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2017 Govt Forum held at Isa Cultural Centre

Govt to focus on key sectors of economy: Crown Prince



HRH Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa addressing the 2017 Govt Forum at Isa Cultural Centre yesterday

Terror suspects arrested

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The Bahrain Defence Force (BDF)'s anti-terrorism security agencies have arrested members of a terrorist cell who committed crimes against the BDF, Head of the Military Judiciary Brigadier Dr. Yusuf Rashid Flaifel said yesterday. The arrests were made after investigation and monitoring, it said.

The case has been referred to the High Military Court to decide on the date of trial once the Military Prosecution completes its investigations.



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Liverpool thrashed by Spurs

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The next phase of government development will focus on the Kingdom's key sectors - tourism, logistics, ICT, manufacturing and financial services - to achieve higher economic growth, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander

and First Deputy Prime Minister said yesterday.

Speaking at the 2017 Government Forum held at Isa Cultural Centre, HRH Crown Prince reaffirmed the government's commitment to deliver policies that contribute to the Kingdom's development programme, turn challenges into opportunities, and support a modern, progressive

economy, which meets the aspirations of the Kingdom's citizens.

Terming the Forum the most important government event of the year, HRH Crown Prince said it represents a vital platform to ensure that Bahrain's citizens remain at the heart of the Kingdom's development efforts.

His Royal Highness noted that the core themes of the

2017 Forum - enhancing government collaboration and improving public services - are central elements of the Kingdom's vision for a sustainable economy which supports the aspirations of Bahrain's citizens.

His Royal Highness highlighted that government programmes and initiatives are underpinned by Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030, the

Kingdom's roadmap for a diversified economy led by His Majesty King Hamad.

The government's programmes are generating tangible results, maximising productivity and ensuring high standards of public services, HRH Crown Prince said. Top ministers and government officials exchanged ideas on development at the Forum.

Build on achievements: PM

His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday asked the Government officials to build on achievements made under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Emphasising the government's commitment to overcoming challenges and driving forward further accomplishments, HRH Prime Minister stressed the importance of continuing to evaluate

the performance and accountability of government to ensure the best use of its capabilities, resources and potential, and to be responsive and adapt to the development needs of the Kingdom's citizens.

The Prime Minister also welcomed the role of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince's initiatives to develop government efficiency, and noted the importance of the Government Forum in this regard.

Priorities for growth outlined

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa has outlined three economic and socio-economic priorities that are being pursued by the government, comprising an increased role for the private sector in driving economic growth; supporting greater innovation and competitiveness; and enhancing citizens' living standards.

Yesterday's Forum was held to assess the current Government Action Plan

(2015-2018), which has seen over 100 new laws passed in collaboration with Parliament during the current legislative term. The Forum announced that the government officials will lead a series of workshops to identify key objectives of the upcoming Government Action Plan (2019-2022). In a presentation to attendees, HRH Crown Prince detailed the government's delivery of priority programmes, highlighting Economic Vision 2030 principles.

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Ministers, officials share



Ministers and top government officials at the Bahrain Government Forum held at Isa Centre yesterday

GOVT TO FOCUS MORE ON ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

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Top ministers and government officials shared their thoughts and ideas about the progress and development of Bahrain in recent years during the Government Forum 2017, which was held at Isa Cultural Centre yesterday.

High-ranking Government officials spoke with high optimism when speaking about the progress made in the development of Bahrain in recent years. They said that Bahrain's economy has been resilient despite the many challenges it has faced. Progress made in previous decades have given a strong foundation for Bahrain to develop, said Cabinet Affairs Minister Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al Mutawa.

"Each phase of Bahrain's development has been an important one. In the sixties it was the phase for the establishment of political and economic system. In the seventies the focus was more on infrastructure and Bahrain's Constitution. In the eighties and nineties it was the continuation of development of infrastructure and development of public services. Today we are in a new phase, we have a clear vision from His Majesty the King," he said.

Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa stressed the importance of diversification. "Bahrain's government has always looked at the ways of diversification of the economy. Now we have to focus on it even more because of the circumstances we are facing because of the instability of the oil prices. Therefore income should be diversified, we have placed programmes for this and we hope to achieve them," he said.

When asked about the development of beaches in Bahrain, Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed Al Zayani said that development of 12 beaches is in the pipeline. "Yes we will focus on development of beaches, we have proposed to the government about the development of beaches in 12 places. We will focus on four places in the beginning. We have finished with the master plan now we are at a stage of sending tenders to start the project."

Minister of Works,

Bahrain's economy has been resilient despite the many challenges it has faced

Municipalities and Urban Planning Essam bin Abdulla Khalaf said the expansion of the Bahrain International airport will make it three to four times bigger.

"We hope to finish the project during the third quarter of 2019. The airport project will help development of other sectors and not just the logistics sector," he said.

Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chief Executive of EDB said that growth of investment coming into the economy this year is expected to be in record breaking levels. "It's very important that we understand the importance of investment. Bahrain, since the sixties, has been diversifying the economy and in recent years the non-oil revenues has accounted for 80 per cent of the economy. It is evident how investments have diversified the economy. Bahrain has become a competitive force in the financial, industrial, logistics, tourism, technology and telecommunication," he said.

"This year will be a record breaking year in terms of the expected growth of investment. We are on track to achieve 160 per cent of what we achieved last year. The future plan is not only to attract capital but also technology, skills, and international companies. There is no doubt there will be a leap in the world in terms of technology and how it effects all sectors," he said.

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ideas at 2017 Govt Forum

Govt committed to sustainable growth

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His Royal Highness the Crown Prince emphasised the government's ongoing commitment to ensure sustainable economic growth and the delivery of opportunities for all, noting that through continuous collaboration with the Bahrain Economic Development Board, the Kingdom has seen an increase in inward investment of 158 per cent between 2016-2017.

A range of government initiatives were outlined by His Royal Highness during the Forum, including the launch

of a National Strategy for Tourism, a sector which has seen a 12.8 per cent increase in visitors in the past year; the adoption of a national plan to revive Bahrain's historic pearling industry; and the implementation of the National Renewable Energy Plan, which aims to provide 5 per cent of the country's electricity from renewables by 2025.

The reforms also include regulatory changes in the Kingdom's healthcare and education systems, and the introduction of the National Strategy for Healthcare designed to transform the

role of the Ministry of Health from an operator to the main regulator of the sector; a country-wide 25,000 housing unit programme, which has already delivered 15,655 units across different parts of Bahrain in close collaboration with the private sector. 4,800 additional units have also been announced at the Forum, underscoring the government's commitment to delivering projects that help further improve citizens' living standards.

In addition, a far-reaching programme of \$32 billion infrastructure projects is

Several initiatives were outlined by His Royal Highness during the Forum, including the launch of a National Strategy for Tourism; and adoption of a plan to revive the historic pearling industry

already seeing significant progress and driving growth across the country's oil and gas, logistics, manufacturing, ICT, financial services, and tourism sectors.

Speaking after the event, His Royal Highness said: "The government's efforts, based on the principles of Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030, sustainability, competitiveness,

and fairness, are laying the foundations for economic prosperity and stability.

The Crown Prince continued: "The next phase of the Kingdom's development features ambitious targets. We are continually building upon our programme of development and launching new projects, as witnessed today with the announcement of 4,800 additional housing units, the development of a highly modernised power plant, the construction of a 100MW solar power plant, and targeted national strategies for boosting key sectors"

Awards distributed

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa handed out excellence awards in recognition of the outstanding performance of several government departments during the Bahrain Government Forum 2017 held at Isa Centre yesterday.

The award recipients and the awards

1 Al Rawdha Primary Girls School received Educational Excellence Award for outstanding institutional performance

2 Raba'a Al Adawiya Primary Girls School received Educational Excellence Award for outstanding institutional performance

3 Ministry of Housing received Customer Service Excellence Award for customer support via Tawasul

4 Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications received Customer Service Excellence Award for customer support via Tawasul

5 Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism received Customer Service Excellence Award for customer support via Tawasul

6 General Directorate of Traffic received Government Best Practices Award

7 Ministry of Health received Government Best Practices Award



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Attack on security guard: 7 suspects interrogated

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The Public Prosecution interrogated seven men involved in the brutal attack on an Arab security guard at an amusement park in the Capital Governorate on Thursday.

Capital Governorate Prosecution Head Mohammed Al Maliki confirmed in a statement issued here yesterday that the prosecution interrogated the suspects and ordered to detain them while further investigations and search for the remaining attackers is continued.

"The Public Prosecution is awaiting for the victim to recover from his injuries to hear

his testimony. It also ordered to intensify investigations to identify the remaining suspects and to review the footage of surveillance cameras installed at the site of incident," Al Maliki clarified, adding that "the case would be referred to the criminal court once investigations are completed".

DT News reported yesterday that the Jordanian victim was brutally attacked by over a dozen of men while he was performing his duties at Adhari Park in the southwestern parts of the Capital.

He was rushed by ambulance to Salmaniya Medical Complex, where he was diagnosed with several fractures to the skull and face, in addition to other injuries. The incident drew nationwide

condemnation after footage of the victim being attacked went viral on social media. This pushed the Jordanian Embassy to take action and follow up on the matter with the authorities here, especially after Jordanian press reported the incident and mentioned that the victim had no relatives in Bahrain to assist him. Capital Governorate Police announced on Saturday that it had arrested some men and that a manhunt has been launched to catch the remaining culprits.

The cause of the incident remains a unknown, as many social media accounts publishing local news reported that "what started the brawl was that the guard slapped an 18-year-old boy for breaking the rules of the park". DT News obtained

a copy of a What'sApp conversation, that's claimed to be written by the victim, stating that the group of attackers attempted to enter the park after the gates were closed.

"They attacked me and another Bahraini guard when we prevented them from entering the park. My injuries are severe and my colleague suffered multiple injuries," the conversation read. The victim mentioned in the hospital report that he was beaten on the head and body "by hand and other heavy items". The report also mentioned that he was urgently referred to the neurosurgery department. Public Security Deputy Chief Brigadier Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa visited the victim at Salmaniya Medical Complex.



Brig. Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa visiting the victim at the hospital

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				Wednesday 22nd November 2017 01:30 PM NOTE: Purchase Tender Documents Deadline: 13:30 on 15-Nov-2017
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Diwali : Crown Prince Lights Up A Relationship

This country is unique in many ways.

And one of them is the respect and appreciation it shows towards people of other religions and cultures.

We can see it clearly from the way His Royal Highness the Crown Prince always makes it a point, every year, to meet and greet Indian families for Diwali - the festival of lights, celebrated by Hindus as well as those of other faiths from India.

This is perhaps the only country in the region - I have observed - where the leadership reaches out, during Diwali time, to its Indian residents, with genuine cordiality and warm affability.

It is heart-warming to see His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister actually visiting Indian homes and joining in the festivities of many Indian families.

"Diwali represents an opportunity to celebrate the important and valuable contributions the Indian community has made to the Kingdom," he had said while hailing the extraordinary contribution of Indian community towards Bahrain.

And this is what makes him - and this country's leadership - different.

True to the meaning of 'Deepavali', a Sanskrit word meaning "rows of lighted lamps", he lights up a bright path, a series of actions, bringing communities closer and bridging cultures better.

The illumination this nation enjoys is evident from the words of His Royal Highness that "Bahrain, home to many religious communities, maintains its long-standing support to fostering religious and cultural tolerance".

His emphasis on the important role Islam plays, in promoting coexistence between all religions, should also be an inspiration to other leaders of the region.

As someone who has observed him, in close quarters, during his official trips to India, I can say that his words ring true. And that his actions do speak louder than his words. Always.

For instance, four years ago, when he visited India, he said, "A total of 2100 companies with Indian partners are registered in Bahrain. This is not enough - I want to see it increasing in number in coming days."

