



America has problem with female directors

Actress Jodie Foster feels Hollywood has a problem with female directors and, like Europe, it should open up. "I said it and I'll keep saying it - I want to direct and I will direct more than I acted," Foster told hollywood-reporter.com. **P17**

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Saudi flight makes emergency landing

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A Saudi Arabian Airlines flight sv3818, which was travelling from Medinah to Dhaka, had to be diverted to Jeddah after suffering a malfunction with the nose landing gear. Saudia Airbus A330-200 made an emergency landing at Jeddah's King Abdulaziz Airport with the nose gear retracted. The aircraft had circled Jeddah for several hours and was forced to make two low passes until it was allowed to land on runway 34R at around 22:00 local time.

Bid to smuggle 1,117 kg hashish foiled

Riyadh

Saudi border guards thwarted several attempts to smuggle 1,117 kilograms of hashish through land and sea borders during the period from May 7th until May 19th. Border patrols arrested 30 suspects from different nationalities, after they were spotted crossing the Kingdom's southern borders. According to the border guards' spokesman, Colonel Saher Al Harbi, those involved, including 13 Ethiopians, 6 Somalis, and 11 Yemenis, have been referred to the relevant authorities.

Robbers arrested

Manama

Police have arrested two Africans accused of robbing BD1,600 from two individuals in two separate incidents in Manama, said the director-general of the Department of Investigation and Criminal Evidence last night. In another incident, a 31-year-old Bahraini man who stabbed a 34-year-old Bahraini woman with a sharp tool was arrested in Sitra. The accused were referred to Public Prosecution as part of the legal procedures.

Premier holds talks with Kuwaiti Amir



HRH the Premier with Kuwaiti Amir

Kuwait City

HRH Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa visited the Amir of Kuwait, Shaikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jabir Al Sabah, at the Dasman Palace. Crown Prince Shaikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Jabir Al Sabah and Kuwaiti

Prime Minister Shaikh Jabir Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah were present on the occasion. Bilateral and GCC relations and joint coordination and cooperation were discussed, as well as the latest regional developments. The Premier pointed out the Kuwaiti Amir's contributions to promote the march of the Gulf Cooperation Council, and his humanitarian initiatives at the regional and international levels. He conveyed Ramadan greeting of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to the Amir of Kuwait, stressing keenness to constantly boost the bilateral relations in the interest of the two countries and their people.



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday visited the majlis of Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Shura Council Chairman Ali Al Saleh, and Shaikh Abdulhussein Khalaf Al Asfour family. He highlighted that the National Action Charter, under the leadership of HM King Hamad, continues to serve as a firm foundation for ongoing sustainable development initiatives that benefit all citizens, who remain the Kingdom's greatest strength and foremost priority. The Crown Prince also stressed that Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030, underpinned by the three core principles of sustainability, competitiveness and fairness, plays a central role in the Kingdom's development across all sectors.

Pompeo-12 backed

Calls on Iran to stop exporting violence and terrorism

● The statement comes after Pompeo laid out 12 demands for Iran.

● Relief from economic sanctions will only come when Washington sees tangible shifts in Iran's policies.

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The Kingdom's Foreign Ministry has said it affirms full support for the United States' strategy towards

Iran after America's top diplomat threatened to impose the "strongest sanctions in history" against Tehran if the country's leadership did not change the course of its foreign and domestic policy.

"US Secretary of State Pompeo's strategy which reflects the determination to confront the danger of Iranian policies that undermine security and stability in the region and to overcome the shortcomings of the nuclear agreement. And praised the continued efforts of the United States to strengthen regional and international peace and security and its relentless efforts to take all possible measures to prevent the spread of chaos, tension and crisis resolution in the region," a statement from Bahrain's Foreign



Mr. Pompeo

Ministry read.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirms that the Kingdom of Bahrain considers itself in a single position with the

United States of America in the face of the Iranian threat, addressing Iran's attempts to export violence and terrorism and stressing the need for Iran to respond to all efforts to achieve peace and resolve conflicts in the region and to remove them from nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass destruction.

The immediate cessation of support for terrorist militias and adherence to international laws and norms and non-interference at all in the internal affairs of the States of the region," the statement added.

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NIPAH TOLL

Nightingale's tragic tale brings tears to many eyes

TDT|Manama
 Sree Sadan

A deadly virus having the potential of becoming the next deadly major outbreak has killed six people in the southern Indian state of Kerala.

As many as 20 people suspected to be infected with Nipah have been admitted to the Kozhikode Medical College, out of which the condition of 10 is said to be critical.

Three nurses from the EMS Memorial Cooperative hospital at Perambra, who had earlier attended to the Nipah Virus affected patients, have fallen ill.

They have been referred to Kozhikode Medical College Hospital. No confirmation has come so far whether they have contracted the disease.

Lini Puthussery, 28, a nurse from the same hospital,



The deceased Lini with her family

who had treated three infected persons, had fallen ill a few days ago and was under treatment.

She passed away at 2 am on Monday morning. Lini is wife of Bahrain resident Sajeesh Puthur, who works for Awan Media.

Though lab results of her blood and fluid samples hadn't come yet, her body was not handed over to her family.

After consulting the family, the authorities cremated the body at an electronic crematorium.

This was done as a precautionary measure to ensure that the virus, if present, did not spread further.

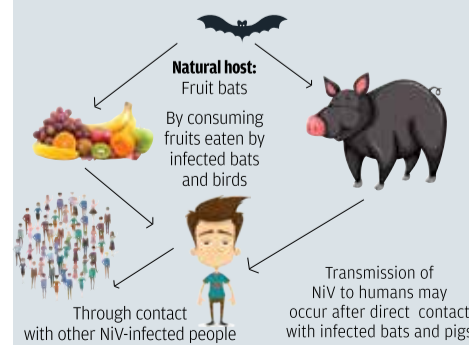
Meanwhile, Lini's last letter to her husband, filled with emotions, became viral on social media. In the letter she says "I am almost on my way" and urges her husband to take care of their children.



Nipah virus (NiV) infection is a newly emerging zoonosis that causes severe disease in both animals and humans

- NiV first identified in 1998 during an outbreak in Malaysia
- Fruit bats are natural hosts of NiV

How it is transmitted



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Cabinet reiterates support for Palestinian cause



HRH the Premier

● The Cabinet reiterated Bahrain's commitment to supporting the Palestinian people in order to enable them to set up their independent state with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Manama

The Cabinet session, chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, yesterday welcomed the resolutions supporting Palestinian people that were adopted by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held in Istanbul.

The resolutions included the call for forming an independent international fact-finding committee of experts to investigate into Israeli crimes against protestors in Gaza, in addition to a call to send an international force to protect the Palestinians.

The Cabinet reiterated Bahrain's commitment to supporting the Palestinian people in order to enable them to set up their independent state



with East Jerusalem as its capital, emphasising the need to exert all efforts and to take all measures to ensure the protection of the Palestinians from the aggression of the Israeli forces.

In another development, the session endorsed a draft-law which inflicts a jail term not exceeding 10 years and a fine on those who manufacture ex-

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per cent of the action plan regarding National Childhood Strategy has been achieved, the Cabinet heard.

plosive materials, a jail term of no more than eight years on whoever distributes them or uses them. Life in jail or a term of at least 10 years will be handed over to the accused if the use of such materials has led to a permanent disability, while death penalty is the punishment if their use has resulted in the death of a person.

The session also approved the

accession of the kingdom, represented by the Supreme Council for Environment, to the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), and the Global Environment Fund (GEF).

Among other things, it followed up on the implementation of the action plan of the National Childhood Strategy 2013-2017.

A presentation by the Labour and Social Development Minister showed that 79 per cent of the action plan of the strategy had been achieved through the mechanisms and initiatives taken by the relevant ministries and government departments.

The session decided to extend the implementation of the action plan for another five-year period to ensure its full implementation, and consolidate the national gains and accomplishments related to childhood development and protection. The Cabinet requested all government departments to use the National Childhood Strategy as their exclusive reference while issuing childhood-related reports.

The session saw the Premier lauding His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's patronage of the opening ceremony of the "Salman Town".



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Reports about an abandoned girl poses questions society can't ignore

The tragic bundle

● **Abandoned children have been victims of stigma for decades, though it has considerably reduced, stigma still prevails in many sectors of the society.**

● **Batelco Home has catered to nearly 400 abandoned children in Bahrain since its establishment 35 years ago.**

● **The abandoned children are provided with the necessary psychological help and social skills to integrate into society smoothly.**

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Supriya Reginald

Earlier this week, a gentleman was passing by a garbage bin through one of the remote streets of Muharraq when he got alerted by a crying baby. A baby girl, it didn't take much time for him to realise that it was an abandoned baby.

The man alerted police and the baby was taken to Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC), where she is under observation.

Abandoning babies is a big crime, but still many do it across the world to get away from responsibilities.

Dr Akbar Mohsen Almohammed, deputy chairman of Batelco Home that has catered to nearly 400 abandoned children in Bahrain since its establishment 35 years ago, says the act was nothing but a curse on entire humanity.

"Not to mention names, some of these children are prominent VIPs in the society, despite being abandoned by their parents. How we raise and nurture the child determines their future," said Dr Almohammed.

"If given the opportunity these children will show their capability," he added.

"Currently, we have 26 from each category, those from broken homes consist of boys and girls whereas those abandoned are all boys, there is a demand more for

girls for fostering," said Dr Almohammed who has dedicated nearly 42 years to the welfare of abused and abandoned children.

"Our care is comprehensive, it starts at birth and goes on till their 30. We provide them with food, clothing, education and entertainment, anything a parent would do for their child we do for our children and we are their family and the cling to us," he added.

The term "adoption" isn't included in Islam, rather the term "forester" is used to describe the act of undertaking an abandoned child into a new family. The reason for this is twofold, first, the child is prohibited from taking the family name and second they are denied the right to family wealth and property, he pointed out.

"We advise fostering families to do what they can in their way to secure the child, in the long run, such a purchasing land or property in the child's name," said Dr Almohammed.

"Apart from being below 50 years of age, according to law, the fostering fam-

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million is the estimated number of abandoned children across the world.

ilies need to be Bahraini, if I had to option to give the children to expatriates I would have no children left in the house," he added.

Abandoned children have been victims of stigma for decades, though it has considerably reduced, stigma still prevails in many sectors of the society.

"There are some sectors of our society that can be very cruel toward these children. This has changed with time, we have launched programmes to educate people," revealed Dr Almohammed.

"These children have the same right as any other child, it isn't their fault they are in this situation," he added.

The Batelco Home receives abandoned children both Bahraini and expatriate alike.

"We have some children who have expatriate features but once they come to us they automatically become Bahraini irrespective of their roots," said Dr Almohammed.

The abandoned children are provided with the necessary psychological help and social skills to integrate into society smoothly.

"We keep them till their 20 and then they graduate from the center. Their rent, job, higher education as well as their wedding we provide all the help they need," said Dr Almohammed.

"We've had children who we have taken care of who have come back to us and fostered children. This is their way of repaying us," he revealed.

The idea of abandoning a child is hard for people to comprehend, women across Bahrain provide their input from a mother's perspective on the grounds of anonymity.

"This blatant disregard for human life is horrible, immoral and unacceptable. There are parents who are unable to conceive children and then there are these people who abandon their own flesh and blood," says longtime resident and mother of two girls.

"Unfortunately there aren't contraceptive measures women can take therefore they are left with no choice but to have the child. Nonetheless, if they aren't capable they should reach out to child welfare instead of abandoning the child," she added.

"There are couples struggling with infertility, those who abandon children should rather hand over their child to the concerned societies who would hand over the child to a deserving and capable family," said a mother who recently conceived her first child after trying for nearly three years.

"I have heard of few instances here in Bahrain where a child has been dumped in public places, it's heartbreaking. Even if the child is fostered and given a normal life the trauma of being abandoned leaves them scarred," said a mother of twins.

"I believe being thrown away by the very people who gave your life is something that has a psychological and emotional effect that never truly goes away," she added.



Batelco Home

Alarming numbers

There are around 143 million orphans and abandoned children and the number is 8.4 per cent of the total children in the world, according to Unicef statistics. In 2003 alone, more than 16 million children were orphaned. International Advocates for Children, an NGO, says that the number of orphans and abandoned children

will increase dramatically at an estimated rate of 15 to 20 million per year. It has been reported that factors which lead to the abandonment of babies cannot be eliminated without placing the blame on the mothers. Studies show that in African communities, cultural beliefs play a role in the abandonment of babies. While women

might seem frightened by being judged by the ancestors for having an abortion or placing a child for adoption, the shocking revelation is that men, who are traditionally responsible for introducing their offspring to the ancestors, appear to be able to facilitate abortions or abandon the mothers of their children.



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DR ALMOHAMMED

MPs, lawyers welcome alternative punishments



Implementation of alternative punishments could replace street cleaners with accused.

Move expected to bring down burden on prisons

Alternative punishments may include house arrests, community work, enrollment in training and rehabilitation programmes as well as electronic surveillance.

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Muhannad Mansour

Describing the move as a significant progress to the judiciary system, the implementation of new alternative punishments was welcomed by lawyers and lawmakers alike. The law was first declared by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa on July 19, 2017, introducing a number of penalties other than imprisonment and offering judges and the Public Prosecution extra options and jurisdictions.

The alternative punishments include five procedures against defendants, such as house arrests, community work, enrollment in training and rehabilitation programmes, electronic surveillance that includes monitoring of social media accounts and emails, compensating the damages caused as a result of the crime and more.

As reported, the Public Prosecution on Sunday announced that it has implemented the new law on 11 female convicts for the first time.

Public Prosecutor General Attorney

Dr Ali Al Buainain confirmed in a statement that the new punishments would help ease congestion in prisons and help in some cases with relation to family stability and living conditions.

He added that the verdicts issued against the women varied between community service and enrollment in training and rehabilitation programmes. However, Dr Al Buainain didn't disclose any information on the nature of the crimes committed by the female convicts.

To speak more on the new law, Tribune yesterday spoke to the Head of the Legislative and Legal Committee in the Council of Representatives Shaikh Majid Al Majid.

Mr Al Majid welcomed the implementation of the new alternative punishments, saying, "this reflects the concern of the wise leadership on the sustainable development of the judicial authority. It's a significant improvement and a legal milestone for the Kingdom, internationally. These efforts are praised as they contribute to reducing negative effects of the crimes committed on the society and the convicts."

"The enforcement of the alternative punishments law proves that each convict gets penalised in accordance with the gravity of the crimes committed. Be it imprisonment sentences or any of the penalties mentioned in the new law, suiting all criminal, civil, labour and family cases. This move reflects the integrity of the judiciary system and is

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 MS AL SABBAGH

civil accomplishment for Bahrain," he added.

Speaking on the economic gains of the execution of the new law, Bahraini Lawyer Fatma BinRajab explained, "The punishments are aimed at reducing pressure on prisons, as the State bears the expenses of operating correctional facilities and is responsible for the care of inmates. Having a big number of inmates in prisons is surely an additional burden on the state budget. This law would limit such unnecessary

spending."

