Top Mideast expert leaves White House post

Washington

The White House yesterday announced the departure of a contentious top Middle East advisor, Derek Harvey, from Donald Trump’s National Security Council staff. “The administration is working with Colonel Harvey to identify positions in which his background and expertise can be best utilized,” the White House said. Harvey was one of the few allies of ousted national security advisor Michael Flynn, who remained in White House.

Siberell to be US Ambassador to Bahrain

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US President Donald Trump has selected career diplomat Justin Siberell as his pick to serve as the Ambassador to Bahrain. Siberell, who speaks Arabic, is currently the acting coordinator for counter-terrorism at the Bureau of Counter-terrorism at the US Department of State Service, class of Minister-Counselor, has served as an American diplomat since 1993. He is currently the Acting Coordinator for Counter-terrorism, in US Department of State,” the White House said in a statement. “Through six postings in Middle East countries, Siberell has developed a deep knowledge of the Gulf States and critical American interests in the region. He has led large, diverse organizations in Washington and abroad and has created unified, resilient, and highly productive interagency teams addressing challenges in high-threat environments. Siberell earned a BA in History from the University of California at Berkeley. He speaks Spanish and Arabic,” the White House said.

Saudi King’s efforts ease Al Aqsa crisis

DT News Network
Riyadh

The intervention of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud helped defuse the Al-Aqsa Holy Mosque crisis and the political and religious tensions, the Saudi Royal Court said in a statement yesterday.

The Saudi King had been in contact with the United States and other world powers over the past few days to try to prevent Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem’s Old City being closed to Muslims and to defuse the tensions, the statement said.

“Saudi Arabia contacted the US administration to exert its efforts for not closing the Al-Aqsa Mosque for Muslims, not prevent them from performing its duties and prayers, and cancel restrictions being imposed on the entry to the Mosque. The efforts have been culminated with success today and in a way that contributed to restore stability and tranquility to worshipers and preserve their dignity and security,” the Saudi Royal Court said in the statement.

Israel overnight removed all security infrastructure it had put in place this month at Muslim entrances to the Al-Aqsa mosque compound and on Thursday Muslim worshippers started to return to the compound to pray.

Saudi Arabia is custodian of Islam’s most revered places in Mecca and Medina while Jordan is the custodian of Al-Aqsa mosque, its third holiest site, which is also revered by Jews.

King Salman contacted the U.S. government and called for an end to restrictions on entry to the mosque, the statement said, saying that developments showed this push had been successful.

The king “stressed the need for the return of calm, and called for respect for the sanctity of the compound, it said.”

“The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia affirms the right of Muslims in Al-Aqsa Holy Mosque and the performance of their worship in it with ease and tranquility. The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud stressed the need for the return of calm at Al-Aqsa Mosque and its surroundings, the respect for the sanctity of the place, and that Muslims must return to enter the mosque and perform worship in it with all security, tranquility and peace effective from today. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia emphasizes the importance of achieving a just and comprehensive peace for the Palestinian cause in accordance with the Arab peace initiative, the vision of a two-state solution and the relevant resolutions of the international legitimacy,” the Royal Court statement said.

His Majesty lauds Saudi King

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Manama

His Majesty has lauded the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud’s efforts that resulted in cancelling the restrictions imposed by the Israeli Occupation Forces on entry to Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Those efforts embody King Salman’s pivotal leadership of the Islamic nation as well as the distinguished religious status enjoyed by sisterly Saudi Arabia at the regional and global arenas, HM the King said.

The Saudi monarch’s endeavours also reflect the leading role played by Saudi Arabia in serving Islam and Muslims, and in defending the Muslim nation’s causes and protecting its holy sites, HM King Hamad added.

HM the King stressed Bahrain’s support to Saudi Arabia’s efforts as well as all to those exerted by regional and international parties to reach a just and comprehensive peace in the region.
Clashes as Palestinians end boycott of holy site

Jerusalem

Clashes erupted between Israeli police and Palestinians at a sensitive Jerusalem holy site yesterday as thousands of Muslim worshippers entered to end a boycott of the compound over new Israeli security measures.

An AFP correspondent witnessed the clashes break out shortly after the worshippers entered. The Palestinian Red Crescent reported 56 people wounded both inside the Haram al-Sharif compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, and in the immediate area.

Outside, clashes in one area erupted when a group of policemen walked in the middle of a crowd. Thousands of worshippers had earlier streamed into the compound for afternoon prayers for the first time in two weeks, ending a boycott after Israel removed controversial new security measures, installed after a July 14 attack killed two policemen.

The site includes the Al-Aqsa mosque and the Dome of the Rock. Some cried as they entered while others shouted “Allahu Akbar”. Some brought their children in what was initially a celebratory atmosphere.

Worshippers had in previous days refused to enter the compound and prayed in the streets outside after Israel installed the new security measures.

Arab League chief says Israel risks igniting ‘religious war’

The head of the Arab League warned Thursday that Israeli attempts to control highly sensitive religious sites in Jerusalem by force risk igniting a “religious war”. Israel’s actions are “playing with fire, and will only ignite a religious war, since not one single Muslim in the world would accept the desecration of (Jerusalem’s) Al-Aqsa mosque”, he said.

He was speaking at an urgent meeting of Arab foreign ministers in Cairo to discuss the simmering unrest surrounding the Al-Aqsa mosque compound in Jerusalem.

Foreign ministers said in their closing statement that East Jerusalem is the capital of the Palestinian state, expressing their rejection and condemnation of all measures by the occupying force to diminish Palestinian rights of sovereignty over it.

Deadly unrest erupted in the days after the new measures were introduced, with clashes breaking out around the compound and in the occupied West Bank, leaving five Palestinians dead.