And EDB (Economic Development Board), for which he is the Chairman, has been on the job increasing the number.

Bahrain's government, we have seen, has always been serious about what it says. And, in this case, about how it encourages people of different faiths and traditions to assimilate and integrate into this wonderful nation.

Around 400,000 Indians are resident in this country. And, perhaps, hundreds like me, have been living here for over 30 years, making it a home away from home.

And this would not have been possible, for many of us, had it not been for the warmth, openness, tolerance, and hospitality of this remarkable nation.

It is indeed a matter of pride, for the Indian community, that this country's leaders are of a welcoming nature.

This nation is willing to engage with minds from other planes, and to embrace thoughts from other lands.

This nation may be small in size. But it is, definitely, big in heart.

Mystery shrouds injury of school kid



Fathima

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Manama

Mystery shrouds the injury of the two-year-old girl whose shoulder was fractured in a nursery school a few days ago. Doctors said that the girl's injury will take at least a year to heal completely.

The mother of Fatima, who was injured while at a private nursery school in the Capital on Thursday, claims that the educators at the school hid the truth about her daughter's injury and delayed her treatment.

Um Fatima said while speaking to *DT News* yesterday, "A pediatric orthopedic examined Fatima today (Sunday) and he rubbished the allegations of the school stating that my daughter took a tumble from the bottom part of a slide in the school's playground. After examining the bruise on the back of her shoulder, the doctor insisted that she must have fallen from at least half a meter height. This raises more questions about what really happened to my daughter that day."

"The doctor told us that the fractured bone may heal soon, but the swelling will take around a year to come back to normal. He also noticed that she's not in a good psychological shape and that she's unusually terrified for a child her age," Um Fatima said.

The mother said that she is insisting on the legal procedures against the school as she claims that they weren't cooperative with her and are "hiding the facts" about the incident from her. *DT News* reported earlier that Um Fatima lodged a complaint against the school at Nabih Saleh Police Station in the Capital Governorate. She did this after the school didn't inform her about her only child's injury, kept her for

a couple of hours without receiving any medical attention and apparently rejected the mother's repeated requests to have access to the recordings of surveillance cameras inside the school. The mother also hired an attorney to follow up on the legal procedures she had initiated against the school.

Um Fatima initially pleaded to the authorities on social media networks, seeking justice. Few hours later, Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel Humaidan

instructed the concerned departments in the ministry, which is in charge of nursery schools, to launch an immediate probe into the details of the incident. The ministry said on its official page on Instagram that it's currently investigating the matter and will take the necessary procedures against the school if negligence of the child was proved.

The mother added, "We're now having doubts about what happened. The school first denied that anything happened

to my daughter. Later they said she took a tumble from the slide. Then they persistently refused providing us with the security cameras footage, claiming that they haven't been recording since last month. The doctor's opinion is quite shocking and there's a possibility that my daughter was mistreated or abused, especially that no witnesses were there as my daughter was under the supervision of one educator and not two as ordinary."



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With growing population, there will be challenges in offering sustainable supply to consumers of these two main life requirements. We measure it through consumer satisfaction levels and also how we plan for the future.

On both these counts, the Kingdom of Bahrain matches some of the world's best standards. Huge efforts are being paid by the authorities in the Kingdom to ensure the wellbeing of citizens and residents and that they are provided with electricity and water without interruption. There has been a noticeable drop in the numbers of consumers affected by power interruptions in the past three years by almost 60 percent, despite the huge growth of their numbers in the same period.

To shed more light on these efforts and the main achievements attained by the Kingdom of Bahrain in the field of power and water supply, DT News had the following conversation with Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza.



DT News Chief Editor Captain Mahmood Al Mahmmud and Dr. Mirza



YOUR EXCELLENCY, WHAT WERE THE EFFORTS TAKEN BY THE MINISTRY TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF POWER INTERRUPTIONS IN THE KINGDOM AND IMPROVE THE SUPPLY TO CONSUMERS?

Dr. Mirza: The Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) is keen on working at full capacity in order to provide its services at the best levels to all citizens, residents and investors across the Kingdom, in particular to cope with the interruptions which may increase the chances of occurrence in the summer season due to the increase of loads and demands reaching its peak in this season.

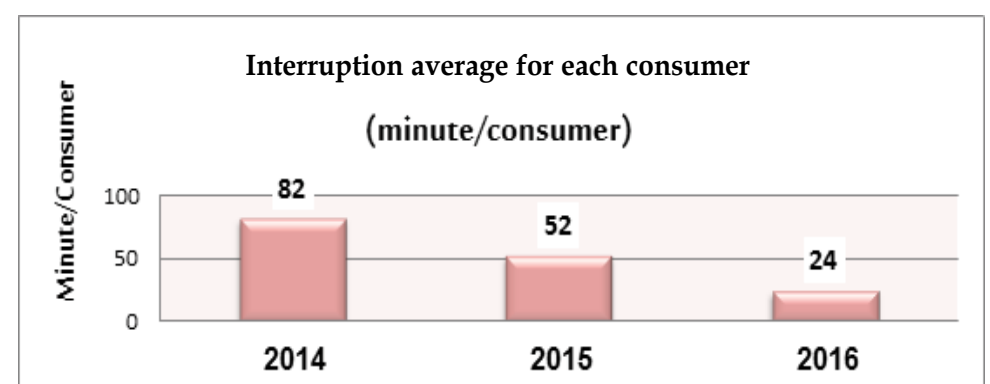
We worked very hard to put in place a plan for the summer of 2017. To start with, a number of projects for the reinforcement of low voltage cables (400 volts) and medium voltage cables (11 kV) were implemented, as well as a number of expansion and development projects for both transmission and distribution stations.

The projects included strengthening the medium voltage network by implementing 73 projects to strengthen and replace the cables of this network. This plan has reduced the load on the main plants and substations by 70 to 80 percent.

The 415 kV low voltage transmission projects and transformer lifting projects have also contributed to the reduction of failures in low voltage distribution by 74 pc in 2016, compared to the year before. 352 projects were implemented recently to strengthen the low voltage network.

In order to maintain the continuity of the service with the minimum number of interruptions and to improve its time, EWA carried out preventive and emergency maintenance and rehabilitation, which include the inspection of 8,000 of the 415 volt substations. The maintenance works included replacement of parts and inspecting and rehabilitating a total of 500 km of medium and low voltage lines.

The breakdowns and faults are continuously monitored, analysed and reduced to remain within internationally accepted standards. Breakout interruptions are normal in electricity networks worldwide, as power grids are characterised by growth and continuous change. We have set up higher budgets to improve the performance of this network and also invested in better training and performance of our employees to complement network improvements.



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WHAT IS THE IMPROVEMENT ACHIEVED IN THE FIELD OF PREVENTING POWER INTERRUPTION AND RESUMPTION?

Dr. Mirza: The projects of strengthening the networks that I have mentioned earlier contributed to a clear reduction in the number of failures and interruptions by 21 pc over the past three years despite the rapid urban development in the Kingdom. For this, we must thank the vision of the leaders of Bahrain who have tracked the Kingdom's growing needs and provided an adequate annual budget to develop and improve the performance of the electricity distribution network.

The responsibilities of the EWA include continuous measurement, monitoring and analysis of interruptions and malfunctions in various parts of the network. This includes recording the date, time, periods of interruption, their location, the parts of the network that are affected, as well as the reasons for their occurrence and repetition. It also monitors the electrical loads on different parts of the network, especially in the summer to determine the connection between the occurrence of faults and the increasing loads.

This has contributed immensely to the reduction of power interruptions and the average speed of power resumption by 71 pc. This indicates the speed and efficiency of the maintenance teams to restore the current to consumers.



YOUR EXCELLENCY, TELL US ABOUT THE PREPARATIONS TAKEN TO FACE ANY CHALLENGES DURING THE PEAK OF DEMAND ON ELECTRICITY DURING THE SUMMER SEASON?

Dr. Mirza: Four emergency maintenance centers have been set up in the Kingdom's four governorates. The centres began operation in 2011 and the following years, instead of having only one maintenance center previously.

This is to ensure the speed of arrival of the work teams to break-out sites and to restore electricity to consumers affected by interruptions in record time.

These centers (Manama, Muharraq, Riffa and Budaiya) carry out scheduled and emergency maintenance work. The maintenance teams are composed of 50 engineers and 410 technicians. They work around the clock with a group of contractors accredited to follow up all faults in the network.

We must reiterate that the breakout period shall not exceed two hours according to the approved standard time.

These teams are supported by 18 vehicles that are equipped with the latest technologies and gear to specify the location of failures and reduce the interruption periods.

Mobile generators are also a key element to this equation, as they effectively contributed to providing power service to consumers while the concerned teams fix the fault in their area. The authority is utilising 304 generators of different sizes and capacity.

We also enhanced our communication with consumers by developing the call centre. Contact lines to report interruptions have been increased from 40 to 60 lines. We have also increased the human resources (communication officers) to respond to communications by between 30 pc and 100 pc. These employees are divided into several shifts in line with the number of calls expected during the day. They work 24 hours a day and 7 days a week with the aim of answering more than 80 pc of calls in less than 20 seconds.



BAHRAIN IS MOVING TOWARDS A DEFINITE PLAN FOR SOLAR ENERGY. HOW IS THE PLAN UNFOLDING?

Dr. Mirza: Our goal right now is two-fold: since renewable solar energy is a new concept for our national power grid, we need to have in place a sustainable energy unit (SEU) to develop the regulatory requirements related to connecting distributed renewable energy resources. To do this we have engaged the technical consulting and engineering company CESI to advise on our solar power policies. The SEU's key objectives are to create an efficient and sustainable energy policy, encourage the use of renewables and raise awareness towards energy conservation.

In 2016, Bahrain's government introduced the National Energy Efficiency Plan and the National Renewable Energy Plan. The plans aim to source 5 percent of the country's electricity consumption via renewable energy and resources. Bahrain has increasingly recognised the growing importance of renewable energy as demand increases, with solar photovoltaic (PV) systems a particular focus of interest and by 2025, we want to have a wide range of alternative energy and power initiatives across the kingdom.

Meanwhile we are ready to start the development of a 100 megawatt solar power plant with the private sector in line with directives from the Government Executive Committee.

Companies can take part in the development of the project by submitting their proposals during the tender process, which begins in February 2018. The project is set to begin operations by the end of next year.



Alba concludes 'Next Generation Leadership Programme'

Manama

Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba), the Bahrain-based international aluminium smelter, held the second module of Alba's 'Next Generation Leadership Programme' on 18 and 19 October 2017 at Alba Club.

Organised for Alba's Executives, Directors and Managers, this workshop was presented by Professor Lynn Isabella, Associate Professor of Business Administration, Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, USA. Case studies on balancing learning and performance, characteristics of high-performing teams as well as linking the learning outcomes to the Line 5 Recovery Project were amongst the key subjects that were discussed during this workshop.

Commenting on this occasion, Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Tim Murray, said, "We believe that continuous learning plays a key role in developing our people. Such workshops further the Company's goal of preparing its next generation of leaders as well as sustaining a stronger future as the Company prepares for its transformation with Line 6 Expansion Project."

The first module of 'Next Generation Leadership Programme' was held back in February 2017 and comprised a two-module curriculum which focused on leadership through managing change, growth, strategy execution, agility and talent management.



Alba's Executives, Directors and Managers, who attended the workshop

BCCI workshop on global trade

Manama

Under the patronage of the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Zayed Al Zayani, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) is holding a workshop titled Arab-International Trade on Tuesday 24th October 2017 at 8:30 am in Al Majlis Hall on the ground floor of Bait



Adel Al A'ali
Al Tijjar.

The workshop will

be held in cooperation with the Arab Investment and Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (Dhman) and the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Tourism and will shed a scope light on Export Credit Insurance, Investment Insurance, and Financial Institution Insurance.