BinRajab also said while elaborating more on the impact of the new law on the existing Penal Code, "The alternative punishments law would add the new penalties to Article 81 of the Penal Code, giving judges more options. This has a positive impact on the society and the convicts, as it serves convicts' rehabilitation and integration with different fields of the society. They would certainly gain more social and work experiences that qualify them to

"The house arrest punishment is most likely to be used in some cases involving businessmen and investors who're indebted or bankrupt. It will allow them to work from home and run their businesses, eventually paying back any debts they owe to individuals or entities. As for electronic crimes, the law introduces electronic monitoring, which may include the platform the convict used to commit the crimes," Al Sabbagh said, adding that "it all depends on the judges' ruling".

become active members of the Bahraini society again."

Tribune spoke to another Bahraini lawyer, Ibtissam Al Sabbagh, who commented, "All fields witness constant improvements, such as medicine, arbitration and other sectors. The law is considered as an advanced punishment system and will lighten the pressure on correctional facilities. It will depend on judges' evaluation, vision and judgement of the offences committed. The law reflects positively on the society and would contribute to the efforts to reduce public money expenditure.

She opined, "Psychiatrically, the inmates would gain several benefits, such as avoiding mixing with other criminals involved in more serious cases and maybe be influenced by them, regain their positions in the society and make a living."

CRIME

Terror suspects jailed

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The fourth High Criminal Court yesterday issued its verdicts against ten terror suspects, Terror Crime Chief Prosecutor Advocate General Ahmed Al Ham-madi said.

The convicts were accused of joining a terrorist group, training on using and making fire weapons to commit terror crimes, making and illegally possessing fire weapons and ammunition and attacking policemen.

The court sentenced one of the suspects to 15 years in jail, two to ten years, six to three years, acquitted one and ruled the revocation of the Bahraini citizenship of the first 9 suspects. It also ordered confiscation of the seized items.

Police investigation showed implication of four suspects in shooting policemen in 2016 with a homemade firearm while they were deployed



Stripping of nationality means, the convicts would lose their passports as well as national identity documents and become a 'stateless person'. They will not be eligible for any social welfare schemes.

on Al Janabiyah public road.

Two suspects were arrested and the firearm, bullets as well as materials used for making homemade fire weapons were found in their possession.

Subsequent investigations also showed that one of the suspects gave the fire weapon to another suspect to shoot policemen. Three suspects were also implicated in another shooting incident which targeted a police patrol deployed on Al Janabiyah road.

The Public Prosecution relied in substantiating the accusations on verbal and technical evidences as well as the suspects' confessions and referred all the suspects, including eight in custody to the fourth High Criminal Court. It also ordered to arrest the two suspects who are still at large.

The court heard the case in the presence of the suspects' lawyers while ensuring all legal guarantees.



Public Security Chief Taraq bin Hassan Al Hassan received today newly-appointed Chinese Ambassador to Bahrain An Wa'er. He lauded strong relations between the two friendly countries and the advanced level of bilateral cooperation mainly in the security field.



Coast Guard Commander Brigadier Alaa Siyadi yesterday received Commander of the US Naval Forces Central Command and the 5th Fleet Vice-Admiral Admiral Scott A Stearney. They reviewed bilateral relations and topics of common interests.

Cop killers' death sentences upheld



A police vehicle set on fire by hurling firebombs.

Mohammed Naveed died after suffering sixth-degree burns in the firebomb attack

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The Cassation Court, Bahrain's top court, has upheld the death sentences issued against two defendants implicated in murdering a police officer in Karbabad.

According to court reports, father-of-two Mohammed Naveed died when he was trapped in a burning police vehicle following a firebomb attack in Karbabad on April 16, 2016.

He is reported to have suffered sixth-degree burns and firemen reportedly retrieved his charred body from the vehicle, while two other officers



Policemen at the blast site in Karbabad.

suffered serious injuries in the assault. Apart from the defendants sentenced to death, namely Alsayed Al Abar and Hussain Mahdi, there were ten more men accused in this case.

Three of them were sentenced to life behind bars, three were jailed for 10 years each, one got seven-year sentence, one jailed for five years and two received three years jail term. Nine of the defendants also had their citizenship stripped and seven were ordered to pay a combined fine of BD28,716 for damages caused to the vehicle.

The men were found guilty of setting up and being part of

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years of jail was awarded to three accused

a terror group that targeted the country's unity and stability. All sentences were also upheld by the Cassation Court except for the five years' imprisonment jail term which was issued against one defendant. It was reduced to a three-year jail term.

No respite for loan shark murderer

TDI|Manama

The Cassation Court, Bahrain's top court, has rejected an appeal lodged by a Filipino man who was sentenced to death for slaughtering a moneylender.



The convict killed Mr Mohammed as he could not repay the BD500 loan after losing his job.

COURT DETAILS

According to court documents, the 39-year-old convict helped by another Filipino man, 35, slaughtered Pakistani moneylender Sabir Hussain Mohammed following a dispute over money.

"The convict killed Mr Mohammed as he could not repay the BD500 loan after losing his job." He also claimed that the victim threatened to "put him under his custody".

The co-defendant was handed over 15 years jail term.

Scrap 'marriage clause' to punish rapists

Women associations plead to lawmakers; demands immediate action to remove Article 353

The associations observed that the MPs should act immediately to preserve the reputation of Bahrain as a land of equal rights.

Bahraini parliamentarians have been considering a proposal to introduce tougher punishments including life sentences against rapists.

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Demanding the adoption of strict laws to punish men who commit rape, 19 social organisations led by women associations have urged the parliamentary committee to remove Article 353 of the Penal Code.

Article 353 offers a legal loophole - a marriage clause that allows rapists to escape punishment if they marry their victims.

"The criminal charges and convictions would be dropped against a rapist who produces an official marriage certificate,"



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BWU

the article states.

The associations observed that the MPs should act immediately to preserve the reputation of Bahrain as a land of equal rights.

"We express our deep concern over article-353 of the Bahrain Penal Code. The parliamentarians should immediately act on this," said a representative of Bahrain Women's Union (BWU).

"The situation is terrible. A raped woman is a victim and not an offender and she should not be held responsible for saving a family's honour," the representative added. Bahraini parliamentarians have been considering a proposal to introduce tougher punishments including life sentences against rapists.

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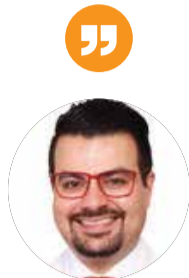
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Medical breakthrough



TaTME is a very new procedure and we are probably one of the first centres in the Gulf to perform a surgery like this. It is very exciting to be a part of a groundbreaking initiative like this. Professor Luigi Boni came down to help start the programme. The best part is that it is a minimum invasive surgery.

DR AL ABBASI



Advanced colorectal cancer surgery performed by a team of doctors at BDF hospital

● **TaTME procedure explored first time in the Kingdom for colorectal surgeries.**

● **Professor Luigi Boni, Chief of Surgery at the University of Milan, supervised the surgery at BDF.**

**TDT/ Manama
Harpreet Kaur**

In a groundbreaking surgery, a new laparoscopic technique was successfully performed at the Bahrain Defence Hospital to remove a colorectal tumor from a patient.

Consultant general surgeon Dr Thamer Abbasi, supervised by Professor Luigi Boni, Chief of Surgery at the University of Milan, led the surgery which is considered to be a medical milestone for the Kingdom, which is an emerging hub of medical tourism.

Speaking to Tribune, Dr Al Abbasi said, "The procedure is commonly called the TaTME Procedure. It can be considered a medical milestone. The most important challenge in cancer surgery



is to remove all cancerous cells in the body. The effort becomes a bit complicated in colorectal surgery. Sometimes we have to remove everything, the muscles and even the colon completely."

The surgeon said TaTME is one of the latest procedures to deal with colorectal cancers. "TaTME is a very new procedure, we are probably one of the first centres in the Gulf to perform a surgery like this. It is very exciting to be a part of a groundbreaking initiative like this. Professor Luigi Boni came down to help start the programme. The best part is that it is a minimum invasive surgery."

When asked about the number of colorectal cancer cases in Bahrain, he said, "The incidence of colorectal cancer (CRC) in the Kingdom, based on the latest cancer registry cases in Gulf Cooperation Council countries, was 40/100,000 in men and 32/100,000 in women. Moreover, when compared to other Gulf countries, Bahrain has highest incidence rates for the disease. CRC is a disease mainly affecting middle-aged and elderly people with a majority being diagnosed after the age of 50 years."

He said the Kingdom needed more steps to tackle these rising number of cases. "We don't have a national screening programme, and we can detect the disease at early stages by conducting colonoscopy on patients who are susceptible to the disease."

Dr Al Abbasi said the authorities should immediately implement such screening programmes. "A new study carried out by the American Cancer Society has showed increasing cases of colorectal cancer among young people, adults in their 20s and 30s."

"I think, a little more efforts will take us a long way when it comes to performing major surgeries in the Kingdom. We need such groundbreaking surgeries to boost the Kingdom's status as a medical hub in the region."

Never ignore symptoms



- Blood in or on the stool
- Change in bowel habits
- Stools that are narrower than usual
- General stomach discomfort (bloating, fullness, and/or cramps)
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea, constipation, or feeling that the bowel does not empty completely
- Frequent gas pains
- Weight loss for no apparent reason
- Rectal bleeding
- Constant tiredness, or new fatigue during activity that was previously tolerated

Commander of Royal Medical Services, Major General Professor Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, praised the efforts of the team of doctors at the BDF hospital, who performed the surgery.



Two British School of Bahrain students, Bianca Govind and Tanisha Banerjee have received a scholarship offered by the French Embassy to attend a prestigious two-week French language summer camp in Nice.

Bandar Al Dar jetty project on track



Works Ministry officials inspect the site

Manama

Work on the Bandar Al Dar jetty in Sitra is on good track, as 85 per cent of the scheme has already completed, it emerged.

Maintenance director at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Huda Mirza Abbas, paid an inspection visit to the worksite, accompanied by engineers in charge of the project.

Marine Resources consultant Ibtissam Khalaf was also

present at the worksite. The work team gave a presentation detailing different stages of the project which is nearing completion. Mr Abbas directed the contractor and engineer to complete the BD79,000 project in accordance with pre-set deadline.

BUSINESS

A mission with a vision

Bahrain's Labour Fund Tamkeen and Sports Federation for Disabilities in deal for training disabilities specialists

● Tamkeen will fully fund the enrolment of Bahrainis in the training courses

TDI | Manama

The Labour Fund (Tamkeen) and Bahrain's Sports Federation for Disabilities announced signing an agreement to support the National Project for Training Disabilities Specialists. The move targets to upskill Bahrainis in the field of disabilities service and equip differently-abled people with various skills.

"We believe that each individual is capable of being productive and creative. Therefore, we cater for the different needs of individuals and enterprises by providing custom-tailored solutions," Dr Ebrahim Janahi,



The deal targets to upskill Bahrainis working in the field of disabilities service and equip differently-abled people with various skills. Above, the deal signing

Chief Executive of Tamkeen said commenting on this agreement.

As per the deal, Tamkeen will fully fund the enrolment of Bahrainis in these training courses. "However, we welcome all nationalities interested to participate and register," Shaikh Mohamed Bin Duaij Al Khalifa, President of Bahrain's Sports Federation for Disabilities said. "Our objective in this training

programme is to upskill Bahraini calibre to achieve excellence and professionalism in dealing with different disabilities according to their needs, in addition to achieving our ultimate goal, which is a better quality of life for people who are differently abled," he added.

The project, according to Hanan Abdulla Hasan, the project manager, will include dif-

ferent phases, which are professional certificates' training courses, on the job training (OJT), workshops and conferences.

Each phase will target a specific segment and all the target groups will be part of the phase one "professional certificates' training", which will cover topics in sports coaching and nutrition for people with disabilities,

based on international standards and accreditation.

During next phase, high achieving participants will be selected for OJT in the Federation to work closely with athletes with a disability and accompany them in international tournaments. The last phase will include workshops to equip them with necessary skills in communication and leadership.



Established in 2006, Tamkeen has launched over 200 programmes and initiatives focused on areas such as funding and career progression, customized employment schemes, and entrepreneurship exposure, amongst many others. Today Tamkeen has served over 140,000 Bahrainis and businesses.

CBB Sukuk Al-Salam Securities Subscribed

Manama

The monthly issue of the Sukuk Al-Salam Islamic securities has been fully subscribed by 100 per cent, said a Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) statement.

Subscriptions worth BD 43 million were received for the BD43m issue, which carries a maturity of 91 days.

The expected return on the issue, which begins on 23rd May 2018 and matures on 22nd August 2018, is 3.40pc compared to 3.3p% for the previous issue on 18th April 2018.

This is issue No.205 (BH00074U7R28) of the short-term Sukuk Al-Salam series.

CARREFOUR RAMADAN RAFFLE



Carrefour Bahrain, which is operated by Majid Al Futtaim, the exclusive franchisee of the Carrefour brand in 38 countries across the Middle East, Africa and Asia, announced 175 winners following its Ramadan raffle draw. The winners, who are all MyClub customer loyalty programme members received Carrefour gift cards worth up to BD100. Shafie Al Balooshi, a representative from the Ministry of Commerce announced the raffle draw winners in presence of Jerome Akel, Country Manager at Carrefour Bahrain and Ghassan Jaroudi General Manager of Marketing and Sourcing at Carrefour Bahrain as well as his team

British court acquits Barclays over capital raising deal with Qatar

● Charges were over a \$3bn loan made by Qatari investors

Reuters | London

A British court has dismissed charges brought by the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) against Barclays over its 2008 capital raising, the bank said on Monday, suspending for now the threat of regulatory sanctions on its business operations.

"We are likely to seek to reinstate the charges by applying to the High Court," an SFO spokesman said. It was not clear when that application would



Earlier this month in an unconnected case, the Barclays chief executive, Jes Staley, was ordered to hand over more than £1.1m out of his own pocket as punishment for attempting to unmask a whistleblower.

be heard.

Barclays denied the SFO's allegation that a \$3 billion loan it made to Qatar in November 2008 was connected with a Qatari investment in the British bank which ultimately helped it avoid a British government rescue during the financial crisis.

Qatar has not been accused of wrongdoing itself, but public companies in Britain are normally prohibited from lending money for the purchase of their own shares.

The SFO had been pursuing charges that Barclays unlawfully received such financial assistance, and that it had committed fraud over two so-called 'advisory services agreements' between Qatar and the bank.

Ithmaar: BenefitPay a leap towards cashless economy

● Ithmaar Bank urges to adopt BenefitPay

TDI | Manama

Bahrain has taken a big leap towards its transformation into a cashless society with the introduction of National Electronic Payment System known as BenefitPay, said Ithmaar Bank in a statement.

The service, Ithmaar Bank Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Abdul Rahim said, is "safe and easy" to use and could well redefine the way we shop and even how we interact with cash.



Ithmaar Bank CEO Ahmed Abdul Rahim

He, however, said that to fully reap its benefits and realise its potential customers will need to start using the app for themselves.

BenefitPay, a special application launched by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) and the Benefit Company (Benefit) jointly in July, enables customers to make purchases via smartphones.

