India on a par with Asian peers and the rate would be as low as 22pc if companies did not seek any other special tax incentives. Any manufacturing companies incorporated on or after Oct. 1 would be eligible for a 17pc tax rate, with the condition that they start production by March 2023, said Sitharaman, speaking from the coastal state of Goa. Officials meeting in Goa are also considering lowering sales taxes on 20-25 products in a bid to address a slump in consumer demand that slowed economic growth to a 25-quarter low of 5pc in the April-June quarter. Foreign firms that have Indian

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SHAKTIKANTA DAS
RESERVE BANK OF INDIA GOVERNOR

subsidiaries or joint ventures with Indian companies would also enjoy the lower corporate tax rates, Sitharaman said. Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said the moves augur "extremely well" for the economy. "These are definitely very bold and welcome measures," he said at a forum. "These tax rates take us closer to the tax rates which prevail in this part of the world." The broad NSE Nifty and the benchmark BSE Sensex closed 5.3pc higher. The rupee rose as much as 0.9pc to 70.68 against the dollar, its strongest since Aug. 9. **Yields spike** While shares soared, bond yields spiked to a near three-month high on speculation the government may have to borrow more to meet its spending needs, because the measures will cut revenue by 1.45 trillion rupees (\$20.4 billion) in the current fiscal year, according to government estimates.

Stocks ahead on hopes of US-China trade war resolution

AFP | London

European and US stock markets advanced yesterday, mirroring gains in much of Asia on hopes of progress in looming China-US trade talks, dealers said. In afternoon trading, London's benchmark FTSE 100 index was up 0.1 per cent, while Frankfurt was marginally higher and Paris won 0.4pc. Wall Street opened higher, with the Dow edging up 0.1pc. The pound slid despite European Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker's apparent hint that a Brexit deal was still possible, with Britain due to leave the European Union at the end of next month. "Stocks markets are muted in Europe... as traders are keeping an eye on US-China trade rela-



Markets have been lifted this month by hopes for talks between China and the US planned for next month tions," said CMC Markets analyst David Madden. With a delegation from China in the US to prepare for higher-level negotiations next month, investors hope the economic giants can find a solution to their tariffs row that has been a drag on the global economy for a year. Stock markets have enjoyed a broadly positive September thanks to hopes for the talks, with both sides appearing to offer olive branches and sounding less confrontational than they did in July and August. Equities remain supported by central bank shifts towards easier monetary policy, although there was some disappointment in the Federal Reserve's lack of forward guidance this week for further interest rate cuts. London sentiment was buoyed

Key figures around 1330 GMT		
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 0.1pc at 7,366.45 points	
Frankfurt - DAX 30:	▲ less than 0.1pc at 12,460.25	
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ 0.4pc at 5,679.36	
EURO STOXX 50:	▲ 0.4pc at 3,567.98	
New York - Dow:	▲ 0.1pc at 27,128.61	
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▲ 0.2pc at 22,079.09 (close)	
Hong Kong - Hang Seng:	▼ 0.1pc at 26,435.67 (close)	
Shanghai - Composite:	▲ 0.2pc at 3,006.45 (close)	
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.1016 from \$1.1041 at 2100 GMT	
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 107.96 yen from 108.02 yen	
Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.2471 from \$1.2526	
Euro/pound:	▲ at 88.32 pence from 88.15 pence	
Brent North Sea crude:	▲ 0.9pc at \$64.95 per barrel	
West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 1.4pc at \$58.93	

Friday after Royal Bank of Scotland appointed long-serving banker Alison Rose as chief executive, making her the first fe-

male boss of a major UK lender. The news sent RBS shares jumping 4.2pc higher to stand at 216.7 pence.

On the downside, Rolls-Royce shares sank almost 2.4pc to 790.4 pence after revealing that it was taking longer than expected to fix its troubled Trent 1000 plane engines. **Eyes on Middle East** Traders meanwhile kept an eye on the Gulf region after last weekend's strikes on Saudi oil facilities fanned geopolitical tensions. Devastating strikes crippled two of Saudi Arabia's biggest oil plants on Saturday and sent the price of crude soaring on Monday. Both main contracts then stabilised this week after the initial shock but there are worries of a possible conflict after the US and Saudi Arabia pointed the finger at Iran and said they were considering their response.

Children hit streets in vast global climate strike

Paris

Vast crowds of children skipped school Friday to join a global strike against climate change, heeding the rallying cry of teen activist Greta Thunberg and demanding adults act to stop environmental disaster.

It was expected to be the biggest protest ever against the threat posed to the planet by climate change.

Yelling slogans and waving placards, children and adults across Asia and the Pacific kicked off the protest, which spread later to Africa and Europe with huge crowds filling the streets.