CBB sets up fintech unit

Manama

As part of the Central Bank of Bahrain's (CBB) ongoing initiatives towards financial digital transformation in the Kingdom and developments in digital financial services, the CBB announced the establishment of a dedicated Fintech Unit to ensure the best services are provided to individual and corporate customers in the financial sector.

The announcement was made following the CBB's Board meeting yesterday after the board approved the recommendation to establish the Unit for this purpose. This follows the CBB's

recent initiatives, which include a Regulatory Sandbox that will allow startups and fintech firms to provide innovative banking solutions, which include four companies to date, in addition to the issuance of crowdfunding regulations for both conventional and Sharia compliant services.

The proposed Fintech Unit will be responsible for the approval process to participate in the Regulatory Sandbox, supervision of licensed companies' activities and operations, including cloud computing, payment and settlement systems, and monitoring technical and

regulatory developments in the fintech field.

"We are pleased to announce the new Fintech Unit at the CBB, which will enable us to allow industry players to freely apply innovative products while maintaining the overall safety and soundness of the financial system. This is a major step in the development of the current ecosystem in place to encourage growth in the Fintech industry, and we are keen on welcoming more local, regional, and international fintech firms in the Kingdom," said Rasheed Al Maraj, Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain.

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Public Tender for Replacing the old central air conditioning units (Chiller System units) with a new Package Central air conditioning units at the Ministry of Education Building number (1) at Education at Isa Town city (Tender Reference number S/39/2017)- (PHASE- 2)	S/39/2017	1000/- BD	50/- BD	Wednesday	2017/11/15	13:30

The Ministry of Education invites quotations for the following tenders:

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- Collect the appropriate tender document above starting on 22/10/2017 and to enclose with his offer the Initial Bond for the amount specified above or at the rate of 1% of the tender value (whichever amount is the lesser), provided that no initial bonds value shall be less than BD. 100/-. The initial bond should be in the form of a Certified Cheque, Bank Guarantee, cash or Insurance Policy valid for the duration specified in the tender documents.
 - Tenderer can purchase tenders documents online through the Bahrain Tender Boards' portal <https://etendering.tenderboard.gov.bh/>
 - For any enquires or assistance related to the e-tendering, please contact the help desk on Tel: +97317566617 e-mail: helpdesk@tenderboard.gov.bh
- Offers should be deposited in the tender box provided at Tendering submission office, Tender Board's Offices at Arcapita Building 551 – Ground Floor Road 4612 – Block 346 Bahrain Bay Manama – Bahrain on the above date before 1:30 pm.
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Trump considers Fed's Powell, economist Taylor to lead central bank

US President Donald Trump

Washington

President Donald Trump is considering nominating Federal Reserve Governor Jerome Powell and Stanford University economist John Taylor for the central bank's top two jobs, in an apparent bid to reassure markets and appease conservatives hungry for change.

Under that scenario, either

Powell or Taylor would take the reins from Fed Chair Janet Yellen when her term expires in early February, and the other would fill the vice chair position left vacant when Stanley Fischer retired this month.

"That is something that is under consideration, but he hasn't ruled out a number of options. He'll have an announcement on

that soon, in the coming days," White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders told reporters on Friday.

Making Powell, a soft-spoken centrist who has supported Yellen's gradual approach to raising interest rates, the next Fed chief would provide the continuity in monetary policy that investors crave. (Reuters)

Almarai Q3 profit flat in third quarter

Dubai
Saudi Arabia's Almarai reported a flat third-quarter net profit yesterday, and warned it remained cautious on the year due to adverse market conditions.

Almarai made a profit of 667 million riyals (\$178 million) in the three months to Sept. 20, compared to a revised quarterly profit of 664.3 million riyals in the year-earlier period, according to a bourse statement. (Reuters)



Airbus turmoil overshadows CSeries rescue

Paris
Airbus's coup in buying Canadian jetliner project for a dollar stunned investors and took the spotlight off a growing ethics row last week, but internal disarray has raised questions over how smoothly it can implement the deal. The planemaker secured the deal for Bombardier's CSeries program by pledging to throw its marketing might behind the loss-making jets. (Reuters)



“We will completely stop all plans for the construction of new nuclear reactors like the government previously stated. The government will also step up usage of natural gas and renewables in order to maintain its stance of phasing out nuclear-generated power.”

Moon Jae-in

South Korea's President



NBB announces the \$30k winner of Al Watani loans

The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) yesterday announced the winner of its \$30,000 Al Watani Loans - 60th Anniversary Promotion draw.

Winner

The winner, Khalifa Saud Khalifa Saud Al-Jenaïd, was presented with the award at NBB's Manama Main Branch in the presence of NBB's Management team.

Prizes

Prize amounts vary according to the winner's loan repayments - up to a maximum prize of BD1,000 per instalment. All new loans customers will automatically be enrolled in the draw for a chance to win along with customers who wish to top up their existing loans.

More opportunities

The promotion, which began in June and runs until the end of December 2017, has already awarded three winners with payment of the first six instalments of their loans. A further four winners will also be announced in January 2018, one of which will be awarded another cash prize of \$30,000.

“We are delighted to announce the winner of our first \$30,000 Al Watani Loans prize in celebration of NBB's 60-year anniversary in the Kingdom of Bahrain and its position as the country's national bank. The loyalty of our customers has been instrumental in our success over the past six decades and we are pleased to be celebrate this important milestone by rewarding customers who continue to select us as their partner of choice for all of their banking and financing needs. We congratulate the winner and look forward to announcing others in the coming months.”

Aziz Al Ahmed,

Chief Executive - Retail, Commercial and SMEs Banking at NBB



BBK wins 2017 JP Morgan Quality Recognition Award



Ali Moosa, Managing Director - Region Executive for MENAT, presenting the award to Dr. A. Rahman Saif, Deputy Chief Executive- Wholesale Banking Group, and Rashad Akbari, Assistant General Manager of Operations

Manama

BBK has been awarded the 2017 Elite Quality Recognition award by JP Morgan Chase, in recognition of the Bank's outstanding performance of achievements in best in class MT103 Straight Through Processing (STP) Rate 98.86 per cent.

This is the eighth consecutive year that BBK has qualified for The JP Morgan Quality Recognition award and with Elite status since 2014.

Ali Moosa, Managing Director - Region Executive for MENAT, presented the award to Dr. A. Rahman Saif, Deputy Chief Executive- Wholesale Banking Group, and Rashad Akbari, Assistant General Manager of Operations at BBK Head Office on October 5.

STP is the automated process of payments without manual intervention which increases processing speed, minimises routing errors, lowers operations and

transaction costs while resulting in efficient, rapid payment execution and credit for the bank and the customers it serves.

This award is presented to leading financial institutions which have state-of-the-art STP electronic payment services and meet JP Morgan's stringent processing accuracy criteria.

This year, less than 1pc of JP Morgan's total funds transfer clients qualified for this award.

UAE declares 2020 'Unique Year for Space Sector'

New York

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has highlighted its intention to make 2020 a unique year for the country's space sector by launching the first Arab probe to Mars.

The announcement was made during the official statement made by the UAE delegation to the UN Special Political and Decolonisation Committee (Fourth Committee) on the item pertaining to "International cooperation in the peaceful

uses of outer space."

The statement on Thursday noted the UAE's keenness to build a strong and sustainable Emirati space sector and reviewed the country's achievements in this regard.

It also reviewed the UAE space agency's achievements in launching the national policy of the space sector, including the organisation and development of the sector and defining the agency's principles, aspirations and approach to develop its national space programme.

The statement also referred to the efforts made by the UAE to launch the first Arab probe, "The Probe of Hope" to Mars, by 2020, with the participation of more than 150 UAE engineers.

During the debate, a series of other pilot projects and initiatives launched by the UAE in the exploration of outer space was mentioned, including the establishment of "Mars Science City" to simulate life on the planet. (IANS/WAM)

Did You Know?



JPMorgan Chase is a universal bank. This means that it operates both an investment and commercial bank. Holding all else equal, this makes JPMorgan Chase riskier than a bank that focuses on collecting deposits and making loans, as a traditional commercial bank does.



CURRENCIES EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.3026	0.3001
BANGLADESH	0.00048	0.00463
CANADA	0.3055	0.3023
DENMARK	0.0631	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0217
EURO	0.4525	0.4500
HONGKONG	0.04970	0.04930
INDIA	0.00605	0.00585
INDONESIA	0.00003017	0.00002855
IRAN TUMAN	0.000323	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000304	
JAPAN	0.00350	0.003430
JORDAN	0.5350	0.5354
KOREA	0.00038389	
KUWAIT	1.249	1.249
MALAYSIA	0.0917	0.0914
NEW ZEALAND	0.2678	0.2679
NORWAY	0.0496	
NEPAL	0.00395	0.00364
OMAN	0.98014	0.98301
PAKISTAN	0.00371	0.00358
PHILIPPINES	0.00758	0.00734
QATAR	0.2831	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10058	0.10066
SINGAPORE	0.2823	0.2803
SOUTH AFRICA	0.02920	0.02910
SRI LANKA	0.00274	0.00246
SWEDISH	0.0495	
SWITZERLAND	0.3921	0.3891
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0017
TAIWAN	0.013100	
THAILAND	0.011580	0.011580
TURKEY	0.1091	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5055	0.5039
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102500	0.102840
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37790	0.37800
YUAN	0.056800	0.056800

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GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5738	0.3841	0.3362
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.0103	0.2909	0.2546
OMAN	0.3849	0.3778	0.3922	0.3433
QATAR	3.6420	3.5746	3.7106	3.2483
UAE	3.6730	3.6050	3.7422	3.2760
SAUDI	3.7500	3.6806	3.8207	3.3446

Emaar IPO plan hits Dubai stocks

Dubai **D**ubai's leading real estate developer, Emaar Properties, pulled the emirate's stock index lower yesterday while Saudi Arabia's index again retreated from major technical resistance.

The Dubai index lost 0.8 per cent to 3,644 points, pulling back from resistance on the August peak of 3,681. Emaar slid 2.1pc after saying it expected to sell 20pc of its local property development unit Emaar Development LLC next month in an initial public offer.

Previously, Emaar had said it would offer up to 30pc of the business, distributing funds raised as dividends to shareholders in the parent company.

It did not reveal on Sunday why the sale was now expected to be only 20pc, but investors assumed its decision would mean a smaller dividend - and might indicate demand for the IPO was only lukewarm, thanks to a slumping Dubai property market.

Elsewhere in Dubai, GFH Financial climbed 1.8pc and was Dubai's most heavily traded stock after the United Arab Emirates securities regulator approved the listing of Bahrain's Khaleeji Commercial Bank, subject to approval by the Bahrain central bank.

GFH owns 47pc of Khaleeji, and has long been aiming to list the bank in Dubai. Shares in Dubai's Shuaa Capital, which owns 14pc of Khaleeji, were flat; Khaleeji shares fell 1.8pc in Bahrain in very thin volume.

In Saudi Arabia, the index slipped 0.5pc to 6,975 points, retreating from resistance on the 200-day average, now at 7,035 points. Bank Albilad fell 1.8pc after reporting a quarterly profit rise of 9pc, in line with analysts' forecasts.

Dairy firm Almarai climbed 0.5pc, however, after its quarterly net profit of 667 million riyals (\$177.9 million), versus 664.3 million a year earlier, beat the 621 million riyal forecast on average by

Closing Bell

SAUDI ARABIA fell 0.5pc to 6,975 points.

DUBAI dropped 0.8pc to 3,644 points.

ABU DHABI edged down 0.1pc to 4,499 points.

QATAR fell 0.2pc to 8,158 points.

EGYPT edged up 0.01pc to 13,715 points.

KUWAIT rose 0.3pc to 6,650 points.

BAHRAIN added 0.4pc to 1,284 points.

