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Actress Julia Roberts says her days of starring in romantic comedies are over. Roberts built her career starring in some of the most enduring romantic comedies of the modern film era. **P13**

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Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's spokesman says Saudi Arabia remains an important "brotherly and friendly country" and that Turkey does not want ties with Riyadh to be harmed.

Briefing reporters following a Cabinet meeting yesterday, Ebrahim Kalin said Turkey was obliged to investigating any killing that takes place within its borders, referring to the killing of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul.

He said: "The approach of our president from the beginning has been extremely clear: that nothing concerning this incident remains a secret."

Saudi will isolate 'oil from politics'
Riyadh

Saudi Arabia has no intention of unleashing a 1973-style oil embargo on Western consumers and will isolate oil from politics, the Saudi energy minister said yesterday.

"There is no intention," Khalid Al Falih told Russia's TASS news agency when asked if there could be a repetition of the 1973-style oil embargo.

Saudi decision welcomed

Cabinet lauds Riyadh's deep-rooted approach to establish values of justice

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Premier lauded the decisions issued by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud concerning the case of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

The decision confirms Saudi Arabia's deep-rooted approach based on commitment to consolidating human rights and establishing the values of justice, it observed.

The session welcomed the successful steps and firm decisions taken by the Saudi King to hold anyone who fails to carry out their duties accountable, and to deal with any mistakes or negligence credibly, transparently and



HRH the Premier chairs the Cabinet in the presence of HRH the Crown Prince.

to hold the fifth edition of the Bahrain International Airshow (BIAS 2018), due to be held on November 14-16.

The session gave directives to all relevant authorities and government departments, each in their capacity, to provide all necessary support to ensure the success of the prestigious event.

The Cabinet reviewed, through a report by the Finance Minister, the latest global economic developments, and outlook, as well as the outcomes of the meetings of the Development Committee and the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC), held recently on the sidelines of the Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group in Indonesia.

It was also informed about Bahrain's ranking first in the Arab world and 47th at the world level, among 157, countries, in the "Human Capital Index", launched by the World Bank during the same meetings.

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Manama

The Cabinet yesterday chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy



objectively.

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The session was informed about Bahrain's high-level delegation, to be led by HRH the Crown Prince, to the 'Future Investment Initiative' (FII) conference, set to be held in Saudi Arabia, under the auspices of King Salman, and chairmanship of Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Defence Minister, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

The session welcomed the FII conference, and hailed the im-

portance of holding such a mega world event, both in terms of location and timing, in light of the on-going large-scale global economic and technological changes, and the keenness of the region's governments to maintain their competitive potentials during the age of new economy.

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The session was informed, through a memorandum presented by the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, about the on-going preparations

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Spotlight on youth empowerment

● **HRH the Crown Prince noted the event's role in educating youth on the importance of working towards the SDGs and of understanding the crucial requirements needed for long-term development.**

Manama

On behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday inaugurated the First International Global Youth Festival for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), at Isa Town Sports City.

The international festival, held under the patronage of HM the King and organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sport



HRH the Crown Prince with HH Shaikh Nasser, HH Shaikh Khalid, Royal Family members and senior government officials at the inaugural ceremony.

Affairs in partnership with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), aims to raise awareness among youth regarding steps taken to recognise and achieve the SDGs through a wide range of activities and events.

During the launch, HRH the Crown Prince highlighted the Kingdom's achievements in meeting various SDGs in line with its comprehensive development programme, led by His Majesty King Hamad. HRH the Crown Prince

further highlighted the importance of spreading awareness of the SDGs to youth, as they play an integral role as future leaders of the Kingdom's development.

HRH the Crown Prince went on to praise the efforts of the Representative of HM the King for Charity Work and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, as well as the organisers in planning the international event.

HRH the Crown Prince noted the event's role in educating youth on the importance of working towards the SDGs and of understanding the crucial requirements needed for long-term development.

HRH the Crown Prince emphasised that the Kingdom's partnership with the UNDP in organising events such as this one, underscores Bahrain's continued commitment in cooperating and coordinating with international institutions on achieving the SDGs to benefit the country and its citizens.

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Premier receives Crown Prince



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday received His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier at Gudaibiya Palace. They stressed that Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, has been able to overcome many challenges. They added that thanks to the royal wisdom, the government's resolve and the people's determination, the kingdom is capable of going ahead on the path of development and changing challenges into motivating factors for achievement and excellence. They also expressed satisfaction at Bahrain's progress in various development fields, underlining the kingdom's advanced Arab and international status which is reflected by international indices.

Voluntary Retirement Programme preparations underway

Manama

The General Organisation for Social Insurance (GOSI) is stepping up preparations to implement the Voluntary Retirement Programme.

"A plan is being drawn up to ensure the smooth implementation of the retirement scheme," said GOSI Acting Chief Executive Officer Eman Mustapha Al Murbati.

The General Organisation for Social Insurance (GOSI) held a series of meetings with the Ministry of Finance and the Civil Service Bureau and updated them on preparations to implement the Voluntary Retirement Programme. Mr Al Murbati announced that pensions and other premiums would be



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disbursed as planned, adding that other dues would be paid to employees whose applications for voluntary retirement have been approved.

The Voluntary Retirement Scheme is one of six initiatives featuring in the Fiscal Balance Programme, which aims at allowing CSB employees to enter the private and entrepreneurship, and contribute to spurring economic growth.

Directive to tackle floodwaters

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While tackling floodwaters caused by the first spell of showers in the Kingdom, HRH the Premier gave directives to the Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry to take prompt and immediate measure to deal with the most affected areas.

In this regard, the Cabinet was informed, through a report by the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, about the precautionary measures taken to deal with the rain season.

Among other things, the session, in line with the government's keenness to preserve fish stocks and the marine environment, approved a number of measures aimed at regulating fisheries and reducing fishing efforts in the marine environment, as well as developing the marine wealth through a range



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of measures and executive decisions to prevent further deterioration of fish stocks because of overfishing.

The relevant minister was requested to take the necessary executive decisions to protect the

kingdom's fishing environment and fish stock.

In a related context, the cabinet agreed to expand fish farming and encourage investment in it, being an important economic and food resource, as recommended by the Ministerial Committee for Construction and Infrastructure, and presented by the Deputy Premier and committee chairman.

The Cabinet approved the addition of a number of individuals and entities to Bahrain's Terror List, and requested the competent authorities to take the necessary procedures, as highlighted in the memorandum submitted by the Minister of Interior in this regard.

The session endorsed the Internal Regulation of the Capital Trustees' Board and the draft -edict on issuing it, as recommended by the Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs and highlighted in the

memorandum presented by the Deputy Premier and committee chairman.

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highlighted in the memorandum presented by the Deputy Premier and committee chairman.

The session discussed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on economic, technical and investment cooperation between Bahrain and Egypt, and referred it to the Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs, following a presentation by the Minister of

Finance.

The cabinet reviewed a draft-law on amending Article (35) of Decree-Law 36/2002 with respect to Regulating Government Tenders and Purchases.

The bill was referred to the Council of Representatives, alongside a memorandum including the government's opinion on it.

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'Kingdom among fastest emerging tourist destinations for Americans'

50,000 Americans visited Bahrain last year, says American envoy

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Mohammed Zafran

Americans coming to the Kingdom for business and leisure tourism have increased in the recent years with last year's number reaching 50,000, American Ambassador Justin Siberell said.

He was speaking at an event titled 'Innovation in Tourism - Building the Tourism Sector

for the Savvy Travellers', organised by the American Chamber of Commerce in Bahrain (Amcham) in coordination with the American Embassy yesterday at The Ritz Carlton.

"We have a vibrant American community here and we have many Americans who are coming to visit here as well. More Americans are coming to Bahrain as a tourism destination, be it from the United States or other countries."

Speaking about tourists from the Middle East region to the United States, he said, "According to the United States national tourism office, we have nearly 77 million international visitors and about 1.2 million came from this region. The tourism industry is a vital component of the American economy."

In terms of citizens and residents of Bahrain visiting the US, he said, "Each year, more than



Mr Siberell speaking at the event.

11,000 people including Bahrainis and residents of the Kingdom visit the embassy seeking visas. We have taken significant

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Describing the Discover America Week that is being held, he said, "It's an annual

celebration intended to draw attention to the diversity of American business, technology, and innovation in Bahrain. The Discover America Week will run until October 24.

"During the week, we are featuring a number of activities to draw attention to American brands, entrepreneurship, technology, services, and other sectors. We are very proud of the many American firms that have been part of Bahrain's growth."

The event also featured a number of speakers including CEO of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), Shaikh Khaled bin Humood Al Khalifa, BTEA Tourism Marketing and Promotion Director Yousef Al Khan, Bahrain Travel and Tourism Society Chairman Jihad Ameen and CEO of Visit Bahrain Kyriakos Zarkadas.

11,000

Bahrain residents and citizens approach the US Embassy for visas every year, says envoy.

'9.1 million tourists visited Bahrain this year'

TDT | Manama
Mohammed Zafran

With 9.1 million tourists visiting the Kingdom during the first nine months of this year, the tourism segment is witnessing a strong growth, it emerged.

This is a 5.7 per cent increase compared to the numbers from the last year during the same period.

Bahrain's tourism sector has showed further growth this year with more tourists coming to the country and longer stays, said Shaikh Khaled Bin Humood Al Khalifa, the Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Authority for Tourism and Exhibitions.

"I think it is time for the tourism industry to take the economy forward," he said, adding "Bahrain is maintaining excellent tourism numbers this year".

He was also speaking at the 'Innovation in Tourism - Building the Tourism Sector for the Savvy Travellers' event.

"Our tourism strategy is based on four As: Awareness, Attraction, Accessibility and Accommodation. We have worked closely with the Economic Development Board to create the tourism brand. Now we have a unified message on what Bahrain offers and how we can market Bahrain.

"As a result of creating the Bahrain tourism brand, we

launched international tourism offices in seven countries.

"Bahrain is no longer a weekend destination, people now spend more time here. Our aim now is to extend the average length of stay of the tourists to four nights.

Free transit visas

Bahrain will be issuing transit visas to tourists for free, according to BTEA chief. "For stopover visas, we will ensure that the cost will be covered by the BTEA and free of charge for the tourist."

He also added that steps are being taken to reduce the waiting time at King Fahad Causeway.

"Eighty-three per cent of the people that enter Bahrain come through the causeway, so it is important to make sure the traffic flow there is smooth. We will be making more arrangements to reduce the waiting times at the causeway."



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Bridge 19 naval drill continues

● A Saudi naval vessel commander said the drill aims to accomplish a high standard of organisation and coordination.

Manama

The second stage of the joint marine drill (Bridge 19) kicked off on Sunday with the participation of the Royal Bahrain Naval Force and Saudi Eastern Fleet.

The periodically joint drill between the two countries reflects the solid military relations and Bahrain's interest to reinforce military cooperation with Arab and friendly countries.

It also targets upgrading combat performance,

improving capabilities and leadership competencies, in addition to establishing military cooperation and coordination and the exchange of expertise.

The Bridge 19 Drill Commander said the drill comprises a number of exercises aimed at strengthening military cooperation with the Saudi forces, unifying concepts and exchange of expertise, as well as training on the latest systems to achieve maritime integration level.

A Saudi naval vessel commander said the drill aims to accomplish a high standard of organisation and coordination.

It also contributes to boosting combat capabilities and raising the operational performance between the two forces.

He extended appreciation to the Bahrain Defence Force, Bahrain Naval Force for the high organisational level and generous hospitality.

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Derasat launches opinion poll for upcoming elections

Poll aims at measuring voters' opinion about participation in the electoral process

Manama

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bahrain Centre for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (Derasat), Dr Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, yesterday announced the launch of Derasat's opinion poll for the upcoming parliamentary and municipal elections.

The poll aimed at measuring the voters' opinion on their participation in the electoral process, reasons for voting, learning about the voters'

opinions on the performance of previous parliamentary and municipal councils, in addition to their aspirations for the next parliamentary and municipal action.

Derasat Chairman said the targeted survey sample comprises citizens over 20 years of age, where data will be collected through direct interviews at public gathering areas, in addition to citizens' online participation via the link: <https://derasat.limequery.com/219348?lang=ar>.

He highlighted the role of



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DR SHAIKH ABDULLA

opinion polls and surveys, as a vital and required mechanism, in the achievement of sustainable development and the development of the democratic process.

He said the Kingdom of Bahrain, under the leadership of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, has provided all the necessary fundamentals for conducting the forthcoming electoral process with integrity, transparency and justice, to strengthen the foundations of the modern civil state based on the rule of law and institutions.

HRH Crown Prince invited for FII

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister yesterday received Saudi Ambassador Dr Abdullah bin Abdulmalek Al Alshaikh at Gudaiybia Palace.