“We are the future. We are schoolchildren and we are not going to school,” said Vihaan Agarwal, 15, protesting in Delhi. “We believe there is no point in going to school if we are not going to have a future to live in.”

Organisers forecast one million participants overall. In Australia alone, they said more than 300,000 children, parents and supporters rallied.

“Stop climate change now”, “There is no planet B”, “Wake up!” read some of the signs brandished by demonstrators in a trendy central shopping district of Tokyo.

“We adults caused this planet emergency,” said one of them, Chika Maruta, 32, marching with her colleagues from a cosmetics company.

“We should take our responsibilities for the next generation.”

‘We deserve better’

Swedish schoolgirl Thunberg, 16, has accused leaders of not doing enough to prevent harmful climate change.

On the eve of the strikes, she insisted solutions were being “ignored”.

“Everything counts, what you do counts,” she said in a video message to supporters.

Demonstrators young and old echoed her cry.

“We have to reduce our carbon footprints to pretty much nothing in the next 12 years, otherwise there will be drastic consequences,” said 15-year-old Jonathan Lithgow, one of about 500 children and adults demonstrating in Johannesburg. He said his school gave stu-



Children in New Delhi joined what was set to be the largest global climate protest ever



Swedish teen Greta Thunberg has become the poster child for a new youth-led climate change protest movement

dents permission to take part in the march.

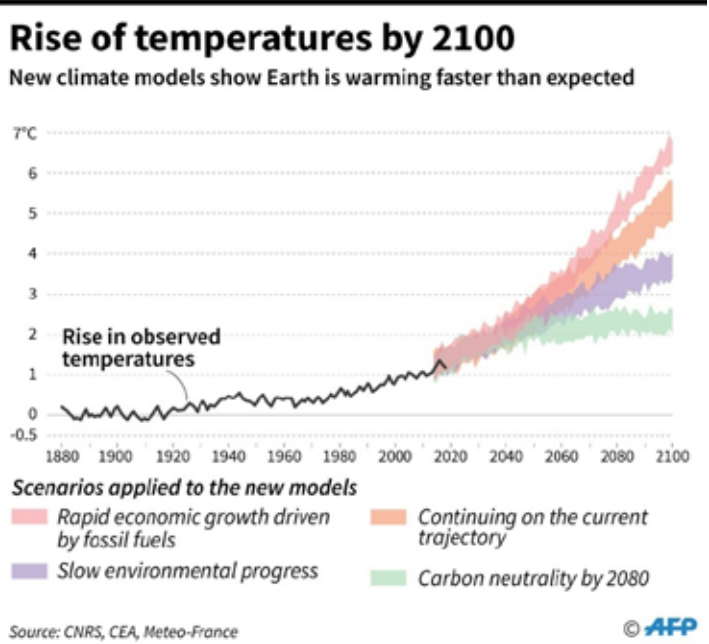
The demonstrations were due to culminate in New York, where 1.1 million students in around 1,800 public schools have been permitted to skip school.

As the sun rose above the international dateline, events began in the deluge-threatened

Pacific Islands of Vanuatu, the Solomons and Kiribati -- where children chanted “We are not sinking, we are fighting”.

There was a similar sense of defiance across Asia.

“We are the future and we deserve better,” 12-year-old Lily Satidtanasarn -- known as “Thailand’s Greta” for her cam-



paing against plastic bags in malls -- told AFP in Bangkok.

The adults “have just been talking about it, but they’re not doing anything,” she said. “We don’t want excuses.”

‘You’re being lied to’

In Australia, some local authorities, schools and business

encouraged people to take part in the strikes.

The changing environment has become a daily fact of life in Australia, struck in recent years by droughts, more intense bushfires, devastating floods and the blanching of the Great Barrier Reef.

Numerous peer-reviewed sci-



School children across India also took part in the marches

entific studies have shown a link between human-made gas emissions and climate change.

But the protests also laid bare resistance from those who question the threat.

Australian ruling coalition parliamentarian Craig Kelly on Thursday warned children that “everything you’re told is a lie”.

“The facts are, there is no link between climate change and drought, polar bears are increasing in number.”

Some authorities warned that absences from school on Friday must be explained -- but school pupils were undeterred.

“We’re here to send a message to people in power -- the politicians, showing them that we care and this is really important to us,” said 16-year-old Will Connor.

Businesses taking action

An increasing number of businesses backed the protests.

Amazon chief Jeff Bezos on Thursday pledged to make the US technology and retail giant carbon neutral by 2040 and encourage other firms to do likewise.

Friday’s mass action set the scene for a range of high-profile climate events in New York.

A Youth Climate Summit will take place at the United Nations on Saturday.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will then host an emergency summit on Monday in which he will urge world leaders to raise their commitments made in the 2015 Paris climate accord.