OMAN dropped 0.4pc to 5,046 points.

analysts in a *Reuters* poll.

In Abu Dhabi, the index edged down 0.2pc but Eshraq Properties rose 1.3pc after reporting a third-quarter net profit of 685,000 dirhams (\$187,000) following a year-earlier loss of 48.5 million dirhams.

Qatar's index was down 0.2pc but Qatar First Bank, which has been trading near its lowest levels since it listed

in April 2016, jumped 7.1pc in its heaviest trade since the listing. It was the market's most heavily traded stock.

In Egypt, the index barely moved but Juhayna Food Industries surged 7.6pc after reporting a 12pc rise in third-quarter consolidated net profit attributable to shareholders. In the first half of the year, its profits had dropped. (*Reuters*)



The tourism sector committee of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) held a meeting with travel and tourism agents to discuss the Default Insurance Program for IATA members. The meeting hosted a speaker from Trust Insurance, who provided detailed information about the scheme. The speaker highlighted the benefits of the insurance scheme, key among them is serving as an alternative to the bank guarantee required by IATA and thus allowing travel agents greater liquidity. In this regard Vice-chairman of the committee Abdulhakeem Al Aradi explained "The insurance scheme is non-obligatory and is limited to IATA members." He added "It could serve as a viable alternative to the bank guarantee worth 100 thousand US dollars."

I believe in innovation and that the way you get innovation is you fund research and you learn the basic facts.
-Bill Gates



Bahrain Polytechnic hosts curriculum advisory meeting



Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulaziz Al-Khalifa, Bahrain Polytechnic's Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Manama

More than forty-four members of the industry from across the Kingdom participated in the Bahrain Polytechnic Curriculum Advisory Kick-off Meeting at the Movenpick Hotel, held under the patronage of Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulaziz Al-Khalifa, Bahrain Polytechnic's Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss and receive feedback from industry partners in regards to the Polytechnic's curricula as per their expertise. This ensures that Polytechnic graduates are up-to-date with the latest trends in the labour market.

Ema Janahi, Director of Academic Development and

Commercial & Community Initiatives, commented: "We held a session for each of our programmes which included several academic staff and industry members.

"We are committed to collaborate with the industry and utilize our partnerships to produce work-ready graduates. Through Curriculum Advisory Groups, Bahrain Polytechnic is able to have continuous communication and collaboration with its industry partners, enabling it to constantly update its programmes and keep the currency of the curriculum," stated Janahi.

Prior to the sessions, the opening ceremony included a speech from Shaikh Hisham

bin Abdulaziz Al Khalifa, where he thanked the curriculum advisory group members for their support to developing Bahrain Polytechnic's curriculum. This was followed by a speech by the Polytechnic's CEO, Dr. Jeff Zabudsky, who expressed his appreciation for the Board of Trustees, industry partners and staff for their patience and dedication to continually meet the goals of the institution.

Noor Alaraifi, Industry Liaison Coordinator, delivered a presentation on the new formula and process for the curriculum advisory groups. Additionally,

Ema Janahi delivered a presentation on employability framework.



Attendants of the meeting



An array of sports activities were conducted for students and teachers of Bahrain Indian School – Bhavans as a part of 'Think Pink' awareness week. Friendly cricket and football matches were played between students and teachers in support of the cause.



Winners of chess championship

BIS shines at Chess Championship

Manama

Bahrain Indian School – Bhavans congratulated the winners of the St Christopher's School open chess championship 2017 (2nd Al Jabal Consultancy Chess Cup) held at St Christopher's School in association with Bahrain Chess Academy. The school team put up an impressive show by winning 3 medals.

Around 150 students from various schools in the Kingdom participated in the event. BIS's Priyasruthi of Grade VI achieved second position in the 'Under 12 category' (Girls) and Paolo Thomas of Grade II achieved second position in the 'Under 8 category' (Boys) while Avran Mathew of Grade IV achieved seventh position in the 'Under 10 Category'. Winners were awarded with medals and certificates.



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Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister Essam Abdullah Khalaf chaired a meeting at the ministry attended by the Under-secretary Dr. Nabeel Abulfateh, the head of rain emergency team Ahmed Al Khayyat and the general directors of the municipalities. The Minister instructed the ministry officials and the emergency team to carry out field inspection visits to the sewerage network to ensure the network's efficiency and avoid any technical problems as part of the ministry's early preparations for the rainy season.



The Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) hosted the graduation ceremony of a specialised training session. The graduates were presented with certificates, and the top achievers were given special awards.



Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam presented "BKS Sangkha Shakti Puraskaram 2017" for Excellence in Co-operative Sector on Rameshan Paleri, President of Uralungal Labour Contract Co-operative Society Ltd for his outstanding contribution to the Sector. The award presentation ceremony was held at the Samajam Diamond Jubilee Hall. G. Sudhakaran, Minister for Public Works & Registration, Government of Kerala was the Chief Guest of the Evening.





Supreme Council for Youth & Sport Chairman, Bahrain Olympic Committee President & Royal Society Organisation (RCO) Chairman HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa conveyed the felicitations and congratulations of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to the Educational Administrative Board of Al-Iman School, on their victory in the Arab Reading Challenge.



Supreme Council for Youth & Sport First Vice Chairman and Bahrain Royal Equestrian & Endurance Federation President HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa toured Muharraq Model Youth Centre, the venue of the third edition of Khalid bin Hamad Theatres Festival for National Clubs, Youth Centres and People with Disability. HH was accompanied by Minister of Youth and Sports Affairs Hisham bin Mohammed Al-Jowder who briefed him about the achievements and updates of this year's edition of the festival.



Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Shaikh Humood bin Abdullah Al Khalifa received copy of credentials of Oyvind Stokke, as Riyadh-based Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to the Kingdom of Bahrain. Shaikh Humood welcomed the Norwegian ambassador, taking pride in the depth of the existing excellent friendship ties between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Norway, wishing him success.



Assistant Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Faisal bin Jabur Al Doseri, received UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative to Bahrain Amin Al Sharkawi. Al Doseri praised the efforts and initiatives of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and its role in supporting Bahrain in achieving economic diversification.



Assistant Foreign Minister, Abdulla bin Faisal bin Jabur Al Doseri, received the Director of the Office of International Labour Affairs at the US Department of State, Steve Moody, and the Foreign Affairs Officer of the US Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Angelo Maestas. Al Doseri praised historical relations between Bahrain and the United States of America.



Sudan's Chief of Staff Lt- Gen Imad-Eddin Mustafa Adawi paid a visit to Bahrain BDF Military Museum, where he was briefed on the historical military collectibles, military art paintings and documents of Bahrain's military archive. Director of Media and Moral Guidance, Brigadier-General Mohammed Qatami Al-Kubaisi, accompanied the Sudanese Chief of Staff.



The GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) in cooperation with the Directorate of Standards and Metrology at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism organised a workshop on "Requirements for Halal Certifications according to GSO 2055-2" at the Rotana Downtown Hotel. The workshop was presented by specialists in the field of food standards from the Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology Sheikh Dr. Omar Kubaisi and Bassim Tarawneh and engineer Shefa Halh.



Adele offered 20mn pounds

Las Vegas
Singer Adele has reportedly been offered 20 million pounds for a year-long residency at The Wynn hotel.

Officials at The Wynn hotel are keen to sign up the star and have offered her 380,000 pounds per show, reports *thesun.co.uk*.

"The days of entertainers coming to retire at Vegas are a thing of the past. In the last few years, we have seen massive stars performing on the strip and every major hotel wants to say they have the biggest star as their resident. Caesars Palace had Mariah Carey, Planet Hollywood has Britney Spears, and we want Adele," said a source.

"Even at half a million dollars a show, we are confident we would make a healthy return," the source added. (IANS)

Ellen DeGeneres @TheEllenShow
If your team could be playing in the #WorldSeries and you want to be there, talk to me right here.



Sarandon finds red carpets a 'chore'

Los Angeles

Actress Susan Sarandon finds red carpet events a chore because she never knows what to wear or what suits her. Sarandon says thankfully over the years she has found some designers whose work suits her, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*. Speaking to her "Feud" co-star Kiernan Shipka for *ELLE* magazine, Sarandon said: "I enjoy beautiful things but I don't know (if I enjoy fashion)."

She added: "If I had your body then everything would look fabulous. The Oscars are a chore every time. I've known designers who've been a great help to me, Donna Karan Diane Von Furstenberg, and Todd Oldham all came of age as I did. I'm not a good movie star in that sense." (IANS)



Bieber gets entire torso inked

Los Angeles

Singer Justin Bieber has now got his entire torso inked. Bieber, 23, showed off his torso with massive tattoos on *Instagram*. It shows gargoyles, skeletons and archways on his chest and stomach, reports *aceshowbiz.com*.

The new tattoos are the latest additions to his torso tattoo collection that includes a head of lion, bear, gothic cross and his mother's birthday in roman numerals. (IANS)



Hudson works out to improve mood

Los Angeles

Actress Kate Hudson exercises to improve her mood and although she comes across as being positive and happy all the time, she says she isn't and she would be "crazy" if she was.

Hudson, 38, who has co-founded her own fitness label Fabletics, has admitted she not only works out and meditates to stay fit and healthy but to also keep her feeling positive, and her favourite time of yoga is "transcendental meditation" because it is "so simple and quiet", reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.

Speaking about her work out the "Fools Gold" star said: "Contentment takes discipline".

"Exercise and meditation improve our moods and keep us healthy. So that's what I do. I've tried all kinds of yoga, but transcendental meditation is the one I always go back to. It's so simple and quiet," she added. (IANS)



Celeb Facts

American actress and comedian Melissa Rauch started in a one-woman show called The Miss Education of Jenna Bush which she collaborated on with her husband, Winston. (*thefactsite*)

When DiCaprio warned Winslet



Hollywood actress Kate Winslet has revealed that her dear friend Leonardo DiCaprio warned her that she would “probably lose a limb” making ‘The Mountains between Us’.

The 42-year-old actress took some advice from her ‘Titanic’ co-star before beginning work on the project, because he had a similar gruelling experience on ‘The Revenant’.

She said, “Leo said to me, ‘You are bloody out of your mind to do this. Do you know how hard it’s going to be? In those conditions, you’ll probably lose a limb.’”

Though she found the filming tough, Kate thinks that Leo had it much worse when he shot his Oscar-winning role.

“He climbed into the carcass of a dead animal, naked. I think he’s got me well and truly beaten,” noted Winslet. (TOI)

AFFLECK FINDS BATMAN TOUGH BUT SOPHISTICATED

Los Angeles

Actor Ben Affleck thinks Batman, a role he has essayed in four films till now, is a tough but sophisticated character.

Affleck, 45, will reprise his role as the billionaire industrialist and his vigilante in the upcoming “Justice League” movie.

He and his co-star Gal Gadot, who plays Diana Prince/Wonder Woman, like the way their characters’ differences make them work well together, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.

“I think both of them are very alpha-type. Both of them deal with their past and both of them will do everything to make a better world and fight crime and fight evil. So we share a lot in common,” Gadot told *SFX* magazine. (IANS)



STARRY Birthday
Ryan Reynolds

October 23, 1976

Film and TV actor who was voted *People* magazine’s Sexiest Man Alive in 2010. He has appeared in films such as *Definitely, Maybe*, *The Proposal*, *Safe House*, and *National Lampoon’s Van Wilder*.

