

#### CELEBS **Boyle to direct next Bond film with Craig** Oscar-winning director

Danny Boyle is to reunite 200 FILS with his "Trainspotting" actor Daniel Craig for the 25th Bond film. Boyle will also reunite with "Trainspotting" writer John Hodge, who is creating an original screenplay. P17



For Barrymore, dark circles are a problem **SHOW** 

**NEWS OF BAHRAIN** 

5,000 expats deported in past three years

# Summit could be on June 12: Trump

#### Washington DC

U<sup>S President Donald</sup> Trump said yesterday that he remains open to holding a summit with North Korea's Kim Jong Un on June 12. The President said lines of communication had opened between the two countries after officials said Thursday that the North Koreans had become

unresponsive, leading to the planned summit's cancellation. "We're going to see what happens. We're talking to them



now. It was a very nice statement they put out," Trump said on the South Lawn before departing in his helicopter for the US Naval Academy in Maryland. "We'll see what happens. It could even be the 12th. We're talking to them now," he said. "They very much want to do it. We'd like to do it."

## De Silva quits tour after dad shot dead

#### Colombo

The father of Sri Lan-kan cricket all-rounder Dhananjaya de Silva was shot dead by unidentified gunmen on the eve of the national team's departure to the West Indies yesterday, police said. The player's father, Ranjan, a local politician, was gunned down in Ratmalana, a suburb of the capital Colombo, close to midnight on Thursday, police said. An investigation is underway but no arrests have been made. Cricket officials said 26-year-old De Silva withdrew from the tour that involves three Test matches. However, there was no official word from the cricket board on who will replace De Silva.

# Mumtalakat CEO honoured by Russian President

#### Moscow

ahmood Al Kooheji, Chief Executive of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company, the kingdom's sovereign wealth fund, was granted the Friendship Medal by Russian President Vladimir Putin to become the first Bahraini to receive the distinguished award. The honour was bestowed in an award distribution ceremony held at Konstantinovsky Palace on the sidelines of the St Petersburg International Economic Forum.



Mr Al Kooheji receives the medal from President Putin.

The Friendship Medal is a Russian award created per a presidential decree number 442 on March 3, 1994 to honour Funding in Nascent Markets".

very important persons who contributed to boosting relations and co-operation with Russia and the Russian people. A total of 350 personalities received the medal since its inception.

The award was conferred on Mr Al Kooheji for his efforts to bolster partnership between Mumtalakat Holding Company and the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) which was launched in 2014.

Al Kooheji took part in SPIEF, held from May 24 to 26. He spoke in a dialogue entitled "Banking Activities and



**St Petersburg International** Economic Forum is an annual event casting light on business. It is considered as a global platform to discuss main economic issues facing Russia, nascent markets and the world.

# Mekunu mayhem

## Five killed, 40 missing as category one cyclone rips through Yemeni island of Socotra

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• The dead were four Yemenis and one Indian national, residents and medical sources said, while the missing included Yemenis, Indians and Sudanese.

#### Dubai

man's popular tourist destination Salalah could be pounded by winds reaching up to 167 kilometers per hour if Cyclone Mekunu continues on its current path, according to weather experts.

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Men walk on a road flooded after heavy rain and strong winds caused damage in Hadibu on Thursday as Cyclone Mekunu pounded the Yemeni island of Socotra. The powerful storm remained on path to strike Oman.

yesterday as the cyclone pummelled the area before making its way to the Arabian sailors lost when their ship capsized off Peninsula's southern coast.

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Among those missing were three local the coast of the island.

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animal and plant life.

Meanwhile, Oman's Public Authority for Civil Aviation (PACA) issued a statement yesterday stating that the cyclone was around 150km away from the southern city of Salalah. They also urged people to take "strict precautions" and to stay away from the coast.

Strong gale winds and heavy rainfall are expected to hit the costal areas of Dhofar, the statement read, with warnings of flooding.

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Director of Meteorology at the UAE weather center, Mohamad Al Ebri, was quoted by Arab News that the cyclone is expected to reach the southern coast of Oman within the next 12 hours, however it is possible that by then the cyclone category would have gone down to level one again.

Authorities announced that Salalah In-Indian national, residents and medical cy on Thursday for Socotra, which lies ternational Airport will remain closed for an additional 24 hours due to the

missing on the Yemeni island of Socotra Yemenis, Indians and Sudanese.

of Africa and is renowned for its unique weather conditions caused by the cyclone.

### **REVERSE KICK**

Ronaldinho to, not to, marry two women at same time

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in August with his two 'fiancees' Priscilla Coelho and Beatriz Souza at a same function, his personal secretary dismissed them as "rubbish".

Ronaldinho is said to have given engagement rings to both

women and the ceremony was claimed to be set for their £5 million home in Rio, said The Sun.

> Ronaldinho, who is claimed to be "adept at polygamy", started 2016 but continwhich began several <sup>★</sup> years ear-



dating Beatriz in Ronaldinho with Priscilla Coelho, left, and Beatriz Souza, centre

Priscilla, £1,500 from the footballer to during a trip abroad together. spend as they wish.

gives the two the exact same six years can be given. However

ued his relation- lier. The women reportedly re- presents, including recently ship with ceive an "allowance" of around buying them matching perfume Bigamy is illegal in Brazil And it is claimed he always where prison sentences of up to

the weddings were not expected to be officially registered.

The former footballer is claimed to have met Ms Souza in 2016 when he was already dating Ms Coelho, but carried on seeing both.

He has never publicly confirmed the relationship but in March, during a trip to Japan, he posted images to his Instagram of himself with both women.

