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Fresh US sanctions to target Khamenei

Washington

US President Donald Trump yesterday signed an executive order that would impose fresh sanctions on Iran, amid increased tensions between the long-time foes.

Trump initially told reporters the sanctions, which will target Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and his office, were in response to Tehran's downing of a US drone last week. Tehran has said the drone was flying in its airspace, which Washington has denied.

King Salman meets Pompeo amid US-Iran tensions

Dubai

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo held talks yesterday with the Saudi King and Crown Prince about countering the military threat from Iran by building a broad, global coalition that includes Asian and European countries.

Pompeo is likely to face a tough sell in Europe and Asia, particularly from those nations still committed to the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran that President Donald Trump repudiated last year.

With tensions running high in the region after Iran shot down a US surveillance drone on June 20 and Trump said he aborted a retaliatory strike.

Iran's naval commander warned that his forces won't hesitate to down more US drones that violate its airspace.

The US has been building up its



King Salman with Pompeo.

military presence in the Arabian Gulf. The US announced additional sanctions Monday on Iran aimed at pressuring the Iranian leadership into talks.

The sanctions, re-imposed after Trump withdrew from the nuclear deal, have crippled the Iranian economy and pushed up the cost of living.

Iran has decried US sanctions, which essentially bar it from selling its oil internationally, as "economic terrorism."

Pompeo, considered a hard-liner in Washington, referred to Iran as "the world's largest state sponsor of terror" before he embarked on the hastily arranged Middle East stops on his way to India,



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Japan and South Korea. He said he'd be speaking with leaders in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates "about how to make sure that we are all strategically aligned, and how we can build out a global coalition ... not only throughout the Gulf states, but in Asia and in Europe" that is prepared to push back against Iran.

'Iran shouldn't go nuclear'

Moscow

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday his country will do "everything" to prevent arch-rival Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, during a visit by a senior Russian security official.

"Israel will not allow Iran, which calls for our destruction, to entrench on our border; we will do everything to prevent it from attaining nuclear weapons," Netanyahu said.

He was speaking alongside Nikolai Patrushev, the head of Moscow's powerful security council, whose visit followed weeks of simmering tensions between Tehran and Washington in the Gulf.



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Championing the Palestinian cause

Kingdom all set to host the 'Peace to Prosperity Conference' today

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Manama

The Cabinet chaired by Deputy Premier HH Shaikh Mohammed bin

Mubarak Al Khalifa yesterday, welcomed the "Peace to Prosperity" economic workshop to be hosted by the Kingdom today in partnership with the US.

The session stressed Bahrain's keenness to contribute to everything aimed at creating opportunities to support the Palestinian economy and building a prosperous future for the brotherly Palestinian people, as part of its constant approach in championing the Palestinian cause and backing all initiatives that benefit the countries and peoples of the region.

The Cabinet highlighted that countries of the region and the Middle East would benefit from the "promising" economic opportunities that the workshop would offer, welcoming the countries, as well as regional and



HH Shaikh Mohammed

international organisations and companies participating in the key economic gathering aimed at stimulating investments and economic initiatives that would lead to achieving peace in the region".

Among other things, HH

Shaikh Mohammed was informed about the latest preliminary steps of the King Hamad Causeway Project that would connect Bahrain to sisterly Saudi Arabia.

Commenting on a presentation given by the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, the Deputy Premier gave directives to speed up the completion of the technical and engineering steps, and to finalise the procedures of the project's tenders, including the appointment of the project's main consultant.

The session approved the financial statements of the Bahrain Future Generations Fund (FGF) for the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2018, and referred them to the Council of Representatives.

782 million American dollars is the estimated asset of the Bahrain Future Generations Fund.

Audited by the National Audit Office and presented by the Minister of Finance and National Economy, the financial statements revealed that the assets of the FGF had increased by 41 per cent over the past four years, reaching \$782 million, and that the cumulative return on investment in the FGF posted an increase of 20 per cent over the past five years.

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World War II bomb blasts crater in German field

Berlin

A bomb likely dating to World War II exploded in a field in western Germany leaving a huge crater but no injuries, police said yesterday.

The explosion left a 10-meter (33 feet) wide and four-meter deep hole after residents in Limburg, heard a loud noise and felt the earth shake on Sunday morning.

"The crater was examined on Monday by an explosive ord-



A big crater is pictured on a corn field in Limburg.

nance clearance service to find possible fragments," a police spokesman told AFP.

"The area was used for target practice during the Second World War," he added.

A bomb disposal service spokesman said it was "highly

possible" WW II ordnance was involved.

A local government spokesman in the nearby city of Darmstadt told German daily Bild it was believed the bomb had a chemical-based delayed timer which could have finally eroded.

US ties stressed

Royal Guard Commander Major General HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday received Commander of the United States Marine Forces Central Command Lieutenant General Carl Mundy and his accompanying delegation. They discussed boosting joint military co-operation, stressing strong historical ties binding the two friendly countries and their perpetual growth at all levels.

Bahrain-UN projects reviewed

The Kingdom holds joint meeting with UN Agencies

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Manama

The Co-ordination and Follow-up Committee between the Kingdom and the United Nations Agencies held its third meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' General Court yesterday chaired by the Undersecretary for International Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.

The meeting was also held in the presence of the United Na-

tions Resident Co-ordinator and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme, Amin El Sharkawi, Committee's members, and a number of relevant government agencies representatives.

The meeting reviewed new joint projects, in line with government plans, the Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals 2030, within the Strategic Partnership Framework between Kingdom and the United Nations 2018-2022.

Dr Shaikh Abdullah hailed the deep-rooted and developed relations between the Kingdom and the United Nations, expressing his appreciation for the existing co-operation between the two sides within the Strategic Partnership Framework.

The Undersecretary for International Affairs stressed that the Kingdom, under His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, is keen on enhancing co-operation with the UN, noting that the Coordination



Dr Shaikh Abdullah chairs the meeting.

and Follow-Up Committee has prioritised strengthening institutional capacities and investing in humans to meet the needs of citizens, in accordance with the highest standards and international quality standards.

He also added that the Kingdom continues to achieve the developmental goals at an advanced level, which is stressed

out that that achieving the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 is a top national priority, adding that the Kingdom has taken practical steps to integrate them into the Government Action Plan.

He stressed that the successive international accolades and awards that the Kingdom has received in various fields of development have not come from nothing, as they are in fact the result of a comprehensive national vision, the essence of which is to invest in humans.

For his part, Mr El Sharkawi stressed that the regular meetings of the Coordination and Follow-up Committee reflect the seriousness and commitment of both the Kingdom and the United Nations in activating the Strategic Partnership Framework as a model that provides best practices in the development of initiatives and implementation of projects as well as reviewing the UN's experiences according to the future needs of the Kingdom.

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DR SHAIKH ABDULLAH

by the relevant international reports and indicators, and there is a record of quality achievements on all developmental, human and urban levels, including initiatives and projects for the youth, women and children and the development of the spirit of innovation.

The Undersecretary for International Affairs also point-

Vat Savitri Pooja

More than 40 Hindu women performed sacred rituals around the ancient banyan tree on the British Embassy premises on the occasion of 'Vat Savitri Pooja'. The worship of banyan tree holds great significance in the Hindu religion. The Shreenathji Krishna Hindu Temple Committee arranged the trip to the British Embassy for the women, who wanted to perform the ritual. They were greeted by British Ambassador Simon Martin and his wife Sophie Martin. The rituals were performed by Hindu priest, Shastri Vijay Kumar. Bhagwan Asarpota, Honorary Vice Chairman of the Hindu Temple, was present.

Key meeting

Interior Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Ports, Search and Follow-up Brigadier-General Abdulrahman Saleh Al Sinan took part in the 33rd meeting of the GCC customs directors, being held at the GCC General Secretariat headquarters in Riyadh. The agenda of the meeting focused on training and exchanging expertise between member countries, as well as ways of benefiting from the programmes organised by the Naif Arab University for Security Sciences, regarding passports in particular.

Graduates' gathering

Ahead of its 10th Conferring Ceremony, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain) celebrated the graduating classes of 2019 during the annual School of Medicine and School of Nursing and Midwifery dinners. University faculty, staff and alumni joined senior students, as they took a look back at their journey through University, following the culmination of their final exams.

Kingdom's exports grew 16pc last month, reveals iGA report

Saudi largest importer of Bahrain goods, says report

● According to the report, China is the largest exporter to the Kingdom.

● The top 10 countries accounted for 68pc of the imports to the Kingdom.

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The Kingdom's exports grew 16 per cent last month, reaching BD210 million against BD181m recorded during May 2018.

This came as the Information and eGovernment Authority (iGA) issued its Foreign Trade Report for May 2019, which encompasses balance of trade, imports, exports and re-exports.

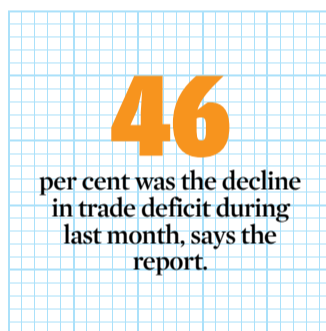
The top 10 countries accounted for 82pc of the total exports while others imported 18pc of goods and services from the Kingdom.

Saudi Arabia was ranked first as the largest importing country from the Kingdom (BD63m), followed by the US (BD30m) and the UAE (BD21m).

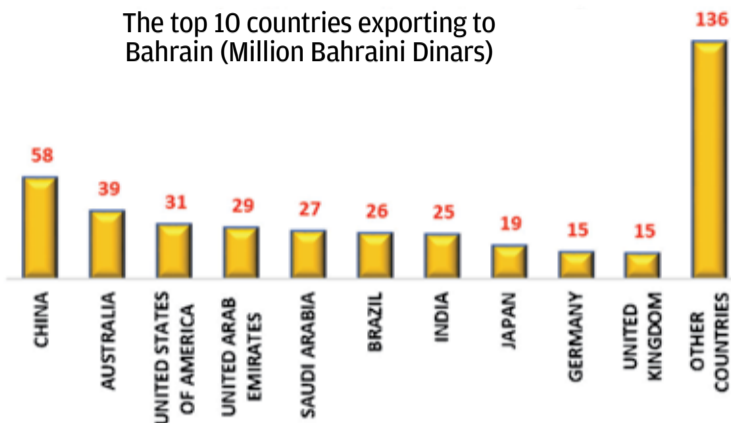
Among the goods exported, agglomerated iron ores and concentrates emerged the top prod-

ucts (BD60m) while unwrought aluminium alloys were positioned second (BD23m). And aluminium wire stood third among the exported goods (BD19m).

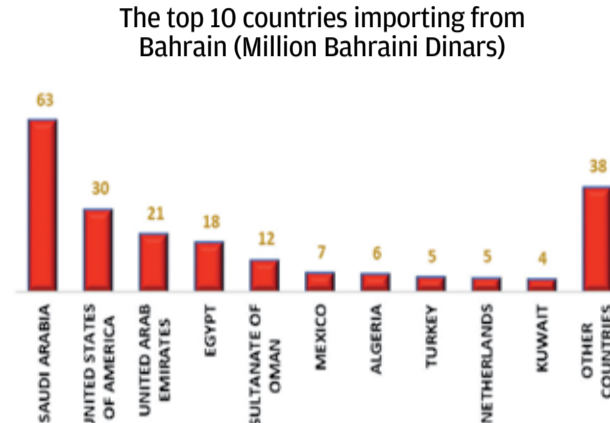
The report pointed out that the value of imports declined by 14pc as it reached BD419m during last month versus BD489m in May 2018. The top 10 countries accounted for 68pc of the



The top 10 countries exporting to Bahrain (Million Bahraini Dinars)



The top 10 countries importing from Bahrain (Million Bahraini Dinars)



imports.

According to the report, China is the leading exporter to the Kingdom (BD58m) and Australia came second (BD39m) while the US was ranked third (BD31m).

Aluminium Oxide emerged as the top product imported to Bahrain (BD33m), while non-agglomerated iron ores and concentrates came second (BD32m). Four-wheel drive cars stood

third (BD14m) during May 2019.

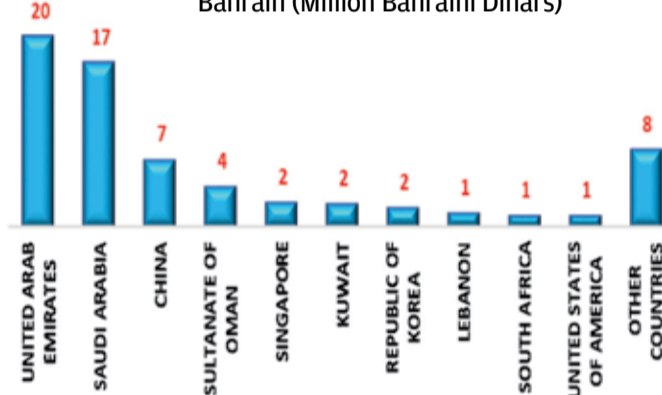
The report said that the value of re-exports increased by 57pc as it reached BD66m during May 2019 versus BD42m for the same month of the previous year.