Fashion tip of the week



(harpersbazaar.com)

American model Bella Hadid in a red newsboy hat, mini sunglasses, retro hoop earrings, streetwear style long-sleeve tee, plaid vest with matching trousers, and black heeled boots

OUT & ABOUT

HOW TO REACH US

"Out & About", a ready reckoner for the events taking place on the island, is published from Friday to Tuesday. To be included, please send the matter to the following email ID : news@dt.bh

WIND DOWN WEDNESDAY

Date: Wednesday, October 25th from 7pm
Venue: Four Seasons

Fall into Winter Blue Moon Lounge Tasting Series. Join us on a once a month whistle-stop tour visiting some of the world's greatest regions for production. Tastings to emphasize the importance of place as it is expressed through the clarity of great bottles and superlative winemaking. This one hour long tasting seminar, starting at 7pm, will feature four wines for you to taste and discuss in an educational yet informal setting in our beautiful Blue Moon Lounge.

THE 26TH BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Date: 19 - 28 October 2017
Venue: Multiple Places

The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities celebrates the annual Bahrain International Music Festival held under the Our Year of Archaeology program, from 19 to 28 October, 2017. The Kingdom of Bahrain has managed to become a focal point of social and cultural movement, where the programs and events keep on gaining both regional and worldwide acknowledgment. This October marks the 26th anniversary of the renowned festival, a veritable artistic platform which brings together innovators from all corners of the globe.

The acclaimed musical acts headlining this year's festival represent diverse cultures and genres from the Arab world and beyond.

Bahrain's esteemed Cafe Lilou joins in the festivities once again this year with a special and exclusive menu inspired by the Bahrain International Music Festival's featured acts, which will be available in all branches for the duration of the festival.

FUEGO: ANTONIO GADES COMPANY



Date: 1 December 2017, 8:00pm
Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

The Antonio Gades Company, a major pillar of Spanish flamenco dance, will be presenting "Fuego", which is inspired by the work of the late Spanish legendary composer, Manuel de Falla. The plot, choreography and lighting made by the late Antonio Gades and the Spanish film director, photographer and writer Carlos Saura. Coinciding with the tenth anniversary of the death of Antonio Gades, the foundation that carries his name decided to undertake a very significant challenge setting up another version of the Manuel de Falla's ballet "Enchanted Love". Titled "Fuego", this production was the second scenic interpretation which the choreographer had of Manuel de Falla's work. Being an exponent of Gades' core idea "return to tradition if you want to evolve", this ballet is a transitional piece between the almost mythical setups in the classic plays, Carmen and Fuenteovejuna. It was also the last of the joint mythical flamenco works by Gades and Saura, with the same overlaying structure they followed in Carmen, first as a film and secondly as a ballet.

LECTURE: LIFE AND DEATH IN EARLY DILMUN: STORIES FROM THE DILMUN BIOARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT DATE



Date: 22 November 2017, 6:30pm
Venue: Bahrain National Museum - Auditorium

Since 2008, the Dilmun Bioarchaeology Project has been studying and publishing the collections from Peter B. Cornwall's 1940-41 expedition to Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, which now reside in the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology at UC Berkeley. Cornwall excavated at least 24 burial mounds in the northern and western parts of Bahrain Island, and conducted surface survey at several archaeological sites in the al-Hasa region of Saudi Arabia. He drew on these materials to argue that the Bronze Age polity of Dilmun had been located in that region. By documenting and analyzing the skeletal remains and artifacts collected by Cornwall, our team hopes to add to anthropologists' understanding of how life was experienced and death commemorated in Dilmun. Preliminary findings have been published in academic and public-orient-

ed peer-reviewed journals. We also mounted a touring museum exhibit entitled "From Death to Life in Ancient Bahrain" that features the facial reconstructions of two Early Dilmun people. Recently, we launched a new phase of the project in which AMS radiocarbon dating and stable isotope analysis are confirming the dates of the Bahraini burial mounds and shedding light on the residential mobility and dietary practices of the people buried in them. We look forward to sharing the results of our research with the audience at the Bahrain National Museum.

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ROMEO & JULIET



Date: 12th November 2017, 7:00pm
Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

The groundbreaking world famous ballet, Romeo and Juliet, will be gracing the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Theatre stage coinciding its 5th Anniversary- with the first full-length ballet choreographed by Sir Kenneth MacMillan. This performance won him a place of honor in the history of world choreography. The ballet show will consist of a unique Dance Open Festival production, a Russian Ballet Company with the UK ballet star soloists from the Royal Ballet theatre of London. The original UK-Russian work of art, Shakespeare's eternal love story with wonderful music by the Great Russian composer Prokofiev, will be presented by immensely passionate and talented English and Russian dancers, dressed in magnificent costumes created by Italian designers. This unfortunate yet beautiful story is set against a wonderful evocation of 16th Century

Verona, Italy, and includes a bustling marketplace that erupts into a violent sword fight, and a lavish ball held in an elegant mansion.

A live orchestra will be performing music by S. Prokofiev during the ballet show of Romeo & Juliet.

MANOLO CARRASCO



Date: 24 October 2017, 8:00pm
Venue: Cultural Hall

Virtuoso pianist Manolo Carrasco takes the audience on a journey through the very best of Spanish Flamenco and classical music from the 19th century to modern day with his latest project "Sounds from Spain". Free Admission. Minimum age 8 years and above.

DAR AL MUHARRAQ

Date: 21 & 28 October 2017, 8:00pm
Venue: Dar Al Muharraq

Two performances highlighting the various styles of the uniquely Bahraini Fjiri tradition, a mystical genre that traces its roots back to the island's glorious legacy of its world-famous pearling heritage. Free Admission. Minimum age 8 years and above.

MEGA MUSICAL NITE

Date: October 27
Venue: The Indian Club, Manama.

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To support this free event for the music lovers as well as common people, enquiries and support are welcomed from interested organizations. Please contact: 32209479 / 37704139 for more information.

BAHRAIN'S RISING STARS

Date: 25 October 2017, 8:00pm
Venue: Cultural Hall

A musical treat featuring three well-

known Bahraini Jazz bands, including the Gypsy Jazz-influenced Mohammed Rashid Trio, AQ's smooth blend of jazz, swing, and blues-era hits featuring Abdulla Haji, and unique Jazz and Arabic/ Turkish folk music fusion by Mohammed Jabbari Band featuring Banah. Free Admission. Minimum age 8 years and above.



MOVIE NIGHT: VICERÈ

Date: 23 October 2017, 7:00pm
Venue: Bahrain National Museum

Vicerè is a 2007 Italian historical drama film directed by Roberto Faenza, based on the novel written by Federico De Roberto.

In the mid 1800's, in the last years of the Bourbon reign in Sicily, and on the eve of Italian reunification, the funeral of Princess Teresa brings together the members of the Uzeda family, descendants of the Viceroy of Spain. Uzeda, a Sicilian family faithful to the Bourbon kings, with the Unification of Italy in 1861 and the rise to power of Giuseppe Garibaldi and Vittorio Emanuele II, begins to lose his power, although Sicily remains in the hands of Prince Giacomo (Giacomo Uzeda). Through Little Consalvo, the last heir to the Uzeda dynasty, the mysteries, intrigues and complex personalities of the other family members- all prey to grand obsessions and passions, are brought to light. The Uzeda fight over the inheritance of the Princess who has just passed away, each searching to satisfy his or her desires. Consalvo grows up in a family always at war, ruled over by a domineering father whom the boy desperately seeks to break away from; but in order to survive, he becomes just like the other Uzeda. Free Admission.

JAMES BELGRAVE, A BIOGRAPHY OF THE FIRST BRITISH BORN IN BAHRAIN - AMAL AL MARZOUQ

Date: 24 October 2017, 7:00pm
Venue: Bahrain Fort Museum

The lecture will be in Arabic. Amal Al Marzouq holds a master's degree in marketing and a bachelor's degree in media and public relations. Almarzouq is an author a book titled James Belgrave; a biography of the first British born in Bahrain, the son of Charles Belgrave, the advisor to the rulers of Bahrain from 1926 until 1957. The book is published by Shaikh Ebrahim Center for Culture and Research.

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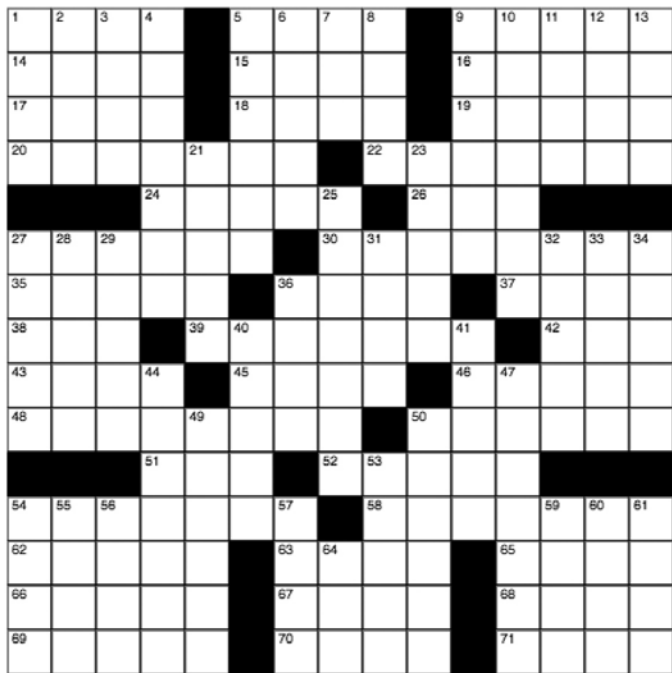
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Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



Your writing and speaking abilities are operating at a high level today. If you've been thinking about pursuing either of these avenues, starting now gives you an advantage toward attaining success. Make a start and get your ideas down on paper, however rough they may be.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Success in a creative field and possible public acknowledgment could come your way. Close friends and romantic partners will be very happy for you and might even throw a little celebration of some kind. Phone calls with congratulations may come from distant states or even foreign countries. This could be something you've been working toward for a long time, so relax.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Good news about career success may have your home in an uproar. Visitors, particularly men and young people, could be in and out all day, and warm and loving calls could come periodically. You may want to do some work on your home, perhaps clean, decorate, or even minor repairs, but the interruptions may get in your way.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Celebrating coming milestones could have you running around paying visits, shopping, or consulting with others. You might have some interesting news to tell that others enjoy hearing. There might be some changes coming in your area. Perhaps new neighbours or businesses are moving in, or a get-together is planned. This promises to be a busy but satisfying day.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



You're swamped with paperwork regarding financial affairs. Bills need to be paid and checks deposited. There may also be a legal paper of some kind to deal with. Basically, everything looks great regarding money, so this is certainly welcome. Your circle of acquaintances may widen. Tonight you may receive an invitation to a social event that you choose not to attend.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



Have you been thinking about working toward a career as a writer or teacher? If so, this is the day to start. Perhaps you need to sit down and start writing, or you want to take some courses to improve your skills. A number of communications from out of state or even distant lands could come your way from people with information that might change your life in some way.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Being around others should be especially gratifying for you today. Most people should be friendly, and you'll enjoy their company. The downside is that your psychic faculties are acute, so you might pick up some unsettling feelings from those you talk to. You're likely to find that many smiles hide turmoil inside.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



A group with which you've been involved could receive recognition for good work that you may have spearheaded. Or a friend could receive some sort of public acknowledgment that reflects on you. Long-term goals may suddenly come together for you, winding up months of hard work, bringing you well-earned success and recognition.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



The current aspects indicate success. This might relate to your romantic life or to a creative project that you've been working on for a long time. Whichever it is, it comes at just the perfect time when your enthusiasm and optimism are at a peak. You'll be able to make the most of the fortunate event that comes your way.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



Today might mark a milestone for you in the form of public recognition. Your clear, quick thinking and powers of observation have impressed others, and you could reap the benefits of your hard work. These events might encourage you to seek other methods of advancing yourself, perhaps by taking a few courses or moving where there are more opportunities in your field.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



A letter or phone call concerning potential positive changes in your financial situation could have your mind buzzing over possibilities for the future. You might be a bit worried about being able to make the most of this break, but your practicality should enable you to face it objectively and efficiently. There's no need to worry.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Someone that you don't really know well may corner you at a social occasion and try to talk you into something. Get all the facts before you commit to anything. Your persuasive powers are high. If you have a project to pitch to someone, this is the day to do it, or at least map out your strategy. Success is strongly indicated for any project you start today.



