

Spider-Man: Tom reveals new film title

Actor Tom Holland has leaked that the next "Spider-Man" is titled "Far From Home". Holland made the revelation about the "Spider-Man: Homecoming" sequel, which also stars Jake Gyllenhaal as the villain Mysterio, via Instagram. **P16**

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On behalf of His Majesty King Hamad, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday attended the inauguration of the 42nd meeting of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's (UNESCO) World Heritage Committee, held at Bahrain National Museum.

Egypt to extend emergency Cairo

Egypt's parliament approved on Sunday the extension of a nationwide state of emergency for three months from July 14. Egypt imposed the emergency in 2017 after two church bombings killed at least 45 people. It was last extended in April. Egypt faces an Islamic State insurgency in the remote North Sinai region that has killed hundreds of soldiers and policemen in recent years and has expanded to include attacks on civilians.

Saudi woman drives F1 car Riyadh

Renault got a headstart on its Formula One rivals yesterday when it gave a Saudi Arabian woman a chance to mark a special day by driving one of its cars ahead of Sunday's French Grand Prix. On the same day that women celebrated being allowed to drive on the roads of Saudi Arabia, Aseel Al Hamad, the first female member of her national motorsport federation, took the wheel of the same car in which Kimi Raikkonen won the 2012 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.



BIA plans to handle 14 million passengers a year.

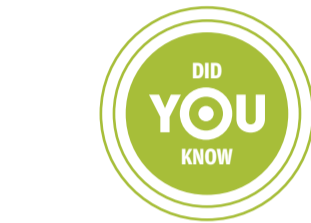
Bahrain airport traffic jumps 9pc

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Bahrain International Airport (BIA), witnessed an influx of flights and passenger traffic during Eid Al Fitr, its operator and managing body, Bahrain Airport Company (BAC), said yesterday. During this period, BIA handled 142,725 passenger movements, a 9 per cent jump compared to the same period last year, and 1,331 additional flights, an 8pc increase from 2017.

These impressive figures come on the back of an increase in the number of airlines operating out of BIA, and improvements being made to the airport's infrastructure and services as part of the ongoing Airport Modernisation Programme (AMP).

In a statement issued, Chief Airport Operations Officer Michael Hohenberger, said, "Bahrain International Airport smoothly and efficiently handled the surge in passenger and flights traffic during the Eid break, which has proved the airport's ability to handle larger volumes."



The AMP's objective is to transform BIA into a world-class boutique airport.

"This achievement would not be possible without the collaborative efforts and support of BAC's partners, which include the Immigration and Passport Control, Customs Affairs, Airport Police from the Ministry of Interior (MoI), and Bahrain Airport Services (BAS) and Bahrain Airport operations teams."

"Once the new Passenger Terminal Building opens, BIA's capacity will increase to 14 million passengers a year and we expect to see a corresponding rise in passenger traffic and flights, especially during holiday periods."

'We will iron you like clothes if you contest polls'

TDI|Manama Thamer Tayfour

A relative has allegedly threatened to burn a member of Fairuz family if he enters the upcoming parliamentary polls.

A video went viral yesterday across social media in which Ali Fairuz was threatened by his relative named AbuAhmed in his bid to keep him away from polls.

"We will iron you like a cloth if you contest the polls to prevent others from doing what you did," AbuAhmed was seen threatening Ali Fairuz in the video.

Ali's two brothers, Jalal and Jawad were members of parliament representing the dissolved Al Wafaq Society.

The video also shows AbuAhmed saying that his candidacy has brought disgrace to the Fairuz family.

Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society (BHRWS) was quick to respond. It immediately alerted the Human Rights Council and the High Commissioners that a Bahraini citizen was threatened by members of a dissolved society over participating in the upcoming parliament.



Ali Fairuz



A screenshot of the video that shows AbuAhmed speaking against Ali Fairuz

mentary polls. "This man who threatened him is known for his anti-election stances and was involved in acts of sabotage and violence and is involved in entities that participate in the 38th session of the Human Rights Council and falsely calls for human rights and freedom while members of these entities practise precisely the opposite of what human rights and freedom is all about," said a statement issued by BHRWS.

The statement added that the video showed AbuAhmed, a cousin of Jawad and Jalal Fairuz, members of the dissolved Wafaq Society, who showed allegiance to the Iranian delegation at an international event where they both represented Bahrain.

BHRWS chairman said that authorities should step in protect nominated candidates and should take legal action against AbuAhmed who threatened Ali Fairuz.

Ali Fairuz has announced his candidacy from the seventh constituency in the Northern Governorate.

Missiles intercepted

Yemeni rebels have ramped up missile attacks against Saudi Arabia in recent months

Saudi Arabia last month tested a new siren system for Riyadh and the Eastern Province, in a sign of the growing threat posed by the rebels' arms.

Riyadh

Saudi air defences intercepted two missiles over Riyadh yesterday that had

been fired from rebel-held territory in neighboring Yemen, state media said, after multiple explosions were heard in the city.

"Two ballistic missiles fired by Houthi rebels were intercepted over Riyadh," state-run Al Ekhabariya television said, without specifying whether there were any casualties or damage.

An AFP journalist heard at least four loud explosions in the Saudi capital, which has been targeted by Houthi missiles in the past.

The Iran-backed rebels' news outlet Al Masirah said missiles

had struck the Saudi defense ministry and other sites in the capital.

Turki Al Maliki, spokesman for the Saudi-led coalition fighting the rebels, denied that the defense ministry had been hit.

The insurgents, who have ramped up missile attacks against Saudi Arabia in recent months, regularly claim successful strikes.

Saudi Arabia, the UAE and other allies intervened in Yemen in March 2015 to push back the rebels and restore the internationally recognised government to power after the Houthis ousted



A screenshot of the video showing a missile being intercepted above Riyadh.

it from swathes of the country including the capital Sanaa.

The rebels have in recent months ramped up missile attacks against neighboring Saudi Arabia.

Saudi forces have previously shot down Houthi missiles with Patriot surface-to-air missiles purchased from the United States.

The latest strikes come as Yemeni pro-government forces are locked in heavy battles with Houthi rebels as they press an offensive backed by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to retake the key aid hub of Hodeidah.

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French jogger detained after crossing US-Canada border

Toronto

A young French woman who went for an evening jog along a Canadian beach spent two weeks in US immigration detention after straying across the border.

Cedella Roman, 19, who was visiting her mother in British Columbia, decided to run along the beach that leads to Canada's border with the United States on 21 May.

Roman told Canadian media she turned on to a dirt path for a few metres as the tide rose, and



Cedella Roman

stopped to take a picture before retracing her steps.

She was then confronted by two US border patrol agents who

arrested her for crossing into Blaine, Washington.

"He started telling me that I had crossed the border illegally and I told him I really did not do it on purpose," Roman told Radio-Canada. The French national thought that she might be given a warning or, at worst, be fined.

"I did not think they would put me in jail," she said.

But to jail she did go, as the officers took her more than 220km (136 miles) south to the Tacoma Northwest Detention Center, a privately run immigration prison in Washington state.



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CEDELLA ROMAN

With no identification on her and just the clothes she was wearing, Roman started to realise the gravity of her situation.

"They asked me to remove all my personal belongings with my jewellery, they searched me ev-

erywhere."

"Then I understood it was getting very serious, and I started to cry a bit."

She said she was held in a room with about 100 other people.

"We were locked up all the time and in the yard there was barbed wire and dogs," she told French news agency AFP.

"We tried to help each other, there was a good atmosphere."

"Seeing people who had come from Africa and elsewhere locked up for trying to cross the border, it put my experience into perspective."



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King stresses need to preserve heritage

His Majesty highlights Bahrain's standing on world cultural map



His Majesty receives Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and Audrey Azoulay.

● His Majesty underlined Bahrain rich cultural and heritage legacy, being one of the countries which are famed for the finest and purest natural pearls in the world.

● Audrey Azoulay and the participants expressed deepest thanks to HM the King for the warm welcome and kind hospitality, hailing Bahrain's role and efforts to conserve world heritage.

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa said Bahrain remains committed to preserve its cultural legacies and rich heritage.

This came as His Majesty received Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage President Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and UNESCO director-general Audrey Azoulay yesterday at Al Safriya Palace.

The audience was also attended by a UNESCO delegation, which arrived in Bahrain to take part in the opening ceremony of the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee.

Bahrain is chairing the 42nd session, being held under the auspices of HM the King and in the presence of 2,000



His Majesty along with guests watch special horse show.

experts specialised in cultural and natural heritage.

HM the King welcomed the guests, expressing Bahrain's pride in hosting this high-profile global cultural event, in the presence of an elite of experts working in the field of world heritage.

He said that Bahrain is hosting the crucial meeting as part of global efforts to build bridges of communication with all cultures and usher in new horizons for knowledge exchange between peoples.

He underlined Bahrain's standing

on the world cultural map, owing to its deep-rooted civilization, history and heritage, which are based on firm commitment to the values of tolerance and openness on all human civilisations. HM the King hailed steadily-growing cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the UNESCO regarding education, heritage and culture. He reiterated Bahrain's support to the UNESCO-led efforts, human initiatives and activities.

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the countries which are famed for its finest and purest natural pearls in the world. He commended the strenuous efforts led by Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) to preserve national history, pointing out that Bahrain Fort and the Pearl Trail have been registered on the UNESCO List of World Heritage Sites.

HM the King wished the participants every success in the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee and a pleasant stay which will give them the opportunity to explore Bahrain's

historical and cultural vestiges and visit its museums and heritage sites.

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HM the King and the guests taking part in the 42nd session then watched a show of pure Bahraini Arabian breed horses which top the races. Bahrain, which is registered in the World Arabian Horse Organisation, boasts some of the finest and purest Arabian breed.



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday received the heads of Representatives and Shura councils at Gudaibiya Palace. HRH the Premier reviewed the implementation of royal directives to rethink pension plan draft. In conformity with the royal directives, a government-parliamentary committee has been formed to develop new visions that ensure maintaining the pension funds and citizens' rights.



His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday received the intelligentsia, economic personalities, media persons and citizens at Gudaibiya Palace and discussed with them local and international issues. HRH the Premier affirmed success of His Majesty the King to maintain national unity and prevent any attempt to tamper with it. He said national unity and social cohesion have remained strong under the leadership of HM the King, stressing resolve to preserve the kingdom's pioneering status despite all challenges.



Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) yesterday received the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), Audrey Azoulay. HRH Princess Sabeeka stressed the importance of UNESCO's efforts to create suitable conditions for enhancing dialogue among civilisations, cultures and peoples on bases of respect for common values to achieve the global visions for sustainable development.



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BIG STORY

big story

230 families living under poverty in Hidd

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MINISTRY OFFICIAL

Hopelessness has invaded the families as most youths are jobless

● Many families are indebted and family heads don't have proper jobs here.

● People are tired of poverty, but their pride stops them from complaining.

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Thamer Tayfour

More than 200 families live under poverty in Al Hidd, making it the poorest city in the Kingdom, according to a charity organisation.

Officials at Al Hidd Charity Society say there are 230 families living below poverty line in Al Hidd, while 530 families come under the low-income category.

The society says the number could be even higher as there are many families who don't receive any help from it.

Many families are indebted and family heads don't have proper jobs here. Thirty-eight years old Hasan Gallium, who was working with the Ministry of Education and lost his job a year ago, said poverty is an enigma in his city. Hassan lives with his three children and mother.

"I don't have even 100 fils in my pocket and I always think of suicide, but what keeps me going is my faith in God and my prayers."

"My 72-year-old mother gets BD250 from the Government and we all survive with that money. A good share of her income goes in paying bills.

"There are no jobs, no income and we only have God. Many in the city are resorting to illegal acts to make money, to win their breads.

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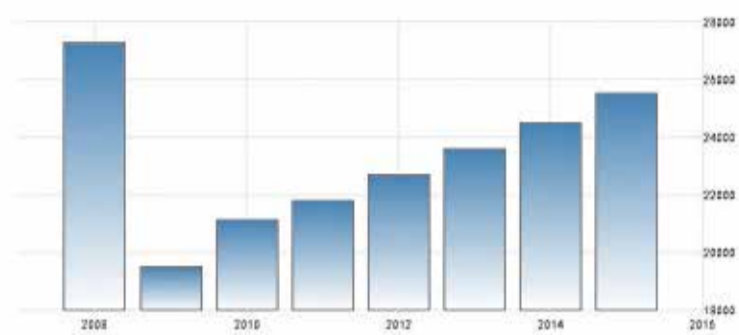
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Hasan said people are struggling to come out of poverty, while their pride stops them from complaining.

According to a study carried out by the Ministry of Social Development in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank in 2011, a family of five having a



SOURCE: WORLD BANK

The Kingdom's per capita GDP (in US dollars) has gone up since 2010.

monthly household income of less than BD337 or an individual earning below BD70 a month lives under the poverty line.

Speaking to Tribune, Abdel Nasser Al Sahaf, head of public relations at Al Hidd Charity, confirmed there are 230 families who live below the line of poverty in Al Hidd.

"We provide them with monthly assistance, and we have done a lot of research. There are 530 needy families in the city and we aid about 300 families intermittently."

The fund has distributed BD20,000 to poor families during Ramadan; BD80 per family under the poverty line, and between BD50 and BD60 per low-income family.

Other charity organisations have donated BD30,000 to the needy families during the holy month to Hidd families. "Poverty has literally reached its limit in Hidd."

Al Sahaf added 230 iftar meals were distributed among poor families and food items were distributed to 447 families.

Emad, a 32-year-old youth, is hardly hopeful about authorities solving the issues faced by residents. Emad has been unemployed since 2008.

He has registered with the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, but it has made no difference to his life.



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"No one employs us, though there are many projects coming up in the Kingdom. I often get threatening calls from people I have borrowed money. I now ask them to report to police so that I can have proper food in jail. I have nothing to settle my debts. If I make BD20, my priority would be to feed my children."

Abdullah, another citizen from

Al Hidd, who doesn't want to be named, said he and his younger brother are both unemployed and live with their father who doesn't even get pensions.

"The Ministry of Labour and Social Development supports us with BD150 a month and that's all what we have. We don't have a good house to live, no good food to eat. Only God knows our misery."

Abdullah said all complaints and pleas for assistance have fallen on deaf ears.

Ali Rahma lives in his father's house that may collapse any moment. "My brothers and I all have big families. Three big families live in a five-bedroom house that may collapse any time. We cannot afford to take apartments on rents. We are waiting for Housing Ministry to offer us a unit. That has been our dream for a long time now."

A source at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development said that it's high the Government come up with a new definition for poverty in the Kingdom. "The BD70 and BD337 limits won't work now. The living expenses have spiraled in the past seven years. We need to come up with new numbers to define actual poverty."

"The ministry has launched an initiative to develop the work of charity societies and funds in addition to projects that enable citizens to make a living in select areas. This will improve the socio-economic situation of these families.

"The performance of charities in Bahrain is still below the expected level. We receive their reports and their incomes are quite high. They can end poverty if the money is well channelled and distributed."

"Financial support does not improve the lives of these families. It's just a temporary solution. We need turn individuals into productive citizens who can eventually become financially independent."



Abdullah's house (right) and Ali Rahma's house...dilapidated houses are marks of poverty in Hidd.

Alba launches 'Safety Selfie' campaign



Top Alba and senior government officials along with other dignitaries at the event.

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Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) Safety Campaign for the year titled 'Safety Selfie' was launched yesterday at the company premises.

The 'Safety Selfie' Campaign will highlight various aspects of Safety, Health and Environment in the workplace, at home and on the road, through a number of activities, including safety visits by management members to operational areas, awareness sessions for the employees as well as safety competitions.

During the event to launch the campaign Alba senior officials

explained that the campaign would capitalise on the power of social media in spreading awareness about safety. The campaign encourages residents to become 'safety messengers' and use social media to spread awareness about safety.

Alba's Chairman of Alba's Board of Directors -- Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa, the

Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Emirates Global Aluminium (EGA) - Abdulla Kalban were the Guests of Honour at the event.

The opening ceremony also witnessed the attendance of of-

officials from Bahrain's Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Labour and Social Development, diplomats from the embassies of Germany and Switzerland as well as representatives from Bahrain's downstream companies and major suppliers of Alba.

Present also at the opening ceremony were: Alba Board Director Dr. Moh'd Kameshki, Alba's Executive Management led by the Chief Executive Officer Tim Murray and Alba Directors, Managers as well as employees from various departments.

Commenting on the occasion, Shaikh Daij said: "I am pleased to welcome all our guests today



Alba is proud to be a leader in employee safety and health. Our safety campaigns seek to achieve continuous commitment from all employees.