There had been concerns that Friday’s main weekly Muslim prayers -- which typically draw thousands to Al-Aqsa -- would lead to serious clashes between protesters and Israeli security forces if a resolution was not found. After intensive international diplomacy, Israel removed the metal detectors on Tuesday.

Newly installed railings and scaffolding where cameras were previously mounted were also removed early on Thursday. Police said on Thursday morning that all new security measures had been taken away.

Smart cameras?

Israeli officials had said they were to replace the new security measures with “advanced technologies” -- widely believed to be smart cameras with facial recognition technology.

It was not immediately clear if Israel would stick to reported plans to install the smart camera system in Jerusalem’s Old City. Cameras are already widespread inside its walls.

Jordan is the custodian of Muslim holy sites at the compound, and King Abdullah II had called on Netanyahu to remove the security measures. Information Minister Mohammad al-Momani on Thursday welcomed their removal, calling it an “essential step towards calm.” (AFP)
Man jailed for attempt to bribe cop at airport

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Manama

An Asian man banned from travelling abroad and his friend were sentenced to six months imprisonment yesterday for offering a bribe to a policeman at the Bahrain International Airport to help exit the country.

One of the men, who works as a cleaner at the Bahrain International Airport, offered the policeman BD5,000 in last May to overlook the travel-ban imposed on his friend and assist him in exiting the country. The policeman pretended to accept the bribe and coordinated with the authorities to nab the man red-handed.

A month ago she gave birth to these puppies so I decided to help the puppies as well," he said, adding, "I have always been an animal lover, and love dogs."
Crown Prince: Bahrainis are cornerstone of development

Bahrainis are the cornerstone of the nation’s sustainable development, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, said His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister yesterday.

Prince Salman said this while receiving the successful candidates for the third intake of the First Deputy Prime Minister (FDPM)’s Fellowship Programme at Gudaibiya Palace.

His Royal Highness stressed that continuing to invest in Bahraini citizens is a strategic goal underpinned by the Kingdom’s national programmes. Welcoming the new fellows and highlighting the success of previous candidates, the Crown Prince praised the significant level of skill and expertise they had developed and subsequently brought back to their workplaces.

In this regard, His Royal Highness emphasised the importance of supporting the Kingdom’s youth, who sit at the heart of Bahrain’s prosperity and future. His Royal Highness expressed his hope that the fellows would capitalise on the many opportunities facilitated by the programme, and use their expertise to help achieve their personal goals and ambitions.

His Royal Highness went on to extend his appreciation and gratitude to His Royal Highness for the opportunity to meet him, and for his commitment to developing the national workforce through his support towards training schemes and programmes. The fellows also thanked the Office of the First Deputy Prime Minister for their support.

Road works underway

Road works submitted a series of urgent projects, of which 11 were approved by the Executive Committee, as part of a wider masterplan to ensure the Kingdom’s strategic urban expansion. The process is due to be completed by 2022.

Alternate routes

- Traffic coming from Salmabad towards Manama should head West along Salmabad Avenue towards the roundabout nearby the University of AMA, and then turn right towards Manama.
- Traffic coming from Amman Avenue heading to Riffa along Sheikh Salman Highway should use other routes within Isa Town.
- Alternatively, keep driving towards the Salmabad external road and take the left turn along Salmabad External Road or opt for the right turn towards Shaikh Salman Highway to the North and take the U-turn at the Interchange of Shaikh Salman Highway and Shaikh Isa bin Salman Highway.
- Traffic coming from the South on Shaikh Salman Highway towards Salmabad External road should use alternative route, which is to keep driving towards Shaikh Salman Highway and Sehla Avenue Interchange in order to make a U-turn.

Qatar won’t be allowed to become a ‘Trojan Horse’

Qatar will not be allowed to become a "Trojan Horse" for the Iranian regime to interfere in the region, Foreign Affairs Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa has warned.

Speaking during an interview with Royal channel DMC Wednesday, Shaikh Khalid said he hopes "Qatar won’t serve as an entrance for Iran in region." He noted: "We have no problems with Qatar henceforth, including Al Muqrin who entered Kingdom’s national perspective soon.

However, the minister, speaking about the actions taken against Qatar recently, the minister, however, said that they weren’t the first taken against Qatar. "They could be awarded jail terms and fines and the non-Bahrainis among them will face deportation," the Lt. Col. said.

The arrests were made during the period from February 22 to June 30. The cases have been referred to the Public Prosecution for further action. "They could be awarded jail terms and fines and the non-Bahrainis among them will face deportation," the Lt. Col. said.

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186 drivers arrested for running illegal taxi services

The General Directorate of Traffic has nabbed 186 drivers in the past four months for running illegal taxi services. The drivers were caught for using their private cars as unlicensed cabs in the Kingdom.

Legal actions will be taken against them," said Deputy General Director of Traffic Lieutenant Colonel Mohammed Ali Daraj. If convicted, drivers could face fines, jail terms and deportation in the case of non-Bahraini drivers.

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Daraj also affirmed that the department will continue to remain vigilant against such violations that “jeopardise the livelihood of the registered Bahraini taxi drivers”.

Urging public not to deal with illegal taxi drivers, he said that campaigns to curb this phenomenon will be organised in cooperation with security directorates and authorities concerned soon.