Currently, the application enables payment using registered debit cards but will include payments using credit cards, prepaid cards and bank accounts shortly.

"This revolutionary technology could go long way towards transforming Bahrain into an efficient, cashless economy," said Ahmed Abdul Rahim.

BenefitPay is currently available at select stores.

Trade war 'on hold'

China says cannot guarantee that trade tensions with Washington can be permanently avoided

● **US proposed tariffs on \$50 billion of Chinese imports**

● **China responded by targeting \$50bn in US products**

AP | Washington

The United States and China are pulling back from the brink of a trade war after the world's two biggest economies reported progress in talks aimed at bringing down America's massive trade deficit with Beijing.

"We are putting the trade war on hold," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Sunday.

After high-level talks Thursday and Friday in Washington, Beijing agreed in a joint statement with the US to "substantially reduce" America's trade deficit with China, but did not commit to cut the gap by any specific amount. The Trump administration had sought to slash the deficit by \$200 billion.

Still, Mnuchin said the two countries had made "meaningful progress" and that the administration has agreed to put on hold proposed tariffs on up to \$150bn in Chinese products. China had promised to retaliate in a move that threatened a tit for tat trade war.



Steven Mnuchin, US Treasury Secretary



We are putting the trade war on hold

STEVEN MNUCHIN,
TREASURY SECRETARY

He said they expect to see a big increase — 35 to 45 per cent this year alone — in US farm sales to China. Mnuchin also forecast a doubling in sales of US energy products to the Chinese market, increasing energy exports by \$50bn to \$60bn in the next three years to five years.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, who has been part of the US negotiating team, will go to China soon to follow up on last

week's discussions, Mnuchin said. But China said Monday that it cannot guarantee trade tensions with Washington can be permanently avoided.

A foreign ministry spokesman, Lu Kang, said Mnuchin's comments showed both sides hope to avoid a "trade war." However, he added, "Given the increasing interaction between the two countries, we cannot assure you they will not encounter more frictions or disputes in the future."

In a statement Saturday, Beijing committed to "significantly increase" its purchases of American goods and services, saying the increase would "meet the growing consumption needs of the Chinese people and the need for high-quality economic de-

velopment."

Last year, the US had a record \$376bn deficit with China in the trade of goods; that was the largest by far with any nation.

Last August, US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer began investigating Beijing's strong-arm tactics to challenge US technological dominance. These include outright cyber-theft of US companies' trade secrets and China's demands that American corporations hand over technology in exchange for access to the Chinese markets.

Last month, the administration proposed tariffs on \$50bn of Chinese imports to protest the forced technology transfers.

China responded by targeting \$50bn in US products, including soybeans — a shot at Trump supporters in America's



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Gold hits 2018 low



Gold jewellery is seen displayed for sale at a shop in a gold market in Basra, southeast of Baghdad

● **Silver was down 0.2 pc at \$16.39 an ounce,**

● **Palladium was up 1.2 pc at \$974.70 an ounce**

Reuters | London

Gold marked a new low for the year yesterday after US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin's declaration that a trade war between China and the United States was "on hold" helped boost appetite for higher risk assets such as stocks and the dollar.

Buoyancy in US Treasury yields also weighed on appetite for non-interest bearing assets such as bullion, analysts said.

Spot gold fell to its lowest since late December at \$1,281.76 an ounce, and by 1205 GMT was down 0.5 per cent at \$1,285.17 an ounce. US gold futures for June delivery were 0.5 pc lower at \$1,284.50.

"The dollar's riding high, and the 10-year yield has broken above 3.05 pc for the first time since 2011," Mitsubishi

analyst Jonathan Butler said. "This is taking place at a time when we're very close to all-time highs in the US equity markets, and all of this positive news about jobs, about productivity, is feeding into a move towards risky assets."

He said gold could benefit from safe-haven buying in the long run if that exuberance loses steam and inflation pressures mount. But he added: "It's possible that we might see a further correction in the very short term. That will of course depend on the newsflow, and whether the dollar can hold onto its gains."

Gold prices fell below the psychologically important level of \$1,300 an ounce last week, and posted the first weekly close below their 200-day moving average since late December.

Among other precious metals, platinum was down 0.2 pc at \$881 an ounce, after also marking a fresh low for the year in earlier trade at \$873.50.

Silver was down 0.2 pc at \$16.39 an ounce, while palladium, the most industrial of the major precious metals, was up 1.2 pc at \$974.70 an ounce.

Trump: Beijing will buy more products

Reuters | Washington

US President Donald Trump on Monday said China had pledged to buy "massive amounts" of American agricultural products but gave no other details about planned commitments from Beijing following US-China trade talks last week.

"Fair Trade, plus, with China will happen!" Trump wrote in a series of posts on Twitter that came a day after US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said a trade war between the world's largest economies was "on hold." "China has agreed to buy massive amounts of ADDITIONAL Farm/Agricultural



File photo of US President Donald Trump (Reuters)

Products - would be one of the best things to happen to our farmers in many years!" Trump wrote. "On China, Barriers and Tariffs to come down for first time," he added.

Trump offered no specifics

about what steps US and Chinese officials had agreed to after talks on Thursday and Friday in Washington. The negotiations followed earlier meetings in Beijing aimed at diffusing the trade spat spurred by the Trump administration's threat to slap tariffs on Chinese goods, and a counterproposal by China to levy US products.

Over the weekend, Beijing and Washington pledged to keep talking about how China could import more energy and agricultural commodities from the United States to narrow the \$335 billion annual US goods and services trade deficit with China.

Insurers cash in on new European data privacy

● **Authorities can fine up to 4pc of annual revenue or \$23.6 million, whichever is higher, for breaching the rules**

Reuters | London

Data privacy rules coming into force this week are giving Europe's fledgling cyber insurance market a boost as they make companies more aware of the risks caused by customer information breaches.

Europe's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which takes effect on Friday, has been billed as the biggest shake-up of data privacy laws since the birth of the web.

It aims to give EU citizens more rights over their online information and threatens fines of up to 4pc of a company's annual revenue for serious infringements. The latter will include failure to notify regulators of breaches within 72 hours. Insurers say the directive, together with major cyber attacks like last year's Wanna-Cry and NotPetya viruses, is driving demand in Europe for cyber insurance.

Cyber cover can pay for anything from the repair of IT systems after a data breach, to compensation for lost business,



Representative picture

legal costs and even for a public relations firm to patch up damaged reputations. The number of syndicates offering cyber insurance in the giant Lloyd's of London commercial insurance market jumped by more than 20 percent last year to over 70.



The law brings Europe more closely into line with the United States, where many states have for several years required firms to notify regulators about data breaches.

US Commerce chief to travel to China next week

Washington

US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross will travel to China next week to help finalize a trade agreement after Washington and Beijing reached an initial framework last week, U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said on Monday.

"Secretary Ross has to go over and turn that into a signed piece of paper with companies," Mnuchin told reporters at the White House.

"This is not a government-to-government purchase order, but we have an agreement with them as to what will be executed."



US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross

What is GDPR?

The new rules, called GDPR for short, are designed to make it easier for EU residents to give and withdraw permission for companies to use personal information, requiring consent forms that are written in simple language and no more than one-page long. Companies that already hold such data have to reach out to customers and ask for permission to retain it. Authorities can fine companies up to 4pc of annual revenue or \$23.6

million, whichever is higher, for breaching the rules. Regulators say the law applies to anyone who collects, uses or stores personal data.

A survey conducted by Britain's Federation of Small Businesses estimates that complying with the rules will cost an average of 1,030 pounds (\$1,390) per company.

EU officials say GDPR is necessary to catch up with all the technological advances since 1995.

Property lifts Dubai after UAE long-term visa move

United Arab Emirates' government to grant residency visas of up to 10 years

● Saudi index ended 0.3pc lower, below the 8000-point barrier

Reuters | Dubai

Dubai stocks climbed to a more than two-week high yesterday, as sentiment for property shares was lifted by a decision of the United Arab Emirates' government to grant residency visas of up to 10 years to investors and specialists.

Emaar Properties rose 2.9 per cent and DAMAC Properties climbed 4.8pc, lifting the Dubai index by almost 1pc to a more than two-week high of 2,947 points.

The weak Dubai real estate market this year with shares of top UAE developer Emaar down about 17pc so far this year.

The UAE move "will surely boost the performance of the real estate sector and give com-



Investors and specialists in scientific, technical, medical and research fields will receive UAE residency visas for up to 10 years

fort to the investors there and especially property owners," said Marie Salem, director of capital markets at FFA Dubai.

Investors and specialists in scientific, technical, medical and research fields will receive UAE residency visas for up to 10 years, the government said. The families of those categories of foreigners will also re-



Investors on the floor of Abu Dhabi Stock market (Courtesy of Middle East Magazine)

ceive the same visa rights. Ali Rashid Lootah, chairman of Dubai's property firm Nakheel, said changes to residency visa regulations will undoubtedly have a positive effect on the UAE economy and in particular the real estate sector.

In Abu Dhabi, the main index rose 0.7pc, helped by a 0.9pc gain in market heavyweight,

telecommunications company Etisalat. Aldar Properties which had risen 1.4pc in early trade on the visa move, gave up its gains on profit taking and ended flat. The Saudi index ended 0.3pc lower, below the 8000-point barrier, with energy and consumer stocks lower.

Shares of Saudi Basic Industries Corp were down 0.3pc,

Closing Bell

SAUDI	▼ 0.2%	» 7996
DUBAI	▲ 1%	» 2947
ABU DHABI	▲ 0.7%	» 4,458
QATAR	▲ 1%	» 8,944
KUWAIT	▼ 0.1%	» 4,766
BAHRAIN		» 1,268
OMAN	▲ 0.1%	» 4,596
EGYPT		» 16,780

while investor took profit in property Jabal Omar, which ended 2.9pc lower.

The stock had surged 3.9pc on Sunday after announcing an agreement with Albilad Capital to sell 90 housing units for 1.1 billion riyals (\$293 million).

In Doha, Qatar National Bank surged 3.9pc, helping to lift the benchmark index by almost 1pc.

The Egyptian index ended flat, losing early gains as central bank's decision last week to keep interest rates unchanged triggered some buying interest in the morning.

FTSE 100 enters fresh record high

Reuters | London

Britain's FTSE 100 notched up a fresh record high yesterday, rising strongly as an easing in Sino-US trade tensions and a strengthening dollar gave more fuel to the internationally-exposed index.

The index of Britain's biggest companies . FTSE was up 0.8 per cent at 0850 GMT, hitting a new record high at 7,838.55 points. The mid-cap FTSE 250. FTMC also hit a record in early trading at 21,092.72 points, up 0.5pc.

UK equities enjoyed a broad-based rally, with all sectors making gains, while financials and energy provided the strongest boosts. The FTSE 100 has gained 7pc in the past month.

On a calmer day for corporate updates, Ryanair (RYA.I) stole the spotlight. Its shares had a strong swing back into positive territory, up 2.9pc, having fallen as much as 3pc at the open.

Banks HSBC and Barclays, and insurance company Prudential, provided the biggest boosts, up 1 to 1.4pc. Oil majors Royal Dutch Shell and BP also climbed.

Overall year-to-date, earnings for the FTSE 350 have been revised up 2.9pc, according to Goldman Sachs analysts.



Florian Seiche, Chief Executive Officer of HMD Global, presents new Nokia mobiles during the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, Spain

Nokia phone licensee HMD raises \$100 m funding to lift growth

Reuters | Helsinki

HMD Global, the Finnish company that owns the right to use the Nokia brand on phones, has raised \$100 million of funding intended to boost growth, it said yesterday.

Having sold about 70 million Nokia phones and generated sales of 1.8 billion euros (\$2.1 billion) in its first year, 2017, HMD said it plans to expand its Nokia smartphone range and to double sales channels in key markets this year.

"Our aim is to be one of the leading players in the global smartphone market, and our initial success strengthens our confidence that we can continue on our growth path in 2018 and beyond," CEO Florian Seiche said in a statement.

New investors include DMJ Asia Investment Opportunity and Foxconn subsidiary FIH Mobile. The fundraising round was led by Ginko Ventures, a



Once the world's dominant phone maker, Nokia Corp failed to compete in touchscreen smartphones and ended up selling its handset business to Microsoft in 2014

fund owned by Jean-Francois Baril, a long-serving former senior vice president at Nokia.

The company has so far launched a handful of smartphones as well as retro remakes of Nokia's biggest hit phones of the 1990s.

Oil price tilts into the red but US-China truce caps losses

Brent crude futures were down 35 cents at \$78.16 a barrel by 1214 GMT

Reuters | London

Oil declined yesterday, surrendering early gains, although the prospect of an easing in trade tensions between the United States and China helped stem losses.

Brent crude futures were down 35 cents at \$78.16 a barrel by 1214 GMT, having retreated from a session high of \$79.19. US crude futures were down 2 cents at \$71.26.

"Oil prices are finely balanced in today's trading session. Ramping up of oil production in the US and concerns surrounding high oil prices impacting demand are weighing," said Abhishek Kumar, senior analyst at Interfax Energy's Global Gas Analytics.

The energy ministers of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates last week voiced concern about recent oil market volatility and plan to meet Russian counterpart Alexander No-



Oil and gas company Statoil drilling and accommodation platform Sleipner A is pictured in the offshore near the Stavanger, Norway

vak in St Petersburg to continue consultations.

"It's worth watching St Petersburg at the end of this week," Petromatrix strategist Olivier Jakob said. BP Chief Executive

Bob Dudley said he expected a flood of US shale and a possible reopening of OPEC taps to cool oil markets after crude rose above \$80 a barrel last week.

Dudley said he saw oil prices

\$78.2
a barrel was the price of oil by 1214 GMT, after retreating from a session high of \$79.19

falling to between \$50 and \$65 a barrel due to surging shale output and OPEC's capacity to boost production to cover a potential shortfall in Iranian supplies due to sanctions.

Venezuela's socialist leader Nicolas Maduro faced fresh international censure on Monday after re-election in a vote foes denounced as a farce cementing autocracy. The United States is actively considering oil sanctions on OPEC member Venezuela, which has seen output fall by a third in two years to its lowest in decades.

Facebook enlists Qualcomm for its gigabit Wi-Fi

● The "gigabit Wi-Fi project" is part of Facebook's multi-node wireless Terragraph system to improve data speed in urban areas

IANIS | San Francisco

Facebook was reported to have enlisted US-based chipmaker Qualcomm to provide the technology for its gigabit Wi-Fi project that the social media giant announced during its annual developer conference in 2016.

"This is a solution for both rural and urban areas that simply have spotty Wi-Fi in certain regions," The Verge quoted a

Qualcomm spokesperson as saying.

With Qualcomm chipsets being integrated to the "Terragraph" technology, manufacturers would be able to upgrade routers and increase broadband data-sending frequency up to 60GHz.

The "gigabit Wi-Fi project" was launched as part of Face-

book's multi-node wireless Terragraph system that was meant to focus on improving high speed connectivity to dense urban areas.

This project uses technology that transmits higher frequencies to send data through the air -- at rates as high as 7 GB/s.

Facebook has not given any official information.