"The top 10 countries accounted for 88pc of the re-exported goods. The UAE has been ranked the first country to re-export from Bahrain (BD20m), while Saudi ranks second (BD17m), and China the third (BD7m).

"Gold ingots emerged the top product re-exported from Bahrain (BD10m) followed by four-wheel drive cars (BD7m). Agglomerated iron ores and concentrates came third (BD6m)."

The trade deficit saw a decline of 46pc as it reached BD143m last month compared to BD266m in May 2018.

The top 10 re-exported countries from Bahrain (Million Bahraini Dinars)



None injured in Hamad Town kindergarten fire

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Mohammed Zafran

No injuries were reported after a kindergarten building caught fire in Hamad Town yesterday.

Reportedly, no children were present at the facility as they were on a vacation.

The Ministry of Education yesterday confirmed the incident, stating none were injured in the fire.

The Ministry of Interior also confirmed the incident.

Sources said the fire was caused by an electric short circuit.

The Civil Defence team in-

stantly rushed to the scene and put out the fire, they added.

In another incident, a parked car caught fire in Isa Town. Nobody was injured.

Meanwhile, the General Directorate of Civil Defence announced yesterday that it would continue with its awareness campaign among housewives about the risks of gas leakage in homes.

The campaign is part of the directives of the Interior Minister to improve safety awareness. It includes lectures on safety instructions and how to prevent gas leakage.



A portion of the kindergarden was damaged in the fire.

ICRF provided '\$1.5m to Indian workers in need'



Mr Thomas speaks at the press conference in the presence of other ICRF officials.

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One-and-a-half million American dollars (BD 550,000) worth of financial support has been provided by the Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) to Indian workers in need in the Kingdom, it was announced.

It has also supported over 400 families after the death of their breedwinners through its Family Welfare Fund. As per the scheme, a financial assistance of Indian Rupees 100,000 (BD544) was being handed over to the dependant of the deceased expat, who earned less than BD100 a month.

These were among the many achievements and planned initiatives announced during a press conference held by the organisation in Juffair yesterday.

"We regularly conduct medical camps at various labour camps, apart from blood donation campaigns and jail visits," said ICRF Chairman Aruldas Thomas.

As part of the ICRF LIFE (Listen, Involve, Foster, Engage) initiative, around 10,000 flyers and around 500 stickers have been printed to spread awareness about suicide hotlines.

"We have seen many situations, where students, as well as adults have gone into depression and suffered a lot. This initiative was started mainly

targeting the students. We want to listen to their problems, involve them in a meaningful relationship, foster a relationship with them and engage them in positive activities," said ICRF LIFE convener Dr Babu Ramachandran.

The ICRF has also expanded its volunteer strength by including around 40 new members representing various states of India, residing in Bahrain.

The fund will organise 'ICRF - Summer Fest', which will be held on June 28, at the Indian Club premises starting 3pm.

"We intend to create an atmosphere of celebrations and enjoyment for the low-income workers, in turn boosting their morale and create awareness

on support systems available for them."

"The event will have tug of war, running race, sack race, karaoke singing, spot quiz, cinematic dance and many more. Apart from the first, second and third prizes for all competitions, all participants will receive gift hamper," the ICRF stated.

Any company willing to send their workers to the event may contact the event co-ordinators Sudheer Thirunilath on 39461746 or Subair Kannur on 39682974.

The press meet was attended by Chairman of ICRF Aruldas Thomas, Deputy Chairman Dr Babu Ramachandran and Joint Secretary Pankaj Nallur apart from other ICRF officials.

Plan to promote Bahrainisation discussed

Manama

Chief Executive of Labour Fund (Tamkeen), Dr Ibrahim Mohammed Janahi, yesterday received a delegation from the Parliamentary Probe committee on Bahrainisation in Public and Private Sectors, chaired by MP Ibrahim Al Nifi'i.

Promoting Bahrainisation in the labour market to achieve the objectives of the national Labour Market plan were discussed, in addition to co-ordination with various sides for the implementation of the social insurance system for trainees within the framework of professional and specialised programmes.

Dr Janahi gave a brief on Tamkeen's programmes and initiatives to support Bahraini employees to be the first choice in the labour market through the development of their professional and knowledge skills.

The parliamentary delegation praised Tamkeen's role in attracting national aptitudes, as it scores the highest Bahrainisation rate that reaches 99.2 per cent.

The delegation also commended its keenness to collaborate with various agencies for the development of individuals and enhance their competitiveness in the labour market.

Sniffer dogs 'helped cops to arrest drug smugglers'

Case adjourned to July 8, 2019; accused plead not guilty

● Both men were referred to the Public Prosecution, which interrogated them and ordered to be detained.

● The second defendant confessed during the interrogation that he has been consuming narcotics.

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Police dogs helped the Bahrain Customs team to arrest two Gulf nationals

who hid one kg of hashish in the dashboard of their car, in an attempt to smuggle it into the Kingdom.

This was revealed on Sunday, during the trial of both men before the High Criminal Court, which adjourned the case to July 8, 2019.

Court documents showed that the men were crossing the Causeway into Bahrain when the arrests were made.

Initially, the officers didn't find anything when they searched both men and inspected the car.

However, their suspicious behaviour and the dogs' continuous barking led to a thorough search.

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The first defendant denied that the confiscated drugs belonged to him, claiming that he only was delivering it to a person here in the Kingdom.

PROSECUTORS

When allowed inside the car, the dog led the officers to the drugs which was “profession-

ally” hidden behind the control keys of the car's air-conditioner, the Prosecutors said.

Both men were referred to the Public Prosecution, which interrogated them and ordered to be detained.

In the interrogation, the first defendant denied that the confiscated drugs belonged to him, claiming that he only was delivering it to a person here in the Kingdom, whom he had met at a coffee shop here and offered him BD300 to transport a plastic bag for him, under the condition that he wouldn't open it.

The first defendant told the interrogators that he accepted the offer and that he was handed

over the bag in Saudi Arabia by an unknown person.

As for the second defendant, he also denied any knowledge of the drugs, stating that his friend, the first defendant, had asked him to join on a leisure trip to Bahrain.

But, the second defendant confessed during the interrogation that he has been consuming narcotics (Captagon) for a long period of time.

The Public Prosecution accused the first defendant of smuggling hashish with the intention of selling, while the second defendant was accused of possessing and consuming drugs.

Appeals Court upholds death to drug smugglers

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The Supreme Court Of Appeal yesterday upheld the death sentences issued against two men who were earlier convicted of smuggling more than 65kg of hashish from Iran through the sea.

As reported by Tribune earlier, the two men were charged with smuggling of narcotics with an intention to sell.

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The defendants were arrested following a joint operation between the different departments of Interior Ministry, Bahrain Police Aviation and the Coast Guard.

POLICE SOURCES

The court also fined each one of them BD10,000 and fined the first defendant an additional BD10,000 for the possession of unlicensed Thuraya satellite mobile phone.

It acquitted a third man of the charges levelled against him and ordered the confiscation of seized items.

Court files showed that investigations of the Anti-narcotics Directorate in Interior Ministry revealed that the suspects were members of a narcotics network that gets drugs delivered for trafficking within the country in co-ordination with an Iranian national.

The defendants were arrested following a joint operation between the different departments of Interior Ministry, Bahrain Police Aviation and the Coast Guard, police sources said.

Witnesses testimonies awaited in trial of Turkish men caught with fake passports

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The First High Criminal Court adjourned a case involving two Turkish men who attempted to travel to the United Kingdom using fake passports through Bahrain International Airport, to July 9, 2019, to hear witnesses' testimonies.

A female employee of Bahrain Airport Services (BAS) notified the police at the airport when she suspected that the first man's passport was a fake one.

The woman also checked the visa that was printed on the man's passport and discovered it was also counterfeited. The second suspect was arrested separately, although he was planning to travel on the same flight.

A different BAS employee suspected him as his passport had a seven-month visa printed on it. Further investigation proved

that the visa was fake and the case was reported to the police.

The first defendant told the police that an Iranian man he had met in Turkey helped him with the issuance of the fake passport, adding that the latter advised him to travel to the UK through Bahrain as the procedures here are easy and less complicated than Turkey, the Prosecutors said.

The second defendant told the police a similar story.

The Public Prosecution accused both men of entering wrong data into the system of the General Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs to enter Bahrain.

They were also accused of forging passports, in co-operation with an unknown third party, and using fake documents to illegally enter the Kingdom.

Drunk-driving convict loses plea

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A drunken driver who stabbed two cops, lost his appeal against the seven years imprisonment previously issued against him by the First High Criminal Court last April.

This was announced as the Supreme Criminal Court of Appeal yesterday upheld the man's verdict.

The Bahraini remained in custody during the past few months pending further investigations that included undergoing a mental health examination, which proved that he was fit and responsible for his action.

The details of the case showed that the 37-year-old defendant was involved in a traffic accident while under the influence of alcohol in the

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POLICE SOURCES

Capital Governorate.

A police patrol arrived at the scene and asked the man to get inside the vehicle to take him to the police station for recording his statement.

However, the man didn't resist arrest at first and co-operated with the policemen until they started driving towards the police station.

Then, the man, who sat in the backseat of the patrol vehicle, took out a knife that was concealed in his clothes and took the cops by surprise, stabbing one of them in the neck and the other in the arm.

The defendant's sudden attack caused the cop behind the wheel to lose control over the vehicle and ram it into the safety rail on the side of the road, according to police sources.

The policeman got out of the car and tried to control the defendant, who was in a hysterical state. The man stabbed the policeman twice in the back this time, leaving him bleeding on the floor.

According to the coroner's report, the first victim's wounds were serious and could've cost him his life if there was no urgent medical intervention.

BTEA concludes roadshow in the UK

● The roadshow comes in line with the BTEA's strategic outreach programme to promote the tourism brand 'Ours Yours'.

London

The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) concluded its roadshow held across the United Kingdom where the delegation met with representatives from various travel agencies and tour operators in the UK.

They also held meetings and discussed the Kingdom's distinctive tourism offering with an aim to attract large tourist groups.

The roadshow aimed to strengthen relations with travel and tourism offices in the UK, and introduce the Kingdom as a leading tourist destination by



BTEA officials with representatives of different tour operators in the UK.

exhibiting the country's unique tourist offerings to support the development of the local tourism sector, the BTEA said in a statement issued.

These efforts come in line with BTEA's strategy which focuses on four pillars, namely: Awareness, Attraction, Access and Accommodation, the state-

ment added.

“We have successfully concluded a roadshow in the UK in cooperation with our representative office, where we have been able to establish partnerships with a number of leading tourism companies in order to attract tourists to the Kingdom.

“We were also able to promote

our new tourism developments and projects that will undoubtedly attract some of the world's leading brands in hospitality, retail and leisure,” said the Director of Marketing and Tourism Promotion at the BTEA, Yousef Mohamed Al Khan.

The delegation was headed by various BTEA officials and in-

cluded representatives from the Kingdom's national airline, Gulf Air, alongside a number of hotels and travel agencies.

The roadshow kicked off in Manchester on June 17 and ended in London.

The roadshow comes in line with the BTEA's strategic outreach programme to promote

the tourism brand 'Ours Yours' aimed at showcasing the Kingdom as the ideal tourism destination to the regional and international markets.

It also further aims to promote the Kingdom's touristic offering as a main contributor to the overall economic growth in line with the Economic Vision 2030.

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Powerful Indonesian quake felt in Australia



Jakarta

A powerful 7.3 magnitude quake struck a remote part of eastern Indonesia on Monday and was felt as far away as the holiday island of Bali and northern Australia, officials said.

The quake hit at a depth of 208 kilometres (129 miles) south of Ambon island in the Banda Sea at 11:53 local time, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said the quake was too deep to trigger a destructive wave.

There were no reports of casualties or any damage after the quake hit.

Indonesia's disaster agency said the tremor was felt in far-away Bali, while residents of the northern Australian city of Darwin also felt it.

The city evacuated parts of its central business district after the quake struck, the Australian Broadcasting Corpora-



Indonesia experiences frequent seismic and volcanic activity due to its position on the Pacific "Ring of Fire", where tectonic plates collide.

tion reported.

Australia lies south of Indonesia, the world's biggest archipelago nation, which is regularly struck by quakes.

"Wow, that was quite an impact for #Darwin, hope everyone is safe," the bureau of meteorology in Australia's Northern Territory said on Twitter.

World faces 'climate apartheid': UN expert



Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Philip Alston

Geneva, Switzerland

The world faces "a climate apartheid" where the wealthy are better able to adjust to a hotter planet while the poor suffer the worst from climate change, a UN expert said yesterday.

In a new report, the United Nations special rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Philip Alston, warned that "climate change threatens to undo the last 50 years of progress... in poverty reduction."

Alston's report, which will be presented to the UN Human Rights Council next week, cited previous research that climate change could leave 140 million across the developing world homeless by 2050.

"Perversely, while people in poverty are responsible for just a fraction of global emissions, they will bear the brunt of climate change, and have the least capacity to protect

themselves," Alston said in a statement.

"We risk a 'climate apartheid' scenario where the wealthy pay to escape overheating, hunger and conflict while the rest of the world is left to suffer."

