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Lukaku says split from Man Utd was 'right decision'

Romelu Lukaku believes he made the right decision to leave Manchester United for a new challenge at Inter Milan, saying he had to "re-find" himself after a difficult time at Old Trafford. **P12**

Shakira, Jennifer getting fans all hyped with Super Bowl countdown videos

10 **CELEBS**



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Trump attends anti-abortion rally Washington, DC

Donald Trump has become the first US president to attend America's largest annual anti-abortion rally.

He addressed thousands of protesters at the March for Life near the US Capitol where his impeachment trial is ongoing.

Mr Trump said: "We're here for a very simple reason: to defend the right of every child born and unborn to fulfill their God-given potential."

The annual demonstration first began in 1974 - a year after the US Supreme Court legalised abortion in Roe v Wade.

Until now no president had ever attended the march, which takes place just steps from the White House, though previous Republican presidents, including George W Bush and Ronald Reagan, have addressed the group remotely.

Traffic to be halted Manama

The General Directorate of Traffic has announced that it will temporarily stop its services at the Lulu Hypermarket in Hidd for 15 days, starting Sunday for development works.

The department called on the public to seek the services through the traffic application or the website www.bahrain.bh, services centres or its headquarters.



03 Gulf Air brought home '1,164 Bahrainis' from Iraq

04 2020 second bust: FS COURBET seizes 'three tonnes of narcotics'

05 Philippines' Duterte threatens to end US military pact

210 fils (includes VAT)



Indian man, Filipino woman die after 'breathing coal smoke'

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Two Asians have been found dead in a home in Awali, the Interior Ministry said yesterday.

According to sources at Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC) where the dead body is kept in mortuary, the deceased are from India and the Philippines.

Indian Mahmood Yusuf Mutam aged 47 and a Filipino national aged 39 whose identity is not yet known, died after inhaling smoke from a heating coal in Awali home.

Mahmood Yusuf was working as a driver while the Filipino woman was employed as a housemaid.

Interior Ministry tweeted that "the initial details indicated suffocation was the reason behind their death after inhaling smoke from the coal they used to keep warm".

They also said relevant procedures are being taken. Social



The deceased Mahmood Yusuf

worker Shafi Parakatta told Tribune that Mahmood Yusuf's body will be flown to his hometown in Kasargod district once the paper work is completed.

Philippine Ambassador Alfonso A Ver who confirmed the news said the embassy is trying to contact the deceased Filipino woman's family back home.

Last week a family of five Keralites who lived in Dubai were among the eight people who died after they fell unconscious probably due to a gas leak from a heater in their room at a mountainous resort in Nepal.

'Million man' march



Thousands of supporters of Shiite cleric Moqtada Al Sadr rallied in Baghdad on Friday for the populist leader's "million man march" against the US presence in Iraq. Yet the numbers fell well short of Mr Al Sadr's targeted million, and crowds had largely dispersed by early afternoon, with some heading to the capital's Tahrir Square, the site of months-long anti-government protests, and others taking buses home. In a speech read out to the crowd, Mr Al Sadr called for the abolition of all security agreements with the United States, adding that he would not accept anything short of a full US troop withdrawal from Iraq and the closing of American bases throughout the country. Supporters of the cleric, whose militia waged an insurgency against US and British troops following the US-led invasion in 2003, began arriving in Baghdad's Jadariyah neighbourhood from across the country on Thursday.

'Fake hack' story

RDIF chief praises Saudi reforms, says Bezos hacking story is 'fake news'

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● **Bezos allegations dismissed by Saudi officials as "absolutely silly".**

Davos

One of Saudi Arabia's biggest investment partners has reassured the global community about doing business in the Kingdom and ridiculed the Jeff Bezos accusations of phone hacking.



American billionaire and Amazon founder Jeff Bezos

Speaking on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Davos, Kirill Dmitriev, CEO of the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF), said that stories about the apparent hacking of Ama-

zon boss Jeff Bezos' phone did "not look plausible at all."

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Dmitriev, whose organisation has channelled investment into Saudi Arabia and partnered the Kingdom on billions of dollars-worth of joint ventures, said the people he had spoken to in Davos remained in favour of the opportunities presented by Riyadh's Vision 2030 strategy.

"Lots of people here are positive about the changes going on in Saudi Arabia, both from the West and Asia. They are interested in the business opportunities presented by tourism, the improved position of women and the youth demographic. I'm surprised the Western press



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does not give the full picture about what is happening in Saudi Arabia," he added.

While in Switzerland, the RDIF announced a deal to invest in an online tourism plat-

form that would benefit from increased Russian tourism, especially by members of Russia's big Muslim minority, as well as other potential visitors to Saudi Arabia.

The Bezos allegations, which have been dismissed by Saudi officials as "absolutely silly," were a hot topic of conversation at the WEF meeting.

A Western executive at a leading Gulf energy company, who declined to be named, said: "Phone hacking and cyber-security is a growing problem in the business world and is not confined to any one country."

"You have to take it all with a pinch of salt. If you're going to do business in Saudi Arabia you will look at all the pros and cons, and this (the Bezos allegation) is not likely to deter you."

TREMOR SHOCK

At least 14 dead after powerful earthquake hits Turkey

Istanbul

A powerful earthquake with a magnitude of 6.9 hit eastern Turkey yesterday, killing at least 14 people, injuring hundreds and causing buildings to collapse.

Eight people died in Elazig province and six others were killed in the neighbouring province of Malatya, the coun-

try's disaster and emergency management agency (AFAD) said.

At least 225 people were injured in Elazig and 90 in Malatya.

Around 400 rescue teams were being sent to the scene of the quake, which had its epicentre in the small lakeside town of Sivrice, about 550km east of the capital Ankara. In the eastern province of Elazig,



A screenshot image of a USGS map showing the earthquake in Turkey.

Turkish television showed images of people stuck in apartments rushing outside in panic, as well as a fire on the roof of one building.

Turkey's leading communications companies announced they would provide residents in the quake region with internet and that phone calls would be free of charge after phone lines and communications infrastructure sustained damage.