The Greek dilemma

Trump administration's gambling in the Middle East could cause much harm to Athens



Members of pro-communist union PAME raise their fists during a protest in Athens



NIKOS KONSTANDARAS

After eight years of being kept afloat by loans from its European Union partners and the International Monetary Fund, Greece suddenly risks being swamped by waves caused by President Donald Trump's unilateral stirring of the Middle East's caldron of tensions and conflicting interests.

Compared with the immediate danger of regional conflict and even greater bloodshed, the danger to Greece may seem secondary, but it illustrates the unforeseen consequences of impetuous American actions.

Washington's withdrawal from the nuclear deal with Iran and its decision to move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem could trigger a chain of events that would jeopardise Greece's fragile economic recovery. With the last of three international bailout agreements set to end in August, the government has been pressing the message that Greece will soon be a "normal" country, able to hold its own in the international economy. Turbulence in the region would create new threats to its economy, its

security, even its relations with its key partners — the United States and the European Union.

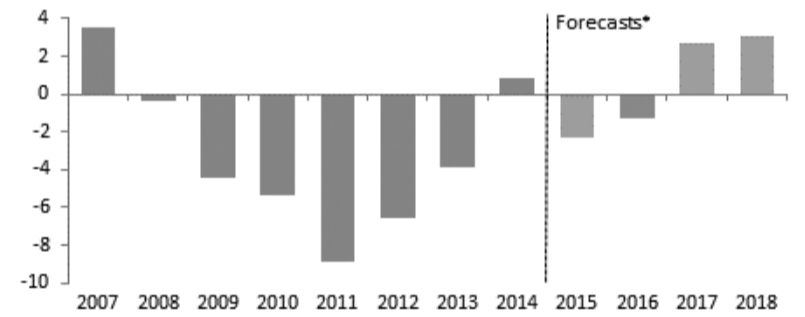
Greece already has problems with neighbouring Turkey. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is campaigning for re-election in snap polls on June 24 and has invested in stoking nationalist fervor — primarily against Kurds in Syria, Turkey and Iraq, but also against the United States and Greece.

Ankara's worsening relations with Washington and European capitals over a host of issues have led to more pressure on Greece: a sharp increase of immigrants and refugees crossing from Turkey in recent months, the ongoing detention in Turkey of two Greek soldiers who strayed across the border in early March and a series of confrontational military actions by Turkey. These all highlight the dangers that Greece faces as the European Union's frontier state in a turbulent region.

Erdogan presents himself as the victim of an attempted coup, allegedly by a United States-based former ally, Fethullah Gulen, and as the champion of Muslims everywhere, including the Palestinians. Lately, in the region's fluid network of rivalries and alliances, Turkey, a NATO member, has cultivated closer ties with Russia and Iran while chafing against American constraints on its occupation of part of northern Syria. The drawing of battle lines over Trump's recent actions could lead to greater tension among

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Greece - Annual GDP growth (%)



*forecasts from Eurozone bailout programme's debt sustainability analysis (leaked to Wall Street Journal)

Turkey, the United States and Israel. Meanwhile, Greece's relations with the United States and Israel have never been better. The US ambassador to Greece, Geoffrey Pyatt, refers to the country as a pillar of stability in the region and US officials make use of important air and naval facilities at the Souda Bay military base on Crete. The leaders of Greece, Cyprus and Israel held their latest trilateral meeting just last week, focusing on energy issues. Greece's increased strategic value could work in its favour, as the country seeks American and European backing to keep Turkey in check and to help its own economic revival. However, the more Washington and Brussels lose leverage with Ankara, and the more unilaterally Turkey acts, the greater the risks for Athens.

For Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, whose radical left-wing Syriza party

is in a coalition with the far-right nationalist Independent Greeks, closer relations with the United States and Israel at this time could also create domestic complications. If the United States and Israel become embroiled in further bloodshed, such as that which attended the opening ceremony of the American Embassy in Jerusalem, the government will not want to appear too close to them. Several leftist groups are keen to prove they have greater "anti-imperialist" credentials than Syriza. Last month, after the United States, Britain and France carried out missile strikes against Syria in response to the regime's alleged use of chemical weapons, Communist Party demonstrators in Athens tried to pull down a statue of Harry Truman.

Even more ominous than the tension with Turkey is the possibility

that Trump's policy on Iran and Israel could drive a wedge between the United States and the European Union, especially if American officials carry out their threat to impose sanctions against European companies doing business with Tehran.

Athens would then face difficult and dangerous choices. Greece, a NATO member, has relied on the United States as its major ally since 1947, when Washington, through the Truman Doctrine, helped the government win a civil war against Communist forces.

But Greece is also a member of the European Union. Its partners in Europe pledged most of the 326 billion euros that, in three bailouts since 2010, have kept the country from bankruptcy. The United States has contributed only through its share of the 32.1 billion euros that the International Monetary Fund lent Greece.

CIVILIAN'S TRIBUNE

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Street dog menace in Manama

Dear Editor,

I am an expat living in Manama for around six years and facing a serious issue of street dogs near Manama Gate and Zamil Tower.

Regarding this issue I have called the authorities like municipality (Bala-diya) and also the police station but I

dint get any response.

The number of dogs have increased from 5 to 8 which is posing safety issues for anyone passing by the area and at night these dogs are becoming more dangerous.

It is to be noted that there is a bus stop as well in the area where kids

wait for the school bus.

It would be highly appreciated if the Daily Tribune publishes the grievance so that authorities will take some action.

Regards

Muhammad Ibrahim Shaikh



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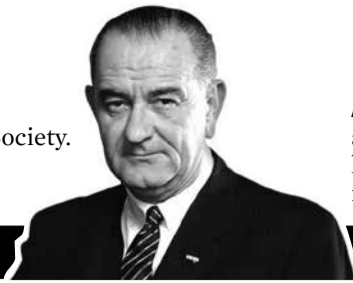
World War II: Germany and Italy sign the Pact of Steel.

1960

The Great Chilean earthquake, measuring 9.5 on the moment magnitude scale, hits southern Chile, becoming the most powerful earthquake ever recorded.

1964

Lyndon B. Johnson launches the Great Society.



2010

Air India Express Boeing 737 crashes over a cliff upon landing at Mangalore, India, killing 158 of 166 people on board, becoming the worst crash involving a Boeing 737.



The land of violent intolerance

President Donald Trump's gift for unleashing the worst in people has found no more fertile ground than the Holy Land.



ROGER COHEN

America's embrace of Israel has been so total that the term "occupied territories" tends to be discouraged in official references to the West Bank. Greater Israel is OK in the White House.

I wrote three months ago that it's time for Mahmoud Abbas to go; it's still time. The Palestinian leader has now veered into anti-Semitic tropes worthy of a beer hall in late 1930s Berlin. Jews as usurers is not the stuff on which a state of Palestine will be built.

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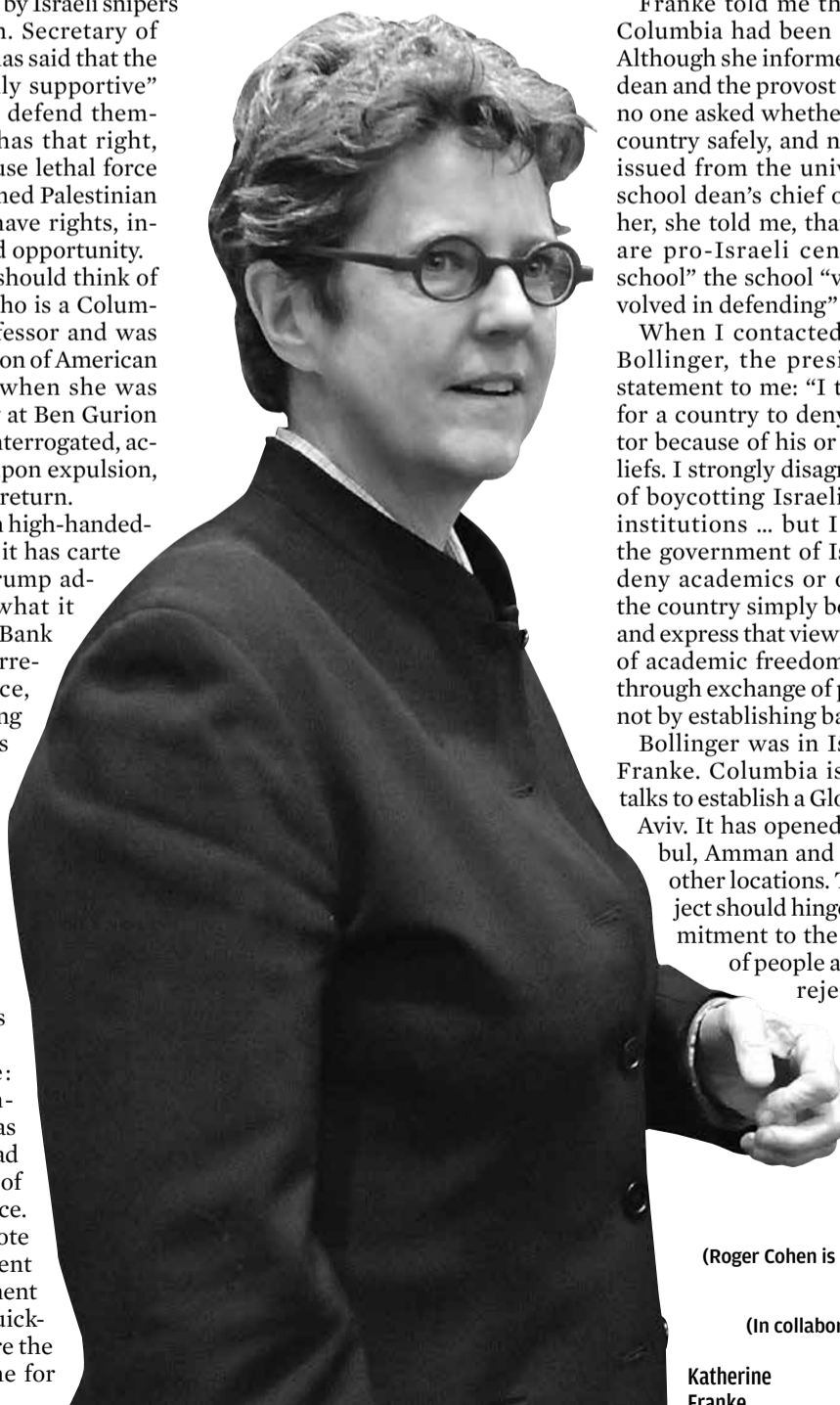
Abbas is a bitter old man. He has no feel for the struggle of young Palestinians, like those demonstrating along the Gaza border in marches organised by Hamas. More than 40 Palestinians have been killed, shot by Israeli snipers over the past month. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has said that the United States is "fully supportive" of Israel's "right to defend themselves." Yes, Israel has that right, but not the right to use lethal force against mainly unarmed Palestinian civilians, who also have rights, including to liberty and opportunity.

Here is where we should think of Katherine Franke, who is a Columbia Law School professor and was co-heading a delegation of American civil rights leaders when she was detained last Sunday at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, interrogated, accused of lying, and, upon expulsion, told she could never return.

Israel displays such high-handedness in part because it has carte blanche from the Trump administration to do what it will: view the West Bank as Israel proper, overreact at the Gaza fence, pass a 2017 law banning boycott supporters from the country. Habits of violent intolerance absorbed through a 50-year exercise in policing the lives of others no longer meet any semblance of American censure. Unbridled, Israel lurches rightward.

Franke told me: "They were not interested in why I was there. They already had a story. I was a leader of Jewish Voice for Peace. I was there to promote the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement — all this untrue. It quickly ramped up to where the guy was yelling at me for

lying. He Googled my name and came up with right-wing trolling sites like Canary Mission or AMCHA that push out ugly stuff about faculty held to be enemies of Israel." How is it, Franke asked, that "Israel delegates to right-wing trolls the job of determining who should be admitted to Israel?"



(Roger Cohen is a columnist with The New York Times.)

(In collaboration with New York Times)

Katherine Franke

Franke has visited Israel a half-dozen times before. She supervises dissertations by graduate students there. She had meetings scheduled with civil rights advocates. She has worked on the Academic Advisory Council of Jewish Voice for Peace and generally she supports its aims but is not a leader of it. A critic of Israel's human rights record, she has boycotted conferences paid for by the Israeli government, but has participated in other academic conferences in Israel. Faculty members at Tel Aviv University and Hebrew University have told her they are going to write to express their outrage.

In other words, she's the kind of tough critic a free and democratic society should welcome. Any healthy society is defined by its ability to accommodate civilized debate, not by cries of "traitor" directed at dissenters. Sending her and Vincent Warren, executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights, back to America was a measure of how far Israeli political culture has closed.

Franke told me the reaction from Columbia had been "disappointing." Although she informed the law school dean and the provost of her detention, no one asked whether she got out the country safely, and no statement was issued from the university. The law school dean's chief of staff informed her, she told me, that "because there are pro-Israeli centers at the law school" the school "would not get involved in defending" her.

When I contacted Columbia, Lee Bollinger, the president, sent this statement to me: "I think it is wrong for a country to deny entry to a visitor because of his or her political beliefs. I strongly disagree with the idea of boycotting Israeli academics and institutions ... but I also think that the government of Israel should not deny academics or others access to the country simply because they hold and express that viewpoint. The future of academic freedom is best secured through exchange of people and ideas, not by establishing barriers."

Bollinger was in Israel just before Franke. Columbia is in preliminary talks to establish a Global Centre in Tel Aviv. It has opened others in Istanbul, Amman and Mumbai, among other locations. The Tel Aviv project should hinge on Israel's commitment to the open "exchange of people and ideas," and its rejection of the nationalist intolerance Franke encountered and that Trump's carte blanche has encouraged.



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China must continue to be strong & tight on the Border of North Korea until a deal is made. The word is that recently the Border has become much more porous and more has been filtering in. I want this to happen, and North Korea to be VERY successful, but only after signing!

@realDonaldTrump

02



Reviewed the situation of deaths related to nipah virus in Kerala with Secretary Health. I have directed Director NCDC to visit the district and initiate required steps as warranted by the protocol for the disease in consultation with state government.

@JPNadda

03



My ambition is that within 15 years we'll diagnose cancer much earlier in at least 50,000 more people a year. Combined with the great care provided by our NHS, that will mean every year 22,000 more people will survive for years beyond diagnosis.

@theresa_may

04



You're always learning. The problem is, sometimes you stop and think you understand the world. This is not correct; the world is always changing. You never reach the point you can stop making an effort - but the road to knowledge is full of joy

@paulocoelho

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

Greece's economic recovery depends on negotiating with its European partners a reduction of its public debt (318.3 billion euros last year), so Greece cannot afford to isolate itself from Europe by taking the United States' side in any major dispute. But neither can it depend on the European Union's nascent defense capability in an increasingly unstable region.