The expert noted that despite global alarm bells ringing over the threat of climate change, the issue remains a "marginal concern" within the human rights community.

He specifically criticised the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for not devoting enough attention and resources to the issue.

"As a full-blown crisis that threatens the human rights of vast numbers of people bears down, the usual piecemeal, issue-by-issue human rights methodology is woefully insufficient," he said.

All special rapporteurs are independent experts who do not speak for the UN but report their findings to the world body.

Hunt urges Johnson not to be 'coward'

London, United Kingdom

Jeremy Hunt, the underdog in a bitter battle with Boris Johnson to become Britain's next prime minister, yesterday called on his rival not to be "a coward" trying to "avoid scrutiny" -- over both a domestic row and his policy agenda.

Foreign minister Hunt urged Johnson, who has become embroiled in a scandal over a dispute with his girlfriend that led to a police visit last week, to "man up" and show he can cope with questioning.

Johnson, the overwhelming favourite to replace Theresa May as Conservative Party leader, and therefore prime minister, has refused to discuss the early Friday incident.

He has also kept an unusually low profile during the weeks-old race, skipping a candidates' TV debate and doing barely any media interviews.

"I am not interested in debating Boris's private life," Hunt said in an article in The Times, arguing he instead wants to quiz Johnson on his Brexit plans and other ideas.

"A new prime minister needs the legitimacy of having made his

arguments publicly and having them subjected to scrutiny.

"Only then can you walk through the front door of No 10 with your head held high instead of slinking through the back door, which is what Boris appears to want."

Urging Johnson to attend a TV debate proposed for Tuesday evening, Hunt added: "Don't be a coward Boris, man up and show the nation you can cope with the intense scrutiny the most difficult job in the country will involve."

Sky News said Monday that Johnson had so far declined its invitation to take part in the head-to-head debate, and that

without him it would not go ahead.

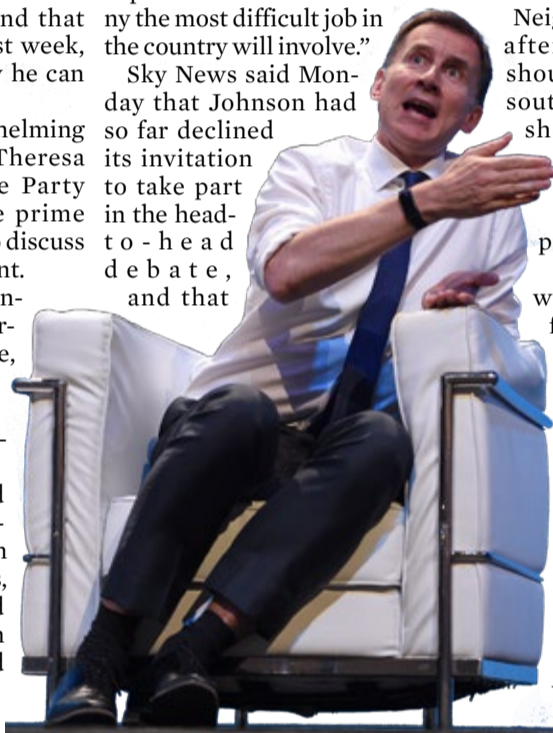
"But we will reissue our invitation for Mr Hunt and Mr Johnson to debate live on Sky News next Monday, 1 July," the broadcaster added in a statement.

Johnson, 55, a former London mayor and foreign secretary, was involved in a loud altercation early Friday at the home of his 31-year-old girlfriend Carrie Symonds.

Neighbours called police after hearing screams, shouts and bangs at the south London property, shortly after Johnson had secured his place in the final run-off to become prime minister.

The couple, who were spoken to by officers but face no further action, have reportedly fled the home following the incident and a handful of anti-Johnson protesters gathering there Sunday.

When asked about it at a Conservative grassroots event Saturday, Johnson said: "I don't think people want to hear about that kind of thing."



Britain's Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt answers questions as he takes part in a Conservative Party leadership hustings event in Birmingham

'Brain fever' death toll passes 150 in Indian state

Patna, India

The death toll from a brain disease that has stricken children in India's Bihar state rose above 150 yesterday as a court ordered an investigation into the crisis.

The country's Supreme Court also demanded the government explain what measures it has taken to combat the spread of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) -- a deadly disease that has been widely linked to the eating of unripened lychee fruit.

Authorities said 152 children have died in districts across the eastern state, with 131 in two hospitals in Muzaffarpur, the epicentre of the outbreak.

Health officials said 111 children have died at the state-run Sri Krishna Medical College and Hospital, and another 20 at the Kejriwal hospital, which is run by a private trust.

Muzaffarpur's chief magistrate ordered an investigation into possible negligence by federal health minister Harsh Vardhan, as well as Bihar's health minister.

In New Delhi, the Supreme Court also ordered Bihar's government to report on "medical facilities, nutrition, sanitation and hygiene conditions" in the state.

Lawyers for the Bihar government told the court that the crisis was now under control.

Passenger wakes up alone on plane!

Montreal

A woman boarded an Air Canada flight earlier this month, fell asleep after takeoff and woke up alone in a dark, parked plane, apparently forgotten about by ground staff.

Tiffani Adams's story was posted by a friend on Air Canada's Facebook page, drawing incredulous reactions from readers and a request for details from the airline.

According to the post, Adams was flying from Quebec to Toronto Pearson International Airport when she fell asleep, aided by the fact that she'd ended up with a whole row of seats to herself.

She woke up in "pitch black," with the plane having landed and apparently been towed away from the airport, after passengers and crew had disembarked.

"I think I'm having a bad dream (because) like seriously how is this happening," she wrote.

She briefly called a friend but was cut short when her phone's battery died.

"I'm trying to focus on my breathing and control my panic attack while I attempt to charge my phone by plugging into every USB port I could find," she



Tiffani Adams was left onboard an Air Canada plane after landing, and woke up alone in the darkened aircraft

wrote, but that proved fruitless because the electricity on the plane was turned off.

After finally finding a torch in the cockpit, she managed to open one of the doors but faced a drop of up to 50 feet (15 meters) to get out of the plane.

She then used the torch to draw the attention of a luggage cart driver, who arrived to find Adams with her legs hanging out of the plane's open doorway.

"He is in shock, asking how the heck they left me on the plane," she said. "I'm wondering

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TIFFANI ADAMS WROTE

the same."

Air Canada apologized for the incident, Adams said, but she hasn't had much sleep since and is struggling with night terrors.

Air Canada told broadcaster CTV News that it was reviewing the episode but declined to offer further details.



Nik Wallenda (R) and Lijana Wallenda walk a high wire over Times Square, passing each other halfway through

Wallenda siblings complete Times Square tightrope stunt



A mass of people gathered to watch the Wallenda siblings attempt their daredevil stunt

● **The undertaking, which was broadcast live, saw the duo start the wire walk on opposite sides, slowly moving towards each other holding balancing poles as a throng of onlookers gawked from below.**

New York

Siblings from a famed circus family - the Flying Wallendas - walked a wire strung 25 stories over New York's Times Square Sunday, in a hair-raising balancing act performed across five city blocks.

"If you can make it in New York you can make it anywhere -- so let's make it in New York," Nik Wallenda, 40, told his sister Lijana before they began the fearsome feat.

The undertaking, which was broadcast live, saw the duo start the wire walk on opposite sides, slowly moving towards each other holding balancing poles as a throng of onlookers gawked from below.

When the siblings met, Lijana sat on the 396-meter (1300-foot) wire strung between skyscrapers so her brother could step over her, before standing back up and finishing the walk.

Tensions were running particularly high as it was the 42-year-old Lijana's first such attempt since 2017, when she and four others fell more than 9 meters while rehearsing an

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eight-person pyramid on a wire.

The near-fatal incident left her seriously injured, including breaking most bones in her face.

During the approximately 36 minutes the acrobats took to complete the nerve-wracking stunt Nik -- who in 2012 traversed Niagara Falls on a wire, and the Little Colorado River Gorge close to the Grand Canyon a year later -- offered words of encouragement to his sister via earpiece microphones, as she audibly prayed

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minutes of stunt is yet another feather in the cap of the Wallendas, a family famous for jaw-dropping endeavours

and sang.

New York allowed the siblings to attempt Sunday's walk on the condition that they wear safety harnesses, a mandate Nik had said added physical weight and stress to the challenge.

In 2013 the city had declined him permission to cross a wire anchored between the Empire State and Chrysler buildings.

Sunday's never-before-attempted stunt is yet another feather in the cap of the Wallendas, a family famous for jaw-dropping endeavors executed from dizzying heights -- without safety nets.

The clan's performances date back generations to the Austro-Hungarian empire and debuted in the United States in 1928, as part of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

In 1978 Karl Wallenda -- Nik and Lijana's great grandfather, who brought the family act stateside -- tumbled to his death at age 73 while attempting a wire walk in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

New York has long attracted daredevils seeking to make headlines: Harry Houdini escaped a crate in which he was chained and thrown in the river over a century ago, and Evel Knievel soared on his motorcycle over ten vehicles in 1971.

In 1974, Frenchman Philippe Petit famously walked a tightrope between the tops of the Twin Towers of the former World Trade Center, 400 meters above the pavement.

"Dream big people. Nothing's impossible," Nik said just before reaching the tightrope's end.

Won't let me drive, then Khallas



Sabeeha al-Fakher, a 68-year-old Saudi widow, poses next to her pearl-silver Lexus in the coastal town of Qatif, about 400 kilometres east of the capital Riyadh

'I don't want you'

Dammam | Saudi Arabia

Saudi salesman Majd had just begun his wedding preparations when his fiancée sought to enshrine in their marriage contract a condition already guaranteed by law -- her right to drive.

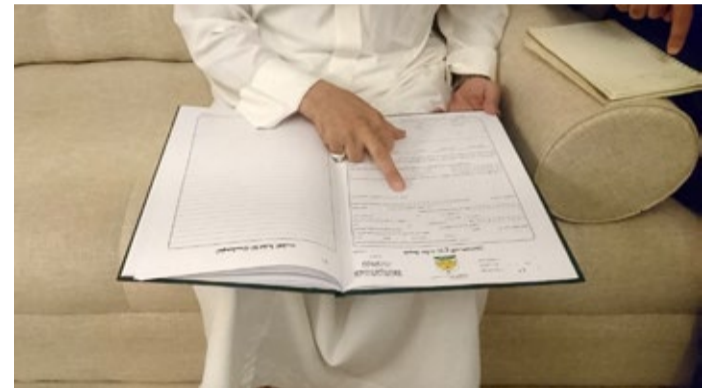
Wedding contracts have long been a safety net for brides in the deeply patriarchal society, used to guarantee demands that are often otherwise vulnerable to the whims of the husband or his family.

Such legally binding contracts typically codify anything from the woman's right to have her own house, hire a maid, or to study or work.

But after the kingdom last year lifted a decades-long ban on female motorists, a popular new condition in the contracts is the right to own and drive a car, according to documents seen and interviews with wedding clerics.

Majd, 29, who is due to marry this month in his native Dammam in eastern Saudi Arabia, signed off on two demands from his 21-year-old fiancée -- the right to drive and to work after marriage, according to the contract he shared with AFP.

"She said she (would) like to be independent," explained Majd, who requested his last name be withheld as the discussion was a private family



Saudi cleric Abdulmohsen al-Ajemi, shows samples of wedding contracts during an interview with AFP in the capital Riyadh

matter.

"I replied: 'sure, why not?'"

Overtuning the world's only ban on women drivers is the most palpable social change in the kingdom, which is pursuing a wide-ranging liberalisation drive.

To drive, women do not require the explicit approval of their male "guardians" -- husbands, fathers and other male relatives.

But it remains unclear whether women have any legal recourse should their guardians prevent them from taking the wheel.

"Some women prefer to include the driving condition in their contract to avoid any marital conflicts" over the issue, said Abdulmohsen al-Ajemi, a Riyadh wedding cleric who received his first such enquiry

from the family of an engaged woman last week.

"It's a way to guarantee the husband will keep his promise."

A breach of wedding conditions can be used by women as grounds for divorce, clerics say.

'I don't want you'

There are no official statistics on the number of such contracts. But Munirah al-Sinani, a 72-year-old housewife in Dhahran, a city in the kingdom's east, said she had come across two such cases recently among her acquaintances.

"If you don't let me drive, if you say 'no', then khallas (finished) -- I don't want you," Sinani quoted one of the women as telling her potential spouse.

A man in eastern Al-Ahsa city said that during a marriage within his extended family, the bride demanded that her husband-to-be give up smoking.

Another woman asked that her husband have no access to her salary and another stipulated that she should not fall pregnant in the first year of marriage, according to cleric Ajemi.

A Saudi woman took social media by storm recently when she posted her wedding contract online.

The document prohibited her husband from taking a second wife, even though polygamy is legal in Islam.

Men also sometimes use wedding contracts to stipulate that the "wife will never work" or that she must agree to live with his mother, senior cleric Adel al-Kalbani said.