During the meeting, the Ambassador delivered a letter from His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Saudi Arabia, inviting HRH the Crown Prince to the 2018 Future Investment Initiative (FII) taking place between 23 and 25 October in Riyadh.

HRH the Crown Prince and the Ambassador discussed Bahrain-Saudi longstanding and diverse bilateral relations.

Real stories to inspire youth



Shaikh Hisham with organisers at the event.

TDT | Manama
Harpreet Kaur

A book launched yesterday will portray the stories of 51 inspiring Bahrainis from various walks of life.

"Those Who Inspire BAHRAIN" launch was held at the Bahrain Fort Museum under the patronage of Capital Governor Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa.

The launch event organised in conjunction with the Manama Entrepreneurship Week, was supported by Labour Fund Tamkeen.

The inspiring biographies of those portrayed in the book include that of Shaikha Al Shaiba, Paratriathlete; Dr Mubarak Najem, Composer and Conductor of the National Band of Bahrain; and Omar Farooq, Filmmaker

and YouTuber.

Speaking to Tribune, Emilia Mirea, Director and Co-Publisher of the book, said, "The purpose of this book is to empower millennials and to boldly encourage them to pursue their dreams and, above all, believe in themselves. The book will allow them to explore a wide spectrum of role models and mentors from their own country."

Gulf Convention Centre unveils new look

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Guests are all set to be taken to another fascinating level as the Gulf Convention Centre unveiled its state-of-the-art facility.

The newly-renovated Gulf Convention Centre, consists of 13 meeting and conference rooms out of 33 venues, spread over 4,780 square meters featuring new re-designed event venues and conference halls, enhanced with luxury while boasting natural charm and elegance.

"The Gulf Convention Centre is the best and most sought after destination for any large events and conference's as well as a much de-

sired venue for weddings in the Kingdom. Not only will the new facility feature a stunning contemporary design it will also have advanced technology that will complement the new Gulf Convention Centre," said Mr Fares Yactine, General Manager.

Mr Yactine, also said "taking center-stage of the renovation is the installation of five digital HD Screens, featuring four-metre wide, three-metre high. This will run impressive high definition videos with high resolution images with spectacular sounds together with exquisite Chandeliers that are equipped to change colours at any choice."

Young cricketers



Exelon has launched Young Boys Cricket Team in an effort to support the initiatives brought in Bahrain by His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and the Honorary President of Bahrain Cricket Association. Qamar Saeed, former Bahrain National Team player, captains Exelon Young Boys. The team consists on multiple emerging players and experienced veterans including national players like Zeeshan, Talah, Tahir Dar, Asghar Bajwa, Yaqoob and Naem.

Battle against breast cancer



Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), the operator and managing body of Bahrain International Airport (BIA), in collaboration with Gulf Air, the national carrier of Bahrain, and Gulf Aviation Academy (GAA), the Kingdom's premier Aviation and Logistics training academy, held a Breast Cancer Prevention and Women's Wellness Day. In attendance were BAC Chief Executive Officer Mohamed Yousif AlBinfalah, GAA Chief Executive Officer Dr Dhaffer Al Abbasi, Gulf Air Chief Executive Officer Krešimir Kučko and a number of employees to show their support in the awareness of breast cancer where some employees received a full consultation and examination at the Gulf Air headquarters.



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IS members' appeals rejected

The defendants were charged in October last year with forming a cell that had links with IS

● The defendants are said to have been plotting to carry out a suicide bombing at a local mosque.

● The suspects also include two of Turki Al Binali's brothers (the second and third defendant).

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Ali Tarif

The Cassation Court, Bahrain's highest court, yesterday rejected the appeals filed by eight defendants convicted of joining the Islamic State (IS).

The appellants were earlier sentenced to 10 years behind bars each, while their Bahraini nationality was as well revoked.

The eight men were among 24 defendants held guilty in connection with this case, but many suspects are still at large and were held guilty in absentia.

Among the fugitives is the Islamic State's (IS) ideological leader Turki Al Binali who was handed down life imprisonment by the High Criminal Court.

The US-led coalition had released a statement last year, stating that Turki Al Binali had been killed in an airstrike in Mayadin, Syria.

His co-defendants were given 15 years behind bars each by the High Criminal Court.



Turki Al Binali is accused of recruiting dozens of Bahrainis to serve the Islamic State.

However, the High Appeals Court reduced the sentences issued against the appellants but upheld the revoking of their nationality before taking their case to the Cassation Court.

The defendants were all tried on grounds of joining the IS. Thirteen of the defendants had also their Bahraini nationality stripped in the process. The others' citizenship had been already revoked by a state-issued decree.

Aged between 16 and 42, the defendants were charged in October last year with forming a cell that had links with

the IS group, plotting suicide attacks and recruiting fighters for the jihadist organisation.

The defendants are said to have been plotting to carry out a suicide bombing at a local mosque. However, 16 of the suspects are still at large and they are being tried in absentia.

The mastermind of the cell was Turki who is believed to have recruited dozens of Bahraini youth and sent them to front-lines outside the country.

The suspects also include two of Turki Al Binali's brothers (the second and



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third defendant).

The second defendant reportedly travelled to Syria where he received military training and took part in hostilities before returning back to the Kingdom.

He along with the third defendant were assigned later by their brother Turki to encourage more young Bahrainis to join IS and facilitate their travel to Syria to receive militia training and fight with IS members.

The fourteenth defendant is said to have requested the fifth defendant to carry out a terrorist attack against Shi'ites in Bahrain because there wasn't sufficient money to help him travel to Syria.

They allegedly targeted the A'ali Grand Mosque in a bid to kill a high number of Shi'ite worshippers.

Turki was accused of establishing a branch for a terrorist organisation intended to disable the provisions of the Constitution.

The other defendants were indicted with joining a terrorist organisation, receiving militia training, using arms, possessing weapons and explosives, participating in terrorist operations and planning to carry out terrorist attacks in Bahrain.

Bahrain announced on October 21 last year charging 24 people with forming a cell of IS, plotting suicide attacks and recruiting fighters for the jihadist organisation.

The move came after investigations into the formation of a "branch for a terrorist group... the so-called Daesh," said a prosecution statement, using the Arabic acronym for IS.

Court accepts request to retry death row convicts

● Seven other men convicted in the case were sent to six years behind bars.

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Ali Tarif

The Cassation Court accepted the request to retry two men facing death penalty in light of new medical reports, announced the Public Prosecution.

The two Bahraini defendants

are implicated in a bomb blast that killed an officer and injured five others.

Mohammed Ramadan Hussein, a 31-year-old former employee at the Bahrain International Airport, and Hussein Moussa Mohammed, a 27-year-old former hotel employee, received the capital punishment after they were convicted of premeditated murder, attempted murder, detonating and possessing an explosive device, participating in an illegal gathering and possessing Molotov cocktails.

Seven other men accused in the case were sent to six years

behind bars each.

The Cassation Court had earlier rejected the appeals filed by Hussein and Mohammed, but accepted the Public Prosecution's request to re-try them after the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) shared with Prosecutors new medical reports prepared by the Ministry of Interior's doctors.

The pair and the other defendants were tried for their role in the murder of policeman Abdulwaheed Sayyed Mohammed AlBalooshi, 29, who suffered fatal chest injuries in an explosion in Dair on February 14, 2014.

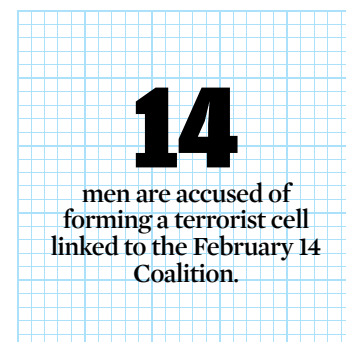
Closing arguments due in terror cell trial

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Closing arguments will be heard on November 1, 2018, in the trial of 14 men accused of forming a terrorist cell linked to the February 14 Coalition.

Two of them have also been charged with possessing pornographic videos and images.

The defendants are said to have been active between 2017 and 2018 before they have been nabbed following police investigations which revealed that the first and second defendants were



the masterminds of the cell.

Prosecutors say that the cell aimed to target police officers, citizens and violate the national

constitution as well as the country's unity.

The first defendant allegedly received funds from terrorists living outside Bahrain and used them to finance the terrorist activities of the group.

Meanwhile, his co-suspects are reported to have made fire-bombs in a bid to put lives and public properties in danger.

Apart from the terrorist-linked charges, the first and third defendants were found to have saved obscene videos and images in their phones upon their arrest. And this was added to the list of accusations against them.

Woman sentenced for abandoning newborns

TDT | Manama
Ali Tarif

A Bahraini woman abandoned her two newborns, the High Criminal Court heard.

She is said to have taken the babies to remote areas, where she abandoned them, according to court records.

The incident came to light after a man saw her leaving the baby near a farmland at a remote place in the Kingdom.

The man reported the incident to police and the woman



I decided to abandon babies as I my husband left me without giving his contact or address.

DEFENDANT

the woman had abandoned a baby earlier.

"I got married to a man but he left me. I delivered the baby and I tried to reach him, but I didn't know his address and his contact number.

"Therefore, I decided to abandon babies," the woman told prosecutors.

"This was the second time for me to do that," she added.

According to court files, a baby boy and baby girl were abandoned by the woman.

The woman was sentenced to four years behind bars.

Joint co-operation discussed



Education Ministry Undersecretary for Resources and Services Dr Mohammed Mubarak Juma'a received British Council Regional Director John Burnham and Bahrain-based British Council director Richard Rose. Dr Juma'a discussed with them joint cooperation, focusing on the ministry's effort to promote English language learning. The meeting was attended by Bahrain Training Institute (BTI) Acting Director-General Dr Samah Al Ajjawi and British Council programmes and projects officer Noura Al Sabah.

Taiwan probes train crash that killed 18

● Crash on the popular east coast line injured another 187 people

● The crash was the worst rail accident in Taiwan since 199

● Train services have partially resumed

AFP | Yilan, Taiwan

Taiwan's president pushed for a swift investigation yesterday after an express train derailed on a coastal tourist route, killing 18 people as it sent sleeping passengers flying from their seats.

The crash on the popular east coast line injured another 187 people Sunday and left the Puyuma Express lying zig-zagged across the tracks in the island's worst rail accident for a quarter century.

Among those who died, the youngest was nine years old. Two students aged 12 and 13 from a junior high school in Taitung -- where the train was headed -- were also killed, according to the transport ministry.

"Everyone is concerned about the cause of the incident and I've asked prosecutors to clarify the situation... and the cause soon," President Tsai Ing-wen told reporters as she visited the scene of the accident Monday.

A task force and forensic units will determine whether the derailment was "an accident or human error" prosecutor Chiang



A general view shows the location where a Puyuma Express train derailed in Yilan, eastern Taiwan



We felt that the speed was too fast, then there was a crashing sound and we flew off (from the seats)

CHIU, A PASSENGER

Passengers who survived the accident recalled how the train had been shaking intensely during the journey and was going "very fast" before it derailed.

"The train stopped twice and we were told that there were problems that needed repair but the train restarted not long after," one passenger who identified herself as Mrs Chiu told reporters. "We felt that the speed was too fast, then there was a crashing sound and we flew off (from the seats)," she said, adding that many passengers were sleeping at the time.

An official from the Taiwan Railways Administration said the train driver had reported a pressure device used for braking had malfunctioned 30 minutes

before the accident, but that it should not have caused the train to go too fast.

Local resident Huang Changhan, 61, told AFP he had been at a nearby hillside temple with a group of people who had rushed to help.

"There was a big bang, and black smoke, the scene was horrible, beyond words," he said.

"We rushed to the scene to help carry the kids and elderly people. There was blood all over, everyone was busy helping people," he said.

Video footage of the aftermath of the crash, broadcast on local Taiwan television, showed passengers smashing a window from inside and kicking it through to escape.

Meghan rejoins Prince Harry to meet fans

AFP | Fraser Island, Australia

Meghan, the pregnant wife of Britain's Prince Harry, emerged from her break from official duties yesterday to greet excited fans on the stunning World Heritage-listed Fraser Island during the royal couple's Australian tour.

The Duchess of Sussex skipped most of the day's events on the island off Queensland state, after a packed tour that has seen the pair travel to Sydney, Melbourne and the



Britain's Prince Harry (R) poses for a photo with Indigenous Australian Joe Gala (C) during his visit to Fraser Island

regional town of Dubbo since touching down in Australia last Monday. But she appeared in the late afternoon for a public meet-and-greet with her husband, delighting the large crowd at Kingfisher Bay.

Wearing a striped linen maxi dress with a thigh-high split, reportedly by sustainable LA brand Reformation, the pair walked down the jetty and received more baby gifts -- including quilts and stuffed toys -- from the locals. One 16-year-

old boy, who was carrying the sign "Meghan Markle you make my world sparkle" was so excited that he had met the Duchess that he forgot what she said to him.