This instability is the greatest immediate threat. Greece needs high growth and an annual primary surplus of 3.5% until 2022 to meet conditions set by its creditors in exchange for any debt write-down. And the country's viability will depend on the size of this reduction. Any significant rise in oil prices, skittishness in the markets and regional security concerns that could keep tourists and investors away would undermine Greece's recovery effort. The country is heavily dependent on tourism, which last year contributed 10.3% of gross domestic product (18.3 billion euros). The bailout may be ending and the government may be declaring that it does not need an emergency credit line after August, but after eight years of austerity, reforms and sacrifices, Greece is clearly not out of trouble. Factors beyond its control could determine its immediate future.

(Nikos Konstandaras, a columnist at the newspaper Kathimerini, is a contributing opinion writer.)



China launches satellite to explore dark side of moon

The Chang'e-4 mission aims to provide a means of communications for setting down and operating a lunar lander and rover on the far side of the moon

AFP | Beijing

China launched yesterday a relay satellite that will allow a rover to communicate with the Earth from the far side of the Moon during an unprecedented mission later this year.

The Queqiao ("Magpie Bridge") satellite was blasted into space from the southwestern Xichang launch centre in the pre-dawn hours, according to the China National Space Administration.

The satellite split from its carrier, a Long March-4C rocket, after 25 minutes and unfolded its solar panels and communication antennas, as it headed towards its destination, the CNSA said.

"The launch is a key step for China to realise its goal of being the first country to send a probe to soft-land on and rove the far side of the Moon," Zhang Lihua, manager of the relay satellite project, was quoted as saying by the official *Xinhua* news agency.

The satellite will relay communications between controllers on Earth and the far side of the moon, where the Chang'e-4 lunar probe -- named after the moon goddess in Chinese mythology -- will be sent later this year.

Also known as the "dark side" of the Moon, the far hemisphere



The Queqiao 'Magpie Bridge' satellite was blasted into space from the southwestern Xichang launch centre

is never directly visible from Earth and while it has been photographed, with the first images appearing in 1959, it has never been explored.

The satellite is equipped with a payload for a space sensory system developed by Saudi engineers and researchers for filming and taking photos of the moon.

The Chang'e-4 rover will be sent to the Aitken Basin in the lunar south pole region, according to *Xinhua*.

It will be the second Chinese



The launch includes an optical camera developed by Saudi Arabia

probe to land on the Moon, following the Yutu ("Jade Rabbit") rover mission in 2013.

At first, the Yutu looked destined to fail when the rover stopped sending signals back to Earth.

But then it made a dramatic recovery, ultimately surveying the Moon's surface for 31 months, well beyond its expected lifespan.

The CNSA is planning to send another lunar rover, Chang'e-5, next year to collect samples and bring them back to Earth.

Saudi destroy ballistic missile

Arab News | Dubai

Saudi Arabia's air defence forces intercepted a ballistic missile launched by the Iran-backed Houthi militia targeting Jazan early yesterday morning, Saudi state-news agency SPA reported.

The Arab coalition's spokesperson, Col. Turki Al-Maliki, said no civilians were reported injured by the rocket fragments scattered across residential areas.

This is not the first incident where the Houthis have targeted civilian areas in Saudi

Arabia, last week the air defence forces intercepted another missile aiming at Jazan

"Such hostile and random acts carried out by the Houthi militia prove the continued involvement of the Iranian regime in the Yemeni war," Al-Maliki said at the time.

"Iran has been, and still is, supporting the armed militia by providing them with qualitative capabilities. This support comes as a clear and explicit defiance of UN Resolutions in order to threaten the Kingdom and regional and global security," he added.

Six pygmy elephants found dead in Malaysia



An orphaned pygmy elephant

ent locations in Sabah state on Borneo island, local wildlife department director Augustine Tuuga said.

"We are currently conducting tests on their internal organs," he said, adding the carcasses did not have any signs of gunshot wounds.

Tuuga said the elephants could have accidentally consumed fertiliser in the palm oil plantations, which could have poisoned them.

The Star newspaper, citing conservationists, said the creatures might have drunk from poisoned watering holes.

There are about 2,000 pygmy elephants, the smallest type of elephant in Asia, in the wild. Late last year three were killed by poachers.

In 2013 14 pygmy elephants were found dead in Sabah and were thought to have been poisoned.

AFP | Kuala Lumpur

Six Borneo pygmy elephants have been found dead in Malaysian palm oil plantations in recent weeks, officials said yesterday, the latest of the endangered creatures to perish as their rainforest habitat is devastated.

The carcasses of the elephants, aged between one and 37, were discovered at differ-

Paraguay opens embassy in Jerusalem

Reuters | Jerusalem

Paraguay opened its Israel embassy in Jerusalem yesterday, the second country to follow the United States in making the politically sensitive move from Tel Aviv.

Paraguayan President Horacio Cartes and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attended the inauguration ceremony. The United States relocated its embassy to Jerusalem a week ago, drawing Palestinian anger. It was followed by Guatemala on Wednesday.

The status of Jerusalem is one of the thorniest obstacles to forging a peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians, who with broad international backing want East Jerusalem, captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war, as

their capital.

Israel regards all of the city, including the eastern sector it annexed after the 1967 conflict, as its capital.

"This is a historic day that strengthens ties between Paraguay and Israel," Cartes said at the ceremony.

"A great day for Israel. A great day for Paraguay. A great day for our friendship," Netanyahu responded. "You have not only the support of our government but the profound gratitude of the people Israel."

Hanan Ashrawi, an official of the Palestine Liberation Organization, denounced Paraguay's move.

In December, US President Donald Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital, upsetting the Arab world and Western allies.

Flames engulf Saudi Arabia, UAE border checkpoint

Al Arabiya | Riyadh

A massive fire broke out at the al-Batha border checkpoint, on the border of UAE and Saudi Arabia on Sunday afternoon. Abu Dhabi civil defense officials rushed to help their Saudi counter-parts and were successful in putting out the fire, according to Gulf News.

Various flammable materials were quickly moved away from the scene and the public was cordoned off at a safe distance.

"This is a direct outcome of the readiness trainings they conduct on a regular basis to hone their skills and boost their capabilities," al-Rumaithi, the Chairman of Abu Dhabi emergency, crisis and disasters man-



Thick black smoke rises from the fire at the border checkpoint

agement team told the newspaper.

"Supporting our brothers in emergencies that threaten their safety and stability is part of the measures we take to safeguard our security and national stability," he added.

A video of the incident quickly started making rounds across various social media platforms. In the video, multiple firemen are seen trying to douse the fire with water hoses.

Multiple trucks, imported cars and goods were engulfed by the flames, but no commercial movements were affected due to this fire.

The fire broke out at a checkpoint warehouse but the cause still remains to be unknown.

Hawaii volcano lava reaches ocean



People take pictures as lava enters the ocean, generating plumes of steam

AFP | Los Angeles

Authorities in Hawaii have warned of dangerous "laze" fumes as molten lava from the erupting Kilauea volcano reached the Pacific Ocean.

Two lava flows "reached the ocean along the southeast Puna coast overnight," on Hawaii's Big Island, the US Geological Survey, which monitors volcanoes and earthquakes worldwide, said in a statement Sunday.

A crack however opened in the ground under one of the lava channels, "diverting the lava... into underground voids," the statement said.



The plume is an irritating mixture of hydrochloric acid gas (HCl), steam, and tiny volcanic glass particles

US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

When the hot lava flow hits the water it produces acid fumes known as "laze" - lava and haze.

"The plume is an irritating mixture of hydrochloric acid gas (HCl), steam, and tiny volcanic glass particles," the USGS said.

"This hot, corrosive gas mixture caused two deaths immediately adjacent to the coastal entry point in 2000, when seawater washed across recent and active lava flows."

The USGS also warned that volcanic gas emissions "have tripled as a result of the voluminous eruptions."

Moderate winds means that areas downwind from the volcano "may experience varying levels of vog," or volcanic smog, a haze created when emissions react to oxygen, moisture, dust, and sunlight, the USGS said.

One giant lava flow grew to 20 feet (six meters) in height and blocked a portion of Highway 137, seriously impacting area residents, Hawaii News Now reported.

Kilauea is the world's most active volcano and one of five on Hawaii's Big Island.

Venezuela's President faces foreign backlash after disputed election

Nicolas Maduro will continue as Venezuela's president after a vote that the opposition has dismissed as fraudulent

AFP | Caracas

Venezuela's socialist President Nicolas Maduro faced widespread international condemnation yesterday after his re-election in a weekend vote his critics denounced as a farce cementing autocracy in the crisis-stricken oil producer.

The 55-year-old successor to late leftist leader Hugo Chavez hailed his win as a victory against "imperialism." But his main challengers alleged irregularities and refused to recognize the result.

Venezuela's mainstream opposition boycotted Sunday's vote, given two of its most popular leaders were barred, authorities had banned the coalition and various of its parties, and the election board is run by Maduro loyalists.

The president took 68 per cent of votes - more than three times as many as his main challenger, Henri Falcon. However, potentially undermining his legitimacy, turnout was a low 46pc, compared with 80pc at the last election in 2013.

Thousands of Maduro supporters, many wearing red berets, hugged and danced past midnight outside the Miraflores presidential palace in the capital, Caracas, showered in con-



Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro waves to supporters after he was declared the winner of the presidential election

fetti in the yellow, blue and red colors of the Venezuelan national flag.

"The revolution is here to stay!" a jubilant Maduro told the crowd. He promised to prioritize economic recovery after five years of crippling recession that has seen many in the OPEC nation of 30 million people struggle with chronic shortages of food, medicines and other basic necessities.

"We mustn't cave to any empire, or go running to the International Monetary Fund as Argentina did," said government supporter Ingrid Sequera, 51. She wore a T-shirt with a logo

featuring the eyes of Maduro's mentor, Chavez.

The US State Department declared Sunday's vote a "sham" and repeated threats to impose sanctions on Venezuela's all-important oil sector, which is already reeling from falling output, a brain-drain and creaking infrastructure.

Spain led European Union criticism of Maduro. "Venezuela's electoral process has not respected the most basic democratic standards. Spain and its European partners will study appropriate measures and continue to work to alleviate Venezuelans' suffering," tweeted



Starting off as a bus driver, Maduro rose to become a trade union leader before being elected to the National Assembly in 2000

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy.

In a blistering statement, the 14-nation "Lima Group" of countries in the Americas from Canada to Brazil, said it did not recognize the legitimacy of the vote and would be downgrading diplomatic relations.

The group deplored Venezuela's "grave humanitarian situation" behind a migrant exodus, and promised to help coordinate with international financial bodies to crack down on corruption and block loans to the government.

However, regional leftist allies of Venezuela, from Cuba to Bolivia, sent their congratulations.

Mother gets replica of son's birthmark on face

Daily Mail | Rio de Janeiro

A mother has paid a touching tribute to her son by having a replica of his birthmark painted on her face so he would feel proud of his looks.

Enzo Cestari, one, was born with a dark mark covering most of his forehead and stretching down one side of his nose, a condition known as congenital melanocytic naevi.

His mother Carolina Giraldelelli, 26, from Cáceres, Brazil, vowed to never hide it, and to make sure he knew he was perfect just the way he is.

The businesswoman asked a professional make up artist to replicate her son's birthmark on her own face to celebrate his uniqueness - and even wore the makeup to work.

Carolina spent the day wearing make up so she could better



Carolina Giraldelelli, 26, from Cáceres, Brazil, recreated her son's birthmark using makeup

understand the prejudice her son faces.

She said: 'I confess that for some time it was very difficult to see and feel the eyes of society

flickering my son with looks of pity, contempt, scare and sometimes disgust.

'But even though it is not easy, my husband and I act normally

and we will always show him as he is.'

Carolina said she felt 'beautiful' when the makeup was finished.



Carolina spent the day wearing make up so she could better understand the prejudice her son faces



The mayor of Greece's second city, Thessaloniki, Yiannis Boutaris is helped as he is assaulted by suspected far-right supporters at a rally

Four nabbed for attacking mayor

AFP | Thessaloniki, Greece

Four men have been charged after the mayor of Greece's second city Thessaloniki was beaten up by suspected far-right supporters, a judicial source said yesterday.

Two men aged 20, one 17 and another 36, are charged with causing "dangerous bodily wounds," "material damage" the source said. Yiannis Boutaris, 75, had to be escorted from a rally Saturday commemorating the massacre of Black Sea Greeks in Turkey during and after World War I when members of the crowd turned violent. He was then hospitalised.

"They were hitting me

everywhere. Kicks, punches, the lot," Boutaris, who was discharged from hospital on Sunday, told state agency ANA. "It was a despicable attack but I am well."

The office of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said the attackers were "far-right thugs".

The incident was praised however by Ourania Michaloliakou, the daughter of Greece's neo-Nazi party Golden Dawn, who accused Boutaris of being "anti-Greek". "Bravo to each and every person who did their duty in Thessaloniki today. Respect and a thousand braves," Michaloliakou tweeted.

Protests are planned later yesterday in Athens to condemn the attack.

Nurse dead in Congo as Ebola vaccination campaign

● Nurse's death brings Ebola death toll to 27

AP | Kinshasa

A nurse has died from Ebola in Bikoro, the rural northwestern town where the

outbreak began, as the country Monday begins a vaccination campaign in three health zones affected by the deadly outbreak, Congo's health minister said.

The nurse's death brings the death toll to 27. There are now 49 hemorrhagic fever cases: 22 confirmed as Ebola, 21 probable and 6 suspected, according to

Health Minister Oly Ilunga.

"We have established surveillance mechanisms and are following all cases and contacts," he said. "The response is well organized because we have also put in surveillance measures at the entry and exit points of Mbandaka."

In a hopeful sign, two patients

who were confirmed as positive for Ebola have recovered, and are returning home though they will be monitored, Ilunga said. They have left the hospital "with a medical certificate attesting that they've recovered and can no longer transmit the disease as they developed antibodies against Ebola," he said.

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Ex-Yugo leader's iconic yacht given new life

Once a stage for geopolitical deal-making and a host to the 20th century's most glamorous stars, the now-dilapidated yacht of late Yugoslav leader

AP | Rijeka, Croatia

Decades of rust are covering its hull, the furniture is broken in its once luxurious salons, its powerful engines are permanently idle. But against all odds, the iconic yacht that once belonged to the late Yugoslav strongman Josip Broz Tito has been given a new lease on life.

The once-imposing ship that hosted Hollywood celebrities, some 70 world leaders and took Tito up the River Thames for a historic meeting with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill will be turned into a floating museum.

The ship, called Galeb, or Seagull, is moored at the northern Croatian Adriatic port of Rijeka. After its turbulent history, including two sinkings since it was launched in 1938 and a failed purchase by a Greek tycoon, it was destined for a junkyard.

But authorities in Rijeka, the city that has been chosen by the European Union to be the European Capital of Culture in 2020, decided to completely refurbish it in a 5.4 million euro (\$6.4 million) project that will start in 2019.



With the speed of 17 knots (31 km/h) it is powered by two Fiat diesel engines of 7,200 horsepower in total. The Italians, at one point, offered to Yugoslavia to remove them and exhibit them in the Fiat museum in Torino. In return, they offered to build an entirely new, modern, school ship, but the Yugoslavs declined



A seagull flies over the Galeb (Seagull), the yacht once used by the late president of socialist Yugoslavia Josip Broz Tito, moored in the port of the Adriatic city of Rijeka, Croatia

"Galeb is a ship with very interesting and turbulent history," Rijeka Mayor Vojko Obersnel said. "Of course the most interesting part of that history is when it was a ship belonging to President Josip Broz Tito."

