

**I've become private person after marrying Kanye: Kim**

Kim Kardashian says her marriage with rapper Kanye West has made her more "private person". While appearing in a TV show, Kim admitted that before she met Kanye, her whole life revolved around being in the spotlight. **P13**

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**Saudi enjoys 'autonomy to deal with Khashoggi case'**

Riyadh

Saudi Arabia's judiciary enjoys full autonomy to deal with the case of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, the Kingdom's Justice Minister Dr Waleed Al Samaan said in a statement issued by state news agency SPA yesterday.

He added that the Khashoggi case took place on Saudi sovereign territory and it will be looked at by Saudi courts when all procedures are complete.

Dr Al Samaan also said that the administration of justice is the permanent approach of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and that the Kingdom will not deviate from this approach.



Dr Al Samaan

Saudi Arabia's judicial institution was founded upon the principles of Islamic law and values of justice that order fairness, Dr Al Samaan said. He continued by saying that King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed fully support Saudi judicial institutions that aim to prevent harm to the Kingdom or its citizens, wherever they may be.

**First spell of showers**

Kingdom experiences thundery showers, heavy winds; Meteorological Directorate urges caution

**Waterlogged roads made drivers struggle. However, no traffic accidents were reported from across the Kingdom.**

**Strong winds were also recorded yesterday with the Meteorological Directorate noting winds reaching 35 knots at times.**

TDT | Manama  
Mohammed Zafran

Thundery rain along with heavy winds was reported in many parts of the Kingdom yesterday.

Forecasts said it would continue until tomorrow.

Riffa was the worst among the places affected by the rain with puddles across streets.

Waterlogged roads made drivers struggle. However, no traffic accidents were reported from across the Kingdom.



One of the flooded neighbourhoods in Riffa.



Vehicles wade through flooded roads in Riffa.

Speaking to Tribune, a Riffa resident said, "Showers were really strong. I had to avoid certain roads as they were filled with water."

Several videos depicting the impact of the rain went viral yesterday. In one of the videos, a boy was seen swimming to cross a flooded road.

**Thundery showers are expected to affect the Kingdom along with very strong gusts. All should exercise caution.**

METEOROLOGICAL DIRECTORATE

In another, two men were seen carrying a man in traditional Arab robes in a trolley into his car.

The video was titled '100 fils service' suggesting some were

offering this 'trolley service' to residents in the area.

There were also videos showing cars and trucks submerged in water in some of the neighbourhoods of Riffa. However, Tribune could not verify the authenticity of these videos.

Strong winds were also recorded yesterday with the Meteorological Directorate noting winds reaching 35 knots at times.

According to the next five-day forecast issued by the directorate, the weather will continue to fluctuate with scattered rain.

"Thundery showers are expected to affect the Kingdom along with very strong gusts. Therefore, Meteorological Directorate calls on citizens and especially the sailors to be careful and cautious," the directorate stated. The directorate also confirmed hailstorm in Hamad Town yesterday.

The General Directorate of Traffic also urged caution. "The directorate wishes safety to all road users and calls upon drivers to be cautious of the rain by driving on the correct lane, following the speed limits and leaving the safety distance between vehicles," it stated.

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**US to withdraw from nuke arms treaty with Russia**

Washington

Donald Trump has confirmed the US will leave an arms control treaty with Russia dating from the cold war that has kept nuclear missiles out of Europe for three decades.

"We'll have to develop those weapons," the president told reporters in Nevada after a rally. "We're going to terminate the agreement and we're going to pull out."

Trump was referring to the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces treaty (INF), which banned ground-launch nuclear missiles with ranges from 500km to 5,500km.

Signed by Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev, it led to nearly 2,700 short- and medium-range missiles being eliminated, and an end to a dangerous standoff between US Pershing and cruise missiles and Soviet



Donald Trump

**2,700** short- and medium-range missiles were eliminated following the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

SS-20 missiles in Europe.

The Guardian reported yesterday that Trump's third national security adviser, John

Bolton, a longstanding opponent of arms control treaties, was pushing for US withdrawal. The US says Russia has been violating the INF agreement with the development and deployment of a new cruise missile.

Under the terms of the treaty, it would take six months for US withdrawal to take effect.

US hawks have also argued that the INF treaty ties the country's hands in its strategic rivalry with China in the Pacific, with no response to Chinese medium-range missiles that could threaten US bases, allies and shipping.

Bolton and the top arms control adviser in the National Security Council (NSC), Tim Morrison, are also opposed to the extension of another major pillar of arms control, the 2010 New Start agreement with Russia, which limited the number of deployed strategic warheads on either side to 1,550.

**People's Vote march**



Protesters seeking a referendum on the final Brexit deal attended a rally yesterday, which organisers said was the "biggest" demonstration of its kind. Young voters led the People's Vote march to London's Parliament Square, which attracted approximately 700,000 protesters. It also had support from a number of MPs who also want a fresh vote. The march was held at the same time as a pro-Brexit rally in Harrogate, organised by the group Leave Means Leave and led by former UKIP leader Nigel Farage. Full story page 11



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# Bahrain backs Saudi

**Justice Minister issues edict**  
Manama

The Kingdom yesterday reiterated its full solidarity with Saudi in its efforts to uphold transparency and justice

Manama

The Kingdom has commended the great efforts exerted by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, in order to establish justice, transparency and fairness.

This is reflected through the wise directives and decisions concerning the case of the late Saudi citizen Jamal Khashoggi, which confirms that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will always remain the state of justice, values and principles that ensure the application of law to all without exception, the Foreign Ministry said.

The Kingdom stresses the high regional and international position of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, noting that its great assets and valuable contributions will continue to be the basis of security and stability regionally and internationally,



Shaikh Khalid



Mr Al Jubeir

it also affirms its total rejection towards those affecting the Kingdom's security, sovereignty and stability." In another development, the

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, made a telephone call to his Saudi counterpart, Adel Ahmed Al Jubeir.

The two sides agreed on intensifying joint coordination between the two countries at all levels and on various issues of common concern.

Shaikh Khalid highlighted the vital strategic role of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in maintaining regional and international stability and prosperity.

For his part, the Saudi Foreign Minister expressed his appreciation for the support of the Kingdom, which reflects the close brotherly relations between the two countries at all levels.

Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa hailed the edict issued by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa to regulate the technical requirements for sending, receiving and updating electronic records and signatures of public bodies.

He described the electronic declaration as an essential development and a quality leap in the litigation procedural system.

The move, he added, is part of the technological transformation initiatives aimed at boosting effectiveness and speed in processing cases.

He also pointed out that electronic notification will include all forms of judicial declarations.

In this context, the Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Minister issued edict 89/2018 approving email and SMS to declare judicial papers in civil, commercial and criminal cases.

## Top UK orthopaedic surgeon at RBH

TDT | Manama

Dr Andrew Chamblor - Visiting Orthopaedic Consultant from the United Kingdom will be visiting the Royal Bahrain Hospital from October 21 to 28.

Dr Chamblor has been practicing as a Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon in the UK for the past 14 years. He qualified from St Mary's Hospital Medi-



Dr Chamblor

cal School in London and has been awarded his Masters of

Surgery degree in the field of Orthopedics, specialising in shoulder and elbow surgery, by the University of London in 2000.


Dr Chamblor gained his shoulder and elbow fellowship in Oxford, UK and has since been awarded travelling fellowships to UK and Europe as well as the world renowned Mayo Clinic in

the US by the British Elbow and Shoulder Society.

He will be available for consultation on various orthopedic related conditions, which

include treatment and management of Shoulder Pain and Sports Injuries, Advanced Arthroscopic Surgery and Shoulder replacement.

To book appointment with Dr Andrew Chamblor, call 17246800 or book online through [www.royalbahrainhospital.com](http://www.royalbahrainhospital.com).




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# Linking power grid to Hawar

First step towards promoting tourism potentials across six major islands to benefit national economy



Shaikh Khalifa interacts with officials during his visit to the island.



A master plan prepared by Edamah on developmental projects in Hawar.

**TDT | Manama**  
**Thamer Taifoor**

It will take almost two years to implement the plan of using submarine power cables to connect Hawar Islands to mainland Bahrain, it is learnt.

The project, funded by the Saudi Fund for Development, is scheduled to be completed by November 2020, according to the office of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Reconstruction and Infrastructure Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa.

The office of the Deputy Premier said

two of the main islands of the archipelago will be linked by one 25-km long cable that will run through the seabed.

“The move comes as part of creating a permanent power network to boost future developmental projects in the island,” a statement said.

Southern Governor Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa had recently announced that a number of developmental projects will be implemented on Hawar Islands in the near future.

This came as the governor visited the island to review the potentials for developmental projects.

The latest official statistics released

**25**  
kilometre cable will run through the seabed connecting the power grid to the island.

by the Southern Tourism Company showed that the number of guests at the islands’ hotel and resort had increased

by 108 per cent in the first eight months of this year.

Southern Tourism Company operates under the umbrella of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company, the sovereign wealth fund of the Kingdom and is in charge of marine transportation to and from Hawar Islands, in addition to operating the hotel and resort.

The company also provides logistics transportation services to ministries and government bodies.

On its part, Bahrain Real Estate Investment Company (Edamah), the real-estate arm of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company, announced that it

will launch, in cooperation with the private sector, several tourism and investment projects on Hawar Islands, valued over BD350 million.

The company added that the projects are expected to create 3,000 jobs while generating revenues to benefit the national economy.

The Hawar Islands include six major islands, in addition to more than 30 small ones, covering a total area of about 51.4 square kilometres.

The maximum length of the largest island, Hawar, is nearly 17 kilometres, and maximum width is three kilometres.

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# Celebrating the glorious Tamil legacy

Over 2,000 expected to attend the major Tamil festival to be held on Nov 2

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**Mohammed Zafran**

**M**ore than 2,000 people are expected to attend a major festival putting the spotlight on Tamil language, history and culture.

The Gulf Tamil Literary Festival will be held at the Indian Club on November 2 at 5:30pm, highlighting the greatness of Tamil language and its history.

The first-of-its-kind event, which will feature well-known Tamil social and political figures, is being organised by the Indian Club in coordination with the Bahrain Tamil Coordination Committee.

“Officials and members of all Tamil associations, social organisations, and NGO’s all around the Gulf are participating in this literary event. This Indo-Malaysian event will be a milestone in which Tamil celebrities from Malaysia are participating,” the Bahrain Tamil Coordination Committee stated.

During a press conference held yesterday at the Indian Club premises, the committee confirmed the speakers and chief guests for the event. Literary scholars and prominent Tamil politicians and public figures will attend the event including, Deputy Chief Minister of Penang State in Malaysia Dr P Ramasamy, Ex-Member of Parliament of India Vaiko, and Member of Penang State Legislative assembly Satees Muniandy.