MR MURRAY

to witness Alba's 'Safety Selfie' campaign. Safety is not just a job requirement but it has become a way of life in Alba. While all our Safety campaigns have a different

theme, they have only one message -- Safety first at all times. I thank the Executive Management at Alba for their relentless efforts towards establishing and

strengthening a Safety-conscious work environment."

Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Tim Murray, said, "Alba is proud to be a leader in employee Safety and Health. Our year-round Safety campaigns seek to achieve continuous commitment from all levels of employees towards working and living safely."

"The 'Safety Selfie' campaign is in line with our expectations for 2018, which serves our ultimate goal of 'Safety First, Safety Always'. Capitalising on using the social media platforms for direct communication means that our Safety messages are boundless," he said.

Diraz bombers' life sentences upheld

30 defendants were tried in connection with the case; one acquitted for lack of evidence

● All convicted were allegedly part of Al Karar Brigades which claimed responsibility for several bombings in the Kingdom.

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Ali Tarif

The High Appeals Court has upheld the life sentences of three defendants convicted of detonating bombs

in Diraz in 2014.

Another man involved in this case has had his five year's imprisonment upheld, while three other appellants' jail terms were reduced from five to three years.

One of the appellants' life term was cut to 15 years behind bars, while the High Appeals Court refused to look into the appeals of two other convicted men.

A total of 30 defendants were tried in connection with this case. The High Criminal Court had earlier acquitted one defendant implicated in this incident due to lack of evidence, but

slapped eight men with life sentences and revoked their Bahraini citizenship.

Twenty suspects received five years in jail and one of them was fined BD3,000. The 30th defendant was handed down 10 years imprisonment and his nationality was as well revoked.

All convicted were allegedly part of Al Karar Brigades which claimed responsibility for several bombings in the Kingdom.

They set off nine bombs in Diraz. "I detonated one of the bombs in collaboration with the second, third, eighth

and 28th defendants. I was trained by the 30th defendant on detonating and making bombs," the first defendant had told prosecutors.

The second defendant, meanwhile, told judges that he was the one who instructed the first defendant to make bombs.

"He made these bombs with the help of the 18th defendant," the second defendant revealed.

The Public Prosecution charged the defendants with detonating bombs with an intention to put people's lives in danger.

Expat in ordeal as wife gets deported

● The woman was found seeking help from people outside Krishna Temple in Bab Al Bahrain when arrested by police.

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Harpreet Kaur

An expat, who lost his voice after suffering a physical disorder, is stuck in the Kingdom as his wife was deported.

Abdul Quam, 65, came to Bahrain as a labourer and a year ago he was diagnosed with a peculiar medical condition.

With an aim to take care of her husband apart from finding a job for herself, wife Suga Bibi, 55, came to Bahrain few months ago.

Sources say the family was living in a miserable condition with no food to eat and no proper accommodation.

The woman was found seeking help from people outside Krishna Temple in Bab Al Bahrain when arrested by police.

Upon reaching the Kingdom, her sponsor had allegedly disowned her, leaving the police with no option but to depart her to the home country.

The couple wanted to go back to their home country together. Now Abdul's destiny is with the providence, the source added.

'Crochet Queens' honoured by embassy



MICQ members with Mr Sinha.

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Supriya Reginald

Thirteen women of the Mother India's Crochet Queens (MICQ) - Bahrain were facilitated by the Indian Embassy for their third consecutive award from the World Guinness Records.

The Guinness certificates were awarded to mark the "world

record" for "the largest display of crochet sculptures". It was achieved with a display of 58,917 sculptures by MICQ, in Chennai, India on January 21, 2018.

The group has successfully set earlier Guinness Records for the largest crochet blanket and the longest crochet scarf in 2016 and 2017 respectively.

Speaking at the function, Indian Ambassador Alok Kumar

Sinha praised the underlying "Go Green" theme that had been chosen for the record event, which was particularly relevant since India had just recently hosted the "World Environment Day" in June 2018.

He reiterated that it is essential for today's youth to understand the age-old teaching in Indian scriptures about the importance of conserving nature and taking

nothing away from it.

Ashwini Anil, goodwill ambassador for MICQ, Bahrain, explained about the MICQ projects in general and the unique aspects of this project, where exhibits featured depictions of Bahrain's landmarks and various facets of Arab culture.

She touched on how the Bahrain team had incorporated these aspects of Bahrain, as a way of

thanking the country which has become their second home.

The recipients of the Guinness Award included Asha Rani, Ashwini Anil, Ashwini Basmatkar, Darshana Rashmin Udeshi, Harini Mukundh, Maliakkal Bleseena George, Prajakta Khedkar, Priya Sethuraman, Rajeshwari Aplesh Chouhan, Savera Mahendra, Sowmya Ramkumar, Swapnali Milind Divekar and Vasanthi Gurusami.

New law to curb free visa trading



The law aims to end trading in free visas while reducing the number of illegal expats.

Fines to go up from BD1,000 to BD8,000

● Sources say the price of a free visa in the black market varies between BD1,200 and BD2,000.

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Thamer Tayfour

The Parliament will this week vote on a draft law that will impose stricter penalties on those involved in selling work visas.

According to the new law, fines will be increased from the existing BD1,000 to BD8,000 apart from one year imprisonment.

MP Adel Al Asoomi said the proposed law aims at eliminating visa trade along with reducing the number of illegal expatriates who flee their work places.



In 2015, Nationality, Passport and Residence Affairs reported 2,587 residency violations that had occurred between 2013 and 2015 after conducting 759 inspections to different locations.

Sources say the price of a free visa in the black market varies between BD1,200 and BD2,000. In addition, the buyer will have to pay

Labour Market Regulatory Authority and insurance fees.

Khursheed, a Bangladesh national, told Tribune that he bought a free visa for BD1,200 from the black market and had to pay additional BD520 towards other expenses.

"I paid 370,000 Bangladeshi takas to get the visa. With that amount we can start a small business in our country. But many prefer coming to Gulf countries as they are land of opportunities."

"I bought the visa from an Asian, who works under the Bahraini supervisor. I am free to work anywhere until I pay BD50 a month to my sponsor. I was asked to tell cops that I had fled my workplace if arrested in order to rescue my original sponsor from paying a fine of BD1,000," he said.

Khursheed said it's not easy for 'free visa' expats to find jobs in the Kingdom. "I now work as a cleaner at various



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MR AL ASOOMI

companies. My only aim is to earn the money spent on free visa before returning to my home country."

AbuAli, a Jordan citizen, had to buy free visa from the black market to come here after marrying a Bahraini woman.

"At times expats are left with no other option to come here. I spent BD1,400 to get a work visa."

"I was hunting for jobs a whole year and couldn't get any. After a year, my sponsor informed me that he wouldn't renew my visa. So, I ended up paying huge fines for four months after which I found a job at a private school for a monthly salary of BD230. But at least I could legalise my stay here."

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Family reiterates plea for help

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Muhannad Mansour

Housing Ministry has been urged to immediately look into the condition of a dilapidated house in Karzakkan village, as the safety of its four Bahraini inhabitants, including a bedridden man, is threatened by its cracked walls and unstable roof.

A team from the ministry had visited the house in the small village which is located to the west of Hamad Town in the Northern Governorate.

The visit came few days after Tribune published the plea of the house owner, Hassan Habib, 65, earlier this month, as he appealed to the authorities for assistance after being financially incapable of renovating the house or moving to a safer one. Mr Habib is a bedridden retiree who lives in the house with his wife and two children.

He confirmed that "an inspector from Housing Ministry visited the house and took pictures and notes, before promising that the matter will be urgently looked into".

"This restored our hope, but this feeling quickly turned into a disappointment as we haven't heard from the ministry since then," Mr Habib added.

Tribune yesterday spoke to the area's MP, Dr Jameela Al Sammak, who stressed that "each day that passes by without the walls of the house tumbling down on its residents is a miracle".

As reported earlier, Dr Al Sammak adopted the family's case and referred it to the highest authorities. She sent an urgent request to the



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DR AL SAMMAK



Dr Al Sammak during one of her visits to the house.



The house can collapse anytime.

Housing Ministry, demanding its interference to either provide Mr Habib with a housing unit or instantly initiate revamping works at the house.

"We didn't receive any response since then. We weren't even informed about the shyly visit of the inspector. As MPs, it's the core of duty to link citizens with the competence authorities to meet their needs and requirements. The Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khal-

ifa repeatedly emphasised on the importance of cooperation between the executive and legislative authorities to serve citizens. If this is how the ministry is responding to MPs, how is it expected to fulfill citizens' needs," Dr Al Sammak commented.

The MP earlier told that "there many housing units, mainly flats, in the nearby Al Louzy government housing project that weren't handed over to

any beneficiaries", suggesting that one of the units could be allocated to shelter the family. She also underlined that "the safety of Mr Habib and his family is the responsibility of ministry".

Mr Habib's house was built in the old-fashioned designs of Bahraini houses around 60 years ago. The materials used in building such houses are difficult to be repaired and usually require replacement.



Royal Guard Commander HH Brigadier-General Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday received Royal Guard affiliates who have completed their higher studies and obtained doctoral and master's degrees in various specialties. Shaikh Nasser directed them to exert more efforts in their academic and professional career in the interest of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the BDF.

Call to regulate financial technology services

Many security concerns have emerged with fintech growing substantially

● CBB has previously stated that Bahrain will encourage innovation in the fintech space but will practise caution.

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Mohammed Zafran

Regulatory bodies must add control mechanisms in response to the myriad of new financial technology services that has popped up in recent years, according to Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB).

Residents may be vulnerable to security risks if adequate regulations are not implemented to respond to the rapid development of the financial technologies (fintech) industry, suggested Adnan Ahmed Yousif, Chairman of Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB) and former president of Union of Arab Banks (UAB).

While fintech has grown substan-

tially in recent years, many security concerns have come with it. Regulators around the world have been met with the challenging task of adding regulations while not stifling innovation.

"Innovation cannot be carried out at the expense of the safety and durability of banks, or at the expense of consumer protection, so banking controls and regulatory bodies must develop control mechanisms to cope with the evolution of electronic banking operations along with its risks," said Mr Yousif.

He said that the risks are manifold. "Cyber risks are likely to increase with increased reliance on financial technology, as new technologies and business models can increase cyber risks if they are not kept up with the controls of this change.

"Relying on systems such as Application Programming Interface, Cloud computing and other new technologies that facilitate increased interconnection, make the banking system more vulnerable to cyber threats, and expose large amounts of data sensitive to potential violations. This underscores the



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need for banks, technology companies and regulatory bodies to promote the call for effective management and control of cybercrime," he said.

"Extensive applications of financial technology will increase difficulties in meeting compliance requirements, particularly on AML / CFT obligations, if they act on behalf of clients of fintech companies. If the customer makes payments using a bank card or a bank account, the bank is to some extent

responsible for customer authentication," he added.

He noted that fintech also comes with many benefits such as it can provide enhanced access for disadvantaged groups to financial services because of the access of technology to remote areas of each country. "Innovations in financial technology also accelerate remittances and payments and reduce costs," said Mr Yousif.

He said that the development of fin-

tech could also pose a risk to bank's revenue and profitability citing estimates that between 10-40 per cent revenues, and between 20-60pc bank profits could be wiped out in 10 years after losing market share if the new entrants are able to use technological innovations more efficiently.

CBB has previously stated that Bahrain will encourage innovation in the fintech space but will practise caution. CBB has taken a number of steps to encourage innovation including introducing a regulatory sandbox, introduction of a new license of Payment Service Provision and allowing Payment Service Providers to issue prepaid cards to allow the unbankable segment access to affordable payment services including remittance and introduction of EFTS.

Central Bank of Bahrain Governer Rasheed Al Maraj has been vocal on banks needing to adapt to the era of fintech, encouraging banks to upgrading its technologies in order to beat the competition from alternatives financial services.

Theft convict's jail term cut on appeal

● The bag contained the victim's official identifications along with an ATM card. "I directly informed the bank of the robbery to suspend my debit card," she revealed.

● The defendants were also fined BD5,000 each for their crime.

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Ali Tarif

The High Appeals Court revised the sentence issued against a Bahraini man convicted in a robbery case. He was earlier given five years in prison, but his appeal resulted in its reduction to three years.

The defendant was put on trial in connection with stealing a woman's bag. He wasn't alone accused in this case and the accomplice was also sentenced to five years in jail.

However, he opted against challenging the verdict. The robbery occurred on November 23, 2014, when the pair snatched the bag from the victim.

"I was in my mother's car when the duo on motorbike came and enquired me about a hospital's address. As I got out of the vehicle, the snatched the bag and made off on the two-wheeler," the victim told prosecutors.

The bag contained the victim's official identifications along with an ATM card. "I directly informed the bank of the robbery to suspend my debit card," she revealed.

It is said that the pair tried to use the ATM card on multiple occasions, but failed because they were typing wrong pins. The defendants were also fined BD5,000 each for their crime.

Brothers lose plea in fake bomb case

● The Fingerprints Division at the Ministry of Interior disclosed that the first defendant's fingerprints appeared on twelve positions on the device and its components.

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The Supreme Appeals Court upheld the sentence issued against two brothers convicted of making a fake bomb.

The pair earlier received three years in prison each for their crime. According to official documents, the defend-

ants placed the hoax device on a public road in Tubli to traumatise road users and people living in the area.

It is said that they made the fake explosive using a carton, matchbook, electrical wires, tape and a black bag.

The first defendant admitted to making the bomb but revealed that it was his brother who planted it.

"I made the fake bomb on our house's rooftop. But my brother planted it on the road," the first defendant told prosecutors.

The Fingerprints Division at the Ministry of Interior disclosed that the first defendant's fingerprints appeared on twelve positions on the device and its components.

The first defendant was below 18 years old when he committed the crime.

2,600 toys seized from shops

● The role of parents is important in selecting safe toys, taking into account the instructions and warnings shown on the products and the games should be selected according to the age of the child or used under their supervision, she added.

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About 2,600 toys that could possibly cause harm to children were seized by the Directorate of Standards and Metrology under the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

This follows inspections by different teams of the directorate to 120 shops across the Kingdom.

Directorate official Mona Alalawi indicated that during the last two months of April and May the directorate had conducted an inspection campaign



One of the toys seized from a shop.

to stop shops from selling toys that contain chemicals and are harmful to the children.

The Directorate of Standards and Metrology has called all traders to ensure importing safe toys that comply with Gulf technical regulations, she said.

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BDB closes \$100 million venture capital fund

The region's first active fund of funds will support emerging technology startups

● **The announcement marks an important milestone for the region's growing startup ecosystem**

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Bahrain Development Bank (BDB) yesterday announced successful closure of its \$100 million Al Waha Fund of Funds, making it the first active venture capital fund of funds in the region.

The announcement marks an important milestone for the region's growing startup ecosystem. It will provide additional capital to innovative and technology-driven startups in Bahrain and across the Middle East through venture capital funds currently established in Bahrain, and by attracting new funds to the region. The Limit-

ed Partners (LP) Advisory Committee met for the first time last week to close the \$100 million, setting the strategic direction of the fund, and approved the allocation of \$35 million into a series of venture funds. The LPs include Mumtalakat, National Bank of Bahrain, Batelco Group, Tamkeen and Bahrain Development Bank, amongst others and where BDB is the GP managing the fund.

"We are very pleased to announce the successful closure of the fund and we have already made encouraging progress in allocating the capital raised," said Shaikh Mohammed bin Essa Al Khalifa, Chairman, Al Waha Fund of Funds Advisory Committee.

"One of the key constraints on the development of the startup and technology ecosystem in the region is lack of access to capital - this fund can help to make a significant difference to that challenge, enabling entre-



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preneurs to realise the potential of their ideas," he added.

Today's announcement follows the launch of the Al Waha Fund of Funds at Gateway Gulf Forum last month. The Forum, brought together more than 500 global investors to explore how to unlock the opportunities being created by the economic transformation in the GCC.



National Bank of Bahrain handed a donation to "Smile" Initiative as part of its corporate social responsibility programme. Chief Executive (Retail, commercial and SMEs) at NBB Abdul Aziz Abdulla Al Ahmed presented the cheque to Future Youth Society chairman Subah Al Zayani. Present were NBB's marketing and PR head Hisham Abu Al Fateh and Smile initiative's financial secretary and head of psychological support Safaa Al Nasser. "Smile" Initiative of the Future Society for Youth supports cancer-stricken children and their families in the Kingdom.

