

Hardy took role of Venom for son

Actor Tom Hardy says the impetus for playing the villain in "Venom" was to make a movie for his son. "My son is a massive Venom fan. I wanted to do something my son could watch," Hardy said, noting he is often aggressive and violent in his films. **P16**

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Controversy surrounds Qatari Emir's UK visit
London

Qatar's Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani arrived in the United Kingdom yesterday for a visit that is already mired in controversy, with activists planning to demonstrate outside Parliament on Monday against Qatar's continued support for terrorism across the Middle East region. Meanwhile, banners over prominent roads in London, with the hashtag #OpposeQatarVisit, asked: "If a country was accused of paying \$1 billion in a ransom to terrorist groups... then why is the UK government rolling out the red carpet for the Qatar Emir?"

High-tech scanning at airport launched
Manama

A highly-advanced scanning system has been launched at the Bahrain International Airport. President of Customs Affairs, Shaikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday visited BIA to inspect the newly-introduced advanced scanning system. The Customs Affairs announced earlier the supply of six devices in the first phase to replace the old ones at all customs ports.



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Inflation up 0.6pc in June 2018

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The consumer price index (CPI) increased by 0.6 per cent in June 2018 as it reached 132.8 points, compared with May 2018, said a release on the economy issued by the Information and eGovernment Authority.

The inflation rate in consumer prices for the first six months of 2018 was 2.7pc compared with the same period of 2017, it said, adding that the CPI increased by 0.8pc in the second quarter of 2018, compared with the first quarter of 2017.

The CPI and inflation rate - issued by the Information

Main Group	June 2018 (Point)	May 2018 (Point)	Percentage Change (%)	June 2017 (Point)	Percentage Change (%)
Clothing & Footwear	106.4	111.2	-4.3	111.2	-4.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & other Fuels	118.6	118.6	0.0	116.7	1.6
Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	137.3	137.3	0.0	133.8	2.6
Health Care Services	123.3	123.3	0.0	117.3	5.1
Transportation	135.7	134.9	0.6	124.9	8.6
Communication	86.4	86.5	-0.1	87.0	-0.7

A table showing CPI break-up figures.

and eGovernment Authority follows a precise methodology and relies on the basket of goods and services out-

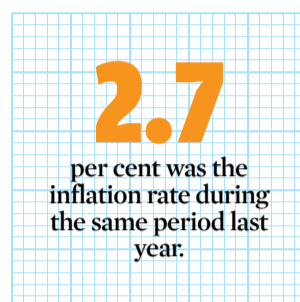
which their prices are regularly collected allowing comprehensive calculation of the price indices with the demanded

accuracy.

Such technical specifications and methodologies are the only authorised sources to monitor price developments and inflation rates in the Kingdom.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has welcomed the Kingdom authorities' commitment to continue with subsidy reforms, cut non-productive spending, and raise non-oil revenues by introducing a Value Added Tax as early as 2019.

Bahrain's gross domestic product, adjusted for inflation, shrank 1.2pc from a year earlier in the first quarter of 2018 as oil production sagged, Reuters



reported citing data from the official statistics agency.

The oil sector of the economy shrank 14.7pc from a year ago, while the non-oil sector expanded 1.9pc, the news agency stated.

Iran's flimsy warning

Tehran faces increased pressure as US begins measures to corner the regime

● **Iran's oil exports could fall as much as two-thirds by the end of the year because of new US sanctions, putting oil markets under huge strain amid supply outages elsewhere.**

Tehran

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani yesterday cautioned US President Donald Trump about pursuing hostile policies against Tehran, saying "America should know ... war with Iran is the moth-

er of all wars".

Iran faces increased US pressure and looming sanctions after Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from a 2015 international deal over Iran's nuclear programme.

Addressing a gathering of Iranian diplomats, Rouhani said: "Mr Trump, don't play with the lion's tail, this would only lead to regret," the state-news agency IRNA reported.

More than half a dozen current and former officials said the campaign, supported by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and national security adviser John Bolton, is meant to work in concert with US President Donald Trump's push to



Rouhani

The White House declined comment on the campaign. The State Department also declined to comment on the campaign specifically, including on Pompeo's role.

A review of the State Department's Farsi-language Twitter account and its ShareAmerica website - which describes itself as a platform to spark debate on democracy and other issues - shows a number of posts critical of Tehran over the last month.

Iran is the subject of four of the top five items on the website's "Countering Violent Extremism" section. They include headlines such as "This Iranian airline helps spread violence and terror."

WOMEN POWER

In a first, two women appointed municipality director-generals

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has issued a royal decree appointing two Bahraini women as the director-generals of

the Capital Municipality and the Northern Municipality respectively.

Shawqiya Ibrahim Humaidan and Lamia Yousef Al Fadhala have become the first women to assume this position in the history of the Kingdom. They will be responsible for promoting municipal work in the governorates.

The appointment of two women in senior administrative positions in the field of municipal work is a great step towards the empowerment of women in the Kingdom, which already has 40 per cent women presence in the leadership and decision-making wings of the executive authority.



Ms Lamia



Ms Shawqiya

The Kingdom has a woman minister and many women undersecretaries and assistant undersecretaries. The participation of women in the legislative authority is 15pc.

There also a good number of women holding key judicial posts including the Constitutional Court and Supreme Judicial Council in addition to public prosecution. Bahrain has also

produced many women diplomats.

Speaking to Tribune, Ms Shawqiya thanked His Majesty for appointing her to a prominent position.

"I am also thankful to HRH the Premier, HRH the Crown Prince and HRH Princess Sabeeka for constantly promoting the role of women in this country."

She said Bahraini women always were the first achievers when compared to the women of other Gulf countries. "The appointment will definitely serve an impetus to Bahraini women who are all set to accomplish greater goals in the days to come."

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