The agreement saw countries pledge to limit the long-term rise in the average temperature of the Earth to two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) over pre-industrial levels, and if possible, to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

A landmark UN report to be unveiled next week will warn that global warming and pollution are ravaging Earth’s oceans and icy regions in ways that could unleash misery on a global scale.

The scientific report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will be put to a gathering of experts from 195 countries meeting in Morocco from Friday.



Pacific Islanders marched in Sydney in one of the first protests in a global day of action on climate change

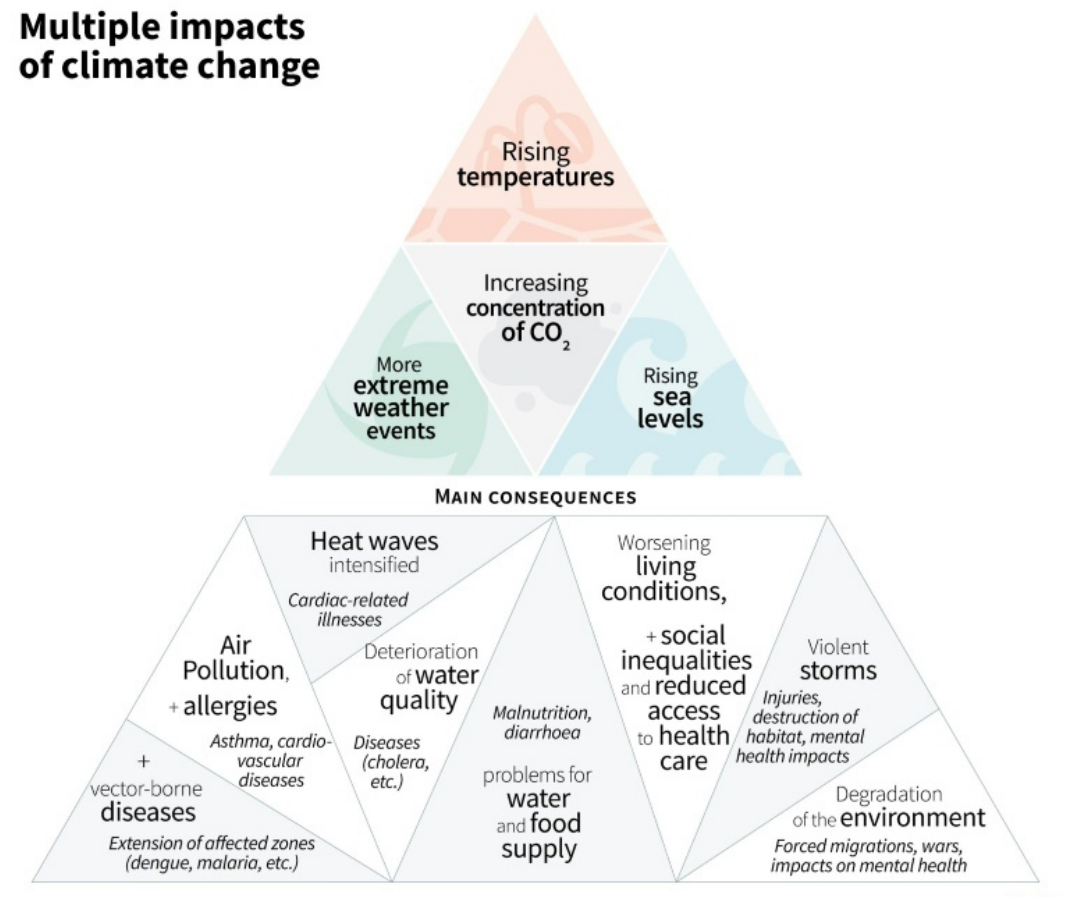


Children from Asia to Europe skipped school and took to the streets for the climate protest