Obama speaks alongside his predecessors at the event.

Ex-presidents team up for hurricane aid

Austin, Texas

The five living former presidents put aside politics and appeared together for the first time since 2013 at a concert on Saturday to raise money for victims of devastating hurricanes in Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Democrats Barack Obama, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter and Republicans George H.W. and George W. Bush gathered in College Station, home of Texas A&M University, to try to unite the country after the storms.

Texas A&M is home to the presidential library of the elder Bush. At 93, he has a form of Parkinson's disease and appeared in a wheelchair at the event. His wife, Barbara, and George W. Bush's wife, Laura, were in the audience.

Grammy award winner Lady Gaga made a surprise appearance at the concert that also featured country music band Alabama, Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Sam (Soul Man) Moore, gospel legend Yolanda Adams and Texas musicians Lyle Lovett and Robert Earl Keen.

The appeal backed by the

ex-presidents has raised \$31 million since it began on Sept. 7, said Jim McGrath, spokesman for George H.W. Bush.

President Trump offered a video greeting that avoided his past criticism of the former presidents and called them "some of America's finest public servants."

"This wonderful effort reminds us that we truly are one nation under God, all unified by our values and devotion to one another," Trump said in the greeting, which played during the concert. (AP)

US billionaire launches ad campaign to impeach Trump

New York

US billionaire Tom Steyer of California state kicked off an online and TV advertising campaign against President Donald Trump on Friday, calling for people to write letters to Congress members for the president's impeachment.

In a one-minute-long video ad posted on Youtube, Steyer calmly listed the reasons why the president should be impeached, including "brought us to the brink of nuclear war, obstructed justice at the FBI, taken money from foreign governments and threatened to shut down news organisations that reported the truth,"



Tom Steyer Xinhua reported.

Steyer also blamed the members of Congress in the ad, saying that "people in Congress and his own administration

know this president is a clear and present danger who is mentally unstable and armed with nuclear weapons, and they do nothing." (IANS)

#PollToday



Billionaire businessmen are entering politics with promises to bring major changes. Do you see this as new trend on rise around the world?

Yes No Cant Say



"If America issues detention warrants for my 13 bodyguards in a country where I went upon invitation, sorry but I cannot call this country civilized"

Recep Tayyip Erdogan Turkish President

Rest in sight

Czech election: Landslide for Andrej Babis



Billionaire Andrej Babis has won a thumping victory in the Czech Republic's parliamentary election, while euro-sceptics and an anti-Islam group made strong gains.

WHO removes Mugabe as Goodwill Ambassador

The World Health Organization removed Zimbabwean president, Robert Mugabe, as a goodwill ambassador following outrage among donors and rights groups at his appointment.

Russian opposition leader freed

Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny was freed from a prison after spending 20 days for repeatedly organising anti-government protests.

Eight militants killed in Pakistan

Pakistani paramilitary troops killed eight militants from a group which tried to assassinate an opposition politician in Karachi.

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Jimmy Carter says he would travel to N. Korea

New York

Former US president Jimmy Carter says he has offered to go to North Korea on behalf of the White House to try to allay rising tensions, but has not been asked, The New York Times reported yesterday.

"I would go, yes," Carter told the Times in an interview at his home when asked if he would go on such a trip for the Donald Trump administration.

The 93-year-old Democrat, who was president from 1977 to 1981, said he told the Republican president's

national security adviser HR McMaster that he was "available if they ever need me".

In 1994 Carter travelled to Pyongyang to negotiate with Kim Il-sung, the current leader's grandfather, over the North's nuclear programme, the Times said.

In recent months President Trump has engaged in an escalating war of words with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, trading personal insults and threatening to "totally destroy" North Korea if it threatens the United States. (AFP)

Shinzo Abe sweeps to resounding victory



Japanese Prime Minister and leader of ruling Liberal Democratic Party Shinzo Abe

Tokyo

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe swept to a resounding victory in a snap election Sunday and immediately vowed to "deal firmly" with threats from North Korea that dominated the campaign.

Abe's conservative coalition was on track to win 311 seats in the 465-seat parliament, according to a projection from private broadcaster TBS, putting the nationalist premier on course to become Japan's

longest-serving leader.

The resounding election win is likely to stiffen Abe's resolve to tackle North Korea's nuclear threat, as the key US regional ally seeks to exert maximum pressure on Pyongyang after it fired two missiles over Japan in the space of a month.

"As I promised in the election, my imminent task is to firmly deal with North Korea," Abe said. "For that, strong diplomacy is required," stressed Abe, 63. (AFP)

China's Party still talking to N. Korean counterpart

Beijing

China's ruling Communist Party continues to hold talks and maintain contacts with its North Korean counterpart, a senior official said on Saturday, describing the two countries friendship as important for regional stability.

While the United States and its allies, and many people in China, believe Beijing should do more to rein in Pyongyang, the acceleration of North Korea's nuclear

and missile capabilities has coincided with a near-total breakdown of high-level diplomacy between the two.

China, Pyongyang's sole major ally, has said it will strictly enforce U.N. Security Council sanctions banning imports of coal, textiles and seafood, while cutting off oil shipments to the North. China accounts for more than 90 percent of world trade with the isolated country. (Reuters)

Saudi Arabia, Iraq pledge cooperation to fight against IS



Iraqi Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi, Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson attend a meeting in Riyadh

Riyadh

Saudi Arabia and Iraq convened a new joint body to coordinate their fight against Islamic State and on rebuilding Iraqi territory wrested from the group, the Saudi King Salman and Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said in Riyadh yesterday.

The rare senior meeting, signalling a thaw between states that have been at loggerheads for decades, was also attended by U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who

praised the accord between the two close U.S. allies.

"The joint coordination council will not only lead to closer cooperation in the fight against Daesh, but will also help support the rehabilitation of facilities and infrastructure in the areas liberated," Tillerson told reporters.

"The council will also contribute to reforms that will grow and diversify Iraq's private sector. Such reforms will encourage the foreign investment that is vital to Iraq's reconstruction efforts.

This will be critical to winning the peace that has been earned through the hard-fought military gains."

Iraqi forces armed largely by the United States ejected the ultra-hardline Sunni Muslim militant group from Mosul and other cities in northern Iraq this year, but the fighting left whole neighbourhoods in ruins and has hit Iraq's economy.

The U.S. is concerned that Iran, a Shi'ite regional rival also allied to Iraq, will take advantage of gains against

IS in Iraq and neighbouring Syria to expand its influence, which is opposed by Gulf Arab states.

Saudi Oil Minister Khalid al-Falih visited Iraq on Saturday to call for increased economic cooperation and praise existing coordination to boost crude oil prices, the first Saudi official to make a public speech in Baghdad for decades.

Tillerson's six-day trip will also take him to Qatar, Pakistan, India and Switzerland. (Reuters)

Iranian ship seized by Yemeni authorities

Aden

The Saudi-backed Yemeni government announced Saturday seizing an Iranian ship carrying 19 sailors off the coast of the Socotra archipelago in the country's eastern part.

According to a statement released by the Aden-based government, "the Iranian ship was seized after it illegally entered Yemen's waters on the coast of Hadibu, the capital of the Socotra archipelago, between the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea."

"A group of Yemeni fishermen participated in capturing the Iranian ship along with 19 sailors onboard," the statement said.

Sources close to Yemen's prime minister said that "an investigation is underway with the ship's crew regarding the details of its cargo and the source of supply." (Xinhua)

Yemen, UN discuss peace solutions

Aden

Yemeni President Abdu Rabbo Mansour Hadi met with Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, the UN Secretary-General's envoy to the war-torn country to discuss ways to revive solutions for peace.

During the meeting on Saturday, the two sides discussed peace prospects.

The Yemeni President reiterated his administration's support for peace based on the three points of references, which are the Gulf Initiative, the outcomes of the Comprehensive National Dialogue, and the relevant UN resolutions.

Hadi explained that the coup militia continue to cause suffering and the exploitation of the Yemeni people, including the recruitment of children to implement their agendas. (IANS/WAM)

Egypt's Sisi urges for hunting terrorists

Cairo

Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi yesterday urged security bodies to exert utmost efforts to hunt for the perpetrators of the Friday terrorist attack that left 16 policemen dead in the desert of Giza province.

Sisi's remarks came during a meeting with Defence Minister Sedqi Sobhi, Interior Minister Magdy Abdel Ghaffar, and head of the Egyptian General Intelligence Service Khaled Fawzi, Presidential Spokesman Alaa Youssef said in a statement. (Xinhua)

US-backed forces seize major Syria oilfield

Beirut

A US-backed Arab-Kurd Alliance announced yesterday it had retaken one of Syria's largest oilfields from the Islamic State group in the east of country.

The Al-Omar oilfield in the province of Deir Ezzor produced 30,000 barrels per day before the start of Syria's conflict in 2011 and became a key source of income for the jihadists after they seized it in 2014.

US-led coalition air strikes destroyed the field in 2015, after the jihadists had reaped estimated oil sale revenues from it of between \$1.7 million and \$5.1 million a month, according to the coalition.

"The Syrian Democratic Forces seize the whole of the Al-Omar oilfield, the biggest



An oil field controlled by the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), in Rmeilan, northeast Syria

field in Syria," the alliance said in a short statement.

It said regime forces stood

three kilometres (less than two miles) away from the field.

The SDF and Russia-backed

government forces are waging separate offensives against IS in the oil-rich province of Deir

US coalition wiped Raqqa off Earth: Russia

Moscow

Russia accused the U.S.-led coalition in Syria yesterday of wiping the city of Raqqa "off the face of the earth" with carpet bombing in the same way the United States and Britain had bombed Germany's Dresden in 1945.

The Russian Defence Ministry, which has itself repeatedly been forced to deny accusations from

activists and Western politicians of bombing Syrian civilians, said it looked like the West was now rushing to provide financial aid to Raqqa to cover up evidence of its own crimes.

Major-General Igor Konashenkov, of the Defence Ministry, said that around 200,000 people had lived in Raqqa before the conflict in Syria, but not more than 45,000 people remained. (Reuters)

Ezzor on Syria's eastern border with Iraq.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based monitor relying of a

network of sources inside Syria, said SDF fighters took control of Al-Omar three days after IS members retreated. (AFP)

World Military showjumping: Mansoor claims third place

DT News Network
Manama

Bahraini rider Ahmed Mansoor managed to win the third place at the World Military Show Jumping Championship held in France, while the team consisting of Khalid Hilal Al Khatiri, Ahmed Mansoor and Saber Salman Faraj won the third place at the level of teams.

The Kingdom of Bahrain ranked third place on the individual and team levels, while France came first, Brazil second, Morocco fourth, Spain fifth, the Netherlands ranked sixth, Uruguay ranked seventh, Tunisia came in eighth place and Kuwait in ninth place.

On this occasion, the team leader HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa expressed his thanks and appreciation to the BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa and other officials for their support. Shaikh Isa also praised the follow-up of Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, President of BREEF, which contributed to the achievement of great results.

