

India on brink of Test sweep

Pace duo Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav claimed five wickets between them yesterday to put India on the brink of a series whitewash after South Africa crumbled while following-on in the third Test. **P 16**

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Dreamliner moment
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The retro Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner of Gulf Air will arrive at the Bahrain International Airport today. The new Dreamliner will join the fleet of Gulf Air, increasing the total number of Dreamliners operated by the airline to seven aircraft following the delivery of three more by 2021. In 2018, Gulf Air launched its new brand identity at the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix and introduced its first Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner along with a series of new destinations.



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US mulls leaving some troops to guard Syria oil



A convoy of United States military vehicles near Bardarash, Iraq, yesterday after leaving northern Syria.

Dohuk, Iraq

The Pentagon is considering keeping some US troops near oilfields in northeastern Syria alongside Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) to help deny oil to Islamic State militants, Defence Secretary Mark Esper said yesterday. US troops are crossing into Iraq as part of a broader withdrawal from Syria ordered by President Donald Trump, a decision that

allowed Turkey to launch an offensive against the SDF which for years was a US ally battling Islamic State. More than 100 vehicles crossed the border into Iraq early on Monday from the northeast tip of Syria, where Turkey agreed to pause its offensive for five days under a deal with Washington. The truce expires late on Tuesday, just after Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan is set to discuss next steps in the region at a meeting in Russia with President

Vladimir Putin. Speaking to reporters during a trip to Afghanistan, Esper said that, while the US withdrawal was under way, some troops were still with partner forces near oilfields and there had been discussions about keeping some of them there. He said that was one option and no decision had been made "with regard to numbers or anything like that". The Pentagon's job was to look at different options, he added.

A zero waste target

Move aims to regulate treatment of wastes

- The regulation also specifies the way to deal with neglected vehicles and all types of scrap in the streets and public spaces.
- HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak informed the session about the reception of the annual report of the NAO for 2018-2019.



HH Shaikh Mohammed

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Bahraini dinars is the minimum fine that will be charged from violators of Cleanliness Law.

Manama

The Cabinet chaired yesterday by Deputy Prime Minister, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, approved the executive regulation of the Public Cleanliness Law 10/2019, and a draft-edict on its issuance. The executive direction shall regulate the conditions and treatment of waste and its sorting regulations, including healthcare, industrial and service activities wastes. It also sets the conditions of the transportation of waste to its treatment sites and prohibits its transportation by unlicensed companies. The regulation also specifies the way to deal with neglected vehicles and all types of scrap in the streets, squares,

spaces, beaches and public places, as recommended by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs in its memorandum. Among other things, the deputy premier extended thanks to all ministries and government departments which have been committed to laws and administrative decisions, and verified their financial control systems in their expenditure, as shown in NAO's report, which made their final accounts professional and objective, as they were consistent with accounting standards and bases.

PROTESTS PERSIST

Nod for sweeping reforms in Lebanon

Beirut

Lebanon's Cabinet approved sweeping reforms yesterday, hoping to appease the thousands of protesters that have taken to the streets for the last five days to demand the government step down. Prime Minister Saad Hariri described the measures as a "financial coup," saying no government in Lebanon's history has taken such steps before. As Hariri's speech was aired live on all local TV stations, thousands of protesters who had gathered in central Beirut



Hariri

chanted: "The people want to bring down the regime." Hundreds of thousands participated in marches Sunday in Beirut and other cities nationwide. The massive protests have turned into a widening revolt against the country's sectarian status quo and the entire political elite.

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● The paper also included the National Model for Inclusion of Women in Development as an integrated governance system for enforcement of the equal opportunities.

Washington

The Supreme Council of Women (SCW) participated in the IMF and World Bank annual meetings along with the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, the Central Bank of Bahrain, and representatives Bahrain-based banking and financial institutions, and private establishments.

The SCW participated in the discussion session entitled "The

economic contributions of women in the Gulf Cooperation Council "GCC" Countries."

The SCW delegation included Rania Ahmed Al Jurf, the Director of Gender Balance Centre and Amina Ahmed Al Haddad, the Head of Legislative and Civic Society Department.

They reviewed the experiences of Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in this respect.

The SCW paper reviewed the foundation, powers and authority of the Supreme Council of Women correlation with all the official departments regarding the affairs and the advancement of women, directly affiliated under the patronage of His Majesty King

Economic strides of Bahraini women stressed at key forum

Bahraini women's economic achievements reviewed at IMF/World Bank forum



The Bahraini delegation led by Shaikh Salman at the meeting.

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and presided by wife of His Majesty and President of the Supreme

Council of Women Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa.

The SCW paper highlighted the National Plan for Revitalisation of Bahraini Women (2013-2022)

and its pivots and mechanisms of implementation at the national level and its system of evaluation and development.

The paper also included the National Model for Inclusion of Women in Development as an integrated governance system for enforcement of the equal opportunities attaining the aspired gender balanced in sharing their national responsibilities equally with men in the nation's progress.

The paper also reviewed the national initiatives, programmes and projects to support women economically including the achievements of Bahraini women and their share in the diverse sectors and specialisations.



Shura Council Chairman Ali Al Saleh received Saleh Hussein and Obaidly Al Obaidly who outlined ongoing efforts to issue a special publication marking the 80th anniversary of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He stressed the importance of documenting the BCCI-longstanding role in building the national economy and serving society. He said that the publication would outline the achievements and the chamber as well as efforts to development commerce and industry. Saleh Hussein and Obaidly Al Obaidly thanked the Shura Council chairman for supporting the effort, building on his experience as former BCCI board member and Minister of Commerce and Industry.



Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Dheyab bin Saqr Al-Nuaimi yesterday took part in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Chief of Staffs' Security and Defence Conference, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The focus was put on key issues aimed to consolidate future defence policies and strengthening military cooperation between brotherly and friendly countries through a comprehensive and unified strategy. The meeting discussed issues and projects of common concern.

Foreign Ministry's vital support to NIHR lauded

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The Assistant Foreign Minister, Abdulla Al Doseri stressed the importance of the role played by the national human rights institutions in promoting and protecting human rights and effectively contributing in providing human rights related consultations and the development of legislation and policies related to all civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, as well as work to raise awareness and knowledge about them, in addition to receiving complaints and visiting reform and rehabilitation centers.

This came during the Assistant Foreign Minister's meeting with the Chairperson of the National Institution for Human Rights, Ms Maria Khoury and other members of the institution at the Institution's headquarters

in Seef Area.

During the meeting, the Assistant Foreign Minister expressed his pleasure to have met with Mrs. Maria Khoury, noting the tireless efforts, plans and advanced programs implemented by the NIHR to promote and preserve human rights principles in order to ensure the consolidation of their values and awareness at all levels, in addition to studying the human rights phenomena and complaints and following up with the relevant authorities. He also affirmed the keenness of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to enhance cooperation and joint coordination and its support to further enhance human rights principles protection as well as the protection of public freedoms in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The National Institute for Human Rights was established in line with the Paris Principles

- endorsed by the General Assembly of the United Nations in its Resolution No. (48/134) for the year 1993 - which form the legal reference in the establishment of the Institution, as a set of internationally recognized principles concerning the formation of national institutions for human rights, the powers entrusted to them and the procedures governing their work.

For her part, Ms Maria Khoury expressed her appreciation for the distinguished role played by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in supporting and following up the human rights dossier and its support to NIHR to further develop and promote human rights and the rule of law in various fields.

The meeting was followed by a visit to a number of departments of NIHR and a discussion of a number of topics and issues of common interest.

Communication challenges in digital age discussed

Riyadh

The KSA Middle East Public Relations Association (MEPRA) Leadership Majlis explored how communications professionals can remain relevant in a time of change for the industry.

MEPRA included speakers from the UK government, the Red Sea Development Co., the Center for

Government Communication, Arab News, Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia) and Page.

The conference, held yesterday at the Hyatt Regency, brought together senior communications professionals to address the industry's biggest challenges, trends and opportunities.

The 2019 KSA MEPRA Leadership Majlis covered the theme

"Impact and Influence" through presentations and panel discussions on the Saudi brand and changing perceptions of the country. Faisal Al Zahrani, executive board member of the International Public Relations Association, discussed some of the challenges and changes in the communications field that Saudi Arabia is experiencing.



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Warsaw Process Working Group meeting begins

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Foreign Affairs Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, United States Acting Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of International Security and Non-proliferation (ISN) at the United States Department of State and Head of US Delegation Eliot Kang, and Poland State Secretary at the Ministry of Interior and Administration and Head of the Polish Delegation Krzysztof Kozowski, inaugurated yesterday the Warsaw Process Working Group on Maritime and Aviation Security.

The meeting was hosted by the

Kingdom in partnership with the United States and Poland.

Minister of Transportation and Telecommunication Kamal Ahmed, Minister of Defence Affairs Major-General Abdulla bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, and Chief of Public Security Major-General Tariq Al Hassan also attended the session.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs delivered a speech in which he expressed appreciation for the efforts of the United States of America and the Republic of Poland in organising this working group and other groups following the meetings and workshops held last February in Warsaw.

The minister noted that the



Shaikh Khalid speaks at the meeting.

working group comes in light of the serious threats facing the re-

stance to condemn such acts.

He expressed his hope that this meeting will support co-operation between the various countries of the world to protect maritime and aviation security and find effective ways to address the growing threats, ensuring security for the countries of the region and achieve stability of the global economy.

For his part, Eliot Kang conveyed the greetings of the US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, praising the Kingdom of Bahrain's hosting of this meeting, which aims to promote common security interests in the region and the world. He also stressed

the importance of joining international efforts to maintain maritime and aviation security.

Kozowski expressed the pride of the Republic of Poland in its partnership with the Kingdom and the United States of America in organising this meeting.

The meetings of the Warsaw Process Working Group on Maritime and Aviation Security are held on 21 and 22 October and will discuss a number of topics such as the Proliferation Security Initiative as well as key resolutions and protocols to stop the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) and related substances.

Egyptian woman divorces Bahraini hubby, returns 23 fils 'got in dowry'

Husband could not substantiate his claims of paying BD1,000 in dowry to the woman

TDT | Manama

In a first-of-its-kind case to be heard before the Bahraini courts, an Egyptian woman has divorced her Bahraini husband and returned the BDO.023 (EGPI) dowry "he had paid her earlier".

The case was reviewed by the Sharia Court here, where the woman had filed a lawsuit against her husband, demand-

ing a divorce due to alleged maltreatment, being subjected to physical and verbal assault, not paying alimony and the continuous interference of her mother-in-law in her private affairs.

In the court, the husband demanded the wife to return the dowry he had paid her when he wedded her in Egypt few years ago.

He claimed that the paid

“It is the right of the wife to demand divorce provided she returns what has been paid by the husband in dowry.”

MS MATHLOOM

dowry was BD1,000, without supporting his claim with any physical evidence.

According to the woman's attorney, Khulood Mathloom, her client denied the husband's claims and provided the court with the original marriage documents that were issued in Egypt and clearly stated that the paid dowry was EGPI, which is less than 25 fils; the smallest coin issued by the Central Bank

of Bahrain.

The lawyer quoted Article 95 of the Family Law in Bahrain, stating that it is the right of the wife to demand divorce provided she returns what has been paid by the husband in dowry.

Ms Mathloom also mentioned that the couple have one child (boy) together, but didn't reveal any information about the custody or the fate of the child.

BD300 fine for illegally transporting students

● The judge informed the defendant that he will have to spend two months behind bars if he failed to pay BD300.

TDT | Manama

The Lower Criminal Court recently fined a Bahraini man BD300 for transporting school students using his minibus without obtaining permission from the concerned authorities.

According to court files, the man was initially fined BD100, but he appealed the verdict, hoping that he would receive a lighter sentence and claiming that he can't afford the fine.

Proposal to develop farming tabled by MPs

Manama

Members of Parliament (MPs) have tabled a proposal to develop mechanisms to deploy protected-agriculture and water-saving farming in the Kingdom.

The proposal comes in line with the royal directives to boost food production and self-sufficiency stated in the inaugural address of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa during the opening of the Council of Representatives second session of the Fifth Legislative Term.