“The whole Tamil community in Bahrain is going to be there to



Dr P Ramasamy



Mr Vaiko



Mr Shetty



Satees Muniandy



Mohammed Zaki

make this event a huge success. I am very excited about this event and look forward to its immense success,” said Indian Club President Cassius Periera during the press conference. “Our four special guests are very knowledgeable and looked up-to by the Tamil community all over the world. It will be a great honour for us to have them here. We are expecting a huge turnout; we have made all

the arrangements to be able to receive the huge participation. The members of Bahrain Tamil Coordination Committee are working day and night for the success of this event,” a spokesperson of the Bahrain Tamil Coordination Committee said.

### Awards

The organisers also announced that an award cere-

mony would be held to honour distinguished personalities who have made key contributions towards the Indian and Tamil community in Bahrain. Awards have been categorised into Business Entrepreneurship Award and Social Service Award.

Receiving the business entrepreneurship award will be: Founder and Chairman of NMC Healthcare and Chairman of UAE exchange Dr B R Shetty, General Manager of Zayani Motors Mohammed Zaki and Chairman of the Management Board and Managing Editor of The Daily Tribune P Unnikrishnan.

Social service award will be given to Coordinator of Bahrain Tamil Coordination Committee Abdul Kapur and President of Indian Club Cassius Periera, the organisers said.



Mr Periera along with Bahrain Tamil Coordination Committee members at the press conference.

## Tender Invitation



Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI) invites specialized companies to submit proposal for the following:

Tender title	Tender Document Fee	Initial Bond	Tender Closing Date
BCCI Rebranding Project	BD 50/- (Non-refundable)	BD 500/-	Thursday, 29th November 2018 2:00 P.M

### Guidelines for the submission of bids:

- 1- Collect the tender documents (RFP) and the current branding document from the Finance Affairs Department in the 4th floor of BCCI headquarters in Sanabis (Bait Al Tijjar), effective from 21st October, 2018 until 25th October 2018 after paying the tender documents' fee in favor of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
- 2- Documents to be enclosed with the bids:
  - The initial bond as per the above table should be in the form of certified cheque, bank guarantee, or insurance policy valid for the duration specified in the tender document.
  - A copy of the Commercial Registration Certificate for the current year, and copies of any other documents specified in the tender document.
  - A copy of valid BCCI membership.
- 3- A portfolio of previous "Branding" projects.
- 4- Presentation on the proposed new BCCI branding.
- 5- All the documents submitted with the tender should be stamped with the company's official seal.
- 6- Offers must be submitted in sealed envelopes subscribed with the title of the tender and addressed to the CEO of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry. They should be deposited in the tender box available in the Finance Affairs Department (4th floor, East wing) before the closing date.

### For more details

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## Flower arrangement lessons

Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) from different walks of life participated in the "Flower Arrangement Skills Training Programme" organised by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) under Welfare Officer Redina C Manlapaz, in collaboration with the Philippine Embassy in Bahrain and with the support of Strictly Social Group headed by Annette Avila. Resource Speaker Joselito Pascual conducted the seminar and taught the participants the various styles and techniques in flower arrangement. Consul General Ma. Paz G Cortes delivered her welcome speech during the event. The training was part of the OWWA's livelihood programme to help the OFWs upgrade their knowledge and skills to encourage them to start their own business once they return to their home country.



# Mega transportation projects 'set to serve channels for economic growth'

Transportation sector third biggest contributor to state budget, says minister

TDT | Manama  
Thamer Taifoor

Bahrain is planning a number of key projects to improve its transportation network in the near future, Transportation and Telecommunications Minister Kamal Ahmed has said.

This includes the King Hamad Causeway, which is the second

causeway to connect Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, the Bahrain Light Rail Network (LRT) and the expansion of Bahrain International Airport, he pointed out.

The minister stated this during the monthly majlis hosted by the Bahrain Businesswomen Society.

Mr Ahmed revealed that the transportation sector is the third biggest contributor to the state budget following the oil sector

and customs.

He said the total revenues from the sector is currently BD55 million annually and is expected to grow to BD65 m.

"The contribution of the transportation sector to the gross national income is 5.8 per cent with a growth rate of 4.7pc this year. The sector provides jobs to 3.5pc of the total Bahraini workforce.

"No economy can succeed without an integrated transportation sector in terms of air, sea and land transport. Our Kingdom has taken great strides in this regard," the minister commented, while reviewing the ministry's main projects and development strategies with the attendees.

"Today, Bahrain has strong transportation links with its GCC neighbours through the land ports connecting us to Saudi Arabia via the King Fahd Causeway, in addition to the under construction 40km-long King Hamad Causeway, and through the Khalifa Bin Salman Port and



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**The ministry is working steadily to implement the vision of HM the King by implementing the largest infrastructure development project, which is the expansion of the airport, increasing its capacity to annually accommodate 14 million passengers.**

MR AHMED

the expansion of the airport, increasing its capacity to annually accommodate 14 million passengers."

The minister also spoke about the LRT project and the King Hamad Causeway project, which will also connect the island to other GCC countries through a modern railway.

Mr Ahmed briefed the attendees on the ministry's efforts to attract investments in the vital sector of transportation, underscoring that organising the Bahrain International Airshow biennially, under the patronage of HM the King.

"It is one of the fastest growing events in the aviation sector. The show will be held from November 14 to 16 this year. Leading aircraft manufacturers from the US, Russia and other countries are expected to participate in the show, in addition to leading regional companies from Saudi Arabia and the UAE. More than 110 aircraft will be displayed in the event."



Bahrain Metro project is one of the key projects planned by the Ministry of Transportation.

**55**

million Bahraini dinars is the annual contribution of the transport sector to the State's budget.

## Initiative to boost entrepreneurial skills among Bahraini youth launched

TDT | Manama  
Harpreet Kaur

As part of the Manama Entrepreneurship Week (MEW), a Youth Entrepreneurial Development Initiative has been launched to enhance the capabilities of Bahraini youth and to guide and inspire them towards their entrepreneurial aspirations.

The MEW events being held under the patronage of Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, the Governor of the Capital Governorate, will commence today and run until October 25.

Speaking to Tribune, Mohammed Al Haddad, co-founder of the initiative, said, "It aims to expand the capabilities of Bahrain youth and enable them to achieve and develop their entrepreneur's aspirations. Collaborating with MEW provides synergistic benefits for the initiative, as it's a platform for promoting entrepreneurship and youth empowerment in



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**Each participant is assigned to a mentor, who is a business leader and influencer in the community. The mentorship is for one year and aims towards supporting the participants in attaining their aspirations.**

MR AL HADDAD

the Kingdom.

"Each participant is assigned to a mentor, who is a business leader and influencer in the community. The mentorship is for one year and aims towards supporting the participants in attaining their aspirations.

"The organising committee will be evaluating the progress of each participant through evaluation reports and sessions each quarter during the year.

"The selection criteria for the participants is that they have to be a resident of Bahrain, age between 18 and 25, where we made one exception for a participant who's 15 years old due to his exceptional profile.

"Participants should be eager and ambitious towards developing themselves especially in entrepreneurship sphere and contributing to the Bahraini community."

## Supporting visually-impaired



Capital Governor Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa yesterday patronised a march in support of the visually-impaired people. Themed "Supporting the Blind", the march was held on Al Fateh Coast, near Marina Club, in which the members of the Friendship Society for the Blind participated. The governor stressed the importance of supporting people with special needs and physical disabilities to help them achieve aspirations and promote their integration into society.

## Drug seller loses plea as court upholds sentence

TDT | Manama  
Ali Tarif

The High Appeals Court has upheld the ten year's imprisonment issued against a Bangladeshi national convicted

of peddling drugs.

The defendant was arrested through a special operation after an undercover agent offered to buy drugs from him, according to court details.

He is said to have accepted

BD70 from the officer in plain clothes to sell marijuana to him. The latter was arrested near his house in East Riffa and 40-grams of marijuana was seized from him.

He will be deported once he serves his jail time.

## One year jail for cop attacker

TDT | Manama  
Ali Tarif

The High Criminal Court has sentenced a 29-year-old man to one year in prison for attacking two police officers.

The police officers were alerted by the defendant's sister following a brawl at their house.

"When we arrived we saw that he was bleeding. He was holding a knife.

"He immediately pounced on us. Though we used pepper

**He immediately pounced on us. Though we used pepper spray, we initially failed to control him.**

VICTIM

spray, we initially failed to control him," one of the victims revealed to prosecutors.

The 29-year-old man was held guilty of assaulting on-duty police officers.

## Civil Defence dealt with 212 incidents last summer

Manama

The Civil Defence Directorate dealt with a total of 212 incidents during last summer, it is learnt.

Public Relations and Awareness officer Captain Ahmed Mohammed Jassim unveiled the statistics as he took part in the weekly programme "Al Amn", which is aired on Bahrain Radio.

He pointed out that most incidents resulted from electrical short circuits, neglect



The Civil Defence has also carried out many successful rescue operations during the last summer.

and recklessness, urging the owners of houses and shops to hire specialised workers to avert such incidents.

Captain Ahmed Mohammed Jassim said that the General Directorate of Civil Defence is ready to provide all required information and knowhow to ensure safety standards.

He stressed the need to avoid keeping gas cylinders inside houses or companies and strictly follow the rules regarding the use of gas cylinders.

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world**Remains of more than 60 babies, fetuses found**

Reuters | Washington

The remains of more than 60 infants and fetuses were found stashed in a Detroit funeral home, police said on Friday, calling the discovery “deeply disturbing.”

The incident comes about a week after the badly decomposed bodies of 11 babies were found hidden in a false ceiling at a different funeral home in the Michigan city.

No connection between the two cases has yet been established, Detroit’s police chief said. He added city, state and federal investigators were looking to form a task force to investigate the improper storage of human remains.

Unrefrigerated boxes containing about 36 sets of remains were recovered from the Perry Funeral Home along with another 27 sets of remains in a freezer, police said.

“This is deeply disturbing,” Detroit Police Chief James Craig told reporters on Friday. “I have never seen anything like this in my 41-1/2 years (on the force), ever.”

Investigators are working to establish ages and identities.

**Australia govt loses crucial by-election**

Sydney, Australia

Australia’s embattled conservative coalition yesterday dealt a spectacular defeat in a crucial by-election two months after it turfed out its latest prime minister, sending it into minority government.

The poll in the wealthy Sydney seat of Wentworth was triggered after former prime minister Malcolm Turnbull of the Liberal Party was ousted in the party coup in August -- the sixth change of national leaders in the last decade.