"She was just really thankful," he told *news.com.au*.

Earlier, the couple arrived in Queensland by plane before travelling to the island separately. Harry boarded a barge, while the Duchess of Sussex took a different vessel and then retreated to a private residence.

63 fetuses found at funeral home



The Perry Funeral Home on Trumbull Avenue in Detroit

AFP | Detroit, United States

Police in the US city of Detroit have found 63 fetuses at a funeral home during a widening investigation of alleged malpractice at such facilities, US media reported.

"This is larger than we might know," The Detroit News quoted Police Chief James Craig as saying. "It's unbelievable."

He spoke to reporters after officers on Friday raided Perry Funeral Home, where they found the remains of 36 fetuses in boxes and an additional 27 in freezers.

Michigan state regulators

suspended the home's license, a week after investigators found the remains of 10 fetuses in a false ceiling at another funeral home in the city.

"We're widening our investigation," Craig said, as cited by the News.

One parent has sued Perry Funeral Home, and other agencies, alleging that the home stored the remains of stillborn and live birth babies at a university morgue for up to three years without notifying parents, the News said.

It added that the lawsuit further alleges the funeral home billed for services and burials that weren't performed.

Migrant caravan continues march towards US



Sources: AP, BBC, Reuters

Picture: Associated Press

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Thousands of Central American migrants who managed to cross from Guatemala into Mexico have vowed to continue marching northwards with hopes of making it to the United States.

The Associated Press reports that 2,000 migrants took the decision to continue their journey. The Mexican authorities have accepted small groups for asylum pro-

cessing and granted some 45-day visitor permits to others. Some have boarded transport organised by the Guatemalan authorities to return to Honduras voluntarily.

The migrant caravan, which started out more than a week ago with less than 200 participants, has swelled to an estimated 5,000 Sunday after many migrants found ways to cross into southern Mexico as police blocked the official crossing point.

"March of the Migrant" Caravan consists mostly of people from Honduras who are aiming to escape criminal violence and poverty in their home country by seeking refuge and work opportunities in Mexico or U.S.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 September 2018 (Reviewed)
BD '000s

	Reviewed 30 September 2018	Audited 31 December 2017
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with central banks	149,881	469,436
Treasury bills	445,716	427,130
Deposits and amounts due from banks and other financial institutions	196,561	223,824
Loans and advances to customers	1,848,143	1,740,651
Investment securities	773,265	748,985
Investments in associated companies and joint ventures	61,998	46,958
Interest receivable and other assets	91,406	79,680
Premises and equipment	26,636	26,436
TOTAL ASSETS	3,593,606	3,763,100
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Deposits and amounts due to banks and other financial institutions	227,302	193,472
Borrowings under repurchase agreement	236,695	161,314
Term borrowings	144,542	199,012
Customers' current, savings and other deposits	2,398,529	2,623,577
Interest payable and other liabilities	85,436	84,890
Total liabilities	3,092,504	3,262,265
Equity		
Share capital	108,165	108,165
Treasury stock	(2,298)	(998)
Perpetual tier 1 convertible capital securities	86,098	86,098
Share premium	41,016	41,016
Statutory reserve	54,082	54,082
General reserve	54,082	54,082
Cumulative changes in fair values	(8,128)	(8,349)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(12,456)	(9,271)
Retained earnings	177,955	134,632
Appropriations	-	39,161
Equity attributable to the owners of the bank and capital securities' holders	498,516	498,618
Non-controlling interest	2,586	2,217
Total equity	501,102	500,835
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	3,593,606	3,763,100

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

Nine-month period ended 30 September 2018 (Reviewed)
BD '000s

	Three-month ended		Nine-month ended	
	30-Sep-18	30-Sep-17	30-Sep-18	30-Sep-17
Interest and similar income	43,382	35,097	121,143	101,006
Interest and similar expense	(14,477)	(12,018)	(40,994)	(33,342)
Net interest income	28,905	23,079	80,149	67,664
Share of profit of associated companies and joint ventures	1,102	1,360	2,470	3,951
Other income	10,042	12,777	36,389	35,948
Total operating income	40,049	37,216	119,008	107,563
Staff costs	9,651	8,760	27,777	25,844
Other expenses	4,538	3,330	12,939	11,208
Depreciation	895	876	2,714	2,572
Net provision for credit impairment	11,064	11,239	26,490	22,123
Net provision/(write back) for impairment on investments	8	-	(205)	(69)
Total operating expenses	26,156	24,205	69,715	61,678
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	13,893	13,011	49,293	45,885
Net tax provision	(152)	(187)	(443)	(637)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	13,741	12,824	48,850	45,248
Attributable to:				
Owners of the Bank	13,616	12,692	48,422	44,875
Non-controlling interest	125	132	428	373
	13,741	12,824	48,850	45,248
Basic earnings per share (BD)	0.013	0.012	0.042	0.038
Diluted earnings per share (BD)	0.011	0.010	0.037	0.032

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Nine-month period ended 30 September 2018 (Reviewed)
BD '000s

	Three-month ended		Nine-month ended	
	30-Sep-18	30-Sep-17	30-Sep-18	30-Sep-17
Profit for the period	13,741	12,824	48,850	45,248
Other comprehensive income				
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</i>				
Fair value through other comprehensive income (equity instruments)	807	(3,210)	6,177	(7,927)
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss				
<i>Movement in translation reserve:</i>				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(1,291)	(87)	(3,185)	1,637
<i>Movement in hedging reserve:</i>				
Effective portion of changes in fair value	93	(11)	374	271
<i>Movement in fair value reserve (debt instruments):</i>				
Net change in fair value	15,139	2,313	(3,957)	13,950
Net amount transferred to profit or loss	(243)	(496)	(3,196)	(1,235)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	14,505	(1,491)	(3,787)	6,696
Total comprehensive income for the period	28,246	11,333	45,063	51,944
Attributable to:				
Owners of the Bank	28,121	11,201	44,635	51,571
Non-controlling interest	125	132	428	373
	28,246	11,333	45,063	51,944

The consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity, consolidated statement of cash flows, segmental information, accounting policies and notes have been extracted from the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of BBK B.S.C. for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2018 which were reviewed by Ernst & Young.

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Chairman

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Deputy Chairman

Reyadh Yousif Sater
Chief Executive

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Nine-month period ended 30 September 2018
BD '000s

	Nine-month ended	
	30-Sep-18	30-Sep-17
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities	(234,450)	39,641
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	(37,963)	44,046
Net cash used in financing activities	(99,952)	(44,835)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(3,185)	1,637
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(375,550)	40,489
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	612,959	537,604
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	237,409	578,093

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Nine-month period ended 30 September 2018 (Reviewed)
BD '000s

	Attributable to the owners of the Bank and capital securities' holders					Non-controlling interest	Total equity
	Share capital	Others	Retained earnings	Appropriations	Total		
Balance at 1 January 2018	108,165	216,660	134,632	39,161	498,618	2,217	500,835
Profit for the period	-	-	48,422	-	48,422	428	48,850
Other comprehensive loss for the period	-	(2,964)	(823)	-	(3,787)	-	(3,787)
Total comprehensive income	-	(2,964)	47,599	-	44,635	428	45,063
Distribution on perpetual tier 1 convertible capital securities issued	-	-	(3,551)	-	(3,551)	-	(3,551)
Share-based payments	-	-	(725)	-	(725)	-	(725)
Dividends paid	-	-	-	(37,761)	(37,761)	(210)	(37,971)
Movement in non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	-	151	151
Donations	-	-	-	(1,400)	(1,400)	-	(1,400)
Movement in treasury stock	-	(1,300)	-	-	(1,300)	-	(1,300)
Balance at 30 September 2018	108,165	212,396	177,955	-	498,516	2,586	501,102

	108,165	207,748	122,830	33,666	472,409	1,806	474,215
Balance at 1 January 2017	108,165	207,748	122,830	33,666	472,409	1,806	474,215
Profit for the period	-	-	44,875	-	44,875	373	45,248
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	7,901	(1,205)	-	6,696	-	6,696
Total comprehensive income	-	7,901	43,670	-	51,571	373	51,944
Distribution on perpetual tier 1 convertible capital securities issued	-	-	(3,551)	-	(3,551)	-	(3,551)
Share-based payments	-	-	568	-	568	-	568
Dividends paid	-	-	-	(32,266)	(32,266)	(134)	(32,400)
Donations	-	-	-	(1,400)	(1,400)	-	(1,400)
Movement in treasury stock	-	1,420	-	-	1,420	-	1,420
Balance at 30 September 2017	108,165	217,069	163,517	-	488,751	2,045	490,796

SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

Nine-month period ended 30 September 2018
BD '000s

	30 September 2018				Total
	Retail banking	Corporate banking	International banking	Investment, treasury and other activities	
Operating income before share of profit of associated companies and joint ventures	38,837	23,291	19,189	35,221	116,538
Segment result	18,115	(9,238)	2,609	34,894	46,380
Share of profit of associated companies and joint ventures	2,932	-	-	(462)	2,470
Profit for the period					48,850
Profit attributable to non-controlling interest					(428)
Profit attributable to the owners of the Bank					48,422
30 September 2017					
Operating income before share of profit of associated companies and joint ventures	34,968	21,845	16,821	29,978	103,612
Segment result	11,997	(1,360)	765	29,895	41,297
Share of profit of associated companies and joint ventures	3,879	-	-	72	3,951
Profit for the period					45,248
Profit attributable to non-controlling interest					(373)
Profit attributable to the owners of the Bank					44,875

Accounting policies and Notes:

- The interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2018 are prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting. The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2017. In addition, results for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2018 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the financial year ending 31 December 2018.
- Other income for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2018 includes BD 5,478 thousand (30 September 2017: BD 3,170 thousand) of dividend income, which is of a seasonal nature.
- During the year ended 31 December 2016, the Bank completed an issue of BD 86,098 thousand Basel III compliant Additional Tier 1 Convertible Perpetual Capital Securities. Distribution Payment Amounts shall be payable subject to and in accordance with terms and conditions on the outstanding nominal amount of the Capital Securities at rate of 8.25 per cent per annum. These securities are recognised under equity in the consolidated statement of financial position and the corresponding coupon on those securities are accounted as appropriation of profits. Expenses relating to this issuance have been included in retained earnings. Securities' holders will not have a right to claim the coupon and such event will not be considered as event of default.
- At the Annual General Meeting held on 20 March 2018, the shareholders approved the proposed appropriations of the year ended 31 December 2017.

WhatsApp can stop fake news poisoning

Ahead of a critical election, the messaging app has become a sea of toxic misinformation, but



CRISTINA TARDAGUILAL

WhatsApp, the Facebook-owned messaging app, is one of the main tools that Brazilians use to keep in touch with friends and family, and do business. Increasingly, it is also a part of politics. A recent poll found that 44 per cent of voters in Brazil use WhatsApp to read political and electoral information. Unfortunately, in the lead-up to the first round of the presidential election on Oct 7, the app was used to spread alarming amounts of misinformation, rumours and false news.

With just a few weeks before the runoff vote on Oct 28 between the far-right candidate Jair Bolsonaro and his left-wing opponent Fernando Haddad, there is still time for WhatsApp to make temporary changes to the platform to reduce the poisoning of Brazilian political life. The company must be decisive before it is too late.