A file photo showing illegal taxi drivers seen waiting for customers in Manama (1/1)
## Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

### As at 30 June 2017

**ASSETS**
- Cash and balances with banks and Central Bank of Bahrain: BD 51,789 (17,714)
- Due from banks: BD 77,445 (68,940)
- Financing contracts with customers: BD 167,667 (630,391)
- Investments: BD 7,906 (145,665)
- Investment in sukuk: BD 138,303 (163,772)
- Investment in joint ventures and associates: BD 11,954 (120,302)
- Investment in real estate: BD 301,563 (301,563)
- Receivables, prepayments and other assets: BD 285,430 (63,456)
- Premises and equipment: BD 8,662 (8,662)

**LIABILITIES, EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNT HOLDERS AND OWNERS’ EQUITY**
- Liabilities classified as held for sale: BD 23,209 (20,272)

**TOTAL ASSETS**
- BD 1,270,052 (1,607,894)

**LIABILITIES, EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNT HOLDERS AND OWNERS’ EQUITY**
- Current liabilities: BD 605,151 (589,272)
- Liabilities classified as held for sale: BD 2,729 (2,117)
- Equity of investment account holders: BD 607,880 (788,039)
- Shareholders’ equity: BD 492,511 (441,346)

**OWNERS’ EQUITY**
- Share capital: BD 33,129 (17,140)
- Share premium: BD 71,403 (71,403)
- Treasury shares: BD (21,003) (21,003)
- Statutory reserve: BD 17,757 (17,757)
- General reserve: BD 28,537 (28,537)
- Fair value through equity reserve: BD (3,440) (5,574)
- Property fair value reserve: BD 30,803 (30,803)
- Foreign currency translation reserve: BD (39) (91)
- Retained earnings: BD 14,332 (60,430)
- 161,135 (300,175)

**Non-controlling shareholders**
- 5,528 (8,816)

**TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNT HOLDERS AND OWNERS’ EQUITY**
- 1,270,052 (1,607,894)

**OFF-BALANCE SHEET**
- EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNT HOLDERS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS: BD 135,085 (134,970)

**Notes to the accounts**

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Financial Results

30 June 2017 (Reviewed)
Putin says Russia will respond to ‘insolence’ of US

Russian President Vladimir Putin said yesterday that Moscow will ultimately have to respond to sanctions imposed by the United States that he condemned as insolent towards Russia.

“We are behaving in a very restrained and patient way, but at some moment we will need to respond,” Putin said at a news conference after talks with his Finnish counterpart Sauli Niinistö.

He complained that “it’s impossible to endlessly tolerate this kind of insolence towards our country,” referring to tougher US sanctions that were backed by the House of Representatives on Tuesday.

Nevertheless he did not specify what Russia’s response could be, saying simply: “When the response will be and what it will be, that we will see, implying this depended on what action the US finally takes.

The Russian strongman slammed the intensifying probe into Russian meddling in the US presidential election, saying it bore witness to “a rise in anti-Russian hysteria” in Washington.

He blamed the worsening of relations with the United States, saying “Of course, we regret it very much.”

Putin also argued that “Russian-US relations are being sacrificed to resolve questions of domestic politics,” specifying that “in this case, it is the battle between President (Donald) Trump and his political opponents.”

The two countries acting in agreement “could solve very acute problems much more effectively,” Putin said, specifying the “fight with terrorism.” (AFP)

Missing Pets

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Make oral hygiene a top priority!

Dr. George Manama

Appropriate oral and dental hygiene is turning out to be a necessity for many, especially at a time when healthy living, as a concept, is fast catching up among the denizens of Bahrain.

Providing an array of services, the Riffa-based, Royal Bahrain Hospital Medical Centre (RBHMC) has now launched an attractive dental scaling and polishing package for its customers.

Offering comprehensive dental care, RBHMC’s Department of Dentistry provides conservative restorative dentistry, oral surgery and wisdom teeth extractions, fixed and removable prosthodontics, root canal treatment and other procedures.

Dr. George S. Bahgat, General Dentist at RBHMC, says: “For maintaining optimum oral hygiene, it is important to undertake regular scaling and polishing of our teeth. The purpose is to leave the teeth surfaces clean and smooth so that the bacteria are unable to stick to them.”

Dr. George is available for consultation at RBH Medical Center-Riffa from Saturday to Thursdays.

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Jordan King urges Netanyahu to put the guard on trial

Amman

Jordan’s king yesterday called for Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to ensure a security guard who killed two Jordanians at the Israeli embassy in Amman at the weekend face trial.

Abdullah II urged Netanyahu to “take responsibility and take legal steps including the trial of the killer,” a royal court statement reported him as saying.

Jordan allowed the security guard to fly home to Israel on Monday after he was held for questioning over Sunday night’s shooting.

The guard was welcomed home and greeted as a hero by Netanyahu, who embraced him and said: “You acted well, calmly and we also had an obligation to get you out.”

The Jewish state maintained that the guard had diplomatic immunity.

The king called on the Israeli premier to “implement justice instead of dealing with this crime in the manner of a political show for personal political gains”.

“This kind of behaviour -- which is unacceptable and provocative on all levels -- has made us all angry... and feeds extremism in the region,” he said.

Turkey parliament strips two pro-Kurdish MPs of status

Ankara

The Turkish parliament yesterday voted to strip two pro-Kurdish lawmakers of their status of MP on the grounds of “absenteeism”, their party said.

Peoples’ Democratic Party’s (HDP) Faysal Sarıyıldız and Tugba Hezer Ozturk were removed from office by a large majority.

They are accused of “absenteeism”, a party official said. “This is the first time that a member of parliament has lost his/her seat because of this reason,” she added.

“Those who usurp the will of the people by voting under the pretext of “absenteeism”, “and those who turn a blind eye to a political purge must prepare themselves to live in shame,” the HDP’s co-chair, Serpil Kemalbay, said on Twitter.

Local media reported the two were currently abroad to escape trials where they are accused of links to Kurdish militants.

Hillary to explain ‘What Happened’ in new book

New York

Defeated Democratic White House hopeful Hillary Clinton promises to let her guard down and explain what happened in her shock electoral defeat to Donald Trump, including the mistakes she made, in a book to be published in September.

Publishers Simon and Schuster revealed yesterday that the previously unnamed tome would be entitled “What Happened” and would be the former secretary of state’s “most personal memoir yet.”

“In the past, for reasons I had to be careful in public, like I was up on a wire without a net. Now I’m letting my guard down,” writes Clinton in the introduction.