The decision to renovate the 5,100-ton, 106-meter (350-foot) vessel has triggered anger from Croatia's nationalists.

They blame Tito, who ruled communist Yugoslavia for 35 years until he died in 1980, for autocratic rule and for forcing Croatia to join the former federation of six republics that comprised Yugoslavia.

The boat has become a symbol

of Tito's well documented life of luxury and splendour. And his critics in Croatia want it to be destroyed.

But Obersnel says the renovation plan will go forward. "First of all, it's our history and we cannot change that history," Obersnel said. "During that period, we could talk about good things and maybe some not so good things. But that's our history."

The decaying ship hull has been towed to an isolated dock in the harbour, with its bow pointing at downtown Rijeka, once a drab port town that is gradually becoming one of Croatia's main tourist destinations.

"The idea of renovation is to make it a ship museum to primarily show its history, all of its life phases that were many and very interesting," said Kristina Pavec from Rijeka's City Museum, which is overseeing the project.

The ship's once luxurious salons and stairways are full of broken down 1960s furniture. Torn carpets and wallpaper lines the decks and bulkheads. In his private quarters, Tito's walk-in closet for ties, shoes and flashy military uniforms stands empty; his bed mattress is still there, but the bed is not.

On the captain's fly bridge, na-

val maps flutter in spring breeze and the engine order telegraph is pointing at idle.

In Tito's era, the ship belonged to the Yugoslav naval academy. After the bloody breakup of the federation in the 1990s, it first was parked in Montenegro before being sold to Croatia for \$150,000.

Built in Genoa, Italy, the ship was intended for transport of tropical fruit from Africa. During World War II, the Nazis used it as an auxiliary naval ship to lay mines. The ship was eventually sunk in Allied bombings of Rijeka's port toward the end of the war.

Cement, extreme cold experiments head to space aboard

Orbital ATK Antares rocket pierced the clouds in the predawn sky over Virginia yesterday with a dazzling predawn launch to deliver more than 3 tons of vital supplies to the International Space Station

AFP | Tampa

Food for astronauts, new space gardening gear and experiments to test extreme cold and how cement forms in weightlessness blasted off yesterday to the International Space Station aboard Orbital ATK's unmanned Cygnus spacecraft.

The white Antares rocket, emblazoned with a US flag, rumbled and roared into the dark night sky over Wallops Island, Virginia at 4:44 am (0844 GMT).

The spacecraft is carrying 7,800 pounds (3,500 kilograms) of cargo on the ninth of a series of launches by Orbital ATK, un-



An Orbital ATK rocket makes its final approach to launch Pad-0A at Wallops Flight Facility on May 17, 2018 in advance of a launch

der a \$1.9 billion contract with NASA to resupply the orbiting outpost. SpaceX also runs supply missions using its Falcon 9 rocket and Dragon cargo vehicle.

Thirty-four new experiments are on board, including one that

will create the coldest man-made temperatures anywhere in the universe, called the new Cold Atom Lab (CAL) facility. The US space agency hopes that CAL will lead to new breakthroughs in modern physics.

"CAL creates a temperature 10 billion times colder than the vacuum of space, then uses lasers and magnetic forces to slow down atoms until they are almost motionless," NASA said in a statement.

"Results of this research could potentially lead to a number of improved technologies, including sensors, quantum computers and atomic clocks used in spacecraft navigation."

Also on board is the first European commercial system aimed at increasing researchers' access to space lab by offering "plug-and-play" experiment cubes that are low-cost and easy to install and remove. The International Commercial Experiment, or ICE Cubes Service, is a joint venture of the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Belgian company Space Application Services.

For human explorers to set up camp on Mars, they will need to build habitats to live in and places to protect their gear, and one experiment aims to test how cement acts in space and whether it will harden up and set like it does on Earth.

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May	Ramadan	Day	Imsak	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
22	6	TUE	03:08 am	03:18 am	4:48 am	11:34 am	03:02 pm	06:21 pm	07:51 pm

A blessed Ramadan at Four Seasons



● Iftar will be served from sunset to 8:00pm, 17 May until 15 June at BHD 26++

● Ghabga is served from 9:00pm to 2:00am, 17 May until 15 June at BHD 28++

Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay has unveiled an array of delightful dining experiences and seasonal getaway offers to help celebrate the spirit of Ramadan, and is looking forward to providing guests with the finest in Arabian hospitality throughout the Holy Month.

The Hotel's Al Bahrain Ballroom is set to be transformed into a Ramadan Tent, creating a warm and inviting ambience where guests can experience a traditional Iftar or Ghabga feast. Executive Chef Kim Hyunggyu and Pastry Chef Imad Boukli have developed an outstanding menu filled with regional and international specialities, which truly has something for everyone to enjoy. Traditional bateel khidri dates are

offered to break the fast, together with a range of Ramadan juices and inviting soup selections. Guests can sample hot and cold mezze items, complemented by a sushi station and a salad bar offering a delectable selection of light bites. Attendees can explore the generous buffet setups and dedicated live cooking stations, which showcase a wide selection of traditional Bahraini fare as well as Lebanese, Indian, Turkish and global cuisine. A Moroccan tagine island, homemade pasta station and Asian section round out the offerings, together with a kooshari station filled with an assortment of delicious condiments. Those with a sweet tooth will find plenty to enjoy at the dessert buffet, which includes an abundance of family favourites as well as a free-flowing chocolate fountain.

Gergaoun Event

On the 15th day of the Holy Month of Ramadan, the Hotel will be hosting a delightful Gergaoun celebration for children. Kids can enjoy a range of fun activities, including a candy hunt, henna painting, arts and crafts, singing songs with a traditional band and storytell-

ing. The event will feature a Gergaoun fashion show where the best outfit will be selected, with the winner taking home a complimentary lunch voucher for the whole family. Participants will also receive a Gergaoun certificate to commemorate their presence at this unique cultural event.

Private and Corporate Group Events

The grand ballrooms at Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay are the perfect choice

to host both private and corporate Ramadan events. Up to 450 people can be comfortably accommodated in the Al Bahrain Ballroom, where the Hotel's catering team will create a memorable Iftar or Ghabga experience. For those looking to host a more intimate gathering, the Hotel offers a range of smaller, flexible spaces which can be adapted according to specific requirements. Each Ramadan buffet is tailored to suit the individual dietary preferences of guests, ensuring a personalised and memorable evening for all.

Bay-View lounge

Guests can relax and enjoy a delicious range of refreshing beverages at Bay-View Lounge, including freshly brewed coffee, aromatic teas and alluring mocktails. The inviting lounge offers stunning views of Bahrain Bay and the Manama skyline, and is open nightly from sunset to 1:00am throughout the Holy Month.

Eid Al Fitr brunch

For a gracious end to the Holy Month, the Hotel invites guests to celebrate Eid Al Fitr in the warm ambience of

Bahrain Bay Kitchen with a sumptuous brunch on 16, 17, and 18 June. Diners can enjoy an extensive range of buffet offerings, together with live cooking stations and a tempting array of desserts. Brunch is available for BHD 28++ with soft drinks and BHD 38++ with an extended beverage package.

Eid getaway offers

Advance Purchase – 25% Off: Guests will receive 25% off our standard room rates when booking their stay at least 14 days before arrival. An extensive selection of complimentary Resort activities is included in the room rate as standard.

Bahrain Getaway – 20% Off: Guests booking a two-night minimum stay can enjoy a 20% discount on the Hotel's standard room rate with this package. Visitors can discover ancient souqs and the world-renowned National Theatre as they explore the city, or simply unwind in the Spa or in the Hotel's luxurious suites and guest rooms.

To book a memorable Ramadan or Eid experience, call Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay today on (973) 1711 5000.



Traditional bateel khidri dates are offered to break the fast, together with a range of Ramadan juices and inviting soup selections



Ramadan community-driven initiatives across Bahrain

There is no other month of the year in which people are more giving and more compassionate than in the holy month of Ramadan. People make extra efforts to help the needy, families and relatives get together, neighbours exchange food and visit each other.

In true Ramadan spirit, VIVA Bahrain, through its Corporate Social Responsibility arm, VIVA Jusoor, has commenced its annual Ramadan community-driven activities for the fifth consecutive year.

The many initiatives involve VIVA Iftar Sa'em which brings volunteers and 'VIVA Hands' team to distribute Iftar meals to the less fortunate across labour camps and local souqs. VIVA is also distributing food parcels to less fortunate families and complimentary water bottles at



mosques during Taraweeh and Qeyam Al-Layl prayers.

Commenting on the initiatives, Shaikh Zeyad Bin Faisal Al Khalifa, VIVA Chief Government Affairs Officer said, "Whether through community activities or charity drives, we always

make an effort to celebrate the spirit of Ramadan with all segments of the Bahraini society. Through this, we also hope to encourage the community to get involved in volunteering and charitable work and promote a culture of sharing, caring and

social solidarity." Yousif & Aysha Almoayyed Charity made its 7th financial donation for the penalty shootout which was organized by Bahrain Special Olympics to support athletes with disabilities.

The donation was handed by Alia Al Tajer from Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons (YKA), to Abdul Fattah Kamal from Bahrain Special Olympics, at YKA head office in Manama.

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Ramadan Cooking

Turkish Red Lentil 'Bride' Soup

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 cup red lentils
- 1/2 cup fine bulgur
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 8 cups vegetable stock
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon dried mint leaves
- 4 slices lemon
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh mint

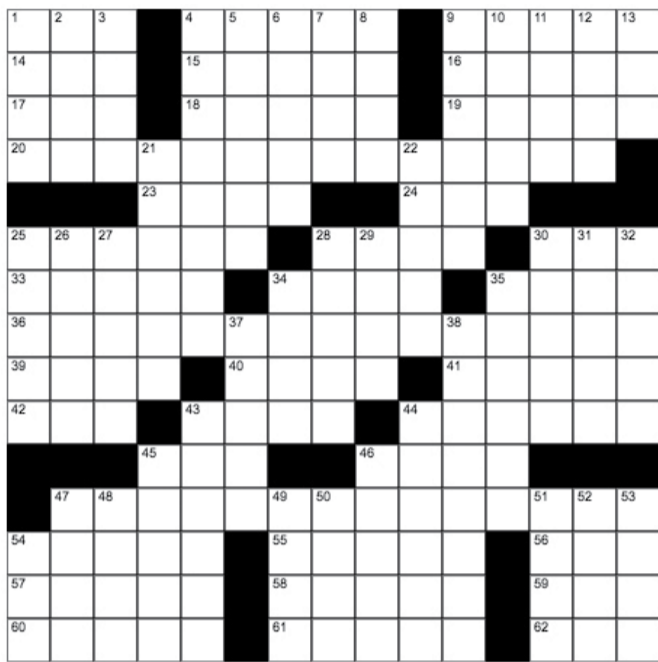
Method

- Melt the butter in a large saucepan over low heat. Cook the onions in the hot butter until they are golden brown, about 15 minutes.
- Stir the paprika, lentils, and bulgur into the onions and coat with the butter.
- Add the tomato paste, vegetable stock, and cayenne pepper; bring to a boil and cook until soft and creamy, about 1 hour.
- Crumble the dried mint leaves into the soup; stir the soup and remove from heat.
- Ladle into bowls and garnish with lemon slices and fresh mint to serve.



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1- Scot's refusal; 4- Crowbar; 9- Funny Anne; 14- Guido's high note; 15- Steamed; 16- Smith's block; 17- Listening device; 18- Claw; 19- In reserve; 20- Agent; 23- "___ Tu": 1974 hit; 24- Letter addenda; 25- Places of contest; 28- Boy or man; 30- Therapists' org.; 33- Wine grape; 34- River in central Switzerland; 35- Hebrew month; 36- In spite of; 39- Paradise lost; 40- Stable staple; 41- We ___ please; 42- Lingus (Irish carrier); 43- Scraps; 44- Least polite; 45- Hosp. staffers; 46- I could ___ horse!; 47- Serotonin, dopamine, epinephrine, e.g.; 49- Pale purple; 50- Fair-hiring abbr.; 51- Adlai's running mate; 52- Prince Valiant's wife; 59- Campaigned for office; 60- Secret supply; 61- Alpine song; 62- Officeholders;

Down

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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YOUR STAR TODAY



Aries

Why not radically change the way you behave toward others? You're in the process of orienting yourself toward establishing relationships that are more solid and enriching, with far fewer risks involved. This wasn't the case before.



Taurus

This could be a good day to try relaxation techniques that are a little bit out of the ordinary. Who knows? Maybe you'll even learn something from these unorthodox methods. Why not explore shiatsu or polarity? These techniques can do wonders for restoring your energy.



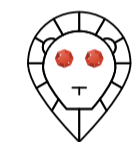
Gemini

Currently, you are in the midst of some profound questioning about your emotional attitudes. You'll probably find yourself totally free of inhibitions, much to your delight. It's an opportunity to meet new people and perhaps become a bit more open-minded. You can expect lively events and much pleasure from love.



Cancer

If you find your companions a bit too stodgy, today is the day to jostle them out of complacency. You may enjoy experimenting with a bit of naughtiness. For example, how will the people around you react if you flout certain social taboos, such as talking openly about sex? Since you're comfortable with the subject, why not have fun stretching the limits of convention?



Leo

There is the likelihood that you've been a bit of a loner lately. It's as though you decided to look at things differently from the rest of the world, rejecting the individualistic viewpoint in favour of a more global one. Today, you may achieve a new phase in this process. You may attain some summit of consciousness from which you finally have the ability to forgive!



Virgo

Is there some material need weighing on your spirit right now? If you can't see how to solve the problem alone, why not discuss it with your friends? They may have some ideas. Today, the word "impossible" has been banished from the English language. Take advantage of the opportunity to look for solutions in unlikely places.



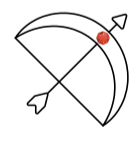
Libra

Today's prospects should suit the dynamic, idealistic being that you are, especially right now. There will be some criticism in the air, and you won't miss an opportunity to punctuate your comments with your famous irony. Your viewpoints on corporate rigidity and conformist attitudes are well known, but today your sense of humour prevails and people listen to you with pleasure!



Scorpio

There's an excellent day on the horizon. If you feel hemmed in by fears or uncertainties in your love life, the day ahead will give you the courage to discuss these matters with your mate. Even if more time is necessary to settle things completely, you should make good use of today's clear communication channels. You won't be disappointed (and neither will your mate).



Sagittarius

You can expect to be more and more interested in new technologies these days. What you once considered very progressive now seems much closer to reality. You'll notice to what an extent it is now crucial for you to align yourself with the cutting-edge technology that surrounds you. Don't hesitate. You are by definition a pioneer, so full speed ahead to these new frontiers!



Capricorn

For a while now, a certain number of planetary configurations have been continually pushing you to become aware that you live on a whole planet and not just in a city or neighbourhood. You're becoming more aware of society at large, Capricorn. This means that you may be increasingly attracted to large-scale movements.