Thousands of climate protesters crowded in the centre of Hamburg

Multiple impacts of climate change



celeb

Ariana Grande evacuates Scotland hotel after fire alert

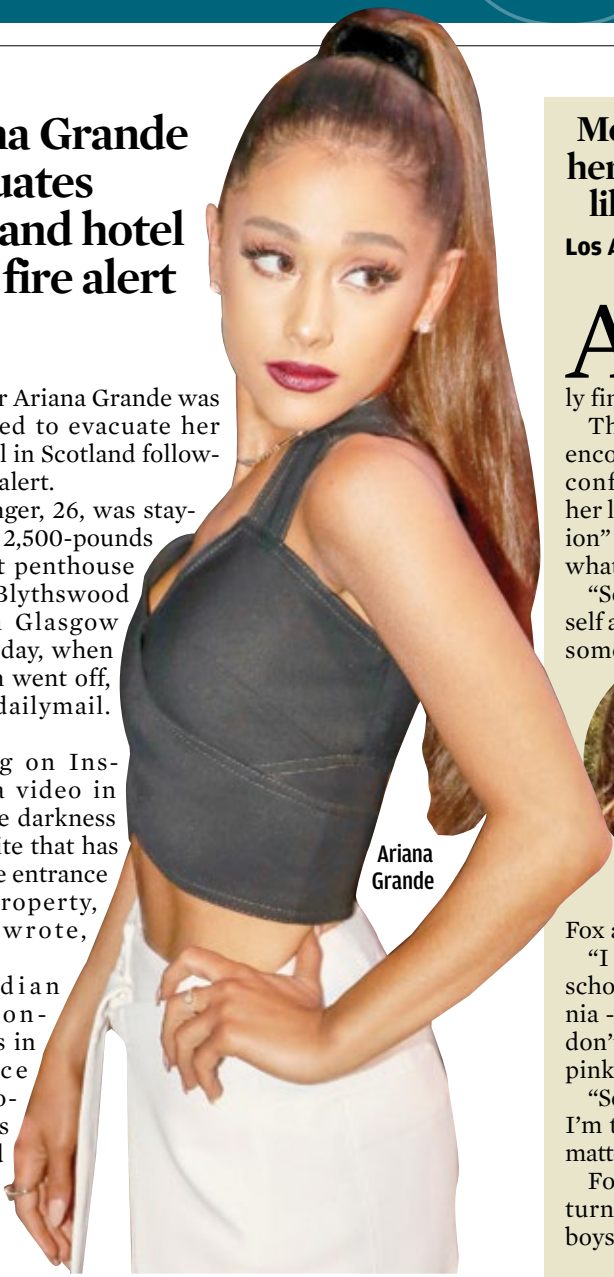
London

Singer Ariana Grande was forced to evacuate her hotel in Scotland following a fire alert.

The singer, 26, was staying in the 2,500-pounds per night penthouse suite at Blythswood Hotel in Glasgow on Thursday, when the alarm went off, reports dailymail.co.uk.

Posting on Instagram a video in which the darkness of her suite that has a separate entrance to the property, Ariana wrote, "Why?"

Comedian Billy Connolly was in residence at the hotel, guests revealed on the social media.



Ariana Grande

Megan Fox encourages her six-year old son who likes wearing dresses

Los Angeles

Actor Megan Fox's six-year-old son Noah, likes to put on dresses and she is totally fine with it.

The 33-year old also not only encourages but tells him "to be confident no matter what" as her little boy is "really into fashion" and goes to school wearing whatever he likes, even dresses!

"Sometimes, he'll dress himself and he likes to wear dresses, some-



Noah

times," People quoted Fox as saying on The Talk episode on Thursday.

Not only she allows the son to wear whatever he is comfortable in, but Fox also advises him to be confident.

"I send him to a really liberal, hippy school, but even there -- here in California -- he still has little boys going, 'Boys don't wear dresses,' or 'Boys don't wear pink,'" she said.

"So we're going through that now, where I'm trying to teach him to be confident no matter what anyone else says," Fox continued.

Fox even recalled a day when Noah returned from school and she asked him if boys made fun of him.



Megan Fox

Beyonce gets spot amongst Royals at Madame Tussauds

Los Angeles

It's time to bow down as 'Queen Bey' is here to claim her throne! Madame Tussauds London on Thursday unveiled Beyonce's wax figurine standing amidst the British Royals.

The singer's statue has been placed at Queen Elizabeth II's spot for a day where she is covered by the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle and Prince Philip to the right while Kate Middleton, Prince William, Prince Charles and Camila Parker Bowles are seen standing to her left.

On Friday, her statue will be replaced with the Queen's and she will join the figures of her likes including Ed Sheeran, Adele, Rihanna.

"Beyonce is a living legend, rightly crowned Queen Bey by her legions of fans and industry insiders. If anyone is fitting of a claim to The Queen's spot in our attraction for the very first time, it's Beyonce," Entertainment Weekly quoted Steve Davies, general manager at Madame Tussauds London as saying.



Beyonce

Quash FIR against Boney Kapoor, says Rajasthan High Court

Jaipur

The Rajasthan High Court on Friday ordered the quashing of an FIR lodged against Bollywood film producer Boney Kapoor on charges of duping an investor of Rs 2.5 crore in the name of organising a Celebrity Cricket League.

The alleged victim, Praveen Shyam Sethi, a resident of Ramnagar in Jagatpura, registered an FIR in June this year against three people namely Boney Kapoor, one Mustafa Raj and the director of the Signature Cricket League – Pawan Jangid – for allegedly duping him in the name of unrealistic returns on his investment in the Celebrity Cricket League.

