



Ryanair rapped over racial abuse

London
 Ryanair has been criticised for apparently failing to remove a passenger from a flight after racial abuse of a woman in her 70s. The incident, on a flight from Barcelona to Stansted on Friday, was recorded by a fellow passenger and shared on social media. Many people said Ryanair should have removed the man from the flight and threatened to boycott the airline. Ryanair said it "will not tolerate unruly behaviour like this". It has referred the matter to Essex Police.

Train derailment kills 18 in Taiwan

Hong Kong
 At least 18 people have been killed and 170 injured in a passenger train derailment in north-east Taiwan. Railway authorities say they are investigating the accident, which happened in Yilan County at about 16:50 local time (08:50 GMT) on Sunday. A total of 366 people were on the train travelling between Taipei and the eastern county of Taitung when all eight of its carriages derailed. The authorities now say they have freed everyone from the wreckage. The Puyuma Express 6432 service reportedly came off the tracks close to Xinma station, near the town of Su'ao about 70km (43 miles) from Taipei. The deputy chief of the Taiwan Railways Administration, Lu Chieh-shen, told a news conference on Sunday that the train was only six years old and had been in "pretty good condition" before the accident.

Efforts on to clear floodwaters, smoothen traffic flow

**TDT | Manama
 Thamer Taifoor**
 The Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry said it received 1,000 calls from flooded neighbourhoods in the first four hours of rain that lashed the Southern Governorate and other parts of the Kingdom on Saturday. The ministry also confirmed that some of those cases were referred to the Civil Defence Directorate within the Interior Ministry and 33 water suction tankers have been deployed to clear floodwaters. The ministry said that the heaviest downpours were reported in East Riffa, the western area in the Northern Governorate, Sitra and Nuwaidrat. "The municipalities in the four governorates formed emergency teams to respond to notifications from citizens and residents," the ministry stated. Municipalities Affairs Undersecretary Dr Nabeel Abulfath said 18 suction tankers were deployed in Riffa alone, in addition to several pumps. The official also said that Manama and its suburbs were provided with nine tankers and six have been deployed in the Northern Governorate so far. Dr Abulfath inspected some of the ar-



Floodwaters caused traffic disruption in many areas of the Kingdom yesterday.

33
 suction tankers have been deployed to clear floodwaters from across the Kingdom.

eaas affected by rain to ensure that water suction operations are smoothly ongoing. He instructed emergency teams to put full efforts in residential blocks and near schools, hospitals, markets and hospitals. Dr Abulfath explained: "The majority of the cases was dealt by the municipalities and was handled on priority basis. The emergency teams are working on a 24-hour basis to ensure the smooth traffic flow." Works Affairs Undersecretary Ahmed

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DR ABULFATH

Al Khayat also inspected several areas in all governorates of the kingdom yesterday. On its part, the Housing Ministry said it dealt with a couple of flooding cases in government housing projects in Al Lawzi and Hunainiya, adding that situations were restored. The floods adversely affected the traffic flow on several roads in the Northern, Southern and Capital Governorates. The General Directorate of Traffic has diverted the flow of traffic on a number of the main roads while floodwaters are being cleared. The directorate called upon motorists to comply with the diversions and advised them to maintain safe distances from other vehicles while driving under rainy conditions.

A tremendous mistake

Khashoggi killers will be held accountable, says Saudi Foreign Minister

● The Saudi foreign minister offered his condolences to the family of Khashoggi and said the death was a "tremendous mistake".

Washington

Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Adel Al Jubeir said yesterday that King Salman is determined to hold to account those responsible in the case regarding the late journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

"The individuals did this out of the scope of their authority," Jubeir told Fox News' Bret Baier during an exclusive interview, adding that none of those involved in Khashoggi's death had close ties to Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

"There were not people closely tied to him. This was a rogue operation," he said.

He added that conflicting reports about whether Khashoggi had left the Saudi Arabian consulate in Istanbul prompted a probe into his disappearance, and that Saudi Arabia will continue to put out information on the case "as it



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MR AL JUBEIR

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Mr Al Jubeir added that Saudi Arabia was working on finding out the location of Khashoggi's body and determining the full details into what happened. He told the news program that

Saudi-US ties would "weather" the Khashoggi case. Meanwhile, a senior Saudi official has given the Reuters news agency additional and new details relating to the case of late Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. The official, who spoke anonymously, explained that the initial government account had been based on "false information reported internally at the time." "Once it became clear these initial mission reports were false, it (the government) launched an internal investigation and refrained from further public comment," the official said, adding that the investigation is continuing.

WEDDING BELLS

Deepika, Ranveer to tie the knot next month

Mumbai

Bollywood actors Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone are set to tie the knot next month. The wedding is set to take place on November 14 and 15. The duo announced the news on their respective social media accounts, posting the announcement in both English and Hindi. "With the blessings of our families, it gives

us immense joy in sharing that our wedding is set to take place on the 14th and 15th of November, 2018," the announcement read.

Ranveer and Deepika



"We thank you for all the love you have showered upon us over the years and seek your blessings as we embark on this incredible journey of love, loyalty, friendship and togetherness," it added. The couple has not revealed the location of the wedding yet. Ranveer Singh is among the highest-paid actors of Bollywood and has featured in Forbes India's Celebrity 100 list since 2012. Deepika Padukone is one of the highest-paid actresses in India. She is the recipient of several awards, including three Filmfare Awards.

Precarious journey



Central American migrants walk along the highway near the border with Guatemala, as they continue their journey trying to reach the US, in Tapachula, Mexico. Crowds of migrants resumed their long journey north on Sunday from the Mexican border city of Ciudad Hidalgo, according to Mexican federal police officers.



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday received president, members, participants and sponsors of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence and "This is Bahrain", held under the royal patronage in New York, USA, marking the official inauguration of the King Hamad Chair in Interfaith Dialogue and Peaceful Coexistence Studies at the Sapienza University, Rome, Italy, which is new scientific specialisation added to the Human Science Faculty at the same university. In the keynote speech, His Majesty appreciated 'This is Bahrain' team for the success of the New York event. His Majesty congratulated Professor Saggiaro on his appointment as Professor of the Academic Chair at the Italian University, wishing him success in his new duties to support and develop research in the field of promoting human rapprochement to build bridges of tolerance and harmony among peoples. His Majesty also interacted with the students of Sapienza University.



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received prominent businessman Dr Varghese Kurian, who is the chairman of the VKL Holdings and Al Namal Group of Companies. Dr Kurian was part of a delegation of businessmen, which met His Majesty.

Govt priorities stressed



HRH the Premier chairs the meeting.

Manama

His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa chaired a working meeting, at the Gudaibiya Palace yesterday.

The meeting was devoted to determining the government's future vision and devising the vision's basic frameworks, in light of the workshops' outcomes, and the policies and initiatives resulting from them, as well as the Fiscal Balance Programme.

HRH the Premier asserted that the government's priorities in the coming period are sustainability of resources, maintaining economic growth, increasing Bahrain's competitive potentials and ensuring the citizens' access to the best and high-quality government services within a secure and stable atmosphere.

The Prime Minister also gave directives to ensure that the future strategy should be based on the principle of "the Priorities of the Citizen."

HRH the Premier highlighted the advanced positions achieved by the government, and entitled Bahrain to reach leadership status at the Arab and international levels, as proved by international indicators, affirming that the government's major challenge would be to maintain the development achievements, in all their forms, and to build on the solid foundations it had developed in order meet the citizens' needs.

HRH the Premier reviewed the govern-



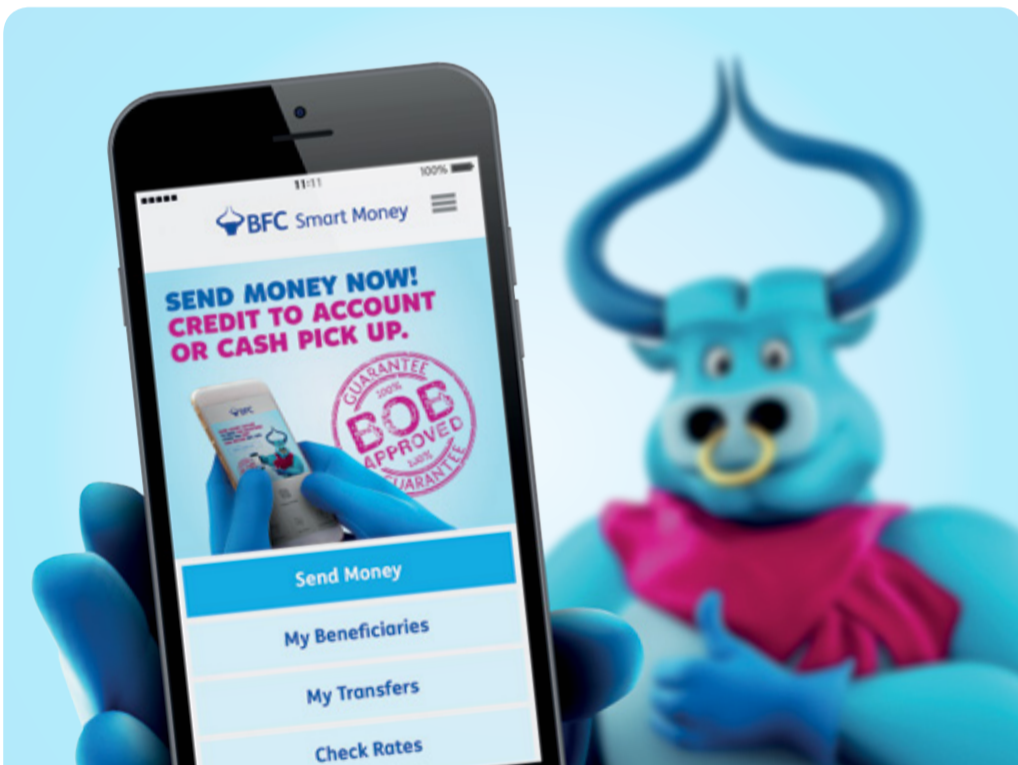
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HRH PREMIER

ment's achievements within its action plan, especially regarding the economic, social and legislative themes.

"The economic situation is always a challenge for governments. It is our responsibility to double our efforts and accelerate the pace of action to deal with this challenge in light of the prevailing circumstances by enhancing the sense of collective and collective action and responsibility," HRH Premier said.

"Our major concerns while outlining the broad features of any future strategy are the interests of citizens and the coming generations, and the need to ensure them a stable living environment with high economic development," he added.



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Joint drill 2018 kicks off

Manama

The joint air drill "Basic Liaison 2018" kicked off yesterday under the patronage of Commander-in-Chief of Bahrain Defence Force Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.

The exercise is being carried out by the Royal Bahrain Air Force (RBAF) with the participation of air forces from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the UAE. Oman, Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt, the UK and Pakistan are also taking part as observers.

On arrival at Isa Air Base, the BDF Commander-in-Chief was welcomed by RBAF Commander Air Vice-Marshal Shaikh Hamad bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the drill Director and Heads of the participating delegations.

In a speech delivered on the occasion, the

RBAF Commander thanked the BDF Commander-in-Chief for patronising the opening of the exercise which is considered as one of the most important air drills implemented by RBAF.

He also pointed out that the exercise had been carried out for 30 years now.

Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa conveyed the greetings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, pointing out the big strides made by the air forces in the region in military work. He praised the achievements of RBAF and hailed participation of the air forces from brotherly and friendly countries, wishing them every success. He pointed out that only two countries participated in the first Liaison Drill 1988, commending large participation in the 30th edition of the exercise.

Showers cripple Riffa residents

Floodwaters enter houses, shops; sewage overflows in West Riffa

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Rajeevan Puravankara

The first spell of showers caused misery to many in areas in and around Riffa on Saturday with no power for hours and some neighbourhoods partially submerged in water.

Residents of West Riffa said they did not receive any help from authorities despite floodwaters entering houses, destroying shops and vehicles in the area.

"It was total darkness as power went off a few minutes after the rain began. Water entered many houses in the area destroying fur-

“We were frequently posting pictures on social media, thinking we would get some help. But no-one came forward, leaving us crippled.”

A RIFFA RESIDENT

niture, books and other things,” a resident told Tribune.

“We were frequently posting pictures on social media, thinking we would get some help. But no-one came forward, leaving us crippled.”

The residents said they had to move out of the localities and are now worried about cleaning up their homes filled with mud left by floodwaters.