The result snuffs out the Liberal-National coalition’s one-seat majority and sends the country into yet another period of political instability ahead of national elections that have to be called by mid-May next year.

The Australian Electoral Commission said with almost 40 percent of the vote in Wentworth counted, high-profile independent candidate Kerryn Phelps was leading 54.34 percent compared to 45.66 percent for the Liberals’ Dave Sharma under Australia’s system of preferential voting.

“I think we can say that Kerryn Phelps will win the Wentworth by-election and this has been a pretty bad result for the Liberal Party,” respected veteran analyst Antony Green of national broadcaster ABC said.

**Dozens of casualties as explosions rock Afghan**

AFP | Kabul, Afghanistan

Explosions rocked polling centres across Kabul yesterday, causing dozens of casualties, as the long-delayed legislative election dissolved into chaos with many voting locations remaining closed due to technical glitches and lack of staff.

At least three people were killed and more than 30 wounded, acting health ministry spokesman Mohibullah Zeer said, hours after the Taliban warned voters to boycott the ballot “to protect their lives”.

The Italian NGO Emergency said 37 people had been taken to its trauma hospital in Kabul, including a dead child.

Despite the threat of militant attacks, voters waited hours for polling centres to open across the war-torn country and many remained closed more than six hours after the election officially began.

After shambolic preparations, missing or incomplete voter registration lists and hiccups with biometric voter verification devices -- which are being used for the first time -- have caused



An Afghan policeman searches voters before casting their votes at a polling centre

lengthy delays at polling centres.

Most polling sites opened late after teachers employed to handle the voting process failed to show up on time, said the Independent Election Commission (IEC), which has promised to extend voting by four hours.

Polling centres that do not open before 1:00 pm (0830 GMT) would reopen on Sunday, the IEC told reporters.

“I came here early to finish and go home quickly, but we have been waiting for an hour and they have not started yet,” Mustafa, 42, told AFP outside a mosque in Kabul.

“The queue is getting longer. They have to register our votes quickly -- we are afraid a bomber or a blast may hit us.”

**Rockets and bombs**

Almost nine million people have

registered to vote in the parliamentary election, which is more than three years late, but attacks across the country on Saturday are likely to deter many from turning out.

Voting in Kandahar has been delayed by a week following the attack.

As voting got underway Saturday, three rockets were fired into the northern city of Kunduz, a police spokesman said. No casu-

alties were reported.

There also was a rocket attack near a polling station in the western province of Herat that a police spokesman said wounded a child, as well as numerous explosions elsewhere.

Despite the risks, President Ashraf Ghani urged “every Afghan, young and old, women and men” to exercise their right to vote, after casting his ballot in Kabul.

Photos posted on social media showed scores of men and women clutching their identification documents purportedly lining up outside voting centres across the country amid a heavy security presence.

**Taliban threats**

The Taliban issued several warnings in the days leading up to the poll, calling on candidates to withdraw from the race and for voters to stay home.

At least 10 candidates out of more than 2,500 contesting the lower-house election have been killed.

Most of those standing are political novices, and include doctors, mullahs and journalists. Those with the deepest pockets are expected to win.

**US Mega Millions jackpot hits \$1.6 billion after no winners**

Washington, United States

Scores of American lottery players were disappointed they hadn’t become an overnight billionaire Saturday -- but they’ll get another chance to scoop the jackpot, with \$1.6 billion up for grabs in a few days.

The prize for Friday’s Mega Millions contest had soared to \$1bn, prompting long lines at

gas stations and 7-11s across the country. But, although there were 15 second-tier winning tickets of at least \$1 million across nine states, nobody won the jackpot -- putting the prize for Tuesday’s draw at a record \$1.6 billion.

The previous largest single jackpot of \$758.7m was won last year by Mavis Wanczyk, a 53-year-old mother of two from

Massachusetts.

In 2016, a \$1.58bn Powerball prize was split three ways by ticket holders from California, Florida and Tennessee. Each took home \$528.8m.

The game, which was created in 2002, has seen changes over the years that have reduced the chances of winning, meaning bigger and bigger jackpots.

**University to pay \$215m for sex abuse in campus**

Los Angeles, United States

The University of Southern California said Friday it had reached an “agreement in principle” to pay \$215 million in compensation over alleged sexual abuse by a campus gynecologist. Dr George Tyndall has denied allegations made by hundreds of women that ranged from rape to inappropriate touching during medical examinations during his 30-

year career.

He was also accused of taking photos of patients’ genitals and making lewd remarks about their physiques, as well as racist and homophobic comments. Despite multiple complaints by students and nurses, he was not investigated until 2016, when an internal inquiry was launched following a complaint by a nurse at the center managing reports of sexual aggression.

**Prince Harry opens Invictus Games for disabled**

AFP | Sydney, Australia

Britain’s Prince Harry yesterday opened the Olympic-style Invictus Games for disabled and wounded soldiers at a moving ceremony on the forecourt of Sydney’s Opera House, after an intense thunderstorm forced an hour-long delay.

The Duke of Sussex, who climbed the Sydney Harbour Bridge on Friday to help raise the Games flag, welcomed more than 500 competitors from 18 nations to an event that he founded.

“Over the last four years the Invictus Games have become about so much more than the thousands of competitors who



Games Britain's Prince Harry and his wife Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex attend an Invictus Games event

have taken part,” he said on a stage shaped like a boomerang, following a belated traditional Aboriginal welcome ceremony that was held up by torrential rain and lightning.

“Invictus has become about the example of service and dedication our competitors have provided to the world. Our Invictus family has turned these Games into a symbol of strength, honour and optimism for a new generation.” The prince said the concept was particularly relevant in 2018, the centenary of the end of World War I.

“It feels a fitting tribute to the legacy of that generation to continue to support those who have served their country to-

day,” he said. Earlier Saturday, Harry and his pregnant wife Meghan opened an extension to a war memorial in the city before handing out the first Invictus medals in a driving challenge, where France won gold.

The Games might be Harry’s brainchild, but they are also special to the couple as it was at the 2017 event in Toronto that he made his first appearance with the American former actress, then dressed in ripped jeans and a casual white shirt.

Founded by Harry in 2014, the Games are an international sporting event for wounded, injured and ill servicemen and women, both active duty and veterans.



# Censorship bad under military dictators, worse under democrats

*If Jinnah were alive today, he probably wouldn't be able to write what he thought in the paper he founded*



MOHAMMED HANIF

Dawn, Pakistan's oldest English-language newspaper, carries on its masthead the image of a man's face and this proud claim: "founded by Quaid-I-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah," who also founded the country itself. For the last eight years, the centerpiece of Dawn's weekend editorial page has been commentary on national politics and national security by the assistant editor Cyril Almeida.

Almeida writes in what some call very good English, though sometimes in ways that are irreverent or annoying to his subjects; he also happens to be one of very few non-Muslims in a media landscape dominated by religious right-wing ideologues. Jinnah, a staunch secular and an Anglophile, would have approved.

Three weeks ago, Almeida's column disappeared. His editor has said that it's a temporary and well-deserved break. But Almeida's column disappeared after the High Court of Lahore issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against him on treason-related charges for an article published in May. In it, he quoted former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif suggesting that the Pakistani authorities had, at a minimum, failed to prevent terrorists from attacking targets in India in 2008. "Should we allow them to cross the border and kill 150 people in Mumbai?" Sharif said, according to Almeida. (Sharif has not contested having said this.)

I don't think Almeida had missed a single column except on public holidays. One of Pakistan's most brilliant voices, after being hounded for two years, is now being si-

lenced, in the name of national security.

Almeida went to a court hearing earlier this month, along with Sharif and another former prime minister, both accused of treason. (The charge against Almeida is called "connivance.") A TV reporter asked him repeatedly: Is the media free in Pakistan? Almeida looked straight ahead, kept quiet and walked into the courtroom. He didn't look like a person on a well-deserved break. The court canceled the warrant, lifted a ban on his travelling abroad and scheduled another hearing for later this month.

What did Dawn do to deserve the collective ire of our establishment and its lackeys? For a long time, it was considered an editorially conservative paper: Its detractors used to call it Daily Yawn. It's the kind of paper that was once read by bureaucrats, diplomats and aspiring young people wanting to improve their English. But over the past decade, Dawn has become a bit more vigorous in its reporting and its commentary.

Two years ago, for example, Almeida reported that Sharif, then the prime minister, had told the army's top brass that if the military didn't act against militants, Pakistan would stand isolated in the world. The generals apparently were so shocked and hurt at the suggestion that they weren't seen abroad as a gaggle of peace-loving Gandhis that they went into a huddle and emerged shouting breach of national security. They demanded an inquiry, and a high-powered commission including senior intelligence officers was set up.

The besieged government fired its information minister for his "lapse" in failing to stop the story from being published. When the commission announced its findings, the army's spokesman tweeted that the military "rejected" them. The spokesman was made



Almeida now faces criminal and possibly treason charges

to retract the tweet, but the onslaught against Almeida and Dawn continued by other means.

Media competitors have called Almeida an enemy agent and a Sharif lackey. The newspaper stood by him, and he continued to write his column with occasional references to "the muzzle and the leash." Then, during the last election campaign this spring, Sharif — who was removed from office for corruption last year — gave Almeida that in-

# Channelling hopes, energy o

*As avenues towards peace hit a dead end, many Palestinians invest their time*



NANA ASFOUR

What does it mean to be a Palestinian? In recent years, more and more individuals have turned to one creative field or another to offer up their own answer to that question, in the hope that a better understanding of it will bring real change.

"With the continued failure of the political process, many of us now believe that culture is where we should channel our resources, energy and hopes," Zina Jardaneh, chair of the board of the Palestinian Museum in Birzeit, in the West Bank, told me recently, echoing the words and sentiments of a number of other Palestinians I have spoken to in the past two decades. Drowned out by other events, their efforts deserve broader acknowledgment and support.

What started out as independent artists wishing to express themselves has grown into a collaborative campaign of sorts, with individuals and cultural organisations banding together to promote Palestinian arts.

The Palestinian Museum, conceived and built by Taawon, a nonprofit civil society organisation formed in Europe by a group of Palestinian businessmen and intellectuals, is one example. Since the opening of its sprawling home in 2016, it has become a symbol of the ambitions and determination of those involved in this informal cultural "movement."

So has the Qalandiya International, or Qi, a biennial festival of contemporary arts, the result of seven cultural Palestinian institutions joining forces, which is unfolding this month in the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, and in cities worldwide, including New York. As the organisers note: "Qi aims to place Palestine on the world's cultural map by producing a series of exhibitions, as well as performances, talks, film screenings, workshops and tours, that

open up channels for dialogue and exchange, both locally and internationally."