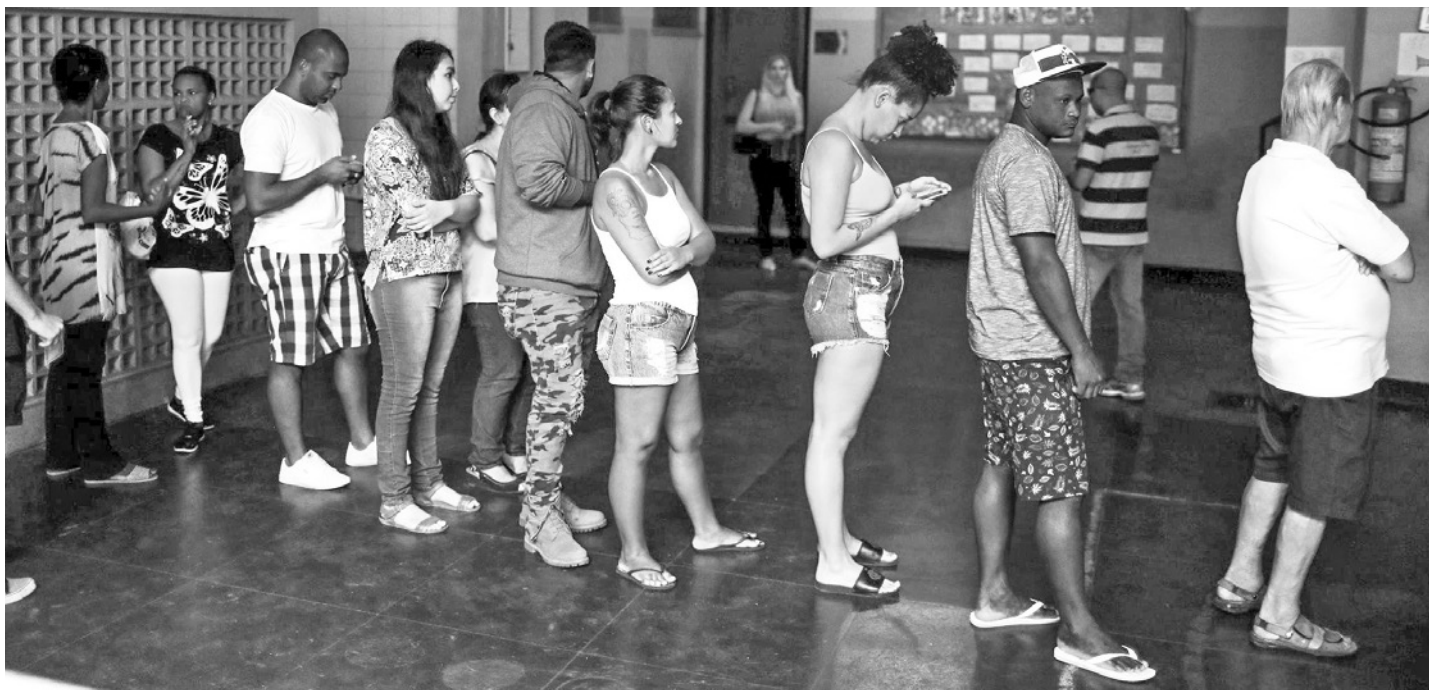
There have been positive developments in the fight against false news in Brazil. Ours is one of 17 countries where Facebook has third-party fact-checkers trying to weed out misinforma-

tion from the platform's news feed. Facebook and Google have also collaborated on an initiative called Comprova, gathering 24 Brazilian newsrooms to debunk misleading links, videos and images.

But these efforts seem to have pushed dirty campaigns elsewhere, in particular to WhatsApp, where activity consists of encrypted personal conversations and chat groups involving up to 256 people. Such chat groups are much harder to monitor than the Facebook news feed or Google's search results.

From Aug 16 to Oct 7, we collected and analysed posts in 347 chat groups that are open to the public and focused on Brazilian politics. This is just a small sample of the estimated hundreds of thousands of chat groups that millions of Brazilians use every day to gather information. Our study, which was conducted as a joint project by the Federal University of Minas Gerais, the University of São Paulo and the fact-checking platform Agência Lupa, revealed how misinformation spreads.

It is difficult to establish to what extent these misinformation campaigns are affiliated with political parties or candidates, but their tactics are clear: They rely on a combined pyramid and network strategy in which producers create ma-



Brazilians stand in queue to vote in their national elections on Oct 7.

licious content and broadcast it to regional and local activists, who then spread the messages widely to public and private groups. From there, the messages travel even further as they are forwarded on by believing individuals to their own contacts.

From a sample of more than 100,000 political images that circulated in those 347 groups, we selected the 50 most widely shared. They were reviewed by Agência Lupa, which is Brazil's

leading fact-checking platform. Eight of those 50 photos and images were considered completely false; 16 were real pictures but used out of their original context or related to distorted data; four were unsubstantiated claims, not based on a trustworthy public source. This means that 56pc of the most-shared images were misleading. Only 8pc of the 50 most widely shared images were considered fully truthful.

The problem of false news in

Brazil transcends ideological divides.

Bolsonaro's supporters shared several images describing politicians — including those from the center right — as “communists.” The most widely shared image from our sample was a black-and-white photo of Fidel Castro and a young woman. The description accompanying the picture claims the woman is former President Dilma Rousseff, and the text accompanying it

suggests Rousseff was Castro's pupil, a “socialist student.” The young woman in the photo, however, is not Rousseff. The picture was taken in the United States in April 1959, when Rousseff was only 11. Yet such images are effective in smearing Rousseff and the Workers' Party — of which Haddad is a member — in a country where there is much antipathy to communism among the middle class.

The false news spread by

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I didn't hate the English —



MEGAN NOLAN

In which an Irish woman discovers how little the people who shaped her country's fate know or care

Last month, some video footage went viral in Ireland of a group of English men verbally abusing young women at a Dublin housing crisis protest. The men, it turned out, were part of a bachelor party who had come from Bristol and seemed to be dressed intentionally to look like a cartoon of landed gentry, in tweeds and the loudly colored trousers widely beloved by braying men of a certain kind.

It would have been a strange incident in any case, these English men who look like relics of the landlord class shouting at young Irish people rendered desperate because of skyrocketing rents, but it was to become more absurd still. After calling the women “scroungers” and demanding to know whether they had jobs, one of the men took the decapitated head of a pigeon out of his pocket and threw it at them.

That particular fact won't

make any more sense the longer you look at it, and yet it goes on being true. I watched the video footage over and over, looked at earnest news headlines that simply read, “The footage shows a man verbally abusing protesters, before the head of a decapitated pigeon is thrown,” but no explanation was forthcoming. Why did the man throw a pigeon head at the protesters? More important, why was he carrying one in his pocket, ready, seemingly, to be launched as soon as a worthy adversary appeared?

But stranger still — or perhaps, upon reflection, not strange at all — was the gap between the English and the Irish when it came to interpreting the Pigeon Incident. While Irish people complained on Twitter about these brash bird-head-wielding English tourists coming to our country and performing their odd little colonial pantomime, sensitive Britons were eager to ask why it mattered that the men were English. They're just louts, they said. Why does it matter where they're from? After all, all that occupation business was so long ago.

There was a time once, or so the fantasy went, when “The Irish Question” — as the real

landed gentry of two centuries ago liked to refer to the problem of, well, us — seemed more or less resolved. Sure, there were occasional moments of idiocy, like when I made a mistake at work and a colleague responded by putting on a comic Irish accent and doing a bumbling-peasant impression. Sure, the English still loved to make the occasional potato joke. (You know the one: Ha-ha, you guys love potatoes — remember, the things that all rotted before a million of you died of starvation?) And yes, it was consistently surprising how many English people were shocked and offended to discover that an Irish person might feel some animosity toward their country.

But there was an idea not so long ago, even among many Irish, that it was time to move on. We were all going to be European together forever, after all, and we ought to at least try to smooth over our differences.

Post-Brexit, however, this relatively recent sense of equanimity is being put to the test. The extent to which many English people are ignorant about Ireland has become painfully clear. Crucial questions about how to avoid a hard bor-



der between Northern Ireland and the Republic — a border abolished in the Good Friday Agreement, the reintroduction of which would be inextricably associated with the preceding decades of violence and unrest — remain unresolved, months before Brexit is slated to become official. (Perhaps that's in part because they were being dismissed as “this Irish stuff” by the likes of the former Conservative Party leader Iain Duncan Smith as late as last winter, even as people on both sides of the border pleaded for a solution.) The secretary of state for Northern Ireland, Ka-

ren Bradley, recently admitted with startling candor that she didn't know basic facts about the politics of the region where she is in charge: that nationalists — those who seek a united Ireland — won't vote for unionist parties, and vice versa. Jacob Rees-Mogg, the arcane member of Parliament who looks as though he has been extracted from the nightmare of a Victorian child, has suggested bringing back border checks “as we had during the Troubles.”

In the midst of all this, I've noticed a tonal shift in the way I and other Irish people speak about the English. Our anger is

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1989

The Hungarian Republic is officially declared by president **Mátyás Szűrös**, replacing the communist Hungarian People's Republic.



1989

Bankruptcy of **Wärtsilä Marine**; the biggest bankruptcy in the Nordic countries until then.

1991

Signing of the **Paris Peace Accords** which ended the Cambodian-Vietnamese War. Commemorated as a public holiday in Cambodia.

1993

1993 – The Troubles: A Provisional IRA bomb prematurely detonates in the Shankill area of **Belfast**, killing the bomber and nine civilians.

Brazilian politics

It's not too late to halt the tide

...d's supporters is generally somewhat different. Messages tend to distort Bolsonaro's positions on taxes, the minimum wage, often exaggerated data. But anti-Bolsonaro messages on WhatsApp are outright conspiracy theories: After Bolsonaro was stabbed at a campaign event on Sept 6, Haddad's supporters shared pictures of Haddad entering a hospital, suggesting he had survived the attack. The image, however, was taken before the attack.

An alarming flow of distorted information can be mitigated. WhatsApp changes some settings in Brazil from the 2018 Election Day, Oct. 28, to reduce the spread of lies. However, these simple changes are made without impinging on users' freedom of expression or their privacy.

With such high stakes and such a polarised debate, Brazilians should not be casting their votes on the basis of false or distorted information.

ed by saying that there was not enough time to implement the changes. We disagree: In India, it took only a few days for WhatsApp to start making adjustments. The same is possible in Brazil.

the same measure in Brazil to limit the reach of disinformation.

Restrict broadcasts. WhatsApp allows every user to send a single message to up to 256 contacts at once. This means that a small, coordinated group can easily conduct a large-scale disinformation campaign. This could be prevented by limiting the number of contacts to whom a user could broadcast a message.

Limit the size of new groups. New chat groups created in Brazil during the next two weeks should have a limit on the number of users. This wouldn't affect existing groups.

We contacted WhatsApp this week and presented these suggestions. The company responded

Our country is in a decisive political moment. Bolsonaro's extreme right-wing positions – including his contemptuous positions on human rights and his nostalgia for the military dictatorship – have led many voters to fear for the future of our country's democracy. Many other voters worry that Haddad seems to be following orders from Luis Inácio Lula da Silva, the former president who is now in prison on corruption charges.

With such high stakes and such a polarised debate, Brazilians should not be casting their votes on the basis of false or distorted information. None of our proposals would require WhatsApp to limit its operations or impede Brazilians' ability to communicate with friends and family. We are suggesting only that the company temporarily impose some restrictions to stop the spread of fake news and dangerous rumours ahead of a critical election.

(Cristina Tardáguila is the director of Agência Lupa, a fact-checking platform.)

until now

...ncere. We are more ready to throw them on all those centred of excess, more likely to those pink-trousered, pre-dinosaur who still revere us as their inferiors. I myself genuinely breathe anger when I read the provocative MP Andrew Bridgen's recent comments assuming he would be entitled to an passport post-Brexit. How possible that a member of parliament in 2018 still believe that Ireland is nothing but a force to be drawn from and used at will? I once laughed at cluelessness. But I don't know anymore, how they react to us – or often, how they react to think of us at all. I lived in London for three years, hadn't spent much time in Ireland before my arrival and particular feelings towards the English. I expected to react to me with similar sympathy. What I didn't expect was the toxic mix of dismissal-casual disdain. It would be easier, perhaps, if it was as overt as potato jokes. What kills you is the ignorance that grinds you down much they don't know the past and, if they do know how little they care. It's

But there was an idea not so long ago, even among many Irish, that it was all going to be European together forever, after all, and we ought to at least try to smooth over our differences.

a strange and maddening thing to discover about the people who shaped your country's fate and who are poised to do so again. Why does it matter that an English man is English when he shouts at Irish protesters? Why did it matter where the men who threw the pigeon head were from? Because England keeps on making itself matter to Ireland, against our will.

Two weeks ago I visited Birmingham while the Conservative Party Conference was being held. All around me were examples of the worst elements of the English ruling class: their solipsism, their hatred of the

poor, their amazing rudeness. A man in a boater hat and cravat, drinking Champagne and smoking a cigar, ignored a homeless woman asking for change and then chided me when I gave her some.

Fed up and demoralised, I wandered off to the cinema and saw "Black 47" a thriller set during the Irish famine. In it, an Irish deserter from the English Army returns home to find his family dead and his homeland ravaged as a result of British rule. He hunts down those responsible – the landlords, the judges, the army, the lord in his manor – and metes out fitting punishments.

An older couple next to me in line, both wearing lanyards from the conference, were deciding what to see and asked me what "Black 47" was about. "It's a sort of revenge fantasy, I think," I replied, "Set during the famine, the Irish against the English."

"Oh, really?" the woman asked.

And then, ponderously, more to herself than to me:

"Revenge for what?"

(Megan Nolan is an Irish writer of essays, fiction and criticism based in London.)



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TWEETS

01



General Directorate of Traffic wishes safety to all road users and calls upon drivers to be cautious of the rain by driving on the correct lane, following the speed limits and leaving the safety distance between vehicles.

@moi_bahrain

02



Every time you see a Caravan, or people illegally coming, or attempting to come, into our Country illegally, think of and blame the Democrats for not giving us the votes to change our pathetic Immigration Laws! Remember the Midterms! So unfair to those who come in legally.