Aquarius

The current configuration of the planets will make you the bearer of a new philosophy. This doesn't mean that you'll be New Age, but more precisely that you'll have ideas that evolved from it. It's easy to imagine you attending conferences given by the leading minds of the day.



Pisces

You may feel that you've made real progress in your relationships. And you're right to feel this way. "Evolution" best defines the path you're on right now. You can be proud of yourself.

show

UNCLE

(MALAYALAM / DRAMA)
Mammooty, Joy Mathew, Muthumani

DANA CINEMA 10:30,13:15,16:00,18:45,21:30,00:15

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 12:00 + 3:00 + 6:00 + 9:00 PM + 12:00 MN

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 12:00 + 6:00 PM + (12:00 MN THURS/FRI)

RAAZI

(HINDI / ACTION / CRIME / THRILLER)

Alia Bhatt, Vicky Kaushal, Jaideep Ahlawat

DANA CINEMA 11:00,13:30,16:00,18:30,21:00,23:30

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 12:30 + 3:15 + 6:00 + 8:45 + 11:30 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11:30 AM + 2:00 + 4:30 + 7:00 + 9:30 PM + 12:00 MN

SAAR DAILY AT: 8:30 PM

102 NOT OUT

(HINDI / COMEDY)

Amitabh Bachchan, Rishi Kapoor, Jimit Trivedi

DANA CINEMA 11:00,13:00,15:00,17:00,19:00,21:00,23:00

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11:15 AM + 1:15 + 3:15 + 5:15 + 7:15 + 9:15 + 11:15 PM

A WRINKLE IN TIME

(ADVENTURE/FAMILY/FANTASY)

Storm Reid, Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon

DANA CINEMA 11:15,13:15,15:15,17:15,19:15,21:15,23:15,01:15

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 11:15 AM + 1:30 + 3:45 + 6:00 + 8:15 + 10:30 PM + (12:45 MN THURS/FRI)

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SAAR DAILY AT: 9:15 PM + 11:30 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 9:00 + 11:15 PM

KAALI

(TAMIL / ACTION)

Vijay Antony, Sunaina, Anjali

DANA CINEMA 11:00,13:30,16:00,18:30,21:00,23:30

DEADPOOL 2: 2D

(ACTION/ADVENTURE / COMEDY)

Josh Brolin, Morena Baccarin, Zazie Beetz

DANA CINEMA 10:45, 13:00, 15:15, 17:30, 19:45, 22:00, 00:15

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SAAR DAILY AT: 9:00 + 11:30 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 8:45 + 9:15 + 11:15 + 11:45 PM

DOWNRANGE

(THRILLER)

Kelly Connare, Stephanie Pearson

ROD HERNANDEZ

DANA CINEMA 11:00,12:45,14:30,16:15,18:00,19:45,21:30,23:15,01:00

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11:00 AM + 1:00 + 3:00 + 5:00 + 7:00 + 9:00 + 11:00 PM

NADIGAIVAR THILAGAM

(TAMIL/BIOGRAPHY/ DRAMA)

Keerthi Suresh, Dulquer Salmaan, Samantha Ruth Prabhu

DANA CINEMA 11:00,14:00,17:00,20:00,23:00

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 10:45 AM + 2:00 + 5:15 + 8:30 + 11:45 PM

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 3:00 + 9:00 PM

AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR: 2D

(ACTION/ADVENTURE/ FANTASY)

Karen Gillan, Elizabeth Olsen, Tom Holland

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CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 11:30 AM + 12:30 + 2:30 + 3:30 + 5:30 + 6:30 + 8:30 + 9:30 + 11:30 PM + (12:30 MN THURS/FRI)

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SAAR DAILY AT: 11:15 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 8:15 + 11:15 PM

NOS GAWAZA

(ARABIC / COMEDY)

Rahma Hassan, Nabil Issa, Mostafa Abo Seria

DANA CINEMA 11:00,12:45,14:30,16:15,18:00,19:45,21:30,23:15,01:00

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 12:00 + 2:00 + 4:00 + 6:00 + 8:00 + 10:00 PM + 12:00 MN

RAMPAGE

(ACTION/THRILLER/ SCI-FICTION)

DWAYNE JOHNSON, JEFFREY DEAN MORGAN, WILL YUN LEE

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 10:30 AM + 11:30 AM + 12:45 + 1:45 + 3:00 + 4:00 + 5:15 + 6:15 + 7:30 + 8:30 + 9:45 PM + 10:45 PM + 12:00 MN + (1:00 AM THURS/FRI)

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12:30 + 2:45 + 5:00 + 7:15 + 9:30 + 11:45 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 9:00 PM

LIFE OF THE PARTY

(COMEDY)

MELISSA MCCARTHY, GILLIAN JACOBS, JULIE BOWEN

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 12:30 + 2:45 + 5:00 + 7:15 + 9:30 + 11:45 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12:00 + 2:15 + 4:30 + 6:45 + 9:00 + 11:15 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 11:15 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 8:45 + 11:00 PM

BREAKING IN

(THRILLER/CRIME)

GABRIELLE UNION, BILLY BURKE, RICHARD CABRAL

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SAAR DAILY AT: 9:15 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11:15 PM

A QUIET PLACE

(THRILLER/HORROR/ DRAMA)

EMILY BLUNT, JOHN KRASINSKI, NOAH JUPE

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 12:00 + 2:00 + 4:00 + 6:00 + 8:00 + 10:00 PM + 12:00 MN

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 2:30 + 6:45 + 9:45 + 11:45 PM

TOMB RAIDER

(ACTION/ADVENTURE)

ALICIA VIKANDER, HANNAH JOHN-KAMEN, WALTON GOGGINS

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 11:15 AM + 1:45 + 4:15 + 6:45 + 9:15 + 11:45 PM

OVERBOARD

(COMEDY/ROMANTIC)

ANNA FARIS, EVA LONGORIA, EUGENIO DERBEZ

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 2:30 + 7:00 + 11:30 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12:15 + 4:30 + 8:45 + 11:00 PM

BAD SAMARITAN

(THRILLER/CRIME)

DAVID TENNANT, KERRY CONDON, ROBERT SHEEHAN

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 10:00 PM + (12:15 MN THURS/FRI)

MASHA & THE BEAR

(ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/ COMEDY/FAMILY)

ANGELICA KEAMY, BORIS KUTNEVICH

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 12:00 + 2:00 + 4:00 + 6:00 + 8:00 PM

PETER RABBIT

(ADVENTURE/COMEDY/ FAMILY)

ROSE BYRNE, DOMHNALL GLEESON, SAM NEILL

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 11:45 AM + 1:45 + 3:45 + 5:45 + 7:45 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11:45 AM + 1:45 + 3:45 + 5:45 + 7:45 PM

YOU WERE NEVER

(CRIME/THRILLER/DRAMA)

JOAQUIN PHOENIX, JUDITH ROBERTS, EKATERINA SAMSONOV

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 9:45 + 11:45 PM

THE COMMUTER

(THRILLER/CRIME)

LIAM NEESON, VERA FARMIGA, PATRICK WILSON

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 1:30 + 5:30 + 9:30 PM

ACTS OF VIOLENCE

(ACTION/CRIME)

BRUCE WILLIS, COLE HAUSER, SHAWN ASHMORE

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 11:30 AM + 3:30 + 7:30 + 11:30 PM

17-KOSTI BYOGAANI

(ARABIC/COMEDY)

HANY RAMZY, MAYA NASRY, HASSAN HOSNY

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 12:15 + 4:45 + 9:15 PM

BLACK PANTHER

(ACTION/ADVENTURE/ THRILLER)

CHADWICK BOSEMAN, MICHAEL B. JORDAN, LUPITA NYONG'O

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 2:30 + 7:15 PM + 12:00 MN

HURRICANE HEIST

(ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER)

TOBY KEBBELL, MAGGIE GRACE, RYAN KWANTEN

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 10:30 AM + 12:30 + 5:15 + 10:00 PM

Ed Sheeran, Taylor Swift win top honours



Taylor Swift



Janet Jackson graced the Billboard Music Awards stage to receive the prestigious Icon Award -- becoming the first black woman to get it



Ed Sheeran

The 2018 Billboard Music Awards celebrated some of music's biggest names on Sunday night, with Ed Sheeran winning not only the Top Artist but Top Male Artist Award, and Taylor Swift lifting the Top Female Artist trophy. The ceremony, hosted by Kelly Clarkson, was held at the MGM Grand Garden Arena. The singer opened the show with a tribute to the victims of Friday's mass shooting at Santa Fe High School in Texas, reports CNN. A slew of artistes took the stage to perform throughout the night, including Sheeran, John Legend, Christina Aguilera, Demi Lovato and Ariana Grande. Janet Jackson, who received the Icon Award, gave her first TV performance in nine years and delivered a mashup of her hits. Kendrick Lamar, Bruno Mars and Sheeran went into the night with 15 nominations each in various categories.

Chris Evans almost starred in 'Deadpool 2'



Chris Evans

'Deadpool 2' writers Rhett Reese and Paul Wernicke have revealed 'Avengers: Infinity War' star Chris Evans almost appeared in the Ryan Reynolds headlined film. The scribes, who have penned the script with Reynolds, said they considered including Evans in the movie not as Captain America but as The Human Torch from the 'Fantastic Four' in the Marvel franchise. Before shooting to fame with MCU's 'Captain America: The First Avenger' (2011) as Steve Rodgers, Evans had played the role of Johnny Storm in 2005's poorly-reviewed 'Fantastic Four'. He reprised his role in its 2007 sequel 'Fantastic Four: The Rise of the Silver Surfer'. Reese and Wernick said the initial drafts of the story had plans to include Storm in the X-Force interviews conducted in the film 'Deadpool 2'.

America has problem with female directors

Actress Jodie Foster feels Hollywood has a problem with female directors and, like Europe, it should open up. "I said it and I'll keep saying it - I want to direct and I will direct more than I acted," Foster told hollywoodreporter.com. She said a fraction of the film industry has been the "last area" that needs to see a change. Europe, she said, has always been ahead in terms of having women directors. "It's America that's the problem,



Jodie Foster

and it has been for a very long time. We need to bang the head of America to let them know that it needs female directors. Just look at 'Wonder Woman', Foster said during the premiere of her film "Hotel Artemis". The movie also features Sterling K. Brown, Sofia Boutella, Charlie Day, Brian Tyree Henry and Dave Bautista.

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Barca will be in my heart

LaLiga champions Barcelona claimed a 1-0 win over Real Sociedad and it was a fitting finale for the Andres Iniesta, who lifted the trophy for a ninth time

● Addressing supporters on the pitch after the final whistle, Iniesta said he “leaves as a man”

PA Sport | Barcelona

Andres Iniesta praised the club and fans as he bid an emotional farewell to Barcelona after 22 years at the Nou Camp.

LaLiga champions Barca claimed a 1-0 win over Real Sociedad and it was a fitting finale for the 34-year-old, who lifted the trophy for a ninth time.

Addressing supporters on the pitch after the final whistle, Iniesta said he “leaves as a man”, having spent so long playing for the Catalan giants.



Andres Iniesta

“It’s been a wonderful 22 years, full of pride, and it’s been a pleasure to represent this club. I thank you for all the love and respect that you’ve given me since I arrived as a child.”

ANDREAS INIESTA

“I will move on and carry you all in my heart forever,” he said in quotes published on Marca.

“It’s been a wonderful 22 years, full of pride, and it’s been a pleasure to represent this club.

“I thank you for all the love and respect that you’ve given me since I arrived as a child, I now leave as a man.”

Barcelona boss Ernesto Valverde felt it was only right to give the midfielder the send-off he deserved by replacing him late in the game with Paco Alcacer.

“We wanted to compete and win, but today was Andres’ day and the crowd made it special,” Valverde told Barca TV.

“I wanted to change things at the end of the game, to coincide with Leo (Messi) on the field. It was the right moment. “These types of players will be talked about long into the future.”

Jos Buttler says recall ‘feels like another debut’



Jos Buttler

BBC | London

England batsman Jos Buttler says his recall for this week’s first Test against Pakistan at Lord’s “feels like another debut”.

Buttler has kept wicket before but has been picked as a specialist batsman.

“It’s a fantastic surprise and an incredible opportunity,” he said.

“Any time you turn up here at Lord’s it’s special, and all of those emotions are arriving today.”

Buttler has struggled for a place in England’s side for the longer format of the game but has been a key part of their limited overs set-up.



Milos Raonic

Raonic pulls out of Roland Garros

Reuters | London

Milos Raonic has withdrawn from next week’s French Open with a knee injury and is targeting a return during the grasscourt season, the former world number three said on Sunday.

The Canadian has not played since losing to Denis Shapovalov in the round of 16 at the Madrid Open earlier this month and the world number 28 has seen his young compatriot rise two spots above him in the world rankings.

“It is with a heavy heart that I am withdrawing from Roland Garros. I have many great memories there, but I know I need to continue working hard to put myself in the best position when I step out on the court,” Raonic posted on Twitter.

“Thank you all for your support and see you soon on the grass,” the 27-year-old added.

Raonic, a French Open quarter-finalist in 2014, missed the back end of last season with the knee injury and made a

“It is with a heavy heart that I am withdrawing from Roland Garros. I have many great memories there, but I know I need to continue working hard to put myself in the best position when I step out on the court”

MILOS RAONIC

first round exit at the Australian Open on his return in January.

He pulled out in the round of 16 at the Monte Carlo Masters in April after a recurrence of the problem, which has hampered his efforts to replicate the form that saw him finish runner-up at Wimbledon in 2016.

I don’t have to be best friends: Paul Pogba

Eurosport | London

Paul Pogba has addressed his relationship with Jose Mourinho by saying he ‘doesn’t have to be best friends’ with his manager at Manchester United.

The 25-year-old midfielder spoke to Canal+ after United’s dismal FA Cup final loss to Chelsea on Saturday.

Pogba dismissed the rumours of a falling out with boss Mourinho by admitting the manager’s methods have helped him develop as a footballer.

“There were times when I wasn’t playing. I was on the bench. Much has been spoken about.

“One is not forced to go to the restaurant together. I had some problems – it’s mental. He put me on the bench, I answered on the pitch, I give my maximum every time. It made me grow in leadership.

“I had the armband with Mourinho, it was the first time



Paul Pogba with Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho

in a club. It’s important to me, it makes me grow up to be as a leader in the France team.”

However, the £89 million man refused to rule out a Manchester United summer exit after he was asked if he would remain at the club.

“You’re never sure of anything. Contractually, it’s on, yes.”

The French international distanced himself from the rumours of a return to his hometown of Paris to join footballing superstars like Neymar and Ky-

lian Mbappe.

“Walking on the Parc des Princes? With a club, no for sure. “Honestly, it doesn’t appeal to me. I grew up here, my father supported Marseille and so did my mum. Paris wasn’t really in my daily life.”



Paul Pogba distanced himself from the rumours of a return to his hometown of Paris to join footballing superstars like Neymar and Kylian Mbappe.

Kei Nishikori needs French Open success

Reuters | Tokyo

It has been a long and frustrating road back to fitness for Japan’s Kei Nishikori, who will arrive at Roland Garros without an ATP title for more than two years and desperate to prove that his career has not already peaked.