Her publishers said the book would reveal what Clinton thought and felt during the bruising 2016 campaign.

It will describe “what it was like” to run against Trump, “the mistakes she made, how she has coped with a shocking and devastating loss, and how she found the strength to pick herself back up,” they said in an announcement ahead of the September 12 release date.
BisB reports BD3.3 million H1 net profit

Manama

Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB) announced that it has realised a net profit of BD3.3 million for the six month period ended on 30th June 2017 compared to a net profit of BD3.1m for the same period last year, an increase of 6 per cent. Achieving total income of BD21m compared to BD19m for the same period last year, an increase of 11pc. Total expenses increased to BD12.7m an increase of 5.9pc over the same period last year which was equal to BD12m. Net impairment provisions for the period amounted to BD4.6m compared to BD3.6m for the same period last year.

The bank recorded a net profit of BD2.7m in the three months ended on 30th June 2017 compared to BD1.4m for the same period of last year, a rise of 91pc compared to 31st December 2016.

Total revenue registered BD10.9m compared to BD9.1m for the same period last year.

Total expenses during the three months ended on 30th June 2017 amounted to BD6.4m compared to BD6m for the same period last year, while net provisions for the three months ended on 30th June 2017 amounted to BD1.8m compared to BD1.7m for the same period last year.

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Dr. Esam Abdulla Fakhro, Chairman of the Bank, said: “The bank continues to follow its new policy adopted by the Board of Directors, which focuses on the large, medium and small companies sector in line with the expectations of the Board and the opportunities available in the market.

On his part, Hassan Amin Jarrar, Chief Executive Officer of the Bank, said: “Islamic finances witnessed an increase of 1.2pc, TEJOORI ALISLAMI accounts and other savings accounts increased by 5pc as compared to 31st December 2016, as well as an increase in current accounts by 9pc and deposits from financial institutions by 84pc as compared to 31st December 2016.”

Twitter growth stalls

San Francisco

Twitter, which has never delivered a profit, said it is making progress on improving its product, in the expectation this will boost growth and help it move to profitability.

“We have developed what we believe are steady, stable and sustainable engines of growth,” Twitter chief executive Jack Dorsey told a conference call.

“Twitter is what’s happening in the world and what people are talking about.”

Nissan logs profit drop

Tokyo

Nissan reported a drop in quarterly net profit on Thursday, hit by higher costs and weak sales in key markets, although it left its annual forecasts unchanged.

The Yokohama-based company said for the April-June quarter net profit edged down 1.1 percent on-year to 134.9 billion yen ($1.2 billion) while operating profit fell 12.8 percent to 153.3bn yen.

The maker of the Altima sedan said in a statement that it was hit by "rising raw material costs, adverse foreign exchange impacts, and slower than anticipated growth in key markets".

It did not elaborate on the foreign exchange situation, though with factories around the world and in Japan it is exposed to risks in a number of currencies.

Sales rose 4.0 percent to 2.76 trillion yen.

“Overall, results were in line with the company’s expectations... and the company expects improved profitability for the remainder of the year,” the group said.

Dragon City, Bahrain’s leading family destination

Dragon City, which was inaugurated on 27 September 2015, has today become a major tourist destination for families and individuals in Bahrain who desire a unique and exciting shopping experience.

Located within the leading residential development project Diyar Al Muharraq, Dragon City offers the visitors a charming view of the waters of the Arabian Gulf, in addition to a variety of shopping options which combine fun and access to the finest of products at affordable prices.

The mall covers an area of 54,000 m2 and houses over 787 retail and wholesale commercial units, the largest in the Kingdom of Bahrain. It is divided into four colour-coded sections to reflect the types of products offered in each section. The mall receives over 16,000 customers a day, which doubles during weekends and public holidays.

A family destination with distinction

Dragon City has a variety of cafés as well as a food court serving delectable dishes. The mall also has a number of shops for children, where they can enjoy fun and games while their parents shop. In addition, the city is keen to host unique family events every now and then, in an effort to provide an unparalleled shopping experience.

STRENGTHENING TIES

Dragon City is a direct trade gateway for the export of various Chinese goods from Bahrain to countries of the region. Furthermore, Dragon City has succeeded in attracting hundreds of industrial and commercial Chinese companies. The occupancy rate of the commercial units in the mall is 94 per cent with local companies constituting 10pc.
Volkswagen to refit 1 million more cars
Frankfurt am Main

Carmaker Volkswagen said it would offer to refit almost 1 million more diesel cars in Germany to reduce harmful emissions, as the country’s auto industry is racked by overlapping scandals. At an industry-government summit on August 2, Volkswagen “will offer to refit four million vehicles and thereby significantly reduce emissions” chief executive Matthias Mueller said.

Sauber cancel Honda 2018 engine deal
Budapest

Sauber and Honda confirmed they had cancelled their agreement for the Japanese company to supply engines to the Swiss team next year. Both parties agreed to the cancellation and said it followed a change of management direction at Sauber following the departure of former team chief Monisha Kaltenborn last month.

Tips
Basic things to know about bonds

A bond is simply a type of loan taken out by companies. Investors lend a company money when they buy its bonds. In exchange, the company pays an interest “coupon” at predetermined intervals (usually annually or semiannually) and returns the principal on the maturity date, ending the loan. Because each bond issue is different, it is important to understand the precise terms before investing. In particular, there are six important features to look for when considering a bond.

Maturity
The maturity date of a bond is the date when the principal, or paid amount of the bond, will be paid to investors, and the company’s bond obligation will end.

Secured/Unsecured
A bond can be secured or unsecured. Unsecured bonds are called debentures; their interest payments and return of principal are guaranteed only by the credit of the issuing company. If the company fails, you may get little or nothing of your investment back. On the other hand, a secured bond, in which specific assets are pledged to bondholders, normally on an annual or semiannual basis.

