

GoT stars tie the knot

Game Of Thrones stars Kit Harington and Rose Leslie, who played on-screen lovers in the epic TV drama, have married. Harington and Leslie tied the knot at Rayne Church in Aberdeenshire. She wore a full-length white wedding dress and he was dressed in a traditional morning suit. **P16**

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12,000 pirating devices seized
Riyadh

Saudi Arabia has said it has confiscated more than 12,000 pirating devices in the country, after rival Qatar's beIN Media accused broadcasters in the kingdom of bootlegging its World Cup broadcasts.

"The number of confiscated devices was 12,000... in recent months, although the actual figure in my opinion is much higher," Saud Al Qahtani, an adviser to Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, told AFP.

"Saudi Arabia respects the issue of protecting intellectual rights and abides by international conventions in this regard," he added.

'Murder bid' on Zimbabwean President

Harare

Zimbabwe's president has escaped injury after an explosion at a stadium where he was addressing a rally, in what state media are describing as an assassination attempt. Emmerson Mnangagwa has vowed that the "cowardly act" will not derail next month's historic election - the first since long-time leader Robert Mugabe stepped down.

Driving wheels of hope



Historic day for Saudi as ban on women driving ends; women having licences thrilled about first drive

Move part of sweeping reforms aimed at transforming the economy of the world's top oil exporter.

Riyadh

Women will hit the roads in Saudi Arabia today with the lifting of the world's last ban on female drivers.

The move, ordered last September by King Salman, is part of sweeping reforms aimed at

transforming the economy of the world's top oil exporter.

"We are ready, and it will totally change our life," said Samira Al Ghamdi, a 47-year-old psychologist from Jeddah, one of the first Saudi women to be issued with a driving licence.

"I am thrilled!" Sarah Alwassia, 35, a nutritionist in Jeddah, was quoted by Arab News. "I learnt how to drive 18 years ago in the States where I got my driving licence. I can't believe that the day to drive in my own home town has come."

Alwassia obtained her first American licence when she was 18 years old in 2000, and had it

exchanged for a Saudi licence on June 6 in Jeddah. She explained that she is a mother, and this change provided comfort for her and her family.

"I will be driving my kids to school and picking them up in comfort and privacy," she told Arab News.

"Independence is a huge thing for me," Alwassia said. "Driving is one small part of it. I am very optimistic of the change that our loving country has made."

Alwassia applauds the efforts the country has made to support women.

"I am confident that driving in the beginning will be pleasant,

since our country has made all of the effort to support women and to protect them.

"I think our society was looking forward for this change, and I am sure the majority will adapt fast.

"I feel safe, our country did everything to make this transition pleasant and safe for every woman behind the wheel. I am really thankful to witness this historic moment and I am so happy for all the women in Saudi Arabia, especially my daughters."

Sahar Nasief, 64, a retired lecturer from the European languages and Literature Department at King Abdulaziz

University, said: "Nothing could describe my feelings. I can't wait to get on the road."

Nasief received a very special gift from Ford for this occasion. "They gave me a 2018 Expedition to drive for three days, a Mustang California Special," she told Arab News.

Nasief obtained her Saudi licence on June 7. She also holds a British licence and two American licenses. "Now, I have my national licence too," she said.

She also said the lifting of the ban provided a sense of relief. "I feel that I can practice one of my rights, and I don't have to live at the mercy of my driver anymore."



The end of driving ban is expected to provide more jobs for Saudi women in various sectors in line with the Kingdom's 2030 Vision.

Economic boom

The end of a decades-old female driving ban is expected to bring an economic windfall for millions of Saudi women, making it easier for them to work and do business.

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billion American dollars is the expected volume of total car sales in Saudi Arabia by the end of 2018.



Two-wheel freaks

Many women are planning to hit roads on two-wheelers. Now people across Saudi can see women revving on motorbikes as well.

TROUBLE MOVE

French priest suspended for slapping baby during baptism

Paris

A French Catholic priest was suspended Friday after a video of him smacking a crying baby during a baptism ceremony went viral, drawing widespread condemnation on social media.

In footage posted on Twitter on Thursday, gasps can be heard when the 89-year-old priest, after ordering the infant he is holding to "be quiet," sharply slaps his cheek.

A few seconds later he smacks him again.



A screenshot of the video showing the priest slapping the baby.

The baby's parents, visibly shocked, eventually manage to extricate the child from the priest's grip during the ceremony in Champeaux, about 50 kilometers (30 miles) southeast of Paris.

"This loss of self-control can be attributed to the fatigue of an elderly priest, but that doesn't excuse it," the diocese of Meaux, which includes the town, said in a statement.

It said the priest would no longer be leading baptisms and weddings nor holding mass until further notice.

"The child was bawling and I needed to turn his head so I could pour the water. I was saying 'be

quiet' but he wouldn't calm down," the priest told France Info radio.

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