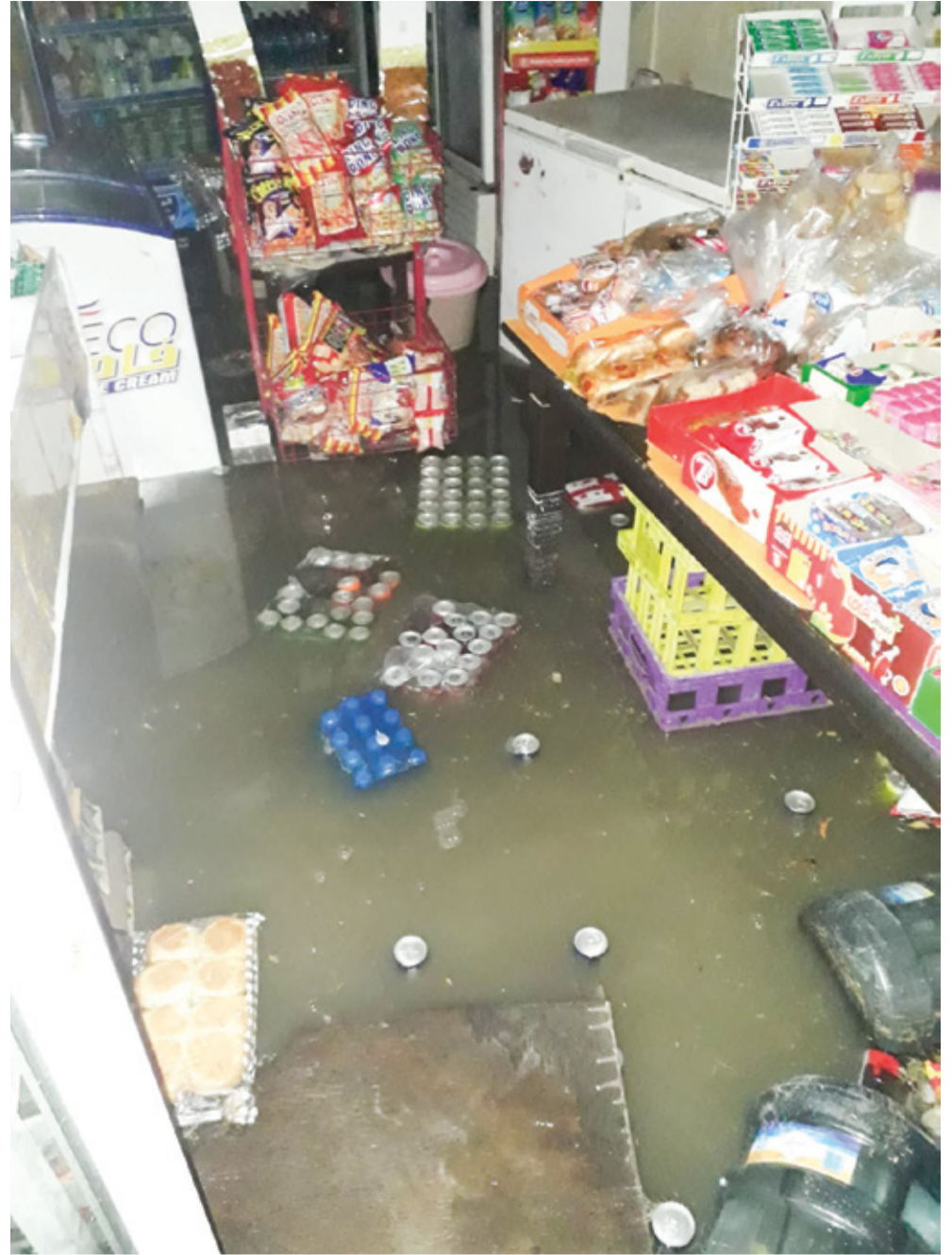
The rain also caused sewage overflows in the area. “We can’t escape from sewage stench. We are worried about the health of our children,” another resident added.

Many areas in the Kingdom including Riffa, Isa Town, Sanad and Sitra experienced thundery showers with heavy winds on Saturday.

In these areas, a few hours since the rain began, parked cars were submerged in waters; puddles and floodwaters disrupted traffic.

Sources say lightning damaged an electric transformer in Sitra leaving the area without power for a few hours.

While heavy rain lashed the Southern Governorate, other places in the Kingdom including Manama, Gudaibiya and Hoora did not even experience a drizzle. However, a chilled breeze swept through these areas on Saturday evening. Dusty winds were reported from Muharraq.



One of the shops damaged by floodwaters in West Riffa.



One of the flooded neighbourhoods in West Riffa.

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Leading experts to offer best of entrepreneurship lessons

30 leading speakers from across the world to share views at the Manama Entrepreneurship Week

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With the aim of supporting fledgling entrepreneurs in the Kingdom, Manama Entrepreneurship Week was launched yesterday.

In its fourth edition, the initiative aims “to promote sustainable development and social entrepreneurship and to foster an environment conducive to entrepreneurship and innovation in order to achieve continual development, sustainability, and economic prosperity in Bahrain”, according to organisers.

The event is being organised by the Capital Governorate. Organisers said that various events, seminars, workshops, and conferences will be held with the aim of “promoting and optimising the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem”.

Speaking during the launch of the Manama Entrepreneurship Week at Four Seasons Hotel yesterday Capital Governor Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, said: “We aim through continuing to organise this event to support the culture of entrepreneurship among the Bahraini youths, and motivate them to proceed towards es-



Shaikh Hisham speaks at the event.

tablishing their own projects through guiding them to the right path to commence their own projects, thus triggering their creativity and inspiration.”

“Our wise leadership has given special attention to the youth and allocated many programmes and projects that are targeted towards enabling and advancing their capabilities.

“Today, we are proud of Bahrain’s creative young generation who have been able to prove their excellence.

“No obstacles nor any impediments stopped them, but they believed in their abilities and capabilities to be a national example that we are all proud of,” he pointed out.

Manama Entrepreneurship

“**Our wise leadership has given special attention to the youth and allocated many programmes and projects that are enabling and advancing their capabilities**

SHAIKH HISHAM

Week will include 15 workshops and specialised discussion panels led by 30 speakers from a number of countries including Bahrain, the US, Australia, Hong Kong, Germany, France, and Turkey.

Yesterdays event also featured panel discussions and talks including ‘Activating Your Power of Cultural Intelligence’ by Lili Gil Valletta - CoFounder & CEO, CEIN+ and CulturIntel, Creator of Dreamers Ventures, a panel session on ‘Doing Business in the New Millennium’ featuring Christiane Saba - Economic Development & Employment Solutions Specialist, Fawaz Shakralla - Founder of Btech Blockchain Group, Christian Treichel - International Business Expert, Project Manager at Berlin Partner for Business and Technology, Isaac Reshad - Managing Director of Global Access Partner and Lana Al Attar - Serial Social Tech Entrepreneur and Founder of Gud Juju.



A panel discussion in progress.

‘Young diplomats’ debate world issues at Model UN

TDT | Manama
Harpreet Kaur

A delegation of students from across the region came together to discuss the world issues at the 14th Bahrain Universities Model United

200
students from 24 local and regional universities are participating in the model United Nations.

Nations (BUMUN).

The event aims to provide students polished skills in diplomacy, negotiation, critical thinking, public speaking, and many more.

The opening ceremony was held at the Ramee Grand Hotel, in the presence of Minister for Youth and Sports Affairs Hisham Al Jowder, the President of the National Institution for Human Rights Maria Khoury, representatives of the UNDP, ministry officials and the participating students.

The two-day event is being organised this year as part of the activities of the International Youth Festival for the Sustainable Development Goals, SDGs, held for the first time global-



A section of participants at the Model UN.

ly under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Ms Khoury, highlighted the effective role of the youth in the development of nations and the achievement of SDGs. She un-

derscored the numerous initiatives launched by the Kingdom to serve the accomplishment of SDGs, such as the King Hamad Youth Empowerment Award to achieve SDGs, the first of its kind in the world.

Khoury also addressed the audience and spoke about the noble goals of the BUMUN programme and how the youth could benefit from it to develop their talents and skills and contribute to the development of their countries.

Youth Activities Director in the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs Shaikha Muneera bint Mohammed Al Khalifa stressed in her speech the interest of the Kingdom to continually introduce initiatives that enable the youth to achieve SDGs.

The minister honored the participating universities in the programme by the end of the ceremony and handed them mementos as a token of apprecia-

tion to their supportive stances towards the youth.

Ghaydah El Shami, Secretary-General of 14th Bahrain Universities Model United Nations also a final year in RCSI told Tribune, “There is definitely an increase in students participating at the forum. I was incredibly happy to witness such a large number of delegates attend day one of the 14th annual Bahrain Universities Model United Nations.

“The delegates represent tomorrow’s leaders, and are the young ambassadors to today’s Model United Nations. Seeing all of them here is a timely reminder that our organisation exists to serve succeeding generations.”

BSB students excel in exams



The students of British School of Bahrain have achieved excellent results in their examinations. The GCE Advanced level (A-Level) cohort sat 133 examinations and achieved an overall pass rate of 98 per cent. An impressive 96pc of the Year 13 cohort secured places in the top universities around the world, including Cambridge, Imperial College London, London School of Economics and Durham in the UK, also Toronto in Canada and Groningen in Holland. The large majority (75pc) of these students secured their first choice universities with all others securing their second choice places, the school said in a Press release issued.

Teacher sacked for watching porn video inside classroom

Education Ministry decision follows a probe into incident by disciplinary committee

● A probe was launched into the allegation, which found the teacher guilty.

● The teacher cited administrative rules to escape dismissal, but court ruled them out.

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Ali Tarif

The Ministry of Education dismissed a teacher from his job after he was found guilty of watching porn videos saved in his smartphone inside

the classroom.

Though the teacher approached the High Administrative Court, he did not get any respite.

The incident was reported after one of the students, who saw the teacher watching porn, informed it to his parent, sources said.

"The parent, subsequently, filed a complaint with the school administration," they added.

A probe was launched into the allegation, which found the teacher guilty.

"I had been working for the Education Ministry for the past 18 years, but a disciplinary committee decided to relieve me from my duties after accus-

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The disciplinary committee investigated the incident and found the teacher guilty of the offence and he was sacked.

EDUCATION MINISTRY

ing me of misusing my mobile phone inside the classroom," the teacher said in his complaint against the ministry.

However, evidences were against the teacher and many students saw him watching porn, according to the discipli-

nary committee.

"The disciplinary committee investigated the incident and found the teacher guilty of the offence. And it decided to sack him from his work," the ministry responded to the case.

The teacher cited administrative rules to escape dismissal. One of the civil service rules state that investigations must be carried out into an incident within three months after its first reporting to the direct supervisor.

However, the court ruled out the plea, confirming that the Education Ministry had fully complied with rules while taking action against him.

"Any civil employee must

maintain the dignity of his job in accordance with the public practice and conduct in his actions in a course of due respect for the administrative body he works for, his superiors, his colleagues and the people who deal with them.

"Therefore, the employee should maintain his prestige, respect and dignity for the job in all areas of his behaviour and activity inside and outside his official work," the court ruling stated.

The court added that the investigations carried out by the administrative body with the plaintiff via the investigation committee proved that he had committed the offences.

Chocolate factory case ruling date set

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Ali Tarif

The High Administrative Court announced yesterday that it would issue its ruling in the chocolate factory case on October 25, 2018.

Four employees have been charged in the case after it was found that the factory was making products using expired items.

The misconduct of the facility was exposed by a former employee, who reported it to police officers.

Sources revealed earlier that the court accepted the owner's request to re-open the factory, pending the verdict.

Drug addict's jail sentence replaced with rehabilitation

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Ali Tarif

The High Criminal Court has ordered to replace the jail time of a drug-addict with a rehabilitation programme.

The defendant was sentenced to three months behind bars for possessing drugs with an intent to sell.

He was held by police officers after his family reported that he was on drugs, because of which he was causing a lot of problems to them.

His saliva was tested positive for hashish and other types of drugs.

He admitted during questioning that he has been consuming drugs for the past seven years. He was earlier fined BD500 too.

Online service for youth launched

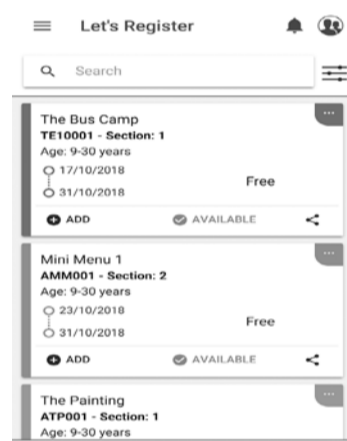
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An online service to help facilitate events and activities targeting youth has been launched.

Youngsters wishing to attend or volunteer for events and activities can now use a mobile application to find what they are looking for.

The application 'eShabab' was recently launched by the Information and eGovernment Authority (IGA).

The main services provided by the app are helping find volunteering opportunities



A screenshot of the 'eShabab' application.

or finding youth focused events.

The full list of services provided by the app includes search and register for youth programmes, view the list of registered programmes, register for assessment exams and inquire about the status, help family members (children or siblings of aged nine to 14 years) register for programmes, request to be notified when seats are available for fully booked programmes and search and register for programmes and events.

Through "Sawaed" service, users can submit a volunteer-

ing request to the Ministry of Youth and Sport Affairs (MYS), view the list of events provided by the ministry, add it to the calendar, and share the event details through social media, view the contact details of the ministry and the youth centres, and receive notifications sent by the ministry.

Several online services have been launched recently by IGA in collaboration with various government entities.

Earlier this month, an online service was launched the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunication in collaboration with the IGA catering

to activities related to port affairs.

The portal offers the issuance and renewal of commercial activity licences, renewal of private and water taxi licences; the management of daily ship movement, completion of private jetty handling charges, in addition to the Ship Registry Portal accessible online 24/7.

Last week, the NHRA in collaboration with IGA launched a new electronic service which will serve medical professionals. The main function of the system is licensing of health-care professionals.

Elections live coverage preparations completed

Manama

The Ministry of Information has finalised preparations for parliamentary and municipal elections on November 24 following the Royal Order of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa setting the national elections date on November 24.

The technical preparations to implement the comprehensive plan for live television broadcast from the ballot stations in all four governorates

via vehicle-mounted external relay, satellite and microwave studios in addition to direct connection of all electoral supervisory stations with the main studio has been completed, said Abdullah Ahmed Al Balushi, Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Affairs at the Information Ministry.

He stressed the importance of the technical and technological aspects to facilitate transmission of Bahrain's democratic elections to viewers around the world.

Bahraini jailed for forging domestic help application

TDT | Manama
Ali Tarif

The High Criminal Court has sentenced a 62-year-old Bahraini man to three years behind bars for forging an application to bring a domestic servant from abroad.