Among the organisations behind Qi is the Ramallah-based A M Qattan Foundation, which this summer unveiled a multi-million-dollar center to host its projects. Over the years, it has nurtured untold Palestinian artists, musicians, writers, dancers and actors, and it now employs more than 100 people.

A M Qattan is far from alone. According to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, there are 625 cultural centers in the Palestinian territories, with 545 cultural centers in the West Bank and 80 in the Gaza Strip. There are also 32 museums — 27 in the West Bank and five in the Gaza Strip.

These organisations have sprouted and have continued to operate despite many challenges, including travel restrictions between Israel and its surrounding areas, which complicates some Palestinians' ability to participate in their own cultural events.

One of the most immediate and wide-reaching art forms, of



Historic Palestinian dresses were on exhibition at the Palestinian Museum in a West Bank village.



1895

The Republic of Formosa collapses as **Japanese** forces invade.

1910

HMS Niobe arrives in Halifax Harbour to become the first ship of the **Royal Canadian Navy**.

1912

First Balkan War: **Kardzhali** is liberated by Bulgarian forces.



1921

President **Warren G. Harding** delivers the first speech by a sitting U.S. President against lynching in the deep South.



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**Pakistani journalists have always been boisterous taking on military dictators and civilian rulers who have tried to curb their freedoms. They were out on the streets again last week.**

scale and sophistication.

Four years ago, after Hamid Mir, arguably the country's most well-known television journalist, was shot six times in Karachi, his brother accused the chief of the military spy agency, known as the ISI, of ordering the hit. The military establishment turned on the Geo TV network, where Mir worked, and the Jang media group for maligning the ISI.

Seven years ago, Syed Saleem Shahzad, a reporter who had exposed suspected connections between the Pakistani navy and terrorists, was found dead in a canal. A judicial commission that probed the incident didn't reach any conclusion, but it recommended reforming the intelligence agencies.

Those reforms haven't taken place, but the intelligence agencies have found ways to control the media without having to resort to physical violence. Newspaper distributors are told not to deliver the paper. TV shows keep disappearing as cable operators are instructed over the phone to take them off the air.

Pakistani journalists have always been boisterous taking on military dictators and civilian rulers who have tried to curb their freedoms. They were out on the streets again

last week. But about the same time that they were protesting, a delegation of media owners was being briefed by the army's spokesman on how to report on national security.

At the heart of the Pakistani establishment's idea of national security is a self-aggrandising notion of respect. Almeida refers to the army as "the boys," sometimes cheekily. The establishment thinks he's not respectful enough. It asks: Why did he call the army chief, not Gen. Raheel Sharif, but just Sharif? A prime minister tells Almeida, on the record, that he has different ideas from theirs about national security? How dare he go write that up in a newspaper just under the picture of our founding father?

For now, it seems the new censorship is working. Urdu journalists are writing about national politics in parables. Current affairs programs criticising the army are routinely dropped at the last moment. Reporters seen as critical of the army are losing their jobs. Ghazi Salahuddin, one of Pakistan's most senior journalists, recently said that he has never seen such restrictions on the media here. He has been a working journalist for a half-century and through three military dictatorships.

Dawn's first editor-in-chief, Altaf Hussain, once wrote that Jinnah, the paper's founder, never gave him any editorial directive — that he "never said 'Do this' or 'Don't do that.' In fact, he told me to study a given situation and form my honest and independent opinion on it, and then to write fearlessly what I thought." If Jinnah were alive today, he probably wouldn't be able to write what he thought in the paper he founded.

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# on culture

## and resources in the arts

course, is film, and, in the last two decades, Palestinians have built a robust, internationally recognised cinema. While there are some recurring refrains, the narratives in the films are not delivering a monotonous dialogue, neither in pitch or content. "Wajib," a new feature by the Palestinian-born director Annemarie Jacir about the generational and political differences between a father and a son, offers complexities of Palestinian perspectives that are not often seen or heard.

Jacir, whose films were recently on view at BAM in a mini retrospective, is one of the many Palestinians who understand the power that culture can yield. In 2003, she curated a festival of Palestinian films at Columbia University, which resulted in a book with a preface by Edward Said. Recently, alongside her sister, the award-winning artist Emily Jacir (whose solo exhibition is currently on view at Alexander and Bonin in New York), she has transformed her family's 128-year-old home in Bethlehem into an arts hub.

While those involved in this

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cultural mission are proud of the movement's independence, its organic growth and the increasing sense of camaraderie and solidarity that accompanies it, many would like the Palestinian government to do more to help. Jacir said she "received a small but symbolic support from the Palestinian Ministry of Culture" for "Wajib."

That's unlikely to change now that the United States has decided to withdraw the more than \$200 million in aid to Palestini-

ans, which many educational and humanitarian institutions depend on. Yet it is important for the Palestinian authorities to continue to designate a portion of their budget — as "symbolic" as it may be — to the invaluable contribution of Palestinian artists and filmmakers. At a time when the status quo between Israeli and Palestinians seems intractable, such works supply visual documentation of Palestinian concerns and a more measured portrayal of the conditions under which they exist.

It's true that there is little precedent to suggest that national arts movements alone are capable of bringing about political change. But such cultural undertakings should be viewed as an essential component of the road to peace, one that provides vital possibilities for engagement, participation and cooperation among the generations of Palestinians who, individually and collectively, are painting distinct pictures of their myriad realities.

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If the Democrats would stop being obstructionists and come together, we could write up and agree to new immigration laws in less than one hour. Look at the needless pain and suffering that they are causing. Look at the horrors taking place on the Border. Chuck & Nancy, call me!

@realDonaldTrump

02



Crowd reaching Parliament Square ahead of 570,000 demanding a final #Brexit say on #PeoplesVoteMarch - great to see so many MPs here from across the parties, albeit if from the backbenches

@ChrisLeslieMP

03



Have you noticed, #Brexit fans have given up claiming that it'll be easy, good for the economy, save money, enable better tradedeals, etc?

The only justification they still give is that it's the will of the people.

In which case, best to check that it still is!

#PeopesVote

@RCorbettMEP

04



Respect and thanks to everyone on the #PeoplesMarch today. Wish I could be there marching alongside you. For all our sakes, shout it loud and proud, we deserve a say on the final #brexit deal and the future of our country.

@peoplesvote\_uk

@jginorton

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## HH Shaikh Nasser, Bahrain's youth icon



CAPT. MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

With a youth demographic of close to 70 per cent, (15-24 years: 15.65pc and 25-54 years: 56.04pc), the Kingdom of Bahrain is a young nation. And in HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, what a hero, our youth have got to honour and emulate. As President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, His Highness has always led by example, offering his active and physically gruelling life in the international sporting arena as an example for a healthy life.

And now, by turning in an incredible performance and winning the Ironman World Championship 2018 in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii in his category, he has put the spotlight on Bahrain in the finest way possible, showcasing the aspirations of its people and showing the world that the Kingdom is willing and able to compete and win among the very best in the whole world.

The Ironman World Championship brings together the world's best endurance athletes in a competition that presents the ultimate test of body, mind and spirit to earn the title.

An endurance athlete and accomplished long-distance triathlete, HH Shaikh Nasser

believes in leading the people of Bahrain by example and has always sought to demonstrate that through triathlon and sports participation, one can aspire to peak fitness and also train the mind to accomplish great things in every sphere.

Besides professional athletes, these days we see many high-achievers in different circles take to sport for fitness and also for mental strength. In his role as a fitness and endurance sports champion, HH Shaikh Nasser has cleared the track for future champions to raise the flag of Bahrain

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on the podium.

Little wonder that under his watch as the Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, the Kingdom's athletes have put in the best ever performance in the history of the Asian Games this year, winning 26 medals in total (12 gold, 7 silver, 7 bronze) — the 11th ranked overall out of 45 countries.

Such a score and medal tally means that the government of Bahrain and its leaders are giving gifted athletes every opportunity and support to excel.

Excellence in sports represents so much more than mere physical fitness. Its about mental strength too and the will to succeed and place oneself at the service of the nation.

HH Shaikh Nasser's capacity to push himself beyond the normal levels of human endurance is now a benchmark of his commitment to inspire and encourage all the sportspeople in the country — indeed, it goes beyond the sporting arena because his concern touches all areas.

Inspired by the vision of His Majesty the King, HRH the Prime Minister and HRH the Crown Prince, here is a youth leader and icon whose dedication to his nation represents the future of Bahrain.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

# business

## BCCI, Chinese business delegation meet today

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The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) is hosting a Chinese business delegation today at 10:30 am in Al Majlis Hall of Bait Al Tijjar.

The delegation will be spearheaded by representatives from China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCTIP) and will include business owners from the following sectors: the energy and renewable energy, petrochemicals, constructions and infrastructure, and medical services.

## Moody's downgrades Italy on debt, deficit

Milan, Italy

Moody's has cut Italy's credit rating by a notch over concerns about plans for larger deficits and the high public debt load as the country's populist government clashes with Brussels over its budget.

The European Commission formally warned Italy late Thursday that its budget plans for 2019 are a serious concern, launching a high-stakes process that could see Rome hit with unprecedented sanctions for breaking commitments to Brussels.

At the heart of the concerns is Italy's public debt, which amounts to 2.3 trillion euros, or 131 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the highest rate in the eurozone after Greece.

Brussels has demanded Italy cut spending and reduce its public deficit in order to pare down its debt pile.

But the country's populist coalition government has done the opposite -- offering a draft budget that boosted overall spending.

The downgrade from Moody's -- from Baa2 to Baa3 with a stable outlook -- is the latest move by international financial watchdogs sounding the alarm over Italy's economic health.

The decision cited "material weakening in Italy's fiscal strength, with the government targeting higher budget deficits for the coming years," as well as debt holding near the current 130 percent of GDP "rather than start trending down as previously expected".

And Moody's said "stalling of plans for structural economic and fiscal reforms" also had negative implications for the country's growth outlook and debt. Italy's deficit is now projected at 2.4 percent of GDP, far higher than the 0.8 percent estimate given by the earlier centre-right government.

# Next IMF loan will be 'the last': Pakistan FM

AFP | Islamabad, Pakistan

Pakistan's finance minister promised yesterday to end the country's reliance on International Monetary Fund bailouts to shore up its shaky economy, as officials prepare to negotiate a new loan.

Asad Umar's pledge comes days after Pakistan's central bank warned inflation could double in the coming year -- hitting 7.5 percent -- while the country's growth target rate of 6.2 percent would likely be missed.