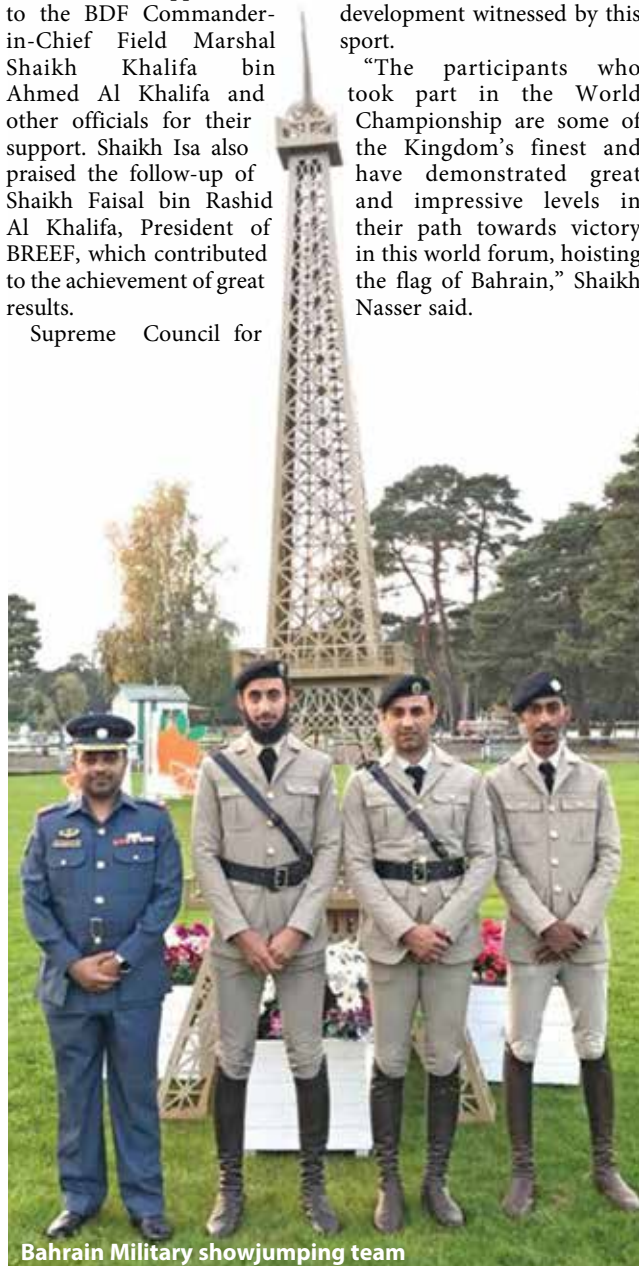
Supreme Council for

Youth & Sport Chairman, Bahrain Olympic Committee President & Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) Chairman HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa praised the achievement of the Bahraini military show jumping team.

Shaikh Nasser affirmed that the new achievement of the military team was a result of the great support extended by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to the sports movement in the Kingdom, especially the equestrian sport, which is flourishing under His Majesty's support and the achievement of national teams at various levels.

Shaikh Nasser added that the military show jumping team was able to achieve third place at the individual and team level, which indicates the remarkable development witnessed by this sport.

"The participants who took part in the World Championship are some of the Kingdom's finest and have demonstrated great and impressive levels in their path towards victory in this world forum, hoisting the flag of Bahrain," Shaikh Nasser said.



Bahrain Military showjumping team

New Zealand thrash India by six wickets

Mumbai, India

New Zealand batsmen showed clinical efficiency in a tricky chase to spoil Virat Kohli's milestone match with a comfortable six-wicket victory over India in the opening one-day international yesterday.

For the 'Black Caps', young gun Tom Latham (103*) and senior pro Ross Taylor (95) batted with lot of purpose, chasing down a target of 281 in 49 overs with minimum fuss.

New Zealand lead the three-match series 1-0.

This was after Virat Kohli showed his class with a gutsy 31st hundred in his 200th ODI in energy-sapping conditions to take India to 280 for 8 in 50 overs. None of the other Indian batsmen even crossed 40-run mark.

During New Zealand's chase, Taylor and Latham came together at 80 for 3 with India trying drive home the advantage but their 200-run stand for the fourth wicket

proved to be a clincher in the end.

The Indian bowling attack didn't have a plan B despite the wicket being not so conducive for batting.

The best part about the New Zealand run-chase was that they achieved the target without taking undue risks.

They did not try to attack spin duo of Kuldeep Yadav (1/64 in 10 overs) and Yuzvendra Chahal (0/51 in 10 overs) taking all the singles and doubles on offer with occasional boundary for the taking.

They either used their stretch to play the sweep shot and on occasions waited for the turn

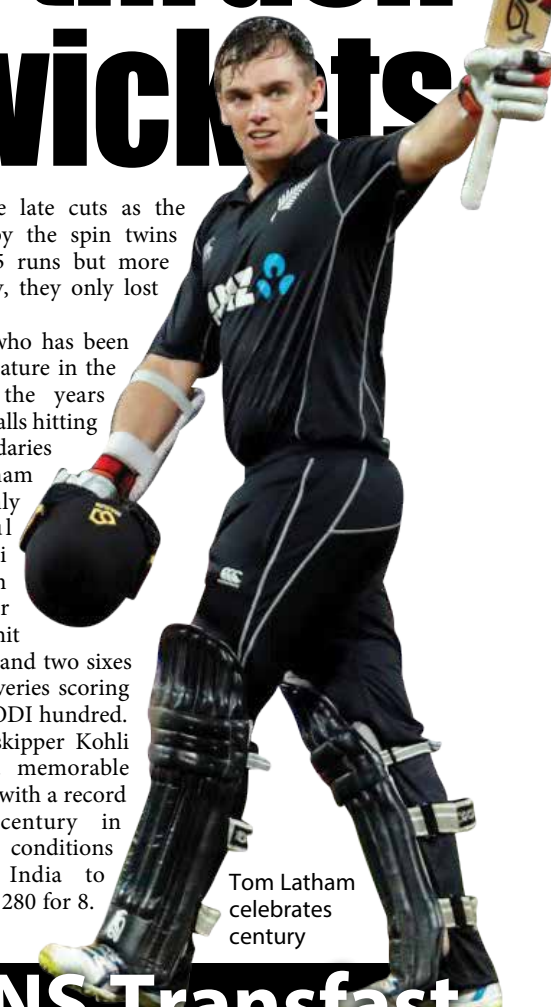
to play the late cuts as the 20 overs by the spin twins yielded 125 runs but more importantly, they only lost one wicket.

Taylor, who has been a regular feature in the IPL over the years faced 100 balls hitting eight boundaries while Latham -- the only successful Kiwi batsman during their last tour, hit eight fours and two sixes in 102 deliveries scoring his fourth ODI hundred.

Earlier, skipper Kohli made it a memorable 200th ODI with a record breaking century in demanding conditions to guide India to respectable 280 for 8. (PTI)

BRIEF SCORE

New Zealand 284 for 4 (Latham 103*, Taylor 95) beat **India** 280 for 8 (Kohli 121, Boult 4-35) by 6 wickets



Tom Latham celebrates century

Fateh Curtain beat SCNS Transfast

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Fateh Curtain beat SCNS Transfast by 15 runs in the CBA Division C tournament. Toss won by SCNS and elected to bowl first, Fateh opens Bilal and Anas added 138 runs partnership for the first wicket. Aqeel added a quick 74 runs in 31 ball helped them to score 208 in 20 overs.

In reply, SCNS started well. Sooraj added 55 runs for SCNS and they scored 193/7 in 20 overs, but others failed to contribute. Faisal took 2 wickets for Fateh Curtain.

Other scores:

Division B: BDS Bassali 142/4 in 17.2 overs (Zaheer 54, Imran 29, Shabib 3/26) beat First Care Tornado 138/4 (Suhail 55, Rafi 2/31) by 6



Harpreeth of RKCT wickets.

Pak Arab Bahrain Zalmi 131/5 in 15.3 overs (Usman 28, Ahsan 26, Rizwan 2/20) beat Alpha Safety 128/10 (Omran 39, Muneeb 3/18) by 5 wickets.

Division C:

Unique 87/1 in 13.2 overs



Zaheer of BDS Bassali

(Faris 42, Jaseem 30) beat Titans 86/10 (Jishad 23, Jijo. C 4/11, Jijo.K 3/15) by 9 wickets

Awali Bapco 162/2 in 14.1 overs (Jagan 102, Ravi 22) beat Riffa Star 160/4 (Shadad 67, Muneeb Shabeer 2/23) by 8 wickets.

Union Group 142/6 in 20 overs (Javed 46, Rana 34) beat Pak Panthers 84/10 (Shoaib 18, Nadeem 4/10) by 58 runs.

ACL Haseena Upholstery 158/8 in 20 overs (Saeed 51, Nasir 28, Zaheer 2/31) beat Lanterns 115/9 (Afzal 34, Sreejit 27, Arslan 2/21) by 43 runs

Young Star 155/9 (Imran 69, Arshad 2/20) beat Falcon CC 140/9 (Renil 46, Arjun 40, Sadeesh 5/24) by 15 runs.

RKCT203/4 in 20 overs (Harpreeth 89, Guru 58) beat NDC Bahrain 106/10 (Mahesh 35, Prakash 2/3) by 97 runs.

Kerala XI 180/9 in 20 overs (Mathew 64, Nabeel 50, Stanly 3/17, Ahmed 3/37) beat Awali Camel 170/7 (Vishal 70, Sahil 34, Vinod 2/34) by 10 runs.

Tickets on sale for Bapco 6 Hours of Bahrain

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Manama

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) announced yesterday that tickets to this year's FIA WEC Bapco 6 Hours of Bahrain are now on sale.

The highly anticipated event, which will mark the ninth and final round of the 2017 FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC), will be held November 17 and 18 at BIC, "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East", in Sakhir.

Tickets cost BD10 apiece for the entire weekend while all those aged 12 years old and younger can get in for free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.bahraingp.com or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.



Action from the previous race

Muguruza moves past Ostapenko

Singapore
World No.2 and Wimbledon champion Garbine Muguruza started her campaign to win her first year-ending championship with a decisive

opening victory, dispatching No.7 seed Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia, 6-3, 6-4, at the BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global yesterday.

"She's a very aggressive player," Muguruza said of Ostapenko in her press conference. "Ostapenko had an incredible run this year, and she has the confidence, that's what makes her even more dangerous. I knew going into the match that she could play unbelievable, so I kind of went in prepared."

In a hard-hitting affair, solid

returning by both players was the order of the day, but Muguruza held onto early leads in both sets to advance. Muguruza jumps to a 1-0 record in the White Group along with No.3 seed Karolina Pliskova, who dismissed No.5 seed Venus Williams earlier.

The Spaniard claimed the only round-robin match between two of this year's Grand Slam champions. Both of their previous matches this season went three sets, but Muguruza defeated the reigning French Open titlist here in one hour and 25 minutes, avenging her loss to Ostapenko at the Dongfeng Motor Wuhan earlier this month.

Ostapenko hit some breathtaking shots, and had 21 winners in the

match. The 20-year-old had 25 unforced errors, though, and converted only three of her eight break points. The steadier Muguruza was more effective at those opportunities, breaking five times in seven chances.

"I've played [Ostapenko] a bunch of times already and she can serve very good sometimes, like everybody, and sometimes you can make some double faults," Muguruza continued. "She's aggressive, she takes some risks, and I tried to jump on every occasion I have."

After an exchange of breaks early in the set, Muguruza seemed to claim a decisive break for 3-1 after Ostapenko double faulted twice in a row

to cede the game. The Latvian struggled to keep her second serve from being attacked, and won only one of nine second serve points in the opening set. (wtatennis)



WTA Finals Singapore

Garbine Muguruza (file pic)

Bishoo hampers Zimbabwe progress

Bulawayo

Legspinner Devendra Bishoo put the West Indies in firm control of the first Test as he ran through Zimbabwe's batting line-up on the second afternoon at Queens Sports Club yesterday.

After picking up two wickets in the first session, Bishoo grabbed three more in the second to record his fourth five-wicket haul in Tests.

With fast bowlers Jason Holder and Kemar Roach contributing two wickets apiece, Zimbabwe were bowled out for 159 to give the West Indies a first-innings lead of 60.

While the turning pitch has provided assistance to the spinners on the opening two days, Zimbabwe's batsmen were largely culpable for their own downfall.