The defendant is said to have managed to enable the woman to come to Bahrain by registering her under the sponsorship of a Bahraini man

without his approval by counterfeiting his signature.

His crime surfaced after the victim's application to bring a maid was denied by the authorities.

"I have debts somewhere in the neighbourhood of BD40,000 and so I wasn't able to bring a maid for my family. Therefore, I forged the application with the assistance of an Asian man," the 62-year-old man told prosecutors.



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world**Russia airs video of gunman in 'Hate' T-shirt**

Moscow, Russia

Russian television yesterday aired footage of the teenage gunman who killed 20 at his college in Moscow-annexed Crimea calmly mowing down victims while wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with the word "Hate."

A reporter said the security camera footage was broadcast because of widespread speculation about the official account of the massacre on the peninsula annexed from Ukraine in 2014.

The footage confirms that the 18-year-old gunman, Vladislav Roslyakov, dressed to imitate the Columbine high school shooting in the United States, after Russian President Vladimir Putin blamed the crime on "globalisation."

Australia to double jail terms for white-collar crimes

Sydney, Australia

Australia said yesterday jail terms for white-collar crimes would be doubled and penalties against misbehaving companies sharply increased in a further fallout from a scathing inquiry into the finance sector.

Maximum criminal penalties for individuals would be doubled to 10 years' jail while firms could face fines of more than Aus\$9.45 million (US\$6.73 million).

Under the proposed reforms to civil sanctions, individuals would be hit with more than Aus\$1.05 million in fines and companies up to Aus\$210 million.

The nearly 1,000-page interim report from the Royal Commission found that banks, insurers and other financial houses had put "the pursuit of short-term profit at the expense of basic standards of honesty".

The report added that greed appeared to be the motivation.

US nuke deal withdrawal dangerous step: Moscow

Trump announced US plans to leave the three-decade-old Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty on Saturday

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Withdrawing from a Cold War-era nuclear weapons treaty with Russia as President Donald Trump has announced he plans to do is a dangerous step, Russia's deputy foreign minister warned yesterday.

"This would be a very dangerous step that, I'm sure, not only will not be comprehended by the international community but will provoke serious condemnation," deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov told TASS state news agency.

The treaty is "significant for international security and security in the sphere of nuclear arms, for the maintenance of strategic stability," he stressed.

Russia condemned what he called attempts by the US to gain concessions "through a method of blackmail", he added.

If the US continues to act "clumsily and crudely" and unilaterally back out of interna-



US President Donald Trump speaks to reporters before boarding Air Force One at Elko Regional Airport in Elko, Nevada

tional agreements "then we will have no choice but to undertake retaliatory measures including involving military technology," Ryabkov told RIA Novosti news agency.

"But we would not want to get to this stage," he added.

On Saturday, Trump announced US plans to leave the

three-decade-old Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, known as the INF, signed in 1987 by the then US president Ronald Reagan.

"We're the ones who have stayed in the agreement and we've honoured the agreement, but Russia has not unfortunately honoured the agreement, so

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We're the ones who have stayed in the agreement and we've honoured the agreement, but Russia has not unfortunately honoured the agreement, so we're going to terminate the agreement and we're going to pull out

DONALD TRUMP
US PRESIDENT

we're going to terminate the agreement and we're going to pull out," said Trump.

But Ryabkov on Sunday denied Trump's accusations, throwing the accusation back

at Washington.

"We don't just not violate (the treaty), we observe it in the strictest way," he insisted.

"And we have shown patience while pointing out over the course of many years the flagrant violations of this treaty by the US itself."

US National Security Advisor John Bolton is set to arrive in Moscow on Sunday.

"We hope that we will hear from him during meetings, tomorrow and the day after, more substantively and clearly what the American side intends to undertake," said Ryabkov.

Earlier a foreign ministry source told Russian news agencies that the US move was connected to its "dream of a unipolar world", an argument that Ryabkov also advanced.

"Apparently the existence of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty creates problems for establishing a line of total US domination and supremacy in the military sphere," he said.

Chinese official dies in fall from home

Hong Kong, China

China's top representative in Macau has fallen to his death from the building where he lived, authorities said yesterday.

Zheng Xiaosong, 59, the Chinese government's liaison officer in the semi-autonomous former Portuguese colony, had been suffering from depression, Beijing said in a statement.

Zheng "fell to his death from his Macau residence on the evening of October 20, 2018 due to depression", the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the State Council said.

The statement gave no more details but the wording suggested Zheng had killed himself.

Mainland officials were to



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travel to Macau on Sunday to express their "condolences to

comrade Zheng Xiaosong's family" on behalf of the Chinese government, it added.

The director of Macau's judiciary police said they were investigating Zheng's death, Hong Kong media reported.

Zheng, a member of the ruling Communist Party's Central Committee, was reportedly involved in talks between London and Beijing ahead of the hand-over of Hong Kong in 1997.

He took up the post in the gambling enclave of Macau last year. The territory operates under the same "One Country, Two Systems" principle that governs Hong Kong.

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam said in a statement that she was "grieved to learn of his sudden departure".

17 dead after train flips in Taiwan

Yilan, Taiwan

At least 17 people have died after an express train derailed and flipped over on a popular coastal route in Taiwan yesterday.

The Taiwan Railways Administration confirmed 17 people had been killed and said 132 people had also been injured in the accident in north-eastern Yilan county.

Authorities have not confirmed if any passengers remain trapped inside the train. An AFP reporter at the scene said that more bodies were being brought out of the wrecked carriages.

Images from the site showed the Puyuma Express train completely derailed and lying zig-zagged across the track.

All of the train's eight carriages had derailed and five had flipped onto their side at Xinma station, the railways administration said.

One passenger told Apple Daily Taiwan that the train had been shaking during the journey.

Taiwan authorities said the accident had happened at 4:50 pm local time (0850 GMT) with no cause yet given.

The railways administration said there had been 366 people on board the service en route to the southern city of Taitung.

The defence ministry said it had sent in 120 soldiers to help the rescue.

President Tsai Ing-wen described the accident as a "major tragedy" in a Tweet Sunday evening.

Pregnant Meghan takes break from Australia royal tour

AFP | Sydney, Australia

Meghan, the pregnant wife of Britain's Prince Harry, is scaling back her engagements during the royal couple's 16-day Pacific tour, Kensington Palace said Sunday, ahead of their visit to Fiji, Tonga and New Zealand.

The royal couple have had a gruelling schedule since arriving in Australia on Monday, visiting Sydney, Melbourne and the regional town of Dubbo, as well as opening the Olympic-style Invictus Games for disabled and wounded soldiers.

"After a busy programme, The

Duke and Duchess have decided to cut back The Duchess's schedule slightly for the next couple of days, ahead of the final week and a half of the tour," Kensington Palace said in a statement.

The opening ceremony for the Games at Sydney's Opera House on Saturday night was delayed after an intense thunderstorm, and the Duchess of Sussex did not attend a cycling medal presentation with Harry on Sunday.

At the event, held in The Domain gardens, the prince was asked by someone in a crowd of onlookers where his wife was.

"She's resting at home," the

Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported him as saying. "Being pregnant takes its toll."

Meghan rejoined her husband for lunch with Prime Minister Scott Morrison, before watching a Games sailing event from a boat on Sydney Harbour.

They are due to attend a private reception for the Invictus Games Foundation at Government House late yesterday before heading off to Fraser Island in Queensland state.

But Meghan is not expected to take part in official engagements at the World Heritage-listed site on Monday, with Kensington



Britain's Prince Harry (2nd R) and his wife Meghan, Duchess of Sussex (R) meet children from the Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation

Palace adding that "The Duke will continue with the engagements on Fraser Island as planned".

The pair are due to visit Fiji and Tonga after Fraser Island.

The news came as Harry received an unusual request from some members of the Australian cycling team at Sunday's presentation -- if he could sign an Invictus pair of budgie smugglers. "Budgie smugglers" is the colloquial term Australians use for Speedo-style swimwear.

The Duke of Sussex declined the offer. The trip officially ends in New Zealand on October 31.

Grain pain

Japan's ageing rice farmers face uncertain future

AFP | Kazo, Japan

A crop once deemed so important it served as a form of currency, Japanese rice has fallen out of favour with younger, westernised consumers, in a shift that has left ageing farmers struggling for survival.

Rice consumption has nearly halved over the past 50 years, and as the older generation of farmers and consumers dies out, some fear the industry will be unable to hold its own in a competitive global market.

Kazuo Ogura, a 66-year-old farmer, is one of the lucky ones. His son Yuichi decided to follow him into the family business.

Ogura senior looks on proudly as his 38-year-old son uses a specially designed machine to plant this year's harvest, splashing through golden paddy fields that stretch as far as the eye can see.

Surviving in this tough environment is all about "producing quality food at a reasonable price" and harnessing economies provided by large-scale production, Ogura said.

The future of his establishment in Kazo, some 50 kilometres (30 miles) north of Tokyo, looks assured as Yuichi follows in his muddy footsteps but farms all over Japan are dying as farmers age -- the average age of a rice farmer is now 67.

"I was the only one out of 220 students at my local school who

went into farming," Yuichi said. "There are not many people in their twenties who go into farming."

Even existing farms have been forced to close when their machinery breaks down because farmers cannot afford to replace the costly equipment.

"Machines get more expensive every year. To replace them requires a certain level of profit but that's difficult when you are farming a small plot," Yuichi said.

The Oguras have managed to stay competitive so far by joining forces with two other families to farm around 100 hectares of rice fields -- nearly 100 times the size of the average plot.

They sell their rice -- which belongs to the leading Koshihikari variety -- at 300 yen (\$2.66) per kilogram.

'At a turning point'

Although rice consumption in Japan has been falling for more than half a century, the crop's exalted status in Japanese culture -- where it even serves a religious purpose in Shinto rituals -- has ensured its survival until now.

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YUICHI
A FARMER

Generous subsidies aimed at controlling supplies and prices have made rice farming one of Japan's most protected industries, but Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government scrapped the policy this year, urging farmers to become more competitive.

Japanese agriculture is "at a turning point", Ken Saito, who was farm minister until a reshuffle this month, told reporters.

"Farmers have to think about



Japanese farmer Mayumi Oya poses with harvested rice plants

producing food that sells. More than ever, they have to be attuned to the market," he added.

And as Abe prepares for potential trade negotiations with US President Donald Trump, analysts say he may have to concede some ground on agriculture -- which could include Japan's customary high tariffs on imported rice -- in order to avoid getting whacked with US duties on automobiles and other key exports.

'No bright future'

But even a surge in cheaper imported varieties of rice is unlike-



Japanese farmer Toshiko Ogura poses next to rice seedling trays on her paddy in Kazo city, Saitama prefecture

ly to shift the palates of Japanese consumers, who generally prefer their home-grown, short-grain variety to foreign versions.

Fewer Japanese people are eating rice in general, with annual per capita consumption dropping to 54.6 kilograms (120 pounds) in 2015, less than half of its 1963 peak of 118.3 kilograms, according to the farm ministry.

Mitsuyoshi Ando, an agriculture expert at the University of Tokyo, said there was "no bright future" for the industry.

"Rice farmers need to improve their competitiveness. Large-scale production is also necessary," Ando said.

But it is difficult to achieve economies of scale in mountainous areas -- where 40 percent of farming takes place -- because of geographical limitations preventing farmers from expanding their plots, he added.

And with subsidies set to wind down, "the number of farmers who can survive will be limited as rice consumption will never increase again."



A Japanese farmer plants rice seedlings on his paddy in Kazo city

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Japanese farmer Toshiko Ogura loads harvested rice by a combine in Kazo city, Saitama prefecture.



Japanese farmer Yuichi Ogura harvests the rice with a combine on his paddy in Kazo city, Saitama prefecture

What hope for Iraq's new technocrats?

If the political system itself is diseased, then those acquiring governing positions ultimately become corrupted



BARIA ALAMUDDIN

In recent weeks, Iraqis were offered the unusual opportunity to apply for ministerial roles in a new government that has already been six months in the making. The staff of prime ministerial nominee Adel Abdul Mahdi are currently scrutinising 36,000 applications received so far! The fact that such a gimmick is being countenanced is a damning indictment of the lack of capable, credible and clean figures within Iraq's political class.

Replacing familiar, corrupt and incompetent factional appointees with independent technocrats has often been proposed, notably by cleric Muqtada Al Sadr, whose list came top in the May elections. Previous attempts to appoint technocrats produced mixed results.

Prime Minister Haider Abadi's 2016 efforts to bring independent experts into government were thwarted by powerful vested interests. Meanwhile, independent figures are no less susceptible to huge temptations for personal enrichment that accompany such roles, along with efforts by powerful factions to buy off these political lightweights.

By 2006, Iraq's Interior Ministry had been thoroughly discredited. Interior Minister Bayan Jabr, who hailed from the Tehran-sponsored Badr Brigades, had flooded the ministry with his paramilitary cadres. These personnel helped spearhead the sectarian bloodletting that engulfed Baghdad between 2005 and 2008. Jabr and Prime Minister Ibrahim Jaafari lost their posts after secret prisons came to light, in which thousands of detainees had been subjected to the most grotesque methods of torture.



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Jabr was replaced by independent Shiite politician Jawad Boulani, considered a technocratic safe pair of hands. However, in a ministry dominated by omnipotent Iran-backed militants, Boulani was a lamb among wolves: "He has got to be careful about what he does just to stay alive," one Western diplomat said. Killings attributed to Interior Ministry personnel continued at high levels throughout his tenure.

After Boulani, Prime Minister Nouri Maliki ran the Interior Ministry, until in 2014 the department was given back to the Badr Brigades (now part of the Al Hashd Al Shaabi paramilitary coalition). Badr is today resolved to retaining its position, no matter who is nominally in control.