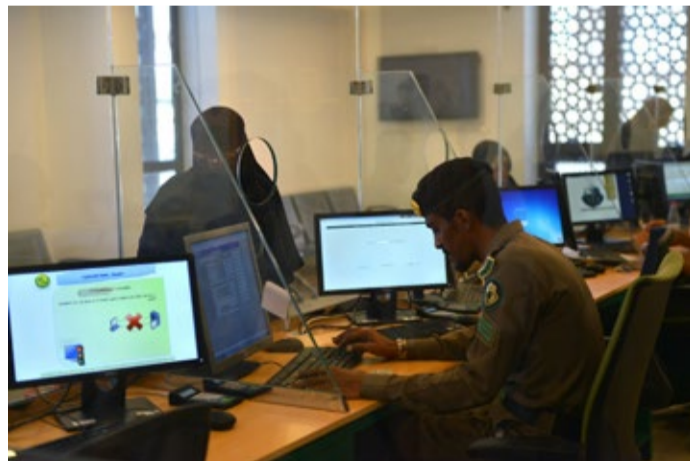
The new conditions are a sign of the kingdom's social transformation that appears to be granting women more rights, Kalbani and Ajemi said.

But they could also cause strains in marriages.

Saudi media has already reported a spike in divorce cases in recent years.

"In the past, society did not listen to women. Husbands would turn around and firmly say 'No'," cleric Ajemi said.

"But now they are listening to the aspirations of women, adapting to their demands."



Saudi women register to receive their driving licences after completing their training at the Saudi Driving School (SDS), in the capital Riyadh



A Saudi woman shows wedding dresses to a friend at a bridal expo in the Red Sea city of Jeddah

Bridge collapse sends Bangladesh train plunging

Dhaka, Bangladesh

A train plunged into a canal when the bridge it was travelling across gave way, killing four people and injuring 100 more in Bangladesh yesterday.

Officials said part of the bridge collapsed as the express train went over, sending five cars crashing to the ground, with one of them landing in the water.

Scores of people were trapped in the accident at Kalaura, 300 kilometres (185 miles) from Dhaka.

Local people joined fire and police teams in pulling the dead and injured out of the wreckage, Rashidul Hasan, a police superintendent, told AFP.

Regional government administrator Tofael Islam said part of the bridge gave way as the train



Bangladeshi onlookers gather around a derailed train after a bridge collapse in Kalaura

Train plunged into a canal as a bridge collapsed on June 24



was crossing.

Twenty-one of the injured were taken to a hospital in Sylhet, the nearest city, in serious condition.

Train services from Dhaka to the northeast were stopped because of the accident.

Suspected mastermind of Ethiopia attacks shot dead

Addis Ababa, Ethiopias

Ethiopian police have shot dead a security chief suspected of orchestrating a deadly bid to overthrow the regional Amhara government, with possible links to the murder of the army chief, state media reported yesterday.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's office had named Amhara security chief Asaminew Tsige as the chief suspect in an "attempted coup" in the region that left its president, top adviser and attorney general dead on Saturday.

Vietnam jails US citizen for 'state overthrow' attempt

Hanoi, Vietnam

A US citizen was sentenced yesterday to 12 years in Vietnamese prison for "attempting to overthrow the state", a lawyer and state media said, as the one-party country squeezes dissent.

Vietnamese-American Michael Nguyen was detained in July last year while travelling in the country with two activists, who were also arrested.

The trio were accused of setting up a group to prepare armed protest and the occupation of official "headquarters" in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

US President Trump to visit Seoul

Seoul, South Korea

US President Donald Trump will visit South Korea at the weekend after the G20 summit to discuss deadlocked nuclear talks with the North with President Moon Jae-in, Seoul's presidential office said yesterday. Trump will fly to the South Korean capital on Saturday after attending the G20 summit in Japan, officials said.

Two survivors pulled from collapsed Cambodia building

Sihanoukville, Cambodia

Two men were pulled alive from the rubble of a collapsed Cambodian building yesterday, more than two days after the construction site accident that left at least 25 dead.

Hopes that more survivors may be found under the debris had been fading, and the prime minister ordered inspections of all construction sites at the beach town which is undergoing a Chinese-bankrolled development boom. Three Chinese nationals and a Cambodian landowner have been held for questioning.

'Tree Man' wants hands amputated

● Doctors had believed they had beaten the disease but Bajandar fled a Dhaka clinic in May last year following a relapse

● Abul Bajandar has had 25 operations since 2016 to remove growths

Dhaka, Bangladesh

A Bangladeshi known as the "Tree Man" because of bark-like growths on his body said yesterday he wanted his hands amputated to relieve him of unbearable pain.

Abul Bajandar has had 25 operations since 2016 to remove growths

from his hands and feet caused by a rare syndrome.

Doctors had believed they had beaten the disease but Bajandar fled a Dhaka clinic in May last year following a relapse.

The 28-year-old father of one was readmitted to hospital in January because the condition worsened, with some growths several inches long.

"I cannot bear the pain anymore. I can't sleep at night. I asked the doctors to cut off my hands so I can at least get some relief," he said.

His mother Amina Bibi supported the plea. "At least he will be free of pain. It's a hellish condition," she said.

"I cannot bear the pain anymore. I can't sleep at night. I asked the doctors to cut off my hands so I can at least get some relief"

ABDUL BAJANDAR

Bajandar suffers from epidermodysplasia verruciformis, a rare genetic condition also known as "tree man syndrome".

Bajandar said he wanted to go abroad for better treatment, but he does not have the money to cover the expenses.

Samanta Lal Sen, the chief plastic surgeon at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said

a board of seven doctors will discuss Bajandar's condition on Tuesday.

"He gave his personal opinion. But we will do whatever is the best solution for him," said Sen.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina promised free treatment for Bajandar after his plight made national and international headlines.

Bajandar lived in the hospital's private wing for nearly two years during his first round of treatment.

Fewer than half a dozen people around the world are believed to have the syndrome.

The hospital also treated a young Bangladeshi girl suffering from the condition in 2017.

Doctors declared her surgery a success, but her father later said the growths had returned in even greater numbers and the family halted the treatment and returned to their village.



Abul Bajandar, 28, dubbed "Tree Man" for massive bark-like warts on his hands and feet, sits at Dhaka Medical College Hospital in Dhaka

Boris Becker auctions trophies to pay off debts

London

Trophies and personal souvenirs belonging to German tennis star Boris Becker will be auctioned online by British firm Wyles Hardy to partially clear the bankrupt champion's debts.

The youngest winner in Wimbledon's history, who claimed the first of three titles aged just 17, is auctioning off 82 items including medals, cups, watches and photographs.

The sale will end on July 11, Wyles Hardy said on its website.

Some of the trophies up for grabs include a replica of a Challenge Cup awarded to Becker following one of his Wimbledon wins, and the three-quarter size replica of the Renshaw Cup presented after he became the youngest ever Grand Slam singles champion.

His Wimbledon finalist medal from 1990, when he was beaten by Swede Stefan Edberg, and a replica of the US Open silver cup made by jeweller Tiffany for his



Boris Becker now focuses on his tennis activities, particularly commentating, as he attempts to use his fame to wipe out his debts

1989 victory over Ivan Lendl, will also be included in the sale.

The indebted 51-year-old champion was declared bankrupt in 2017.

In June 2018, he claimed he had diplomatic status and therefore immunity, thus stopping the sale at the last minute.

The former world number one claimed that he had been appointed by the President of the Central African Republic as



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a sporting, cultural and humanitarian "attache" to the European Union. But the Central African Ministry of Foreign Affairs replied that the passport branched by Becker was a fake one, coming from a batch of "blank passports stolen in 2014".

'Very substantial bids'

Becker finally ended this bi-

zarre episode in December by waiving his right to immunity in a London court specialising in insolvency cases, leading the auction house to put the trophies back on the market.

The first attempt "attracted very substantial bids," Mark Ford, one of the three trustees of Becker's bankruptcy estate, said in a statement.



The six-times Grand Slam winner, nicknamed "Boom Boom" Becker for his devastating serve, won 49 titles and more than 20 million euros in prize money during his career

However, the sales will not be enough to cover debts valued at millions of pounds.

The pastor who married him in 2009 also took him to court in Switzerland and the German courts in 2002 gave him a two-year suspended sentence and a fine of 500,000 euros (\$570,000) over 1.7 million euros in unpaid taxes.

Iran's high-stakes game of chicken

When the bluff is called on world powers and red lines prove to be blurred lines, it becomes open season for rogue states



BARIA ALAMUDDIN

Barack Obama's 2013 failure to police his own red lines following the gruesome murder of about 1,400 civilians with chemical weapons is widely perceived as the moment when the course of the Syrian conflict altered irretrievably. As Western credibility and relevance withered and died, Russia established itself as the dominant broker, using uncontested air power to allow shattered regime forces and Iranian proxies to regain control of core areas of Syria; with an incalculable cost to civilian lives.

In retrospect, Donald Trump's dithering over whether to respond to multiple Iranian provocations — including the unprovoked shooting down of an unmanned US military aircraft — may be the moment when American credibility became fatally undermined, further emboldening the ayatollahs towards consolidating their regional dominance, safe in the knowledge that they could strike foreign targets with apparent impunity.

It is not yet clear whether a reported US cyberattack against Iranian missile deployment systems had a significant impact. However, the Stuxnet virus attack against Iranian nuclear installations, discovered in 2010, was a principal motivator behind Iran's own shift into cyberwar-

fare, with Tehran now boasting the capability to attack the critical electronic infrastructure of states around the world. So the unfortunate net impact could be to shift this conflict into indiscriminate attacks against a far broader spectrum of targets.

If the downed drone had been an isolated incident, then perhaps Trump's incoherent musings that this was the act of a "loose and stupid" junior officer might have made some kind of sense. However, that theory was shot down in flames when Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) commander Hossein Salami proclaimed: "The downing of the American drone is an open, clear and categorical message... This is the way the Iranian nation deals with its enemies."

The IRGC and Iran's foreign proxies have been unleashed to test US resolve on multiple fronts. In recent weeks, there have been attacks against six oil tankers in the Gulf. Missiles have been fired at oil installations in Basra, near the US Embassy in Baghdad, and against other American bases in Iraq, including Camp Taji (north of Baghdad) and a compound near Mosul. The Iran-backed Houthis have claimed a succession of strikes deep into Saudi territory — one hitting the arrivals hall of a civilian airport, along with attacks on oil pipelines — with these forces now claiming the use of Iran-supplied cruise missiles. A car bomb in Kabul that targeted American troops has been linked to Tehran. The



Commander Hossein Salami speaks at a podium

regime does all this, then hubristically declares that "firing one bullet" at Iran will set the region on fire.

The Islamic Republic habitually expresses itself through violence, and its quasi-Mafioso messages don't get any clearer than this: The regime is inviting — daring — US retaliation. Tehran's warmongers and ayatollahs will be jubilant that they forced the leader of the free world to blink first.

Iran is playing a high-stakes game. Sanctions are crushing the life out of its economy. Ayatollah

Yoga: A science of peace and

Yoga believes that peace starts from within and can be extended outward to others and the community

Today, the world is witnessing several problems like terrorism, religious fanaticism, racial prejudices and hatred. In the atmosphere of uncertainty, distrust and fear caused due to terrorism and religious hatred, yoga seems to be the only answer to restore peace in mind, body and spirit.

The International Day of Yoga is being observed to bring harmony and peace for the humanity across the entire world. Peace has therefore, become a necessary condition for man's survival.

Yoga has a unique capability to mould one's behaviour, awaken potentials, perfect his attitudes and perception, set standards of social, emotional, mental and intellectual life and bring changes in the outer and internal world.

Yoga is practised not only to achieve perfect health but also to achieve professional, personal, social and spiritual excellence in life.

Yoga is derived from a Sanskrit word "yujir" meaning to yoke, to bind, to unite. Here the word union represents the best and the highest union so that human being can live, move and act in Health, Harmony and Happiness. It aims at the melodious progress of the mind, body and the soul.

Yoga believes that peace starts from within and can be extended outward to others and the community. When we suffer, we tend

to be more willing to inflict pain and misery upon others and ourselves, whether through words, actions, and energy.

Creating a practice of non-violence towards oneself and others allow each individual to gain a stronger sense of well being, thus reducing their negative impact on the world. The ultimate impact is the realisation that we can each contribute to creating a more peaceful, healthy global society by becoming more peaceful and healthy.

Yoga is a science that tries to understand the root cause of all sufferings facing the human race, offers a sound philosophy and different practices to bring to an end to all sufferings -physical, mental, emotional, social, professional and spiritual. The ancient scriptures claim that yoga is practised to bring an end to all kinds of sufferings.

The essence of humanity is based on peace. Humility, gratitude; forgiveness, compassion, and honesty are virtuous qualities of a peaceful and harmonious life. Humility is cultivated in yoga by being noncompetitive and not seeking to create the perfect posture, but to admit fragility and taking care of your body and mind.

Inner peace does not mean merely a state of inner being, which ignores the reality of human suffering. Rather, holistic



Yoga is a science of the self in relation to outer world.

peace is seen as encompassing an individual compassion for human need, coupled with a sincere attempt at identifying with and helping to transform the suffer-

ing of others. Yoga follows the inner path of spirituality dropping aside all rituals and rites, bringing all religions to one single platform.