KFH, Ibn Khuldoon School join hands



Abdulhakeem Al Khayyat and Farouk Al Moayyad with representatives during the signing ceremony

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Kuwait Finance House - Bahrain (KFH-Bahrain) yesterday announced that it will finance the construction of new buildings at Ibn Khuldoon National School, following an agreement signed between the two parties.

The signing ceremony was attended by Farouk Yousef Al-Moayyad, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ibn Khuldoon National School and Abdulhakeem Al Khayyat, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of KFH-Bahrain, KFH-Bahrain representatives Yousif Al Hammadi, Executive Manager, Mahmood Al Mahmood and Mohammed Al Sabbagh of the Corporate Banking Group at the Bank.

The school's representatives included the Chairperson of the Board of Directors Fareeda Al Moayed, Vice Chair of the

Board of Directors, Fuad Taqi, as well as the President of Ibn Khuldoon National School, Dr. Kamal Abdel-Nour.

"The school has been continuously developing its facilities since its launch 35 years ago. We are delighted to be working with KFH-Bahrain to continue this process, and we appreciate their support and thank them for their efforts. In addition to our agreement with the bank, the building construction was signed by the Mohamed Salahuddin Consulting Engineering Bureau," said Farouk Al Moayyad.

"We are pleased to see this cooperation between us and the school, as we look forward to supporting the educational sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain by contributing to the development of the various facilities and buildings in the Kingdom's schools," said Abdulhakeem Al Khayyat.

Bahrain Clear launches 'myShare' cards

● **With "myShare" card, Bahrain Clear will be able to transfer future cash dividends instantly to the shareholder's card within 10 days**

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Bahrain Clear, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bahrain Bourse, yesterday the issuance of 140,000 "myShare" cards at no additional charge to all Bahrain Bourse's registered investors with a valid Investor Number (NIN), which is an account at Bahrain Clear, and with updated Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements.

The 'myShare' card is issued by Al Salam Bank-Bahrain in partnership with Visa, and it is available in BHD and USD card currency based on the investor's



A screen shot of the "myShare" card

choice.

With "myShare" card, Bahrain Clear will now be able to automatically transfer future cash dividends instantly to the shareholder's card balance within 10 days from the announcement of the cash dividends distribution by the listed companies.

The card features an easy-to-use, secured with EMV chip-enabled and widely accepted at over 35 million outlets and over 2 million ATMs across the globe, wherever the "Visa" sign is displayed.

Besides the value-added benefits of "myShare" card, inves-

tors will also receive free SMS alerts, monthly electronic statements sent to their registered email address to manage their financial accounts and keep track of their card transactions in addition to a secured online shopping features through "Verified by Visa".

"We are committed to enhance our investors' experience by facilitating cash dividend distribution and making the payment process more efficient through direct deposit into their 'myShare' card," said Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse and Managing Director of Bahrain Clear.

This new channel process, will enhance investors' experience locally, regionally, and internationally by receiving their dividends without the need to physically visit Bahrain Clear to collect their dividend cheques," he said.



Gulf Air employees with Chief Executive Officer Krešimir Kucko, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Captain Waleed Abdulhameed Al Alawi and Chief Operations Officer, Captain Suhail Abdulhameed Abdulaziz Ismaeel, at the airline's headquarters in Manama yesterday. The employees were honoured for their exceptional performance in realising the successful launch of the airline's double daily Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner service connecting Bahrain International Airport and London and Heathrow. The employees were awarded with appreciation certificates.

Workshop held on solar energy

Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza inaugurated the training session organised for contractors and consultants



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza inaugurating the seminar

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Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza yesterday inaugurated the second workshop for contractors and consultants specialized in the installation of solar energy systems at the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) Training Centre in Sitra. United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative Amin El Sharkawy and invited guests attended the session. At the five-day event, training will be

provided for contractors and consultants who will receive an approved certificate by which they will complete their accreditation with the two organisations approved by EWA. Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that such a workshop comes from the interest of Bahrain's leadership in clean energy for the country's sustainable development. He said the EWA received 20 applications to install solar systems in a record period since the previous workshop. He said several foreign and domestic

investments in solar projects had been attracted to Bahrain. The minister said Bahrain's achievements in the fields of renewable energy and energy efficiency, including the adoption of the net metering policy, had attracted a lot of attention, as also the setting up of a 100-megawatt solar energy plant. He said steps have been taken to install solar panels on the roofs of government buildings in co-operation with the Ministries of Housing and Municipal Affairs and Urban Planning.

Alba safety campaign launched

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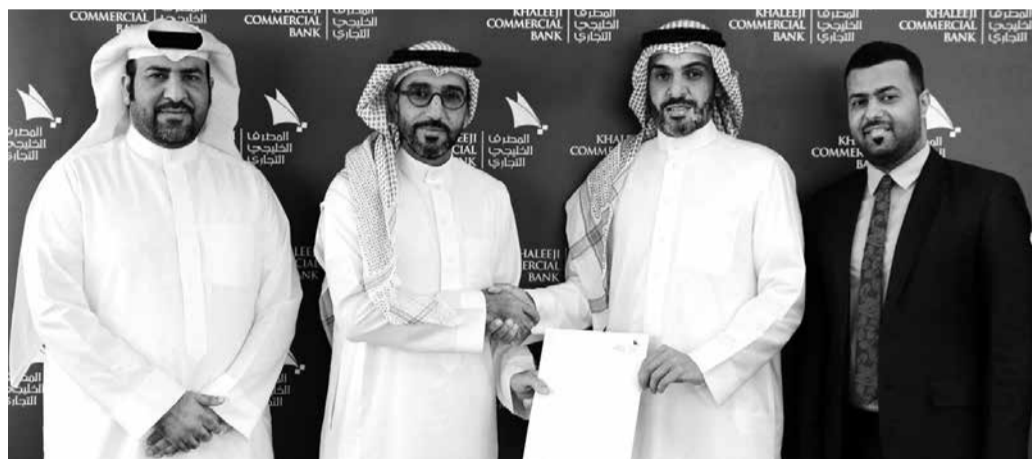
Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), in line with the CEO's 2018 Expectations, has launched a Safety Campaign for this year titled 'Safety Selfie' yesterday. Alba Chairman Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Emirates Global Aluminium (EGA) - Abdullah Kalban attended the event held at Alba Oasis Hall.



Alba Chief Executive Officer, Tim Murray, during the launch of the safety campaign

Officials from Bahrain's Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Labour and Social Development, diplomats from the embassies of Germany and Switzerland as well as representatives from Bahrain's downstream companies and major suppliers of Alba also attended the function. Present also at the opening ceremony were: Alba Board Director Dr. Moh'd Kameshki, Alba's Executive Management led by the Chief Executive Officer Tim Murray

and Alba Directors, Managers as well as employees from various departments. "I am pleased to welcome all our guests today to witness Alba's 'Safety Selfie' campaign. Safety is not just a job requirement but it has become a way of life in Alba. While all our Safety campaigns have a different theme, they have only one message -- Safety first at all times. I thank the Executive Management at Alba for their relentless efforts towards establishing and strengthening a Safety-conscious work environment," said Shaikh Daij. "Our Safety campaigns seek to achieve continuous commitment from all levels of employees towards working and living safely," Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Tim Murray, added.



CEO of Khaleeji Commercial Bank (KHC), Sattam Sulaiman Algoasibi, receiving the President of the Bahrain Sports Federation for Disabilities, Sheikh Mohamed bin Duaij Al Khalifa, in the presence of Mohammed Abdulla Saleh, Assistance General Manager, Human Resources & Corporate Communications and Soubah Abdulrahman Al Zayani, Head of Corporate Communications. The bank has announced that it will sponsor the activities of the Bahrain Sports Federation for Disabilities as part of its firm commitment to its social responsibility and its keenness to support this segment of the community in particular.

KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN
Ministry of Housing

مملكة البحرين
وزارة الإسكان

The Ministry of Housing would like to announce the tender for the following services:

Tender Title	Tender No.	Tender Bond	Documentation Fee	Closing Date	
				Date	Time
Contract Management & Site Supervision Consultancy Services for Construction of 720 Social Apartment Units in Madinat Salman Island I, Plots 17 & 18 in the Kingdom of Bahrain funded through the UAE Grant under the GCC Development Program to the Kingdom of Bahrain.	SP/20/17	BD 10,000/-	BD 100/- only	Wednesday, 01 st August, 2018	13:30 hr. (UAE local time)

- Suitably eligible and qualified consultants are invited to participate in the Tender. Preference shall be given to consultants registered in the U.A.E for engineering services tendered under the U.A.E Grant. Consultants registered in Bahrain should be licensed as Category A with the Council for Regulating the Practice of Engineering Professions (CRPEP), Kingdom of Bahrain. Full details of the tenderer's eligibility and qualification criteria are provided in the Invitation for Qualification document.
- This is a public tender whereby the prequalification of tenderers is combined with the submission of their technical and financial proposals. Full details are provided in the Invitation for Qualification Document no. QD/C-SP/2017 and Request for Proposal Document for this Tender No. SP/20/17.
- All interested applicants who wish to collect the Invitation for Qualification and Request for Proposal (RFP) documents shall write stating their interest to participate in the Tender and submit formally under company cover letter no later than **Monday, 02nd July 2018** addressed to Mr. Sami Abdulla Buhazza - Assistant Undersecretary for Housing Projects as follows:-
The Ministry of Housing
P.O. Box 5802,
Manama,
Kingdom of Bahrain
Note: The letter of expression of interest should also be sent by email to the Document Controller sarita.pires@housing.gov.bh
- Upon the Ministry's confirmation of receipt of the expression of interest, applicants who wish to collect the Application for Qualification and Tender documents shall pay a non-refundable documentation fee specified above in any of the following modes:-
1. By a certified cheque made payable to the Ministry of Housing if the applicant was unable to make the online payment. Please bring the cheque and a copy of this advertisement to the Cashier in the Human & Financial Resources Directorate (Finance) on 3rd Floor, Ministry of Housing, Diplomatic Area, Block 317, Kingdom of Bahrain who will issue a receipt in duplicate; or
2. By online bank transfer into the Ministry of Housing account:-
Account No. : 0088200507
Bank : National Bank of Bahrain
Currency : Bahraini Dinar
IBAN No. : BH54 NBOB 0000 0088 2005 07
NBB Bank BIC : NBOBBHM
- Then the applicant company's representative may collect the Invitation for Qualification and Tender documents during working hours beginning from **Wednesday, 04th July 2018** from the Strategic Projects Section, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Housing, Diplomatic Area, Block 317, Kingdom of Bahrain after presenting a copy of the fee receipt. The final date for collection of documents is **Wednesday, 11th July 2018**.
- The completed Tender shall be submitted in accordance with the Funder's requirements listed below:-
1. All mandatory documents, stipulated in the specific clause for Submission of Tender within the Tender Document, shall be provided in separate sealed envelopes:-
Tender Envelope 'A' for Financial Proposal.
Tender Envelope 'B' for Technical Proposal including the Application for Qualification Document.
Tender Envelope 'C' for the original Tender Bond.
2. The tender envelopes, which may be in the form of standard A4/A3 paper envelope, parcel or box, shall be in white-coloured paper only.
3. Tenderer shall affix the appropriate labels provided in the Tender Document on the respective envelopes and use red wax or similar tight-seal materials to secure the envelopes accordingly.
4. No external inscriptions or mark of identification of the tenderer shall be given on the envelopes other than those stated in the labels. Unsealed, torn, damaged or spoilt envelopes, or envelopes which identify the Tenderer in any way shall not be accepted.
- The Tenderer should include and enclose in his offer the Tender Bond for the amount specified above. The Tender Bond should be in the form and manner as prescribed in the tender document valid for 180 days from the closing date.
- The Tender shall be deposited in the appropriate box provided in the **Abu Dhabi Fund for Development Office, 5th Floor, Room 537, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Street, Al-Bateen Area, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The Tenders are going to be opened at the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development's office.**
- This Tender is in accordance with the provision of the Kingdom of Bahrain's Law Regulating Government Tenders & Purchases No. (36) of 2002 and its Implementing Regulations issued by Decree No. (37) of 2002. The Tender is also subjected to similar law and regulations as obtainable in the U.A.E.
- For any query regarding the invitation, please contact: Strategic Projects Section, Ministry of Housing, P.O. Box 5802, Kingdom of Bahrain, Tel. No.: 00973 17528287, Email: sarita.pires@housing.gov.bh
- A copy of this Invitation to Tender is available for downloading from the website of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development, www.adfd.ae
- This advertisement shall be a supplementary to the Tender Documents.

Etihaad lets pilots join Emirates on secondment

Reuters | Dubai

Etihaad Airways has told its pilots they can join rival Emirates on a temporary basis for two years, according to an internal Etihad email seen by Reuters, as the downsizing of the Abu Dhabi carrier's operations helps fill a pilot shortage for Dubai's Emirates.

Etihaad, which last week reported a \$1.5 billion annual loss, has been overhauling its business since 2016, replacing its top executive, dropping unprofitable routes and shrinking its fleet.

The agreement is also likely to help Emirates, where a pilot shortage forced it to cancel some flights this summer. Management had said the shortage was a short-term issue. In the email, Etihad said pilots who join Emirates on a two-year secondment would be placed on a leave of absence, retain seniority at Etihad, and receive their salary and full benefits from the Dubai airline. Pilots were asked in the email to register a non-binding expression of interest and told that Emirates' recruitment team would meet with pilots at Etihad's offices. Two sources separately told Reuters that Etihad had emailed staff announcing the agreement with Emirates. An Etihad spokesman told Reuters secondment programmes were common practice among airlines, enabling the effective management of pilot resources.

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The Ministry of Housing would like to announce the tender for the following works:-

Tender Title	Tender No.	Tender Bond	Documentation Fee	Closing Date	
				Date	Time
Package 3: Construction & Maintenance of 360 Social Apartment Units in Madinat Salman Island I, Plot 18	SP/18/17	BD 75,000/-	BD 100/- only	Wednesday, 15 th August, 2018	13:30 hr. (UAE local time)
Package 2: Construction & Maintenance of 360 Social Apartment Units in Madinat Salman Island I, Plot 17	SP/19/17	BD 75,000/-	BD 100/- only		

all in the Kingdom of Bahrain funded through the UAE Grant under the GCC Development Program to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

- Suitably eligible and qualified contractors are invited to participate in either one or both of the above mentioned Tender Packages. Preference shall be given to contractors registered in the U.A.E and experienced in apartment building works tendered under the U.A.E Grant. Contractors registered in Bahrain should be categorized as Grade A with the Ministry of Housing and/or Grade AA in Building Construction Projects with the Ministry of Works, Kingdom of Bahrain. Full details of the tenderer's eligibility and qualification criteria are provided in the Invitation for Qualification document.
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Saudi insurance stocks soar as Govt lifts ban on women driving

Decision to lift the ban is expected to boost the Kingdom's economy; Car dealers and insurance companies upbeat

● Insurance stocks up 10pc; Gains spread across insurance, banking and petrochemical sectors

● Dubai flat, Air Arabia remain unchanged

Reuters| Dubai

Saudi insurers posted significant gains yesterday, on hopes that insurance volumes will rise as women began driving in Saudi Arabia, in the end of the world's last ban on female drivers.

This lifted the Saudi exchange, which outperformed other regional markets, and which was still riding the wave of MSCI's announcement last week that it would add the kingdom's stock market to its emerging markets benchmark.

Saudi Arabia's addition could help attract \$40 billion from foreign funds, the chairman of the Saudi Capital Market Authority told Reuters last week. The move followed the decision by another



Insurance companies led the gains. Al Rajhi Company for Cooperative Insurance rose 10 percent

index provider, FTSE Russell, to give Saudi Arabia emerging market status earlier this year. The Saudi index rose 1.8 percent on Sunday, with gains spread across the insurance, banking and petrochemical sectors.

Women in Saudi Arabia took to the roads early yesterday, celebrating the end of the world's last ban on female drivers. The decision to lift the ban in the Kingdom is expected to boost the economy, with industries from car sales to insurance set to reap returns.



An investor watching stock movements on a computer screen in Riyadh. - REUTERS/Faisal Al Nasser (File photo)

Insurance companies led the gains, with Al Rajhi Company for Cooperative Insurance up 10 percent, followed by SABB Takaful Co. and Saudi Indian Company for Cooperative Insurance, which added 7.9 percent and 4.8 percent, respectively.

Some petrochemical companies also added value, following

a rise in oil prices after OPEC decided on only modest increases in crude production last week.