Speaker Fawzia Zainal and three MPs Mohamed Isa Al Abbasi, Ammar Ahmed Al Bannai and Fadhil Abbas Al Sawad have conceived their proposal from the royal address, which stated the specifics of "The Strategic Food Production Scheme" and designated various locations for fish farming and plantations in order to ensure the national capabilities in the nutritional industries and increasing local food productivity.

Bahrain Polytechnic to support EDB's AI adoption efforts

TDT | Manama

Bahrain Polytechnic, in collaboration with Microsoft and Tamkeen yesterday reiterated its commitment to support Bahrain Economic Board's (EDB) new pilot that will design guidelines for the procurement of Artificial intelligence in the public sector.

The framework, produced by the World Economic Forum (WEF) Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution focuses on the acceleration and implementation of AI in the kingdom, as

well as bridge the skills gap to successfully implement the technology.

The 'AI Academy', launched in April this year is aimed at schooling Bahraini students on the power of artificial intelligence to accelerate digital transformation and deliver the means to engage citizens and consumers, empower employees, optimise operations and reinvent governance and business models.

"The AI Academy has been carefully designed to hone our youth into the brightest AI minds in the region," said Dr Jeff Zabud-

sky, CEO of Bahrain Polytechnic. "Relevant skills with real-world applicability are the end product of this programme, and we fully

expect these new professionals to go on to contribute significantly to the delivery of Bahrain's Vision 2030.

"This initiative, in collaboration with trusted organisations like Tamkeen, Microsoft and Fastlane; will be a major catalyst in the digitisation of the nation."

The academy's first batch of 60 students is sponsored by Tamkeen, that is currently undergoing training through an integrated syllabus which covers artificial intelligence, data analysis, data science and machine basics.

“The court decided to triple the fine against the defendant, considering the gravity of the offence committed.”

PROSECUTORS

When he was asked by the judges as to why he transported school children without a licence, the man failed to provide an acceptable excuse, and pleaded that he's unable to pay the BD100 fine citing his poor financial condition.

However, the court decided to triple the fine against the defendant, considering the gravity of the offence committed, and informed him that he has to pay BD300, according to Prosecutors.

The judge informed the defendant that he will have to spend two months behind bars if he failed to pay BD300.

Much to the irony, the defendant took out BD300 from his wallet and paid, after policemen at the gates of the court hall informed him that he would be taken to jail immediately if he didn't pay the fine.

BIC welcomes world champion driver, WEC CEO

TDT | Manama

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East", has welcomed FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) CEO Gerard Neveu and WEC driver James Calado to the Kingdom.

Gerard Neveu will be joined by James Calado, who was a WEC World Champion in 2017, together with BIC Chief Executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa as the key speakers at a Press conference today evening.

They are set to announce the details of the upcoming 2019 BIC National Day Festival and the FIA WEC Bapco Eight Hours of Bahrain.

The conference is set to take



Gerard Neveu



James Calado

place at the BIC premises in Sakhir. It is scheduled to begin at 5.30pm.

Leading members of Bahrain's media community as well as

high-ranking BIC and motorsport officials and guests from across the Kingdom of Bahrain are set to attend.

The BIC National Day Festival and FIA WEC Bapco Eight Hours of Bahrain will be taking place from December 13 to 16 in Sakhir.

'Maan' programme wins two international awards

Manama

Bahrain Ambassador to the United States, Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa, the founder of the Maan "Together" programme against violence and addiction, yesterday congratulated Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah

Al Khalifa, after he had received the 2019 Stevie Award for the personality of the year category.

He was presented with the award for his role in the founding and development of the programmes. He expressed thanks and appreciation to the Interior Minister for his end-less efforts and directives.

Meanwhile, the Southern Governor, Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, who is also head of the programme committee received the Stevie Award for the distinguished administration team category.

He congratulated the Interior Minister and hailed his role to promoting community security concept.

4,000

participants from 73 countries vied for the award, which was arbitrated by 12 juries comprising 270 international arbitrators.

The Governor also congratulated the ambassador for winning this prestigious award. He praised those involved in the programme, including the supervisors and trainers.

Maan won the international Stevie Award 2019 in two categories: Personality of the Year and Administrative Team.

The award is considered the

most prestigious international honour in creativity, institutional distinction and international works.

A total of 4,000 participants from 73 countries vied for the award which was arbitrated by 12 juries comprising 270 international arbitrators to ensure integrity and transparency.

Media remains 'best route' to activate soft power influence

Culture and Diplomacy Conference concludes

Manama

Bahraini poet and Member of the Board of Trustees of Shaikh Ebrahim Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Centre for Culture and Research, Hassan Kamal has highlighted the important role of soft power in attracting broad masses through the particular ideas, values and traditions of a country.

He made the statement during the concluding session of Culture and Diplomacy Conference that discussed various topics related to diplomacy and culture with the participation of influential figures from Bahrain and the region and in the presence of many experts in the two fields.

The opening session focused on different cultural aspects of soft power and the ways in which countries transfer their cultures and enhance their international influence.

Kamal pointed out that countries around the world seek to attract the masses to invest their abilities and energies through soft powers, mainly arts, literature, music, theatre, cinema and others, stressing that youth have the energies to promote their countries.

Media is the best way to activate the influence of soft power, to spread the values, and ideas, and promote the possibilities and capabilities of the countries, he said.

Dr Waleed Al Rifai, International Relations Advisor at the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), said that



A panel session in progress at the conference.



A segment of the audience.

the Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa Diplomatic Academy supports the Kingdom's efforts in activating the means of soft

power.

He noted that the meeting of the World Heritage Committee, hosted its 42nd edition in

Bahrain last year, constituted a global message and reflected the cultural and civilisational elements that Bahrain possesses.

“Countries around the world seek to attract the masses to invest their abilities and energies through soft powers, mainly arts, literature, music, theatre, cinema and others.”

HASSAN KAMAL

The last session highlighted arts, music and diplomacy as the panel discussed the diverse and potential links between various sides directions.

Bahraini Ambassador to Italy Dr Naser Al Balooshi said that soft powers have a great impact on the movement of societies, pointing out that arts and music are important as they can carry numerous ideas and views in their creative formations.

Dr Al Balooshi noted that music has been used throughout the ages to guide societies and has a great role in expressing the policies of states and the way they view their relations with other countries.

Highlighting the importance of music and being a big part of the soft power, Major General Dr Mubarak Najem, head of the police music band, said that music is an ambassador for cultures and peoples and an important element in facilitating civilisational dialogues and international relations.

Sea Festival to be held

Manama

The fourth edition of the annual Sea Festival will be held at Marassi Beach over the period of 10 days, from November 7 until November 16, the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) said.

Launched in 2016, the Sea Festival celebrates the Kingdom's historical ties to the sea, seeking to educate modern-day visitors and tourists on the Kingdom's deeply rooted past and revive the Kingdom's sea legacy by showcasing several sea related traditions and activities.

BTEA continues its efforts to showcase Bahrain as the ideal tourism destination for families which offers a unique experience to visitors of all ages.

This year's edition of the Sea Festival will include several attractions, such as water sports activities, boat rides, traditional music performances, handicrafts and pearl merchants.

'Visions 2019' set

TDT | Manama

Under the patronage of Shaikha Hala bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, the Director-General of the Culture and Arts Directorate at Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, an art exhibition titled 'Visions 2019' will be held at Bahrain Financial Harbour from October 26 to 31.

The expo, organised by the American Women's Association, will open at 7:00 pm on Saturday, October 26.

Art enthusiasts can visit the expo between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, the organisers said in a statement issued.

'Anti-hunger campaign'



The Lions Club of Riffa organised the Lions Club Hunger Service Action Campaign for workers on Friday, 4th October 2019, at a labour site in Hidd. The campaign was supported by Crown Electro-Mechanical Services, Bahrain. Food packets and water were served to more than 250 workers.

Toastmasters' meet



Awal Gulf Toastmasters Club, one of the vibrant corporate clubs has restarted its meeting sessions since October 20, 2019. Above, members and guests during a photocall after the meeting.

WORLD
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Thai king strips titles of 'disloyal' royal consort



A trove of pictures released by the Thai royal palace showed the royal noble consort engaged in a series of activities, including flying a plane

Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn attends the annual Royal Ploughing Ceremony in central Bangkok, Thailand

● She was dismissed from the rank of Chao Khun Phra -- or noble consort

● Suthida - the former deputy head of the royal bodyguard - was made Queen in May

● Rama X came to power in 2016 after the death of his father Bhumibol Adulyadej

AFP | Bangkok

Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn has stripped his 34-year-old consort of all titles for "disloyalty" and apparent "ambition" to match the Queen's position, a royal command issued late yesterday said, less than three months after she

was bestowed with the honour. Former royal bodyguard Sineenat Wongvajirapakdi -- known by her nickname "Koi" -- was gifted the title on the king's 67th birthday on July 28, the first time in nearly a century a Thai monarch has taken a consort.

A few days later the palace released images of the short-haired Sineenat in combat fatigues shooting weapons, flying a jet and preparing to parachute from a plane, as well as holding the king's hand.

It was an intimate and rare glimpse into the private life of Thailand's powerful, ultra-wealthy and inscrutable monarch, known as Rama X of the Chakri dynasty.

But yesterday Sineenat's swift and public downfall was relayed on national television.

She was dismissed from the rank of Chao Khun Phra -- or noble consort -- for "disloyalty to the king" according to the command, as well as "acting

against the appointment of the Queen (Suthida)... for her own ambitions". Suthida - the former deputy head of the royal bodyguard - was made Queen in May, becoming King Vajiralongkorn's fourth wife.

The Thai monarchy is protected by a harsh defamation law, making open discussion on the institution for the public and media based inside the country all but impossible.

Rama X has dramatically bolstered his authority since his 2016 ascension to the throne, pulling the immense wealth of the crown under his direct control and restructuring key army units to his command.

Koi, a qualified pilot and former army nurse, was the first woman to receive the consort title in nearly a century -- fitting a pattern of assertive moves by the king.

Stripped of all ranks

Her actions show "she does not give any honour to the king

and does not understand royal tradition... her actions are to benefit herself", the statement said, adding she was attempting to elevate her position to the same as Queen Suthida.

Her behaviour is "deemed disrespectful to His Majesty's grace... and caused divisions among courtiers and misunderstanding among the people", the statement added.

She was stripped of all military ranks, decorations and royal titles, it said.

Born in the northern province of Nan on January 26, 1985, Sineenat, graduated from the Royal Thai Army Nursing College at the age of 23.

She has also trained as a pilot in Thailand and abroad, served in the King's royal bodyguard unit, and in May was awarded the rank of a major-general.

During the elaborate three-day coronation ceremony of the king in May, Sineenat was seen marching in full military uniform in a procession that trav-



The new king, a cycling and aviation enthusiast, is a more remote figure to the public, having spent much of his time abroad, particularly in Germany.

His three-day coronation gave many Thais their first full glimpse of the new monarch, as he was carried on a palanquin in full regalia around Bangkok's historic quarter.

elled from the palace to several Buddhist temples.

Her prominence stunned the Thai public, who often glean clues of the royal family's secretive ongoings through imagery and symbolism relayed by the palace.

Her dramatic fall from grace is likely to be as carefully dissected over coming days.

"The abrupt move by the king tells us that he wishes to be seen as a very in-charge monarch who will not put up with possible divisions in the royal institution," said analyst Paul Chambers of Naresuan University.

Buttressed by the conservative arch royalist military, which has carried out a dozen coups since the 1932 establishment of a constitutional monarchy, frank discussion of palace affairs is rare among the Thai public.

Rama X came to power in 2016 after the death of his father Bhumibol Adulyadej -- who is widely revered by Thais and seen as a figure of moral authority.

HK leader visits mosque struck by blue water-cannon dye

● Police use the dye -- often mixed with an irritant -- as a way to identify protesters

Hong Kong

Hong Kong's pro-Beijing leader and the city's police chief visited a mosque yesterday that was struck with blue dye from a water cannon during the latest bout of violent protests.

The entrance to the Kowloon Mosque, the international hub's largest, was sprayed by a water cannon truck on Sunday, causing anger among both local Muslims and protesters.