"This will be the 13th and the last IMF programme," Umar said during a speech at the Karachi Stock Exchange.

Prime Minister Imran Khan's administration has sent mixed messages over whether Pakistan will enter another IMF programme, with the former cricketer suggesting this week that going to the fund may not be necessary.

But Umar spoke in grave terms of the country's balance



IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde (L) greeting Pakistan Finance Minister Asad Umar (R) at the Bali Convention Centre during the 2018 IMF/World Bank annual meetings in Nusa Dua on the Indonesian resort island of Bali.

of payment crisis, which has sparked a depreciation of the rupee and sent stocks tumbling.

"We are heading towards bankruptcy very fast. We have to

save the 210 million Pakistanis," Umar added.

An IMF team is set to arrive in Pakistan in early November to begin negotiations.

Similar vows to end reliance on IMF loans have been made by past governments including former premier Nawaz Sharif's administration, which received



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a \$6.6 billion loan to tackle a similar crisis in 2013.

Khan's new administration took office in August vowing to weigh up whether to seek an IMF bailout as it sought other avenues of financing, including from "friendly" countries such as China and Saudi Arabia.

But aid has been in short supply and economists' warnings have grown urgent.

## GFH exits Lost Paradise waterpark in US\$60m deal

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GFH Financial Group (GFH) yesterday announced its exit from Lost Paradise of Dilmun waterpark in a deal valued at US\$60 million.

The Waterpark is one of the key components of Al Areen development, located in the southern region of Bahrain next to the formula one track race with a township spreading over two million square meters. It is also one of the largest standalone water park in the Middle East and the largest



Hisham Alrayes

in Bahrain. It accommodates over 170,000 people over per annum and features 18 of the fastest and most exciting slides, fountains and wave pools in the Kingdom catering to all ages.

Commenting, Hisham Alrayes, CEO of GFH said, "We are pleased with achieving another exit in our real estate portfolio. Nevertheless, due to the importance of this asset to our Al Areen development, we have retained the right to operate and manage the Waterpark over the next 5 years."

## BisB digitises HR system

TDT | Manama

Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB) said it has implemented an operational Human Capital Management (HCM) system, SAP SuccessFactors solutions, allowing employees to complete day to day requests online.

The move, according to the bank, helps employees to benefit from a more streamlined experience that allows them to manage their time for effectively.

"We wanted to implement a versatile digital solution to simplify our employees' workload; with less time spent on transactional and manual activities the new digital plat-



Dawood Al Ashhab

form provides employees with increased flexibility, enabling them to manage their time better and streamlining business processes across the board," said BisB Head of Human Resources & General Services, Dawood Al Ashhab.



A delegation from the Petrochemical Industries Company of Kuwait with GPIC President Dr Abdulrahman Jawahery during a visit to learn about GPIC's experience in preparing institutional sustainability reports in line with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI). Dr Jawahery said the Company is ready to offer its expertise to other Gulf companies so that they can benefit from its experience.

# London sounds Brexit alarm

'Half million' rally in London for new Brexit vote

● Organisers of the so-called People's Vote March had asked people to dress up their favourite pets in costumes for the march

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Tens of thousands of people opposed to Britain's looming breakup with the EU rallied in the heart of London yesterday, according to organisers, in the latest bid to try and stop Brexit.

The march on parliament began as a noisy and festive affair, uniting a giant crowd in the seemingly hopeless task of convincing Prime Minister Theresa May to hold a second referendum.

Even dogs came along. Organisers of the so-called People's Vote March had asked people to dress up their favourite pets in costumes for the march along the scenic route from Hyde Park to Westminster Palace under clear blue skies.

But the message itself is serious: the type of Brexit its supporters promised ahead of the June 2016 referendum, which set the divorce in motion, looks nothing like the one being negotiated today.

Protesters say they would have voted differently had they known the true costs involved.

"I think people were misled in various ways," small business owner Peter Hancock said while tightening an EU flag around the neck of his huge bearded collie.



Demonstrators hold placards and European Union flags as they take part in a march calling for a People's Vote on the final Brexit deal, in central London

"We want to stay European," added his wheelchair-bound wife Julie.

"We can't really see any benefits of leaving, can we, at all?"

An online petition demanding a binding vote on any deal agreed before the March deadline has been signed almost 950,000 times by the time the march kicked off.

## Divided nation

May has made it abundantly clear that she has no intention of allowing a Brexit do-over.

"They now want a second referendum to go back to the British people and say 'Oh, we're

terribly sorry -- we think you've got it wrong,'" she told parliament on Wednesday.

"There'll be no second referendum. The people voted and this government will deliver on it."

But with negotiations between London and Brussels deadlocked, it remains unclear what deal, if any, her government can deliver.

As Britain's planned departure in March next year draws closer it faces the prospect of leaving without any agreement, or remaining in a transition phase for several years with few changes but notably losing its deci-

sion-making seat at the EU.

Neither choice is appealing. Recriminations over how Britain got here are leaving May looking increasingly isolated and weak.

And European leaders such as French President Emmanuel Macron are openly wondering if a second British vote might yet make the mess go away.

Polls show support for a second referendum evenly split -- the same as with Brexit itself.

The 2016 Brexit poll was backed by 52 per cent of voters on turnout of 72pc.

But some think MPs may rally around another poll at the last moment to avert complete chaos



Mayor of London Sadiq Khan (C) joins demonstrators as they take part in a march calling for a People's Vote on the final Brexit deal



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once they see what Britain might be forced to sign up to -- and they must approve.

The last big march on parliament demanding a second vote in June saw an estimated 100,000 gather on and around the picturesque Parliament Square facing Westminster Palace.

Organisers expect this one will

be bigger and involve supporters of all major parties from every corner of Britain -- and beyond.

Fiona Godfrey represents a group of British immigrants in Luxembourg. She came to London because Brexit would put up big hurdles to her ability to go back home with her new German husband.

"We would have to meet minimum income rules and I am self-employed," the 53-year-old said.

"I'm losing my voting rights, my right to a livelihood, my freedom of movement -- in Luxembourg, which you can cross in 15 minutes."

The speakers set to take the stage outside parliament where the march concludes include London Mayor Sadiq Khan.

A group of celebrities led by Gary Lineker -- a retired football star familiar to just about every Briton -- will also pipe in video messages of support.

## State-owned Petrobras: Brazil's crown jewel

The oil company founded 65 years ago plans to spend \$60 billion in next four years

● Brazil has proven reserves of 13 billion barrels

● It produces 2.5 million barrels of oil a day

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Petrobras is the jewel in Brazil's crown: Latin America's most valuable enterprise, a \$100-billion oil and gas group whose crude output puts the country in the top 10 league globally, rivalling that of many OPEC members.

Yet it is also the most indebted oil company in the world. And it is at the heart of the biggest corruption scandal to rock Brazil: a graft probe that has claimed numerous political scalps, not least that of former leftist president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Much attention in Brazil and abroad is now being focused on Petrobras because of what looks likely to be a Brazilian presidential election victory by Jair Bolsonaro. The ultraconservative has expressed a willingness to oversee further sales of Petrobras' non-core assets.

Petrobras was founded 65 years ago as a government monopoly to tap the tiny reserves

that existed at the time. It grew in the mid-1970s when shallow offshore fields was discovered, but they were not big enough to provide self-sufficiency for the vast South American nation.

Brazil's real oil bonanza happened in late 2006 when Petrobras discovered what turned out to be huge amounts of crude lying under the oceanic crust far offshore -- so-called pre-salt deposits.

That pre-salt oil is costly to get at, but its extraction soon made the country a net exporter, propelled into the same league as members of OPEC, of which it is not part.

Today, Brazil has proven reserves of 13 billion barrels and produces 2.5 million barrels of oil a day, according to the US Energy Information Administration. Half the production comes from the pre-salt fields, with that proportion forecast to grow.

Petrobras used to be the sole producer on all the pre-salt fields, though foreign oil companies were later allowed to participate. Under Brazil's outgoing center-right government tender conditions have eased up.

Currently one deepwater zone, the Libra field, is being tapped by Petrobras in partnership with France's Total, British-Dutch giant Shell, and Chinese groups CNPC and CNOOC.



Petrobras pumps 500,000 barrels of oil a day from pre-salt fields. Pictured, assembling a new oil platform (Courtesy of Reuters)

Analysts believe the Libra field could by itself hold up to 15 billion barrels.

## Over-leveraged

But Brazil's oil giant wagered way too much too early on the pre-salt crude wealth. It laid out an over-optimistic multi-year in-

vestment plan in 2007 that soon proved an over-leveraged mistake when the global financial crisis hit and oil prices tumbled.

The company's market value is around half of what it peaked to in those heady days, and its focus has since turned to chipping away at its massive debt

mountain, which in August stood at \$73 billion after billions of dollars in divestments and restructuring.

The other major blow was its involvement in a sprawling corruption probe called "Operation Car Wash."

It revealed that senior Petro-

bras executives orchestrated hundreds of millions of dollars in bribes, engaged in bid-rigging, funneled cash to political parties and politicians, and hid the malfeasance from investors.

That resulted in multiple business leaders and politicians of all stripes, including Lula, facing prosecution, a \$2.5 billion write-down of overstated assets, and a \$853-million fine levied last month.

Petrobras has sought to draw a line under the double disasters, slashing spending and trying to move past the corruption scandal.

There are some signs things are turning around for the company. Most notably, oil prices have firmed this year though uncertainty has returned to the sector because of major pressure on OPEC kingpin Saudi Arabia over the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, and the specter of a US-China trade war triggered by threats and tariffs from US President Donald Trump.

Petrobras has seen sharply higher profits this year: \$2.7 billion in the second quarter, stronger than forecast. Its share price is rebounding.

The company's plan for the next four years calls for it to spend \$60 billion over the next four years to boost production and infrastructure.

## US, China back military air rules

Singapore, Singapore

The United States, China and several other countries yesterday agreed in principle to guidelines on preventing unplanned warplane encounters, the latest effort to avoid military confrontations in Asia.

Risks of chance encounters between military aircraft spiralling out of control have risen in recent years as Beijing becomes ever more assertive in the South China Sea, stoking tensions with rival claimants in Southeast Asia.

While not a claimant, Washington has also been drawn into the row as it has traditionally been the dominant naval and air power in the Asia-Pacific.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) agreed to guidelines on managing air encounters on Friday, at the annual meeting of the 10-member bloc's defence ministers.

US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis and his Chinese counterpart General Wei Fenghe were among eight defence chiefs from outside ASEAN to give their "in-principle" backing to the guidelines, a joint ministerial statement said.

India, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand have also given broad backing to the new framework.