Saudi Investment Bank gained 0.4 percent after announcing yesterday that a subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase & Co agreed to sell its minority stake in the bank for 759.3 million rials (\$203 million). Outside

of Saudi, Gulf markets posted minor gains. In Dubai, where the index was flat, Air Arabia was unchanged. Shares in the airline have declined by more than 10 percent since early last week, when the company said it had hired experts to protect its business interests in private equity firm Abraaj, which has

Closing Bell

Saudi	▲ 1.8%	» 8,351
Dubai	■	2,929
Abu Dhabi	▲ 0.3%	» 4,551
Qatar	▲ 0.9%	» 9,005
Kuwait	▲ 0.2%	» 4,813
Bahrain	▼ 0.2%	» 1,307
Oman	▼ 0.4%	» 4,593
Egypt	▲ 0.3%	» 16,395

filed for provisional liquidation. Air Arabia subsequently said it has an exposure of more than \$300 million to the embattled buyout firm.

Last week, the United Arab Emirates' top securities regulator asked UAE-listed companies to declare their exposure to Abraaj, the watchdog's chief executive told Reuters. In Abu Dhabi, Dana Gas jumped 0.9 percent after its shareholders approved last week the issuance of a new sukuk to replace an existing sukuk issued in 2013. The shareholders also approved the dismissal of sukuk-related litigation, marking the end of a protracted legal battle.

EU to respond to US move to raise auto tariffs: Report

Reuters| Paris

The European Union will respond to any US move to raise tariffs on cars made in the bloc, a senior European Commission official said, the latest comments in an escalating trade row.

US President Donald Trump on Friday threatened to impose a 20 percent tariff on all imports of EU-assembled cars, a month after his administration launched an investigation into whether auto imports posed a national security threat.

"If they decide to raise their import tariffs, we'll have no choice, again, but to react," EU Commission Vice President Jyrki Katainen told French newspaper Le Monde.

"We don't want to fight (over trade) in public via Twitter. We should end the escalation," he said in the comments published on Saturday.

The European Autos Stocks Index fell on Friday after Trump's tariff threat. Shares U.S. carmakers Ford Motor Co and General Motors Co also dropped.

"If these Tariffs and Barriers are not soon broken down and removed, we will be placing a 20% Tariff on all of their cars coming into the U.S. Build them here!" Trump tweeted.

The U.S. Commerce Department has a deadline of February 2019 to investigate whether imports of automobiles and auto parts pose a risk to U.S. national security.

Iran rial hits new low against dollar

● The dollar was being offered for as much as 87,000 rials, compared to around 75,500 on Thursday according to Bonbast.com

Reuters| Dubai

The Iranian rial plunged to a record low against the US dollar on the unofficial market yesterday, continuing its slide amid fears of returning US sanctions after President Donald Trump in May withdrew from a deal on Tehran's nuclear program.

The dollar was being offered for as much as 87,000 rials, compared to around 75,500 on Thursday, the last trading day before Iran's weekend, according to foreign exchange website



A currency trader counts Iranian rial banknotes at a money exchange market in Iran. - Ali Mohammadi/Bloomberg

Bonbast.com, which tracks the unofficial market.

Iran's semi-official news agency ISNA said the dollar had climbed to 87,000 rials on Sunday from about 74,000 before the weekend on the black market, and several Iranian websites carried similar reports.

The currency has been sliding for months because of a weak economy, financial difficulties at local banks and heavy demand for dollars among Iranians who fear the pullout by Washington from the nuclear deal and renewed U.S. sanctions against Tehran could shrink the coun-

try's exports of oil and other goods.

Some of the sanctions take effect after a 90-day "wind-down" period ending on Aug. 6, and the rest, most notably on the petroleum sector, after a 180-day "wind-down period" ending on Nov. 4.



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China launches \$200m mining venture in Tajik

AFP|Dushanbe, Tajikistan

China and Tajikistan embarked on a new \$200 million gold and antimony mining venture yesterday, the Tajik presidential press service said, as Beijing expands its hold over the Central Asian country's mineral resources. On Sunday a groundbreaking ceremony was held for a mine that is expected to produce its first gold and antimony in 2020. The venture between Tajikistan's state-owned aluminium smelter Talco and Chinese company Tibet Huayu Mining Co is expected to produce 1.5 tons of gold annually and 16,000 tons of antimony. China has acquired rights to a number of mineral concessions in Tajikistan.

China cuts banks' reserve requirements by 50 basis points

● The Central bank will release billions of yuan to the country's bigger lenders by July 5

Reuters| Beijing

China's central bank said yesterday it would cut the amount of cash that some banks must hold as reserves by 50 basis points (bps), releasing \$108 billion in liquidity, to accelerate the pace of debt-for-equity swaps and spur lending to smaller firms. The reserve reduction, the third by the central bank

\$108bn

has been released to the market which will ease liquidity and spur lending to small and medium firms

this year, had been widely anticipated by investors amid concerns over market liquidity and a potential economic drag from a trade dispute with the United States. But the 700 billion yuan (\$107.65 billion) in liquidity that



A woman walks past the headquarters of the People's Bank of China in Beijing. - Credit Jason Lee/Reuters

the central bank said will result from the reduction in reserves was bigger than expected. Ex-

pectations of a cut had risen after the State Council, or cabinet, said on Wednesday monetary

policy tools including targeted cuts in banks' reserve requirement ratios will be deployed to strengthen credit flows to small firms and keep economic growth in a reasonable range. Economists are not ruling out further reserve requirement reductions for the rest of the year as borrowing costs rise due to Beijing's clamp-down on leverage in the financial system, a campaign now in its third year, while uncertainty over Sino-U.S. trade ties persists.

The People's Bank of China said the latest targeted cut in some banks' reserve requirement ratios will take effect on July 5.

Play football, stop torture



Aside from being a sporting event of global significance, this is major PR victory for president Putin and his entourage



ALEXEY KOVALEV

Have you enjoyed the first week of the 2018 World Cup? Good. Some of the games have certainly been very exciting!

Now read the words of Dmitry Pchelintsev as they appeared in MediaZona, a small independent online publication focused on police brutality and the prison system in Russia: "The man in surgical gloves cranked the DC generator with wires attached to my toes. The calves of my legs started contracting violently, I was paralyzed with pain. They threw me on the floor, pulled my underpants down and tried to attach the wires to my genitals. I clenched my teeth so hard that my mouth was full of blood and shards

of broken teeth."

Pchelintsev, a 26-year-old anti-fascist activist from the industrial town of Penza, told his lawyer about this in February — and then, he has said, he was tortured again to make him disown his statement.

He is part of what his torturers — Russia's main intelligence agency, the FSB — allege is a conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism during the World Cup to provoke "popular masses for further destabilization of the political climate in the country." Nine young men have been charged in the case with "creating a terrorist cell." One managed to flee the country; the others have been arrested, tortured and made to confess to being part of an underground terrorist organization called "the Network." There's no evidence that any such organization or plot existed.

Things get even weirder: A seamstress in Kazan, one of the World Cup host cities, says she was framed by a police officer who pretended to be a customer with a very specific

request to make a life-size doll of Zabivaka, the 2018 World Cup's mascot — and then charged her with violating FIFA's copyright rules.

None of this should come as a surprise. President Vladimir Putin has given the Russian security services free rein in the lead-up to the World Cup. In a speech to senior law enforcement officials in February, he asked them to ensure that the World Cup is hosted "at the highest level and, first and foremost, ensure maximum security for both the athletes and football fans."

Russia's national team has been performing well. In the World Cup's opening match, they annihilated Saudi Arabia 5-0. On June 19, in what came as a surprise to many fans, the Russians beat Egypt 3-1. The mood in Moscow couldn't be more jubilant. Millions of Russians and guests from abroad are partying in the streets and in front of their TVs. State television has declared the tournament "an event of historic proportions."

You can prevent unfavorable coverage by not doing any of the things you are accused of doing. Don't torture people. Don't take away their livelihoods. Don't bulldoze over their lives to make room for your international show.

Even the grumpiest Russia watchers agree: The World Cup has been a smashing success so far. It's Russia's big moment on the international stage, the moment the country has been craving for so long. Moscow, which has gotten a series of very expensive makeovers in recent years, is an extremely pleasant place to

Signals of change in Mexico

The Presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador is offering structural changes



IOAN GRILLO

In this arid farming town in central Mexico, a crowd packed the plaza under a punishing sun to hear the leftist presidential hopeful Andrés Manuel López Obrador promise to end the corruption that plagues the nation.

"They have even said that corruption is part of Mexican culture," he said to a chorus of supportive shouts. "That is a falsehood. A big lie. In our people, there is a great reserve of values, cultural, moral, spiritual, in the families, in the pueblos, in the communities." He pointed upward. "The problem is above. The rulers always set a bad example."

López Obrador went on to promise cuts in government expenditures, including a reduction in the president's salary and the selling of the executive air fleet. He said he would redirect money

to the poor through pensions, scholarships, apprenticeships and free fertilizer for small farmers, a vow greeted with raucous cheers.

His message — that he will overturn what he calls "the mafia of power" and replace it with an austere bureaucracy that invests in communities — is proving appealing as the July 1 election nears. According to the Bloomberg Poll tracker, López Obrador has the support of over 50% of voters, twice that of his rival Ricardo Anaya, of the center-right National Action Party. If these numbers translate to votes, it will give the 64-year-old López Obrador the most decisive victory in a Mexican presidential election since 1982.

The colossal lead comes as a surprise, considering that in his previous two bids for president, in 2006 and 2012, López Obrador won no more than 35% of the vote. His message has changed little over the years — some of the phrases I hear at his rallies are almost identical to ones that I wrote down when I covered his speeches 12 years ago. What

has changed are his expressions: He looks happier, more relaxed, less angry.

Back in the 2000s, leftist politicians were sweeping Latin America. Now, conservative-leaning leaders have made a comeback in countries like Argentina and Peru. López Obrador appears to be bucking the trend.

So why is he finally surging? The main reason is that confidence in Mexico's established parties has nose-dived in the last five years amid rising prices and brutal crime alongside horrendous corruption scandals. In this environment, his message resonates louder. For many who are struggling, his words promise hope.

"We are tired of the same people in power, the same dinosaurs — we want them out," said José Sampedro, a 52-year-old builder at the Actopan rally. "We want it so Mexican citizens don't have to go to the United States to work, so they don't have to be mistreated" by the Trump administration's policies. Sampedro, like many in this area, has traveled north for work — in his case, construction



Obrador addresses supporters in Mexico City.

jobs in Florida.

Anger against the Mexican establishment is especially focused on the ideologically nebulous Institutional Revolutionary Party, known as the PRI, which ran the country for most of the 20th century and is the party of the

current president, Enrique Peña Nieto. The PRI has been plagued by dishonesty,

with a handful of its former state governors facing criminal charges. In the most high-profile case, the former governor of Veracruz, Javier Duarte, is in jail

accused of skimming up to \$3 billion of public money. Meanwhile, Peña Nieto was himself caught in a conflict of interest scandal when journalists discovered his wife in a \$7 million mansion provided by a company with government contracts.

1975

Mozambique achieves independence from Portugal.

1975

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi declares a state of internal emergency in India.

1993

Kim Campbell is sworn in as the first female Prime Minister of Canada.



2017

The World Health Organization estimates that Yemen has over 200,000 cases of cholera.



Ordinary Russians are going about their way to accommodate thousands of guests. On social media and in opinion columns, visitors are asking the same question: Who might Russia could be so fun? Some Russians are wondering if these foreigners are getting things that would land us in jail for "unsanctioned rallying" or a hefty fine for "public disturbance." The authorities have used the excuse of the World Cup to justify the barely existent freedom of assembly. A special decree issued by President Putin in 2017 restricts "public events not related to sports competitions" for the duration of the tournament. Refusing to have fun is a public offense: On June 12, the opening day of the World Cup, an activist was sentenced to 15 days in jail for protesting against the stadium in downtown Moscow. It is unlikely that the crackdown will ease up once the trophy has been awarded: Russia's state security apparatus is never very eager to

give back the liberties it has taken away in the name of security. And it's not just the torture. While foreigners are enjoying the hospitality, they shouldn't be oblivious to the cost the World Cup is inflicting on ordinary Russians, who didn't have a say in opening their doors to reveling sports fans. Moscow State University's students and researchers have been protesting against the "FIFA Fan Fest" — a party area for tens of thousands of people, perched on a hill next to their campus. Its construction cost about \$40 million from the city's budget and wreaked irreparable damage on a park. The protesters haven't achieved much, apart from a smear campaign against them and a few fines and arrests for "illegal picketing." Let's be clear: Aside from being a sporting event of global significance, the World Cup is a major public relations exercise for President Putin and his entourage. And it seems to be working, by legitimising some of the least savory aspects of

Putin's rule. Ramzan Kadyrov, the thuggish ruler of Chechnya — who, among other things, implausibly claimed that human rights abuses against gay people couldn't have possibly happened because there were no gays in Chechnya — didn't miss a chance to snap a selfie with Team Egypt's wildly popular forward Mo Salah. The Russian authorities will undoubtedly use this article to again cast themselves as victims of "Russophobic campaigning in the Western press." To them, I can only say: You can prevent unfavorable coverage by not doing any of the things you are accused of doing. Don't torture people. Don't take away their livelihoods. Don't bulldoze over their lives to make room for your international show. That should be pretty easy. Certainly easier than beating Egypt 3-1.

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Mexico

Struggling people hope

Peña Nieto oversaw a series of reforms aimed to modernize the economy, including opening up the oil industry to private foreign investment. But while these moves were hailed by investors, they produced only minor short-term growth in a time of soaring prices; inflation was officially 6.8% last year, with the cost of fruit and vegetables rising 18.6%. Peña Nieto's approval rating plummeted and the PRI's presidential candidate is languishing in third place, polling at 21%. In these circumstances, promises of more government help for the poor are applauded. A huge chunk of PRI voters — especially in poorer states like Hidalgo, where this town is situated — appear to have migrated directly to López Obrador. They are the biggest bloc of voters pushing him into the lead. López Obrador has also made inroads in wealthier northern states, where the center-right National Action Party, known as the PAN, has historically been strong. A likely reason is that former President Felipe Calderón, of the PAN, waged a military crackdown

on drug cartels during his tenure, from 2006 to 2012, that led to an explosion of violence in the north. The bloodshed has continued under Peña Nieto, with 2017 being Mexico's most homicidal year in decades. López Obrador blames both parties for the violence, and has pledged that he will bring peace to Mexico, even floating the idea of an amnesty for some criminals and inviting the pope to oversee a reconciliation process. His rivals denounce these proposals, but many here find it hard to see how violence could get any worse and are open to new ideas. The rise of President Trump could also be helping López Obrador, convincing people that a stronger, more nationalist figure could better defend their interests against threats from the north. But this is probably a minor factor; most people I talk to at rallies are far angrier with their own rulers than those over the river in the United States. Critics retort that López Obrador is himself a member of the establishment he rails against. He began his career in the PRI in the

1970s, then left to help found the Democratic Revolution Party in 1989; he founded his new party, National Regeneration Movement, or Morena, in 2014. When he was mayor of Mexico City from 2000 to 2005, his minister of finance was caught on camera as a regular in a Las Vegas casino and subsequently imprisoned for embezzlement and money laundering. Many PRI and PAN politicians have switched to Morena as it surges in the polls. But while López Obrador may indeed be another career politician, his style and discourse contrasts with those who have governed this nation the last few decades. This is enough of a signal of change to attract the votes of millions of people who are struggling to provide for their families, to escape violent gangs, or to recover from being deported from the United States. Time will tell if it is enough to really solve Mexico's fundamental problems. (Joan Grillo is the author of "Gangster Warlords: Drug Dollars, Killing Fields, and the New Politics of Latin America" and a contributing opinion writer)

Karak Break

Are we getting any results?



MOHAMED ISA

Over the past two weeks, I told you about how a bank's cash machine withheld my credit card. And then, my struggle to get it back and my hassle to reactivate it by the bank. Before I released my book "Chai Karak: A Customer Service Story," I asked many customer service experts to review it. This is what Mr. Jim Cathart said about it: "A relationship is a direct connection between people in which value is exchanged. If there is no value emanating from each side, then it is not truly a relationship. To strengthen a relationship in business the most direct way is to find out what the other person considers valuable and then deliver more of that. Chai Karak highlights this with elegance and eloquence." The most important word in this quote is "value." To report the incident to the bank and get my credit card reactivated I talked to different departments including the General Call Center, the Credit Cards Call Center, the Complaints Call Center and the Credit Cards Collection Center. If you ask me how I would describe these calls, it will be very easy to me: Useless. The various Centers were playing Ping Pong with me. Each one, told me to call another Center. I do not recall anyone going out of his or her way to help resolve my simple issue.