Police use the dye -- often mixed with an irritant -- as a way to identify protesters but it has frequently left streets and buildings daubed in a garish blue.

Video footage shot Sunday showed the truck pulling up



Kowloon Mosque representatives said Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam apologised for the dye incident, and that it was accepted

outside the building during confrontations with protesters, pausing and then spraying around half a dozen journalists and bystanders who were gathered on the street outside.

The group, who did not appear to be protesters, was struck twice, with much of the bright

blue jet painting the mosque's entrance and steps.

Police released a statement on Sunday saying the mosque was hit by mistake but did not apologise.

On Monday, Chief Executive Carrie Lam and police chief Stephen Lo paid a brief visit to the



Hong Kong police have used blue dye as a way to identify protesters during confrontations

mosque, surrounded by a phalanx of security guards.

They emerged some 20 minutes later without speaking to the media.

Mosque representatives told reporters that the two had apologised for the water cannon incident and that the apology had

been accepted.

The representatives also thanked worshippers and Hong Kongers who flocked to clean the mosque soon after the incident. The original Kowloon Mosque was built in the late nineteenth century to cater for Muslim soldiers from British-ruled India.

It was rebuilt in the early 1980s and remains a centre of Hong Kong's 300,000-strong Muslim community.

Lam's office and the police did not respond to requests for comment on the visit.

A police source told AFP the commissioner did apologise and further details would be released later in the day.

Hong Kong was convulsed by another day of violence on Sunday as the city nears five months of seething pro-democracy protests.

Tens of thousands joined an unauthorised but peaceful afternoon rally which quickly descended into chaos as small groups of hardcore protesters threw petrol bombs and rocks at a police station, mainland China businesses and multiple subway station entrances.

Police responded with water cannon, tear gas and rubber bullets in clashes that lasted well into the night.

Britain's Prince Harry finally admits it

Harry said he and his brother are 'on different paths'



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BRITAIN'S PRINCE HARRY

London

Britain's Prince Harry said he and his brother Prince William were on "different paths" and admitted occasional tension in their relationship.

The Duke of Sussex, 35, has been plagued by rumours of a growing rift between him and 37-year-old William, and he acknowledged that "inevitably stuff happens" given their high-profile roles in the royal family.

In an interview with ITV tele-



Prince Harry acknowledged his relationship with his brother Prince William has 'good days' and 'bad days'



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vision filmed during his recent tour of southern Africa with his

wife Meghan, Harry said: "We are brothers. We will always be

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ent paths at the moment but I will always be there for him as I know he will always be there for me.

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William and Harry's close bond was cemented in the aftermath of their mother Diana, princess of Wales's shock death aged 36 in a 1997 Paris car crash during a paparazzi pursuit.

But while William is one day destined for the throne, Harry -- sixth in line and now with his own wife and baby -- has begun to strike out on his own.

This year the brothers split their joint offices and charitable foundation and no longer live in close proximity.

Harry and Meghan married in May 2018 and their son Archie Mountbatten-Windsor was born in May this year.

Press pressure

Meghan, who has also been rumoured to have feuded with William's wife Kate, said her British friends had warned her not to marry Harry.

"The British tabloids will destroy your life," she said they told her.

Former US actress Meghan, 38, has faced an increasingly hostile press, with the tabloids luxuriating in stories about her fractured family and rumoured palace rifts.

The couple launched legal action this month against British tabloid The Mail on Sunday for alleged invasion of privacy over a letter to her father. It came with a stinging statement from Harry about general tabloid coverage.

Harry is also suing two newspaper groups over alleged voice-

mail interception, or phone hacking.

Asked if Meghan was facing the same media pressures as Diana, Harry replied: "I have a family to protect.

"I will not be bullied into playing a game that killed my mum."

Meghan said she had tried to adopt a British "stiff upper lip" but thinks it is internally "really damaging".

"It's not enough to just survive something, that's not the point of life. You have got to thrive."

Asked if she was "not really OK" and life had "really been a struggle", she replied simply: "Yes."

Meanwhile Harry, who has been open about his own past mental health struggles emanating from Diana's death, said: "It's constant management. I thought I was out of the woods, and then suddenly it all came back."

The couple are going to take six weeks off work.

Life in Africa?

During the interview, Harry said that he would like to live in Africa but finding the right place would be difficult.

His grandmother Queen Elizabeth II is the head of the Commonwealth and made Harry her youth ambassador for the 53-country grouping, which includes 19 African states.

"The rest of our lives' work will be predominantly focused on Africa, on conservation," said Harry.

"I don't know where we could live in Africa at the moment.

"We have just come from Cape Town -- that would be an amazing place to be able to base ourselves, of course it would, but with all the problems that are going on there, I just don't see how we would be able to really make as much difference as we want to."

Bangladesh MP 'hired lookalikes' for uni exams



The scandal emerged after Nagorik TV entered a test hall and confronted one of the women posing as Tamanna Nusrat in a video. Photograph: Nagorik TV

Dhaka

A Bangladeshi lawmaker has been expelled from university after allegedly hiring as many as eight lookalikes to take exams in her place, officials said yesterday.

Tamanna Nusrat, from the ruling Awami League party, is accused of paying the lookalikes to pretend to be her in at least 13 tests.

The scandal emerged after private broadcaster Nagorik TV entered a test hall and confronted one of the women posing as Nusrat, in a video that went viral.

Nusrat, who was elected

to parliament last year, was studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree with the Bangladesh Open University (BOU).

"We expelled her because she has committed a crime. A crime is a crime," BOU head M.A. Mannan told AFP. "We have cancelled her enrolment. She will never be able to get admitted here again."

"The proxy students were protected by the MP's musclemen when they sat for the tests. Everybody knew it but nobody uttered a word because she is from a very influential family," a college official said.

Study finds footballers 3.5 times more likely to die from brain trauma

London

A new study carried out by Glasgow University has found former footballers are approximately three-and-a-half times more likely to die from neurodegenerative diseases than the general population.

The report, released yesterday was commissioned by England's Football Association and the Professional Footballers' Association to assess the medical records of 7,676 men who played professional football in Scotland between 1900 and 1976.

Their records were matched against more than 23,000 individuals from the general population, with the study led by consultant neuropathologist Dr Willie Stewart of Glasgow University.

His findings report that the "risk ranged from a five-fold increase in Alzheimer's disease, through an approximately four-fold increase in motor neurone disease, to a two-fold Parkinson's disease in former professional footballers".



Celtic's 1967 European Cup winning captain Billy McNeill died in April after suffering from dementia

Although footballers had higher risk of death from neurodegenerative disease, they were less likely to die of other common diseases, such as heart disease and some cancers, including lung cancer.

The study - titled 'Football's Influence on Lifelong Health and Dementia Risk' found that deaths in ex-footballers were lower than expected up to age

70, and higher than expected over that age.

Dr Stewart said in a statement: "An important aspect of this work has been the ability to look across a range of health outcomes in former professional footballers. This allows us to build a more complete picture of health in this population.

"Our data show that while former footballers had higher

dementia rates, they had lower rates of death due to other major diseases.

Earlier this year, UEFA requested for a change in the game's laws to reduce the pressure on the medical staff and give doctors more time to assess head injuries off the pitch, so that no concussed player returns to the field of play.

"The whole game must recognise that this is only the start of our understanding and there are many questions that still need to be answered," said FA chairman Greg Clarke said.

Outgoing PFA chief executive Gordon Taylor has been strongly criticised for his lack of action on the subject, in particular by the family of former West Bromwich Albion striker Jeff Astle, whose 2002 death from chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) was linked to repeatedly heading heavy leather footballs.

He added: "Research must continue to answer more specific questions about what needs to be done to identify and reduce risk factors."

Turkish invasion has left Ankara weak and on the verge of economic meltdown

The Kurds' deal with the Assad regime means that the future of Turkey's operation is dependent on the say-so of Moscow, not Washington



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Istanbul.

SIMON WALDMAN

Ankara's attempt to carve out a so-called safe zone deep inside Kurdish-held territory in north-east Syria has left Turkey alone, strategically weak and on the precipice of an economic meltdown. Even last week's US-brokered truce was no victory for Turkey's firebrand president Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Sure, under the terms of the ceasefire, the White House agreed to practically everything Ankara wanted. US President Donald Trump froze sanctions and accepted Ankara's demand for a safe zone and its calls for forces from the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) to retreat. More ominously, there was nothing said about the hundreds of thousands of Kurds who fled the area, nor of Turkey's odious intention to resettle millions of Arab Syrian refugees in the proposed safe zone – such a deliberate policy of demographic tampering being tantamount to ethnic cleansing. Instead, Mr Trump declared the Kurds were “no angels”. By yesterday, four days into the ceasefire, Kurdish troops had withdrawn entirely

from the key border town of Ras Al Ain in north-eastern Syria. The so-called truce, agreed on Thursday, was the second time that Mr Trump sold out the Kurds. The first occasion was his announcement to pull out US forces from Syria in the first place, a de facto green light for the Turkish invasion that prompted the truce. But all Mr Erdogan and his ministers got in reality was a memo hardly worth the paper it was printed on. For one, fighting still continues and the truce has no enforcement mechanism. Meanwhile, the YPG's deal with the Assad regime means that the future of Turkey's operation is dependent on the say-so of Moscow, not Washington. Ankara might be loathe to admit it but its borders were a lot safer before the operation. The presence of US forces provided a buffer between Washington's two allies, Turkey and the YPG. It was for the most part a quiet border. Now Turkey has a fully equipped, Russian-backed Syrian military on its doorstep protecting the battle-hardened YPG and seething at Turkey's bombardments and the alleged abuses committed

by Turkey's ragtag band of militant Islamists, such as allegations Turkish-backed troops have been using white phosphorus to attack civilians, a possible war crime. And even if Turkish forces manage to gain a little bit more territory with the YPG agreeing to withdraw, it would still fall far short of the 480-kilometre-long buffer zone Ankara intended. Turkey's only hope is that when Mr Erdogan meets Russian President Vladimir Putin in Sochi tomorrow, he might gain a few concessions on the size of the safe zone. But that would involve a quid pro quo, such as a Turkish withdrawal from Idlib, and the “safe zone” could prove to be more of a deathtrap for Turkish forces and its proxies, who might face hit-and-run attacks by the YPG as they did in Afrin. Either way, Turkey's Syria policy is worse off now than it was before. Meanwhile, Turkey has little international support. Ankara's only friends in the Middle East are Iran and Qatar. Despite Mr Erdogan's threat to send millions of Syrian refugees to Europe, the European Union called Turkey's bluff. Brussels issued an unequivocal condemnation of Turkey's

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Mr Erdogan was purging his critics. However, in the wake of Turkey's onslaught on the Kurds, Westminster announced that it would review arms licences and freeze future exports. The utility of the involvement of BAE Systems and Rolls Royce in developing Turkey's domestic TF-X fighter jet might also soon come into question. For now, at least, Turkey is in Mr Trump's good books. But the US president is highly unreliable. He is prone to meltdowns and has threatened to destroy the Turkish economy on more than one occasion. He also faces the very real possibility of impeachment. Mr Trump's betrayal of the Kurds and Turkey's invasion is resented by the Pentagon, the State Department, Congress and even Mr Trump's own Republican Party for diminishing US influence, empowering Iran and Russia, and risking the resurgence of ISIS. Mitch McConnell, the Republican majority leader in the Senate, even penned an op-ed for the Washington Post, publicly calling Mr Trump's Syria pullout a “strategic nightmare”. Congress looks set to pass more sanctions against Turkey for the incursion. The US treas-

ury could soon dish out a hefty billion-dollar fine against the Turkish state-owned Halkbank for violating Iranian sanctions and heavy penalties still loom under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act for Turkey's purchase of the Russian S-400 defence system. It is unlikely Mr Erdogan will understand that the US president's hands are effectively tied on such matters as sanctions cripple the Turkish economy. Meanwhile, reports of human rights abuses and possible war crimes by Turkish forces and their merciless militias it backs are not helping Ankara's cause. Neither does the fact that Turkey's resettlement policy is really an attempt to ethnically cleanse the region of its Kurdish majority. An ally capable of committing such outrage is hardly an ally for Nato or the West at all. Not only has this latest operation brought Turkey few strategic gains but it has highlighted the extent to which Ankara has burned its diplomatic bridges. In effect, Turkey has transformed itself from being a pivotal member of Nato to little more than a minor piece on Russia's strategic chessboard.