Kylie Jenner dismisses rumours of split with boyfriend Travis Scott

Los Angeles

American model Kylie Jenner who fell prey to online speculations over possible trouble in her relationship with boyfriend Travis Scott, shut down the split rumours with an adorable family picture.

This week, the speculations found a way when the beauty mogul shared a mirror selfie on Instagram and a picture of Scott was suspiciously missing from the makeup closet of the star.

According to E-News, the fans of Kylie noticed the missing picture which was once spotted when she shared few snaps from inside her closet earlier.

However, in a selfie shared on Instagram from the same spot, the framed picture was no longer there in the background. "Ain't a game, boy," and gal pal Yris Palmer's comment, "Made for one player" and you've got a recipe for rumours.



Travis Scott and Kylie Jenner

Kim delayed giving birth to North West for a manicure

Los Angeles

Reality TV star Kim Kardashian says she delayed giving birth to her daughter North West in 2013 for a manicure.

The "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" star shared a hilarious story about her first birth experience when she stopped by on best friend Jonathan Cheban's new podcast "FoodGod: OMFG" on September 19, reports aceshowbiz.com.

Kim said that before going into labour six years ago, she made a few pit stops.

"I go, 'I need a McGriddle at McDonald's,' 'the reality star recalled. She also asked Cheban: "Do you mind driving me to get a bikini wax?"

Cheban noted that Kim "couldn't move" that day.

"I had to actually like squeeze her inside of the car and pull her out to get this wax," the 45-year-old added.

The pair recalled that they were being followed by paparazzi during the action-packed day. Calling the experience "crazy," the KKW Beauty founder said that they were "racing trying to like ditch them, and then at that moment I get the call saying, 'Hey you have preeclampsia you have to deliver right now.' Preeclampsia is a condition in which a pregnant woman has high blood pressure and typically results in the swelling of feet, legs and hands."

Kim also went to change her nail colour even after the doctors said that she needed to deliver.



Kim Kardashian

Brad Pitt opens about his bonding with Kanye West

Los Angeles

Looks like Brad Pitt and Kanye West are setting new BFF goals.

Pitt talked to Extra about his new buddy, West, during the premiere of his new movie 'Ad Astra' reported People.

"[We kept] just running [into each other] through the years," Pitt said of how he came to meet West. "I love that there's a Kanye out in the world, like, messing things up, you know?"

"Envisioning the future and, you know, we can't forget his music. He was one of the first to come out and be raw and open -- he should always get credit for that," he continued.

The 55-year-old actor was also spotted with the rapper during the Sunday Service, which he referred as "really beautiful."

"I think what he's doing is pretty special," Pitt said. "It's this real celebratory thing of people and it's a really loving vibe and it's beautiful -- it's huge, so beautiful. I find it really special."

Speaking to Entertainment Tonight, earlier this week, the 'Troy' actor said that the gathering was "a pure celebration of life and people. It's really delightful."



Brad Pitt

Lisa Kudrow, Courteney Cox get nostalgic as 'Friends' turn 25

Los Angeles

Twenty-five years ago, actors Jennifer Aniston, David Schwimmer, Courteney Cox, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc and Matthew Perry became household names with the popular American sitcom "Friends". Till date, the star cast is fondly known by their characters' names among their fans.



Lisa Kudrow, Courteney Cox

Be it Rachel and Ross' "on again off again" romance or Monica's obsession with cleanliness or Joey's love for food and the group's long conversations on the couch of Central Perk, everything about the show is still embedded in the minds of avid watchers.



Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively

This is how Ryan Reynolds is keeping wife Blake Lively happy!

Los Angeles

It seems that American actor Ryan Reynolds is leaving no stone unturned to keep wife Blake Lively happy with his choices in life.

The 42-year-old 'Deadpool' actor, who recently celebrated his seventh wedding anniversary, shared a series of pictures on social media from the photoshoot for the brand, Aviation Gin, which is owned by the actor himself.

"LOVE this @AviationGin shoot with the legendary @guyaroch. Hair by @serafinosays and styling by @joseph.episcopo," he wrote alongside the picture.

Ryan, who shares two children with Blake--with another baby on the way--also joked in his caption, "Bags under my eyes by two thankless who refused to go to bed the night before, despite the fact I read them Winnie the Pooh and nearly half of Stephen King's 'The Shining.'"

sports

Ex-Spurs, United forward Dimitar Berbatov retires

AFP | Paris

Dimitar Berbatov, Bulgaria's joint all-time leading international scorer, said that he was retiring as a player after more than a year without a club.

"Although when I think about it, it's never The End, because I will stay in the game in one way or another, the time has come to say that after almost 20 years playing football I am stopping with my professional football career!" he wrote in a long Instagram post.