@realDonaldTrump

03



Because motivation pervades all action, it is important that we have a positive motivation. Whatever we are involved in, whether it's politics, education, medicine, law, engineering, science, business or industry, the nature of our motivation determines the character of our work.

@DalaiLama

04



I'm supporting @BenJealous because of his plan to drive down costs for prescriptions. On Friday I stood in my pharmacy, near tears, because my son needed medication but the insurance company would not approve it. I was going to pay \$648 for two weeks of medicine.

@marcelineawhite

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Like it or not

Views - current dated



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Is this your cheque?

Yes
Are you the one who signed this cheque?
Yes
Did you deposit enough funds to clear this cheque?
No
Did you bring cash with you to replace these cheques?
No
Then wait ...
We stood for a while without understanding the hidden meaning of that 'wait'.

To trace back, I was at a police station to settle a dud cheque case for a good friend of mine.

Sir...
Before my friend could speak, the policeman said, "I very well know the long story you are planning to tell, the story of a businessman who dreamt about building an empire, the number of jobs you managed to generate in this country, the contributions you have made to the development of this country...up to how you got cheated by a loan shark.

"But dear, ignorance of law is no excuse. For us a dud cheque is a dud cheque."

Most of the businessmen who get caught in dud cheque cases have similar stories to tell, maybe with minute twists in the script!

The nightmare continues! More cheques were presented, some signed by my friend, others by his company. There were also cheques settled ages ago but not collected from clients.

Believe me, four more clients hurried to present dud cheques on the same day at the same police station against my friend. Fire travels a bit slow when compared to the speed of bad news!

"Do you have a lawyer?" I whispered into my friend's ears though it appeared loud as the room was filled with a scary silence.

Unfortunately, the lawyer had not done much. He only attempted to convince my friend by saying, "Don't worry, see you in court."

And as promised the lawyer met him in court. Was he there to tell my friend, "See you in jail or ask your buddy to arrange funds!" Lawyers most often seem to be helpless in dud cheque cases.

Most of the expat businessmen use cheques in the form of guarantees and my friend was no different. It is a normal practice in Bahrain to accept and demand assurance through cheques.

Loan sharks pump oxygen to most of the expat businessmen simply for the reason that there is no way to get a loan without providing collateral.

Unfortunately, loan sharks are like double-edged swords. They make sure to collect enough documents before charging exorbitant interest.

My friend had enough assets, but converting them to cash wasn't an easy task.

No doubt, entrepreneurs are the backbone of any economy; to create more jobs you need more entrepreneurs. To create more entrepreneurs, we need to remove the fear factor from people over taking risks.

When a country goes through economic crisis, businessmen are the one who suffers the most. Many expats run away over fears of getting arrested. The number of abandoned cars at the Dubai International Airport during the time of recession serves testimony to this fear.

It was then Dubai government tried something new. They began imposing fines on dud cheques (minor offences) rather than jail sentences. And reports say it reduced the number of absconders while encouraging banks to restructure debts. Prison budget also fell subsequently.

Unlike the UAE, Bahrain laws don't offer the waiver of criminal complaint in dud cheque cases. A claimant must choose to waive their right to the criminal complaint. If they don't decide in favour, the legal course will follow.

I think there needs a debate over 'decriminalising the bouncing of cheques'. Do we need an amendment to the provisions in the penal code, which presumes bad faith in such cases? I feel the authorities should be considerate enough to give businessmen punished for such crimes access to Internet and other facilities so that he can still run the show behind bars.

Let me summarise, cheques are boomerangs that will hurt if not handled with care. Whenever I see my CFO searching for the details of any old cheques, the four questions and fear begin to haunt me. Is this your cheque?...

(P Unnikrishnan is the Chairman of the Management Board as well as Managing Editor of The Daily Tribune)

business

Use of raw materials to double by 2060: OECD

Paris, France

Global use of raw materials is expected to double by 2060, "placing twice the pressure on the environment" than at present, according to an OECD study released on Monday.

The study "sees global materials use rising to 167 gigatonnes in 2060 from 90 gigatonnes today," the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, a group of advanced economies, said.

It gave increases in population, economic activity and living standards around the world as key reasons for the rise, and underscored the environmental impact of such a jump.

The OECD forecasts a global population of 10 billion people in 2060 and an average global income per capita near the group's current level of \$40,000 (35,000 euros).

The result "is likely to worsen pollution of air, water and soils, and contribute significantly to climate change," the group said.

Musk says LA Hyperloop tunnel to be unveiled December 10

New York, United States

Elon Musk's Hyperloop ultra high-speed transport system will be unveiled in Los Angeles in early December with free test rides to the public, the entrepreneur announced.

"The first tunnel is almost done," Musk said on Twitter late Sunday night. "Opens Dec 10."

Responding to comments on Twitter, Musk said there would be an opening event that night and "free rides for the public next day."

Musk's venture, "The Boring Company," has been pushing the underground system as a futuristic concept that could radically speed transport within and between cities.

In another tweeted response, Musk said the test tunnel has a top speed of 155 miles per hour (250 kilometers). Supporters of the technology have discussed a vision where a trip between Los Angeles might take 30 minutes instead of five or six hours.

A hyperloop is a shuttle that travels on magnetic rails, somewhat like a train, but which runs in a tube with little or no air. In theory, hyperloops could allow travel faster than the speed of sound. In a presentation in Los Angeles in May, Musk said vehicles could reach downtown LA from its international airport in under 10 minutes, with a long-term objective of reaching over 300 miles an hour.

BBK net profit rises on interest income growth

● Net interest income grew by 18.5pc

● Net loans and advances rose 6.2pc

● Third quarter net profit rose 7.3pc

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BBK yesterday announced its financial results for the nine months ended 30 September 2018, reporting a 7.9 per cent increase in net profit attributable to the owners of the bank helped mainly by high net interest income driven by an increase in loans and investment portfolio

Net profit attributable to the owners of the bank was BD48.4 million, compared to BD44.9m reported in the same period a year ago. Basic Earnings per share were 42 fils compared to



Murad Ali Murad, Chairman

Reyadh Sater, BBK's CE

38 fils in last year.

Attributing the growth to increase in net interest income, the bank said its net interest income grew by 18.5pc to stand at BD80.1m. Improvements in margins resulting from an increase in global interest rates as well as dynamic and effective assets and liabilities management also contributed.

Operating profit (excluding net provisions and tax) increased 11.2pc to BD75.6 million, while Operating revenue rose 10.6pc to BD119.0m when compared to the same period last year.

Net loans and advances rose 6.2pc in 2018 to reach BD1,848.1m as Customer deposit portfolio stood at BD 2,398.5m

compared to BD2,623.6m from a year ago. Loans to customer deposits (excluding banks' deposits) ratio stood at 77.1pc compared to 66.3pc reported at the year-end of 2017. The Investment securities portfolio increased by 3.2pc to stand at BD773.3m from the year-ago period.

Total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the bank for the nine months ended 30th September 2018 amounted to BD44.6m compared to BD51.6m during the corresponding period last year. Other comprehensive income was negatively impacted by negative revaluation on investment securities that resulted from the volatility of local, regional and global financial markets.

For the third quarter, net profit attributable to the owners of the bank was BD13.6m, compared to BD12.7m during the third quarter of the previous year, with an increase of 7.3pc. Basic Earnings per share during

the third quarter were 13 fils compared to 12 fils in the third quarter of last year.

The increase was attributed to the robust increase in net interest income by 25.2pc to stand at BD28.9m; driven by the improvements in margins resulting from an increase in the global interest rates. On the other hand, operating costs were higher by 16.3pc.

Total comprehensive income attributable to the owners of the bank during the third quarter of the current year stood at BD28.1m compared to BD11.2m last year, an increase of 151.1pc. This was fueled mainly by unrealized valuation gains on investment securities resulting from general financial markets movements.

Reyadh Sater, BBK's CE also commented on the results saying "BBK continues to achieve strong results, increasing profits and improving shareholders' value as part of its ongoing dedication to success."



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



Justin Siberell, the US Ambassador to Bahrain with Alba CEO Tim Murray and other officials during a group photo session held during his visit yesterday to Aluminium Bahrain (Alba). The delegates were briefed on the progress of Alba's Line 6 Expansion Project which will achieve the First Hot Metal on 1 January 2019.

BAS launches E-learning project for employees

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Bahrain Airport Services (BAS) said it has launched an e-learning project to develop employees' skills, improve productivity and performance levels.

Commenting on the project, Sr. Manager Learning & Development, Khalid Al Bastaki, said the project which started last July provides a set of assignments and electronic tests to the participants.

He added: "With this programme, we aim to reduce the time and effort required for our employees to complete training, where they can study at a time and place of their preference."

The programme, approved by the Civil Aviation Affairs at the Ministry of Transporta-



Khalid Al Bastaki

tion and Telecommunication, requires staff to exceed the requirements for success, and those who fail twice will be required to attend classes.

The Learning and Development Department reviews and renews staff licenses every two years.

According to these reviews, employees are notified three months in advance that their licenses are about to expire.



Bahrain Bourse held its first roundtable discussion for this year with the listed companies on Bahrain Bourse yesterday. The meeting was held in the presence of Abdulkareem Buheery, the Chairman of Bahrain Bourse, Shaikh Khalifa Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, the Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Bourse and various CEOs of listed companies. The discussion addressed various topics on the development of the capital market in general and Bahrain Bourse in particular

Fiat sells auto parts unit for 6.2 billion euros

Milan, Italy

Fiat Chrysler said yesterday it was selling its Italian auto parts unit Magneti Marelli to Japan's Calsonic Kansei (CK) in a deal worth 6.2 billion euros.

It said the merged company will rank in the top 10 auto parts suppliers globally with annual sales of 15.2 billion euros (\$17.6 billion).

There will be a multi-year supply agreement with Fiat Chrysler.

This agreement will underscore "the combined entity's commitment to maintain Magneti Marelli's operations in Italy and sustain its industrial footprint and employment levels," a joint statement said.

The deal should be closed in the first half of 2019.

Bahrain to host UNWTO executive council meeting

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Bahrain is set to host the 109th session of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Executive Council from 30 October to 1 November at Art Rotana Hotel in Amwaj.

The Executive Council will be discussing several topics related to the development of the global tourism sector including the Secretary-General's report and general programme of work, the UNWTO's financial report for the period ended 30 June 2018 and the Organization's budget.

The council will also discuss



Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister



The UNWTO was established in 1975 and is based in the Spanish capital of Madrid. Its membership includes 145 countries, comprises six regions

the Organisation's focus and plans to drive innovation and transformation in the tourism industry by 2030, identifying key priorities for the development of the world tourism over the next two years.

In addition, the session will review the progress on the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) recommendations, and the associate members will elect the Executive Vice President of the Executive Board for 2019.

"The UNWTO will focus on five pillars in the coming period including innovation, digital transformation, investments and entrepreneurship, education

and employment, safe, secure and seamless travel in addition to social, cultural and environmental sustainability. This will lead to the creation of new job and business opportunities, an increase of investments in tourism, and enhanced competitiveness and sustainability within the sector," said the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani.

Bahrain, represented by the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), was selected as a member of the UNWTO Executive Council for the period 2018-2021.

Gulf Convention Centre gets a vibrant makeover

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Gulf Convention Centre has added a new vibrant look to its state of the art facility that will take guests to another fascinating level.

This newly renovated Gulf Convention Centre, which consists of 13 meeting and conference rooms out of 33 venues in over 4780 square meters, features new re-designed event venues and conference halls.

"The Gulf Convention Centre is the best and most sought-after destination for any large

events and conference's as well as a much-desired venue for weddings in the Kingdom. Not only will the new facility feature a stunning contemporary design it will also have advanced technology that will complement the new Gulf Convention Centre," said Fares Yactine, General Manager.

Yactine also said: "Taking centre-stage of the renovation is the installation of 5 digital H.D Screens, featuring 4-metre wide, 3 meters high. This will run impressive high definition videos with high-resolution im-

ages with spectacular sounds together with exquisite Chandeliers that are equipped to change colours at any choice!"

The new video wall screens will also provide cost-effective visual themes and transformative opportunities for any event or conference and to further complement this state of the art facility the ballrooms and pre-function foyers have been transformed with elegant interiors featuring artfully inspired and decorated crystal chandeliers, wood and marble finishes.

European stocks lower

London, United Kingdom

European stock markets slipped back yesterday, with early gains turning to losses following a defiant reply to EU critics by Rome, which intends to stick to a controversial spending budget.

The dollar rose against major rivals, while oil prices edged lower, as investors also tracked geopolitical tensions, notably in response to the murder of Saudi critic Jamal Khashoggi.

Italy's coalition government told the European Union that it would stick to its high-spending draft budget but would also scrupulously avoid going over its own debt and deficit limits.