The hosts made a positive

start in reply to West Indies' 219 all out, with openers Hamilton Masakadza and Solomon Mire moving their overnight total from 19 to 44 without loss.

But an overly adventurous stroke from Mire allowed Roach to strike, as the debutant was caught on the midwicket boundary for 27.

That lack of patience in the face of some disciplined bowling on a slow surface set the tone for Zimbabwe's innings. Mire's replacement, Craig Ervine, dug in alongside Masakadza as the pair put on 47 for the second wicket to put Zimbabwe back in control.

But from 91 for one Zimbabwe slipped to 139 for seven as Masakadza felt for a Bishoo delivery and edged behind, Brendan Taylor reverse-swept the legspinner to slip and Sikandar Raza holed out to long-off. (AFP)



BRIEF SCORE

Stumps **West Indies 219** and 88 for 1 (Brathwaite 38*, Hope 32*) lead **Zimbabwe 159** (Masakadza 42, Ervine 39, Bishoo 5-79) by 148 runs

Devendra Bishoo (file pic)

Australian MotoGP

Marquez wins at Phillip Island to close on title



Phillip Island

Marc Marquez increased his lead at the top of the MotoGP standings to 33 points with an impressive victory at the Australian Grand Prix.

The Spanish Honda rider took the lead with six laps left before

claiming his sixth win of the season to close in on the title with two races to go.

Italy's Andrea Dovizioso is Marquez's closest rival but he could only finish in a disappointing 13th place.

"I knew before the race

that it was an important day," said Marquez, 24.

"Dovy was struggling a little bit this weekend and I was feeling really good. In the race I was just waiting, waiting, waiting.

"And then when there were seven, eight laps remaining, I just gave it everything. The fight was

amazing."

Italian Valentino Rossi - who returned to racing just three weeks after a double leg fracture last month - was second, while his

Yamaha teammate Maverick Vinales of Spain narrowly beat Frenchman Johann Zarco into third.

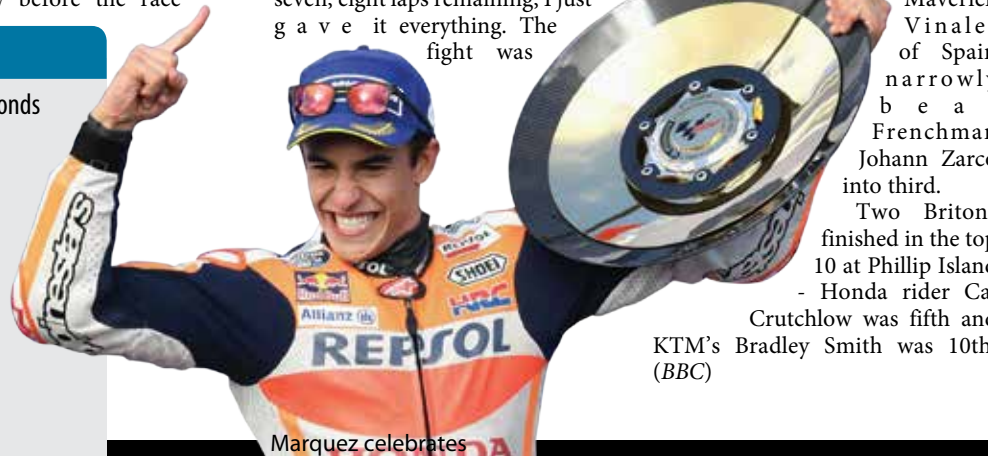
Two Britons finished in the top 10 at Phillip Island - Honda rider Cal

Crutchlow was fifth and

KTM's Bradley Smith was 10th. (BBC)

Australian GP results:

1. Marc Marquez (Sp/Honda) 40 minutes 49.772 seconds
2. Valentino Rossi (It/Yamaha) 40:51.571
3. Maverick Vinales (Sp/Yamaha) 40:51.598
4. Johann Zarco (Fr/Yamaha) 40:51.614
5. Cal Crutchlow (GBR/Honda) 40:53.617
6. Andrea Iannone (Ita/Suzuki) 40:53.643
7. Jack Miller (Aus/Honda) 40:55.391
8. Alex Rins (Spa/Suzuki) 41:01.980
9. Pol Espargaro (Spa/KTM) 41:06.023
10. Bradley Smith (GBR/KTM) 41:06.034



Marquez celebrates

Big win for Arsenal



Arsenal players celebrate
London

The pressure on Everton manager Ronald Koeman increased as his side dropped into the relegation zone after a 5-2 defeat to Arsenal at Goodison Park.

Arsenal made by far the brighter start against opponents whose lack of confidence was soon apparent, and the visitors were almost ahead after only four minutes.

The chance came when Alexis Sanchez found Mesut Ozil, who freed Aaron Ramsey for a strike that was well stopped by home keeper Jordan Pickford.

Seconds later Pickford dashed out to close down Sanchez as the Chile international found space near the byline, and Arsenal fashioned a third opportunity after only 11 minutes when Hector Bellerin crossed for Alexandre Lacazette to force Pickford into further action.

But that early dominance was to prove in vain when, a minute later, Everton took the lead through a superb goal from Wayne Rooney.

Granit Xhaka was closed down quickly inside his own half by Idrissa Gueye, with Rooney picking up possession to curl a stylish finish past Petr Cech from the edge of the area.

The goal rattled Arsenal, who were almost two down when Petr Cech was challenged by Dominic Calvert-Lewin but saw the ball run to safety, but the Gunners levelled with five minutes left until the break when Pickford stopped a low shot from Xhaka but Nacho Monreal smashed in the rebound.

Arsenal began the second half on the front foot and took the lead in style after 53 minutes as Sanchez swung in a fine cross from the left and Ozil, arriving in the penalty area, glanced a deft header past Pickford.

And Everton's hopes of finding a way back into the game were soon hit when Gueye lunged in late on Xhaka to pick up a second yellow card as the

under-fire Koeman looked on in frustration from the touchline.

With 74 minutes played, Koeman and Everton were condemned to another defeat as Arsenal sliced through again, Ozil finding space and squaring for Alexandre Lacazette to crash in an emphatic finish. Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger brought on Jack Wilshere for his first Premier League appearance for the club since last August, the midfielder replacing Lacazette for the last 12 minutes, and his side almost added a fourth when Xhaka's strike hit the bar.

They did find one after 90 minutes when Wilshere slid the ball through to Ramsey, who placed a neat finish beyond the demoralised Pickford. (*espn.in*)



Mesut Ozil of Arsenal fights for the ball

FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017

Spain outplay Iran 3-1 to reach semis

Kochi, India

European champions Spain produced a quality exhibition of tiki-taka as they decimated Iran 3-1 to reach the semi-finals of the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 yesterday.

Spain, one of the pre-tournament favourites, completely dominated the quarter-final match as their one-touch passing game proved to be too good for the Asian giants, who were completely outplayed on the day.

Captain Abel Ruiz gave Spain the lead in the 13th minute before Sergio Gomez (60th) and Ferran Torres (67th) added a goal each.

For Iran, Saeid Karimi pulled one back in the 69th minute at the Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium. Spain, seeking their maiden title, now meet African champions Mali in Navi Mumbai in the second semi-finals on October 25.

This will be Spain's sixth appearance in the semi-finals in ninth attempt. The La Rojita were runners-up in 1991, 2003 and 2007 and finished third in 1997 and 2009.

Spain were the



Antonio Blanco of Spain challenges Mohammad Ghaderi of Iran (Picture courtesy: fifa)

overwhelmingly dominant side with nearly 70 percent possession. They had seven shots on target while Iran barely had any clear chance except for one in the closing stages of the match.

But for some fine saves by their goalkeeper Ali Gholam Zadeh, Iran would have lost by a bigger margin. Zadeh was busy all day as Spain made waves of attacks through their fast-paced passing football.

Valencia youth team winger Ferran Torres, who has been on the radar of Barcelona and Real Madrid, created a lot of problems for

Iran throughout the match with his speedy runs and crosses from the right flank.

It was a completely different and unusually defensive Iran today as they did not look like a side, who had not lost any match before Sunday.

They sorely missed suspended striker Younes Delfi who had scored twice in Iran shock upset of formidable Germany in the group stage.

Spain would build their attacks through their flowing passing and the Iranians could not even touch the ball for long spells. (*PTI*)

Brazil comes from behind to win over Germany

Kolkata, India

Brazil needed a second-half turnaround to defeat Germany 2-1, and with it, reach the semi-finals of the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017 in Kolkata yesterday evening.

Played in front of a passionate crowd of 66,613 at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan Stadium, Brazil made the brighter start to the contest and went close to taking the lead just six minutes in. Brenner won possession on the edge of the Germany box and found Alan, whose low drive struck the far post.

As the match passed the quarter-hour mark, Germany settled down and looked the better side up to half-time. They would open the scoring from the penalty spot on 21 minutes after John Yeboah was tripped by a sliding



Yann Bisseck and Elias Abouchabaka of Germany battle for the ball

Lucas Halter in the Brazil box. Captain Jann-Fiete Arp converted his spot-kick for his joint-leading fifth goal of the tournament.

Yet, it was in the second half that the South American champions turned the match around with two goals in six minutes. Substitute Weverson levelled matters on

71 minutes with a powerful shot off the underside of the crossbar before Paulinho drove home a bullet finish six minutes later, to the delight of the Brazil-supporting Kolkata crowd. The result sent Brazil into a last-four meeting with England in Guwahati on Wednesday. (*fifa*)

Liverpool thrashed by Spurs

London

Harry Kane scored twice

as Tottenham Hotspur brushed

Liverpool aside 4-1 at Wembley on an afternoon of glaring defensive frailty from Jurgen Klopp's visitors.

Centre-back Dejan Lovren suffered a nightmare start which began after only four minutes when Kieran Trippier played the ball over his head, giving Kane time to run into the box, round Simon Mignolet and fire home past two defenders.

With Liverpool floundering, Lovren was culpable again as a long throw from keeper Hugo Lloris sailed over his head in the 12th minute, enabling Kane to set up Son Heung-Min for Spurs' second.

Son was within a whisker of adding a third soon afterwards, latching onto a glorious Christian Eriksen pass and crashing an angled shot past Mignolet but back off the bar.

The South Korea international then almost turned provider as Spurs continued to pour forward, breaking at pace but seeing his attempted pass to Kane cut out by Joel Matip.

With 23 minutes gone, and out of nowhere, Liverpool found a way back into a game that could already have been beyond them.

Kane appealed in vain for a foul when he was dispossessed near the halfway line and Henderson floated an outstanding pass through to Salah, who sent a bobbling finish past Lloris as the Spurs keeper opted to stay on his line.

Spurs had a chance to restore their two-goal lead as the half-hour approached, Son again in the thick of the action but seeing his weak strike blocked by Mignolet.

Lloris gathered a low cross from Salah with Liverpool players waiting to pounce as Jurgen Klopp's side began to apply some pressure, but Kane almost made them suffer again when a fine run ended with a skimming low shot wide.

Lovren was taken off for Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain just after the half-hour as Klopp opted to reshuffle his pack. But with the first half into its third added minute, Liverpool cracked once again as Matip's poor attempt to head a cross clear fell to Dele Alli and he steered the third Spurs goal beyond Mignolet.

Oxlade-Chamberlain fired in a dangerous cross as Liverpool attempted to start the second half on the front foot, Salah just unable to get to it, but more chaos in the visiting defence was not far away as Spurs wrapped up the points before an hour had gone.

This time, Mignolet flapped at a free kick and although Jan Vertonghen's effort was blocked on the line by Roberto Firmino, the ball fell to Kane who took one touch to control before lashing home.

(*espn.in*)



Harry Kane of Tottenham Hotspur scores his sides first goal while under pressure from Deajan Lovren of Liverpool