The appointment of independent new faces is thus not a panacea for Iraq's problems. Abdul Mahdi is nominally independent, but for years he was a leading official in the Iran-sponsored Supreme Council for Islamic

Revolution in Iraq, so he cannot be expected to robustly confront Iranian meddling. At worst, such independent figures are window-dressing to appease the West, while the usual suspects continue pulling the strings behind the scenes.

The US shortsightedly regards Iraq's post-2014 crisis as solved, despite Daesh undergoing a resurgence, while Al Hashd militants play a central role in Cabinet-formation efforts. American diplomats pat themselves on the back that Abdul Mahdi is their man, despite his appointment apparently being confirmed during a Beirut meeting between Al Sadr, Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and Qasem Soleimani, commander of Iran's Quds Force (Al Sadr previously admitted to being a huge fan of Nasrallah, and Iran has consequently used Hezbollah's leader every time they want to exert influence over Al Sadr).

As part of the same machinations, pro-Iran factions out-

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maneuvered the leading Kurdish and Sunni Arab parties that were supposed to choose the (Kurdish) president and the (Sunni Arab) Parliament speaker. Al Hashd's successful candidates, Barham Saleh and Mohammed Halbousi, lack a natural support base and are thus seen as easy to manipulate.

Lebanon, which also had elections in May, is making sluggish

progress toward forming a government. Although Saad Hariri is set to remain prime minister, Hezbollah wields more influence than ever. In recent days it was Nasrallah, not Hariri, publicly discussing how the Cabinet would be formed, reinforcing the perception that this process is proceeding on his terms.

For Iranian preeminence to be challenged, the international community must be more engaged than ever. Independent technocrats will proceed like lambs to the slaughter if they are abandoned to be coopted, blackmailed or threatened into acquiescing to Tehran's agenda. Likewise in Lebanon, we cannot delude ourselves that Hariri is someone the world can do business with, when he is effectively an isolated figurehead for a regime hostile to the country's national interests.

In Beirut and Baghdad, forming governments and appointing top figures are routinely delayed while Iran's allies veto progress

until they get the appointees they want. This makes for months of dysfunctional governance when life-and-death national issues are indefinitely put on hold. Yet while parliamentary politics remains gridlocked, Nasrallah retains a free hand to belligerently exacerbate tensions with neighbouring states, inching Lebanon closer to catastrophe.

Distancing insatiably corrupt factions from the tap of state spending simply encourages more imaginative scams to syphon off these funds through alternative sources of liquidity. Al Sadr's and Abdul Mahdi's aspirations for a technocratic national government are a seductively attractive vision, but will it be a smokescreen for sectarian paramilitaries grabbing more power and implementing their murderous agenda of sectarian cleansing across Iraq?

If the political system itself is diseased, then those acquiring governing positions ultimately become corrupted. Iraq and Lebanon need more than fresh faces to achieve a fundamental change of course away from the dysfunctional, sectarian and kleptocratic political models that have prevailed for decades. If aspirations for a democratic future are to be achieved, these states require effective institutions rooted in the rule of law, accountability, and an ethos of service on behalf of all citizens.

After long, tedious months of backroom deals, the eventual confirmation of these governments may be widely celebrated as a new dawn for Lebanon and Iraq. In reality, if these nominally democratic systems are genuinely to be rescued from corrupt, sectarian and militant forces backed by hostile states, this is just the beginning of a long and infinitely more complex and traumatic process.

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CIVILIAN'S TRIBUNE

Find solution to Rohingya crisis

Crimes against humanity and genocide against the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar by Rakhine Buddhist extremists, Burmese security and government forces are falling on a deaf ear of the world community.

In the past one year, more than 400,000 were displaced and their villages burned. The majority fled to neighbouring Bangladesh in dire need of food, shelter and medical care.

Thousands were trapped in forests and mountains as the military continues its attacks from the ground and the air.

The United Nations is impotent even to investigate these atrocities and to provide the Rohingyas with food and water.

The Rohingya refugee crisis is an issue involving Myanmar and other countries in the region and needs to be settled on an amicable basis.



Other countries can additionally extend financial and moral support. Offering the Rohingya refuge in neighbouring countries now seem to be a sensitive issue. As of now, all South Asian countries have serious concerns about migration and related issues.

We should understand that Rohingyas have been moving out of their countries due to economic, political and social reasons and in the name of humanity all countries should take immediate steps to address the issues faced by Rohingyas.

When the world economy collapsed ten years ago, there was a summit to address the issue. But when people are being killed or dying out of hunger, no summits are organised to find answers. This is nothing but the hypocrisy of global leaders.

Jaffar Sherif

1964

Jean-Paul Sartre is awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, but turns down the honor.



1964

Canada: A Multi-Party Parliamentary Committee selects the design which becomes the new official flag of Canada.

1966

The Supremes become the first all-female music group to attain a No. 1 selling album (**The Supremes A' Go-Go**).

1966

The Soviet Union launches **Luna 12**.

A train ride back to the old Israel

It takes four times as long as the new high-speed rail. I take it anyway



The historic Jerusalem-Tel Aviv line was laid in 1892.



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US-Bahrain partnership saving lives. Advanced medical devices in use @AMHBahrain, manufactured in the #US. In 2017, medical equipment was the 6th largest export category to #Bahrain at \$36M. Great to visit this institution during #DiscoverAmerica2018

@USAmbBahrain

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Regular weekend in Kashmir: young pregnant woman killed along with her unborn baby, 10 yr old boy killed, 5 civilians killed. My Facebook timeline has blood splattered all over it. If the Defence Minister tells you that they're doing a great job, they aren't. This isn't helping!

@Shehla_Rashid

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When will this WOMAN, @SenWarren say something like...? I am so sorry & regretful for lying to all of the Native American People & feeding off the American System to gain Political Power, I am so regretful & SO Sorry." (we're waiting)

@KristySwansonXO

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Does anyone have a political right to enter the temple of a deity they do not honor, have never sincerely worshipped and whose devotees they have maligned?

@davidfrawleyved



MATTI FRIEDMAN

Last month, the first section of a new high-speed rail line opened in Israel. When it's fully operational a few months from now, passengers will board fire-engine-red carriages in Tel Aviv and be whisked on electrified track over the country's longest bridge, then over its highest, and through the longest tunnel, and finally into a new station 260 feet under Jerusalem. The trip, about 35 miles, will take less than 30 minutes, making it, by a wide margin, the fastest way to get between the country's two most important cities.

The line, more than a decade and many delays in the making, is the new Israel. Or at least what Israel would like to be: a place that can look any Western country in the eye. The Israeli train of 2018 is shiny, fast and travels in a straight line.

But progress has its victims. And here it's the old country — a small, inefficient but compelling place that Israelis call the "good old land of Israel."

The old Israel is represented in this case by the main casualty of the new train: the historic Jerusalem-Tel Aviv line, which has been running on and off since 1892 and isn't likely to run much longer.

Like the old Israel, the old train is sporadically functional. It can take four times as long as the new service and twice as long as driving. It's so im-

practical for most commuters that even before the appearance of its flashy rival, it was nearly empty much of the time. But the old train has a modest cult following, of which I'm a proud member, and I'd hate to see it pass from the world without proper tribute.

I'm writing these lines in the first carriage of the 10:57 am from Jerusalem, winding down through the Sorek River Valley at the speed of a bicycle. In the winter months the landscape is as lush as Ireland, but now, at the end of a long summer, it's dry olive-green and limestone under a pale blue sky.

We pass near the homes of the Palestinian village Bittir, where an old man looks out from a stone terrace. Eucalyptus trees lean overhead, and at some of the sharper turns it feels like we might tip into the stream beside the track. After about 20 minutes without a sign of human habitation, the valley bottoms out, the train cuts through a rock quarry and a few miles of citrus orchards, and makes a few listless stops before the 21st century abruptly reappears in the form of skyscrapers, billboards and the energetic urban tumult of Tel Aviv.

"I ride the old train because it lets me see landscapes that haven't changed in thousands of years," Deborah Harris, a Jerusalem literary agent and another of the train's aficionados, told me. "It feels like traveling through space and time." The train is a commute, a nature excursion and time travel, all for \$5.60.

An early account of the train was written by Theodor Herzl, who rode it in 1898 from the port of Jaffa, adjacent to mod-

The new train will be able to move more than 3,000 people an hour each way, quickly and efficiently. Few of them will know what they're missing.

ern-day Tel Aviv. At the time, the train was the only one in this remote and impoverished corner of the Ottoman Empire. Herzl, a Vienna journalist who'd come part of the way east on the luxurious Orient Express, thought it was awful. "It took an hour merely to leave the Jaffa station," he wrote. "Sitting in the cramped, crowded, burning-hot compartment was pure torture." One day, Herzl thought, there would be a modern Jewish state here, and a wonderful network of electric rails. (The new train is, 120 years later, Israel's first electric line.)

The train's birth, six years before Herzl boarded, was the doing of a Jewish businessman from the old Sephardic community of Jerusalem, Joseph Effendi Navon, with the help of Swiss and French investors and the blessing of the sultan in Istanbul. The company laid just one track to save money, according to a history of the line by Anthony Travis of Hebrew University, and made it of narrow gauge to navigate the hills.

Jerusalem's residents were Jews, Muslims and Christians

who tended to be pious and poor. Many had never seen a train. When the first one arrived on August 27, 1892, an elderly Jewish woman at the station declared the smoking, clanking behemoth to be "possessed of the devil," a reporter noted, and a frightened group of Muslim kids nearby agreed.

One history describes the line's construction as "catch-penny and defective," but others were enthusiastic. "Like a dreamer I watched the high mountains, the hills, the valleys and the plains of grass that passed by me, engrossed in thoughts about the making of such a superior machine," an early passenger from Jerusalem wrote in one of the Hebrew newspapers. Of historical interest to early passengers was Bittir on its hillside by the tracks, thought to be the site of ancient Beitar, where a Jewish revolt against Rome led by Shimon Bar Kokhba ended in defeat in 135 B.C.

Hebrew was being revived just then as a language for daily use, and new words were required for things absent in the Bible, like trains. A teacher in Jerusalem suggested the word "katar" for "locomotive," from the word for "steam," and a Zionist leader came up with "raket" for "railroad." Both words are in common use today.

Problems on the line began immediately — foul-ups, flooding, near-bankruptcy and even sabotage by the Bittir villagers, some of whom seem to have been camel drivers or porters who feared that modernity was about to put them out of business, as indeed it was.

But the train steamed on, threading through this coun-

try's remarkable century. It survived World War I, when sappers blew up bridges to slow the British advance against the Turks, then ran through the three decades of the British Mandate. Two British guard posts from the 1930s still stand by the track. After the war around Israel's creation in 1948, the route became the cease-fire line between Israel and Jordan, the train running just inside Israeli territory. In 1967 the land on the other side of the track, the West Bank, including Bittir, came under Israeli control.

The train travelled through years of political turbulence, by the Jewish trees and the Arab trees and the trees that don't belong to anyone. In the manner of the old Israel, it seemed aware of the landscape, skirting hills instead of tunneling through them.

There were faster and easier ways to travel, and you were welcome to take those; the train wasn't for everyone. It arrived when it arrived.

The old train's fate hasn't been settled. There's a chance it could be maintained as a "tourist line," a railway spokesman told me, which would probably mean a few trains on weekends and holidays.

It won't make sense to run empty trains, and there seems little chance that regular service will continue.

The new train will be able to move more than 3,000 people an hour each way, quickly and efficiently. Few of them will know what they're missing.

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MIKE ORLOV

Motivating Your Employees

We are often asked how to get the best out of employees for the benefit of the enterprise. Without fail we always answer; treat others the way they want to be treated. This answer is almost always met with a certain level of incredulity: 'Really? Do we completely let go of our leanings and adapt to the environment as defined by those working for us? Have we time to act in such a democratic manner? They'll do as they're told.'

Clearly it is not possible, nor is it advisable, for us to completely suspend our own views and priorities but it is definitely worth listening to your people, amending how you act to fit with their needs if you want to create a platform to motivate them to deliver of their best. Just make sure you amend your approach in a controlled way; always within boundaries which are set by your explicitly outlined purpose and vision.

If getting the best out of your people and finding the right way to motivate them is a key aim of your leadership approach, then stop treating them as a homogeneous whole. Each 'human resource' is a separate and unique individual.

How you identify with each one and work with them, rather than against them, how you find ways to trigger their behavioural priorities, will define how you can get the best out of your employees.

Find what works for them to improve your relationship with each one of them. Then watch how they improve their relationships with suppliers, deliver more for customers, fight less often and actually cause greater problems for your competitors.

Accepting this sounds like good advice, albeit difficult for those of us who are supposed to suspend our beliefs and ways of operating in the hurly burly mess of running our enterprises; how do we go about it for best possible results?

I read recently about a company where individuals in the management team were encouraged to see themselves as doctors for their employees / patients. Questioned on whether they would prescribe the same drugs and treatment for each patient visiting their medical practice, the unanimous answer was of course not; each patient had to be judged on their individual symptoms before a diagnosis could be given and before any drugs or treatments were prescribed.

In a positive doctor/patient relationship, doctors diagnose what is wrong with a specific patient and prescribe an appropriate therapy; why not so with managers and employees. Unfortunately for most managers, trying out a new ideas and looking after employees on a one-to-one basis is so often seen as simply not an option; '...there is too much at stake and time is too short...'