Yoga is a universal science and technique. It is an agreement between the individual and the universe. It is universal in its approach and applies to all hu-

1984

American singer **Prince** releases his most successful studio album, *Purple Rain*.

1991

Croatia and Slovenia declare their independence by referendum from Yugoslavia.

1993

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



1996

The **Khoobar Towers** bombing in Saudi Arabia kills 19 U.S. servicemen.



press conference.

ty concerns. Likewise, prior to 2011, attacks by Iranian proxies compelled coalition forces to exit as fast as they could. Trump is in even more of a hurry to quit Syria. Meanwhile, European states have no sensible remedy for the disintegration of the nuclear deal, so they run around like headless chickens trying to sweet-talk Iran into pretending the situation is business as usual.

Each new Iranian provocation further exposes its enemy's weakness and strategic floundering. Despite his crude rhetoric, Trump lacks any vision for containment or regime change. Attacks against Gulf shipping and threats against the Strait of Hormuz are ratcheting up oil prices and could undermine the global economy to the degree where Trump loses all stomach for this fight. A \$53 billion ExxonMobil deal with Baghdad has been frozen over security concerns, insurance rates on tankers have risen tenfold, and airlines have been diverted from Gulf flight paths.

However, Iran's mistake is treating Trump as a rational, predictable politician. He isn't. Trump fears appearing weak and, if he perceives that Tehran has willfully attacked his ego, he will lash out in a manner that may not be proportionate or containable. If these belligerent parties inadvertently embark on a cycle of escalation, the result will be ruinous for both sides. I, like most people, detest war in all its forms; and indeed the worst possible scenario would be a protracted conflict that leaves

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some form of the regime in place — or perhaps something worse.

When the bluff is called on world powers and red lines prove to be blurred lines, it becomes open season for rogue states to aggressively assert themselves and expand their boundaries. One of the great untold stories of the past decade is the silent demise of conflict resolution and judicial institutions for enforcing the international order. In the resulting vacuum, bully states pursue whatever they can get away with: Like 18th century expansionist imperialism, but with bigger weapons.

Why, in Iran's case, does the world regard attacks against commercial vessels, diplomatic missions, civilian airports and oil pipelines as an almost normal, overlookable way of pursuing its agenda? Other rogue states will be ecstatically taking notes on how to challenge, divide and intimidate the international community.

The ayatollahs senselessly sacrificed hundreds of thousands of their countrymen during the 1980s conflict with Iraq. They would readily do so again, but would prefer to relocate the fight to Iraq, Lebanon, Yemen and Saudi Arabia, using cheap foreign proxies and disposable human shields.

Furthermore, Iran's pledged return to enriching uranium is not a symbolic gesture. A nuclearised Iran could get away with infinitely greater provocations, knowing that its enemies would not dare retaliate. To avoid being held hostage to a future Iranian nuclear threat, tactical and ideological differences must be put aside. This is not just America's problem. Iranian proxies already have a foothold toward Europe in the Eastern Mediterranean, while Russian, Chinese and Iranian interests are increasingly conflicted in Central Asia.

We all have a stake in a rules-based world where an embattled tin-pot regime cannot capriciously menace its neighbours. Tehran's attempts to deflect conflict to the Arab world and Gulf waters must be thwarted. Meanwhile, the ayatollahs must not be allowed to sleep peacefully in their beds as long as their paramilitary, terrorist and nuclear ambitions seek to subvert the world order.

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the development of the whole of mankind on the physical, mental, and spiritual levels.

Yoga is a science of the self in relation to outer world. It helps to bring subtle attitudinal change in life. Yoga aims to transform the body and mind by bringing it into sound state. Yoga is a scientific and a powerful technique to master instinctive behaviour of human beings. It aims at the melodious progress of the mind, body and the soul. Yoga transforms the brain and brain has deposits of all our past impressions, conflicts, dualities, problems and worries; by practising yoga, our thoughts transform into peace, harmony and love.

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man beings irrespective of sex, age, caste, creed or religion. Now, yoga has become a Universal culture. It works on the whole of the individual, so it is meant for

CIVILIAN'S TRIBUNE

Plastic ban, a victory for marine life

I read what you wrote in your front page of the Weekend-er this morning 20/06/19 about the plastic bags ban and was wondering if you are willing to be a part of the solution or a part of the problem and that is because I received your newspaper at my home inside a plastic bag!!!

We moved around two weeks ago to a new address and give the notice to your office so they started sending the newspaper to our new address. I was very much annoyed to see that the newspaper comes inside a plastic bag!

I used to receive the newspaper at the old address without a plastic bag. I really

don't understand what have changed between this address and the former one in order to pack the newspaper in a plastic bag, I don't see any reason to do that.

I myself together with my wife are consumers which don't use plastic bags as much as we can and we chose to deter this erroneous habit. I am also an open water swimmer and I have seen from very close sight how we are destroying our oceans and beaches without thinking about the next generation.

When we shop in the supermarket we take always with us the reusable bags, when we buy something and the seller automatically put it in a plas-

tic bag we take the item out and explain that we don't use plastic bags and they should be aware of the problem and ask the buyers if they need a plastic bag or not and not acting automatically without thinking of the damage this bags are doing to our already polluted world.

After saying all this we want to ask you not to send us the newspaper inside a plastic bag. Please take a note of our request and take it seriously because plastic pollution is a serious problem and we hope your newspaper will be part of the solution.

We have only one world!
Ed Ryan

Concern will be addressed

Thank you very much for bringing the matter into our notice. Weekender has always been fully ingrained to speaking and supporting environmental causes and our leading weekly publication has

always worked towards keeping this issue in the limelight. We will definitely be having a word with the circulation team to look into the matter as your commitment to save the planet and minimise plastic usage

is synonymous to our vision which we will commit to even harder. Thank you once more for bringing our attention to the same; your concern is justified and shall be addressed.

Editor, Weekender



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Productive meeting with King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud today to discuss heightened tensions in the region and the need to promote maritime security in the Strait of Hormuz. Freedom of navigation is paramount.

@SecPompeo

02



Talent shows & quiz shows, no matter how popular, can not be a substitute for genuine engagement. The youth in Kashmir will not have their anger & alienation assuaged by platitudes. I hope the Modi government has something more substantial planned to engage gen-next in the state.

@OmarAbdullah

03



I have always believed access to housing should be a fundamental right, a human right, a civil right. That's why I introduced a bill in the Senate to ensure seniors, veterans, nurses, teachers, and others can keep a roof over their head, despite rising rents.

@KamalaHarris

04



Wealthy TV "experts" are shaming millennials for buying coffee and avocado toast. But young people are broke because they're drowning in debt and low wages. The ruling class wants to divide the young and old to distract us from an economy that's rigged for the richest 1%.

@SenSanders

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stances)

business

Alba expects Line 6 completion in July



Alba known for its strong Safety culture, launched its special summer Safety Campaign, in line with the CEO's 2019 expectations, under the theme "Safety Gateway"

TDT | Manama
Supriya Reginald

The Line 6 Expansion Project which will make Alba the world's largest aluminium smelter is due for completion by July 2019.

"We have officially reached 50 per cent in mid-April and our target to complete is July 31st," Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Tim Murray, told Tribune. Construction of the project is almost complete.

The due date was re-

vealed on the sidelines of the launch of Alba's special summer Safety Campaign, in line with the CEO's 2019 expectations, under the theme "Safety Gateway".

"Safety is a never-ending journey in Alba. With Alba's transformation with Line 6 Expansion Project, we must think differently and the only way to embrace the change is through belief. Our Safety-tailored campaigns differ every season but communicate one message to

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employees and contractors—Safety first at all times," added Murray.

The 'Safety Gateway' cam-

paign will be held all week-long and feature presentations by the Executives and Safety visits to operational and non-operational departments. The campaign urges employees to maintain the highest level of safety and achieve zero heat stress incidents during the hot summer months.

"We launched the safety campaign 5 to 6 years ago and developed over the years. Our executive management has done a phenomenal job, it is pleas-

ing to see the statistics and improvement in our safety record. We hope to see this improve in the years to come," said Alba's Chairman of Board of Directors, Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa

"Safety is not one of our priorities, safety is our priority. We have hit the seven million time mark for LTI (Lost Time Injury), we are looking forward to 10 million and beyond. We always need to have a target, a target which is difficult to achieve but

not impossible," he added.

Alba's Line 6 Expansion Project is one of the biggest brown-field developments in the Middle East Region. With a CAPEX of approximately US\$ 3 billion, the Line 6 Expansion Project involves the construction of a sixth potline using EGA's proprietary DX+ Ultra Technology, a 1,792 MW Power Station (Power Station 5) utilising the world's first H-class General Electric (GE) 9HA Gas Turbine (GT) and other industrial services.

Batelco launches rewards programme

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Batelco, a leading digital solutions provider in the Kingdom, announced launching a new loyalty programme "Batelco Rewards" for its mobile users.

The programme, Batelco said, is designed for both Postpaid and Prepaid (SimSim) subscribers.

Postpaid customers will collect points once their bills are paid in full and before their due date, while Prepaid (SimSim) customers will be able to earn points based on their usage.

The new programme features the transfer of points to a cash balance in the account of the sub-

scriber, providing them with the flexibility to benefit from the points collected.

To view the details of rewards programme such as the number of points they have accumulated visit the Batelco eServices website (e.batelco.com), or by dialling *888#.

The Rewards Programme consists of 3 tiers, where customers can be promoted from Silver to Gold or Platinum based on the number of points collected.

Commenting on the occasion, Batelco General Manager Consumer Division Maha Abdulrahman said, "We're delighted to



Maha Abdulrahman

announce the launch of our Rewards Programme and are excited to hear our customers' feedback and suggestions to improve the programme, meet expectations and enrich our relationship with our customers."

Tenmou unveils new investment strategy

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Tenmou, Bahrain's first 'Business Angels' company, announced revamping its strategic direction and investment strategy to accelerate the growth of start-ups and positively impact the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Bahrain.

Commenting, Chief Executive Officer of Tenmou, Nawaf Al Koheji, revealed, "We have opened up applications for funding and are specifically seeking pre-seed and seed start-ups; innovative Bahrain-based entrepreneurs and start-ups that have reached the right stage of viability in their business can apply



now through Tenmou's website."

Tenmou also plans to launch additional programmes and initiatives shortly to further support the ecosystem and drive early stage investments. "This comes in line with our renewed investment strategy and overall strategic vision of the Company,"

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NAWAF AL KOHEJI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF TENMOU

Al Koheji added.

To support Tenmou's aggressive and newly established investment growth strategy, the team, Tenmou said, has steadily expanded under the CEO's leadership restructuring its team and rebranding the Company.

Nawaf Al Koheji said, "We have just unveiled a fresh new brand identity

for Tenmou, which better reflects our journey as a Company." Tenmou said it also has a series of initiatives to create a community and network that fosters and facilitates partnerships, encourage investment, as well as create more fruitful opportunities within the entrepreneurial ecosystem itself.

Al Baraka Islamic Bank names alBarakat raffle draw winners

TDT | Manama

Al Baraka Islamic Bank (AIB - Bahrain) announced the names of the winners of its second Quarterly Draw for the year 2019.

Amongst a total of 82 winners for June 2019, Amina Mohamed Sultan Almutawa won the Grand Prize of BD 100,000, while Ahmed Naser Mohamed Saleh Albastaki was drawn as the winner of the One Year Salary of BD 555 Per Month.

The remaining winners won themselves cash awards which were split between 20 winners of BD 500 each and 60 winners



Ahmed Naser Mohamed Saleh Albastaki, the winner of One Year Salary of BD 555 Per Month



Amina Mohamed Sultan Almutawa, the winner of Quarterly Grand Prize of BD 100,000

of BD 300 each.

The alBarakat Account Raffle Draw took place in Al Baraka Islamic Bank's headquarters in Bahrain Bay.

Speaking on the occasion, Fatema AlAlawi, Head of Retail Banking Department of Al Baraka Islamic Bank-Bahrain, said: "The alBarakat Investment Account is one of our primary contributors to the rewarding of our customers."

The alBarakat Account for this year comprises of 984 winners in total, from which 80 monthly winners are given the chance to win amounts of BD 500 or BD 300.

US Fed like a 'stubborn child': Trump

Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump yesterday renewed his attacks on the Federal Reserve, saying the central bank's reluctance to cut interest rates was standing in the way of blowout economic expansion.

The Fed last week left benchmark US lending rates untouched but signaled it could ease them soon if the economic outlook deteriorates.

"Despite a Federal Reserve that doesn't know what it is doing... we are on course to have one of the best Months of June in US history," Trump tweeted, arguing that lower rates would have driven GDP growth rates as high as five percent.

"Now they stick, like a stubborn child when we need rate cuts & easing, to make up for what other countries are doing against us. Blew it!"