Liquidation Preference
When a firm goes bankrupt, it pays money back to investors in a particular order as it liquidates. After a firm has sold off all of its assets, it begins to pay out to investors, and stockholders get whatever is left over. (To learn more, read An Overview of Corporate Bankruptcy.)

Callability
Some bonds can be paid off by an issuer before maturity. If a bond has a call provision, it may be paid off at earlier dates, at the option of the company, usually at a slight premium to par. (Investopedia)

Tax Status
While the majority of corporate bonds are taxable investments, there are some government and municipal bonds that are tax exempt, meaning that income and capital gains realized on the bonds are not subject to the usual state and federal taxation. (To learn more, read The Basics of Municipal Bonds.) Because investors do not have to pay taxes on returns, tax-exempt bonds will have lower interest than equivalent taxable bonds. An investor must calculate the tax-equivalent yield to compare the return with that of taxable instruments.

Etihad says it lost $1.87 bn
Abu Dhabi

Etihad Airways said yesterday it posted a $1.87 billion loss last year, hit by “one-off” impairments on aircraft and investments in troubled Alitalia and airberlin.

The government-owned carrier said total impairments amounted to $1.9bn, including a $1.06bn “charge on aircraft, reflecting lower market values and the early phase out of certain aircraft types.”

“There was also an $808 million charge on certain assets and financial exposures to equity partners, mainly related to Alitalia and airberlin,” the company said.

Old fuel-hedging contracts also hurt the carrier’s results, Etihad said, adding that their financial impact is expected to diminish this year.

“A culmination of factors contributed to the disappointing results for 2016,” said Mohamed al-Mazrouei, chairman of the board of Etihad Aviation group.

Launched in 2003, Etihad has expanded rapidly and bought minority stakes in carriers around the world as it increased its share of global travel along with larger Gulf rivals Emirates and Qatar Airways.

Etihad owns 49 percent of Alitalia, 29 percent of airberlin, 40 percent of Air Seychelles, 19.9 percent of Virgin Australia and a 24-percent stake in India’s Jet Airways. It also has a 49-percent share of Air Serbia.

Alitalia went into administration in May after staff rejected job and salary cuts which management had proposed as a condition for injecting new funds under a two-billion-euro rescue plan for the loss-making Italian carrier.

Meanwhile, losses incurred by the German carrier airberlin over the past two years amounted to 1.2bn euros ($1.4bn).

Etihad said its total revenues dropped from $9.0bn in 2015 to $8.36bn, while passenger numbers increased from 17.6 million to 18.5 million.

In 2015, Etihad had posted a 41-percent surge in its net profit, to $103 million, on the back of rising passenger numbers and cargo volumes.

But in December last year, Etihad said it had begun cutting jobs in a restructuring process to reduce costs due to tough competition and a weaker global economy. (AFP)

AL Hawaj & Shiseido Group hold training at Movenpick

AL Hawaj Group, in partnership with Shiseido Group (formerly Beaute Prestige International), held a prestigious training and brand launch event on 4th July 2017 at the Movenpick Hotel.

The event featured fashion shows, promotional MTVs of the brands, training sessions conducted by the Brand Manager Jennie Cadelina, and other exciting portions marking an unforgettable night of glitz and glamour graced by fashion personalities, media members, beauty ambassadors, shop executives, and many more.

The following renowned brands were featured during the event: Alaia – brand relaunch of its “Happy Few Doors” project; Issey Miyake – conducted a fashion show and brand training; Narciso Rodriguez – launched the Muse Program; and Elie Saab – press launch of its Photocal activity in the social media featuring its official hashtag #GirlofNowBH (GON).

AL Hawaj and Shiseido Group organized this training and brand launch with the aim to equip its manpower for top-notch sales performance against the highly competitive fashion and beauty industry.
Maruti misses estimates hurt by GST

Mumbai India’s top-selling car maker Maruti Suzuki India yesterday missed its quarterly earnings estimate owing to a jump in expenses caused by a new nationwide tax rolled out earlier this month.

Net profit for the three months to June 30 rose to 15.56 billion rupees ($242.66 million), up from 14.91bn rupees in the same period a year ago, the company said.

A Bloomberg survey of analysts had forecast the Gurgaon-based company to increase its earnings to 17.05bn rupees.

“During the quarter there was a one-off impact of compensation given to dealers for the tax loss incurred on vehicles in the stock at the time of transitioning to the Goods and Services Tax,” the company said in its statement.

Net sales rose 16.7 per cent to 204.6bn rupees and the company sold a total of 394,571 vehicles during the quarter, driven by an increase in demand for its Baleno hatchback and Vitara Brezza utility vehicle.

Post GST, most passenger vehicles are taxed at the highest slab of 28pc. Luxury cars and hybrids face an additional levy of 15pc.

Japan’s Suzuki Motor has a 56.2pc stake in Maruti. About three million cars were sold in India last year, a number that is expected to hit seven million by 2022, making it one of the fastest growing markets globally, said consulting firm PwC.
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Singapore yesterday, the
US online retail giant’s first
city in Southeast Asia and
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competition with Alibaba.

Prime Now allows online
shoppers in the affluent city-
state of five million people to
order a wide range of goods
from baby products to food,
electronic items and beer.

It marks Amazon’s entry into a
city of more than 600
million people, where many
countries have a growing
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"Amazon’s entry augurs
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Facebook profit jumps

San Francisco

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Amazon on track
to beat Apple

South Korean tech giant
Samsung Electronics posted
record-breaking earnings
yesterday, putting it on course
to overtake Apple as the
world’s biggest smartphone
maker.

The firm said huge sales of
its new Galaxy S8 smartphone
and demand for its memory
chips were behind the jump in
April-June and predicted another
blockbuster report for the current
quarter to September.