To prepare myself for the anticipated bad experience, I visited my mum to get a dose of love, compassion and some porridge. When I left her, I placed the dreaded call.

In all these calls, I insisted in asking the same question to all the agents: "Are we getting any results from this call?" I received the same answer from all the agents: Pin drop silence. They all realized I was not getting any value out of my calls. My problem was not resolved. In essence, the bank did not pass the relationship test highlighted by Jim. I did not get any value from these calls. I received my credit card but I could not use it. How inconvenient! Compare this to my positive experience with Khaleeji Commercial Bank, my credit card was deactivated by the cash machine because I entered the wrong password. After my experience with the other bank, I thought: "Oh my God. Here we go again." To prepare myself for the anticipated bad experience, I visited my mum to get a dose of love, compassion and some porridge. When I left her, I placed the dreaded call. To my surprise, the agent answered my call within few minutes, he was professional and courteous. I told him about that I wanted to reactivate my credit card. He said: "I will get it done for you after you answer few security questions." And he did. The call took only seven minutes. As Jim suggested, he delivered what I wanted: Resolving my problem. Bravo Hesham!

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First day today of women driving cars in #SaudiArabia. This reform is of enormous social and economic consequences not only for the women of Saudi Arabia, but for the country in general. The heir of the throne, prince Mohammed Bin Salman is leading the country into a new era.

@jokraniareflex1

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Fadya Basmer, 23, one of first female taxi drivers in #SaudiArabia after ban lifted at midnight. When we were out on our drive, a little girl saw her in the driver's seat and smiled—couldn't believe her eyes."It's about inspiring girls to do what men do."

@Josiensor

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#Women can finally drive in #SaudiArabia! I hit the road at midnight in #Riyadh w/a fabulous group of ladies. What a night! Thanks to all who advocated and sacrificed to get here. For me & many others it will be life-changing! #SaudiWomenDriving #Women2Drive #WomenEmpowerment

@AliyaMawani

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Saudi police update on the first day of women driving so far: No major incidents reported. "There is a high level of discipline," official said.

@ahmed

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WORLD
world**Air strikes kill five as Southern Syria assault looms**

AFP | Beirut

Air strikes on rebel towns in southern Syria killed five civilians and knocked a hospital temporarily out of service yesterday, a monitor said, in fresh signs of a looming government assault.

Russian-backed regime forces have for weeks been preparing an offensive to retake Syria's south, a strategic zone that borders both Jordan and the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights.

32 Fula civilians killed in Mali attack, say officials

AFP | Bamako

At least 32 civilians were killed and ten are missing following an attack in central Mali, believed to have been carried out by traditional hunters, local officials said yesterday.

Armed Dozo hunters, linked to the Dogon ethnic group, were suspected of ambushing the isolated village of Koumaga in the Mopti region on Saturday, killing dozens of Fulani herders, including children.

Malian authorities were not immediately available for comment.

Gazan dies of wounds from Israel border clash

Gaza City

A Palestinian man shot by Israeli forces two days ago during clashes on the Gaza border died of his wounds early yesterday, the health ministry in the Hamas-ruled territory said.

"Osama Khalil Abu Khatir, 29-years-old, died of wounds to his stomach after being shot by the Israeli enemy east of Khan Yunis the day before yesterday," ministry spokesman Ashraf al-Qudra said.

Fighting moves closer to centre of Yemen's main port

Reuters | Aden

Yemen's Houthis deployed additional forces in the main port city of Hodeidah yesterday as a Saudi-led military coalition moved closer to the city centre in the largest offensive of the war, raising U.N. fears of a humanitarian catastrophe.

The alliance led by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates launched its assault on the heavily defended Red Sea city on June 12.

Joy as Saudi lifts driving ban

Women in Riyadh, other cities begin zip around streets with some blasting music from behind wheel

Television presenter Sabika al-Dosari called it "a historic moment for every Saudi woman"

AFP | Riyadh

Saudi women celebrated taking the wheel for the first time in decades yesterday as the kingdom overturned the world's only ban on female motorists, a historic reform expected to usher in a new era of social mobility.

The much-trumpeted move is part of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's plan to modernise the conservative petrostate -- but it has been dented by the jailing of female activists who long opposed the driving ban.

Women in Riyadh and other cities began zipping around streets bathed in amber light soon after the ban was lifted at

midnight, with some blasting music from behind the wheel.

"I feel free like a bird," said talk show host and writer Samar Almogren as she cruised across the capital.

Television presenter Sabika al-Dosari called it "a historic moment for every Saudi woman" before driving a sedan across the border to the kingdom of Bahrain.

The lifting of the ban, long a glaring symbol of repression, is expected to be transforma-



A newly-licensed Saudi driver, behind the wheel near her home in the Saudi capital of Riyadh yesterday

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I'm happy and relieved that... girls in Saudi will live a bit freer than their mothers

ACTIVIST HALA AL-DOSARI

tive for many women, freeing them from dependence on private chauffeurs or male relatives. Euphoria and disbelief mixed as women across the kingdom flooded social media with videos of their maiden car rides, while some policemen among the large number out on the streets distributed roses to the first-time drivers.

"This is a great achieve-

ment," billionaire Saudi Prince Al-Waleed bin Talal said as his daughter Reem drove a family SUV, with his granddaughters applauding from the back seat.

"Now women have their freedom," he added in a video posted on Twitter.

Some women ebulliently declared online they were driving themselves to work or their mothers for coffee or ice

cream, a mundane experience elsewhere in the world but a dazzling novelty in the desert kingdom.

"The jubilation, confidence and pride expressed by Saudi women driving for the first time in their country, without fear of arrest, brought tears to my eyes," tweeted activist Hala al-Dosari, while lauding the jailed campaigners.

"I'm happy and relieved that... girls in Saudi will live a bit freer than their mothers."

But many women are keeping away, testing reactions in a society torn between tradition and social change -- and bracing for a possible backlash from hardliners who have long preached that allowing female motorists would promote promiscuity and sin.

Authorities appeared to project that the reform had religious sanction, with the kingdom's top clerical council yesterday reiterating that the lifting of the ban was in line with Islamic values.

Erdogan claims victory in poll**Turkish voters had for the first time cast ballots for both president and parliament**

Istanbul

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan yesterday declared victory in a tightly-contested presidential election, extending his 15-year grip on power in the face of a revitalised opposition.

Turkish voters had for the first time cast ballots for both president and parliament in the snap polls, with Erdogan looking for a first round knockout and an overall majority for his ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP). The stakes in this election are particularly high as



Recep Tayyip Erdogan holds his ballot at a polling station yesterday

the new president is the first to enjoy enhanced powers under a new constitution agreed in April 2017 referendum strongly backed by Erdogan.

Erdogan was on course to defeat his nearest rival Muharrem Ince with more than half the vote without needing a second round, initial results showed.

"The unofficial results of the elections have become clear. According to these... I have been entrusted by the nation with the task and duties of the presidency," Erdogan said at his Istanbul residence.

He added that the alliance led by the AKP had won the majority in parliament.

Prince William lands in Jordan for ME tour

AFP | Amman

Prince William arrived in Jordan yesterday at the start of a Middle East tour that will see him become the first British royal to pay official visits to both Israel and the Palestinian territories.

He was greeted at Amman's Marka military airport by Crown Prince Hussein bin Abdullah, who is hosting William for the two-day visit in Jordan.

The 36-year-old Duke of Cambridge's Royal Air Force plane touched down at the small airport in eastern Amman, where he was given a red-carpet welcome by the heir to the Jordanian throne.

Royal guards carrying rifles fitted with bayonets and wearing traditional red-and-white chequered keffiyeh scarves



Prince William (L) is greeted at airport by Crown Prince Hussein bin Abdullah yesterday

stood to attention as the prince, in a dark suit, descended from the plane. Amman's Mayor Youssef al-Shawarbeh and foreign diplomats were also present at the airport to greet William. The second in line to the British throne will spend two days in Jordan.

Legendary Aston Martin driven by James Bond is found**1964 Aston Martin could now be worth up to £10million**

DailyMail | Florida

A legendary Aston Martin driven by James Bond in Goldfinger could have been found more than twenty years after it was stolen from a Florida airport.

The 1964 DB5 - which was equipped with machine guns and tyre-bursting blades for Sean Connery's 007 - could have been found in the Middle East, according to a tip given to in-



It is not known where specifically in the Middle East the car is believed to be stored



1964 Aston Martin was stolen in 1997 from an airport hangar in Florida

investigators.

It was stolen in 1997 while its owner, who bought it in 1986 for \$250,000, had it in an airport hangar in Boca Raton.

Now Art Recovery International, which was hired by an insurance company to find the DB5, could be on the verge of retrieving the car, The Sunday Telegraph reports.

Christopher Marinello, Art Recovery's chief executive, said: "I have been given a specific tip, but we are working on it."

"We want to reach out to [the] collector car community and [a] vast array of mechanics to let them know we are very serious about recovering it."

It is not known where specifically in the Middle East the car is believed to be stored.

A six-figure cash reward is being offered for information that leads to its safe return.

522 migrant kids reunited

2,053 separated minors still remains in the care of US Department of Health and Human services

AFP/Washington

More than 500 children separated from family members under the US "zero tolerance" immigration policy have been reunited, administration officials say, after confusion followed President Donald Trump's sudden backtracking on the practice.

Releasing its first official data since Trump on Wednesday ended the family separations -- but without an immediate plan for putting parents and children back together -- the Department of Homeland Security said the reunification process "is well coordinated."

It said 522 children separated as part of "zero tolerance" have been reunited with their families, but another 2,053 separated minors remained in the care of the US Department of Health and Human Services as of Wednesday.

"The United States government knows the location of all children in its custody and is working to reunite them with



Demonstrators block a bus with immigrant children onboard during a protest outside the U.S. Border Patrol Central Processing Center in McAllen, Texas.

their families," Homeland Security said in a statement late Saturday.

'A great sadness'

Trying to stanch the flow of tens of thousands of migrants from Central America and Mexico arriving at the southern border

every month, Trump in early May had ordered that all adults crossing illegally would be arrested, and their children held separately as a result.

After images of children in chain-link enclosures sparked domestic and global outrage, Trump ended the separation

practice but has continued his hardline talk on immigration.

He sees the issue as crucial ahead of midterm congressional elections in November.

"We cannot allow all of these people to invade our Country," Trump said Sunday on Twitter. "When somebody comes in,

we must immediately, with no Judges or Court Cases, bring them back from where they came," said Trump, suggesting they be handled without the due legal process guaranteed for "any person" by the US Constitution. Nearly all of the arriving families have officially requested asylum. "Our system is a mockery to good immigration policy and Law and Order," said Trump.



The term zero tolerance was first employed by President Ronald Reagan's administration when it launched its War on Drugs initiative in the early 1980s

Zimbabwe pledges vote will go ahead

AFP | Chitungwiza

Zimbabwe ruled out yesterday delaying July elections after a bomb blast at a ruling party rally in which President Emmerson Mnangagwa narrowly escaped unharmed.

Vice President Constantino Chiwenga -- who was among those injured in Saturday's attack -- said the first parliamentary and presidential polls of the post-Robert Mugabe era would go ahead as scheduled on July 30. "Let me be very clear, nothing will stop the election in Zimbabwe, nothing at all," Chiwenga told a rally of the ruling ZANU-PF party.

Attack on Roma camp in Ukraine leaves one dead, four injured

AFP | Kiev

Masked assailants have attacked a Roma camp in western Ukraine, killing one person and injuring four others including a child, police said Sunday.

The incident follows a series of attacks on Roma communities in Ukraine's capital Kiev and in the cities of Lviv and Ternopil that have been condemned by rights groups.

A group of masked individuals attacked the camp on the outskirts of Lviv late on Saturday.

EU leaders seek new migration solutions

Several countries with anti-migrant governments did not attend

AFP | Brussels

The leaders of France and Germany said yesterday they were prepared to sidestep anti-migrant EU members and do deals with individual countries on how to respond to a migrant influx that has caused deep splits in the bloc.

The talks among 16 of the European Union's 28 leaders began after Italy's new populist government turned away another ship packed with migrants. The meeting, which began amid a flurry of mutual fingerpointing by France and Italy, is seen as crucial for German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who faces her own political crisis at home.

"The European Council will not yet provide an overall solution to the migration problem," Merkel said conceding a lack of consensus among EU members. "That is why it is also about



Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel

The European Council will not yet provide an overall solution to the migration problem

ANGELA MERKEL

bilateral or trilateral agreements for mutual benefit," she added.

Officials warn that a new surge of migrants could trigger the collapse of free travel within the EU, its signature achievement.

Yesterday's meeting was aimed at clearing the air before a full EU summit on Thursday and Friday. But several countries with anti-migrant governments, including Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, did not attend.

French President Emmanuel Macron urged his counter-

parts to take advantage of the sharp drop in migrant arrivals since a 2015 peak -- Europe's worst such crisis since World War II -- to find solutions.

Echoing ally Merkel, he urged a European solution, "whether that is cooperation among 28 or among several countries that decide to move forward together."

At stake, Macron warned, was Europe's values of human rights and solidarity. But he has angered the new government of Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte who accuses him of playing down the scale of the problem in Italy.



Experts and police officers work at the scene, where five men and a woman were murdered in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua state, Mexico

Mexico shooting: 14 killed in attacks in Juarez

AFP | Ciudad Juarez

At least 14 people were killed Saturday in three shooting incidents in the northern Mexican city of Juarez, notorious for its drug gang related violence.

One of the attacks occurred in the southern part of the city, where eight men who were gathered watching the World Cup football match between Mexico and South Korea, were shot at by armed gunmen who killed six and injured two, according to security officials.

Almost simultaneously, in a downtown neighbourhood,

five other men gathered at a hairdressing salon to watch football were killed by a group who arrived at the scene in a blue van, according to witnesses. Hours earlier, during the early hours of the morning, three other people were taken from a party in a neighbourhood on the outskirts of the city and executed by gunmen.

The killings bring to 128 the number of people killed in the city this month alone.

More than 200,000 people have been killed in Mexico since the government launched a controversial anti-drug offensive in late 2006.

France extradites Serb war crimes suspect to Bosnia

AFP | Sarajevo

France has extradited to Bosnia a former ethnic Serb soldier accused of taking part in the burning alive of more than 50 Muslim civilians during the country's 1990s war, prosecutors said Sunday.

Radomir Susnjak, 62, known also as 'Lalco,' was identified as living in France by an investigation by Bosnian prosecutors.

He was arrested in France in 2014.

Banksy needles France on migrants with Paris mural blitz

AFP | Paris

The mysterious British street artist Banksy appears to have taken aim at the French government's crackdown on migrants in a series of new murals in Paris.

The world's best known graffiti painter apparently "blitzed" the French capital over the last few days, leaving as many as six works on walls across the city. None of the works were signed but experts said that they look genuine.



US first lady Melania Trump

Fashion firm sells its take on Melania's jacket

Reuters | New York

A U.S. clothing company is taking a sartorial swipe at first lady Melania Trump, selling jackets saying "I really care, don't you?" in response to the "I really don't care" jacket she wore to visit migrant children separated from their parents.

All proceeds from the jackets, selling for \$98, will be donated to a Texas-based refugee and immigrant advocacy group, said Emma McIlroy, chief executive of the Wildfang clothing company in Portland, Oregon.

The first lady's visit on Thursday to a Texas shelter housing

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EMMA MCILROY

migrant children was overshadowed by the jacket she wore with the words: "I really don't care, do you?" scrawled in white brush strokes on the back.

Her jacket prompted a mael-

strom on social media over what it meant. Her spokeswoman said the jacket had no hidden message, while President Donald Trump tweeted that it referred to "fake news."

Wildfang had its version of the jacket, with its slogan on the back, for sale online the same day as the first lady's visit, McIlroy told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. "I thought 'Why don't we make the opposite jacket? Why don't we make the jacket that does good in the world?'" she said.

The first batch of 100 military-style jackets sold out within an hour, and a second batch

sold just as quickly.

The small, 5-year-old clothing company is now taking requests for t-shirts and other emblazoned jackets to fulfill in the next few weeks, McIlroy said.

"I think it's just incredibly hopeful and refreshing," she said of the response.

The furor over the jackets shows the power of fashion, especially in turbulent political times when the public is "so angry about everything," said Paco Underhill, chief executive of Envirosell, a research and consulting company, and author of "Why We Buy: The Science of Shopping."