Berbatov, a languid but elegant, imaginative and effective striker, made his debut for CSKA Sofia, where his father Ivan also played.

He moved to Bayer Leverkusen before joining Tottenham who sold him to Manchester United for £30.7 million (38.1 million euros at the time) two seasons later.

He spent four seasons at Old Trafford, winning two Premier League titles and sharing the league's Golden Boot with Carlos Tevez in 2010-11. He spent two seasons each with Fulham and Monaco, before finishing with less successful stints at PAOK in Greece and the Kerala Blasters in India.

He played 77 times for Bulgaria, scoring 48 goals, which tied him for most with Hristo Bonev, who played 96 internationals between 1967 and 1979.

Greenwood saves United

Mason Greenwood's first Manchester United goal earns win over Astana



Manchester United's striker Mason Greenwood shoots to score

AFP | Manchester

Teenager Mason Greenwood rescued a much-changed Manchester United from an embarrassing start to their Europa League campaign with the only goal to beat Kazakh champions Astana 1-0 at Old Trafford on Thursday.

At just 17, Greenwood became the youngest goalscorer for United in European competition with a composed finish under Nenad Eric 17 minutes

from time.

"We always know that in and around the box he is one of the best finishers we have got," said United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer on Greenwood's composure.

Victory justified Solskjaer's decision to make nine changes from Saturday's Premier League win over Leicester with a host of youngsters given their chance to impress.

Greenwood was joined in the starting line-up by Angel

Gomes, Axel Tuanzebe and Tahith Chong.

"Today was a great opportunity for them," added Solskjaer.

"We made it hard for ourselves. Games like these, you want to make sure you win the game in the first 20 minutes and you can enjoy it.

"You could see some of our lads needed games but it's pleasing we got the three points."

The visitors had travelled nearly 6,000 kilometres to the Theatre of Dreams and could



At just 17, Greenwood became the youngest goalscorer for United in European competition

have held out for a famous point thanks to Eric's heroics in goal.

Brazilian midfielder Fred saw an early effort come back off the bar as United started strongly and Eric made two brilliant saves to deny Marcus Rashford.

Rashford made his name in similar circumstances during an injury crisis for Louis van Gaal in the Europa League in 2016 with a double against Danish club Midtjylland.

And Solskjaer is hoping United's failure to qualify for the Champions League can at least come to some good with the Norwegian keen to promote youngsters in Europe's second tier competition this season.

Solskjaer has been glowing in his praise of Greenwood's poise in front of goal and he repaid his manager's faith by twisting and turning inside the area before slotting in at the near post to end Astana's resistance.

Hudson-Odoi agrees new five-year deal at Chelsea

AFP | London

Chelsea winger Callum Hudson-Odoi quashed speculation over his future by signing a new five-year deal with the Premier League side on Thursday.

The 18-year-old was a target for Bayern Munich with his previous contract set to expire at the end of this season.

Hudson-Odoi had reportedly been reluctant to commit his future to Chelsea due to a lack of opportunities for young players over recent years.

However, all that has changed at the start of this season under Frank Lampard with Fikayo Tomori, Mason Mount and Tammy Abraham all regularly given their chance to shine.

"It's an amazing feeling," said Hudson-Odoi.

"It's been a long wait but it's done now and I'm really happy about that.

"I've been a Chelsea player since I was eight and this is the right club for me to be at. I want to lift as many trophies as possible, win as many

games as possible and contribute to as many goals as I can as well."

Callum Hudson-Odoi

**Lennon energised by Celtic display in Europa League opener**

Ryan Christie scores from the penalty spot to give Celtic a 1-1 draw at Rennes

AFP | Rennes, France

The Europa League group stage might be a turn-off for some, but for Celtic it is a valuable platform on which to measure themselves and Neil Lennon's side can take plenty of positives from a 1-1 draw away to French Cup winners Rennes on Thursday.

The Glasgow giants again missed out on a place in the Champions League group stage this season but their point in Brittany, secured thanks to a Ryan Christie second-half penalty, is an ideal start in Group E, which also features Lazio and CFR Cluj.

Celtic had to come from behind after conceding to M'Baye Niang's 38th-minute spot-kick for the home side, and they ended the game with 10 men as substitute Vakoun Issouf Bayo was sent off in injury time.

A draw at Roazhon Park is better than Paris Saint-Germain managed as they went down 2-1 here last month, while Arsenal were beaten on this ground last season.

It was a result to be proud of for Celtic's boisterous, sun-burnt supporters who brought the city to a standstill on a mass march to the stadium earlier in the day.