## Greek pensioners to be spared more cuts

Athens, Greece

Greece will spare its elderly further pensions cuts in its 2019 budget, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said yesterday, after receiving European Commission approval on the issue.

"The European Commission yesterday approved the 2019 Greek budget without new pensions cuts after eight years of austerity," Tsipras said.

Greece is looking forward to its first budget in a decade that does not subject the country to a bailout, having exited austerity in August.

Tsipras had predicted in September that pensions cuts would not prove necessary as he sought to hammer out a budget that would satisfy international lenders.

Athens unveiled a larger primary budget surplus than expected in June and then urged creditors to drop demands for further pension cuts in the belief that such a measure would only hamper growth.

The Commission accepted as Greece looks solidly placed to reach the target of a primary surplus of 3.5 percent of GDP next year and through to 2022 -- excepting debt servicing costs.

Saturday also saw Tsipras sworn in as foreign minister after Wednesday's resignation of Nikos Kotzias.

Kotzias quit after a cabinet clash with Defence Minister Panos Kammenos, who opposes the Macedonia deal but is nevertheless a crucial coalition partner for the Tsipras government.

# ASRY expects 'favourable results' on stronger order

● ASRY helped by oil prices, increasing activities

● Took steps to reduce costs, improve efficiency

TDT | Manama

ASRY, the Arabian Gulf's leading maritime repair and fabrication facility, said it expects to achieve favourable results this year on the back of stronger order book and an optimistic pipeline.



Shaikh Daij Bin Salman Al Khalifa, ASRY Chairman



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SHAIKH DAIJ BIN SALMAN AL KHALIFA

"The company's economic and operational conditions are stabilizing, mainly due to internal improvements, in combination with a stronger order book and an optimistic pipeline," said Shaikh Daij Bin Salman Bin Daij Al Khalifa, ASRY Chairman during a board meeting held at ASRY's Headquarters.

He told the board improvement in oil prices has helped the company focus on increasing its activities in ship repair, oil drilling platforms and new projects.

"It is expected that the company will achieve favourable results in the current year 2018," Shaikh Daij said.

The meeting, he said, constructively reviewed the positive progress made in the forgone period and particularly during the First half of 2018 until the third quarter of the current year.

The company has taken several steps to reduce costs to improve the efficiency of the various services it provides to its domestic, regional and international customers.

The company also that its overall results of the current year reflects the many practical steps it has taken to ensure safety, health, environmental protection, and services improvement.

## JPMorgan Chase to build campus in Silicon Valley

New York, United States

JPMorgan Chase announced Friday that it will open a new campus for financial technology, or "fintech," in Silicon Valley in 2020, staffed by more than 1,000 workers.

The New York-based financial giant, the biggest US bank by assets, will build the new campus in Palo Alto, which is also home to Stanford University. It announced a location in the tech-rich city for a project that is expected to break ground in 2019.

"This is an important market for us and we're looking for-

ward to expanding our footprint and attracting more of the area's top talent," said Bill Wallace, head of digital, consumer and community banking at JPMorgan.

The move comes as banks such as Bank of America and Wells Fargo pare their retail branch networks as more consumers shift to digital banking, particularly through mobile phones.

In 2017, JPMorgan also acquired WePay, a tech company that provides payment processing to software platforms. The 275 workers from WePay will be among the staff at the new

Palo Alto venue, the company said.

In August, JPMorgan announced a push into online investing, offering 100 free trades and low fees in a bid to attract more millennial customers.

Chief Executive Jamie Dimon has dismissed the bitcoin currency as a "fraud" but touted other leading fintech pursuits as potentially transformative for global finance.

The new office will feature "a modern workplace design and amenities that matter most to employees and state-of-the-art technology to increase collaboration," the company said.

## IMF, Ukraine ink deal on new \$4 billion loan

Washington, United States

The International Monetary Fund announced Friday it had reached an agreement with Ukraine on economic policies that would unlock a new loan deal that will provide nearly \$4 billion.

The new 14-month stand-by loan deal replaces an existing four-year financial aid package agreed in March 2015 and due to expire in five months, the IMF said in a statement.

The agreement must be approved by the IMF board, which will come later in the year after authorities in Kiev approve a 2019 budget "consistent with IMF staff recom-

mendations and an increase in household gas and heating tariffs," a step the government had agreed on but never implemented.

But the deal also stresses the need for "continuing to protect low-income households."

Ukraine Prime Minister Volodymyr Groysman had been seeking the additional financing from the Washington-based lender to help his crisis-hit nation.

He said the "incredible efforts" of Ukrainian negotiators managed to reach a compromise with the IMF and reduce the initial demand to raise prices by 60 percent.

## Kidnapped Tanzanian tycoon Mohammed Dewji freed

AFP | Nairobi, Kenya

Tanzanian tycoon Mohammed Dewji, who was kidnapped earlier this month, said yesterday he had been released and had returned home safely.

"I thank Allah that I have returned home safe and sound," Dewji told a press conference in Dar es Salaam where he was abducted on October 11 as he entered a hotel gym.

Clearly strained and appearing exhausted, he thanked the "Tanzanian authorities, including the police, who worked for my return."

"I thank all my fellow Tanzanians and everyone around the world for their prayers," he added.

Tanzanian police said Friday they had identified the driver of a vehicle used in the kidnapping and were making progress in their investigation.

The family had offered a reward of half a million dollars (435,000 euros) for information that would help police find him.

Mohammed Dewji earlier tweeted that he had been released and his father Gullam Dewji confirmed his son's release in comments to the Tanzanian daily Mwanachi.



Tanzanian businessman Mohammed Dewji at his office in Dar es Salaam

His uncle, Azim Dewji told Mwanachi in a video that "his abductors abandoned him and he was able to phone his father," adding that his nephew was in good health.

The footage also showed a tired-looking Mohammed Dewji, in a T-shirt and jogging trousers, thanking the police.

Abductors spoke 'African language'

Tanzania national police chief Simon Sirro told the press con-

ference that Dewji had already provided some information about the kidnapping.

"Mohammed Dewji told us that the kidnappers wanted money but were very afraid, even though they were armed. He asked them several times how much they wanted but they gave no figure," Sirro said.

He also gave his captors contacts for his parents but they feared that they would be caught if they approached them, Sirro said, adding that

they had finally decided to give up.

"We now know their network, we know which country the plans were made," he said, without giving details.

Dar es Salaam police chief Lazaro Mambosasa meanwhile told journalists that Mohammed Dewji had indicated to him that his abductors spoke a southern African language, confirming suspicions that the kidnappers were foreigners.

They had eventually released him at the same hotel complex where he had been abducted. From there, he had made his way to his home, where police interviewed him.

Africa's youngest billionaire, Mohammed Dewji, 43, heads the MeTL Group which operates in about 10 countries with interests in agriculture to insurance, transport, logistics and the food industry.

He was born in Tanzania and studied at Georgetown University in the United States. He also served as a member of parliament from 2005 to 2015.

In 2013, he became the first Tanzanian to grace the cover of Forbes magazine and was named Forbes Africa Person of the Year in 2015.

## Italy's Salvini dismisses ratings downgrade



Italian Interior and Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini

AFP | Rome, Italy

Interior Minister Matteo Salvini yesterday dismissed ratings agency Moody's decision to downgrade Italy's credit standing because of the government's controversial budget plans and said the country's outlook was "stable."

The current administration will "keep going for five years, despite the "ratings agencies and European Commissioners," Salvini told reporters.

"We are here to solve the problems of the Italians, not bring down the government or let ourselves be intimidated by the ratings agencies, which have made glaring mistakes in the past -- and which are wrong again this time," he said.



# SPORTS

## sports

## Brave announces fight cards for Bahrain event

TDT | Manama

Brave Combat Federation released the full fight card for the eighteenth edition of the event taking place in the Kingdom of Bahrain during the Brave International Combat Week 2018.

Brave 18 will be held under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. Brave International Combat Week 2018 marks the largest combat sports festival held in Asia. Brave 18 will take place on 16th November at the Khalifa Sports City in Isa Town, Bahrain. The fight card will feature three championship bouts alongside the joined promotion from WFC 54.

The main event will feature Brazil's Lucas Mineiro defending lightweight championship against Palestine's Abdul Kareem Al Selwady. The winner will be crowned as undisputed champion of lightweight division.

The co-main event will feature the bout between Abdul Rakhman Dudaev from Russia and Joe Taimanglo from Guam. Magomedrasul Khasbulaev from Russia will face Robert Emerson from USA in a featherweight bout.

Stephen Loman from Philippines will defend his bantamweight championship against Felipe Efrain from Brazil. In the opening fight of the main card, the inaugural flyweight title will be contested between Marcel Adur from Brazil and Velimurad Alkhasov

from Russia.

The undercard features seven bouts and features multiple talent who came through the IMMAF developmental system. Bahrain's IMMAF medalist, Hussain Ayyad will face Hassan Abo Ali from Egypt in a flyweight bout.

Akhmed Sheraniev from Russia will face Antonio Carlos Ribeiro from Brazil in a featherweight bout. One among the most awaited bouts will showcase the return of Luan Santiago from Brazil against Djamil Chan from Netherlands in a lightweight bout.

Djamil currently holds the record for the fastest knockout in Brave Combat Federation. Both the fighters have above 80% of their wins by knockout and the fight is least expected to go the distance.

Goyti Dazev from Kazakhstan will take on Vasilii Kurochkin from Russia in a welterweight bout. Cian Cowley from SBG Ireland will face Hardeep Rai from the United Kingdom who trains at Jackson-Wink MMA in a catchweight bout.

Cowley is the training partner of Conor McGregor and the bout marks the second time, the fighter from SBG Ireland is competing in Brave Combat Federation. Anzor Abdulkhozjaev from Russia will face Alexis Savvidis from Greece in a featherweight bout. In the opening bout of the night, 2017 IMMAF gold medalist, Benjamin Bennett will face Khamzat Chimaev from Sweden in a welterweight bout.

### Main card

Lucas Mineiro (c) vs. Abdul Kareem Al Selwady - Lightweight championship bout  
Abdul Rakhman Dudaev vs. Joe Taimanglo - Bantamweight bout  
Magomedrasul Khasbulaev vs. Robert Emerson - Featherweight bout  
Stephen Loman (c) vs. Felipe Efrain - Bantamweight championship bout  
Marcel Adur vs. Velimurad Alkhasov - Flyweight championship bout

### Under card

Hussain Ayad vs. Hassan Abo Ali - Flyweight bout  
Akhmed Sheraniev vs. Antonio Carlos Ribeiro - Featherweight bout  
Luan Santiago vs. Djamil Chan - Lightweight bout  
Goyti Dazev vs. Vasilii Kurochkin - Welterweight bout  
Cian Cowley vs. Hardeep Rai - Catchweight bout  
Anzor Abdulkhozjaev vs. Alexis Savvidis - Featherweight bout  
Benjamin Bennett vs. Khamzat Chimaev - Welterweight bout

## Movement Bahrain extend support to KHK MMA athletes

TDT | Manama

Movement Physical Therapy Centre extended support to KHK MMA athletes ahead of Brave International Combat Week 2018, which is the largest combat sports festival in Asia.