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History is created in French GP racing



Aseel Al-Hamad of Saudi Arabia drives a Lotus Renault E20 Formula One car during a parade before the race

Aseel Al-Hamad declared the start of a new era for Saudi women in motorsport

Le Castellet, France

Aseel Al-Hamad drove a Renault Formula One car around the French Grand Prix circuit in front of thousands of fans yesterday and declared the start of a new era for Saudi women in motorsport.

The lap of Le Castellet's Paul Ricard track, in a race-winning 2012 Lotus Renault E20, came on the day a ban ended on female drivers getting behind the wheel on the Gulf kingdom's roads.

"I believe today is not just celebrating the new era of women starting to drive, it's also the birth of women in motorsport in Saudi Arabia," she said.

"The most important thing I am looking forward to is to start seeing the next generation, young girls, trying (motorsport).

"I want to watch them training and taking the sport very seriously as a career. This is going to be really my biggest achievement."

Yesterday was not the first time Al-Hamad had driven a Formula One car, the Saudi interior designer and businesswoman trying out the same one at the circuit on June 5 as part of a familiarisation day.

But that was private, whereas Sunday was very public as part of a parade of the French manufacturer's historic racing cars to mark the return of Formula One to France after a 10 year absence.

The car took 2007 world cham-

pion Kimi Raikkonen, now at Ferrari, to victory in Abu Dhabi in November 2012.

"It was perfect. Everything was smooth, I felt I belong in the seat," she said afterwards. "I loved the fact that there was an audience around...today is magical."

Dream the Impossible

"I never even imagined it in my dreams. So the opportunity was amazing," she said of her first outing. "That day I thought it was the only lifetime experience. And they invited me again.

"It's a great honour for me to share with them the celebration and passion for Renault.

"I believe the beauty of this story is that everything is possible. Even if you dream the impossible you can still achieve it," she said.

Al-Hamad is already the first female member of the Saudi Arabian Motorsport Federation and on the Women in Motorsport Commission set up by Formula One's governing body, the International Automobile Federation (FIA).

She is also the first woman to import a Ferrari into Saudi Arabia, and has taken her 458 Spider to racetracks around the world to take part in track days, workshops and professional racing courses.

Asked whether there would now be female Saudi racing drivers, she replied: "For sure, definitely. And this is going to be my mission in Saudi.

"Thanks to Renault, by this ges-



Aseel Al-Hamad

ture I can be hopefully an ambassador to push it more in Saudi.

"The Women in Motorsport Commission is encouraging the participation in all sectors of motorsport, including racers, engineers, mechanics and marshals," she said, adding that she could also see Saudi women working in F1.

"The beautiful thing is that motorsport is not a sport that is divided. So women are able to compete equally with everyone. We just have to dream to have more women in all job sectors of motorsport."

Michele Mouton, a former rally driver and president of the FIA's commission, said in a statement she hoped Al-Hamad's example would help pave the way for more Saudi women to get involved.

The lifting, ordered last September by King Salman, is part of sweeping reforms pushed by his powerful young son Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.



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ASEEL AL-HAMAD

As Facebook ages, teens look elsewhere to connect with friends

AFP | San Francisco

Manon, 17, has a Facebook account but to connect with her friends she turns to other social networks like Instagram or Snapchat.

"I don't use it to post status updates or personal information," the San Francisco teen says.

Manon maintains her Facebook account to be able to stay in touch with the large number of users on the huge social network and as a "gateway" to log into other apps.

"But to communicate with my



The survey found 85 percent used the Google video sharing service YouTube



Adult Facebook users in the United States spend 68 per cent of their mobile device time using apps

friends, it's Snapchat," the high schooler said.

"Everyone says Facebook is out of date. I think it's because all the parents are on Facebook."

As Facebook has grown into a network of more than two billion people globally it has lost its luster for younger users who made up a core base.

While Facebook has become one of the world's most valuable and powerful companies, it's no longer seen as a cool destination for teens, who are turning to Snapchat and Instagram, which is owned by Facebook.

According to a Pew Research Center survey this year, 51 percent of US teens ages 13 to 17 use

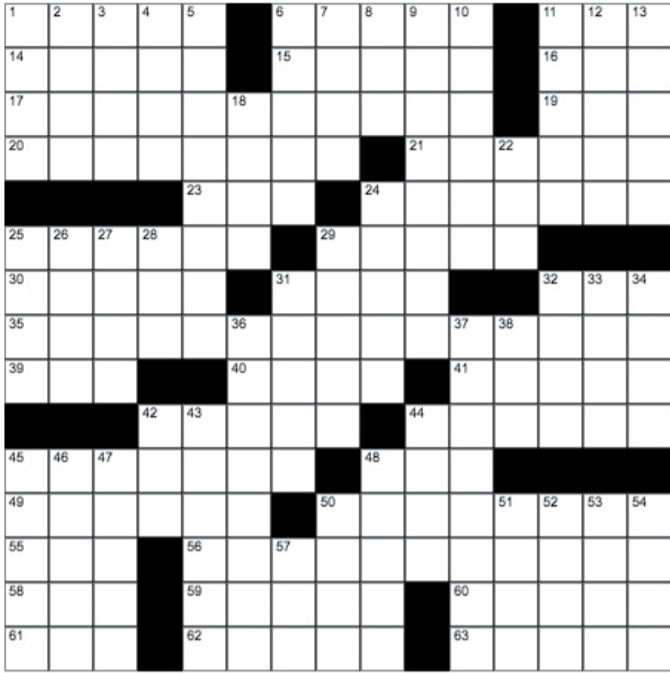
Facebook, compared with 72 percent for Instagram and 69 percent who are on Snapchat. The survey found 85 percent used the Google video sharing service YouTube.

The landscape has shifted since a 2014-15 Pew survey which found Facebook leading other social networks with 71 percent of the teen segment.

"The social media environment among teens is quite different from what it was just three years ago," said Pew researcher Monica Anderson. "Back then, teens' social media use mostly revolved around Facebook. Today, their habits revolve less around a single platform."

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



60- Snooped (around); 61- ___ Kapital; 62- Sharp; 63- First name in cosmetics;

Down

1- Stump; 2- Fermented grape juice; 3- ___ - a -Sketch; 4- Lotion ingredient; 5- Chinese money; 6- Prince Valiant's wife; 7- German composer; 8- Hill dweller; 9- Roman capital of Palestine; 10- Assisting; 11- On one's toes; 12- Japanese-American; 13- Montezuma, for one; 18- Agrees tacitly; 22- Actress Charlotte; 24- Containing fat; 25- Hankerings; 26- Those, to Juan; 27- Env. notation; 28- Uncooked; 29- Cowboy's tool; 31- ___ Amore; 32- Monetary unit of Cambodia; 33- As to; 34- Yes, there is ___!; 36- Constructive; 37- It may be plunging; 38- Modern-day evidence; 42- Skin color of Washington football players!; 43- Beethoven's Third; 44- Chimney grime; 45- Shun; 46- A bit, colloquially; 47- Fountain treats; 48- Eagle's home; 50- Goldfinger portrayer Frobe; 51- Western Indians; 52- Sudden blast of wind; 53- ___ fixe; 54- Surrender; 57- French vineyard;

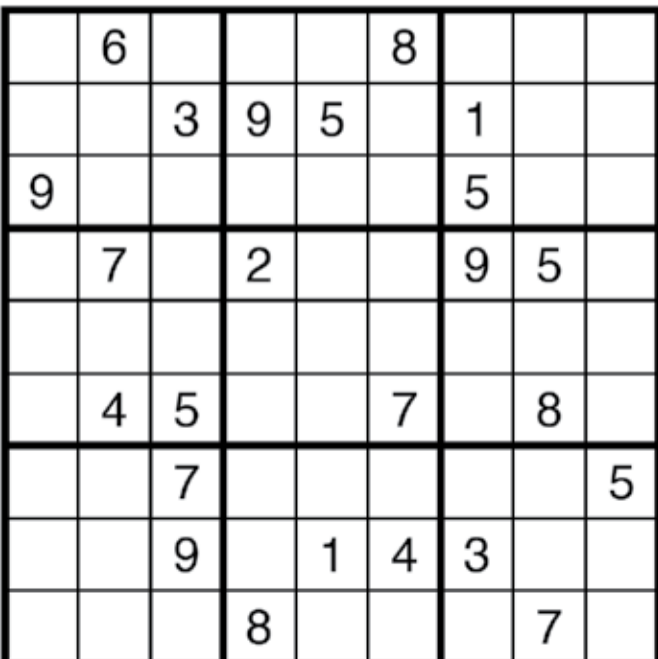
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1- Take an oath; 6- Manila hemp plant; 11- Santa ___, Calif.; 14- Championship; 15- Polynesian porch; 16- Designer Claiborne; 17- Not joined; 19- Phila. clock setting; 20- Any huge creature; 21- Yes ___, Bob!; 23- Mrs. McKinley; 24- Zealot; 25- Pines for; 29- Big; 30- Cornerstone abbr.; 31- London gallery; 32- Narrow inlet; 35- In spite of; 39- Common ID; 40- Effortless; 41- January, in Juárez; 42- Right-hand page; 44- Climbed; 45- States; 48- Fine; 49- Black magic; 50- Based on geology; 55- Old California fort; 56- Uncertainty; 58- Call ___ day; 59- Wispy clouds;

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How to play

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

YOUR STAR TODAY



Aries

More confirmation of career and business success could come your way today. You're probably feeling excited and motivated to keep pushing ahead. You might find, however, that increased responsibilities interfere with your social life and wonder if your friends have forgotten you.



Taurus

Success on all levels is filling your life and making you feel absolutely wonderful. The downside of this is that you might be a little too conscientious. Are you putting in a lot of extra hours? Be discriminating about this. Don't work harder than you need to.



Gemini

Hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication are now paying off for you financially. New opportunities could be opening up for you to profit from your artistic talents. The downside of this is that you might be working so hard that you're too drained to be creative, even though the inspiration is there.



Cancer

People close to you might be a bit worried about you. Too much work and socializing might have you feeling a bit less than your usual self, perhaps even a little feverish and headachy. If so, this is a good day to take some time out, stay home, and get some rest. Don't worry about sabotaging your success.



Leo

All continues to go well personally and professionally. You're feeling strong and vigorous, but you might find that you're a bit vague today. Your mind may not have its usual acuity, and you could be easily distracted. This isn't a good day to start new projects.



Virgo

Your high from your recent successes could have you wanting to go crazy purchasing luxury items you didn't feel were practical before. This is fine as long as you're discriminating and don't give in to impulsive buying. This also isn't a good time to overindulge in food and drink.



Libra

Not only your own success but that of members of your household could have you on a real emotional high today. Your mind is likely to be buzzing with possibilities for future expansion, some of which may not be all that workable. However, you should allow yourself a few flights of fancy.



Scorpio

Today may prove to be one of your busiest in a long time. The promise of continuing success could find you spending a lot of time on the phone, sending faxes or emails, or perhaps making a few short trips around the community. You might not be able to reach everyone you hoped to speak to, however.



Sagittarius

Business and financial successes have you feeling happy and satisfied. You're also looking forward to moving ahead. The downside of this period is that people who aren't particularly trustworthy could decide to grab your coattails for their own purposes.



Capricorn

As your career dreams continue to unfold, you may find that there is a downside. First, there are new responsibilities and you might doubt your ability to fulfil them. Second, you might find yourself catapulted into the uncomfortable realm of office politics. Don't let these matters put a damper on your enthusiasm.



Aquarius

Recent spiritual breakthroughs might have you feeling both exhilarated and downcast. Your sensitive side tells you that this is a definite step forward on your spiritual path, but your logical side might cause you to doubt the reality of it. Take comfort in the fact that reality is relative. What you're sensing is at least valid for you. Then keep moving ahead.



Pisces

Many of your personal goals have either been met or are in the process of manifesting. This has you feeling exhilarated. However, others around you might have their hands out. You might be asked to contribute to charities or make personal loans to people you don't really know. You tend to want to be of assistance wherever you can, but be discriminating about helping others right now. Some people may be less than trustworthy.

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Spider-Man: Tom reveals new film title

IAN S | Los Angeles

Actor Tom Holland has leaked that the next "Spider-Man" is titled "Far From Home".

Holland made the revelation about the "Spider-Man: Homecoming" sequel, which also stars Jake Gyllenhaal as the villain Mysterio, via Instagram on Saturday, reports hollywood-



Tom Holland

reporter.com. Holland also continued the fun he has been having on social media, noting that following the events of "Avengers: Infinity War", the idea of a "Spider-Man" sequel seems rather impossible. The "Far From Home" title reflects that this will be the first "Spider-Man" solo movie to take the wallcrawler out of New York and put him in other parts of the world.

Adele works on her fitness for film role



Adele

IAN S | Los Angeles

Singer Adele is working towards becoming fitter so that she can try acting in a film.

The "Hello" singer has been secretly working out to videos of British fitness coach Joe Wicks.

Adele's new fitness target is to lose weight as she prepares to launch an acting career, reports dailystar.co.uk.

"Adele is a big fan of Joe Wicks. She's started trying out his workout videos at home and has also bought a few of his recipe books. They haven't met and Joe isn't training her personally. She has her own personal trainer but struggles to find the motivation to go to the gym if he's not with her.

"It's much easier for her to do one of Joe's quick video workouts at home," a source said.



Holland gave his first performance in the title role in 2008, receiving positive notices

Life is really really funny: Lovato

IAN S | Los Angeles

Singer Demi Lovato says life is "really funny".

The "Sober" singer, who had celebrated six years without a drink earlier this year, apologized to her loved ones in her emotional new track on June 21, and later addressed her audience on stage in Barcelona, Spain that evening, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

"Life is really, really funny sometimes. It can be difficult, but, for the most part, if you do what makes you happy and set yourself free, you'll live an amazing life," Demi Lovato told the crowd.

The 25-year-old Lovato was performing live just hours after unveiling the song to the world with an emotional lyric video.



Demi Lovato

'Jurassic World' sequel tops box office with \$150 million

Reuters | Los Angeles

Dinosaurs are ruling the box office again. "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" topped estimates to devour \$150 million from 4,475 locations this weekend.

While it fell short of its predecessors' record-shattering \$208.8 million launch, the dinosaur sequel is off to a mighty start. "Fallen Kingdom" has already



From Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom

amassed \$711.5 million worldwide, including \$561.5 million over-

end as the lone wide release, though "Incredibles 2" enjoyed a heroic second weekend.

The Disney Pixar sequel picked up another \$80 million, bringing its domestic total to \$350.3 million.

The superhero tentpole, directed by Brad Bird, launched with \$182.7 million, making it the best opening for an animated feature and the eighth-biggest debut of all time.

Han Solo's blaster tops auction

ANI | Las Vegas

Han Solo's sci-fi blaster from the 'Return of the Jedi' has been sold for USD 550,000 at a Las Vegas auction on Saturday. The blaster was part of a collection from the U.S. art director on the film, James L. Schoppe.

Other items at the auction included a full Superman III costume worn by actor Christopher Reeve.

It was sold for USD 200,000. A black wool dress worn by Marilyn Monroe went for USD 50,000 to benefit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation.

The auction was held at a casino-resort.



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SPORTS

Loman celebrates 23rd birthday after title defence

TDT | Manama

Stephen Loman celebrated his 23rd birthday after his successful championship title defence in Belfast at Brave Combat Federation.

The bantamweight champion from Baguio City is the youngest fighter to become a champion in the Bahrain based global Mixed Martial Arts promotion.

Loman was crowned champion by HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa at Bahrain during Brave 9: The Kingdom of Champions hosted during 2017 Brave International Combat Week.

Loman went forth to defend his championship at Brave 13: Europe Evolution to become the first fighter from Philippines to defend a champion-



Stephen Loman

ship in the United Kingdom.

Loman is joined in his birthday celebrations by his twin brother, Rayne Loman. The champion was wished by celebrities, political leaders and businessmen in Philippines.

Athletes appreciate Bahrain's commitment

TDT | Manama

MMA community in South Africa appreciated the commitment by the Kingdom of Bahrain towards the sports of Mixed Martial Arts.

Brave Combat Federation made major signings in South Africa in 2018 including Chad Hanekom and EFC bantamweight champion J P Buys.

Brave Combat Federation had featured multiple athletes from South Africa including

Jeremy Smith, Frans Mlambo apart from Hanekom and Buys.

Hanekom had taken part in Brave 13: Europe Evolution in Belfast where he made a dominating return with a first round Kimura submission.

Hanekom was awarded the performance bonus for his achievement.

The interest by Brave Combat Federation in South African fighters have given rise to speculations of an upcoming event in South Africa.