Arsenal run riot at Frankfurt

Bukayo Saka inspires Arsenal to thrilling win at Eintracht Frankfurt

AFP | Frankfurt am Main

Arsenal youngsters Joe Willock and Bukayo Saka claimed goals as a rotated Gunners side romped to a 3-0 win at 10-man Eintracht Frankfurt on Thursday in the Europa League.

Willock, 20, one of seven changes by Arsenal manager Unai Emery to the team which started Sunday's 2-2 draw at Watford, gave the Gunners a first-half lead after a deflection off a Frankfurt player.

Eighteen-year-old Saka and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang grabbed late goals as Frankfurt were reduced to 10 men for the final 11 minutes when midfielder Dominik Kohr was shown a second yellow card for fouling Saka.

"Everybody can be happy and continuing in this competition is important, so it was good to get a good win, especially away from home," said Emery.

The Arsenal boss singled out Saka after the teenager showed confidence above his years by scoring and then setting up Aubameyang late on.

"We wanted to give the young players a chance and they showed the confidence to take their chances," said Emery.



Buyako Saka curls home Arsenal's second goal

"He (Saka) showed his confidence with his finishing, he looked good and physically strong," added Emery, who praised his side's defending after shutting out Frankfurt despite facing 24 shots at goal.

Last season's Europa League finalists rebounded from throwing away a two-goal lead at Watford, with playmaker Mesut Ozil left out for the trip to Germany.

Club record signing Nicolas Pepe and midfielder Dani Ceballos made second-half appearances off the bench.

Aubameyang started up front flanked by teenager wingers Emile Smith Rowe, 19, and Saka. It took the Gunners time to

find their feet and the first 15 minutes were strewn with errors from both teams.

Frankfurt, beaten on penalties by eventual champions Chelsea in last season's semi-finals, fielded an entirely new forward line after selling strikers Luka Jovic to Real Madrid and Sebastian Haller to West Ham.

But the hosts had the best of the early chances, Jovic's replacement Filip Kostic twice going close with Dutch striker Bas Dost also firing over.

"We did well in the first half, we dominated, the only thing missing was a goal," said Frankfurt goalkeeper Kevin Trapp.

"We kept our heads up af-

ter going down and the result doesn't reflect our performance."

Arsenal started finding holes to exploit as Willock and Smith Rowe had massive chances before the former finally got the breakthrough -- with a dose of luck.

Saka linked up on the counter with Willock, who cut inside to get his shot away, which deflected off Frankfurt captain David Abraham and bounced in off the underside of the bar.

The Gunners again rattled the woodwork just after the breakthrough a free-kick by captain Granit Xhaka.

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Hamilton sets scintillating pace

● **Lewis Hamilton edges Max Verstappen under the Singapore lights during second practice**

● **Verstappen led the way in first practice**

AFP | Singapore

Championship leader Lewis Hamilton lived up to his status as pre-race favourite for the Singapore Grand Prix when the Mercedes driver soared to the top of the timesheets with a storming lap in the second free practice session at a floodlit Marina Bay Street Circuit yesterday.

The Briton, who has won four times in Singapore, is well on course for a sixth world title after recording eight victories in 2019.

His scintillating form after two practice sessions around the demanding 23-turn layout suggest he will be celebrating a



Mercedes' British driver Lewis Hamilton takes part in the second practice session

ninth triumph of the campaign on Sunday night.

Hamilton spent the first session churning out race simu-

lation laps on the more durable hard compound tyres as he clocked the third fastest time behind Red Bull's Max Verstappen

and Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel, who had set their best laps on the quicker soft tyres.

However, once the Briton was



Lewis Hamilton led second practice in Singapore by just 0.184s over Max Verstappen

unleashed with softs fitted on his Mercedes and 50 minutes to go in the second session, he immediately clocked a day's best 1:38.773 seconds to leave all but Verstappen trailing in his wake.

Hamilton's lap was far from perfect as he made a number of mistakes in the first two sectors, but he was still able to record a time 0.184 seconds quicker than his Dutch rival with Vettel leading the rest of the pack a distant

0.818 seconds off the pace.

The Mercedes was even more impressive during the race simulations, but Hamilton will be wary of the threat posed by Red Bull and the Ferraris of Vettel and Charles Leclerc, who has won the last two races.

The Italian team was consistently the fastest in the first sector before losing time through the more technical sections of the layout.

Valtteri Bottas, perhaps mindful of the heavy crash that ended his first practice session, drove cautiously and was more than a second slower than his Mercedes team mate in identical conditions, leaving his chances of eating into Hamilton's 63-point championship lead looking remote at best.

After Bottas smashed into the barriers in the afternoon, the second session passed without any major drama.

Alex Albon's low-speed crash into the run-off area at Turn 10 and a late spin by Romain Grosjean were the only two incidents to bring out yellow caution flags.