It said operating profit
soared a forecast-beating 72.9
percent from the previous
year to 14.07 trillion won ($12.6 billion), compared
with consensus forecasts of
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resident Donald Trump on
Wednesday unveiled a $10
billion US investment by Apple
supplier Foxconn to build a
plant in Wisconsin.

The businessman
-turned-president made the
announcement side by side
with the Taiwanese tech giant’s
CEO Terry Gou, as he tried
to show his “America First"
economic rhetoric is making a
difference.

Trump said the plant --
which will make LCD panels
-- will create at least 3,000
jobs in the midwestern state,
and was quick to stress he played
a role in making the deal
happen.

“If I didn’t get elected, he
would not be spending $10
billion,” Trump said,
thanking Gou for his “faith and
confidence in the future of the
American economy.”

Foxconn said the plant
could eventually bring more
than 13,000 new jobs to Wisconsin,
with Gou adding it was the
first in a series of facilities
the company would build in
several US states.

“Wisconsin offers a talented,
hard-working workforce, and a
long track record in advanced
manufacturing, all of which
presents an extraordinary
opportunity,” the Taiwanese
tycoon said in a statement.

Manufacturing in the US
would allow the company to
better serve its customers,
which included “iconic”
American technology
companies, Gou added.

Trump allies said Gou
had spotted an abandoned factory
and suggested it be used, and
Trump personally met Gou
in April to push the deal
forward.

Trump has made returning
manufacturing jobs to America’s
heartland a key plank of his
domestic policy.

The investment is a double
win for Trump, burnishing
his reputation as a job creator
and putting those jobs in a
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Health Minister, Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh yesterday visited the Shaikh Sabah Al-Salem Health Centre in Um Al-Hassam, in line with directives from Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa to contact the citizens and identify their health needs, and in line with the leadership’s directives to service ministries to inspect regions and projects and be informed directly about their real needs.

President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, yesterday received Indian Ambassador Alok Kumar Sinha, and discussed ways to boost cultural cooperation and holding joint activities. The BACA’s President reviewed next year’s key cultural events, including Bahraini and Indian activities.

President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, yesterday received the newly appointed Malaysian Ambassador to Bahrain, Agus Salim Haji, in the framework of boosting cultural relations with world countries. The BACA’s President stressed keenness to strengthen friendship relations with the people of Malaysia, praising the cultural cooperation with the Malaysian Embassy.
Cavill pokes fun at moustache controversy

Actor Henry Cavill has taken a pot shot at all the hubbub surrounding his moustache, which he will be seen sporting in upcoming film ‘Mission: Impossible 6’.

The situation arose when the 34-year-old grew facial hair for his new role in the upcoming Paramount Pictures film ‘Mission: Impossible 6’, which caused problems for Warner Bros and its ‘Justice League’ re-shoots, as he plays clean-shaven Superman in it. According to reports, Paramount was refusing to let him shave, forcing Warner Bros to employ state-of-the-art digital trickery to erase his face fur.

Cavill on Wednesday posted a behind-the-scenes shot from the set of ‘Mission: Impossible 6’ on Instagram, but he insisted it was something else. (TOI)

Things got bad: Jolie on split from Pitt

Los Angeles

Actress Angelina Jolie, who claims that she dealt with Bell’s Palsy and hypertension following her much talked about split with actor Brad Pitt, says she knew her marriage was on the brink of ending when things got “bad and difficult” to handle.

She added that the family is still healing from the fallout. (IANS)

Taylor Swift, Joe Alwyn ‘doing great’

Los Angeles

Singer Taylor Swift is enjoying her secret relationship with her boyfriend Joe Alwyn, according to a source, who says they are “doing great” as a couple. Swift and the actor have kept a low-profile since their romance first became public.

“Joe and Taylor are doing great. He is different than the other guys she has dated,” the source said while talking about Swift’s former relationships with One Direction star Harry Styles and DJ Calvin Harris.

“He is very low-key and just a chill guy overall. They get along great and really got to know each other over the past few months,” online.com quoted the source as saying. (IANS)

Cameron wants to make new ‘Terminator’ trilogy

Los Angeles

Filmmaker James Cameron is considering to relaunch the “Terminator” franchise. He says he plans to do it with a “three-film arc.”

Cameron, known for “Avatar” and “Titanic”, wants to “reinvent” the big-budget sci-fi franchise - that paved his way to success and recognition in 1984. According to news.com.au, the rights to make the films have changed several times since the release of the first film, but under US copyright law some rights will revert to Cameron in 2019. His original “Terminator”, featuring Arnold Schwarzenegger as a cyborg sent from the future, was made on a $6 million budget, and went on to mint $78 million and achieve the status of a cult classic. (IANS)
**Bieber hits photographer with his truck**

Los Angeles

**S**inger Justin Bieber reportedly hit a photographer with his truck after which police and paramedics were called at Hillsong Church. The incident took place on Wednesday night, reports dailymail.co.uk.

In some photographs, Bieber is seen trying to help the man after he fell to the ground beside the singer’s truck. Paramedics were photographed attending the man while the singer talked with police and bystanders.

The incident occurred after the singer was leaving the church service. He was driving his black truck out of his parking space when the collision occurred. Bieber stopped the truck and climbed out to find the photographer lying on the ground beside it. The man was clutching his leg and crying out in pain, although the extent of his injuries were not immediately apparent. (IANS)

**important to show powerful women in films**

Los Angeles

**A**ctress Jessica Chastain feels it’s important to show powerful women characters in films as it will motivate young girls and will set the right examples for them.

Chastain says it’s women’s responsibility to step forward and achieve whatever they want, reports dailymail.co.uk.

“Everyone has to learn how to live in an environment that has not made it easy for women to claim their place, so I think it’s all women’s responsibility to step forward,” Chastain told Elle magazine.