FP7 embraces new brand identity

● The new brand identity roll out will start from Bahrain before it rolls out across the region

● Tony Deeb has recently been announced as Managing Director of the new FP7/McCann

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FP7, a leading provider of communication services in the Middle East, North Africa and Turkey, announced yesterday that it will rebrand to FP7/McCann incorporating parent agency McCann into its name.

This change, FP7, said, comes at a time when FP7 has raised its profile globally, recently being named the second most effective agency in the world as per the Global Effie Index.

Although the company was originally established in Beirut in 1968, Bahrain was its



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launchpad into the rest of the GCC. Having opened its doors in Bahrain in 1978, the company has gone from strength to strength from humble roots in our Kingdom.

"We're launching our new brand identity in Bahrain as a gesture of respect to where our agency realized its ambi-

tion. It's from Bahrain that we launched global brands like Coca-Cola and McDonald's across the GCC. It's here where our chairman stills reside. And we are forever grateful for all that Bahrain has given us over the years," said Tarek Miknas, FP7/McCann MENAT CEO.

Tony Deeb has recently been announced as Managing Director of the new FP7/McCann. He will run it alongside his continued leadership at UM in Bahrain.

"Today more than ever, our clients are looking for an integrated solution. One where we can marry the data-rich capability in UM with the creativity of FP7/McCann," said Tony Deeb.

The agency network that has won the respect of the global creative and communication community for work it has consistently produced over the years. FP7 is the 'Network of the Year' at the 2018 MENA Effie's and has won this title for six consecutive years. As per the Effie's Global Index, FP7 was ranked as the most effective creative agency in the World in 2016 and #2 in 2018 and 2019.

Geopolitical concerns weigh on Saudi

● 10 of 11 Saudi banks slide

● Zain Saudi plunges after towers sale cancelled

● Egypt falls for a fifth session

● Top lender supports Abu Dhabi

Reuters

Saudi Arabia's stock market fell sharply yesterday to drop for a fourth straight session as geopolitical concerns in the Gulf region weighed, while Egypt's blue-chip index also extended its losing streak.

Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi movement attacked Abha airport in southern Saudi Arabia yesterday, killing one person and wounding 21 others, the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen said.

Long-time foes Iran and the US have also come the closest in years to a direct military confrontation in the past week with the shooting down of a US drone by Iran. US President Donald Trump aborted a retaliatory strike minutes before impact.

Saudi's index fell 1.6 per cent with 10 of its 11 banks slipping. Al Rajhi Bank dropped 2.3pc, while the kingdom's biggest petrochemical maker Saudi Basic Industries was down 2.7pc.

Telecommunications operator Zain Saudi plunged

6.7pc after a sale and lease-back of its communication towers was cancelled as the buyer IHS Holding was denied a licence from the telecoms regulator.

Egypt's blue-chip index lost 1.1pc, its fifth consecutive session of losses since closing higher on June 17, the day Egypt's first democratically elected president Mohamed Mursi died while on trial in a Cairo court.

The country's largest lender, Commercial International Bank, traded 1.3pc lower while real estate investment firm Talaat Mostafa Group was down 3.6pc.

Qatar's index also fell 0.4pc, pushed down by banks, with the market heavyweight lender Qatar National Bank slipping 1.4pc and Qatar Islamic Bank shedding 1.7pc.

But lenders boosted the Abu Dhabi index which was up 0.5pc with First Abu Dhabi Bank, the United Arab Emirates' largest lender, rebounding 1.1pc.

In Dubai, the index closed unchanged from previous session but most property stocks rose with blue-chip developer Emaar Properties climbing 1.6pc.

Closing Bell

SAUDI	▼ 1.6pc	8,599 pts
ABU DHABI	▲ 0.5pc	5,015 pts
DUBAI	▲ 2,640 pts	
QATAR	▼ 0.4pc	10,505 pts
EGYPT	▼ 1.1pc	13,867 pts
BAHRAIN	▼ 0.1pc	1,455 pts
OMAN	▼ 0.3pc	3,911 pts
KUWAIT	▲ 0.4pc	6,366 pts



Juffair Mall conducted a raffle draw competition as a part of its shopping promotion campaign "Winter Double Bonanza". Kate Page was named the winner of the Renault Car and received its key from Varghese Kurian, the Chairman of VKL and Al Namal Group of Companies in the presence of company officials during the key handing over ceremony held at Juffair Mall

World record dive for OMEGA Planet Ocean

TDT | Manama

At the British Museum in London, OMEGA has revealed the watch that made the world's deepest dive - and the groundbreaking technology behind its success.

When Victor Vescovo successfully piloted his deep submergence vehicle DSV Limiting Factor to the bottom of the Mariana Trench earlier this year, the 10,928m dive set a new world record.

Accompanying the record-breaking ride was OMEGA's Seamaster Planet Ocean Ultra Deep Professional. Three of them in fact: two on the submersible's robotic arm and another on a data-gathering unit dubbed a Lander. All three surfaced completely unscathed.

Commenting on their performance under extreme pressure, President and CEO of OMEGA Raynald Aeschlimann described the Ultra Deep watches as, "Extraordinary pieces of technology that represent OMEGA watchmaking at its most inventive."

Joining the unveiling in Lon-



President and CEO of OMEGA, Raynald Aeschlimann and Victor Vescovo

don was adventurer Victor Vescovo, who praised OMEGA's project team for their "ability to create a full ocean timepiece that's not only super tough but slim, light and stylish."

OMEA is a company of the Swatch Group, the largest manufacturer and distributor of watches and jewellery in the world.

Producing a professional di-

verse engineering skills. OMEGA's Seamaster Planet Ocean Ultra Deep Professional certainly takes dive watch technology to a new level. Designed to withstand enormous pressures, the Ultra Deep is packed with full ocean depth technology - yet is surprisingly slim at less than 28mm.

The body of the bezel, case-

body, caseback and crown were machined cutoffs from Limiting Factor's (DNV-GL certified) forged grade 5 titanium hull, and Liquidmetal® used to ensure a firm yet flexible sapphire-to-casebody assembly: an innovative hot bonding process that made it possible to reduce the sapphire's thickness.

Though OMEGA's goal was to create a watch for a very specific - and extreme - purpose, the Swiss brand made sure to use materials and technology that could be commercialised.

Bold adventurers can be confident that OMEGA's record-breaking Ultra Deep technology is destined to surface again in the very near future.

Coca-Cola, China dairy giant sign Olympic sponsorship deal

Lausanne, Switzerland

Coca-Cola and Chinese dairy firm Mengniu have signed a deal to become joint sponsors of the Olympic Games from 2021 to 2032, IOC chief Thomas Bach announced yesterday.

Neither the International Olympic Committee nor the two companies involved disclosed the size of the deal but the agreement is the first ever joint partnership under the Olympic TOP programme, the highest level of Olympic sponsorship, Bach added.

"Having our longest-standing partner, Coca-Cola, an iconic American brand, together with a young Chinese company, Mengniu, joining hands under the roof of our Worldwide TOP Programme is a great example of the unifying power of the Olympic spirit," said Bach.

Bitcoin surges above US\$11,000

● **Bitcoin reached \$11,280 at one point after powering through \$10,000 for the first time since March last year**

● **Facebook plans to launch Libra next year**

● **Bitcoin has risen about 20pc this month alone**

● **Markets are waiting to see if Trump and Xi can find a way to get past their trade war**

London, United Kingdom



Traders work after the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)

Bitcoin surged to a near 16-month high above \$11,000 yesterday, overshadowing stock, foreign exchange and commodity markets and breathing new life into a sector that many had declared moribund.

Bitcoin reached \$11,280 at one point after powering through \$10,000 for the first time since March last year, propelled by a huge boost from Facebook's unveiling of its own digital unit Libra, analysts said.

"The strong resurgence in the bitcoin price is mainly due to the renewed mainstreaming interest in cryptocurrencies and the technology which underlines them," Naeem Aslam, analyst

at trading group ThinkMarkets, said. "Projects like Facebook's Libra have provided much needed tailwind for this space."

The social network plans to launch Libra next year, and plans to back it with a basket of real-world currencies and a consortium of companies including Visa, MasterCard, PayPal and Uber.

'Blast from the past'

Calling bitcoin's rise a "blast from the past", OANDA analyst Craig Erlam said the Facebook cryptocurrency launch seemed to be "legitimising the industry" which had come under scrutiny after the coin fell 80pc from its

Key figures around 1540 GMT

Bitcoin -	▲ at \$10,915.68 from \$9,939.81 late on Friday
Euro/dollar:	▲ at \$1.1392 from \$1.1322
Pound/dollar:	▲ at \$1.2728 from \$1.2696
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 107.35 yen from 107.60 yen
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 0.1pc at 7,416.69 points (close)
Frankfurt - DAX 30:	▼ 0.5pc at 12,274.57 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▼ 0.1pc at 5,521.71 (close)
EURO STOXX 50:	▼ 0.3pc at 3,455.57
New York - Dow:	▲ 0.2pc to 26,762.22
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▲ 0.1pc at 21,285.99 (close)
Hong Kong - Hang Seng:	▲ 0.1pc at 28,513.00 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▲ 0.2pc at 3,008.15 (close)
Brent North Sea oil:	▼ 98 cents to \$63.47 per barrel
West Texas Inter (WTI):	▼ 57 cents to \$56.86

peaks.

"Bitcoin is very much back in the headlines, as the cryptocurrency surged through \$10,000 for the first time in more than a year and reminded us all of the good old days of late-2017," Erlam said.

Bitcoin has risen about 20pc this month alone but is still well off record levels near \$20,000 seen at the end of 2017.

Expectations that G7 countries will introduce stringent rules concerning investor identities did little to dampen the new-found enthusiasm for bitcoin, noted Gary McFarlane, a cryptocurrency analyst at interactive investor.

But the rally was almost entirely focused on bitcoin with other crypto coins "struggling today", he said.

One factor for bitcoin's success Monday, McFarlane suggested, could be its role as a conduit to effect capital flight by some Chinese investors prompted by the China-US trade war.

\$40,000? \$100,000?

There was now talk, he said, that bitcoin could hit \$20,000 again, and even go much beyond, with some punters predicting \$40,000 or even \$100,000 by the end of the year.

"That might sound fanciful in the extreme but on past form it is a possibility - and so is a crash from wherever any potential new all-time high might form," McFarlane said.

Stock markets were under modest pressure ahead of a

crunch meeting between US President Donald Trump and Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping at the weekend summit of 20 major economies.

Markets are waiting to see if Trump and Xi can find a way to get past their trade war when they meet on the sidelines of the event in Japan.

'Shift in rhetoric'

Global equities last week rallied after Trump hailed positive telephone talks between the pair, fuelling hopes of a possible end to their long-running tariffs battle.

"No one thinks the US and China will do a deal in Osaka, but there is some hope that we will have a positive development that marks a shift in the rhetoric and a re-energising of talks following the breakdown in the recent discussions," said Neil Wilson, chief market analyst at Markets.com.

The dollar meanwhile dropped Monday, continuing to face pressure from expectations that the Federal Reserve could lower US interest rates as soon as July as the economy shows signs of softening amid the trade war with China.

"The dovish tilt in the US central bank's outlook was expected but what sent the Dollar tumbling was the fact that most of the US policymakers indicated that one rate decrease would probably not be enough, suggesting the need for continued easing as the economy slows down," said Konstantinos Anthis, head of research at ADSS.

China demands FedEx account for undelivered Huawei package



Representative picture

Beijing, China

China yesterday called on America's FedEx to explain why a parcel from Huawei to the US went undelivered, in the second spat between the companies in less than a month.

The ongoing tussle between the two firms comes as Beijing and Washington face off in a trade war that last month had both sides exchanging steep tariffs on hundreds of billions in exports.

IT publication PC Mag said on Friday a FedEx package with a Huawei phone inside that it had sent to the United States was returned to the UK.

An accompanying note explained a US government "issue" with China prevented the delivery.

The US logistics group is already under investigation in China for failing to deliver some of Huawei's parcels.

"This is not the first time Fe-

dEx has made a Huawei-related mistake," said Geng Shuang, spokesman of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"FedEx, as a large multinational company, should give a reasonable explanation to the outside world and be responsible for its own actions."

On Friday, a journalist at PC Mag sent out a tweet of a photo of a package along with a note reading: "Parcel returned by FedEx, due U.S. government issue with Huawei and China government".

Huawei has been blacklisted by Washington, cutting it off from American-made components it needs for products.

It is a big blow for the tech firm, which depends on Google's Android operating system for its phones as well as US electronic chips.

FedEx apologised at the end of May for "misrouting" a "small number" of Huawei packages, but said no third party had asked the parcels be transferred.

N. Korea made \$120 mn a year from joint factory park

Seoul, South Korea

North Korea raked in more than \$120 million a year from a symbolic cross-border industrial zone that Pyongyang and Seoul are pushing to re-open as part of nuclear negotiations, a report said yesterday.

The Kaesong Industrial Complex -- where around 55,000 North Korean workers churned out products ranging from watches to clothes for some 125 South Korean companies -- was one of the most visible signs of reconciliation that followed the first inter-Korean summit in 2000.

But it was shuttered by the South's then-conservative government in 2016 in response to a nuclear test and missile launches by the North, saying profits from Kaesong were funding Pyongyang's provocations.