Dr. Mohammed Al-Jalabi, owner of Movement, Centre for Physical Therapy made the sponsorship official with Ahmed Khaled Al-Wazzan, the Direc-

tor of the national teams. The sponsorship enables the athletes to utilise advanced physical therapy required for sports.

The facility is expected to improve the team performance as the event will witness more nations participating in the edition of the event. The facilities will focus to avoid or to diagnose sports injuries and to improve recovery for athletes.

## Thunder and lightning halt England run chase

AFP | Kandy, Sri Lanka

Thunder, lightning and torrential rain halted England on their Sri Lanka tour yesterday, but they wrapped up the one-day series against their hosts with a faster run rate.

After Dasun Shanaka hit a boundary-smattered 66 to help Sri Lanka make 273-7 from their 50 overs, Jason Roy made 45 and England pair Joe Root and captain Eoin Morgan were just shifting up a gear in the chase when dark clouds gathered over Kandy.

With England on 132-2 from 27 overs, Root (32) and Morgan (31) seemed well placed to put their side on the route to victory. They already led the series 2-0 going into the fourth



Sri Lankan cricketer Dasun Shanaka plays a shot

of the five games.

As with the other wins, the decision came with the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern run rate system, and England were awarded victory by 18 runs. Every game in the series has now been halted or interrupted by rain.

While frustrated, Morgan will be satisfied with the show from his team in difficult circumstances.

Roy closed in on a half century which included a six and five fours when an Akila Dananjaya leg spin hit his pad as he came down the wicket. The umpire did not give him out -- but Sri Lanka demanded a review, which proved their shouting was justified.

Morgan himself was shunting ahead with a six and three fours in 34 balls when the deluge started.

## Final round of qualifying set for ITF Juniors at BTC

TDT | Manama

Top seed Youssef Nabil from Egypt led eight players yesterday into the final round of Boys' Singles Qualifying in the 10th Bahrain ITF Juniors Championships, being played at Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) in Juffair.

Nabil booked his place after defeating Emirati Aman Anwar 6-0, 6-0 this evening at the BTC hard courts. Nabil will look to continue his winning ways when he plays Archie Graham from Great Britain next, with the winner advancing to the Boys' Singles Main Draw. Graham advanced following his own 6-0, 6-0 victory this evening against Anshuman Sonawane from India.

Also moving forward to the last qualification phase were Oliver Richards from Great Britain, Zubin Omar from Bangladesh, Alexandre Ver Hulst from France, Harold Huens from Belgium, and Siddharth Jadli and Deepak Vayara from India. Each player registered important wins yesterday and they will all be vying for one of the three other slots in the Boys' Singles Main Draw.

Richards is set to face Jadli, Omar will play Vayara and Ver Hulst battles Huens.

Their matches in the boys' final qualifying round will all be held today along with those in Girls' Singles Qualifying.

Play is scheduled to get underway



Deepak Vayara of India plays a shot

### ALL RESULTS TODAY

**Boys' Qualifiers**  
Archie Graham bt Yusef Manna 6-0, 6-0  
Siddharth Jadli bt Mohamed Al Shehabi 6-0, 6-1  
Elias Anwar bt Hitesh Yalamanchilli 6-1, 6-2  
Deepak Vayara bt Omar El Shehawy 7-5, 6-4  
Aman Anwar bt Erwin Godinho 6-0, 6-1  
Ignacio Montes Cuellar bt Gaurish Kadian 6-0, 6-0  
Harold Huens bt Sai Bhairav K Mannju 6-0, 6-1

Billy Hayball bt Paul Blair 6-2, 6-1  
Zubin Omar bt Sparsh Parmar 6-0, 6-0  
[1] Youssef Nabil bt Aman Anwar 6-0, 6-0  
Archie Graham bt Anshuman Sonawane 6-0, 6-0  
Siddharth Jadli bt James Blair 6-0, 6-1  
Oliver Richards bt Elias Anwar 6-1, 6-1  
Zubin Omar bt Avneet Singh 6-0, 6-1  
Deepak Vayara bt Zanas Ghajar 6-0, 6-2  
Alexandre Ver Hulst bt Ignacio Montes Cuellar 7-6 (5), 6-0  
Harold Huens bt Billy Hayball 6-1, 6-0

at 3pm. All are welcome to attend and cheer for their favourite players.

Amongst the girls, eight players will be battling for four places in their Main Draw. They include top seed Lea Rebreyend from France, Lia

Mosimann from Switzerland, Andra Izabella Sirbu from Romania, Zaara Omar from the US, Riya Matharoo and Saniya Masand from India, and Sophie De Boer and Maryam Isa from hosts Bahrain.

## Bahrain Indians rally past RKCT

TDT | Manama

Abba Bahrain Indians defeated RKCT in the final of CBA Division C T25 over tournament.

RKCT won the toss and elected to bat first. Sandeep became the top scorer with 34 for RKCT. Karthik's magic bowling spell collapsed the batting line up of RKCT as he took 3 wickets for just 9 runs in 4 overs. Sahin supported Karthik with his 5 overs spell and took 3 wickets to windup RKCT for 129 runs. Chasing the target BICC skipper scored a brilliant 54 runs

in 44 ball with his partner Rafeeq who scored 55 runs secured an 8 wicket victory for Bahrain Indians

### Brief Score:

Abba BICC 130/2 in 22.1 overs (Rafeeq 55, Hari 54) beat RKCT 129/10 (Sandeep 34, Jayraj 22, Karthik 3/9, Sahin 3/25) by 8 wickets.

### Other Award

Winners - Abba Bahrain Indians bagged 16 individual Trophies, 1 team Trophy And \$200 cash prize  
Runners - RKCT bagged 16 individ-

ual Trophies, 1 team Trophy And \$150 cash prize

Man of the Match Final - Hari Prasad (Bahrain Indians CC) - Individual Trophy and \$50 cash Prize

Best Batsman of the Tournament - Pradeep from LuLu CC - Individual Trophy and \$50 cash Prize

Best Bowler of the Tournament - Harpreet from RKCT - Individual Trophy and \$50 cash Prize

Best All-Rounder of the Tournament - Karthik from Bahrain Indians CC - Individual Trophy and \$50 cash Prize

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## Mbappe scores as PSG thrash Amiens for perfect 10

AFP | Paris

Paris Saint-Germain continued the blistering start to their Ligue 1 title defence with a record-extending 10th straight win as Kylian Mbappe scored in a 5-0 thrashing of Amiens yesterday.

Coach Thomas Tuchel left key men Neymar, Thiago Silva and Thomas Meunier out of the squad altogether at the Parc des Princes with Wednesday's Champions League clash with Napoli in mind, but PSG had more than enough to see off Amiens.

"Everyone thinks that Ligue 1 might be too easy to prepare for the Champions League, but it's not like that," insisted Tuchel, who took over the reins from Unai Emery in the close-season.

"That would mean you're blaming the other teams, but we focus on ourselves. Nobody won 10 games in a row, and we did it.

"It's not (easy). We will be ready (for Napoli), because we're setting our own limits."

## Dovizioso snatches Japan pole as Marquez match point looms

AFP | Motegi, Japan

Ducati's Andrea Dovizioso kept his fading MotoGP title hopes alive yesterday by snatching pole for the Japanese Grand Prix in a frantic late dash.

The Italian, who realistically needs to emulate his 2017 victory in Japan to delay Marc Marquez's coronation, clocked a fastest lap of one minute, 44.590 seconds, with his Spanish rival sixth quickest.

Marquez, Dovizioso or Jorge Lorenzo have topped qualifying at the last nine races.

That streak was almost brought to a halt as Jack Miller roared to the top of the timesheets late on, but after the Australian subsequently skidded off, Dovizioso and Yamaha's Johann Zarco produced some sudden-death fireworks to demote him to third.

"We did what we expected to do," said Dovizioso. "We were able to improve this afternoon and make a really good lap time.

"But Marc has a really good pace for the race and he's well placed too, so it will be a hard battle."

Cal Crutchlow (Honda), Andrea Iannone (Suzuki) and Marquez (Honda) will start Sunday's race from the second row of the grid, with Maverick Vinales (Yamaha), Alex Rins (Suzuki) and Valentino Rossi (Yamaha) behind them.

Marquez, who leads Dovizioso by 77 points with a maximum 100 points available from the final four races this season, can capture his third straight world crown if he finishes ahead of the Italian.

# Ten-man Bayern end winless streak

AFP | Wolfsburg, Germany

Ten-man Bayern Munich ended their four-match winless streak yesterday as Robert Lewandowski scored twice in a 3-1 win at Wolfsburg, a day after the club's hierarchy launched an extraordinary attack on the German media.

After back-to-back league defeats, Bayern leapt from sixth to second in the Bundesliga behind Borussia Dortmund who routed Stuttgart 4-0 with Paco Alcacer claiming his seventh goal in four Bundesliga games.

Bayern got back to winning ways in Wolfsburg the day after chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and president Uli Hoeness slammed the media in Germany for "disrespectful and disgusting" reporting on star-studded Munich.

Bayern worked for the win, playing the last half an hour with ten men after Arjen Robben was sent off after receiving two yellow cards.

Head coach Niko Kovac left Thomas Mueller and Franck Ribery on the bench as Bayern broke their four-game winless streak in all competitions.

Lewandowski gave Bayern an early lead when he tucked away Thiago Alcantara's dummed pass past Wolfsburg goalkeeper Koen Casteels.

It was the Poland striker's first goal after drawing blanks



Wolfsburg's Dutch defender Paul Verhaegh (L) vies with Bayern Munich's Polish forward Robert Lewandowski (2ndL)

in his last five games for club and country.

With half-time approaching, Robben earned his first booking for a blatant dive in the area before Lewandowski struck again just after the break.

The Polish striker latched on to William's misplaced back pass and dribbled around Casteels to poke his shot into an empty net to make it 2-0.

There were nervous looks in the Bayern ranks on 57 minutes when Robben was dismissed

after a foul on midfielder Elvis Rexhbecaj.