Buttler's century helps England beat Australia

AFP | Manchester, United Kingdom

Jos Buttler's superb 110 not out saw England to a dramatic one-wicket win over Australia in the fifth and final one-day international at Old Trafford yesterday.

Victory saw England complete their first 5-0 series sweep of Australia in any format in more than 140 years of international men's matches between the arch-rivals.

Set just 206 to win, England

slumped to 50 for five and 114 for eight.

They were still 11 runs shy of victory at 195 for nine when Adil Rashid (20), who had helped Buttler add 81, was dismissed to leave England 195 for nine.

But Buttler responded by hitting part-time seamer Marcus Stoinis for six to complete a hundred off 117 balls -- the first time the usually rapid-scoring wicketkeeper-batsman had faced more than 100 balls at this level.

Hamilton wins French GP

The four-time champion led from start to finish, claimed his first win in France

AFP | Le Castellet, France

Lewis Hamilton roared to victory with a polished lights-to-flag drive for Mercedes in yesterday's restored French Grand Prix to regain top spot in the world championship.

The four-time world champion led from start to finish, bar one lap following his pit stop, as he claimed his first win in France, his third this year and the 65th of his career.

Hamilton came home seven seconds clear of Dutchman Max Verstappen with Kimi Raikkonen taking third for Ferrari after passing his Red Bull team-mate Daniel Ricciardo with five laps remaining.

Hamilton's consummate performance came after fellow four-time champion and pre-race leader Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari crashed into his



Lewis Hamilton celebrates victory for Mercedes in the French Grand Prix at Circuit Paul Ricard

Mercedes team-mate Valtteri Bottas on the opening lap.

Both suffered damage and, under an early Safety Car, limped to the pits for repairs.

They rejoined from the back of the field to finish fifth and seventh respectively, either side of Kevin Magnussen of Haas, who was sixth.

Vettel had to serve a five seconds penalty, which he took at his second pit stop.

Carlos Sainz came home eighth for Renault, to the delight of the crowd, ahead of team-mate Nico Hulkenberg and Charles Leclerc, who secured a point for Sauber with another

impressive performance.

"Great work guys, great work everyone," said Hamilton, who had watched England defeat Panama 6-1 in the World Cup before the race.

"It's a good day for England." The race began in stifling heat with air temperatures soaring over 30 degrees Celsius and the track close to 46 degrees, to which a gusting mistral wind added further challenges.

There was immediate drama on the opening lap when, at Turn One, Vettel rammed into the rear of Bottas's Mercedes in an incident that immediately

required the deployment of the Safety Car.

Hamilton, from his record 75th pole position, made a clean departure, but in another incident at Turn Three two of the home French drivers were involved in another crash as Pierre Gasly of Toro Rosso collided with Esteban Ocon of Force India.

Both suffered comprehensive damage to their cars and had to retire, leaving Romain Grosjean to carry the French flag after surviving an incident when Vettel, minus a front wing on his Ferrari, made contact with his Haas car.

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Grands Prix have been won by Hamilton in his career and is the second highest of all behind Michael Schumacher (91)

Federer loses No.1 spot as Coric stuns him

● Borna Coric snaps Roger Federer's 20-match winning streak on grass to lift Halle title

Reuters | Halle

Borna Coric ended Roger Federer's 20-match winning streak on grass, beating him 7-6(6) 3-6 6-2 in the Halle Open final yesterday while also bringing to a halt the Swiss maestro's reign as world number one.

Federer was denied a 10th title in the German grasscourt tournament as Croatian Coric handed the 36-year-old his first setback on an otherwise serene road towards defending his Wimbledon title.



Switzerland's Roger Federer in action during the final against Croatia's Borna Coric

The defeat meant that Rafa Nadal will return to the top of the world rankings today.

“Many congratulations Borna for your first grass title. You played a wonderful match and deserved to win at the end”

ROGER FEDERER

World number 34 Coric, playing in his first grasscourt final, showed great mental toughness and determination to fend off two set points before clinching the opening set after 57 minutes. Federer responded by apply-

ing further pressure on Coric's serve in the second set before converting a break point in the eighth game to force a decider.

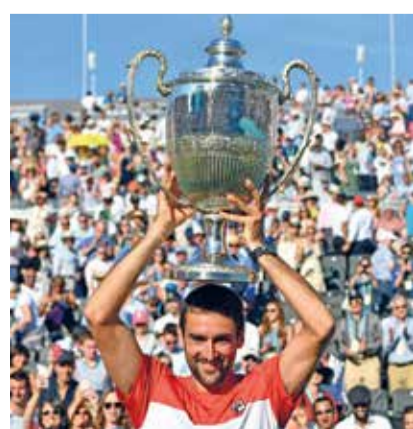
The 21-year-old then broke Federer in the sixth game of the final set when the Swiss sliced a backhand long, before claiming only his second ATP title.

It was Federer's first defeat on grass since a second-round loss to German Tommy Haas at Stuttgart in June last year.

He also remains two matches away from matching Jimmy Connors' all-time record of 174 victories on the surface as he missed out on a 99th career title.

"Many congratulations Borna for your first grass title," Federer said in the post-match presentation. "You played a wonderful match and deserved to win at the end."

Cilic saves match point to beat Djokovic for title



Croatia's Marin Cilic

AFP | London

Marin Cilic was crowned Queen's Club champion for the second time as the Croatian stunned Novak Djokovic with a dramatic fightback in his 5-7, 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 victory yesterday.

Cilic was on the verge of a third loss in the Queen's final when Djokovic held a match point in the second set.

But the world number six survived that threat and then stormed back from 4-1 down to take the second set tie-break.

Inspired by that escape act, Cilic powered through the deciding set to

leave Djokovic shell-shocked as he won the Wimbledon warm-up event for the first time since 2012.

"It was a special win for me because last year I had a match point and didn't convert it," Cilic said.

"It was a tough match but I have waited six years to get my hands on this trophy."

Djokovic tried to stay upbeat, saying: "I have to congratulate Marin on a fantastic week. He deserved to win and came up with some big shots."

"It's a tough loss for me. But I have to see the positive because I haven't played a final in almost a year."

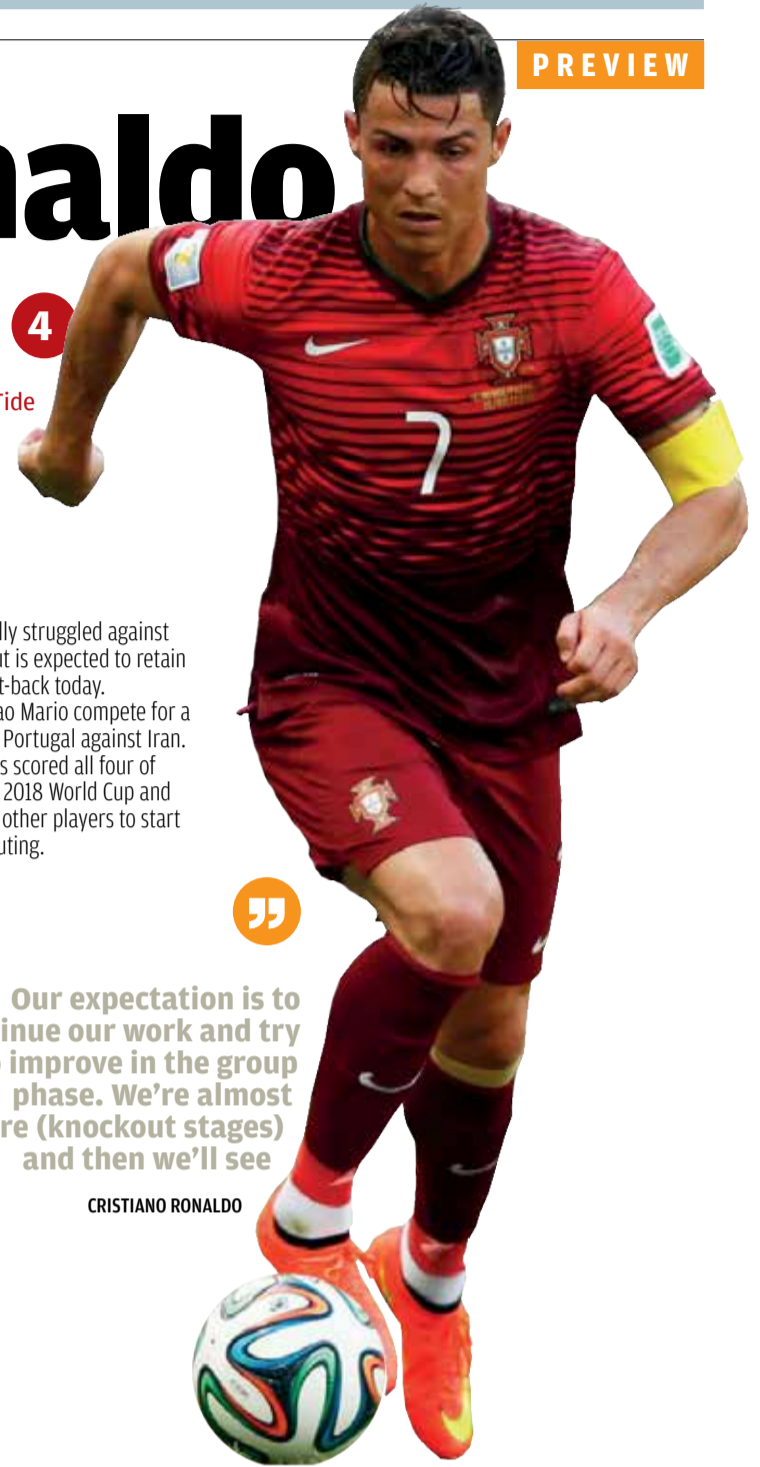
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Portugal look to Ronaldo



Reuters | Saransk, Russia

Cristiano Ronaldo has scored Portugal's all-four goals in the World Cup so far and the European Champions will be heavily dependent on the talismanic forward to see them through against a stoic Iran side in their final Group B match today. Ronaldo's hat-trick in the 3-3 draw against Spain gave Portugal a vital point while an early headed strike, which made him Europe's all-time top international goal scorer, against Morocco proved enough to bring home three points.

Portugal and Spain, who take on already ousted Morocco, are on four points and need a draw from their respective matches. But Iran are a point behind with three and must beat Portugal to progress.

The European sides will not only aim for victory but will also try to outscore each other with the top spot in the group set to be decided on goal difference.

The 33-year-old Real Madrid forward's individual brilliance has glossed over Portugal's dour performances in their first two matches and Fernando Santos's side have mostly appeared like a one-man team.

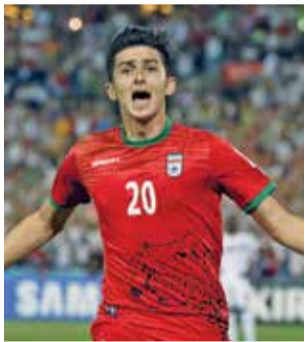
In 26 matches competitive matches since Santos took over in September 2014, Portugal have won 20 and lost twice, with one of those being a penalty shootout defeat by Chile in the 2017 Confederations Cup. Of those 20 wins, 10 have been by a single goal and most of the others were against weaker opponents.

37 **Iran**

Nickname | The Three Lions

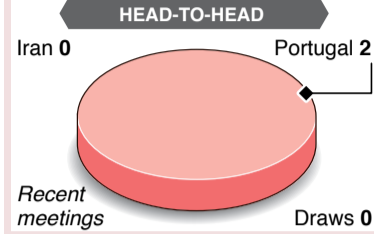
Possible line-ups: Beiranvand, Rezaeian, Pouraliganji, Hosseini, Hajsafi, Ezatollahi, Ebrahimi, Amiri, Ansarifard, Taremi, Azmoun

Iran were desperately unlucky not to get a point from their match against Spain and are not expected to make wholesale changes here. Alireza Jahanbakhsh was only fit enough for a place on the bench last time out, but should start here if he can overcome injury in time. Omid Ebrahimi overcame injury to start against Spain and he will retain his place in the team in Iran's last group game. Roozbeh Cheshmi is expected to miss out, however.



Sardar Azmoun

IRN 1-0 MAR Match 1 POR 3-3 ESP
IRN 0-1 ESP Match 2 POR 1-0 MAR



Fact box

- » Iran have three points after two matches and need a shock win over Portugal to finish in the top two.
- » Portugal have four points after two matches and need to better Spain's result to secure top spot in Group B.
- » Even though Iran beat Morocco, Portugal have the easier final group game and should be confident of finishing top.

Portugal **4**

Nickname | The Red Tide

Possible line-ups: Patricio, Soares, Pepe, Fonte, Guerreiro, Moutinho, Carvalho, B. Silva, Mario, Ronaldo, A. Silva

Raphael Guerreiro really struggled against Morocco last time out but is expected to retain his place at left-back today. Bruno Fernandes and Joao Mario compete for a spot on the left wing for Portugal against Iran.

Cristiano Ronaldo has scored all four of Portugal's goals at the 2018 World Cup and Fernando Santos needs other players to start contributing.



Our expectation is to continue our work and try to improve in the group phase. We're almost there (knockout stages) and then we'll see

CRISTIANO RONALDO

Spain count on Costa goals

Reuters | Kaliningrad, Russia

Spain will be looking for their unlikely new World Cup figurehead Diego Costa to strike again against already eliminated Morocco today as they bid to outscore Portugal and grab top spot in Group B.

A draw in Ka-

liningrad would guarantee the 2010 winners safe passage into the last 16 but to be assured of winning the group they need to win a scoring contest with Portugal, who play Iran at the same time.

If the two European sides win by the same scoreline, top spot will be determined by who has the cleaner disciplinary record, with Spain currently on one yellow card to Portugal's two.

Iran, however, would reach the last 16 if they sprang a surprise by beating the European champions.

Costa has scored three of Spain's

four goals in Russia, emerging as a surprise talisman after the sacking of coach Julen Lopetegui threatened to throw their campaign into chaos.

Brazilian-born Costa had flopped at the 2014 World Cup after switching loyalties to Spain, failing to have a single shot in two games as the holders were dumped out.

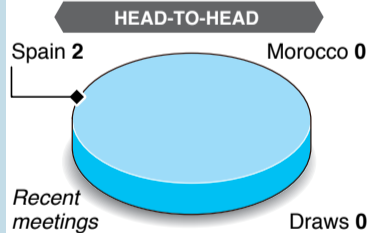
He was left out of the Euro 2016 squad and his return had been a constant subject of debate in Spain, with leading newspaper El Pais questioning his suitability in a team which prioritises possession.

10 **Spain**

Nickname | La Roja (The Red)

Possible line-ups: De Gea, Carvajal, Pique, Ramos, Alba, Koke, Busquets, Iniesta, Silva, Isco, Costa

ESP 3-3 POR Match 1 MAR 0-1 IRN
ESP 1-0 IRN Match 2 MAR 0-1 POR



Fact box

- » Spain have four points from their opening two matches and need to better Portugal's result today to secure top spot.
- » Morocco have played great football over their two matches and deserve more than their current total of 0 points.
- » Spain haven't looked convincing over their two matches but are favourites to beat Morocco. Portugal face Iran in the group's other game and will be expected to outscore Spain today.

Diego Costa

Fernando Hierro surprisingly picked Lucas Vazquez for Spain's mediocre 1-0 win over Iran last time out but the Real Madrid forward didn't grasp his opportunity. Daniel Carvajal proved his fitness in time against Iran and will keep his spot at right-back today. Hierro may revert back to a 4-3-3 formation against Morocco, with Thiago making his first start of the 2018 World Cup.

Morocco **41**

Nickname | Lions of the Atlas

Possible line-ups: Mohamedi, Dirar, Benatia, da Costa, Hakimi, El Ahmadi, Boussoufa, Amrabat, Belhanda, Ziyech, El Kaabi

Morocco have played some great football at the 2018 World Cup but have 0 points to show for it and have already been knocked out. Nabil Dirar and Nordin Amrabat both overcame injuries to feature against Portugal last time out. Amine Harit will hope to start Morocco's last match after dropping to the bench in the 1-0 defeat against the Euro 2016 winners. Khalid Boutaïb and Ayoub El Kaabi compete for a starting spot up front for the African side.