In reality time is definitely short but in the workplace, as in medicine, no single prescription cures all ills. We need to take time with people. We need to explore what might be the best way to deal with individuals and the best way to organise resources to develop most appropriate capabilities for current circumstances. However for most leaders and managers trying out a new idea, attempts at a trial to see if it works and accepting error and failure is simply too risky; there is too much at stake for the enterprise and for their own career.

Relating to your employees on a one-on-one basis might take a little more time than issuing edicts to the masses, but it is a far superior way of operating. Through your leadership and management teams, encourage civility, recognition, appreciation and respect; treat all as individuals and use these three words often: 'please' and 'thank you'.

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Batelco launches 'MyClinic' app

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Batelco, a leading digital solutions provider, has announced the launch of 'MyClinic' application, a digital cloud-based solution for hospitals and clinics across the Kingdom.

The application, Batelco said, provides ability to use a calendar to manage patients'

appointments, patient management system, availability of medical and lab history, radiology and prescription management, billing and accounting, in addition to a fully customizable dashboard including medical reports.

The app, available through Batelco's internet services, is available for both Android and iOS devices.

Bahrain, China for greater trade ties

BCCI holds B2B meetings with a visiting Chinese delegation

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Bilateral trade relations between Bahrain and China received a shot in the arms yesterday with a high-level Chinese business delegation holding business-to-business (B2B) in the Kingdom.

The meeting held at Bait Al Tijjar was spearheaded by the Secretary-General of the China Chamber of International Commerce, Yu Jianlong.

Leading Chinese business owners from sectors including energy and renewable energy, manufacturing, petrochemicals, constructions and infrastructure, real-estate, textile, and medical services took part in the discussions.

Jianlong expressed keenness on invigorating investments, trade, and partnerships between



The meeting focused on ways to enhance bilateral trade ties

members of both business communities particularly in light of the Chinese "Belt and Road initiative" and the Bahraini "Economic Vision 2030" and the prospective business poten-

tials they create.

He also stressed the importance of exchanging business delegations and taking part in trade fairs and exhibitions.

Business-to-business meet-

ings between the Chinese business representatives and their Bahraini counterparts held at the event shed the spotlight on various investment and partnership opportunities in the Kingdom.

BCCI's first vice-chairman Khalid Najibi and second vice-chairman Mohammed Al Kooheji highlighted to the Chinese delegates the benefits of investing in the Kingdom and the importance of its strategic location as a gate to the GCC markets.

The meeting further underlined the vigorous level of trade between Bahrain and China and the potential to step-up trade and partnerships.

Earlier, upon on their arrival in the Kingdom, the delegates were welcomed by Najibi and Al Kooheji.



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr Abdullahsain Mirza during a photocall after a lecture on renewable energy and energy efficiency strategies for the Bahrain Institute of Public Administration (BIPA) Master of Public Administration students. BIPA Director general Dr Raed Shams and International Institute of Administrative Sciences President Professor Geert Bouchaert were present during the lecture held in the Kingdom of Bahrain at the University of Bahrain. Forty students from the programme attended.



Gulf Union Insurance & Reinsurance Co., employees during an appreciation awards function for the staffs of their Motor & Health TPA, GEMS. Vineet Kumar, CEO Gulf Union and Usama Tartir, Chairman GEMS participated.

Al Salam Bank opens its renovated Manama branch

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Al Salam Bank-Bahrain announced yesterday the official inauguration of its newly renovated Manama branch.

The opening ceremony was presided over by Fahad Yateem, Director of Islamic Financial Institutions Supervision at the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) along with Rafik Nayed, Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Al Salam Bank-Bahrain, Anwar Murad, First Deputy CEO of Al Salam Bank-Bahrain and senior officials from the CBB and Al Salam Bank-Bahrain.

Speaking at the inaugura-



Seen in the picture (in the center from right to left): Rafik Nayed, Group CEO of Al Salam Bank-Bahrain and Fahad Yateem, Director of Islamic Financial Institutions Supervision at the Central Bank of Bahrain during the official inauguration of Manama branch.

tion, Rafik Nayed - Group CEO of Al Salam Bank-Bahrain, stated: "The branch will offer enhanced banking services as well as iBANK self-service channels, a 24 hour ATM service and a full array of unique Shari'a-compliant products and services."

Mohammed Buhijji, Head of Retail Banking announced a 1-month promotion starting from 22 October till 20 November 2018 offering special financing rates, flexible tenures as well as exclusive Wakala account expected profit rates at Manama branch. The branch opens Sunday to Thursday from 8 am to 3:30 pm.

Germany urges global min tax for digital giants

Europe is trying to devise a strategy to tax profits from the likes of Google, Amazon, Facebook and Apple

AFP | Frankfurt am Main, Germany

German Finance Minister Olaf Scholz said in an interview for publication yesterday he backed a global minimum fiscal regime for multinationals as Europe looks to levy tax notably on US tech giants.

"We need a minimum tax rate valid globally which no state can get out of (applying)," Scholz, a social democrat in conservative Chancellor Angela Merkel's coalition government, told the "Welt am Sonntag" weekly.

Europe is trying to devise a strategy to tax profits from the likes of Google, Amazon, Facebook, Apple and digital platforms such as YouTube and Airbnb which currently manage to keep fiscal exposure to a bare minimum.

Digital platforms "aggravate a problem which we know well from globalisation and which we are trying to counter -- the shifting of profits to fiscally beneficial regions," said Scholz.

Scholz was last week nonetheless reported not to be convinced by a controversial EU proposal to slap a European tax on US tech giants amid worries it may turn out to be both ineffective and protectionist.



German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Finance Minister and Vice-Chancellor Olaf Scholz arrive for the weekly cabinet meeting at the Chancellery in Berlin

France for a year has rallied EU partners to draw up the tax which Paris says is necessary to ensure tech giants pay their way.

Scholz explained he had launched an initiative designed to help states react to so-called fiscal dumping in support of embryonic OECD plans designed to fight tax transparency and cross-border tax evasion.

"We require coordinated mechanisms which prevent the displacement of revenues to tax havens," said Scholz.

The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, has pro-

posed a European tax on "big tech" with substantial digital revenue in Europe, based on overall revenue in Europe and not just profits.

But lead opponent Ireland says a growing number of countries are grumbling about hidden problems with the tax, including that it could inadvertently snag European companies.

There is also concern as to what consequences might flow from such a plan at a time against the backdrop of a potential full-blown EU-US trade war. Berlin worries that crank-



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OLAF SCHOLZ

GERMAN FINANCE MINISTER

ing up the ante on trade with the United States by launching what Washington could see as an attack on Silicon Valley's corporate giants may threaten German auto exports.

Germany has already shown some opposition to a French plan to tax tech giants three percent of certain forms of revenue including advertising and sale of personal data.

French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said Thursday he will in the coming days urge EU members to commit to backing a tax.

A March proposal by the Commission includes introducing a tax as a bridge measure until such time as the OECD can roll out a measure which can be applied globally.

Karak Break!



MOHAMED ISA

When the fabulous fail!

I have been a longtime advocate for this fabulous airline. However, last summer, I had a few terrible customer experiences with it. First off, I experienced a few delays in my flights ranging from 30 to 45 minutes. As you can imagine, the problem of flight delays is compounded if you have connecting flights to your final destination. At times, I had to rush to complete the transfer procedures and to arrive at the departure gates. Travel should be a pleasant experience, not a terrifying race!

The saga did not end here for one flight, before shortly arriving in Zurich International Airport, the cabin crew informed me that our bags were not loaded to the aircraft and asked us to fill two forms to ship our bags to our hotel. They promised to deliver them on the same day at night. In the next morning, I checked with the hotel reception to see if they received the bags. Their reply: No. I checked again in the evening, yet they said: No. So, did this airline deliver on its promise? No. Did my frustration level build up? Of course!

I called the customer service center in Zurich a few times to follow up on the issue. But there was one particular long call that I will never forget. I started this call when I left the city of Interlaken and did not end it until I reached the town of Engelberg. It lasted for more than 90 minutes! The bottom-line, the agent told us: "You did not complete one form, and that's why we cannot ship your bags to the hotel."

Upon hearing this, I launched my tirade: Tell me if I got this wrong about your airline's mistakes. First, we encountered a delay in Bahrain. This delay made us rush to the departure gate. Second, you did not load our bags into the aircraft. This is your operations department's mistake. Third, you gave us a very late notice about the delayed bags. That made us fill the forms in a rushed manner. Fourthly, I suppose that your cabin crew is professionally trained, why she didn't check the forms for completeness. Finally, how can you blame me for your mistakes?

The agent did not say anything for a few seconds. And then, he continued bringing up different excuses on why he cannot help us in any way except to force to go back to the airport. I proposed two solutions for him, and he obtained the required approvals. Ultimately, our bags arrived three days late. There are more things to this story, but I will end it with this takeaway:

To be fabulous with your customers, follow through and fulfill your promises. But keep in mind, you must be consistent day in and day out because even the fabulous can fail.

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Jassim Abdulaal, the Managing Partner of Grant Thornton Abdulaal and Senior Partner, Jatin Karia along with their VAT Leader, Suresh Nandlal Rohira hosting a session on "Journey to VAT". The discussion unfolded the level of preparedness businesses need in the next 12 weeks to be 'VAT Ready'. A panel discussion on the occasion was led by industry stalwarts Redha Faraj, Founder & CEO of Al Faraj Consulting, Jamal Al-Hazeem, Chairman of Jeem Holdings, Zeeba Askar, Investment Director at Ithmaar Development Company, Mohamed Abdulaal, Founder & CEO of All Food for Food Stuff and Alok Gupta, CEO of Y K Almoayyed & Sons.

Four Seasons to host Spago restaurant pop-up

● True taste of Beverly Hills to Manama

TDT | Manama

Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay said it is launching a pop-up version of celebrity Chef Wolfgang Puck's legendary Spago restaurant at Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay.

The one-off event will bring a true taste of Beverly Hills to Manama and offers an opportunity to sample specially crafted tasting menus from the kitchen of one of the world's most glamorous restaurants.

The two-day event at Four Seasons will transform the Hotel's CUT by Wolfgang Puck steakhouse into a faithful representation of this iconic eatery from 8 to 9 of November.

Each and every detail of the Spago experience will be authentically recreated, from the cocktail list to the staff uniforms and - most excitingly - the two Michelin-starred cuisine by Chef Tetsu Yahigi, who will be flying in from the States to cook up a storm in the kitchen alongside Brian Becher - Executive Chef, Wolfgang Puck restaurants at Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay.

KPMG's regional partners' conference

TDT | Manama

Partners from KPMG member firms across the Middle East and South Asia (MESA) region, as well as members of KPMG's Global and Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMA) leadership teams, will come together in Bahrain on November 7 and 8 for the 17th KPMG MESA Partners' Conference.

The KPMG member firm

in Bahrain was selected to host the conference this year as the firm celebrates its' 50 years anniversary in Bahrain.

Attendees for the two-day event include Bill Thomas, KPMG's Global Chairman; Sikander Sattar, KPMG's Europe, Middle East & Africa Chairman; and Reyaz Mihular, KPMG's Middle East & South Asia Chairman.

GIB names new board

TDT | Manama

Gulf International Bank (GIB) yesterday named new Board of Directors for the period from 26 August 2018 to 25 August 2021.

The new board will be headed by Dr Abdullah bin Hassan Alabdulgader, who also continues in his role as Chairman.

New board members are Abdulla bin Mohammed Al Zamil, CEO of Al Zamil Group, Abdulaziz bin Abdulrahman

Al-Helaissi, CEO, GIB, Sultan bin Abdul Malek Al-Sheikh, Vice President, Public Investment Fund (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), Bander bin Abdulrahman bin Mogren, COO, Public Investment Fund (Saudi Arabia), Dr Najem bin Abdullah AlZaid, Founding Partner of ZS&R Law Firm in association with Hogan Lovells (Saudi), Rajeev Kakar, Founder and former Managing Director, Dunia Finance (UAE) and Frank Schwab, Co-founder of Fin-TechForum.de (Germany).

The board also appointed Abdulla bin Mohammed Al Zamil as Vice Chairman.



Long service employees of the Bahrain Bourse & Bahrain Clear during an award ceremony held at the Bourse's premises where awards were presented to 16 employees. Employees who had completed five, ten, fifteen and twenty years of service were recognised for their achievements and years of dedication.

'Sure' scores high in CICRA Survey

TDT | Manama

Batelco Group's 'Sure' subsidiary (Channel Islands & Isle of Man) has shined in the 2018 'Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities' (CICRA) telecoms customer satisfaction survey.

The Sure Group, Batelco said, was ranked as 'the best mobile operator for overall satisfaction' and 'the most recommended operator in the Channel Islands'.

Ihab Hannawi, Group Chief Executive at Batelco Group, commented, "We are proud of Sure Group's accomplishments in CICRA's 2018 customer satisfaction survey and their



Ihab Hannawi

year-on-year progress."

CICRA's annual telecom survey rates different operators against a holistic set of categories including quality of service, reliability, value for money and customer service.

Sustainable operations are key to future: Alba

TDT | Manama

Sustainable operations are key to the future, said Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) CEO while warning that the aluminium industry "continues to face many headwinds".

Tim Murray was commenting during a series of awareness sessions kick-started by the company to improve operational efficiency and productivity for value-creation and sustainable operations.

The series titled 'Titan -



Alba CEO - Tim Murray

Phase III: The Phase of Urgency & Extreme Ownership' Campaign was launched on 08 October 2018.

"Through Project Titan - Phase III, we seek to adopt extreme measures to improve our operational efficiency all the while being prepared to seize the right opportunities in the future," said Murray highlighting the impact of higher Alumina prices coupled with fluctuating LME prices.

Running for a month, the sessions are being held for Aluminium Bahrain employees

across the plant by members of Alba's Operational Excellence Department.