The South's current President Moon Jae-in has dangled re-opening the complex as an incentive for Pyongyang to engage in denuclearisation talks, but doing so is complicated by the web of international sanctions imposed on the North over its weapons programmes.

At their Pyongyang summit in September, Moon and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un agreed to "normalise" operations at Kaesong when conditions were "ripe", but negotiations between Pyongyang and Washington are now deadlocked and Northern media have pressed the South to implement joint economic projects.



North Korean employees work in a factory of a South Korean company at the Joint Industrial zone (Courtesy of Time)

The International Crisis Group called on Monday for the complex to be reopened with "a modest deal involving sanctions relief".

Doing so would create "much needed momentum for stalled peace talks and serve as a reminder to both North and South Korea of the benefits of building a sustainable peace on the peninsula", it added in a statement.

The factory zone gave the North foreign investment in its infrastructure, employment for its people and "much-needed revenue in hard currency", it said in a report, while the South Korean businesses involved en-

joyed cheap but high-quality labour -- wages in China were 2.9 times higher in 2014.

In 2015, the year before it closed, South Korean firms paid the North around \$123 million for their workers, ICG calculated.

North Korea taxed the sums at 30 percent and paid the workers 70 percent of the remainder in essential foodstuffs and coupons for state-run shops, the report said, citing the firms in Kaesong and the South's unification ministry.

The rest was paid "in local currency at an artificially low official exchange rate", it added.

Currently the North's official exchange rate is around 80 times lower than the market rate. If a similar ratio applied to the Kaesong workers, they will have received in cash only around one quarter of one percent of the value paid to the North for their services, AFP calculates.

"It is possible that the North Koreans were using a third exchange rate," one of the report's authors Christopher Green told AFP, as "use of the official rate would have left workers earning very small amounts".

But he added that only limited information was available. ₤

celebs



Beyoncé
Los Angeles

Bruno Mars, Beyonce and Cardi B among winners at BET Awards



Bruno Mars and Cardi B

Here is the list of winners in other categories:

- Video of the year:** Childish Gambino, "This Is America"
- Best male hip-hop artist:** Nipsey Hussle
- Viewers' choice award:** Ella Mai, "Trip"
- Best actress:** Regina King
- Best actor:** Michael B. Jordan
- Best movie:** "BlacKkKlansman"
- Young stars award:** Marsai Martin
- Sportsman of the year:** Serena Williams
- Sportsman of the year:** Stephen Curry
- BET HER award:** H.E.R., "Hard Place"
- Video director of the year:** Kareena Evans
- Best international act:** Burna Boy (Nigeria)
- Best new international act:** Sho Madjozi (South Africa)

The much-awaited BET Awards hosted by Regina Hall at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles on Sunday, turned out to be a special night for many stars.

The star-studded night, honored artists in several categories including the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award, received by Mary J. Blige. Nipsey Hussle was graced with a Posthumous Humanitarian Award, reported CNN.

Cardi B who opened the 2019 BET Awards, alongside her husband Offset, with a stirring performance bagged album of the year award for her 2018 album 'Invasion of Privacy'.

Highly anticipated categories such as Best R&B/pop male and female were claimed by Bruno Mars and Beyoncé. Lil Baby bagged the best new artist award, famous hip hop group, Migos was honored with best group title and last but not the least Travis Scott featuring Drake, and 'Sicko Mode' claimed Best collaboration.

Douglas Smith opens up about his on-screen relationship with Shailene Woodley

Shailene Woodley



Los Angeles

The season 2 of HBO's popular show 'Big Little Lies' is back and has introduced some new faces. Among them is actor Douglas Smith, who plays Jane's (Shailene Woodley) co-worker Corey Brockfield.

While the fans are eagerly waiting to see what will happen with the two characters after their first date and slow dance together in the previous episodes, Smith shed some light on what's in store for the viewers speaking about his on-screen relationship with Woodley, reported Entertainment Weekly.

He also opened up about what fosters their connection and if the pairing could lead to a "happy ending."

When asked about his eagerness to meet Jane's child Ziggy and if he is incredibly serious for her, the actor said, "Yes, that's a very good assumption. I liked when I read that. That this was the way they were imagining this guy. You always cringe when a different response happens in a movie. You know the stereotypical, "Oh ok, catch you later." That's not what you want to read."

Speaking about his character, he said, "Yes, he's very empathetic...He's somebody that has gone through therapy and had lots of diagnoses thrown his way, and I think he is more sensitive than the average guy you see running up to you on the beach with a surfboard in their hands."



Douglas Smith

Bella Hadid controversy: UAE malls respond

Los Angeles

Photos of Bella Hadid appear to have been removed from retail outlets in Dubai, after the model posted an image of her boot in the foreground of Emirates Airlines and Saudi Arabia Airlines logos last week.

Hadid, 22, visited The Dubai Mall in 2017 as the face of French luxury brand Dior. But her promotional images have reportedly been pulled after public outcry over an Instagram photo. In the image, now deleted from Hadid's Instagram stories, her leg was hoisted near a window with her boot in the air; in the background, two UAE and Saudi aeroplanes are visible.

"We uphold the values of our nation and Saudi Arabia with the highest respect and regard. We have brought the matter to the attention of the retailers to take appropriate steps," said a spokesperson for The Dubai Mall, who could not confirm to Gulf News whether the model's images had been pulled from the mall.

Meanwhile, a spokesperson for Mall of the Emirates said: "A recent incident with a model for one of the brands at Mall of the Emirates is in no way associated with the mall, and does not reflect our values."

The Mall of the Emirates Twitter account also confirmed that a scheduled Dior event has been cancelled.



Bella Hadid

Obama and Clooney families hang out in Italy

Los Angeles

Former US president Barack Obama, along with his family, was spotted with American actor George Clooney and his wife Amal Clooney while vacationing in Italy.

According to People, soon after Sasha Obama's high school graduation, the family went out for a trip which started in the South of France.



Obama and Clooney

local media and the tabloid press also saw the family visiting another close friend, Irish singer-songwriter, Bono in his estate in Eze.

Earlier this month, Barack Obama and filmmaker Steven Spielberg were seen having a meeting, leading to speculations that they might be coming up with a new project.

The duo met at upscale seafood eatery Marea, months after Obama's production company unveiled a few films with Netflix, according to Page Six.

Barack and Michelle Obama's production house 'Higher Ground Productions' have seven Netflix projects slated for release, including an adaptation of David W. Blight's 2018 Pulitzer Prize-winning book, 'Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom,' along with a series called 'Bloom,' which is about the fashion world of New York.

Kim Kardashian, Kanye West are "over the moon" after welcoming Psalm

Los Angeles

American reality TV star Jonathan Cheban said that Kim Kardashian is in "baby-bliss" after welcoming son, Psalm, with husband Kanye West.

The 'Keeping Up With the Kardashians' star and Kanye welcomed their fourth child via surrogacy on May 9 and Cheban told US Weekly on Sunday that the couple is head over heels in love with their newborn.

"Kim and Kanye are really over-the-moon happy right now," the 45-year-old reality star said at the opening of Mohegan Sun's Novelle nightclub in Uncasville, Connecticut.

"I talked to her yesterday and she's so happy. She's always in baby bliss, she's a robot. Those kids are so cute, you can't not be. They're the cutest kids in the world," he added.

Cheban, who told the outlet that he will soon be legally changing his name to FoodGod, is smitten with his friend's children.



Kim Kardashian and Kanye West

Christina Aguilera celebrates 20 years of 'Genie in a Bottle'

Los Angeles

It's 20 years since Christina Aguilera's hit single "Genie in a Bottle" released and the pop star says she is grateful for all the love and support.

The 1999 song that went on to become a chart-buster was the lead single of Aguilera's self-titled debut album, which also received favourable reviews.

"Hi lovelies! Today marks 20 years since #GenieInABottle was released... Got me feeling all types of emotional!"

"At just 18 years old, I remember coming home from Japan and seeing that it had reached #1 on the Billboard charts and feeling so grateful and happy that you guys loved it as much as I did. Thank you thank you thank you for riding with me all these years. My fighters, I love you!" Aguilera wrote in an Instagram post on June 22.



Christina Aguilera

Fame doesn't make you happy, says Lily James

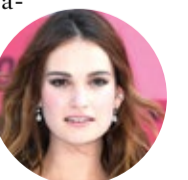
Los Angeles

Lily James says she is under no illusion that being popular is a testament to being happy.

The 30-year-old actor said she doesn't believe she has changed after becoming famous through her roles in "Downton Abbey" and "Cinderella" but it is the people around who react differently to her now.

"If you are trying to fill something in your life with fame, then it's not going to make you happy. I don't think I have really changed."

"Life has changed, other people's reactions to you change and that can be really difficult. People's relationship with celebrity and fame is bizarre, it can be quite dangerous."



Lily James

SPORTS

Martinez, Aguero guide Argentina into last eight

Lautaro Martinez and Sergio Aguero's goals send Argentina past Qatar to reach Copa America quarter-finals

AFP | Porto Alegre, Brazil

An early goal by Lautaro Martinez and Sergio Aguero's late second gave Argentina a 2-0 win over Qatar on Sunday that qualified them for the Copa America quarter-finals.

Already-qualified Colombia beat Paraguay 1-0 in the other Group B match to secure a place in the last eight for both Peru, who finished third in Group A, and Uruguay, currently second in Group C.

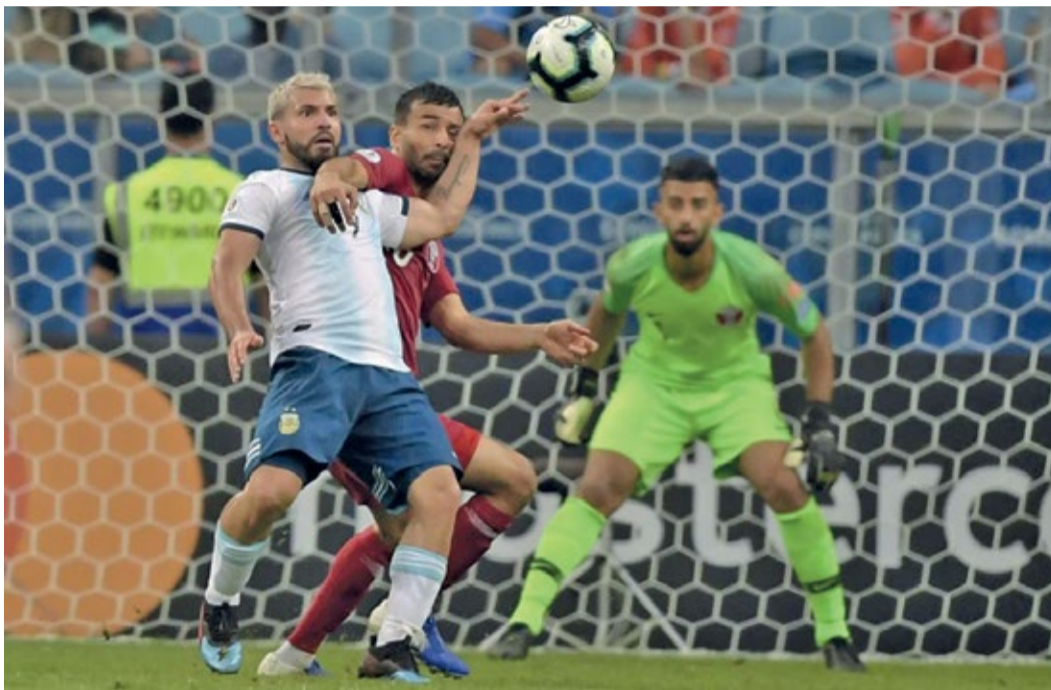
Argentina, who finish second in Group B behind Colombia, will play Venezuela at Rio de Janeiro's iconic Maracana stadium in the quarter-finals, while tournament debutants and guests Qatar are out.

Paraguay, on two points, must wait and see what happens in Group C clash between Japan and Ecuador before finding out if they qualify as one of the two best third-place finishers.

Peru, with four points, are sure of that while only a draw between Japan and Ecuador would see Paraguay progress.

Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni recalled Manchester City forward Aguero for the crunch tie while Martinez kept his place at the expense of Angel Di Maria.

Asian champions Qatar made a calamitous start when a weak headed clearance from Tarek Salman fell to Martinez 12 yards out, but the Inter Milan forward sent his volley over the top.



Argentina's Sergio Aguero (L) and Qatar's Boualem Khoukhi vie for the ball

He didn't have to wait long for another chance though as Bas-sam Hisham played a ball across his box and straight to the feet of the Argentina forward, who scuffed a shot into the bottom corner after just four minutes.

"The goal came early and that allowed us to approach the game with greater calmness," said Martinez.

"There was pressure, we had to win to progress and we're happy. Now we have to work hard."

With the weight was lifted from Argentina's shoulders, they played with a freedom expected of a side boasting talents such

as Aguero and five-time Ballon d'Or winner Lionel Messi. Qatar played with limited ambition but their talented forwards looked dangerous when they did venture into the final third.