Efforts to end human trafficking

Bahrain has hosted the government forum to combat trafficking in persons in the Middle East, a major official event dedicated to stamping out human trafficking. The event was opened by Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, with a number of other senior officials in attendance from across the region. The phenomenon has been recognised as a specific challenge for the GCC region, given the large size of the foreign workforce; and the GCC's central position between developing states in Africa and South Asia and Europe.

The exploitation of vulnerable people by ruthless criminal networks is responsible for the virtual enslavement of hundreds of thousands of individuals worldwide. With human trafficking becoming the subject of growing attention, in 2018 Bahrain became the first state in the region to be upgraded to having “Tier 1” status in combatting human trafficking, according to the US State Department's 2018 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report. Since achieving Tier 1 status, Bahrain's approach to people trafficking has been a subject of interest from other regional gov-

ernments seeking to improve their record. There have been a number of fact-finding visits and Bahraini officials have travelled overseas to act as trainers and mentors for people trafficking personnel in other states. Bahrain followed this up this year by announcing the establishment of a centre of excellence for capacity building, with the aim of increasing the readiness of state personnel to address this challenge. The centre will be based at the Labour Market Regulatory Authority's Expat Protection Centre in Northern Sehla. Tier 1 status places Bahrain

on the same level as states like Britain, Germany and the US in having the highest standards of best practice in this area. Among the achievements which merited Bahrain's promotion to Tier 1 status were the Flexible Work Permit and “standardised tripartite labour contract system” which provide reinforced protections to vulnerable expatriate workers. The Flexible Work Permit is the first of its kind in the region and has been praised by the International Organisation for Migration and the UN Human Rights Council as a model example of responsible and effective labour market

reform. Below are a number of the other mechanisms and initiatives which Bahrain has in place for addressing human trafficking: **NATIONAL REFERRAL MECHANISM** In 2017, the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons (NCCTIP) launched its government-wide National Referral Mechanism (NRM) to “streamline the proactive identification of trafficking victims, ensure proper documentation of cases, effectively refer cases to

the Interior Ministry prosecutor's determinative case and protective provisions until case resolution, repatriation, also distributed the NRM to ministries and stakeholders, awareness and the obligation. The Labour Authority 2017-2018 referrals from 510, from a variety of ing the NCCTIP

CIVILIAN'S

1963

A BAC **One-Eleven** prototype airliner crashes in UK with the loss of all on board.

1964

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



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.

Boris Johnson is less like Hannibal and more like one of his elephants

Boris' lumbering negotiations have little in common with the skill of the Carthaginian military strategist, who famously led a herd of African elephants across the Alps



As lawmakers huddled inside the House of Commons on Saturday to debate Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Brexit deal, hundreds of thousands of protesters gathered outside the Palace of Westminster to demand that voters be given the final say on Brexit.

Gavin Esler

About 2,200 years ago, the greatest general of the time and the most feared military tactician was Hannibal Barca. An aristocrat from the north African city of Carthage, Hannibal had marched his armies from what is now Tunisia through Spain and France and threatened to destroy Rome itself. For several years, he occupied Roman territory and terrified opposition military commanders by using elephants in combat. The fact that Hannibal managed to cross the Alps with his elephants gives an idea of his extraordinary logistical and military abilities. And yet, Hannibal lost. Had he won the Second Punic War between Carthage and Rome, the future of Europe would have been utterly different. Instead of Roman laws and culture, and Latin as the language of diplomacy and scholarship, Carthage and a different set of north African values and systems would have conquered a large slice of southern Europe. But while the name Hannibal lives on – albeit in movies such as *Silence of the Lambs* – the Roman who defeated him is generally forgotten, except by scholars. The winner of the

Second Punic War, which led to the destruction of Carthage and the triumph of Rome as Europe's most important city, was Quintus Fabius Maximus Verrucosus, better known as Fabian Cunctator or Fabian the Delayer, who lived about 280BC. Fabian is sometimes credited with being the inventor of guerrilla warfare. Rather than attacking Hannibal's overwhelming forces in one major battle, Fabian delayed – and delayed. He used smaller, harrying attacks to wear down Hannibal's army and eventually secured victory for Rome.

And that brings me – yet again – to Brexit. In Britain, governments and prime ministers have considerable power – the formidable power of the British state – at their disposal. But as prime minister Boris Johnson tried to rush the UK into his plan for leaving the European Union, the delaying tactics of modern-day Fabians have been much in evidence. Another House of Commons defeat for Mr Johnson has provoked yet another delay, forced on the government by the apparently inferior forces lined up against him.

The prime minister who said he would rather “die face down in a ditch” than secure yet another Brexit extension, because

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leaving the European Union by October 31 this year was “do or die”, is finding that in government, the facts sometimes matter more than bold phrases and stirring rhetoric. With an almost childish display of peevishness, Mr Johnson has sent a letter requesting a delay to his plans to leave the EU on October 31 – but he refused to sign the letter. Then he added other communications making clear (as if anyone was in any doubt) that he simply does not want the delay he is asking for. Today he tried and failed to mount another last-ditch attempt, despite Saturday's extraordinary parliamentary sitting, to force through his Brexit deal.

For a man who wanted to “take back control”, his fate and that of an entire country rests on decisions taken by 27 foreign leaders. Mr Johnson has marched his elephants towards his opponents and they have simply disappeared. As with ancient Rome, nothing is certain about the ultimate winner. But an estimated one million people marched on parliament at the weekend demanding a second referendum. And Mr Johnson, despite playing on the sense of fatigue many feel about the whole Brexit process, has profoundly irritated some of his once strong supporters.

Northern Ireland's 10 Democratic Unionist Party MPs voted for Brexit, but the thing they care about most has been undermined by Mr Johnson – the union of the United Kingdom. The DUP are, rightly, very cross that Mr Johnson's supposedly “Conservative and Unionist” government has signed a deal with the EU that in effect moves the border between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic to between Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK. This, the DUP rightly fears, could be the beginning of the end for Northern Ireland within the UK, especially since Mr Johnson's deal is equally loathed in Scotland, with which Ulster

unionists have a strong cultural connection. Scotland now looks certain to demand a second independence referendum. And the incompetence of the British government continues with a bizarre statement from the foreign secretary Dominic Raab. He says: “It's a cracking deal for Northern Ireland because they've got seamless access to the EU single market.” As numerous people have pointed out, if it is a “cracking deal”, why isn't it also the deal for Scotland, England and Wales?

And so we enter another week of negotiations and possibly another month or more before these preliminaries are finished. It's worth repeating that even if Mr Johnson does get his deal through the House of Commons, it will merely mean a new set of negotiations to settle permanent future trade deals and other matters. That means engaging again with our European partners who – to put it mildly – are not impressed with things so far.

And despite all the bluster, Boris Johnson is less like Hannibal, a shrewd strategic genius, and more like one of his elephants – lumbering along, trumpeting a lot but ultimately failing to defeat his enemies. Victory may yet come to the delayers.



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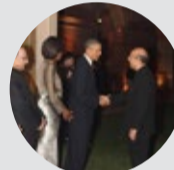
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Optimism does not mean being blind to the actual reality of a situation. It means maintaining a positive spirit to continue to seek a solution to any given problem. And it means recognizing that any given situation has many different aspects—positive as well as problematic.

@DalaiLama

02



I personally don't subscribe to Savarkar's ideology but that doesn't take away the fact that he was an accomplished man who played part in our freedom struggle, flights for Dalit rights and went to jail for the country. #NeverForget

@DrAMSinghvi

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Congratulations to Barbara Barrett, the 25th @SecAFOfficial. I know she will lead the charge to modernize @usairforce operations in space defense. I look forward to working with her to implement the National Defense Strategy.

@EsperDoD

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We should back our traders on the Flipkart/ Amazon issue. When we can access Amazon of USA through credit cards what is the need to allow Amazon in India? Traders are a solid base of our culture and Amazon will destroy that. Same problem with Walmart

@Swamy39

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stations, other government entities and foreign embassies. The LMRA's Expatriate Protection Unit (EPU) provided all 516 individuals—some of whom were trafficking victims— with shelter, food, clothing, medical care, religious support, psycho-social counseling, rehabilitation, familial reunification, translation assistance, legal counsel, and repatriation or job placement in Bahrain.

The Expatriate Protection Unit ensured the provision of safe houses and shelter for male and female workers, regardless of their legal status. It also maintained onsite offices for medical

and mental health professionals and a representative from the police anti-trafficking unit, and provided a training room for training shelter residents and a conference space for the NCCTIP.

In 2017 the NCCTIP allocated BD 200,000 for the establishment of a victim assistance fund from which trafficking victims could obtain a grant to help them reestablish themselves either in Bahrain or in their home country, as well as monthly compensation in the event their presence in Bahrain was court-mandated to conclude a criminal trial.

Labour Law No 36 of 2012 reinforced protections for domestic workers, requiring employers to provide a labour contract specifying working hours, annual leave and bonuses and paying workers at least monthly.

In late 2017, the government launched standardised tripartite labour contracts for domestic workers. The LMRA provided all 130 registered recruitment agencies in Bahrain with copies of the new contract, which required domestic workers to sign, prior to their arrival, a comprehensive work agreement that unequivocally outlined labour rights and employment obliga-

tions. The new unified contract took effect in January 2018, aiming to strengthen protections for domestic workers by requiring employers to declare the nature of the job, working hours and salary.

Bahrain's government has taken significant steps to reform the sponsorship system particularly for workers who are currently undocumented. In July 2017, the LMRA launched a “flexible work permit” program to legalise undocumented workers while simultaneously permitting previously exploited and illegal labourers to self-sponsor. This represents a shift away

from the sponsorship-based employment system.

“By allowing higher market-place flexibility, stronger protections for workers' rights, and improved workplace environs, this new permit programme allows up to 2,000 expatriates to apply every month to reside and work in Bahrain without needing a sponsor, after which successful applicants can work any job with any employer on a full-or part-time basis, negotiate wages and working hours directly, and secure multiple jobs concurrently with varying employers.”

Citizens for Bahrain

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AMH Med-Athlon 2019

Manama

American Mission Hospital (AMH) announced holding a 'Med-athlon' with special emphasis on the "Appropriate Use of Antibiotics".

The competition, open to school children 14 years old and above, will be in poster creation, speech and quiz seg-

ments.

Trophies and gifts will be awarded to three winners from each of the three categories.

The school scoring maximum points will receive AMH Health is Wealth Trophy.

To register call Jancy on 39631362 or Betty on 39896793.

Evaluation of Bahrain Award for Entrepreneurship begins



Dr Ebrahim Mohammed Janahi, Chief Executive of Tamkeen

TDT | Manama

"Tamkeen" has announced the commencement of the evaluation phase of the Bahrain Award for Entrepreneurship which honours Bahraini entrepreneurs and celebrates their achievements.

Now in its fourth edition, the award received 180 applications from Bahraini companies and entrepreneurs in seven categories.

Launched under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, the award honours micro-enterprises, startup companies, small and medium-sized enterprises, enterprises with an international footprint, sustainable businesses, and female entrepreneurs.

Lifetime Achievement Award will honour an accomplished Bahraini entrepreneur who has contributed signifi-

cantly to the development of Bahrain's community-based economy.

Dr Ebrahim Mohammed Janahi, Chief Executive of Tamkeen, said, "The high participation rate in this edition reflects the significance of the Award, and emphasizes its positive impact in empowering the private sector, in line with HRH the Crown Prince's directives."

The three-phase evaluation begins with filtering applications into various categories during quarter-finals.

A committee will short-list three contestants from each category by evaluation ideas presented during the second phase. Tamkeen will announce the winner during a ceremony held at end November.

The committee consists of local and regional experts and international companies and organisations like the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and Ernst & Young.