We have to be faithful to the end to the style of play that defines us. We have to play, pass a lot, keep the ball. If we play quickly across the pitch the chances will come

SPAIN MIDFIELDER ISCO

Saudi, Egypt fight to avoid last place

67 **Saudi Arabia**

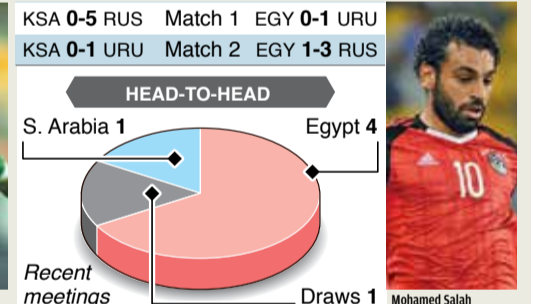
Nickname | The Falcons



Mohammad al-Sahlawi

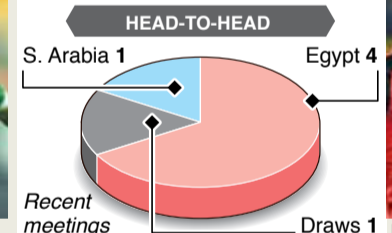
Egypt **45**

Nickname | The Pharaohs



Mohamed Salah

KSA 0-5 RUS Match 1 EGY 0-1 URU
KSA 0-1 URU Match 2 EGY 1-3 RUS



Saudi Arabia improved on their opening day 5-0 crushing at the hands of hosts Russia with a 1-0 loss to Uruguay. They are already out of the tournament but will likely persist with the 4-2-3-1 formation they used last time out.

Possible line-ups: Al-Owais, Al Burayk, Hawsawi, Abdulayhi, Al Shahrani, Al Jassim, Otayf, Babhir, Al Faraj, Al Dawsari, Al Sahlawi

Tarek Hamed overcame injury to start Egypt's last match, while Mohamed Salah was also fit enough to start. Egypt have already been eliminated from the 2018 World Cup and have nothing left to play for but pride.

Possible line-ups: El Shenawy, Ibrahim, Gabr, Hegazi, Abdul Shafy, Elneny, Hamed, Salah, Bekhit, Hassan, Kahraba

Russia ride wave of euphoria into game

14 **Uruguay**

Nickname | The Sky Blue



Luis Suarez

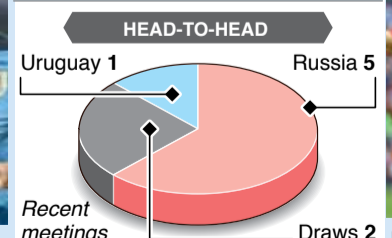
Russia **70**

Nickname | Sbornaya



Denis Cheryshev

URU 1-0 EGY Match 1 RUS 5-0 KSA
URU 1-0 KSA Match 2 RUS 3-1 EGY



Uruguay have won both of their opening matches but have been dire in both. Oscar Tabarez needs to change but it remains to be seen whether he is willing to.

Possible line-ups: Muslera, Varela, Gimenez, Godin, Caceres, Vecino, Bentancur, Nandez, Arrascaeta, Suarez, Cavani

Alan Dzagoev suffered a hamstring injury in Russia's opener and is not expected to recover in time to feature in their last group game.

Possible line-ups: El Shenawy, Ibrahim, Gabr, Hegazi, Abdul Shafy, Elneny, Hamed, Salah, Bekhit, Hassan, Kahraba

Colombia eliminates Poland

3-0 win at the Kazan Arena knocks Poland out of World Cup in Group H

Reuters | Kazan, Russia

Colombia's World Cup campaign roared back into life with a 3-0 win over Poland in Group H on a sweltering evening at the Kazan Arena which sent the Poles tumbling out of the tournament yesterday.

Defender Yerry Mina opened the scoring in the 40th minute with captain Radamel Falcao and winger Juan Cuadrado sealing a deserved victory with two goals in just about five minutes as the desperate Poles chased the game in the last quarter.

Midfielder James Rodriguez, winner of the Golden Boot at the last World Cup, returned to the starting lineup after injury and played a part in two of the goals as Colombia got back on track after their opening loss to Japan.

The victory puts Colombia in third place in the group on three points behind the Japanese and Senegal, who shared a 2-2 draw earlier yesterday to move to four points apiece.

A victory over the Africans in their final first-round match in Samara on Thursday would secure Colombia a spot in the last 16 as they target at least matching their charge to the quarter-finals in Brazil four years ago.



Yerry Mina of Colombia scores his team's first goal during the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia group H match between Poland and Colombia

POLAND	0	3	COLOMBIA
	40'		Mina
	70'		Falcao
	75'		Cuadrado

The respite was brief and on the next Colombia attack Juan Quintero found Rodriguez lurking inside the box and the midfielder chipped a delightful cross into the danger area for Mina to head the ball into the net from point-blank range.

The Poles came out firing at the start of the second half but their limitations remained and Cuadrado was soon causing them more problems down the right.

Lewandowski finally got a chance to score his first World Cup goal in the 58th minute but his first touch on the long ball was not his best and goalkeeper David Ospina smothered his shot.

Juan Quintero played creator in the 70th minute and Falcao turned the last defender before stroking the ball past Szczesny with the outside of his boot for his first World Cup strike.

Poland pushed forward to try and get back into the game and five minutes later were caught on the break by the Colombians with Rodriguez rasping a pass across the field to allow Cuadrado fitting reward for a fine performance.

“I'm very sorry and very sad about the result, but tomorrow's another day and we have to come to terms with things. Our players did their best until the end of the game I extend my congratulations to Colombia”

POLAND COACH ADAM NAWALKA

For Poland, the optimism fostered by their quarter-final spot at Euro 2016 and a strong qualifying campaign proved to be misplaced as they slumped to a second successive defeat.

The match started to a barrage of noise from the yellow-shirted Colombian fans and the early exchanges were frenetic with Poland putting in some physical challenges and Robert Lewandowski getting close attention from the Colombian defence.

Offensive Tactics

Poland's offensive tactics were limited to launching long balls towards their prolific striker and although Colombia were trying to play the ball on the floor they could not get their passes to stick.

Cuadrado was causing some problems down Poland's right flank, however, and a piece of mazy dribbling in the 37th minute saw the winger forge the first genuine opening, which goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny blocked behind.

It might be my last World Cup: Pogba

Reuters | Istra, Russia

France midfielder Paul Pogba said the finals in Russia might be his last World Cup but he hopes he will be fit for more.

“It might be my last World Cup,” the Manchester United player, 25, told a news conference ahead of Tuesday's Group C final game against Denmark.

France have already qualified for the last 16 and will secure top spot if they avoid defeat.

“I'm realistic, we don't know if I'll be called up, maybe other players will be better than me,” added Pogba.

FIFA investigates Shaqiri and Xhaka celebrations

Reuters | Moscow

FIFA has opened disciplinary proceedings against Switzerland players Xherdan Shaqiri and Granit Xhaka, looking into their goal celebrations during Friday's win over Serbia at the World Cup.

Both players, who are ethnic Albanians and of Kosovar heritage, celebrated with a gesture which appeared to imitate the eagle displayed on Albania's flag.

South Korea defence shaken

Reuters | Moscow

South Korea coach Shin Tae-yong admitted his defence had been shaken during their 2-1 World Cup Group F loss to Mexico on Saturday which left the Asian side on the brink of elimination after two games.

The Koreans, beaten 1-0 by Sweden in their opening match, have conceded penalties in both defeats and on Saturday defender Jang Hyun-soo blocked Andres Guardado's cross with his arm before Carlos Vela converted the resulting spot kick.

Cuper says his time as coach is ending

Volgograd, Russia

Egypt coach Hector Cuper said it was possible that his team's farewell match at the 2018 World Cup against Saudi Arabia today would also be his last in charge after an unsuccessful campaign in Russia.

Egypt lost their first two games against Uruguay and hosts Russia, crushing the hopes of fans that prolific striker Mohamed Salah, despite his recent shoulder injury, would lead the Africans into the knockout stages.

Instead, their campaign will



Egypt coach Hector Cuper during training

peter out against Saudi Arabia, who also head home after today's match in Volgograd having lost both their opening games too.

“I have never excluded any-

thing. It might be my last game and it might not. It will depend on a number of factors,” Cuper, who was named Egypt coach in 2015, said when asked by reporters about his future.

“Of course I would like to make everybody happy, to come up with something that everybody would agree with. But it's impossible,” the Argentine said.

While saying there had been “small disagreements” within the Egypt camp, Cuper added that he would not respond to questions about whether captain Essam El-Hadary had fallen out with the rest of the team.

No regrets for Saudi coach after bruising World Cup

Reuters | Volgograd, Russia

Saudi Arabia coach Juan Antonio Pizzi said yesterday he had no regrets about his team's unsuccessful World Cup campaign which started with a 5-0 hammering by hosts Russia and will end today against Egypt, who are also heading home early.

Pizzi said he would not change anything in the Saudis' approach to the tournament if had the chance.

“It's very easy with hindsight, after the results that



Saudi Arabia coach Juan Antonio Pizzi during training

we have had, to come up with situations that you'd like to change,” he told reporters. “But unfortunately we coaches have to take most of our decisions before things pan out.”

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England crush Panama

Harry Kane hits hat-trick as The Three Lions reach last 16

Reuters | Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

Harry Kane may not have known much about his third goal against Panama yesterday, but make no mistake, England have finally found the world class finisher they need to punch deep into international competitions.

Leading from the front, he marshalled England to their biggest World Cup victory, scored two superb penalties and got his hat-trick when a shot clipped the back of his heel.

Job done, Kane made way for Jamie Vardy for most of the second half, able to reflect on the biggest win of the tournament so far, England's biggest in any World Cup, and long-overdue ecstasy for the travelling English fans.

"A ball to be proud of," smiled Kane, taking the man-of-the-match award. "Not many players score a hat-trick in the World Cup, so I'm extremely proud of it."

"Extremely proud of the way we played, the hard work... and we also had fun out there as well which was important."

Well might Kane feel pride after becoming top scorer at the 2018 World Cup, his five goals taking him ahead of Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo and Romelu Lukaku of Belgium.

Kane too became the first England player to score a hat-trick at a World Cup since Gary Lineker against Poland in 1986 and the third overall, with Geoff Hurst getting a treble in the 1966 final.

It is all so different to his last international competition when, at the European Championship in 2016, he arrived as the main goal hope of a supposedly hungry young team but from the first match looked weary and off the pace.

Things failed to improve but then-coach Roy Hodgson kept faith with the



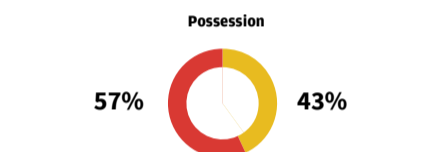
Kane celebrates his third goal of the tournament

striker -- even continuing with a bizarre policy of using his centre forward to take corners.

The introduction from the bench of razor-fast Marcus Rashford merely showed how sluggish Kane looked and he, along with his team mates, ended

ENGLAND 6 1 PANAMA

8', 40', 22' (pen), 45+1' (pen), 62' Kane
36' Stones
78' Balozy
Lingard



12	Shots	8
7	On target	2
14	Fouls	13



I'm really pleased of course with the way we were ruthless for half an hour or so. It was a different type of win to the other day. Then we had to go right to the wire and show qualities that are going to be really importance to our resilience and sticking to our principles of play

ENGLAND COACH GARETH SOUTHGATE

5 goals have been scored by Harry Kane in total in this World Cup making him lead the Golden Boot contenders

Six things we learned from England's 6-1 rout of Panama

Lingard is becoming an England star
Jesse Lingard scored England's best goal yesterday, did the shoo dance celebration and spent 90 minutes showing his increasing value to a team. "I am really pleased for Jesse, his performances have been top," said coach Gareth Southgate. Just a few months ago, Lingard was not considered a starter for England, now he is fast becoming one of its most integral parts.

England's fragile defence

It may sound harsh about a team who have only conceded two goals so far, but when pressed England's defence has looked fragile in both games. Lost in the euphoria of six goals and qualification, it should not be forgotten Panama should have scored first yesterday. At some point, a much better team will put Southgate's back three under a much stiffer examination.

Set plays

England have scored several goals from set plays this World Cup, including two John Stones headers yesterday. Set plays could become even more important for England in the next games as they will play more possession-based teams and have fewer chances. Southgate said afterwards they will keep practising them in preparation.

Panama are dreadful

Panama have been this year's fairytale, their qualification exceptional, their fans wonderful, and their goal against England tear-inducing for some. But they have also been dreadful. England should not get carried away after putting six past them.

Yellow cards

Two games played, six points, eight goals scored and two conceded. Belgium and England have identical records except for one thing, England have accrued two yellow cards, Belgium three. A draw between the two sides in Kaliningrad on Thursday and the last few minutes could be very interesting.

Stick or bust?

Gareth Southgate admits he now faces a dilemma, to keep the same side or keep his squad happy when it comes to team selection for the Belgium game. Roberto Martinez has already indicated he will make changes, will the England coach do the same?

Today's match

Group A
Uruguay vs Russia
Saudi Arabia vs Egypt
(5:00 PM)

Group B
Iran vs Portugal
Spain vs Morocco
(9:00 PM)

Point Table

GROUP A	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Russia	2	2	0	0	8	1	6
Uruguay	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Egypt	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Saudi	2	0	0	1	0	6	0

GROUP B	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Portugal	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Spain	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Iran	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Morocco	2	0	0	2	0	2	0

GROUP C	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
France	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Denmark	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Australia	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Peru	2	0	0	2	0	2	0

GROUP D	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Croatia	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Nigeria	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Iceland	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Argentina	2	0	1	1	1	4	1

GROUP E	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Brazil	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Switzerland	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Serbia	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Costa Rica	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

GROUP F	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Mexico	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Germany	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Sweden	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
S. Korea	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

GROUP G	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
England	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
Belgium	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
Tunisia	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
Panama	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

GROUP H	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Japan	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Senegal	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Colombia	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
Poland	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

Scorers

Ranking on June 24 2 0 1 8

1	Kane	ENG	5
2	Cristiano Ronaldo	POR	4
-	Lukaku	BEL	4
4	Cheryshev	RUS	3
-	Costa	ESP	3

Senegal, Japan keep hopes alive

Honda drives Japan to deserved 2-2 draw against Senegal

AFP | Yekaterinburg, Russia

Substitute Keisuke Honda equalised with 12 minutes left as Japan twice pegged back Senegal in a thrilling 2-2 draw yesterday that leaves World Cup Group H wide open.

All eyes will now be on the other group match later in the evening between Poland and Colombia following this stalemate at the Yekaterinburg Arena.

As it stands, Japan and Senegal have four points after two games, with Colombia and Poland on zero, though they have played a game less.

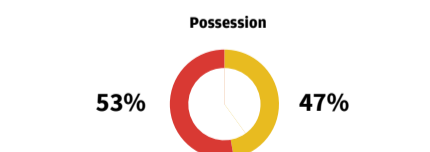
Midfielder Honda was hero for Japan, scoring deserved leveller after goalkeeper Khadim N'Diaye flapped at a cross.

Senegal, who reached the quarter-finals in the country's previous World Cup appearance in 2002, needed just over 10 minutes to go in front.

Japan failed to deal with a right-wing cross with Genki Haraguchi nodding the ball straight to Senegal defender Youssouf Sabaly in the box. He fired at

JAPAN 2 2 SENEGAL

34' Inui
78' Honda
11' Mane
71' Wague



7	Shots	13
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Honda score Japan's second equaliser

Eiji Kawashima and the goalkeeper made a mess of it, punching the ball into the lurking Liverpool star Sadio Mane.

The ball bounced off the striker and into the net for his first goal at this tournament -- cue raucous Senegal celebrations with Khadim N'Diaye racing the length of the pitch to join in.

This match was billed as the pace and power of Senegal against the tactical and technical nous of Japan, who took a gamble and replaced Wahid Halilhodzic with Akira Nishino as coach just weeks before the World Cup.

It appeared to pay off when the unfancied Asians stunned 10-man Colombia 2-1

in their opener, and on 34 minutes they were level with Senegal when Takashi Inui bent the ball wonderfully into the bottom corner.

Backed by a vocal Japanese following who never stopped singing and with the locals also on their side, Japan were now the better side after a nervous start.

Panama coach full of praise for 'beautiful' England

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Panama were swept aside by a "spectacular and beautiful" England, said coach Hernan Dario Gomez yesterday, heaping praise on Gareth Southgate's side after seeing his team thrashed 6-1 in the World Cup Group G clash.

Gomez gushed over the record-breaking England performance at the Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, which was the most one-sided result of the tournament in Russia.

The rout saw England through to the next stage, eliminated the World Cup debutants and handed Panama another harsh lesson after they lost their opening game 3-0 to Belgium.