The event also featured Question & Answer sessions and open discussions on various subjects in order to streamline Alba's cost structure.

Alba had launched the Phase III of its company-wide, cost reduction programme Project Titan with an aim to reduce cash-cost by US\$ 60 per metric tonne of aluminium and step-up its production capacity to 1,000,000 metric tonnes per annum by end of 2018.

BFB announces new Global FinTech centre

TDT | Manama

Bahrain FinTech Bay (BFB) has announced the launch of a Global Islamic & Sustainable FinTech Center (GISFC) with local, regional and international members.

GISFC, BFB said, aims to help accelerate the use of FinTech to drive the next phase of growth in Islamic finance, whilst also focusing on sustainable, social and responsible innovation.

Dr Ali Adnan Ibrahim has been appointed as Chairman of GISFC. He is the Head of Sustainability & Social Responsibility at the Al Baraka Banking Group in Bahrain and is also a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader, and leads the Social Credits Initiative and is Chair of the Sustainable Development Committee of the



Dr Ali Adnan Ibrahim

Bahrain Association of Banks. On this occasion, Khalid Saad, CEO of Bahrain FinTech Bay said, "Through the launch of GISFC, we aim to bring to-



Khalid Saad

gether key stakeholders in the industry to help shed light on how FinTech can help attain such growth in a sustainable and responsible manner."



INJAZ Bahrain, in collaboration with Brinc Batelco, conducted an Innovation Camp workshop for the company's programme students. Over 200 students participated in the three-day workshop held from October 16 to 18 at Brinc Batelco. The workshop primarily aimed to teach, lead and inspire Bahraini youth towards building a good understanding of self-employment, with the first-hand experience of the spirit of entrepreneurship, and using critical and creative thinking for generating innovative product ideas.



Arain Foundation arranged a dinner in honour of Arain Families in Bahrain. Above, participants during a group photo session



Officials of Global Star Est & Uni Fruity general trading during Bahrain Hospitality & Restaurant Expo 2018. Above, branch managers of Bahrain, Dubai, Saudi Arabia introducing their product during the Expo

Brazil, Chile in free trade

Reuters | Sao Paulo

Brazil and Chile concluded yesterday negotiations for a free trade agreement that could be signed by the end of the year, the Brazilian government said in a statement late on Saturday.

Under the agreed terms, Brazil and Chile will not charge

international roaming fees for mobile calls and data in each other's countries, it said.

The agreement included topics such as online retail, environment, labor and anti-corruption measures.

Last year, the two had trade worth \$8.5 billion.

Negotiations began in April 2017

Hyderabad terminal

IANIS | Hyderabad

The Interim International Departure Terminal at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport here will be made operational tomorrow.

According to GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL), the airport operator, all international departure flights will operate from this terminal with effect from 10:30 a.m. on October 23.

Economic zone at Riyadh

Reuters | Dubai

Saudi Arabia announced the Establishment of a special economic zone to draw more foreign investment, state news agency SPA reported yesterday.

The zone, which will be lo-

cated in King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh, will focus on integrated logistics and enjoy special rules and regulations aiming at attracting more multinational companies to the Kingdom, SPA said.

show

No more 'bad blood' between Swift, Perry

IAN S | Los Angeles

Singer Katy Perry has praised Taylor Swift, with whom she had a long-running feud, for voicing her political opinion.

While attending the amfAR Gala here, Perry -- who was honoured with a Courage Award at the event -- proved they had buried the hatchet.

"She's setting a great example," Perry, 33, told Variety of why she supported Swift's decision to voice her political opinion.

Earlier this month, "he Look What You Made Me Do" singer, 28, broke her silence on politics to endorse two Democratic candidates running in Tennessee mid-term elections.

"I'm writing this post about the upcoming mid-term elections on November 6, in which I'll be voting in the state of Tennessee," Swift began her lengthy message alongside a subdued Polaroid of herself.

"In the last I've been re-



Katy Perry (L) and Taylor Swift

Swift and Perry's relationship has been on a rollercoaster of sorts over the last few years. Perry began to smooth things out when she sent Swift an olive branch and a letter in May before the start of Swift's Reputation tour

luctant to publicly voice my political opinions, but due to several events in my life and in the world in the past two years, I feel very differently about that now. I always have and always will cast my vote based on which candidate will protect and fight for the human rights I believe we all deserve in this country."

"I believe in the fight for LGBTQ rights, and that any

form of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender is wrong. I believe that the systemic racism we still see in this country towards people of colour is terrifying, sickening and prevalent," Swift added.

Perry was one of many A-list Instagram users to "like" Swift's post, which suggested the pop stars were still on good terms.

Zayn Malik posts shirtless snap

IAN S | Los Angeles

Singer Zayn Malik sent his Instagram fans into a tizzy with an intimate shirtless photograph of himself.

The One Direction superstar, who has come up with new single "Fingers", logged into the official Zayn Instagram account to share a racy topless snap, reported dailystar.co.uk.

Shot with his trademark black and white filter, Malik showed off his extensive collection of body art as he posed for a mirror picture. He didn't caption the post.

Letting the picture do the talking, Zayn failed to caption the post. Fans swooned over the photograph, which garnered over 2 million likes in less than 12 hours.

"Holy Zesus," one support-



Zayn Malik

2m

Zayn Malik's shirtless snap garnered over 2 million likes in less than 12 hours

er praised, while another added: "God kill me now." "Zayn you're so so beautiful," wrote another fan.

Malik is currently working on his second solo album.

The record, which had been tipped to be released this year, will be his first since 2016 offering "Mind Of Mine".

FIRST MAN

(PG-13) (DRAMA/BIOGRAPHY) NEW

⊕ RYAN GOSLING, CLAIRE FOY, JASON CLARKE

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT (IMAX 3D): 3.00 + 8.30 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM + (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

SAAR DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 5.15 + (11.00 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM

GOOSEBUMPS 2: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN

(PG-13) (ADVENTURE/COMEDY/FANTASY) NEW

⊕ CHRIS PARNELL, KEN JEONG, WENDI MCLENDON-CONVEY

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 PM + 12.00 MN

SAAR DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 3.30 + 7.30 + (11.30 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 PM

MASRYCANY (KIDBA BYDA)

(PG-15) (ARABIC/COMEDY/ROMANTIC) NEW

⊕ SAMMY SHEIK, NAHED ELSEBAI, MOHAMED

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 PM + 12.00 MN

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 6.00 + (11.15 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00 PM

NAMASTE ENGLAND

(PG-15) (HINDI/ROMANTIC/DRAMA) NEW

⊕ SHREYA MEHTA, ARJUN KAPOOR, PARINEETI

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + 12.00 MN

SAAR DAILY AT: 3.00 + 8.15 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 3.00 + 8.15 PM

THE OLD MAN & THE GUN

(PG-13) (CRIME/COMEDY/DRAMA) NEW

⊕ ROBERT REDFORD, CASEY AFFLECK, SISSY

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 1.30 + 5.30 + 9.30 PM

AL KOUWAYESEEN

(PG-15) (ARABIC/COMEDY) NEW

⊕ AHMAD FAHMY, HUSSEIN FAHMY, SHEREIN

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 1.30 + 6.30 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

BADHAAI HO

(PG-15) (HINDI/COMEDY/DRAMA/ROMANTIC)

⊕ SANYA MALHOTRA, AYUSHMANN KHURRANA

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.00 + 4.30 + 9.00 PM

LEGEND OF A RABBIT - THE MATERIAL OF FIRE

(PG) (ANIMATION/ACTION/ADVENTURE) NEW

⊕ YUNWEI HE, LEI HUANG, ZISHAN YANG

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.15 + 4.15 PM

VENOM

(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE)

⊕ TOM HARDY, MICHELLE WILLIAMS

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT (IMAX 3D): 12.30 + 6.00 + 11.30 PM

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT (ATMOS): 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 PM + 12.00 MN

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT VIP (I): 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM + (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

SAAR DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 PM + (11.30 PM THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM

JOHNNY ENGLISH STRIKES AGAIN

(PG) (COMEDY/ACTION/ADVENTURE)

⊕ ROWAN ATKINSON, OLGA KURYLENKO, EMMA

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 12.00 + 1.00 + 2.00 + 3.00 + 4.00 + 5.00 + 6.00 + 7.00 + 8.00 + 9.00 + 10.00 + 11.00 PM + 12.00 MN + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT (VIP II): 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM

NIGHT SCHOOL

(PG-15) (COMEDY)

⊕ KEVIN HART, TIFFANY HADDISH, ROB RIGGLE

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 4.30 + 9.15 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 6.00 + 11.15 PM

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 6.00 PM + (12.00 MN THURS/FRI)

SMALL FOOT

(PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)

⊕ CHANNING TATUM, JAMES CORDEN, ZENDAYA

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 PM

A STAR IS BORN

(15+) (DRAMA/ROMANTIC/MUSICAL) NEW

⊕ LADY GAGA, BRADLEY COOPER, SAM ELLIOTT

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 2.30 + 8.15 PM

EL BADLAH

(PG-13) (ARABIC/COMEDY)

⊕ TAMER HOSNY, AKRAM HOSNI, MAJED EL MASRY, AMINA

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM

AL DIESEL

(PG-15) (ARABIC/ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME)

⊕ MOHAMMED RAMADAN, YASMINE SABRI,

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 4.00 + 9.00 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM

THE MEG

(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)

⊕ JASON STATHAM, RUBY ROSE, BINGBING LI

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 2.45 + 7.15 + 11.45 PM

THE EQUALIZER - 2

(15+) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER)

* DENZEL WASHINGTON, PEDRO PASCAL, ASHTON SANDERS

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 1.45 + 6.30 + 11.15 PM

THE NUN

(18+) (HORROR/THRILLER)

⊕ TAISSA FARMIGA, DEMIAN BICHER, BONNIE

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 2.30 + 7.00 + 11.30 PM

THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN IT'S WALLS

(PG-13) (COMEDY/FANTASY/THRILLER)

⊕ CATE BLANCHETT, JACK BLACK

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 4.15 + 9.00 PM

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE FALLOUT

(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME)

⊕ TOM CRUISE, HENRY CAVILL, VING RHAMES

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 5.45 + 8.45 + 11.45 PM

PEPPERMINT

(PG-15) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER/DRAMA)

⊕ JENNIFER GARNER, RICHARD CABRAL, JOHN GALLAGHER

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 5.15 + 9.45 PM

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER

(PG) (ANIMATION/COMEDY/DRAMA)

⊕ ADAM SANDLER, ANDY SAMBERG

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 PM

ACCIDENT

(18+) (THRILLER) NEW

⊕ STEPHANIE SCHILDKNECHT, ROXANE

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 PM

HELLO GURU PREMA KOSAME

(PG-15) (TELUGU) NEW

* RAM POTHINENI, ANUPAMA PARA

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 1.15 + 4.00 PM

BADHAAI HO

(PG-15) (HINDI/COMEDY/DRAMA/ROMANTIC)

⊕ SANYA MALHOTRA, AYUSHMANN KHURRANA,

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 2.00 + 6.45 + 11.30 PM

SANDAKOZHI 2

(PG-15) (TAMIL) NEW

⊕ VISHAL, KEERTHY SURESH, VARALAXMI

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + 12.00 MN

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 3.00 + 9.00 PM

VADACHENNAI

(PG-15) (TAMIL) NEW

⊕ DHANUSH, AISHWARYA RAJESH, ANDREA

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 2.00 + 5.15 + 8.30 + 11.45 PM

KAYAKULAM KOCHUNNI

(PG-15) (MALAYALAM)

⊕ NIVIN PAULY, MOHANLAL, PRIYA ANAND,

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 12.00 NOON

ARAVINDHA SAMETHA

(PG-15) (TELUGU)

⊕ N.T.R. JR., POOJA HEDGE, SUNIL, JAGAPATHI

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM

ANDHADUN

(PG-15) (HINDI/CRIME/COMEDY)

⊕ TABU, AYUSHMANN KHURRANA

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 12.30 + 6.15 PM + 12.00 MN

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(PG-15) (TAMIL)

⊕ VIJAY SETHUPATHI, TRISHA KRISHNANA,

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 3.15 + 9.00 PM

Loretta Lynn resting at home after hospital stay

IAN S | Los Angeles

A record label spokesperson for singer Loretta Lynn has issued a statement on her behalf, in which the country star says she had "a brief hospital visit" but is now "enjoying a weekend of rest at home".

Lynn's representative also said: "Please note, Michael Lynn is not a known relative and does not speak on behalf of Loretta Lynn or her family."

A social media account claiming to belong to a relative named Michael Lynn had set off alarms about Loretta Lynn's health condition on Saturday.

Dern returns home from hospital

IAN S | Los Angeles

Actor Bruce Dern is out of the hospital, in no pain, and eager to get back to work, according to his publicist, Lee Wallman.

Earlier reports had Dern hiking in Runyon Canyon, but the accident that briefly hospitalised him turned out to be

borne of jogging. Dern was described as being in "incredibly good spirits" and anxious to get back to work.

On Saturday, the actor was hospitalised after he suffered a possible fractured hip.

The 82-year-old was jogging at Silverlake Reservoir.

The film will be released July 26, 2019, by Sony Pictures.

TENDER NOTICE

The Embassy of India, Bahrain invites bids/quotations for Annual Maintenance Contract for garden at its Chancery cum residential complex For details please check the tenders page of the Embassy's website at <http://eoi.gov.in/bahrain> or send email to hoc.bahrain@mea.gov.in

SPORTS

Marathon man Isner backs Wimbledon rule-change

AFP | London

John Isner has backed the change to Wimbledon's rules which will see the final set decided by a tie-break when the game score reached 12-12.