Hasan Khalid Al Haydos got in behind the Argentina backline and tried to chip Franco Armani but the goalkeeper got a touch to divert the ball behind, although the linesman's flag was up and it wouldn't have counted.

"We paid for inexperience, we started two matches by conceding goals from unnecessary actions," said Qatar's Spanish coach Felix Sanchez, alluding

to their opening tie against Paraguay when they also conceded in the fourth minute.

"We played a great team that knew they had to win, they took their first chance really well. It was our mistake."

Messi burst into life with an acceleration towards Qatar's area before slipping a pass to Aguero, who dragged his left-footed shot wide under pressure.

Qatar were sporadically dangerous on the break and Portuguese-born Ro-Ro stole in at the back post to meet a Karim Boudiaf cross but couldn't direct his volley on target.



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa's horse, Daahyeh, during the race

Shaikh Khalid hails Royal Ascot victory

TDT | Manama

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee congratulated HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs and President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports on the occasion of the historic win of the first place in the Royal Ascot by Daahyeh, the horse owned by HH Shaikh Nasser.

Ridden by jockey David Egan and trained by Roger Varian,

Daahyeh clinched the first place in a 1200-metre race held today at the prestigious Royal Ascot Racecourse in the UK, in which 25 jockeys participated.

HH Shaikh Khalid stated that what has been achieved reflects the concern and care of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to equestrian sports, and the remarkable strides of HH Shaikh Nasser to fulfill HM the King's vision to improve the sport, adding that the historic victory adds to the landmark achievements attained by the equestrian sport in Bahrain thanks to HM King Hamad's unwavering interest and support.

'Don't blame me for boring races,' says Hamilton

AFP | Le Castellet, France

Triumphant Lewis Hamilton told his and F1's critics Sunday not to blame the drivers for "boring" processional races, but instead to turn their focus on the rule-makers.

The defending five-time world champion produced a flawless demonstration of racing to triumph from pole position for the second year in succession Sunday's French

Grand Prix.

On a sweltering afternoon at the Le Castellet circuit, he led his Mercedes team-mate Valtteri Bottas home as they extended the Silver Arrows winning run to 10 races.

It was hardly entertaining stuff for the fans at the track or the global television audience and Hamilton warned that the sport needed to consider making "serious changes".

Speaking after his 79th career victory, he told reporters they should consider who should be blamed before drawing any conclusions.

"Don't point fingers at the drivers because we don't write the rules," said Hamilton.

"We have nothing to do with the money and all that kind of stuff."

"You should put the pressure on the people at the head who should be doing their job. I think they are trying to, but for many, many years they have made bad decisions."



Lewis Hamilton



TISCA stars with the CBA Division D 25 overs trophy after defeating NDC Bahrain in the final.

Murray mulls over US Open singles return after Queen's doubles triumph

AFP | London

Former world number one Andy Murray says he could resurrect his singles career at this year's US Open following a remarkable return to tennis with victory in the men's doubles at the Queen's Club tournament on Sunday.

The 32-year-old Scotsman teamed up with Spanish partner Feliciano Lopez

to take a 7-6 (8/6), 5-7, 10-5 win over Britain's Joe Salisbury and Rajeev Ram of the United States.

The three-time Grand Slam champion's triumph comes after what he described as "life-changing" hip surgery earlier this year.

Murray said that while he had not made up his mind about a return to singles, the US Open would be the tournament where it could happen.



Andy Murray celebrates after winning Queen's doubles title alongside partner Feliciano Lopez

If so, it would be a remarkable turnaround for a man who was tearfully pondering retirement in January and has seen his singles ranking tumble to 215 in the world.

"I mean, potentially, yeah," he said when pressed as to whether the US Open -- where he won his first Grand Slam title in 2012 -- could be the place to resume his singles career.

"But I don't care, really, either way.

Like, it would be nice to play at the US Open, but if I don't -- look, I got so much enjoyment and happiness after winning a first round doubles match here that, you know, that's enough.

Murray, also a two-time Olympic singles champion, said he had to be mindful about his hip, although he came through the week at Queen's pain free.

Tigers sink Afghanistan

All-round Shakib takes Bangladesh to win over Afghanistan to keep alive World Cup semi-final hopes

AFP | Southampton

Bangladesh boosted their bid to reach the World Cup semi-finals as Shakib Al Hasan's superb all-round display inspired a 62-run win over Afghanistan yesterday.

Shakib's 51 laid the foundations for Bangladesh to score 262-7 and made him the leading run-scorer in this year's World Cup.

The 32-year-old then ripped through the Afghan batting line-up with his career-best ODI figures of 5-29 from 10 overs.

Shakib is only the second player in World Cup history to take five wickets and hit a 50 in the same match after India's Yuvraj Singh against Ireland in 2011.

Bangladesh, winners against South Africa and the West Indies earlier in the tournament, are up to fifth place in the 10-team group stage.

They sit one point behind fourth-placed England, who face Australia on Tuesday, in the race to seal a semi-final berth via a top-four finish.

Mashrafe Mortaza's side play India and Pakistan in their final two group matches. Afghanistan became the first team to be eliminated after an agonising 11-run loss against India on Saturday, when Mohammed Shami's final-over hat-trick denied them a famous upset.

Gulbadin Naib's team have lost all seven of their matches, leaving with two games to avoid finishing the tournament without a single point.

Rahmat Shah and Gulbadin



Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan celebrates taking the wicket of Najibullah Zadran

put on 49 for the first wicket, giving Afghanistan hope of a surprise win.

But Shakib's introduction brought the breakthrough as the spinner weaved his magic.

Rahmat carelessly flicked a flatter delivery to Tamim Iqbal at mid-on and departed for 24.

Just 10 runs came from the next five overs and Hashmatullah Shahidi perished when he tried to accelerate, stumped by Mushfiqur Rahim off Mosaddek Hossain for 11.

Bangladesh had victory in their sights after Shakib took two wickets in the space of four balls.

Gulbadin was removed for 47 after driving low to Liton Das at short extra cover before Mohammad Nabi was bowled through the gate for a duck.

Shakib became the first Bangladesh player to take five wickets in the World Cup



Shakib became the first Bangladeshi batsman to score 1000 runs in a World Cup when he scored 51 off 69 against Afghanistan

when he had Najibullah Zadran stumped.

Earlier, Shakib became the leading run scorer in this year's World Cup so far as his side posted a solid score after being put into bat.

Shakib's 51 took him to 476 runs in the tournament, while Mushfiqur top-scored with 83 from 87 balls.

Aggressive hitting

Liton was promoted ahead of Soumya Sarkar to open along with Tamim for Bangladesh, with the pair managing a brisk 23 from the first four overs.

But Liton fell for 16 in the next over after being fooled into a miscued drive by spinner Mujeeb Ur Rahman, who finished with 3-39.

That brought Shakib to the crease and he upped the tempo even further with some aggressive hitting that maintained his fine World Cup form.

When Shakib, who has two centuries already in the tournament, pulled Naib to the boundary, it moved him above Australia's David Warner's 447 runs.

Tamim and Shakib put on their fourth successive fifty partnership in one-day internationals.



Cricket World Cup 2019 standings

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	No result	Run rate	Points
Australia	6	5	1	0	0	0.849	10
New Zealand	5	4	0	0	1	1.591	9
India	5	4	0	0	1	0.809	9
England	6	4	2	0	0	1.457	8
Bangladesh	7	3	3	0	1	-0.133	7
Sri Lanka	6	2	2	0	2	-1.119	6
Pakistan	6	2	3	0	1	-1.265	5
West Indies	6	1	3	0	1	0.272	3
South Africa	7	1	5	0	1	-0.324	3
Afghanistan	6	0	6	0	0	-1.634	0

Today's match

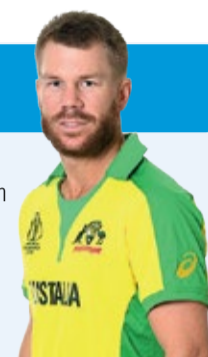
England vs Australia



Joe Root



Lords Cricket Ground - London
12:30pm



David Warner

- » Australia is under very little pressure in this match and can play freely
- » England has a lot more at stake and does not want to lose this match. The loss of Jason Roy has continued to hurt them.
- » David Warner, Aaron Finch, and Mitchell Starc are in supreme form for Australia and could make the difference against England as well

England

Wins against the West Indies, South Africa, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan showed one side of England's cricket while the losses to Sri Lanka and Pakistan showed another. England does not need any extra motivation for this match against Australia but now that the stakes are high, it will be interesting to see how they turn up. Everyone expects England to win and they are playing at home so it is understandable the amount of scrutiny they are under.

Probable XI

Jonny Bairstow, Jason Roy, Joe Root, Eoin Morgan (c), Ben Stokes, Jos Buttler (wk), Moeen Ali, Chris Woakes, Adil Rashid, Liam Plunkett, Jofra Archer

Australia

David Warner and Aaron Finch are in prime form for Australia and showing just how dangerous their side can be. The return of Marcus Stoinis to the playing eleven also means that overall balance for the side is better. They can now play Usman Khawaja at number three without having to accommodate Shaun Marsh in the lower order. Warner, Finch, Khawaja, and Smith are a very strong top-4. They look stronger than England at the moment and that is something that should scare all the other teams.

With Glenn Maxwell, Marcus Stoinis, and Alex Carey in the middle-order, there is no shortage of six-hitting power in this team either.

Probable XI

David Warner, Aaron Finch (c), Usman Khawaja, Steve Smith, Glenn Maxwell, Marcus Stoinis, Alex Carey (wk), Nathan Coulter-Nile, Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Adam Zampa



PITCH REPORT

The weather has improved considerably in the United Kingdom but some rain has been forecast in London on match day. We don't think there is going to be enough rain to affect the match but we may get some delays. The pitch at Lord's was excellent for batting in the match between the West Indies and New Zealand. We expect the same in this match and plenty of runs to be scored. These are two strong batting sides and we expect a score of 330 to be par.

Head to Head

Australia beat England in one of the warm-up matches for this tournament, but in official ODIs England have been dominant in this fixture recently. They won all five games against Australia at home last summer, including smashing their own world record when they posted 483/6 at Trent Bridge. It followed a 4-1 series win in Australia in their previous series against their old enemy too.

Younis hails Pakistan's 'fearless cricket' against South Africa

Reuters | London

Pakistan's brand of "fearless cricket" to beat South Africa by 49 runs in their World Cup match on Sunday at Lord's was exactly the response they needed after losing to India last week, former fast bowler Waqar Younis has said.

After being humiliated by India in a one-sided contest at Old Trafford, which took their World Cup win-loss record to 0-7 against their arch rivals, Pakistan were stung by criticism and backlash from pundits and fans.

However, a convincing win over South Africa — which ended the Proteas' chances of qualifying for the semi-finals — kept alive their own chances of reaching the knockout stages with three more matches to go.

"It was all about the positive intent for Pakistan against South Africa," Younis wrote in a column for the International Cricket Council.

"They played fearless cricket and weren't really worried about losing the match, which in turn gave them the freedom to play their natural game. Coming after the disappointment of Old Trafford, Pakistan badly needed such a win.

"They have been criticised a lot and the last week has been hard on them, so



Pakistan's Imam-ul-Haq celebrates with team mates after taking a catch to dismiss South Africa's Quinton de Kock

coming out of that and producing such a performance was particularly pleasing... I'd really like to see them play the same way in the coming matches."

Pakistan's Haris Sohail was adjudged the player of the match for his 89 off 59 balls, which included nine boundaries and three sixes, and Younis reserved special praise for the middle-order batsman, saying his innings was a "breath of fresh air".

Sohail, who had not played in the World Cup since Pakistan's opening-match defeat to West Indies, built an 81-run partnership with Babar Azam (69), and his knock was hailed as the

game's turning point by captain Sarfaraz Ahmed.

"He played magnificently well, and ultimately, his innings... was the difference," Younis added. "Pakistan have needed someone to come in at five or six and up the ante.

"Haris has always been a very conservative and technically sound batsman but against South Africa, he took the mantle and played in a very different fashion.

"For me, he's my number four batsman in the team... and you can give him more overs to build that innings. He and Babar Azam could really complement each other."

South Africa must rebuild like England did, says Kallis

Reuters | London

South Africa must look to emulate England as they look to rebuild their squad and change their one-day international (ODI) mentality following a premature exit from the World Cup, former all-rounder Jacques Kallis has said.

The Proteas lost by 49 runs to Pakistan on Sunday, ruling themselves out of contention for the semi-finals in the process having won only one of their seven matches at the tournament — a win over minnows Afghanistan.

England had similarly failed to qualify for the quarter-finals in 2015. The humiliating exit prompted them to rethink their strategy and it bore fruit as a new core of

aggressive players led by Eoin Morgan catapulted them to the top of the ODI rankings.

"South Africa need to take inspiration from England as they rebuild their team for the next World Cup," Kallis wrote in a column for the International Cricket Council.

"Four years ago, England were perhaps one of the lowest ranked teams in the world after really struggling at the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

"They used the disappointment of their performances in 2015 to rebuild their team and totally change their mentality and approach to one-day cricket. England now play without fear and aren't afraid to make mistakes."