"The figure of 2.4 per cent (deficit to GDP ratio in 2019) is a ceiling that we have solemnly undertaken to respect," Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte told journalists after the coalition sent its pledge in a letter to the EU.

The coalition was under some pressure following a cut in its credit rating by Moody's Investors Service on Friday.

"Moody's have downgraded Italy's credit rating to one notch above junk status, but the agency lifted its outlook to stable from negative, so investors aren't afraid of another downgrade in the near-term," noted David Madden, market analyst

Key figures around 1540 GMT

Milan - FTSE MIB:	▼ 0.6 pc at 18,966.22 points (close)
London - FTSE 100:	▼ 0.1 pc at 7,042.80 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX 30:	▼ 0.2 pc at 11,524.34 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▼ 0.6 pc at 5,053.31 (close)
EURO STOXX 50:	▼ 0.7 pc at 3,190.09
Shanghai - Composite:	▲ 0.8 4.1 pc at 2,654.88 (close)
Hong Kong - Hang Seng:	▲ 2.3 pc at 26,153.15 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▲ 0.4pc at 2,702.30 (close)
New York - Dow Jones:	▼ 0.7 percent at 25,270.63
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.1466 from \$1.1511
Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.2980 from \$1.3066
Dollar/yen:	▲ at 112.74 from 112.50 yen
Oil - Brent Crude:	▼ 2 cents at \$79.76 per barrel

at CMC Markets UK.

At the close yesterday, the Milan FTSE MIB index was off by 0.6pc, after an initial rally petered out.

Wall Street stocks also gave up initial gains in midday trading.

Moody's downgraded Italy's sovereign debt on concerns about its populist government's plans to increase public spending, a move criticised by the European Union.

The downgrade -- from Baa2 to Baa3 with a stable outlook -- was the latest example of international financial watchdogs sounding alarms over Italy's economic health.

Earlier Monday, most Asian

stock markets rose, with Shanghai surging more than four percent to build on a rally at the end of last week -- though traders remain cautious over China-US trade tensions.

Tokyo reversed early losses to end 0.4pc higher, while Sydney fell.

While trade unrest simmers, investors are considering other brewing problems, including the United States saying it will pull out of a decades-old nuclear treaty with Russia.

Russian deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov warned withdrawal "would be a very dangerous step".



Ministry of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary and Head of Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD) Committee Dr Sheikh Rana bint Isa bin Dajj Al Khalifa with Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) president Dr Abdulrahman Jawahery during a visit to the company. Dr Sheikh Rana went on a tour of the complex, accompanied by Dr Jawahery, members of the Executive Management and senior officials. She also planted a tree at the complex to stress the importance of environmental orientation

Coca-cola launches 'smartwater' brand in Bahrain

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Coca-Cola Bahrain, the local unit of American beverages maker Coca-Cola Co., has launched its water brand 'smartwater' in the Kingdom during Bahrain Hospitality and Restaurant Exhibition 2018.

The latest addition to Coca-Cola Bahrain follows the products successful launch in the UK and North America.

"We are very excited about bringing 'smartwater' to the Kingdom of Bahrain. Its clean, crisp taste has made it a great success and we look forward to having the same success here," said Mohamed Akeel, Managing Director of Coca-Cola Bottling



Officials during the launch ceremony held at Bahrain Hospitality and Restaurant Exhibition 2018



'smartwater' will be available in 600ml bottles at major hyper- and super-markets and selected grocery stores across Bahrain from 20 October 2018.

Company of Bahrain

According to him, the bottle is 100 per cent recyclable, and made with 30pc plant-based materials using "our patented PlantBottle Technology".

smartwater, inspired by the clouds, uses vapour distillation which stimulates the purification process. The blend of electrolytes, he said, is what gives smartwater its distinct, fresh and pure taste.

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'smartwater's' Middle East Instagram is now live @smartwaterme.

Japan orders Facebook to improve data protection

Tokyo, Japan

The Japanese government yesterday ordered Facebook to improve protection of users' personal information following data breaches affecting tens of millions of people worldwide. Facebook said early this month that hackers accessed the personal data of 29 million users in a breach at the world's leading social network first disclosed late September.

The company had originally said up to 50 million accounts were affected in a cyberattack that exploited a trio of software flaws to steal "access tokens" that enable people to automatically log back onto the platform.

Japan's Personal Information Protection Commission yesterday demanded the social media giant investigate why the personal data was hacked and draw up preventive measures.

Facebook told Japanese authorities the 29 million people hacked in the latest attack may include Japanese users, top government spokesman Yoshihide Suga has said.

Mazda rolls out hot new summer deals

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International motor trading Agency WLL has started their special offers on MAZDA range of vehicles.

IMTA is offering free Mumtaz petrol card worth 1000 litres. Plus free 3 years or 60,000 km service package, extended warranty up to 5 years, insurance registration and Rustproofing. This offer is valid for a limited period till stock last.

The sixth generation product lineup of Mazda with skyactiv technology and Kodo design follows the principle of Zoom-Zoom driving, which has been very well accepted by the customers in Bahrain.

Mazda has been carrying out several activities of brand value enhancement, involving all the distributors and dealers worldwide. "We are aiming to make Mazda a strong and unique brand which has a deep relationship with people who love cars that provide outstanding driving



All-new CX-9 is Mazda's midsize three-row crossover SUV

pleasure with social considerations for future generations and the global environment."

"In order to achieve this, we have been developing SKYACTIV technology and KODO design," according to IMTA

Mazda2, Mazda3, Mazda6,

CX-5 and CX-9, deliver "Zoom-Zoom" driving pleasure. Especially, New Mazda2, which will be launched shortly in Bahrain.

Now in Bahrain

International Motor Trading Agency (IMTA) has launched

corporating our latest SKYACTIV technologies.

CX-9 has been created for modern-day parents who want to excel at home, in the workplace, and in every aspect of life.

"Our aim with all-new CX-9 was to design a vehicle that, in addition to meeting the practical needs of their families, would also allow these parents to express their individuality and enhance the various aspects of their lives."

Mazda CX-9 is a crossover SUV featuring a distinctive sporty appearance, a high-quality cabin, the flexibility of three-rows, and Mazda's exciting 'Zoom-Zoom' driving dynamics.

In addition, a wide range of advanced technologies is adopted, including an upgraded Infotainment System to enhance driving pleasure and the addition of new and advanced safety equipment for greater peace of mind. For more info contact on Tubli 17875777 or visit www.mazda.kekanoo.com.

Saudi recovers losses

Reuters

Saudi Arabia's stock index recovered most of its earlier losses yesterday, with government-linked funds continuing to bolster the market.

The main index recovered to trade down only 0.2 per cent after falling as much as 3.3pc, similar to the previous session where it closed in positive territory despite an early sell-off.

Fresh stock exchange data released on Sunday showed foreigners sold a net 4.01 billion riyals (\$1.07bn) in Saudi stocks in the week ending Oct. 18. Top petrochemical producer Saudi Basic Industries Corp reversed losses to gain 1.6pc, while Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corp also ended 1.1pc higher.

Egypt's blue-chip index added 0.9pc, led by a 6pc jump in El Sewedy Electric after receiving initial approval to start negotiations relating to a hydropower project in Tanzania.

In Dubai, the index closed up 0.4pc with developer Emaar Properties rising 1.2pc and

Closing Bell

SAUDI	▼ 0.2%	7649
DUBAI	▲ 0.4%	2,747
ABU DHABI	▲ 0.3%	4,956
QATAR	▲ 1.2%	10,274
KUWAIT	▼ 0.4%	5,147
BAHRAIN	▲ 0.04%	1,323
OMAN	▲ 0.04%	4,455
EGYPT	▲ 0.9%	13,646

Emirates NBD adding 1.1pc.

Dubai's Mashreqbank jumped 2.9pc after reporting a 4.6pc rise in quarterly net profit to 587 million dirhams on Monday.

Abu Dhabi's bluechip index saw a 0.3pc gain, aided by a 5.6pc jump in Agthia Group and a 0.4pc rise in bluechip First Abu Dhabi Bank.

But Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank lost 1.3pc despite reporting a 5.5pc rise in quarterly profit on Sunday, in line with analyst forecasts.

Qatar's stock index rose 1.2pc aided by its banks.

Win up to 250,000 gold coins @ Malabar Gold

● Promotion period from 17 October to 10 November 2018

● Offer valid at all Malabar Gold & Diamonds outlets in the Middle East and Far East

● Up to 250,000 gold coins globally

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Malabar Gold & Diamonds, a network of 250 outlets spread across ten countries, has unfolded the details of its much awaited Diwali promotion.

This season's festive promotions, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, offers chances to win a total of 250,000 gold coins across their showrooms globally. The promotion allows customers to win a gold coin or up to 100 gold coins instantly on the purchase of gold jewellery worth BHD250 via 'Scratch &



Mohammed Rafeeqe, Branch Head Malabar gold & Diamonds unveils Malabar Gold & Diamonds' latest campaign "win up to 250,000 gold coins" during their Gold City outlet's 8th anniversary celebration event

Win' coupons. Adding to the above, customers also get two gram gold coin on diamond jewellery purchase of BHD500 and a one gram gold coin on purchase of diamond jewellery worth BHD300.

Also, customers will have a great opportunity to get protected from the increasing gold rate by just paying 10pc of the

entire amount on the selected gold jewellery. This offer is valid until 5th Nov only.

The promotion also offers a chance to buy 8 gm gold coins with absolutely no making charges from any of Malabar Gold & Diamonds outlets in Bahrain during this period. Furthermore, customers can avail the zero deduction offer on 22K

(GCC) gold jewellery exchange as well. Above offers are valid at their outlets in Bahrain until 10th Nov 2018.

To add more glitter to this season, they have also revealed their festive collection of jewellery in gold, diamonds and precious gems to suit the tastes of their multicultural and multinational customers.

Al Hawaj opens shopping bazaar

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Al Hawaj is gearing up for this season with exciting offers through its shopping bazaar.

The bazaar, which begins today and continues until this Saturday at Hall 2A, Bahrain International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), will be open from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm and resumes at 4 pm to 10 pm.

Shoppers can feast their eyes on a wide array of fabulous brands in perfumes, cosmetics, watches, skincare, leather bags,



Shoppers at Al Hawaj shopping bazaar

The Al Hawaj Shopping Bazaar features major brands like Guess, GC, and Samsung electronics and home appliances; as well as branded luggage items from Samsonite, and American Tourister

luggage items, gift sets, electronics, home appliances, and accessories, at amazing discounts.

The Al Hawaj shopping bazaar also features major brands like Guess, GC, and Samsung elec-

tronics and home appliances; as well as branded luggage items from Samsonite, and American Tourister.

Entry is free. For more information, call 16160000.

show

David Beckham admits marriage is 'hard work'

AFP | Sydney

David Beckham and ex-Spice Girl Victoria have been married for nearly 20 years and the football and fashion icon admits it has been "hard work" to make it a success.

The pair, who have four children, tied the knot in 1999 and have lived their married life in the public glare.

The former Manchester United star, in Sydney as an ambassador for the Invictus Games for disabled and wounded soldiers, said it was not always easy as he opened up about his private life in an interview with Australian television.

"You know your children -- they want your time and they deserve your time, and we are hardworking, and we feel that that is the right way to bring up our children to prove and to show to them that actually, you have to work hard to be successful," he told Channel Ten on Sunday.

"To have been married for the amount of time that we have, it's always hard work, everybody knows that, but you make it work, you make difficult situations like travelling away, being away from each other, you make it work."

Now a UNICEF ambassador and owner of an American Major League soccer team, the 43-year-old and his fashion designer wife -- who launched her VB label in 2008 in New York -- have been fodder for the tabloid press since they met.

But he has learned to live with the constant attention and speculation about their relationship.

"I've grown to kind of ignore some of the negative



David and Victoria Beckham



David Beckham is now a UNICEF ambassador and owner of an American Major League soccer team

stuff that's said," he said. "I think if you know each other, if you know you've got great friends, great family behind you, the thing we have

to do is protect our children."

Beckham is close friends with Prince Harry and attended his wedding to the now pregnant Meghan Markle this year.

He said he was a massive fan of the royals and had huge respect for the Duke of Sussex, who conceived the Invictus Games as a way to inspire recovery and rehabilitation from war-time injuries through sport.

"With Harry to have come up with something that changes people's lives is incredible," he said.

"Sport is such a powerful tool to give them the opportunity to get over the injuries and the hard times they have been through."