The 33-year-old American was involved in the longest match in professional tennis history when he eventually overcame Nicolas Mahut 70-68 in the final set of an 11-hour clash during the 2010 Championships.

"I've been on record saying 12-all is good and my views haven't changed," Isner, also involved in the second-longest Grand Slam match in this year's Wimbledon semi-final when he lost the deciding set 26-24 to Kevin Anderson, told BBC Radio Five's Sportsworld programme, "Wimbledon this year was definitely the impetus for it with the schedule messing up the men's semis and women's final. "It is bucking tradition but I think a lot of people believe that is not a bad thing."

Traditionally, singles matches in Grand Slam tennis tournaments -- the best of five sets for



John Isner of US returns the ball to Latvia's Ernests Gulbis during their semi-final at the ATP Stockholm Open

men, three for women -- were won when a player had six games to their credit but also led their opponent by at least two clear games -- 6-4 or 8-6 for example.

In 1969, the then 41-year-old Pancho Gonzales beat Charlie Pasarell 22-24, 1-6, 16-14, 6-3, 11-9 in a singles match at Wimbledon.

Tie-breaks were first introduced at Wimbledon in the early 1970s and in 1979 officials settled on the current system where they would decide a set once it had reached six games all, except in the final set, which would still be played to advantage -- winning by two clear games.

The US Open already has a

fifth set tie-breaker in place for singles matches and Isner believes Wimbledon's move to amend its rules may encourage the Australian and French Opens -- tennis's other Grand Slam events -- to follow suit.

"Maybe Wimbledon acting like this could drive them to do it as well," he said. "They could call it the Isner rule."

Shopping malls install athletes' figures

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Enma in Riffa and Moda Mall of Sheraton Hotel in Manama has paid tribute to sports heroes by installing their figures on display at their premises.

The figures, which include horse saddle to refer to Royal endurance team captain Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad's winning the 2015 Windsor Horse Ride, in addition to a wheel chair athlete figure that represent 2016 Paralympic Games gold medalist Fatma Safar, were prepared by BOC to celebrate the achievements of Bahrain's athletes in different sports over the past years.

Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant secretary general and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) secretary general Abdulrahman Askar thanked the malls for their gesture.

"The Bahrain Olympic Com-

mittee has been keen to support youth and sports, and to promote the achievements of its athletic heroes to further boost the Kingdom of Bahrain reputation on the world sports map," said Askar.

"Therefore, we decided to create these figures as a sign of appreciation for the efforts and services of the Bahrain players in their respective sports, and put them in a number of leading shopping malls in different parts in Bahrain to acknowledge Citizens and expats alike on our sports champions".

Askar extended his gratitude and appreciation to the management of both malls for their cooperation in displaying these figures, which reflects their loyalty and keenness to establish positive partnership with various institutions of the society, especially in the field of youth and sports, contribute to sports movement and support the Bahraini athletes in different disciplines.

MMA fighter from USA signs with Brave CF

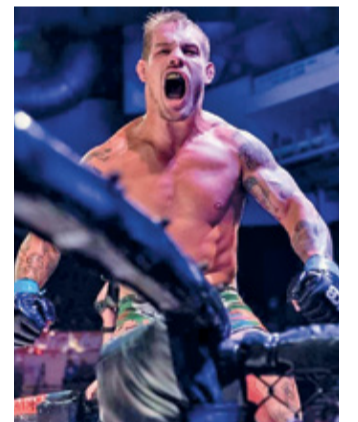
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Adam "Prime Time" Townsend had signed his contract with Brave Combat Federation. Having an undefeated amateur career of 8 wins, Townsend has a professional record of nineteen wins and five losses.

Ten out of his nineteen wins came by way of submissions and Adam had never lost a fight to knockout or submission in his career.

Townsend is expected to compete in the edition of Brave Combat Federation set to be hosted in South Africa.

Training at D-Evil MMA in USA, he will be joining the



Adam Townsend

rapidly expanding lightweight division of Brave Combat Federation.

Bassali Tigers deny Tornado

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Bassali Tigers defeated Tornado A by four runs in BCA Division C Match.

Tornado won the toss and elected to bowl first. Tigers opener Numair scored a brilliant 75 runs which helped his team to reach decent total of 150 at the end of 20 overs.

Tigers' Hamza contributed 23 runs while Vinu took 2 wickets for Tornado A.

Chasing the target Tornado started well with Gigin scoring 54 runs. Nithin scored 38 that helped them to get a steady start but Tigers' bowler's tidy overs pulled the game toward them. At the end of 20 overs Tornado managed to score 146 and Bassali Tigers won the match by 4 runs.

Score:

Bassali Tigers 150/6 in 20

overs (Numair 75, Hmaza 23, Vinu 2/21) beat Tornado A 146/3 in 20 overs (Gigin 54, Nithin 38, Athul 28) by 4 runs

Other Scores

Mudabar 151/8 (Faisal 50, Ehtisham 24, Zoab 3/23) beat Patrick York 117/9 (Nouman 22, Waqas 3/19) by 34 runs

New India Assurance Kerala XI 102/7 in 18 overs (Rajeev 33, Ratan 3/13) beat bnl Titans 100/8 (Jishad 33, Rajeev 2/14) by 3 wickets

Central Café 142/8 (Ganesh 31, Prashob 2/16) beat Falcon CC 126/10 (Baskar 24, Sachin 5/10) by 16 runs

G4S Legends 131/5 (Shaji 41, Vijesh 32, Risat 2/180) beat Pak Panthers 98/8 (Bilal 25, Vijeth 3/15, Sumesh 3/14) by 33 runs

Azeem CC 150/6 in 20 overs (Jamil 57, Zain 23, Waqas 2/24) beat Shahzad Zafar 134/9 (Asitha 41, Naeem 3/23, Zeeshan

2/36) by 16 runs

ACL Red Mountain 140/7 (Farhan 48, Parvaz 25, Balaji 2/15) beat NDC Bahrain 104/10 (Siva 17, Naeem 2/9, Waqas 2/12) by 36 runs

BCA Division B Match

Srilankan Club 123/3 in 14.2 overs (Suren 43, Fahad 29, Suneer 3/15) beat Shifa Al Jazeera Tornado 119/8 (Suneer 23, SKASUN 2/24) by 7 wickets.

National Guard 150/7 (Abbas 42, Riaz 2/16) beat Liaison Combine 93/10 (Farakh 19, Adnan 4/13) by 57 runs

Strikers 140/6 in 19 overs (Karan 36, Satya 30, Naresh 2/15) beat Indian Rising Star 139/9 (Arun 29, Karan 3/20, Joby 3/21) by 4 wickets

Young Challengers 144/5 in 19.1 overs (Safeer 36, Anli 23, Yousaf 2/21) beat Climax Zalmi 140/10 (Faisal 51, Sufyan 3/18, Zarshad 2/22) by 5 wickets

Moscon wins Guangxi race

AFP | Shanghai, China

Italy's Gianni Moscon of Team Sky won the Tour of Guangxi yesterday after Dutchman Fabio Jakobsen triumphed in the sixth and final stage in a bunch sprint.

The 24-year-old Moscon, who was thrown out of the Tour de France in July after an altercation with a fellow racer, had been the favourite for victory in China.

Moscon topped the general classification standings in the final stop on the 2018 UCI World Tour with a time of 20hr 39min 56sec.

Second was Austria's Felix Grossschartner of Bora-Hansgrohe, nine seconds behind, and a further five seconds adrift in third was Russia's Sergei Chernetzki of the Astana team.

Home hope Khachanov wins Kremlin Cup

AFP | Moscow

Third seeded wildcard Karen Khachanov of Russia beat Frenchman Adrian Mannarino in straight sets yesterday to secure his second ATP title of the season at the Kremlin Cup in Moscow.

Khachanov became the first home player to lift the trophy since Mikhail Youzhny in 2009 while Mannarino was losing his sixth ATP final.

Khachanov, ranked 26th in the world, prevailed 6-2, 6-2, in 54 minutes to record his third win over the

30-year-old left-hander Mannarino in as many meetings.

"At first I'd like to congratulate Adrian with the final," Khachanov said at the award ceremony. "Sorry that it ended this way."

"When I was a kid and came to this arena to watch our top players, to ask them for autographs I always dreamt of winning this tournament. Now this day has finally come."

Khachanov was in command from the start breaking early for a 3-1 lead.

Mannarino, ranked 49th, tried to level but Khachanov broke again to take the opening set in 24

minutes.

In the second set the Russian 22-year-old underlined his supremacy on the hard court of Moscow's Olympic indoor arena as he made inroads on his rival's service twice again to wrap up the victory and claim his third career title.

"I'm sorry that show wasn't the best one but he (Khachanov) was too good for me and I failed to find the right solutions on court today," Mannarino said.

"I had a great week here in Moscow and I hope to come back next year."

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Marquez romps to fifth MotoGP title

AFP | Motegi, Japan

Honda's Marc Marquez stormed to a nail-biting victory in Japan yesterday to capture his third straight MotoGP world championship as Ducati rival Andrea Dovizioso crashed out.

The Spanish sensation has now won five championships in motorcycling's premier class, putting him level with Australian legend Mick Doohan.

Marquez, still just 25, trails only the Italian pair of Valentino Rossi, who won the last of his seven championships in 2009, and Giacomo Agostini, whose record eighth came in 1975, in the all-time list.

"I feel really, really good," whooped Marquez after Dovizioso's late spill confirmed his eighth victory of the season.

"I already imagined that it will be (decided) here but the important thing is that when you have the first chance, you do it.

"It wasn't the best circuit to do it but I worked hard all weekend," added Marquez.

"I was able to follow Andrea and decided to attack before

the last lap. I was pushing really hard, so he made a mistake -- I'm disappointed because he deserves to be on the podium with us."

Marquez started from sixth on the grid at Motegi but quickly knifed through the field and was third by the end of the first lap.

He flirted with disaster on lap 14, however, after overtaking Dovizioso at turn nine before running wide at the next corner and spitting up dirt and dust as he battled to control a violent wobble.

That heart-in-mouth moment allowed Dovizioso to retake the lead, but Marquez continued to swarm all over the Italian, finally slashing past him with a daredevil move on lap 21 of 24.

Dovizioso, who needed to complete a pole to flag victory to keep alive his fading championship hopes, crashed out on the penultimate lap in a desperate last push, ending this year's title race.

Dance with caution

Marquez was mobbed by his team mechanics after crossing the line to seal his coronation



Repsol Honda Team Spanish rider Marc Marquez crosses the finish line copy

with three races left.

"The big boss will enjoy this," smiled Marquez after wrapping up the title at Honda's home race, before rejoining the party at his team garage he revealed afterwards had left him nursing a sore shoulder.

"The shoulder just popped

out. Luckily with the adrenalin it doesn't hurt, but I'll need to be careful not to overdo it on the dancefloor tonight!"

Fellow Honda rider Cal Crutchlow finished runner-up after Dovizioso's fall with Alex Rins (Suzuki) edging out Rossi (Yamaha) to round out the podium.

Marquez has now won seven world titles in total after also winning the 125cc championship in 2010 and the Moto2 crown in 2012.

"It's something that will go into the history books," he said. "To have won seven at 25-years-old is an indescribable feeling that fills me with great pride."

Meanwhile, three-time world champion Jorge Lorenzo will miss next weekend's Australian race after sitting out the Japanese round with injury.

Ducati said the Spaniard, who fractured his wrist at the previous race in Thailand, will aim to return at the penultimate weekend in Malaysia at the start of November.

Lorenzo paid tribute to Marquez, who he will join at Honda next year.

Nabil, Lea storm into last eight at ITF Juniors

TDI | Manama

Top qualifiers Youssef Nabil and Lea Rebreyend were among eight players who booked their seats yesterday for their respective Singles Main Draws in the 10th Bahrain ITF Juniors Championships 2018, being played at Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC).

Nabil, from Egypt, led Zubin Omar from Bangladesh, Alexandre Ver Hulst from France and Oliver Richards from Great Britain into the Boys' Singles Main Draw following wins in their final round of qualifying this evening.

Lea, meanwhile, from France, was joined by Andra Izabella Sirbu of Romania and Riya Matharoo and Saniya Asand, both from India, as the four qualifiers who made it into the Girls' Singles Main Draw.

Action in both singles competitions is scheduled to begin today from 9am in the morning all the way through to the evening, making for a packed programme of 28 matches in all. The official opening formalities will also be held at 5pm as part of the afternoon's sessions. All are welcome to attend and cheer for their favourite players in their matches.

Tonight, a Welcome Party for all those participating in the championships has been scheduled at Wyndham Garden Hotel in Juffair from 7.30pm onwards. All players attending the event will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win valuable prizes at the end of the gathering.

The 10th Bahrain ITF Juniors Champi-



Saniya Masand of India in action

onships 2018 is being held under the patronage of Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa. It is supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs (MYS) and is sponsored by Bapco and E K Kanoo.

MYS Director of Clubs Affairs Tareq Al Arabi visited BTC yesterday and gave two thumbs up for all the work done by the club in hosting the championships to the highest of international standards. Al Arabi spoke with some of the players and their parents about the competition, and was delighted to receive only positive feedback regarding all aspects of the organisation. He was received on his visit by BTC Club Manager

RESULTS

Boys' Qualifiers

Youssef Nabil (EGY) bt Archie Graham (GBR) 6-3, 6-3
Zubin Omar (BAN) bt Deepak Vayara (IND) 6-0, 6-2
Alexandre Ver Hulst (FRA) bt Harold Huens (BEL) 6-1, 6-0
Oliver Richards (GBR) bt Siddharth Jadli (IND) 6-0, 6-1

Girls' Qualifiers

Andra Izabella Sirbu (ROU) bt Zaara Omar (USA) 6-2, 6-3
Lea Rebreyend (FRA) bt Sophie De Boer (BRN) 6-1, 6-0
Riya Matharoo (IND) bt Lia Mosimann (SUI) 6-3, 7-6 (3)
Saniya Masand (IND) bt Maryam Isa (BRN) 6-1, 6-0

Hamdi Abduljawad and BTC Administration Manager Khalid Ghuloom.