Trade pact differences with US broadly resolved: Piyush Goyal

● The deal under discussion includes lowering tariffs on US farm produce while giving Indian pharmaceuticals faster approval to enter the US market

● India dominates the world's generic drugs market

Reuters | New Delhi

India's Trade Minister Piyush Goyal said yesterday that the broad outline of a trade deal with the United States has been worked out and suggested there could be an announcement soon.

The two countries have been locked in trade disputes for months, slapping higher tariffs on each other's products and the US withdrawing a key concession to India.

The collateral damage of the United States' trade wars is being felt around the world as President Donald Trump renegotiates relationships with many of Washington's top trading partners.

Washington has been concerned about Indian policies that mandate foreign firms to store more data locally and restrict the way US e-commerce giants such as Walmart-owned Flipkart and Amazon.com operate.

Goyal told a business conference that he was hoping to meet United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer soon.

"We have almost resolved the broad contours of what we are going to announce. I don't see any great difficulty in closing the gap on the first announcement," Goyal said at the US-In-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Commerce Minister, Piyush Goyal

Trump says trade deal with China is coming along great

Reuters | Washington

President Donald Trump continued to speak optimistically about the possibility of a deal to end the US trade war with China, telling reporters at the White House on Monday that the trade deal is coming along great.

Last week Trump said he hopes that the first phase of the deal, announced earlier in October, will be signed by the middle of next month.

At the White House during a Monday cabinet meeting, Trump said that issues in phase two of the deal would be, in many ways, a lot easier to work out than those in phase one.

US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer told reporters that the administration's target is still to finish phase one by the time the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meetings take place in Chile on Nov. 16 and 17. He added there are outstanding issues to resolve.

Earlier on Monday, Com-



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merce Secretary Wilbur Ross said the first part of the pact does not need to be finalised next month and that timing was less important than making "the right deal."

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PIYUSH GOYAL

INDIA'S TRADE MINISTER

dia Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF).

The deal under discussion includes lowering tariffs on US farm produce while giving Indian pharmaceuticals faster approval to enter the US market.

India dominates the world's generic drugs market and the United States is among its top importers.

"With regards to the trade talks between India and the US, Commerce and Industry Minister said that things are on the right track and India is looking to the US for technology, innovation, skills and quality education," a government statement quoted Goyal as saying.

According to USISPF estimates, India-US bilateral trade is projected to grow to \$238 billion by 2025 from \$142.1 billion in 2018.

US trade and investments are expected to grow in sectors such as defence, commercial aircrafts, oil and LNG, coal, machinery and electronics.

India is aiming to promote automotive, pharmaceuticals, seafood, IT and travel services to the US market.

Goyal said India and the US must look at a larger trade agreement, the government statement said. It did not elaborate.

KHCB launches ATM in Marassi beach



● The new machine offers multiple services such as brief account statements, transfer of funds between accounts, credit card balance inquiries and many other services



TDT | Manama

Khaleeji Commercial Bank (KHCB) has announced the installation of a new ATM at Marassi Beach in Diyar Al Muharraq. The new machine offers multiple services such as brief account statements, transfer of funds between accounts, credit card balance inquiries and many other services.

Ebrahim Khalil Al Awadhi, Head of Delivery Channels & Cards Department, said Marassi Beach attracts a large number of citizens and residents, in addition to being situated at the entrance to Diyar Al Muharraq, which is considered one of the latest residential areas that are witnessing steady urban and commercial development, in terms of the number of housing units and commercial complexes.

Apple starts selling locally assembled iPhone XR in India

Reuters

Apple Inc has started selling its popular iPhone XR phones assembled in India, as it looks to expand its share in the world's second-largest smartphone market where it has struggled against cheaper products from rivals.

The phones are being assembled at Chinese contract manufacturer Foxconn's India factory, helping the Cupertino, California-based company avoid high levies on the import of fully-built devices as well as meet local sourcing norms for opening its own retail stores in India.

iPhone XR boxes with an "Assembled in India" tag were seen on Monday in many of the country's electronic product retailers, including Croma,



The various colours of newly released Apple iPhone XR are seen following the product launch event at the Steve Jobs Theater in Cupertino, California

with a price tag of 49,900 Indian rupees (£542) for the 64 GB version.

The company has slashed iPhone XR prices in India to counter a prolonged sales slowdown amid fierce competition from premium smartphones from Samsung and OnePlus.

All-new Mazda3 rolls into Bahrain



Mazda3 is a global strategic model that has driven Mazda's growth from both a brand and business perspective

● **Test drives can be pre-booked at Sitra on 17706010 and Tubli on 17875777**

● **Sold over 6 million units since its 2003 debut**

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International Motor Trading Agency (IMTA) unveiled the all-new Mazda3 in Bahrain yesterday.

Mazda3, on display at showrooms in Sitra & Tubli, is now open to the public. Test drives can be pre-booked at Sitra on 17706010 and Tubli on 17875777.

The all-new Mazda3 adopts a matured Kodo design language that attempts to embody the essence of Japanese aesthetics. While the overall form presents a simple, single motion, subtle undulations bring the design to life through shifting light and reflections that glide over the

body surface. The result is a richer and more powerful expression of vitality than previous Kodo models. Despite sharing the Mazda3 moniker, the hatchback and sedan models have distinct personalities—the design of the hatchback is emotive, the sedan elegant.

The all-new Mazda3 adopts Mazda's new Skyactiv-Vehicle Architecture, designed to enable people to make the most of their natural sense of balance. The powertrain lineup comprises the latest Skyactiv-X, Skyactiv-G and Skyactiv-D engines, each of which provides responsive speed control in any driving situation. Based on its philosophy of designing the car around the human being, Mazda has dramatically enhanced the car's fundamental driving attributes such that accelerating, turning and braking feel completely natural.

Having sold over 6 million units since its 2003 debut, the all-new Mazda3 is a global strategic model that has driven Mazda's growth from both a brand and business perspective.

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It has delivered Mazda's renowned driving pleasure to customers all over the world and been a mainstay of production at key plants globally.

“The all-new Mazda3 we unveil today begins a new era for Mazda,” said Suzan Kanoo, IMTA President.

IMTA Vice President K.N. Singh said, “The next generation of Mazda cars will enhance the value of the car-ownership experience. Though these

products, we will further raise Mazda's brand value and work towards our goal of building strong bonds with customers all over the Kingdom.”

IMTA's Showrooms at Sitra and Tubli showcase Mazda6, Mazda CX-9, Mazda CX-5, Mazda CX-3 in addition to Mazda3, 2020.

IMTA said it is also planning to showcase Mazda's Signature model MX-5 soon at their showrooms in Bahrain.

Facebook unveils fresh security measures for 2020 US elections

● **An Iranian account which “masqueraded as a news entity” posted on topics including race relations, US and Israeli policy on Iran and the Black Lives Matter movement**

AFP | San Francisco



Facebook said yesterday it was tightening its security for the 2020 US elections, with stepped up scrutiny of “state controlled” media seeking to manipulate American voters.

The moves add to a series of measures from the leading social network since 2016, when foreign entities were prominently involved in social media in the US campaign.

“The bottom line here is that elections have changed significantly since 2016, and Facebook has changed too,” Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg told a conference call.

“We face increasingly sophisticated attacks from nation-states ... but I'm confident we're more prepared now.”

One of the new steps calls for labeling of messages coming from state-controlled media outlets, starting next month.

“We will hold these pages to a higher standard of transparency because they combine the opinion-making influence of a media organization with the strategic backing of a state,” a Facebook blog post said.

Facebook also said it would seek to curb the viral spread of misinformation by using a “pop-up” that will appear when people attempt to share posts on Instagram debunked by third-party fact-checkers.

“In addition to clearer labels, we're also working to take faster action to prevent misinformation from going viral, especially given that quality reporting and fact-checking takes time,” Facebook said.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg says he is more confident about the social network's response to foreign manipulation efforts

“In many countries, including in the US, if we have signals that a piece of content is false, we temporarily reduce its distribution pending review by a third-party fact-checker.”

Facebook said it was offering new protections against the accounts of political candidates, monitoring their accounts for hacking or hijacking. It also outlined steps to protect against “voter suppression” including any efforts to mislead people about where or when to vote.

In a related development, Facebook said it removed four separate networks of accounts from Russia and Iran for “coordinated inauthentic behavior” on Facebook and Instagram.

“All of these operations created networks of accounts to mislead others about who they were and what they were doing,” said Facebook cybersecurity chief Nathaniel Gleicher.

Three of the groups originated in Iran and one in Russia, and they targeted users in the United States, North Africa and Latin America.

One of the Russian groups used posts with concealed identities to make comments “on both sides of political issues including topics like US elections, environmental issues, racial tensions, LGBTQ issues, political candidates, confederate ideas, conservatism and liberalism,” Facebook said.

‘A Gift of Gold’ offers at Malabar Gold & Diamonds

● **‘Scratch & win’ coupons on purchase of gold jewellery worth BHD 300 and chances to win a guaranteed gold coin or up to 50 gold coins instantly.**

● **Free two gram gold coin on purchase of diamond jewellery worth BHD 500**

● **Free one gram gold coin on diamond purchase of BHD 300**

TD | Manama

Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one among the largest jewellery retailers globally with a strong retail network of 250 outlets spread across the globe has revealed its much-awaited festive season offer, ‘A Gift of Gold’, giving a golden chance for the customers to win assured gold coins with Gold & Diamond



Nikesh V K the winner of Malabar Gold & Diamonds' campaign 'Gift of Gold', who won 50 Gold Coins receiving the prize from Mohammed Rafeeq, Branch Head - Malabar Gold & Diamonds in the presence of team member of Malabar Gold & Diamonds at their outlet at Gold City, Manama.

Jewellery purchases.

In Bahrain, the offer began 16th October 2019 and will be spanning till 27th October 2019. Also, the company has unveiled the latest Festive Jewellery collection at special offer prices in gold, diamond and precious gem jewellery featuring the most eye-catching and unique trends bound to captivate the customers.

‘A Gift of Gold’ by Malabar Gold & Diamonds gives unmatched chances for the customers to win gold coins with their gold & diamond jewellery purchases. Customers can win a guaranteed gold coin or up to 50 gold coins instantly on purchase of gold jewellery worth BHD 300 via ‘Scratch & Win’ coupons. Adding to the above, customers also get two gram gold coin on diamond jewellery purchase of BHD 500 and a one gram gold coin on purchase of diamond jewellery worth BHD 300.

Also, customers will have a great opportunity to get protected from the increasing gold rate by just paying 10% of the entire amount on your favour-

ite gold jewellery. This offer is valid until 25th October only. The customers also get a fabulous chance to buy 8 gm gold coins with absolutely no making charges from any of Malabar Gold & Diamonds outlets in Bahrain during this period. Furthermore, customers can avail the zero deduction offer on 22K (GCC) gold jewellery exchange as well.

Above offers are valid at their outlets in Bahrain until 27th October only.

The latest jewellery collection launched in celebration of the festive season includes both traditional and contemporary designs in 18 & 22K gold, diamond and precious gem jewellery and are guaranteed to suit the tastes of their multicultural and multinational customers. Malabar Gold & Diamonds has incorporated these designs as a part of various brands presented at Malabar Gold & Diamonds' namely Mine - Diamonds Unlimited, Era - Uncut Diamond Jewellery, Precia - Gem Jewellery, Divine-Indian Heritage Jewellery and Ethnix - Handcrafted Designer Jewellery.

British PM denied new Brexit deal vote

● House of Commons speaker John Bercow said Johnson was not allowed to push for the same vote twice in the same parliamentary sitting

● Johnson has built his entire Brexit strategy on the premise of using the pressure of time

● European officials have the option of extending the deadline

● Johnson and his supporters say this would kill the point of Brexit

London

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson was dealt a fresh blow Monday when the speaker of parliament denied him a second shot at getting his Brexit deal passed just 10 days before the deadline.

House of Commons speaker John Bercow -- a colourful figure who has played a starring role in the Brexit drama -- said Johnson was not allowed to push for the same vote twice in the same parliamentary sitting.

Lawmakers decided at their first Saturday session since the 1982 Falklands War to force the Conservative leader to ask Brussels to postpone the October 31 divorce by three months.

"The motion will not be debated today because it would be repetitive and disorderly to do so," Bercow said.



Lawmakers pushed through an amendment on Saturday obliging a furious Johnson to ask for another Brexit extension



Speaker John Bercow announces the result of the vote on the deal delay

Johnson is trying to secure a break from Brussels that severs many of the island nation's economic relations with Europe after 46 years of EU membership.

But lawmakers refused on Saturday to give their backing to his revised divorce plan until all the domestic legislation needed to ratify it has passed.

Johnson's foes are now forging new alliances and trying to attach amendments that could either force him to push for closer trade ties with the EU -- or abandon the deal and accept a third delay this year.

The option of extending Brexit is now in the hands of the 27 remaining EU member states.

'Technical extension'

Britain has been struggling to agree on how to leave the EU ever since narrowly backing Brexit in a 2016 referendum that did little to end old arguments about the country's place in the world.

Johnson has built his entire Brexit strategy on the premise of using the pressure of time to force everyone to stop bickering and agree an exit plan by the end of the month.

Britain ended up sending three letters to Brussels on Saturday night -- including an unsigned one to seek another extension.

In one of the letters, Johnson said an "extension would damage the interests of the UK and our EU partners" and that he was firmly against a delay.

The manoeuvre is designed to minimise the political damage of Johnson going back on his word and seeking an extension ahead of an early general election most expect in the coming months.

But British Brexit minister Stephen Barclay told parliament Monday that European Council President Donald Tusk "has accepted the request as valid and indicated he is considering it and consulting with member states".

European officials have the option of extending the deadline for just a few weeks or possibly many months to give Britain more time to finally make up its mind.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said he "would not rule out a short technical extension".

Scotland's top civil court decided Monday to continue watching Johnson and intervene should he try to avoid accepting any delay offered by the EU.

Customs union plot

The focus now switches to the government's attempt Tuesday to get lawmakers to support domestic legislation in the accompanying Withdrawal Agreement Bill.

Success or failure then would set the course for the coming week and largely determine whether Johnson's will get his October 31 divorce.

But the deck seems stacked against Johnson.

The main opposition La-

bour Party is trying to create a cross-party alliance that would back Johnson's deal on the condition that it is fixed to keep Britain in a customs union with the EU.

Johnson and his supporters say this would kill the point of Brexit by keeping Britain tied to Europe and unable to strike its own trade deals with powers such as China and the United States.

Labour is trying to create a quick marriage of convenience with Johnson's nominal allies in Northern Ireland's hardline Democratic Unionist Party.

The DUP broke ranks and voted against Johnson's agreement Saturday because it created new trade regulations for goods moving between Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK.

The Brexit-supporting DUP appeared open to the suggestion of a customs union after rejecting another amendment backed by Labour that would put up any eventual deal for a confirmatory referendum.

Hundreds of thousands of people rallied in London on Saturday demanding a second national vote on Brexit that could overturn the results of the 2016 referendum.



Pound reaches fresh five-month peak above \$1.30

● Asian equity markets mostly rose

● On Wall Street, the main indices moved higher despite Boeing shares tumbling again

● Shares of Boeing were down 3.8 per cent

London

The pound hit a fresh five-month peak above \$1.30 yesterday on renewed Brexit optimism after Prime Minister Boris Johnson requested another extension to Britain's scheduled departure from the European Union.

At about 1230 GMT, the pound reached the highest level since May at \$1.3013.

It pulled back after the speaker of the House of Commons refused to hold another vote on Johnson's Brexit plan on Monday, and dipped lower.

"As should come as little surprise to those who follow John Bercow, the speaker of the house has announced that there will be no meaningful Brexit vote today," said David Cheetham, chief market analyst at XTB on-

Key figures around 1530 GMT

Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.2979 from \$1.2984 on Friday
Euro/pound:	▼ at 85.84 pence from 86.00 pence
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.1142 from \$1.1167
Dollar/yen:	▲ at 108.47 yen from 108.45 yen
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 0.2 pc at 7,163.64 points (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ 0.2 pc at 5,648.35 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX 30:	▲ 0.9 pc at 12,747.96 (close)
EURO STOXX 50:	▲ 0.7 pc at 3,603.74 (close)
New York - Dow:	▲ 0.2 pc at 26,809.36
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▲ 0.3 pc at 22,548.90 (close)
Hong Kong - Hang Seng:	▲ 0.1 pc at 26,740.24 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▲ 0.1 pc at 2,939.62 (close)
Brent North Sea crude:	▼ 1.3 pc at \$58.65 per barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▼ 1.1 pc at \$53.19



Traders work after the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)

line trading firm.

Parliamentary rules prohibit repeat votes on the same measure.

"However, he was also keen to state that it was legitimate for the government to introduce its EU withdrawal bill and as such we can expect the key vote to take place tomorrow," he added.

"There is a growing expectation that this bill will pass tomorrow and therefore we could be set for further upside in the pound," said Cheetham.

Johnson attempted Monday to again to push his EU divorce deal through parliament and avoid the political damage of delaying Brexit beyond next week.

Brexit extension 'more likely'

"Stock markets are in positive territory as traders are less fearful about the prospect of a no-deal Brexit," said market analyst David Madden at CMC Markets UK.

"The main driver (for the pound) is hope of a Brexit extension being more likely, which could result in a better exit deal potentially to be negotiated than is currently on offer," said Accendo Markets trader Samuel Springett.

The pound had already struck five-month highs last week on optimism over Johnson's Brexit agreement with Brussels.

Boeing selloff continues

Elsewhere, Asian equity markets mostly rose but there was little major movement in reaction to China's top trade negotiator Liu He saying at the weekend that Beijing and Washington had made "substantial progress" towards wrapping up a partial trade deal announced earlier this month.

The deal offered China a temporary reprieve from tariffs planned for mid-October, while Beijing said it would hike purchases of US agricultural goods.

But it did not roll back any of the duties already imposed on hundreds of billions of dollars in exports to the US, nor address another round of levies due in December.

On Wall Street, the main indices moved higher despite Boeing shares tumbling again on doubts over its handling of the 737 MAX crisis after US aviation regulators criticised it for withholding key documents for months.

Both UBS and Credit Suisse downgraded the company following Friday's statement by the Federal Aviation Administration that called Boeing's handling of the documents "disappointing."

Shares of Boeing were down 3.8 per cent in late morning trading, after having fallen by 6.8 per cent on Friday.

UK gov't wants Brexit bill to go through lower house this week



Jacob Rees-Mogg, the leader of the House of Commons

Reuters | London

Britain's government plans for parliament to debate and vote on its Withdrawal Agreement Bill this week, the leader of the lower house of parliament said yesterday, setting out a tight schedule for approval of legislation needed to leave the European Union.

Jacob Rees-Mogg, the leader of the House of Commons, said the lower house of parliament would have a final vote on the bill on Thursday, the last stage before it will be debated and voted upon in the upper house of parliament, the House of Lords.

On Tuesday, he said the government wanted to have a second reading of the bill and then start the next stage, which will hand lawmakers the opportunity to propose changes to the legislation.

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MALEFICENT 2: MISTRESS OF EVIL (PG)
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 OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP):10.30 AM + 3.30 + 8.30 PM
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 WOODY HARRELSON, JESSE EISENBERG, EMMA STONE

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ABDUCTION (PG-15)
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KILLERS ANONYMOUS (18+)(DRAMA/CRIME)
 SEEF (II): 12.30 + 4.30 + 8.30 PM
 GARY OLDMAN, JESSICA ALBA, TOMMY FLANAGAN

ARDAB MUTIYARAN (PG-13)
 SEEF (I): 3.15 + 8.45 PM
 SONAM BAJWA, NINJA, AJAY SARKARIA

JOKER (15+)(THRILLER/CRIME/DRAMA)
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 JOAQUIN PHOENIX, ZAZIE BEETZ, ROBERT DE NIRO



GEMINI MAN (PG-15)(ACTION/THRILLER/DRAMA)
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 WILL SMITH, MARY ELIZABETH WINSTEAD, CLIVE OWEN

WAR (PG-15)(HINDI/ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME)
 OASIS JUFFAIR :11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM
 CITY CENTRE:11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM
 SEEF (II): 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM
 WADI AL SAIL: 12.30 + 5.45 + 11.00 PM
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BORN A KING (PG)(DRAMA/HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY)
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 SEEF (II): 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 + 12.00 MN
 WADI AL SAIL:3.30 + 8.45 PM
 ABDULLAH ALI, RAWKAN BINBELLA, ED SKREIN

ABOMINABLE (PG)(ANIMATION)
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 CHLOE BENNET, TENZING NORGYA TRAINOR, ALBERT TSAI

ANGEL HAS FALLEN (PG-15)
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 GERARD BUTLER, MORGAN FREEMAN, JADA PINKETT SMITH

RAMBO: LAST BLOOD (15+)(ACTION/CRIME/DRAMA)
 CITY CENTRE : 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM
 SYLVESTER STALLONE, PAZ VEGA, SERGIO PERIS-MENCHETA

KHAYAL MAATA (PG)(COMEDY/DRAMA)
 CITY CENTRE :1.00 + 5.45 + 10.30 PM
 AHMAD HELMY, MINNA SHALABI, HASSAN HOSNEY

A SHAUN THE SHEEP MOVIE: FARMAGEDDON
 CITY CENTRE: 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 PM
 SEEF (II):11.30 AM + 6.00 PM
 JUSTIN FLETCHER, JOHN SPARKES, KATE HARBOUR

THE LION KING (PG)(ADVENTURE/DRAMA/FAMILY)
 CITY CENTRE: 12.30 + 5.15 + 10.00 PM
 DONALD GLOVER, SETH ROGEN, CHIWETEL EJIOFOR

DORA AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD (PG)
 CITY CENTRE:10.30 AM + 3.00 + 7.45 PM
 ISABELA MONER, Q'ORIANKA KILCHER, BENICIO DEL TORO

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 CITY CENTRE:10.45 AM + 3.30 + 8.15 PM
 TOM HANKS, TIM ALLEN, JOAN CUSACK

SALMA'S BIG WISH (PG)(ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)
 SEEF (II): 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 PM
 CRISTINA MALIZIA, JOSEPH HERNANDEZ, LUIS DUBUC

THE SKY IS PINK (PG-15) (HINDI/DRAMA/ROMANTIC)
 SEEF (I): 12.30 + 6.00 + 11.30 PM
 ZAIRA WASIM, PRIYANKA CHOPRA, FARHAN AKHTAR

ADHYA RATHRI (PG-13)(MALAYALAM)
 OASIS JUFFAIR : 3.15 + 8.30 PM
 BIJU MENON, AJU VARGHESE, ANASWARA

ASURAN (PG-15)(TAMIL)
 OASIS JUFFAIR : 12.30 + 5.45 + 11.00 PM
 DHANUSH, MANJU WARRIER, BALAJI SAKTHIVEL

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 ANTONY VARGHESE, CHEMBAN VINOD JOSE, SABUMON ABDUSAMAD



MOVIE REVIEW

'Killers Anonymous' is a bait-and-switch monstrosity

London's contract killers meet in a colourful, convoluted, semi-tongue-in-cheek genre pastiche

● **Obscurity beckons for this pitifully plotted ensemble piece about an assassins' support group**

This ensemble British crime thriller is written and directed in a way that alienates the audience right from the start, trying to drum up interest while deliberately making it impossible to find a way in. There are some great actors in the cast, but the film is so heavily stylised and awkwardly structured that the characters never quite make sense. And the relentless violence never means anything.

In the wake of the botched assassination of a US Senator (Hazeldine) in London, a mysterious boss (Oldman) flies in from Los Angeles and questions the rather unhelpful Jade (Alba). She's part of a 12-step support group for assassins led by Jo (Buring). The newest member is Alice (Brown), who's understandably nervous about being



A scene from the movie 'Killers Anonymous'

surrounded by killers (Flanagan, Socha, McInnerny, Morris and Langridge). While the boss, working with Violet (Water-

house), watches from a nearby rooftop, a teen (Allen) is inside spying on the group. The film is nicely shot in

intriguing locations, but the evasive editing makes it very difficult to figure out what a scene is about. And it doesn't



Gary Oldman and Jessica Alba wisely keep to the periphery of this fiasco about a support group for assassins

help that the actors are directed to heightened performances, which means that they always look like they're lying. This is probably deliberate, but it leaves the audience outside the story. The script layers in fragments of back-story in flashbacks as group members share their murderous pasts. The bigger question about who they are now becomes increasingly muddled.

None of the characters is likeable, so the cast members struggle from the start. Thankfully, most are gifted actors who layer some interest in between the lines of the script. So while Flanagan is basically just a shouty bully and McInnerny a stiff dork, Socha reveals some sensitivity under the bluster, even if his connection with Brown's observant Alice feels forced. Buring's role allows for more texture, dressed as a priest as she carefully watches everything. But Oldman (who gives it his all), Alba and Waterhouse seem edited in from a separate film.

There are some clever touches in the script, from surprising plot twists and dramatic revelations to an asance exploration of mortality. But the way the film is assembled leaves the audience always feeling like they're not privy to the joke. Scenes are talky and confusing, mainly because there is neither a central character nor a focal perspective. And since not a single person has a story arc, it's impossible to engage with anything that happens.

celebs



Natalie Portman

Natalie Portman defends Marvel movies

Los Angeles

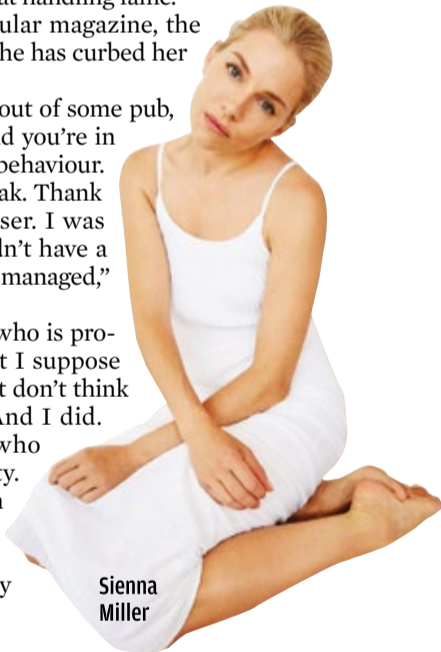
Amid criticism from Martin Scorsese and Francis Ford Coppola, “Thor: The Dark World” actress Natalie Portman has come forward to defend Marvel movies, saying there is room for all types of cinema. “I think there’s room for all types of cinema,” hollywood-reporter.com quoted Portman as saying. “There’s not one way to make art,” she added. Portman is set to reprise her role as Jane Foster when she returns to the Marvel Cinematic Universe in 2021 with “Thor: Love and Thunder”. She defended the comic book adaptations, saying that movies allow viewers a chance to es-

cape from their day-to-day lives. “I think that Marvel films are so popular because they’re really entertaining and people desire entertainment when they have their special time after work, after dealing with their hardships in real life,” said Portman. Earlier this month, Scorsese spoke with Empire magazine about his views towards the Marvel movies, expressing that he regards them as “not cinema” and likens them to “theme parks”. Since his initial remarks, Scorsese repeated the “theme parks” analogy at the BFI London Film Festival. Filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola, best known for directing the “Godfather” trilogy, also said that Marvel “pictures are not cinema”.

Sienna Miller: I’m terrible at being famous

Los Angeles

Actress Sienna Miller says being famous doesn’t suit her, adding that she is terrible at handling fame. In an interview to popular magazine, the actress said that she is glad that she has curbed her hedonistic streak. “You’re photographed coming out of some pub, you’ve had too much to drink and you’re in your twenties. It wasn’t healthy behaviour. I definitely have a hedonistic streak. Thank god I was never a heavy drug user. I was just frivolous in some ways. I didn’t have a business head. I wasn’t being well managed,” she said. “I have always been someone who is professional and on time on set, but I suppose life in between was chaotic. I just don’t think I was ready. I wanted to live. And I did. There are English movie stars who have normal lives and longevity. There have been moments when I was incredibly famous and it doesn’t suit me. I just can’t. I’m terrible at it,” added the “Factory Girl” star.



Sienna Miller

Here’s what Jennifer Lawrence, Cooke Maroney’s guests feasted upon at afterparty!

Los Angeles

The afterparty of Jennifer Lawrence and Cooke Maroney’s nuptials took place outside of the Belcourt of Newport castle, Rhode Island early on Sunday. The couple’s guests had a lot to feast on, especially the classic burgers and fries from a local food truck. For their special day, the duo called Boston’s Baddest Burger Food Truck and Maine-ly

Lobstah of Norwood, Massachusetts, to serve their guests in the best way possible. The owner of the food truck told People magazine he all together served a few variety including The Hub, (a grass-fed 6 oz. cheeseburger on Iggy’s brioche), the “Chicky” (chicken sandwiches), “Bad Dogs” (Hebrew National Hot Dogs), veggie burgers and their popular one “RG Fries” which stands for “really good.” The owner of the Boston’s Baddest Burger Food Truck also recalled finding out just a day before the wedding that he had “no idea” about who he was about to serve.



Camila Cabello rubbishes rumours of breakup with Shawn Mendes

Los Angeles

Putting rumours of her break up with Shawn Mendes to rest, the Camila Cabello on Sunday cleared that the couple is still together. The ‘Senorita’ took to her social media to post a screenshot of a news story reading “Proof Shawn and Camila Are Broken Up.” She wrote on it, “Well when the hell were you gonna tell me @shawnmendes.” He captioned the photo with a black heart emoji to which she reverted with four pink hearts and arrow emojis. The pair first sparked romance rumours in June with the release of the music video of their song ‘Senorita’. Shortly after, a source told Us Weekly, “Shawn and Camila started off as just friends, which they have been for years, but the more time they spent together, the more they started having feelings for each other.” “It quickly turned into a fun, lighthearted summer fling-type situation,” the insider added, “but now it’s developing into something more serious.” Throughout the summer, the duo remained private about their relationship status, despite being spotted kissing in public on multiple occasions, including over coffee in San Francisco, in the ocean in Miami, during a date night in Montreal and in Mendes’ hometown of Toronto.



Camila Cabello and Shawn Mendes

Arnold Schwarzenegger: I don’t feel my age

Seoul

At 72, Hollywood A-Lister Arnold Schwarzenegger completely defies age, be it with his work or physical fitness. While promoting his upcoming film “Terminator: Dark Fate” on Monday here, Arnold, who is reprising his popular role of T-800 in the movie, shared his views on getting old, saying he doesn’t feel his age. Schwarzenegger “When it comes to age, I really don’t feel it. It’s just because I get training all the time. I train every day. I was kind of waiting for a movie like that, and to prepare for the role I prepared myself for months in advance. I practiced the different stunts and coordinated with the stunt department because I believe in reps, reps and reps. I really feel that I am getting older but not obsolete for sure,” Arnold laughed.



Arnold Schwarzenegger

Deepika Padukone casts her vote at Mumbai’s Bandra West constituency

Deepika Padukone

Mumbai

Polling for 288 assembly constituencies is underway in the state, and Bollywood star Deepika Padukone too exercised her right to vote at Mumbai’s Bandra West constituency on Monday. The ‘Chennai Express’ star was among many from the entertainment industry who came out to vote for their representatives. ‘Mr Perfectionist’ Aamir Khan with wife Kiran Rao, and actor Lara Dutta were among the early voters who reached their designated polling booth in Bandra West. “I appeal to all citizens of Maharashtra to come out and vote in large numbers,” said the 54-year-old actor. “Everyone of us wishes for happiness and success of Maharashtra and for this all us need to cast our vote wisely,” said Rao. Bollywood celebrities including Ravi Kishan, Padmini Kolhapure and Subha Khote were also spotted at their respective polling booths.



Kind of different world: Robert on ‘The Batman’ link with ‘Joker’

Los Angeles

Robert Pattinson says Matt Reeves’ “The Batman” is a different animal from the recent released “Joker”. It was recently announced “The Batman” will see Zoe Kravitz play Catwoman and Paul Dano will portray The Riddler, but Joaquin Phoenix’s version of the Clown Prince of Crime will not feature in the new film.



Robert Pattinson

Hailey, Justin Bieber gives out major couple goals at birthday bash

Los Angeles

Newly-married couple Justin Bieber and Hailey Baldwin are enjoying their romantic time together. On Saturday night, the celebrity couple got cosy and basked in newlywed bliss, after attending musician Andrew Watt’s birthday party in Beverly Hills, reported E-News website. The couple was spotted holding hands and smiling, as they left the star-studded lavish bash. The party reportedly had a major of celebrity invitees that included stars Kaia Gerber, Brooklyn Beckham, and Diplo. For the special occasion, the two lovebirds kept things casual but chic. The 25-year-



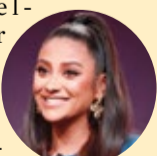
Hailey and Justin Bieber

old pop icon donned an oversized burgundy t-shirt that he paired with matching pants, white sneakers, and a fire-engine red baseball cap. Hailey also went for the same vibe as her husband and slipped into something low-key and chill.

Shay Mitchell gives birth to first child

Los Angeles

“Pretty Little Liars” star Shay Mitchell and boyfriend actor Matteo Babel welcomed their first child, a baby girl. Mitchell, 32, on Sunday took to Instagram to share the news. “Never letting go...” she captioned the photo which shows her holding the hand of their daughter. Mitchell announced her pregnancy in June.



Shay Mitchell

SPORTS

Wheat-Lindsey upsets boys' top seed in ITF Juniors

Patrick Wheat-Lindsey defeated Boris Stastny to highlight Day One at BTC

TDT | Manama

Patrick Wheat-Lindsey from the USA wasted no time in making his presence felt in the 11th Bahrain ITF Juniors Tennis Championship 2019 after stunning Boys' Singles top seed Boris Stastny of the Czech Republic in their first round clash yesterday, played at the Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) hard courts in Juffair.

Wheat-Lindsey, ranked 2,329th in the world, needed three sets to take down the 870th-ranked Stastny 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 to make a dream start to the competition.

The result was the major upset of an exciting action-packed Day One, which featured a day-long schedule of 32 matches in both the Boys' Singles and Girls' Singles first rounds.

Meanwhile, Girls' Singles top seed and defending champion Nina Danisova (ranked 393rd in the world amongst girls) from Slovakia outplayed wild card Yara Alhagbani from Saudi Arabia 6-1, 6-2 to go through.

From the other seeded boys and girls, only one from each did not make it to the next stage. Unranked qualifier Daniel Abernethy from Great Britain upset boys' sixth seed Pablo Trochu (ranked 1,141st in the world) from France 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; while another Briton, Issey Purser (ranked 2,549th amongst girls), ousted seventh seed Erika Weil (ranked 1,348th) of Hungary 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Action continues today from 4pm with matches in the Boys' Doubles and Girls' Doubles. The singles second round will take place Wednesday.

The 11th Bahrain ITF Tennis



Rhea Singh of India hits a return

Juniors Championship 2019 is being held under the patronage of Deputy Prime Minister HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa. It has been organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs, the Bahrain Tennis Federation and the International Tennis Federation (ITF); and is being supported by Bahrain National Gas Company, Bapco and Ebrahim K Kanoo.

The tournament is a part of the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, and it continues the tradition of BTC's hosting world-class tennis championships each year.

Elsewhere in the Boys' Singles yesterday, second seed Garv Bahl of India defeated Bahraini wild card Mohamed Al Shehaby 6-0, 6-0; while third seed Vansh Bhagatani, also from India, needed to battle hard to defeat Muneer Al Rawahi from Oman in three sets 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.

Fourth-seeded Mark Owen Endler of Germany beat Rahul Jaideep of India 6-4, 6-4 in a



Saniya Masand hits a return

defeated American Yousef Manana 6-1, 6-1.

In the Girls' Singles, second seed Stefania Bojica of Romania defeated qualifier Aryana Bartlett of Great Britain 6-1, 7-6 (3); while third-seeded Russian Rosaleen Alioussef beat Egyptian qualifier Perihan Auf 6-2, 6-0.