“My goal is that a girl will watch ’The Martian’ or ’Interstellar’ and think ’I want to be an astronaut or a quantum physicist’. It’s important to show powerful women who are good at their jobs because young girls need those examples,” she added on being a role model. (IANS)

**Top 10 Songs this Week**

1. Despacito
   Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee Featuring Justin Bieber
2. Wild Thoughts
   DJ Khaled Featuring Rihanna & Bryson Tiller
3. I’m The One
   DJ Khaled Featuring Justin Bieber, Quavo, Chance The Rapper & Lil Wayne
4. That’s What I Like
   Bruno Mars
5. Shape Of You
   Ed Sheeran
6. Humble.
   Kendrick Lamar
7. Believer
   Imagine Dragons
8. There’s Nothing Holdin’ Me Back
   Shawn Mendes
9. Unforgettable
   French Montana Featuring Swae Lee
10. Body Like A Back Road
    Sam Hunt

(billboard)

**Now you Know it**

Canadian singer and songwriter Shawn Mendes is the youngest artist since Justin Beiber to have a Number One album.
FRIDAY BRUNCH AT FLAVOURS ON 2

Date :30th June 2017 to 27th December 2017
Venue: Downtown Rotana

Explore diverse cultural cuisines every Friday from 12 pm until 4 pm and indulge in a stylish and contemporary setting with live cooking stations and oversize cocktails and mocktails bar.

Tempt your senses with the best Friday Brunch buffet in town at Flavours on 2 for only BD 20* including selected beverages, BD 21* including soft drinks and juices. The fun will not stop here! You can also enjoy ALL DAY free pool access and free valet parking. Children will also have a great time with their very own modern supervised Kids room filled with toys and games for all ages. Prices are subject to 10% service charge & 10% government. For more info 17713000 or email: flavours2@downtownrotana.com

BUSINESS LUNCH BUFFET
Date :28th June 2017 to 31st August 2017
Venue: Swiss-Cafe Restaurant, 10th Floor

Description Swiss-Cafe Restaurant offers a daily lunch buffet featuring wide choice of healthy salads, Mezzeh, International main courses and homemade desserts. Only at BHED 8 NET per person including of Soft Drinks and Water. Rate is inclusive of 10% service charge and 10% government levy. For reservations and information, please contact us on +973 66310041

EXPLORATIONS, ENCOUNTERS AND REMEMBERED STORIES: 200 YEARS OF BRITISH-BAHRAINI RELATIONS
Date: Till 31 August 2017
Venue: Bahrain National Museum

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KIDS FOR ALL SEASONS
Date: July – September 30
Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay

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Date: Every Monday
Venue: Zahle Restaurant, The Gulf Hotel Bahrain

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DIM SUM GALORE
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Venue: China Garden Restaurant, The Gulf Hotel Bahrain

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Date: Every Friday
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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You have the missing piece that people need in every situation today. Engage in light conversation in social situations, and turn your charm up high. You have the ability to make favourable impressions on just about everyone, so set the day off on the right foot. Get out of bed earlier than usual and get your blood pumping with a brisk walk around the neighbourhood.

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You should be able to evaluate your emotions from a detached perspective today. Use this opportunity to take action based on what you discover. Make sure your actions are based on practicality and you aren’t acting rashly in response to someone else’s hasty manoeuvres. You will be amazed at the incredible things that develop if you think first.

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BEETLE BAILEY

What happened to my female nurse?

She said you were starting to feel too good.

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India sends Frenchwoman back home

New Delhi

India yesterday freed Frenchwoman Marie-Emmanuelle Verhoeven, wanted in Chile in connection with the assassination of a senator, and put her on a plane to France, sources said.

The Indian foreign ministry said Verhoeven, who had been held in the country since February 2015, was released at France’s request on health grounds.

Verhoeven’s Indian lawyer confirmed that proceedings against her had been halted.

“They government withdrew the extradition proceedings against her and the matter was closed,” Ramni Taneja, Verhoeven’s lawyer, said.

A source close to the case said the Frenchwoman, 57, had been put on a plane to Paris.

A court hearing on Verhoeven’s case was held in New Delhi on Wednesday and the Chilean government had complained at India’s failure to hand her over.

The Indian foreign ministry said “Having considered the matter in its entirety, including the French request, the deteriorating mental and physical health of Ms. Marie Emmanuelle Verhoeven and the commitment of the French Government in the matter, the government decided … to withdraw its inquiry order.”

It added the government “discharged Ms. Marie Emmanuelle Verhoeven on medical and humanitarian grounds”.

The ministry said that the French government also committed to “subsequent bilateral examination of the matter with the country directly concerned” while requesting for her return to France on health grounds.

(APF)

Prince William leaves pilot job

London

Britain’s Prince William will retire from the air ambulance service, after two years in which he witnessed “shocking tragedies”, in order to turn his full attention to royal duties.

The Duke of Cambridge, second in line to the British throne, will finish his brief career as an air ambulance pilot in the east of England with a night shift.

The move comes as his grandmother Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, take a step back from royal duties and leave the younger generation to take their place.

Reflecting on his time flying medical crews from a base at Cambridge Airport, William praised the dedication of those who work for the emergency services.

“As part of the team, I have been invited into people’s homes to share moments of extreme emotion, from relief that we have given someone a fighting chance, to profound grief,” he wrote in an editorial published by The Eastern Daily.

Residential gardens, school fields and beaches have all been used as makeshift landing pads as the air ambulance crew rushed to the most serious medical emergencies.

Another four arrested in Pakistan revenge rape

Multan

Pakistan police yesterday arrested four more men involved in the rape of a teenage girl as punishment for a rape committed by her brother.

The latest arrests, which include the man who allegedly committed the ‘revenge rape’, brings the total number detained to 18, a police source confirmed.

A jirga (village council) in a suburb of the central city of Multan had ordered the rape of the 16-year-old girl as a punishment, after her brother sexually assaulted a 12-year-old.