In the boys' qualifiers yesterday, Nabil had a hard-earned 6-3, 6-3 win over Archie Graham from Great Britain. The result put him through to the competition proper. Omar followed suit with a 6-0, 6-2 victory against Deepak Vayara of India.

Ver Hulst beat Harold Huens of Belgium 6-1, 6-1 to join the boys moving forward, while Richards got the better of Siddharth Jadli of India 6-0, 6-1.

In the girls' qualifiers, Lea managed to claim a fine 6-1, 6-0 win against Sophie De Boer of Bahrain. Also victorious was Andra, who defeated Zaara Omar of the US 6-2, 6-3.

Indians Riya and Saniya had contrasting victories to book their berths in the Main Round. Riya overcame a tough challenge from Lia Mosimann from Switzerland 6-3, 7-6 (3), while Saniya beat Bahrain's other qualifying hopeful, Maryam Isa, 6-1, 6-0.

Tavernier at the double as Rangers cure travel sickness

AFP | Glasgow, United Kingdom

James Tavernier converted two penalties amid a late flurry of goals as Rangers won 4-1 at Hamilton yesterday to give manager Steven Gerrard his first away victory in the Scottish Premiership.

The Glasgow giants had not won on road in league since February and more away-day frustration beckoned when Ham-

ilton's Steven Boyd made it 1-1 with 10 minutes to go, after Ryan Kent had put Rangers ahead.

But Tavernier scored twice from the spot, Accies defender Alex Penny conceding both penalties, before Alfredo Morelos made it 4-1 deep into stoppage time. Victory lifted Rangers to fifth place, five points behind leaders Hearts.

For much of yesterday's match they were holding onto

a 1-0 lead secured four minutes before half-time. Lassana Coulibaly intercepted a Ziggy Gordon pass and played the ball to Morelos, with the Colombian in turn releasing Kent, who clipped a shot over Hamilton goalkeeper Gary Woods.

Hamilton missed a couple of gilt-edged chances before eventually levelling with 10 minutes when Boyd evaded a challenge by Jordan Rossiter be-

fore smashing a shot past Gers keeper Allan McGregor.

But minutes later Penny had conceded two clear penalties, using an arm to stop a cross from Daniel Candeias before tripping Morelos inside the area.

Tavernier made him pay on both occasions before Morelos added to Hamilton's misery in stoppage time, rounding Woods before shooting into an unguarded net.

English Premier League

Everton	2	0	Crystal Palace
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Scottish Premiership

Hamilton Academical	1	4	Rangers
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Italian Serie A

Frosinone	3	3	Empoli
Bologna	2	2	Torino
Chievo	1	5	Atalanta
Parma	0	2	Lazio
Fiorentina	0	0	Cagliari
Internazionale	v.		Milan

German Bundesliga

Hertha BSC	1	1	Sport-Club Freiburg
Monchengladbach	1	0	1. FSV Mainz 05

Spanish La Liga

Rayo Vallecano	1	2	Getafe
Eibar	1	1	Athletic Club
Huesca	v.		Espanyol
Real Betis	v.		Real Valladolid

French Ligue 1

Montpellier	2	0	Bordeaux
St Etienne	1	1	Rennes
Nice	v.		Marseille

*Scores as of closing

Japan's Honda on target as A-League season kicks off



Melbourne Victory captain Japan's Keisuke Honda (L) is tackled by Melbourne City player Florin Berenguer-Bohrer (R) during their A-League football match in Melbourne

AFP | Sydney

Japanese superstar Keisuke Honda scored on his A-League debut in front of 40,000 fans, but it wasn't enough to secure three points in a pulsating Melbourne derby on the opening weekend of the Australian season.

The former AC Milan striker, one of the highest profile names in Asian football, powered a header past Melbourne City goalkeeper Eugene Galekovic after 28 minutes as Hondamania gripped Marvel Stadium.

But his Melbourne Victory team let the lead slip when Ritchie De Laet followed up on Lawrence Thomas' penalty save shortly before half-time, then City substitute Riley

McGree made it 2-1 with 20 minutes left.

Despite Honda being in the thick of the action, there was no way back for the reigning champions.

While disappointed with defeat, Victory coach Kevin Muscat was impressed by new signing Honda.

"He's a very, very clever footballer, the understanding that he's got with his teammates in such a short period of time, he was exciting," he said.

"It's a good starting point for us to keep building and getting better."

Elsewhere, former Bolton Wanderers striker Adam Le Fondre pounced late in the game to earn 2017 champions Sydney FC a point in a 1-1 draw against Adelaide United.

Kohli, Sharma trample Windies

Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma notched up centuries to help India chase down a mammoth target

AFP | Guwahati, India

Skipper Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma hit sparkling centuries yesterday to lead India's eight-wicket demolition of West Indies in the first one-day international in Guwahati.

Kohli made 140 and Sharma took an unbeaten 152 for a record 246 runs to flay the West Indies bowling attack during their team's 323-run chase.

The hosts, who swept the two-Test series against the visiting Caribbean side, romped home with 47 balls to spare.

The effort from Kohli and Sharma easily overshadowed a dominant 106 by West Indies batsman Sheron Hetmyer in his team's 322-8 after being put into bat first.

In reply, India lost opener Shikhar Dhawan in just the second over of the innings after he was bowled by debutant fast bowler Oshane Thomas.

Kohli then took charge with Sharma, who was happy playing second fiddle to his in-form captain, as the duo put on India's biggest-ever ODI stand against West Indies for any wicket.

The skipper built on his quickfire fifty to get his 36th ODI ton in just 88 deliveries, hitting Roach for a boundary to make the three-figure mark amid loud cheers from a packed home crowd.

Sharma, who was relatively



Indian batsman and team captain Virat Kohli plays a shot

323

Kohli made 140 and Sharma took 152 for a record 246 runs during their team's 323-run chase

quiet till his captain's 100, soon got cracking and reached his century with a boundary off spinner Ashley Nurse.

The two marauding batsmen started to toy with the opposition bowlers before Devendra Bishoo got Kohli stumped against the run of play. Kohli smashed 21 fours and 2 sixes.

Sharma went on to hit the win-

ning six with Ambati Rayudu, who remained unbeaten on 22, at the other end.

West Indies had their moments in the game when Hetmyer smashed six fours and six sixes during his 78-ball knock to give his side what looked like a competitive total.

Leg spinner Yuzvendra Chahal claimed three wickets, re-

Scoreboard

West Indies

K. Powell c Dhawan b Ahmed	51
C. Hemraj b Shami	9
S. Hope c Dhoni b Shami	32
M. Samuels lbw b Chahal	0
S. Hetmyer c Pant b Jadeja	106
R. Powell b Jadeja	22
J. Holder b Chahal	38
A. Nurse lbw b Chahal	2
D. Bishoo not out	22
K. Roach not out	26
Extras (lb6, w8)	14
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)	322
Bowling: Shami 10-0-81-2 (w2), Yadav 10-0-64-0 (w3), Ahmed 10-0-64-1 (w3), Chahal 10-0-41-3, Jadeja 10-0-66-2	

India (target 323)

R. Sharma not out	152
S. Dhawan b Thomas	4
V. Kohli st Hope b Bishoo	140
A. Rayudu not out	22
Extras (lb2, nb3, w3)	8
Total (2 wickets, 42.1 overs)	326
Bowling: Roach 7-0-52-0, Thomas 9-0-83-1 (w2, nb1), Holder 8-0-45-0 (w1), Nurse 7-0-63-0, Bishoo 10-0-72-1 (nb2), Hemraj 1.1-0-9-0	

Toss: India

Result: India won by 8 wickets

Series: India lead the five-match series 1-0

3-41 from his 10 overs, to check West Indies' surge.

Hetmyer, who registered his third ODI century in just his 13th game, built crucial partnerships including a 60-run sixth wicket stand with skipper Jason Holder, who made 38.

Bishoo, on 22, and Kumar

Roach, on 26, put on 44 runs for their ninth wicket unbeaten stand to take West Indies well past the 300-run mark, which in the end proved insufficient to test the Indian batting.

The second ODI in the five-game series is scheduled for Wednesday in Visakhapatnam.

Pliskova serves up Wozniacki upset

AFP | Singapore

Karolina Pliskova issued a warning to her opponents at the WTA Finals with a convincing straight-sets victory against defending champion Caroline Wozniacki.

The dynamic 26-year-old's easy 6-2, 6-4 triumph in Singapore was sweet revenge for Pliskova, who lost to Wozniacki in the semis at last year's WTA Finals.

Pliskova had strapping on her lower right leg but moved well against the sluggish second seed.

The hard-hitting Czech was not broken on serve for the entire match and fittingly closed it out with an ace.

"I felt good from the baseline and it was not all about my serve," Pliskova said after the match.

"She started a bit nervous in the beginning, it's always tough to defend a title."

Pliskova played down injury concerns.

"I don't know what is wrong with me, but, you know, it's the end of the season," she said.

"I have now two days, so I'm sure it's going to be fine."

The world number eight stunned Wozniacki with a brilliant first set highlighted by trademark booming ground strokes.

She saved two break points in her opening service game before overwhelming the Australian Open champion en route to winning five straight games.

Wozniacki, who had only played two top-10 players this



Czech Republic's Karolina Pliskova hits a return against Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki

year before yesterday, struggled with rhythm in the first set and made several uncharacteristic errors.

"I think I was struggling a little bit with the timing in some of the points and just trying to find my rhythm," she said.

"I think there were times where I played really well, and I was trying to move her around, but there were also times when I just didn't time the ball perfectly."

The one-way traffic continued in the second set with Pliskova breaking immediately, saving three break points in the next game to the frustration of her opponent.

The Dane started to find her

groove but squandered break points in the eighth and 10th games in a disappointing start to her title defence.

Svitolina beats curse

Earlier, a determined Svitolina ended her long-time jinx against former Wimbledon champ Kvitova, cruising to a straight sets win.

The world number six triumphed 6-3, 6-3 in just 89 minutes in the tournament opener, easily overcoming a lacklustre Kvitova, who had 29 unforced errors and seven double faults.

Svitolina had won just one set in seven straight harrowing defeats to the Czech but impres-

sively turned the tables.

"Winning this match definitely gives me lots of confidence," Svitolina told reporters after the match.

"I played good, quite solid from the baseline and putting pressure on Petra. I was really, really solid, and I think this was really the key."

Kvitova rued her subpar opening performance.

"Wasn't the best start, but the good thing is there is still a chance to play better and to improve and maybe go somewhere forward," she said.

Kvitova's trademark firepower moved Svitolina around the hard court but the Ukrainian's defence was up to the task.

Messi to miss three weeks

AFP | Barcelona

Lionel Messi is expected to be out for three weeks with a fractured right arm but his last contribution was to help send Barcelona back to the top of La Liga on Saturday.

Messi scored and then went off injured as Barca beat Sevilla 4-2 at Camp Nou, in a six-goal thriller that never looked like ending in anything other than a home win.

Any joy at jumping above in-form Sevilla, however, was tarnished by Messi's injury, which will now rule him out of next weekend's Clasico against Real Madrid.

A Barcelona club statement read: "Tests carried out on Leo Messi have confirmed that he has a fracture of the radial bone in his right arm. He will be out for approximately three weeks."

It means Messi will also miss the Champions League match at home to Inter Milan on Wednesday, and probably the

return trip to Italy on November 6, as well as league games against Real Madrid and Rayo Vallecano in between.

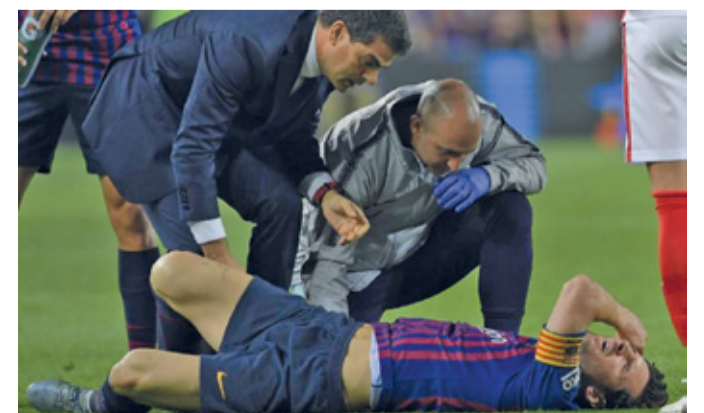
"It is clear it is a blow," Barca coach Ernesto Valverde said. "We know what he gives us and we know what he does to the opposition."

"We have to prepare ourselves, it is clear we are going to notice the loss of Messi but we have players that can cover."

Messi fell to the ground following a tussle with Sevilla's Franco Vazquez and, as his right hand tried to cushion the landing, his elbow appeared to buckle.

Messi was helped off the pitch by medical staff and, despite having his right arm heavily strapped, he was finally substituted in 26th minute.

"Emotionally, we know when he is there, he gives us more confidence because he is the best in the world," Gerard Pique said. "But it does not have to affect us."



Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi gestures in pain during the Spanish league football match FC Barcelona against Sevilla FC at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona