

Jumpin' Jack Flash
Jagger back on stage
after heart surgery

Mick Jagger swaggered back to the stage on Friday in his first concert after undergoing heart surgery in April as the Rolling Stones kicked off a delayed North American tour.

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Rape allegation a 'fake news'

New York

An advice columnist for Elle fashion magazine said yesterday that Donald Trump sexually assaulted her in the dressing room of a New York department store more than two decades ago, an accusation swiftly denied by the US president.

According to E Jean Carroll, the rape occurred in either 1995 or 1996, when Mr Trump was a prominent real estate developer and she was a well-known magazine writer and host of a television show.

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\$50bn growth plan

White House's Jared Kushner unveils economic portion of upcoming Middle East peace plan

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Washington

The Trump administration's \$50 billion Middle East economic plan calls for creation of a global investment fund to lift the Palestinian and neighbouring Arab state economies, and construction of a \$5 billion transportation corridor to connect the West Bank and Gaza, according to US officials and documents reviewed by Reuters.

The "peace to prosperity" plan, set to be presented by President Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner at an international conference in the Kingdom next week, includes 179 infrastructure and business projects, according to the documents.

The approach towards reviving the moribund Israeli-Pales-



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KUSHNER

tinian peace process was criticised by the Palestinians on Saturday.

The economic revival plan would take place only if a political solution to the region's long-running problems is reached.

More than half of the \$50 billion would be spent in the economically troubled Palestinian territories over 10 years while the rest would be split between Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan.

Some of the projects would be in Egypt's Sinai peninsula, where investments could benefit Palestinians living in adjacent Gaza, a crowded and impoverished coastal enclave.

The plan also proposes nearly a billion dollars to build up the Palestinians' tourism sector, a seemingly impractical notion for now given the frequent flare-ups between Israeli forces and militants from Hamas-ruled Gaza, and the tenuous security

Egypt, Jordan will take part

Manama

Jordan and Egypt have announced that they would attend the 'Peace to Prosperity' economic workshop, which will be held in the Kingdom of Bahrain on Tuesday and Wednesday. Jordan will be represent-

ed by the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Finance while Deputy Finance Minister will lead the Egyptian delegation. Both countries have stressed their nations' unwavering keenness on dealing with economic challenges facing the Palestinian people.

in the occupied West Bank.

The Trump administration hopes that other countries, principally wealthy Gulf states, and private investors, would foot much of the bill, Kushner told Reuters.

The unveiling of the economic blueprint follows two years of deliberations and delays in rolling out a broader peace plan between Israelis and Palestinians. The Palestinians, who are boycotting the event, have refused to talk to the Trump administration since it recognised Jerusalem as the Israeli capital in late 2017.

Veteran Palestinian negotiator Hanan Ashrawi dismissed the proposals on Saturday, saying: "These are all intentions, these are all abstract promises" and said only a political solution would solve the conflict.

Kushner made clear in two interviews with Reuters that he sees his detailed formula as a game-changer, despite the view of many Middle East experts that he has little chance of success where decades of US-backed peace efforts have failed.

"I laugh when they attack this as the 'Deal of the Century'," Kushner said of Palestinian leaders who have dismissed his plan as an attempt to buy off their aspirations for statehood. "This is going to be the 'Opportunity of the Century' if they have the courage to pursue it."

Air India to avoid Iran air space

New Delhi

Amid rising geopolitical tensions between the United States and Iran, Indian airlines in consultation with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) yesterday decided to "avoid the affected part of the Iranian airspace" to ensure safe travel for passengers and reroute all flights "suitably".

The announcement comes after Iran on Thursday shot down a US military drone in its airspace, following which the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had warned of a possibility that commercial aircraft can be mistakenly targeted in Iranian airspace.

The FAA is the American aviation regulator.

On Friday, the FAA issued a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) prohibiting US-registered aircraft from operating "in the over-water area of the Tehran Flight Information Region until further notice, due to heightened military activities and increased political tensions".

The Etihad Airways has also suspended operations through the Iranian airspace over the Strait of Hormuz and the Gulf of Oman, a spokesperson said on Saturday. The airline will use alternative flight paths on a number of routes to and from its home base of Abu Dhabi until further notice.

Other leading carriers that have halted flights over the Strait of Hormuz include British Airways, Qantas, Singapore Airlines, Lufthansa and KLM.

SWEEPING VICTORY

Bahrain puts up great show in Rome

Rome

The Kingdom, which now stands first in mixed martial arts ranking, started off in a classic way with a clean sweep of the second day of the IMMAF-WMMMA European Open Championship in Rome.

The Kingdom won all ten of their opening bouts in the tournament. Ebrahim Darwish, Ali Yaqoob, Murad Guseinov and Yousif Sayyar emerged victorious in the junior championships.

Ramazan Gitinov, Hamza Zrira, Abdulmanap Magomedov, Shamil Alikhanov, Magomedov Idrisov and Abbas Khan won the fight in the senior championships.



Tribune recently reported that BRAVE Combat Federation, founded by HH Shaikh

Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, is all set to make its much-awaited debut in the UK.

The fastest-growing Bahrain-based MMA organisation in the world and the biggest sports property in the Middle East will host Brave 24 on July 25 at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, inside the Copper Box Arena, in London, to an exclusive crowd, filled with dignitaries and celebrities from all over the world.

The show is set to be a luxurious experience to all involved as Brave looks to introduce MMA to a wider audience and provide them with the unique opportunity of watching the best fighters in the world live.

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