Hagar Ramadan, fourth seed from Egypt, joined them in the next stage with a 6-3, 6-1 win against Renee Marie Acena from the Philippines. Number five seed Jessica Dhome-Casanova of Great Britain then beat Aleina Elizabeth Alex of India 6-2, 6-0; while sixth seed Caroline Fawzy of Egypt defeated Shreya Menon of India 6-2, 6-2. Eighth seed Niva Vivic of Denmark also marched on, overcoming Srihitha Jaligama of India 6-1, 6-4.

Bahrain's Nazley Nader was also amongst the girls who booked their place in the second round. She did well to claim a 6-1, 6-1 triumph over Tanya Nanda from India.



Today's Order of Play features a total of 14 doubles matches. Top seeds for the boys are the pair of Endler and Trochu, while the top seeds for the girls are the tandem of Stefania and Rosaleen

closely contested match; while fifth-seeded Briton Alexander Knox Jones outplayed Bahraini wild card Mohammed Alkhan 6-0, 6-0.

Seventh seed Luca Daniel Constantin of Romania followed suit by beating Archie Turner of Great Britain 6-1, 6-1; and eighth seed Archie Graham, another up-and-coming British talent,

Mixed fortunes for Team Bahrain drivers during first day in Italy



Luca Houghton in action in Micro MAX class during first day of free practice

TDT | Manama

Team Bahrain drivers got their first taste of track action ahead of this weekend's 2019 Rotax MAX Challenge (RMC) Grand Finals at Circuito Internazionale di Napoli in Sarno.

Unusually hot conditions greeted the 360 drivers from 60 nations as they took to the track for the first day of free practice with 24 sessions of 15 minutes for each of the classes with Bahrain representatives ten-year-old Luca Houghton contesting the Micro MAX class and experienced 33-year-old Mohammed Matar in Senior MAX.

Traditionally day one at the Grand Finals is one where drivers familiarise themselves with the track, first-timers at Sarno using the valuable time to learn the circuit while others reacquire themselves with a venue that has hosted the likes of Kimi Raikkonen, Lewis Hamilton, Nico Rosberg, Michael Schumacher among many legends of the sport.

Speaking at the end of the first day, team manager Hasan Al Shehaby summed up: "The first day always brings unknowns which drivers have to deal with. Mohammed had an issue with his kart that prevented him from maximising his time on the track but we

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HASAN AL SHEHABI

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"On the other hand, Luca was fast and impressed in his first two sessions at the venue he has never raced at, running strongly among the pacesetters early on in the week's proceedings which should serve him well for the remaining days of action. All in all, it was a good day with some challenges which we will overcome," added Shehaby.

On Tuesday drivers will again have two practice sessions with the Heat races set to start on Wednesday followed by the Pre-Finals on Friday and the Finals on Saturday.

Klopp hits out at VAR after Liverpool draw at Man Utd

● Liverpool manager claims VAR missed 'obvious foul'

AFP | London

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp criticised the video assistant referee (VAR) system after his team's 1-1 draw at Manchester United on Sunday, saying the way the technology is being used in England does not make "too much sense".

Klopp was aggrieved Liverpool were not awarded a free-kick for a "clear foul" on Divock Origi in the build-up to United's first-half goal after watching his side drop points in the league for the first time this season.

Premier League rules governing VAR allow the video assistant to overturn a referee's decision only in the case of a clear and



Liverpool's Belgium striker Divock Origi (L) appears to be fouled by Manchester United's Swedish defender Victor Lindelof (R) in the build-up to the first goal

obvious error.

"This is a problem we have to discuss," the Liverpool boss told

reporters. "I was 100% sure VAR would overrule (United's goal). "The referee let the game run

because he has VAR, but the VAR says then it was not clear... This makes not too much sense. It is

a clear VAR issue in how we deal with it in the moment.

"I'm not angry or whatever. I am sure (referee) Martin Atkinson would have whistled if there was no VAR but he let it go."

Marcus Rashford opening the scoring for United, who were pegged back by Liverpool substitute Adam Lallana's equaliser about five minutes from time.

Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer disagreed with Klopp's assessment of the Origi incident and praised the referee for letting the game flow.

"No chance - we're not playing basketball. It's never a foul," Solskjaer said. "I think the referee did well. He let it become a proper football game with tackles. He wasn't one of those tippy-tappy, stop-the-game referees."

Despite the draw, Liverpool still lead second-placed Manchester City by six points, while United are 13th in the table.

Fourth UAE cricketer suspended for corruption

AFP | Dubai

Ashfaq Ahmed yesterday became the fourth United Arab Emirates cricketer suspended as part of an anti-corruption investigation.

Ahmed opened the batting in their first two matches at the T20 World Cup qualifying tournament. He scored four as UAE lost to Oman on Friday and three as they beat Ireland on Saturday.

He was not in the team yesterday as UAE beat Hong Kong by eight wickets.

"Further to the ongoing investigations led by the ICC Anti-Corruption Unit, Emirates Cricket Board has today provisionally suspended Ashfaq Ahmed with immediate effect," the UAE Cricket Board said in a statement.

India on brink of Test sweep

Mohammed Shami, Umesh Yadav put India on the brink of 3-0 sweep over South Africa

● South Africa were bowled out for 162 in their first innings before India enforced the follow-on

AFP | Ranchi, India

Pace duo Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav claimed five wickets between them yesterday to put India on the brink of a series whitewash after South Africa crumbled while following-on in the third Test.

At the end of the third day in Ranchi, the tourists were on 132-8, trailing India by 203 runs, with replacement batsman Theunis de Bruyn on 30 and Anrich Nortje, on five.

De Bruyn came in under the new concussion sub rule after Dean Elgar took a nasty hit on the helmet from a short delivery by Yadav and had to retire hurt on 16.

The impact left the opener



South Africa's Faf du Plessis is clean bowled off India's Umesh Yadav

shaken as he lay on the ground getting physio assistance, and officials called for early tea with the Proteas reeling on 26-4.

Events did not improve for South Africa as Shami claimed three wickets, including South Africa skipper Faf du Plessis for

four, while Yadav struck twice. South Africa's first innings ended on 162 earlier as they chased India's 497-9 declared.



Virat Kohli went past Mohammad Azharuddin as the Indian captain who has enforced the follow-on most times in Test cricket

for nought.

Spinners Ravindra Jadeja and Ravichandran Ashwin also took a wicket each to force an extension of the final session but de Bruyn and Nortje survived the final few overs.

India's wicketkeeper Wriddhiman Saha suffered a finger injury in the final session and Rishabh Pant took over.

According to new rules, a team is also allowed to replace a wicket keeper.

The South African batting fell flat after starting the day on nine for two in their first innings with Yadav and Shami sharing five wickets between them.

Hamza, playing just his second Test, scored a battling 62 to offer some resistance during his 91-run fourth-wicket stand with Temba Bavuma, who made 32.

Opening batsman Rohit Sharma put India in command of the final Test with his maiden double century in the five-day format on Sunday. He made 212.

India won the first two Tests by big margins in Visakhapatnam and Pune.

The hosts made them bat again, and Yadav drew first blood, getting left-hander Quinton de Kock -- who was promoted to open the innings -- bowled for five.

Shami took over to get first innings half-centurion Zubayr Hamza for nought with a delivery that rattled his off stump.

The pace spearhead then got du Plessis' prized scalp and Temba Bavuma caught behind

Manchester City still not clinical enough to win Champions League - Guardiola

AFP | Manchester

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola believes the English champions are still not strong enough at either end of the field to count themselves as realistic contenders to win the Champions League for the first time.

City are the bookmakers' favourites to finally win the biggest prize in European football after more than a decade of huge investment from the club's Abu Dhabi owners and in Guardiola's fourth season in charge.

However, the Catalan, who has won the Champions League twice as a manager and once as a player at Barcelona, thinks City will be punished in the latter stages of the competition if they continue the inconsistent form they have shown so far in the Premier League this season.

"We miss a lot of chances in the final third and we have to do that, to be clinical. When the people say about the Champions League being the target, we are still not ready," said Guardiola.



Pep Guardiola instructs players during the game against Crystal Palace

la, whose side have won their opening two Champions League games and host Atalanta at the Etihad on Tuesday.

"In this competition you have to be strong in the boxes and this season we are not incredibly strong in the boxes. Of course we have time."

City have been beset by injuries in defence and suffered shock defeats to Norwich and Wolves in their opening nine

Premier League games.

Guardiola, though, believes the onus is on his side to attack well as a unit to mask any defensive failings.

"When you play good, you defend less. When our build-up is bad, when you don't play good, you concede a lot," he added.

"What happens when we make our incredible, fluid game from the build-up? We concede few (chances). When our build-

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PEP GUARDIOLA

up is wrong, we make mistakes in the first pass, we are nervous like what happened against Wolves...we concede a lot.

"That's why it's related. It's not that you play well in one department and it's enough. When our pressing is high, is intense, we concede really few (chances)."

Guardiola will at least have more defenders to choose from for the visit of the Italians in midweek with Nicolas Otamendi and Kyle Walker returning to training after missing Saturday's 2-0 win at Crystal Palace, while John Stones could make his first start in five weeks.

Ronaldo happy with 'more attacking' Juventus

AFP | London

Juventus forward Cristiano Ronaldo gave coach Maurizio Sarri a vote of confidence yesterday when he said he was happy with the "more attacking" approach the club had adopted since Sarri came on board in the summer.

"I think the team is getting better," said Ronaldo on the eve of Juve's Champions League Group D meeting with Lokomotiv Moscow.

"We are getting more and more confident. We are playing a different brand of football,

more attacking.

"I like the way he (Sarri) wants the team to play. We are creating more opportunities, we have more confidence in ourselves, I'm happy with these changes.

"Maybe we could score a little more but I'm proud of what we are doing."

So far this season, Ronaldo has scored five goals in nine games and was on target at the weekend when Juventus beat Bologna 2-1 to consolidate top spot in Serie A.

"My role hasn't changed, perhaps I have a bit more freedom,"

he said.

"I am happy because, bit by bit, we are getting to where Juventus ought to be. We have a difference coach, a different system, new players. We changed in order to improve."

Last week, the five-time Ballon d'Or winner scored his 700th career goal while playing for Portugal.

"That's already in the past. I want to move on, reach new heights to help the team. I want to play and help the team win trophies.

"Of course I am proud of the individual records but the prior-

ity is to win games for Juventus and Portugal."



Cristiano Ronaldo

The Italian champions top Group D in the Champions League having drawn with Atletico Madrid and beaten Bayer Leverkusen 3-0 in the last round of games.

Murray rise continues after Belgian triumph

AFP | London

Former world number one Andy Murray was rewarded for his victory in Antwerp at the weekend, with another dramatic rise in the ATP rankings which were released yesterday.

The Scotsman, who is on the comeback trail after career-saving hip surgery, climbed 116 places to 127 following his 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 win over Stan Wawrinka -- his first title in two years.

Murray, who has won three Grand Slam titles and spent 41 weeks at number one from November 2016 to August 2017, saw his ranking slip as low as 839 in July 2018 as his injured hip threatened to end his career.



Andy Murray with the trophy

At the end of September he was ranked down at 503, meaning he has climbed 376 places in three weeks.

He is now expected to take a break as his wife waits for the birth of their third child.

Novak Djokovic remains at number one, the 273rd week in his career that he holds the top spot, with Rafael Nadal just 320 points behind.

Nadal named in Spain squad for Davis Cup

AFP | Madrid

World number two Rafael Nadal has been named in the Spain squad for the Davis Cup finals in Madrid next month.

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Nadal was included in a list of five Spanish players, with Roberto Bautista, Pablo Carreno, Feliciano Lopez and Marcel Granollers also picked by coach Sergi Bruguera.

A wrist injury forced Nadal to withdraw from the Shanghai Masters three weeks

ago and it remains to be seen whether the 19-time grand slam champion is fit enough to play.

The Davis Cup starts on November 18 at the Caja Magica and Spain have been draw alongside Russia and Croatia in Group B.

Controversial changes to the format of the 119-year-old tournament mean 18 teams will contest the finals over the course of a week.

Each tie will consist of two singles and one doubles match, with the winners of the six groups and two best-ranked runners-up progressing to the quarter-finals.



Rafael Nadal