Marquez fastest despite Yamaha challenge

AFP | Alcaniz, Spain

Three Yamahas outpaced Marc Marquez in the second practice session for the Aragon GP yesterday but the Spaniard remained fastest because of his time in the morning session.

Maverick Vinales, Valentino Rossi and Fabio Quartararo were the quickest in the afternoon but none of these three riders was able to approach Marquez's morning time of 1min 46.689sec.

Vinales set the best afternoon time in 1:48.014, 0.057sec ahead of factory Yamaha teammate Valentino Rossi. With Quartararo, who rides for a Yamaha satellite team, 0.103sec slower.

If the forecast rain arrives on Saturday morning for the third



Repsol Honda Team's Spanish rider Marc Marquez rides during the second MotoGP free practice session

practice session, it could make it more difficult for the others to stop Honda's Marquez, the five-time world champion, taking

pole position.

Apart from Marquez, who escaped a crash unscathed, all the other riders improved their

times in the afternoon, with fellow Spaniard Pol Espargaro putting his KTM in fifth.

Marquez leads Andrea Dovizioso of Ducati by 93 points with six races left to run. The Italian only had the eighth best combined time in the first two practice sessions.

The riders with the ten fastest times in the first three free practice sessions participate directly in Saturday's qualifying session (Q2), which determines the order of the top 12 places on the starting grid for the race on Sunday at 13:00 local time (1100 GMT).

Dhoni must quit international game before he's pushed: Gavaskar

Reuters | Mumbai

The time has come for India's long-serving wicketkeeper-batsman Mahendra Singh Dhoni to bow out of international cricket - and he should go before he's pushed, batting great Sunil Gavaskar said.

Former captain Dhoni has been the subject of intense speculation among fans, ex-players and pundits over when he will retire from international cricket since India's semi-final exit from the World Cup.

The veteran of 350 one-dayers, who quit playing tests at

the end of 2014, has not provided any hint of what his plans are.

However he made himself unavailable for India's tour of the West Indies and instead opted to spend 15 days with India's territorial army, a reservist force that draws on civilians who can do short stints to assist the military.

Dhoni was also a notable omission from India's Twenty20 squad for the ongoing three-match series against South Africa.

"Nobody knows what's in MSD's mind. Only he can clarify what he thinks his future with Indian cricket is," former India captain and opening batsman Gavaskar told India Today.

"But he's now 38, by the time the next T20 World Cup comes he will be over 39 years old. I think India should be looking ahead."

Dhoni captained India to the World Twenty20 crown in 2007, and the 50-over World Cup title at home four years later, and enjoys cult status in the cricket-mad country.

Federer happy for China to host Laver Cup

Reuters | Geneva

Roger Federer said he would be happy for the Laver Cup to be played in China in the future, ahead of the tournament's third edition starting yesterday in Geneva.

After the inaugural Laver Cup contested between Team Europe and Team World was held in Prague in 2017, last year's tournament in Chicago drew sellout crowds as Federer and world number one Novak Djokovic helped Europe win 13-8.

"Why not... it's completely open and flexible, but you have got to ask the Laver Cup people," 20-times Grand Slam champion Federer told report-

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ers on Thursday.

"I'm sure they're looking into it, where it's going to go for the next decade or so.

"China has been a good place for us players. The tournaments in Shanghai and Beijing, they've been big. It's growing there as well with all the tournaments that are coming now, also on the women side.

"Sure, there's other countries and

cities that really also would like it in the future. I just like it to be in the place that is super excited about hosting the Laver Cup like Prague, Chicago and now also Geneva has shown, that would be the same in China if it ever goes there."

Europe also won the first edition and Team World captain John McEnroe said he hoped they could finally get one over their rivals in Switzerland.

"This is a great event and a great format I believe for our team," McEnroe said. "We've been very close obviously.

"So close yet so far, so it could be awesome if this time we can get over the hump, get a little luck going our way and step up."

Team World's Nick Kyrgios echoed McEnroe's sentiments and said he was looking forward to what is one of his favourite weeks of the year.

"The way we've come together as a group, our chemistry is much better than Team Europe's and I think that gives us a good shot in every year," Kyrgios said.



Sri Lanka's Dananjaya gets one-year bowling ban: ICC

AFP | Colombo

Sri Lankan off-spinner Akila Dananjaya was banned from bowling in international matches for a year after his bowling action was found to be illegal, the International Cricket Council (ICC) said Thursday.

The 25-year-old was subjected to an independent assessment of his bowling action after umpires questioned his style in the first Test against

New Zealand at Galle in August, the ICC said.

It recalled that he had been suspended in December after being reported by umpires during the first Test against England in November 2018, but was permitted to resume bowling in February following "remedial work on his action."

However, he was found to have an illegal action following another assessment after being reported again last month, the ICC said.