FIRST MAN
(PG-13) (DRAMA/BIOGRAPHY) NEW
Ⓜ RYAN GOSLING, CLAIRE FOY, JASON CLARKE

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

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

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

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

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

GOOSEBUMPS 2: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN
(PG-13) (ADVENTURE/COMEDY/FANTASY) NEW

Ⓜ CHRIS PARNELL, KEN JEONG, WENDI MCLENDON-CONVEY

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

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

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

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

MASRYCANY (KIDBA BYDA)
(PG-15) (ARABIC/COMEDY/ROMANTIC) NEW

Ⓜ SAMMY SHEIK, NAHEE ELSEBAI, MOHAMED

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

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

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

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

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

Ⓜ SHREYA MEHTA, ARJUN KAPOOR, PARINEETI

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

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

SAAR DAILY AT: 3.00 + 8.15 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 3.00 + 8.15 PM

THE OLD MAN & THE GUN
(PG-13) (CRIME/COMEDY/DRAMA) NEW

Ⓜ ROBERT REDFORD, CASEY AFFLECK, SISSY

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

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

SAAR DAILY AT: 1.30 + 5.30 + 9.30 PM

AL KOUWAYESEEN
(PG-15) (ARABIC/COMEDY) NEW

Ⓜ AHMAD FAHMY, HUSSEIN FAHMY, SHEREIN

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 1.30 + 6.30 + 11.30 PM

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

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

Ⓜ SANYA MALHOTRA, AYUSHMANN KHURRANA

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.00 + 4.30 + 9.00 PM

LEGEND OF A RABBIT - THE MATERIAL OF FIRE
(PG) (ANIMATION/ACTION/ADVENTURE) NEW

Ⓜ YUNWEI HE, LEI HUANG, ZISHAN YANG

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.15 + 4.15 PM

VENOM
(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE)

Ⓜ TOM HARDY, MICHELLE WILLIAMS

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

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

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

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

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

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

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

JOHNNY ENGLISH STRIKES AGAIN
(PG) (COMEDY/ACTION/ADVENTURE)

Ⓜ ROWAN ATKINSON, OLGA KURYLENKO, EMMA

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

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

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

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

NIGHT SCHOOL
(PG-15) (COMEDY)

Ⓜ KEVIN HART, TIFFANY HADDISH, ROB RIGGLE

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

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

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

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

SMALL FOOT
(PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)

Ⓜ CHANNING TATUM, JAMES CORDEN, ZENDAYA

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

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

A STAR IS BORN
(15+) (DRAMA/ROMANTIC/MUSICAL) NEW

Ⓜ LADY GAGA, BRADLEY COOPER, SAM ELLIOTT

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 2.30 + 8.15 PM

EL BADLAH
(PG-13) (ARABIC/COMEDY)

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

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

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

Ⓜ MOHAMMED RAMADAN, YASMINE SABRI,

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 4.00 + 9.00 PM

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

THE MEG
(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)

Ⓜ JASON STATHAM, RUBY ROSE, BINGBING LI

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 2.45 + 7.15 + 11.45 PM

THE EQUALIZER - 2
(15+) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER)

* DENZEL WASHINGTON, PEDRO PASCAL, ASHTON SANDERS

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 1.45 + 6.30 + 11.15 PM

THE NUN
(18+) (HORROR/THRILLER)

Ⓜ TAISSA FARMIGA, DEMIAN BICHER, BONNIE

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 2.30 + 7.00 + 11.30 PM

THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN IT'S WALLS
(PG-13) (COMEDY/FANTASY/THRILLER)

Ⓜ CATE BLANCHETT, JACK BLACK

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 4.15 + 9.00 PM

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE FALLOUT
(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME)

Ⓜ TOM CRUISE, HENRY CAVILL, VING RHAMES

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 5.45 + 8.45 + 11.45 PM

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

Ⓜ JENNIFER GARNER, RICHARD CABRAL, JOHN GALLAGHER

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

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER
(PG) (ANIMATION/COMEDY/DRAMA)

Ⓜ ADAM SANDLER, ANDY SAMBERG

CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 PM

ACCIDENT
(18+) (THRILLER) NEW

Ⓜ STEPHANIE SCHILDKNECHT, ROXANE

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

HELLO GURU PREMA KOSAME
(PG-15) (TELUGU) NEW

* RAM POTHINENI, ANUPAMA PARA

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

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

Ⓜ SANYA MALHOTRA, AYUSHMANN KHURRANA,

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

SANDAKOZHI 2
(PG-15) (TAMIL) NEW

Ⓜ VISHAL, KEERTHY SURESH, VARALAXMI

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

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 3.00 + 9.00 PM

VADACHENNAI
(PG-15) (TAMIL) NEW

Ⓜ DHANUSH, AISHWARYA RAJESH, ANDREA

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

KAYAKULAM KOCHUNNI
(PG-15) (MALAYALAM)

Ⓜ NIVIN PAULY, MOHANLAL, PRIYA ANAND,

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

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 12.00 NOON

ARAVINDHA SAMETHA
(PG-15) (TELUGU)

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

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

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

Ⓜ TABU, AYUSHMANN KHURRANA

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

96
(PG-15) (TAMIL)

Ⓜ VIJAY SETHUPATHI, TRISHA KRISHNANA,

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 3.15 + 9.00 PM

No more romantic comedies for Julia Roberts

IANIS | Los Angeles

Actress Julia Roberts says her days of starring in romantic comedies are over.

Roberts built her career starring in some of the most enduring romantic comedies of the modern film era.

Now, the actress has admitted that she feels she has had too much life experience to convincingly star in a rom-com, reports etonline.com.

The actress has iconic rom-coms like "Pretty Woman", "My Best Friend's Wedding" and "Notting Hill" on her impressive list of credits.

"There came a point in my ca-



Julia Roberts

reer where people thought I had turned on romantic comedies, which I love them, I love to be in them, I love to watch them. But sometimes, they just don't

work at a certain point of life experience," she added.

For Roberts, the disconnect comes when the audience doesn't believe that the actors

in the film aren't naive and emotionally juvenile, as the characters in rom-coms tend to be to allow for the zany situations in the genre.

"It's not about age, it's just about what people know that you know," Roberts explained.

She will next be seen in thriller "Homecoming". It will stream on Amazon Prime Video from November 2.

The show, adapted from a podcast with the same name, follows the life of case worker-turned-waitress Heidi Bergman (Roberts) as she struggles to remember her time working at a facility that treats soldiers returning from war.

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I'm all about epiphanies: Butler

IANIS | Los Angeles

Actor Gerard Butler says he is all about insights, dreams and epiphanies.

The actor said he saw a dream about being at a naval base, which turned into a reality with his submarine thriller "Hunter Killer".

"I actually had a dream. I'm

all about insights, dreams, epiphanies and I had this dream that I was on a naval base, couldn't quite tell whether I was making the movie or I was just living on a naval base but it was the most incredible dream that I felt so connected to everybody and when I woke up," Butler said in a statement to IANS.

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Lenne Hardt confirms special appearance at Brave CF

TDI | Manama

Brave Combat Federation had an active year in 2018 expanding their roster of talent and signing global talent to the broadcast team.

The latest addition by Brave Combat Federation is a step closer towards making the active comparison with the PRIDE FC a reality.

Legends of the sport including Wanderlei Silva, Cris Cyborg, Cristiano Marcello and Bertrand Amoussou had compared the nature of the fights and the feel of the events with that of PRIDE FC.

Brave Combat Federation has confirmed that Lenne Hardt, affectionate-

ly known as the “crazy PRIDE lady” will be a part of the broadcast talent and will make her special appearance at Brave 18 taking place on 16th November in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Hardt is the longtime ring announcer, known for her rolling and exuberant fighter introductions. She made her entrée into mixed martial arts at the 2000 PRIDE Grand Prix, and her first glimpse of the sport came from behind a microphone while watching Kazushi Sakuraba, Igor Vovchanchyn, and Mark Coleman scrap with blue gloves. She was a fixture of PRIDE until 2007, her voice cutting through applause from tens of thousands inside the Saitama Super Arena.

Brazilian Fighter of the Year hopes to train in Bahrain

TDI | Manama

Luan Santiago, 2016 Brazilian Fighter of the Year has expressed his ambition to train in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Santiago has signed with Brave Combat Federation ever since the third edition of the promotion which took place in Brazil.

Santiago has two knockout victories among his three appearances in Brave Combat Federation. Santiago has also competed against Lucas Mineiro for the interim lightweight title where he faced an injury which stopped him from claiming the championship.

“Since I joined Brave, the only goal I had apart from getting the Lightweight Belt was to fight in the Kingdom of Bahrain. It’s something fascinating for me, you know? I’ve been waiting a lot for this opportunity and I’ll take the best out of it. I want to establish strong connections with this place, that’s the home of Brave, and if possible spend some time training with Sheikh Khalid’s team at KHK MMA too, I know



Luan Santiago

they have awesome people over there, like Eldar Eldarov, who I respect a lot and even studied in the past, because we are in the same weight class”, said Luan Santiago.

Stage set for Amateur MMA Awards

TDI | Manama

IMMAF and WMMAA announced the First International Amateur MMA Awards to take place in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The inaugural annual ceremony will take place on November 15 at the ART Rotana Hotel & Resort, Manama, Bahrain, during the 2018 IMMAF-WMMAA Unified World Championships.

The occasion aims at global recognition for the achievements of amateur mixed martial artists, national federations and the officials working hard

to develop MMA as a world recognised sport of excellence.

The invitation only, black-tie awards dinner is exclusively for IMMAF delegates, national federation presidents, award nominees and special guests.

The evening will be hosted by British MMA journalist and MyNextMatch Communication Officer, Andreas Georgiou and promises entertainment and special guest appearances.

Nominations are to be announced shortly, with selections based on accomplishments over the past year.

Confident Sloane Stephens downs Osaka

AFP | Singapore

Confident Sloane Stephens stormed to victory yesterday with a commanding third set performance against Japanese sensation Naomi Osaka to highlight another night of stunning upsets at the WTA Finals in Singapore.

In an unpredictable encounter, the American overcame a second set stutter to dominate the decider and triumph 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 in two hours and 25 minutes.

It was followed by another marathon match with number eight seed Kiki Bertens overcoming top-seed Angelique Kerber in a thrilling 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 comeback victory.

The lower seeds have won all four matches to start the WTA Finals.

Before yesterday, Osaka had won 14 of her previous 16 matches to be the in-form player coming into the season-finale.

But the third seed was wildly inconsistent in the Red Group opener with 46 unforced errors and was broken three times in a third set meltdown.

Stephens handled the warm conditions better to record an impressive victory.

“It’s really humid inside the stadium, so it plays a little bit different,” she told reporters.

“Obviously playing someone with a lot of confidence is always a tough task, but I think that I played well and



Sloane Stephens of the US hits a return against Japan's Naomi Osaka

I kept a good attitude.”

Osaka lamented her error-strewn performance.

“I think I made more unforced errors than her in the third set,” she said.

“I don’t really think you can do that against her, so definitely I think that’s what made the difference.”

It was a much-anticipated showdown between the past two US Open champions, who were making their

WTA Finals debuts.

The game got off to a sluggish start with both players struggling to hold serve and few winners being struck before Stephens made her move, aggressively rattling Osaka with deep groundstrokes and pinpointing the lines.

A subdued Osaka could not unleash her powerful game and grew frustrated as Stephens drew first blood.



Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) general secretary Abdulrahman Askar met Bahrain Mind Sports and E-Sports Federation president Ali Shuwaier as well as board member and head of eGames Committee Ali Sharfi at the committee premises in Seef. Askar affirmed the committee's support to eGames as per recommendations submitted by the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports to develop mind sports. Askar was also introduced to Abdulhakam Kareem, who became the first Bahraini to enter Guinness World Records after earning 1691 trophy platinum points in e-Games, as well as Sayed Hashim Ahmed, winner of the best Middle East player in 2017 and winner of the 2018 Confederations Cup

Disabled sports federation announces second charity race

TDI | Manama

The Bahrain Disabled Sports Federation will organise the Second Charity Race for disabled individuals on November 3 at 7:30 am, in the Bahrain National Stadium, Isa Sports City.

The race, which will be held under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy

President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Honorary President of the Bahrain Disabled Sports Federation, is being organised in co-operation with the Bahrain Triathlon Association.

The race corresponds with HH Shaikh Khalid’s initiatives, which aim to integrate disabled people with all segments of society.

The event includes several races, depending on age groups and disability, as follows: general 3km race for the able-bodied, 3km cycling race for disabled individuals, 1km kids’ race for ages 11-13 years, 500m kids’ race for ages 9-10 years, 200m race for individuals with Down Syndrome and 100m kids’ race for ages 6-8 years. The races will also include entertainment for children.



Jose Mourinho

Mourinho bats off return to Real

AFP | Manchester, United Kingdom

Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho gave short shrift when quizzed on the possibility of a sensational return to Real Madrid as he prepares for a reunion with one of his old pupils, Cristiano Ronaldo, and Juventus in the Champions League today. A run of five games without a win has left Real boss Julen Lopetegui on the brink of the sack just four months after accepting the thankless task of

replacing Zinedine Zidane at the Bernabeu after three straight Champions League titles.