For much of the last decade Nishikori has been the player most likely to bring a first men’s grand slam singles title back to Asia but the 28-year-old now risks being overtaken by South Korean young gun Chung Hyeon.

Reaching the 2014 U.S. Open



Kei Nishikori

final remains his best result at a major and his highest career ranking of world number four came the following year.

Since winning Memphis Open for the fourth time in February 2016, Nishikori has lost seven finals in a row, most recently at last month’s Monte Carlo Masters. The Japanese sustained a wrist injury in August that ended his 2017 season and kept him out of the first grand slam of the season in Australia.

He was also forced to pull out of Indian Wells in March due to illness, further hampering his progress to full fitness.

“I am fit again,” the world

number 24 said at the Madrid Open earlier this month.

“Well, my wrist is not 100 percent yet, but close to playing enough tennis. I think I need couple more weeks to get used to playing on clay, as more damage to my wrist, play more spin. “But it’s not too bad.”

Perhaps as a result, Nishikori’s claycourt season has been hit so far despite the impressive showing at the Monte Carlo Masters, which saw him lose to 11-times champion Rafael Nadal in the final.

Days after that loss to Nadal, Nishikori retired hurt during his first match in Barcelona.



Sidney Wheeler

Sidney Wheeler signs a multi-fight contract with Brave Federation

Known for his powerful striking and incredible wrestling, the prospect from Dalton, USA is often compared to the upscale version of Brock Lesnar

TDT | Manama

American MMA fighter, Sidney Wheeler signed a multi-fight contract with Brave Combat Federation.

Wheeler fought in Brave 10: The Kingdom Rises where he

faced Pawel Kielek from Poland.

Wheeler impressed the audience by going the distance and winning by split decision.

Known for his powerful striking and incredible wrestling, the prospect from Dalton, USA is often compared to the upscale version of Brock Lesnar.

Out of his ten fights Wheeler had won eight and had never been knocked out in his entire career.

Wheeler is signed to compete in Brave 13: European Evolution hosted in United Kingdom against Mohammad Fakhreddine from Lebanon.

Monaco leveloper like throwing a dice: Alonso



Fernando Alonso

Autosport | London

McLaren Formula 1 driver Fernando Alonso says the Monaco Grand Prix is a performance leveloper that makes the race "like throwing a dice".

The two-time Monaco winner is seventh in the 2018 championship, the leading driver behind the Mercedes, Ferrari and Red Bulls.

McLaren has struggled to make a major impact so far this season but Alonso said the unique demands of Monaco was an opportunity to score a big result despite knowing "the limitations of our package".

He also said the first-lap crash in the Spanish GP, when Romain Grosjean spun in front of most of the field, was a reminder that nothing could be taken for granted.

"Monaco is one of those tracks that tends to level the playing field a little and it's a bit like throwing a dice," he said. "As we saw in Spain, even if you qualify well it doesn't mean you won't fall victim to drama which can change

things around.

"So, we need to maximise everything on Saturday, and then fight hard on Sunday to earn as many points as possible."

Alonso missed last year's Monaco GP to make his Indianapolis 500 debut and said it was "really exciting" to be returning to the principality.

"I loved the Indy experience of course, but Monaco is also a really special place to go racing," he said.

"It's one of the most technically challenging circuits of the year simply because of the level of skill and concentration you need to get around lap after lap 78 times."

Brave announces fight card for UK

The main event features the bantamweight champion, Stephen Loman from Philippines defending the title against Frans Mlambo from Ireland

TDT | Manama

Brave Combat Federation has announced the full fight card for Brave 13: Europe Evolution hosted on 9th June at the SSE Arena at Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The main event features the bantamweight champion, Stephen Loman from Philippines defending the title against Frans Mlambo from Ireland.

The co-main event features the bantamweight champion Norman Parke fighting Myles Price.

Other bouts include Rodrigo Cavalheiro from Brazil facing Karl Amoussou from France.

Andy Young facing Bryan Creighton and Zack Zane facing Declan Dalton.

Lebanon's Mohammad Fakhreddine will make his return to face Sidney Wheeler.

Top Middle Eastern superstar, Abdul Kareem Al Selwady will also make his return after the tenth edition of the event to face Erik Carlsson.

A total of 28 fighters will represent 15 nations in the fight card.

The fights will be broadcasted live on Abu Dhabi Sports, Combate, StarSat and VodaComm in the respective territories apart



Frans Mlambo representing SBG Ireland at Brave Combat Federation

from streaming across the official website of Brave Combat Federation.

Main card:

Stephen Loman vs. Frans Mlambo (Bantamweight World Title)

Norman Parke vs. Myles Price (Catchweight (73kg))

Karl Amoussou vs. Rodrigo Cavalheiro (Welterweight)

Andy Young vs. Bryan Creighton (Flyweight)

Declan Dalton vs. Zack Zane (Featherweight)

Mohammad Fakhreddine vs. Sidney Wheeler (Catchweight)

Abdul Kareem Al Selwady vs. Erik Carlsson (Lightweight)

Undercard:

Konrad Iwanowski vs. Glen Irvine (Middleweight)

Tarek Suleiman vs. Chad Hanekom (Middleweight)

Cian Cowley vs. Oktawian Olejniczak (Catchweight (73kg))

Ben Bennett vs. Adam Byrne (Catchweight (79kg))

Piotr Tokarski vs. Sam Slater (Featherweight)

Aidan James vs. Tommy Martin (Featherweight)

Jonathan Reid vs. Constantin Gnusarev (Lightweight).



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Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba) inaugurated its annual Ramadan Sports Tournament on Saturday at Alba Club. Alba's Chief Marketing Officer inaugurated the month-long annual Ramadan sports season amongst the presence of Management members and employees

Maritime sports plans revealed

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The plans and programmes of the Bahrain Maritime Sports Federation (BMSF) were presented during its meeting with the BOC. BOC sports federations executive director Abduljalil Asad chaired the meeting, staged at the committee offices in Seef.

Asad conveyed the greetings of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant secretary general and BOC secretary general Abdulrahman Askar.

BOC announces date for Annual General Assembly

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The Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) has announced the date for its annual general assembly. This meeting will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Tuesday, May 29.

BOC Executive Director of Sports Affairs Abdul Jalil Asad said the committee has officially invited all sports federations under its umbrella to attend the meeting and should be each presented by two members to submit its

respective proposals for consideration.

Asad affirmed the readiness of BOC for this event during the first preparatory committee meeting held at BOC offices in Seef. The administrative report was prepared and the financial report has reached its final stages.

Also during the preparatory meeting, Asad discussed the arrangements for organizing the meeting, the agenda, invitations, preparing the meeting conference room and all other relevant issues.

Froome prepares final push in Giro

AFP | Praia Mare

British pre-race favourite Chris Froome said Monday he was ready to fight until the finish line to make up lost time in the final week of the Giro d'Italia.

"It's been a brutal race, but it's also been a beautiful race," said Froome.

"This is bike racing at its best and it's what people want to see."

Froome slipped from fifth to seventh place after trailing home in 17th on Sunday in the Dolomites.

Morata misses out on Spain WC squad

Alvaro Morata has scored only three times in 22 games since the turn of the year

Two more Chelsea players also missed out as Marcos Alonso and Cesc Fabregas were not included in the 23-man group

AFP | London

Chelsea striker Alvaro Morata was left out of Spain's World Cup squad, announced yesterday.

Morata paid the price for a disappointing debut season in the Premier League as Spain coach Julen Lopetegui picked Iago Aspas and Rodrigo Moreno up front, along with Atletico Madrid's Diego Costa.

"The decision is always difficult because of the talent of the players we have," Lopetegui said. "We have opted for three other players who had different assets and including four players up front was not something we wanted to do."

Two more Chelsea players also missed out as Marcos Alonso and Cesc Fabregas were not included in the 23-man group.

Morata's absence was the stand-out decision, however, even if it was not an entirely surprising one given the 25-year-old's dramatic dip in form.

After scoring seven goals in his first seven games for Chelsea,



Alvaro Morata



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"I'm not going to name anybody, but there are players who had to find out from me that they were not going to be on the list."

In contrast, Aspas and Moreno have been in excellent form for Celta Vigo and Valencia respectively, with Aspas the top Spanish scorer in La Liga on 22 goals. Costa is expected to start when Spain open up against Portugal in Group B on June 15 but Aspas, with his speed and direct running, remains an attractive option.

Alonso only made his debut in a friendly against Argentina in March and lost out to Arsenal's Nacho Monreal. Fabregas

fell behind Spain's impressive wealth of options in midfield, which will include Sergio Busquets, Saul Niguez, Koke, Thiago Alcantara, Andres Iniesta, David Silva, Isco, Marco Asensio and Lucas Vazquez.

Manchester United's David de Gea was included as expected, along with fellow goalkeepers Pepe Reina and Kepa Arrizabalaga.

Chelsea defender Cesar Azpilicueta did make it in, as did Monreal. Dani Carvajal, Alvaro Odriozola, Gerard Pique, Sergio Ramos, Nacho and Jordi Alba complete Spain's group of defenders.

sea, a back injury seemed to affect his confidence. Morata has scored only three times in 22 games since the turn of the year. "I've talked to the players I had to talk to," Lopetegui said.

Belgium leave out Radja Nainggolan

AFP | London

Belgium have left midfielder creator Radja Nainggolan out of their World Cup squad, coach Roberto Martinez said yesterday.

The absence of Nainggolan, who scored twice for Roma in the second league of the Champions League semi-final against Liverpool this month, was the biggest surprise in the 28-player list that will be reduced to 23 before the tournament.

Belgium face England, Panama and Tunisia in Group G at the World Cup.

The heavily tattooed 30-year-old Nainggolan has played 30 times for his country and is popular with supporters, but his relationship with Martinez has often been strained.

The Spanish former Everton manager said: "It was a sad and difficult decision. He is a player with a lot of class and he was voted Roma's best player, but I've made my decision for purely tactical reasons."

"I have put in place a specific system that works. I can't use Radja in a secondary role."

Roberto Martinez said he had travelled to Rome to explain his choice to the player.

Egypt's hopes hinge on Salah's lethal finishing

Reuters | London

Egypt forward Mohamed Salah heads to the World Cup with the reputation of being one of the most lethal finishers in the game, and his country's hopes of making it to the knockout stages rest overwhelmingly on his shoulders.

Few would have guessed what was to come when Salah moved from Italy's AS Roma to Liverpool for a club-record fee at the start of the season, but the 25-year-old's prolific campaign earned him a sweep of top individual awards.

A return of 44 goals and 16 assists has helped to fire Liverpool to the Champions League final and Salah was named African player of the year as well as the top player in England by the PFA and Football Writers' Association. He is already being compared to Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo and will have a shot at breaking that daunting duo's stranglehold on the Ballon d'Or if he can lead Egypt out of Group A and into the knockout stages in Russia.

Salah's pace and eye for goal make him a formidable opponent and he is adored in his

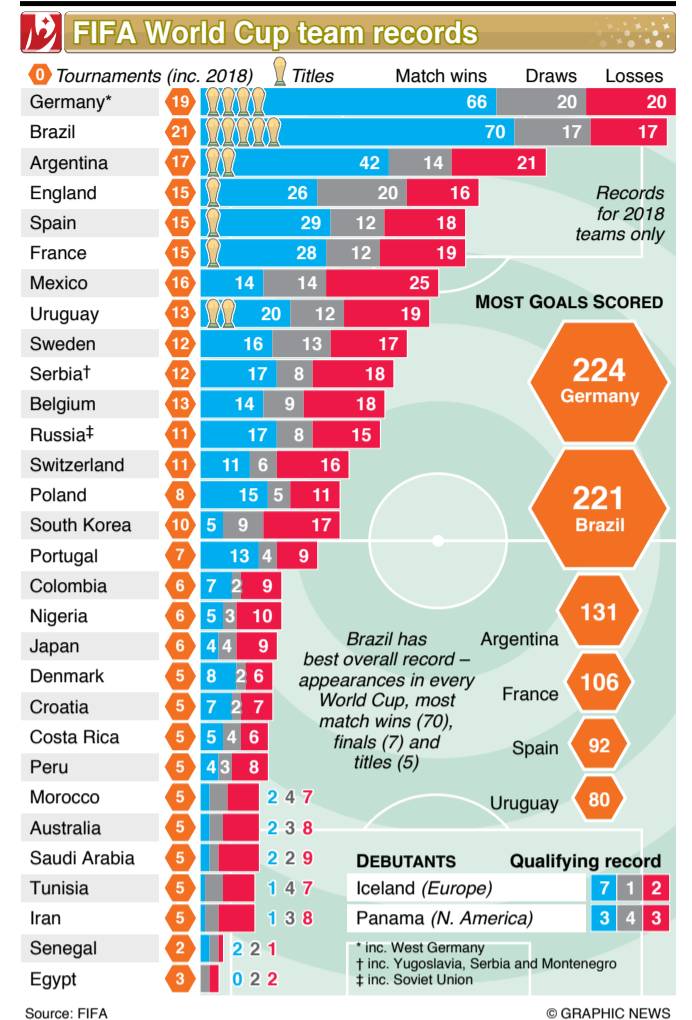


Mohamed Salah

country, with every game he plays for Liverpool watched by thousands of fans in Cairo.

Egypt would not be heading to the World Cup without Salah -- his two goals against Congo secured their qualification for the tournament.

Salah's dramatic stoppage-time penalty that sent Egypt through to their first World Cup appearance in 28 years was celebrated wildly in the streets by millions of fans and he is hailed as a hero in the country. Egypt are set up to get the best out of their talisman, defending deep and looking to get the ball to his feet as quickly as possible.



Icardi left out of Argentina squad

BBC | London

Inter Milan striker Mauro Icardi, the joint-leading scorer in Italy this season, was a notable omission from Argentina's 23-man World Cup squad named by coach Jorge Sampaoli on Monday.

Icardi scored his 29th Serie A goal of the season on Sunday as Inter pipped Lazio to a Champions League place, but he was one of 12 players cut from a provisional 35-man squad revealed last week.

The 25-year-old made his Argentina debut in October 2013 but spent four years in international exile before he was recalled last September for the final four World Cup qualifiers. Two-time champions Argentina reached the final in Brazil in 2014, losing to Germany 1-0 after extra time, and will again look to Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi for inspiration in what may well be his last World Cup.

The five-time Ballon d'Or



Mauro Icardi

recipient heads a potent attacking line-up that includes Juventus pair Paulo Dybala and Gonzalo Higuain, as well as Manchester City's Sergio Aguero.

"The goal is to have a great World Cup. We're going to be very competitive. We're going to bank on an attacking game," Sampaoli told a press conference at the national team's training base in Ezeiza, near Buenos Aires.

Argentina needed a hat-trick from Messi in their final qualifier, a 3-1 victory away to Ecuador, to clinch their place at the finals.

PLAYER OF THE DAY



Neymar

A FIFA Confederations Cup winner and Olympic gold medalist, Neymar is set to make his second appearance at a World Cup. The Paris Saint-Germain star also won the 2015 FIFA Club World Cup title with former club Barcelona.