Wolfsburg pulled a goal back five minutes after Robben's dismissal when Dutch striker Wout Weghorst buried the hosts' first clear chance.

James Rodriguez calmed any nerves in the Bayern ranks with a stunning shot inside the post 18 minutes from time.

Sancho nets in Dortmund romp

In Stuttgart, Dortmund remain four points clear after their

attack of Jadon Sancho, Marco Reus and Alcacer ran riot with the trio all claiming first-half goals.

Before kick-off, Dortmund's sports director Michael Zorc revealed Borussia are set to make Alcacer's loan stay from Barcelona permanent.

The Spaniard demonstrated why with his 11th goal this season for Dortmund and Spain to become the league's joint top-scorer.

Fresh from making his senior

England debut, Sancho, 18, put Dortmund ahead on just three minutes when he fired home after Reus' shot was deflected into his path.

Reus then made no mistake with his second chance for his fifth league goal of the season.

Alcacer made it 3-0 after 25 minutes when his sublime chip beat the Stuttgart goalkeeper.

The hosts tightened their defence after the break, but Dortmund deserved the win as Maximilian Philipp slammed home their fourth six minutes from time.

Elsewhere, England junior international Reiss Nelson, on loan from Arsenal, scored twice as Hoffenheim warmed up for their Champions League game at home to Lyon with a 3-1 win at Nuremberg.

RB Leipzig are third after a goalless draw with Augsburg which cost them their fourth straight win.

Brazil defender Felipe was Hanover's hero, then villain after scoring their second goal, but was then sent off in their 2-2 goal at Bayer Leverkusen, whose Karim Bellarabi scored a late equaliser.

On Friday, Serbia striker Luka Jovic, 20, became the youngest player to score five goals in a Bundesliga match as Eintracht Frankfurt romped to a 7-1 win over bottom side Fortuna Dueseldorf.

## Thai cave survivors train with Galaxy, Ibrahimovic



The Thai youngsters, aged between 11 and 16, were retrieved from the Tham Luang cave complex in July after a dramatic rescue effort

AFP | Los Angeles

The Thai junior football team who were rescued from a flooded cave after being trapped for more than two weeks trained with the Los Angeles Galaxy and their star striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic on Friday in the latest stop of an international tour.

The Wild Boars team, who earlier this month were guests at the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires, were given a tour of the Galaxy's StubHub Center

stadium before training with members of the MLS team at a nearby pitch.

The Thai youngsters, aged between 11 and 16, were retrieved from the Tham Luang cave complex in July after a dramatic rescue effort.

Friday's visit to the Galaxy was set up by US television star Ellen DeGeneres, who hosted the team on her show on Monday.

Former Sweden international Ibrahimovic had also appeared as a surprise guest to meet the team on the show.

## Vettel acknowledges 'mutual respect' in Hamilton rivalry

AFP | Austin

Sebastian Vettel yesterday acknowledged the "mutual respect" in his world championship fight with Lewis Hamilton ahead of this weekend's potential title showdown.

The four-time champion German said his relationship with the defending champion had always been respectful, despite their lifestyle differences.

"I think the respect between us has always been there despite the fact that maybe we are very different.

"We appreciate the job that the other guy is doing. I think it's a mutual respect that we have for each other. I think very respectful."

Ferrari driver Vettel needs to prevent Hamilton out-scoring him by eight points in Sunday's United States Grand Prix if he is to keep his title challenge alive.

But he will start the race with a three-place grid penalty following a controversial stewards' ruling for speeding under red flags in opening practice.

The stewards' decision, made in wet conditions, had reduced Vettel's slim title chances according to Ferrari team boss Maurizio Arrivabene and means that he cannot start on the front row of the grid for a race in which he knows another Mercedes one-two will give Hamilton his fifth drivers' title.



Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel (5) of Germany during practice for the United States Grand Prix at Circuit of the Americas

Vettel was penalised for failing to slow down sufficiently after Charles Leclerc's Sauber had left gravel on the track after a spin.

Rival drivers felt the three-place punishment was too strong.

"It's quite a harsh penalty," said Pierre Gasly of Toro Rosso. "If you've been really careful... It's a shame, especially looking at the situation, still fighting for the championship. And now he gets a penalty, it's not so exciting."

Gasly's team-mate Brendon

Hartley agreed and pointed out that it is more dangerous to brake hard in treacherous slippery conditions.

"I think in the wet, when a red flag comes out, it's potentially dangerous to slam on the brakes," he said.

"If Sebastian backed off straight away, as you would in a red flag, I think the penalty is extremely harsh."

Romain Grosjean of Haas also sympathised.

"You only have a couple of milliseconds to slow down and sometimes you get it in the right place, sometimes you don't...It's so tricky," he said.

# Chelsea deny United

Mourinho furious as Chelsea salvage unbeaten record

AFP | London

Jose Mourinho described conceding a 96th minute equaliser to draw 2-2 at Chelsea as an "awful result" for Manchester United, but played down a melee involving players and staff from both sides after Ross Barkley's late strike.

Mourinho had to be restrained by stewards when one of Chelsea boss Maurizio Sarri's backroom staff, Marco Ianni, ran in front of the Portuguese to celebrate as the hosts salvaged their unbeaten start under the Italian.

The United manager then also gestured with three fingers towards the Chelsea fans in reference to the three Premier League titles he won for the club in two spells in charge.

"I did not get respect back from Chelsea (fans) but that is not my responsibility," said Mourinho.

Sarri said he had gone with Ianni after the match to offer his apologies to Mourinho.

"After the match I have spoken with Jose and I understood that we were wrong," said Sarri.

"I (have) spoken immediately with the member of my staff and then I bring him to speak with Mourinho and to say sorry to Mourinho."

Mourinho accepted that apology. But his frustration at blowing what could have been a huge



Manchester United's French striker Anthony Martial (C) jumps for the ball with Chelsea's German defender Antonio Rudiger

win in the context of a stuttering season was obvious.

### Martial delivers

Mourinho's decision to hand Anthony Martial a start in an attack-minded line-up came good as the Frenchman scored twice in 18 second-half minutes after Antonio Rudiger headed Chelsea into an early lead.

The German defender easily peeled away from Paul Pogba

to plant a powerful header past the helpless David de Gea from Willian's corner.

That was the fourth time United have conceded from a corner in the league this season, having also done so in defeats to Brighton, Tottenham and West Ham.

"Players make mistakes and I prefer to focus on the global performance and again my midfield was very good," added Mourinho on Pogba's error.

It wasn't so costly this time as Chelsea paid for a lack of killer instinct despite dominating possession for the rest of the first-half.

"I am happy with the performance of the team for 60 minutes because for 60 minutes we played our football," said Sarri.

"Then after the goal of 1-1 we haven't played our football. We only played the long ball and we are not organised to go on the second ball.

### English Premier League

Chelsea	2	2	Manchester United
Bournemouth	0	0	Southampton
Cardiff City	4	2	Fulham
Manchester City	5	0	Burnley
Newcastle United	0	1	Brighton and Hove Albion
West Ham United	0	1	Tottenham Hotspur
Wolverhampton	0	2	Watford
Huddersfield Town	0	1	Liverpool

### English Championship

Blackburn Rovers	2	1	Leeds United
Aston Villa	1	0	Swansea City
Brentford	0	1	Bristol City
Hull City	1	1	Preston North End
Ipswich Town	0	2	Queens Park Rangers
Nottingham Forest	1	2	Norwich City
Reading	3	1	Millwall
Rotherham United	1	1	Bolton Wanderers
Stoke City	0	1	Birmingham City
Wigan Athletic	1	0	West Bromwich Albion
Derby County	2	1	Sheffield United

### Italian Serie A

Roma	0	2	SPAL
Juventus	1	1	Genoa
Udinese	0	1	Napoli

### German Bundesliga

1. FC Nürnberg	1	3	TSG 1899 Hoffenheim
Bayer 04 Leverkusen	2	2	Hannover 96
FC Augsburg	0	0	RB Leipzig
VfB Stuttgart	0	4	Borussia Dortmund
VfL Wolfsburg	1	3	FC Bayern München
FC Schalke 04	0	2	SV Werder Bremen

### Spanish La Liga

Real Madrid	1	2	Levante
Valencia CF	1	1	Leganés
Villarreal	1	1	Atlético de Madrid
Barcelona	2	0	Sevilla

### French Ligue 1

Paris Saint-Germain	5	0	Amiens
Caen	0	0	Guingamp
Dijon	0	2	Lille
Nantes	4	0	Toulouse
Reims	1	1	Angers
Strasbourg	1	0	Monaco

\*Scores as of closing

## Man City turn on style



Leroy Sane scores Manchester City's fifth against Burnley at the Etihad Stadium

AFP | London

Manchester City brushed aside Burnley 5-0 to pull clear at the top of the Premier League yesterday.

City's win gives them a two-point cushion over Chelsea and Tottenham -- 1-0 winners at West Ham -- but Liverpool will join them on 23 points if they beat Huddersfield in the

from nine league games as Burnley goalkeeper Joe Hart endured a miserable return to his former club at the Etihad.

Sergio Aguero opened the scoring in the 17th minute before second-half goals rained in from Bernardo Silva, Fernandinho, Riyad Mahrez and Leroy Sane.

With the defending champions slipping ominously into

## Pressure mounts on Lopetegui as Madrid beaten by Levante

### Real Madrid set unwanted club record for goalless run

AFP | Madrid

Real Madrid failed to ease the pressure on coach Julen Lopetegui and instead set the record for the longest goal-drought in the club's history during a surprise 2-1 defeat by Levante yesterday.

Madrid have now gone five games without a victory and by the time Marcelo gave them hope of a comeback at the Santiago Bernabeu, they had gone 481 minutes without a goal too.

The club's previous worst run had been 464 minutes, in 1985.

For a team that prides itself



(From L) Levante's forward Jason Remeseiro, Real Madrid's midfielder Casemiro, Levante's defender Sergio Postigo, Real Madrid's forward Mariano and Real Madrid's defender Sergio Ramos jump for the ball

later on Saturday, with a 'Clasico' to come next weekend at the Camp Nou.

Asked about his future, Lopetegui said: "It is the last thing

Raphael Varane handing Levante a two-goal lead here after just 13 minutes. Jose Luis Morales and Roger Marti, from the penalty spot, were the ben-

**481**

Madrid have now gone 481 minutes without a goal and five games without a victory

He had left Gareth Bale and Karim Benzema on the bench, perhaps due to fitness issues, and the gamble backfired, despite both making a difference when brought on in the second half.

Lopetegui had cited a lack of luck in recent weeks and Madrid were not blessed with it here. They hit the crossbar twice and the post once. They