Mourinho's future at United is also in doubt with the Red Devils languishing in 10th in the Premier League, nine points off rivals Manchester City and Liverpool, just nine games into the new season.

However, the Portuguese batted away a series of questions from Spanish and Italian journalists on whether a Real return would interest him at Old Trafford yesterday, highlighting that he signed an extended contract just this year till 2020.

"No, I'm happy here. I'm happy to see my contract out to the very last day of that contract and I would like to stay after my contract ends," said Mourinho. "All I'm thinking about is Manchester United."

Ronaldo is returning to Old Trafford for just the second time since he left United to join Madrid for a world record fee in 2009.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner made his name in Manchester, but showed no mercy on his last visit when he and Mourinho teamed up to dump United out of the Champions League

in 2013.

And Mourinho is well aware of the challenge he faces in setting up a defence that has conceded 16 times in the Premier League already this season to stop the top scorer in the Champions League for the past six seasons.

"He is one of the best players of all time," added Mourinho. "It's as simple as that."

Juve 'more than a contender'

After winning seven straight Italian titles, Juventus splashed 112 million euros (\$129 million) on a 33-year-old Ronaldo to take them one step further in Europe and deliver a first Champions League title for 23 years.

And Mourinho believes Italian champions are the favourites to win this year's competition.

"For the last five years or so they've been real contenders to win the title. They've been to a couple of finals, they've won Scudetti on the trot and they have a really special player, who makes a real difference as well.

"As far as I'm concerned, Juventus are more than just a contender this season to win the Champions League."

Mourinho was encouraged by his side's second-half reaction in coming from behind in a 2-2 against Chelsea on Saturday, despite the disappointment of conceding a 96th-minute equaliser.

And Romelu Lukaku called on United to start games with the same intensity they have finished in recent weeks having also turned around a 2-0 deficit to beat Newcastle 3-2 before the international break.

"The first half we just started slow. No initiative on the ball and no movement," said the Belgian striker.

"Then in the second half we did everything we said we wanted to do in the first half. We do it always in the second half and that's why we come back to get great results.

"But now the key is to start games how we start them in the second half, and maintain it as much as we can."

Both sides have been dealt injury blows with Alexis Sanchez missing for United, while Juventus travelled without Sami Khedira and Mario Mandzukic.

Former Serie C boss named new Italian FA president

AFP | Rome

Gabriele Gravina, the former head of Italy's third division Lega Pro, was elected president of the Italian football federation (FIGC), almost a year after the resignation of his predecessor.

The 65-year-old Gravina was the only candidate in the running and earned 97.2 percent of votes in first round to secure position.

Gravina, previously one of three candidates in an unsuccessful January election, stood down from his Lega Pro post last week in preparation for his renewed bid to become the FIGC chief.

Carlo Tavecchio resigned from the job last November following the national side's failure to qualify for the World Cup in Russia.

Italy's Olympic Committee appointed Roberto Fabbricini as FIGC commissioner in February after an election failed to produce a new president.

Lopetegui promises to fight but cannot guarantee future

AFP | Madrid

Julen Lopetegui has said he will fight to turn Real Madrid's stuttering season around but could not guarantee he will be in charge for the Clasic against Barcelona on Sunday.

Lopetegui's future is in doubt just four months after swapping the Spanish national team for Madrid on the eve of the World Cup.

His side face Viktoria Plzen in the Champions League on Tuesday, on the back of five games without a win and having lost all of their last three.

"What I've learned about this club is to fight, that is the DNA of this club," Lopetegui said at a press conference yesterday.

"That's what we're going to do, fight, both the players and the coaching staff. We know results haven't been great but we are going to turn this around. We are going to fight."

Asked if he knew that he would be in the dug-out when



Levante's Roger Marti celebrates his goal during their match against Real Madrid

Madrid visit Camp Nou this weekend, Lopetegui said: "I'm here now, that's all I can say. I am the coach at this moment."

"If you ask me what is going to happen in a month or a year, I can't tell you. We're focused on the present."

Madrid's poor run has left

them seventh in La Liga while defeat to CSKA Moscow in the Champions League last month sees them sitting third in Group G.

Ronaldo insists he is an 'example'

AFP | Manchester, United Kingdom

Cristiano Ronaldo stated yesterday he is an "example" in his behaviour on and off the field amid allegations of rape made against the five-time Ballon d'Or winner in the United States.

"I know I am an example, 100 percent, in the pitch and outside the pitch," Ronaldo told a press conference ahead of his return to Manchester United, where he spent six years as a player, with Juventus in the Champions League.

A former American model Kathryn Mayorga, 34, of Las Vegas, accused Ronaldo, in a 32-page complaint filed last month with a district court in Nevada, of raping her on June 13, 2009 just before he joined Real Madrid from United.

Ronaldo strenuously denied the allegations in a statement just over two weeks ago and has been backed by his club.

Chelsea Coach Marco Ianni Charged over Jose Mourinho Fracas

AFP | London

Chelsea assistant coach Marco Ianni has been charged with improper conduct in a touchline flare-up with Jose Mourinho that led the Football Association to remind the Manchester United manager of his responsibilities.

Tensions escalated in front of the Stamford Bridge tunnel after Ross Barkley's equaliser deep into stoppage time saw Chelsea secure a 2-2 draw on Saturday.

Former Chelsea manager Mourinho was angered by the way Ianni, an assistant to current Blues boss Maurizio Sarri, celebrated in front of the United



Chelsea assistant coach Marco Ianni celebrates their second goal in front of the Manchester United bench

bench.

Portuguese coach Mourinho leapt from his seat and had to be

restrained by security staff as a melee ensued.

Both Ianni and Sarri have

since apologised to Mourinho, with the United manager saying he now considers the matter closed.

But the FA, English football's governing body, has decided to take action.

"Chelsea coach Marco Ianni has been charged following the game against Manchester United on Saturday," said an FA statement.

"It is alleged that his behaviour in the 96th minute constituted improper conduct.

"In relation to this incident, Jose Mourinho has been formally reminded of his responsibilities whilst both clubs have received similar official remind-

ers in terms of the behaviour expected of their staff and players at all times whilst in the technical area."

Mourinho, speaking ahead of United's Champions League match against Juventus on Tuesday, played down the fracas by saying he did not want it to damage Italian coach Ianni's career.

"I want to thank Sarri for his honesty," Mourinho told reporters. "I want to thank Chelsea for his honesty too."

"But I'm not happy that it's going too far with the young boy (Ianni).

"He apologised to me, I accept his apologies. I think he deserves a second chance.

"I don't think he deserves to be sacked, I don't think he deserves anything more than the fact that his club was strong with him.

"Everybody makes mistakes, I made a lot of mistakes, so I hope they let the kid go on."

Mourinho does not face further FA action relating to the incident but is preparing to answer a separate charge of using abusive, insulting or improper language following United's 3-2 win over Newcastle, relating to remarks he allegedly made in Portuguese. He has until Wednesday to respond and Mourinho could face a touchline ban if the charge is upheld.

Raikkonen happy to prove doubters wrong

AFP | Austin, United States

Kimi Raikkonen insists he has no plans for a special celebration after he "proved some people wrong" by winning Sunday's United States Grand Prix.

The Finn, whose victory for a resurgent Ferrari prevented Lewis Hamilton from clinching his fifth drivers' title in Texas, is leaving the Italian team at the end of the season and, at the age of 39, had been written off in some quarters.

But he never lost self-belief and made the most of his chance at the Circuit of the Americas with a faultless drive and flawless strategy as his rivals floundered around him.

It was his first win in more than five years and 113 races dating back to the 2013 Australian Grand Prix – and his first win for Ferrari since 2009.

He returns to Sauber, where he started his career in 2001, on a two-year contract next season. "I'm happy for that," he said. "It was a great day to prove some people wrong and have a good race, but it doesn't really change anything for me.

"It's just a number. Life goes on...."



Lewis Hamilton climbs out of his Mercedes car as Kimi Raikkonen is congratulated by Ferrari fans

"I might be getting older, but it's not too bad still. Maybe I'm ok to be around a few years more.

"I enjoy it, so we are here to try to win. I always try to do it, but obviously it's not easy otherwise anybody could do it.

"I think this weekend we have been pretty solid in many ways. I just had a good feeling with

the car."

The laconic racer added that his young children were unlikely to be too excited.

"They've been asking for a while, but they're more interested in the Pirelli cap than probably a win itself," he said.

"I know that we can buy it also, but I know it's not fair play to bring them if I had to buy it...

"The kids probably fell asleep during the race, but the wife probably looked at it. I'm more than happy for all of us. It's nice."

As a near-deadpan Raikkonen smiled, Hamilton, who failed to outscore fourth-placed Sebastian Vettel by eight points, the tally needed to seal the world title, conceded that Mercedes near-metronomic consistency

had let him down with a poor choice of tyres and strategy.

He also pointed out that it was difficult to pass second placed Max Verstappen and the victorious Raikkonen to deliver his sixth win in seven visits to Texas.

Too much space

"Honestly, I was trying to win the race, but you look at the two

guys next to me -- they're not fighting for a championship so I had to be very, very careful how I navigated around them," he explained.

"Championships are not won by fighting and making silly mistakes."

Hamilton made several efforts to pass Verstappen in the closing laps, but was unable to find a way past him.

"I gave him way too much space just to be sure that I didn't get clipped, for example, and didn't get taken out," he said, adding that he feared the Dutchman may understeer into him or defend his position with more aggression.

"The key for me was that I finished ahead of Seb and for me it doesn't matter when you win the championship as long as you get it done," he said.

"Ultimately, we wanted to win the race today and I think going backwards two steps is not a good result, but you can't win them all."

Hamilton will become only the third five-time champion in the sport if Vettel wins and he finishes in the top seven in Mexico next weekend or if Vettel fails to win.

Vettel: Ferrari too slow to recognise mistakes



Sebastian Vettel spun off the track on the first lap after an incident with Daniel Ricciardo

AFP | Austin, United States

Sebastian Vettel welcomed Ferrari's return to form in Sunday's United States Grand Prix, but said the team had taken too long to realise the mistakes in its development programme.

The four-time champion German, who kept alive his faint title hopes by finishing fourth behind championship leader Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes, said the team did not understand what was wrong with their upgrades.

Ferrari abandoned their recent updates and reverted to older car specifications at the Circuit of the Americas and were rewarded with Kimi Raikkonen's first win for the team since 2009.

Vettel's hopes of a victory to reboot his title bid were wrecked when he clashed with Daniel Ricciardo's Red Bull on

the opening lap.

Of Ferrari's victory, he said: "You can see it is good news, but you can also see it is bad news. It took too long.

"If we have to go back to a car that has been competitive three or four months ago, then surely it cannot be good news if you think about it?"

"For us, on the technical side, it is important to understand what went wrong...."

He said there was no easy explanation.

"Certainly, we felt that the car was not as strong as it was before, but if you don't see there is anything wrong, then you don't know that there is something wrong.

"All the steps that we did, they seemed to make sense, but looking back they didn't. Clearly, there was something we missed and we haven't understood, yet, why and where the error exactly took off."

We made it hard for ourselves, says Hamilton

AFP | Austin, United States

Lewis Hamilton said Mercedes made life difficult for themselves with a cautious race strategy in Sunday's United States Grand Prix.

The 33-year-old Briton, who finished third, but missed out on clinching his fifth drivers' title, told reporters that he was surprised when he was called in for an early pit-stop to take advantage of a Virtual Safety Car intervention on lap 11.

"It was a little bit of a surprise," said the Mercedes man after finishing third.

"And once we'd done the stop on 11, I knew I would be doing



Lewis Hamilton finished third, but missed out on clinching his fifth drivers title as he was called in for an early pit-stop to take advantage of a Virtual Safety Car intervention on lap 11



Mercedes' British driver Lewis Hamilton waves to fans during the United States Grand Prix

a two-stop.

"We just made it so hard for ourselves. When we came out, I had to catch Kimi, I caught him, but my tyres were dead.

"Then he did his stop and was catching me with fresh tyres -- and then I came out, after the last stop, and had 12 seconds to catch up. It just made it so hard for us even to compete today."

He added that he was also not

sure that he started the race on the best tyre.

"I think it already started from Q2, that tyre was the wrong tyre to start on. We knew there was a big difference in start performance on these different tyres, yet we fell for something that we already knew was potentially not the way forward.

"I lost position to Kimi and then I wasn't able to keep up

because he had clean air and a better tyre.

"It was definitely a lesson learned, I think, for us. Performance-wise, it wasn't our greatest weekend, but we've had some incredible weekends this year.

"Still, to get a third, I'm still grateful, but naturally, starting first and finishing third is never a good thing."