Family member Muhammad Bilal, 25, said that after they learned of the first rape — which was committed last week — they went to the 12-year-old’s family to seek forgiveness.

“They women started shouting and their men asked us to first bring Umar’s sister (the 16-year-old) then they will talk about it,” he said.

Baby sold by father in B’desh returns to mother

Chittagong

A Bangladeshi woman whose daughter was sold off by her drug-addicted husband described her joy yesterday at being reunited with the infant.

The 10-month-old was returned to her mother in emotional scenes after a court in Chittagong ruled the child had been taken without her permission and sold to a childless couple.

“I am extremely happy that I got my daughter back,” the girl’s mother, Nusrat Jahan, said.

“I could not sleep all these months after she was snatched from my lap,” Jahan launched legal action in April after suspecting her husband’s role in their daughter’s disappearance.

Her husband, a methamphetamine addict, is accused of stealing the baby from the couple’s home Halishahar, a neighbourhood in Chittagong.

He has been detained and will face charges relating to kidnapping and selling the infant.

Michael Jackson producer Jones wins from estate

Los Angeles

 Quincy Jones, the legendary producer behind Michael Jackson’s top hits, yesterday won $9.4 million in damages from the late superstar’s estate over posthumous works.

A jury in Los Angeles sided with the 84-year-old producer but gave him only part of the $30 million he was seeking.

Jones has arranged songs for some of the biggest names in music including Jackson, producers “Thriller” in 1982 which remains the top-selling album of all time.

The producer filed suit over the use of songs in “This Is It” — a 2009 documentary about Jackson’s rehearsals for a series of concerts in London that ultimately were never to be due to the star’s sudden death — as well as two Cirque du Soleil circus shows.

Jackson sued MJJ Productions Inc., one of the companies that runs the late King of Pop’s estate, in 2013.

Jones said he had no quarrel with Jackson personally but that he had reached contracts in 1978 and 1985 that gave him first priority to Jackson’s music, including maintaining the right to be the first to mix original recordings.
NY cop’s baby born 2.5 years after his death

New York

New York police detective Wenjian Liu was ambushed and killed two and a half years ago in a murder that shocked the city. This week, his widow gave birth to his baby daughter. Angelina was born Tuesday at Weill Cornell Hospital. Her mother, Sanny Liu, asked doctors to freeze her husband’s sperm the night he died so that she could one day fulfill their dream of having children.

Liu, 32, and partner Rafael Ramos, 40, were shot dead as they sat in a patrol car in Brooklyn on December 20, 2014. The night after his death, Sanny dreamt that he handed her a baby girl, police said. She got pregnant through in-vitro fertilization. “I told my friend, ‘It’s going to be a baby girl.’ My friend said, ‘No, you haven’t even checked the sonograms,’” she said in a statement released by the police department.

Thousands of police officers attended Liu’s funeral where Sanny, who had married him just months earlier, fought back tears to tell mourners that she had lost her “soul mate” and a “wonderful husband.” Liu, an only child, moved with his parents to New York from China as a 12-year-old in search of the American dream.

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The coalition confirmed that it had trained, advised and equipped the 16th Division, and said: “In certain circumstances, if a supported units fails to remain compliant with vetting processes, support may be withdrawn.”

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Washington

Green sponge could treat some cancers

A small green sponge discovered in dark, icy waters of the Pacific off Alaska could be the first effective weapon against pancreatic cancer, researchers said Wednesday.

Pancreatic cancer, with particularly aggressive tumours, is notoriously difficult to treat.

“One would never have imagined looking at this sponge that it could be miraculous,” Bob Stone, a researcher at the NOAA Alaska Fisheries Science Center, said in a briefing by phone.

Stone discovered the sponge, dull in colour, called “Latrunculia austini” in 2005 while on a seabed exploration expedition in Alaska. It lives on rocks in patches at depths of 230-720 feet (70-219m).

Paris

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Brussels

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The Orion Nebula and its associated cluster of young stars

The Orion Nebula is the closest star “factory” to Earth, a team of astronomers said Wednesday.

The European Southern Observatory’s (ESO) Very Large Telescope in Chile spotted three distinct groups of baby stars in the Orion nebula – the closest star “factory” to Earth, a team reported yesterday.

“Looking at the data for the first time was one of those ‘Wow!’ moments that happen only once or twice in an astronomer’s lifetime,” ESO astronomer Giacomo Beccari said in a statement.

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Goals flowed after the third day of preliminary round matches in the Fifth Khalid bin Hamad Futsal League for Youth Centres, People with Disabilities and Girls (Khalid 5) on Wednesday at the Khalifa Sports City in Isa Town.

In Group 3 action, Ras Rumman Youth Centre were 4-1 winners over Dar Kulaib Club thanks to a hat-trick by man of the match awardee Fadhil Adel to put his team on top place in the group.

Three matches were also played in Group 4, starting with Al Wusta and Jidhafs who played out a 1-1 draw, with Mohammed Abdul-Kareem Ghareeb of Jidhafs adjudged as man of the match.

Karranah then edged out Sadad 3-2 to lead the group on three points as Sayed Qassim Mohammed for the victors was man of the match.

In another match, Karbabad saw off Al Qurayya 6-0 thanks to man of the match Ali Abdulla with two goals and four assists and now share top place with Hoora and Gudaibiya.

Group 5 saw Salmabad beat near neighbours Zayed Town 7-2 despite Zayed Town taking the lead by one goal in the first five minutes of the match. However, Salmabad equalised soon after on nine minutes inspired by man of the match Hussain Al.

Bani Jamra also won in the same group by the same margin (7-2), to be joint leader of the group with man of the match Fadhel Abbas netting a hat-trick and involved in a number of assists.

The league features 59 teams, divided into 36 youth centres teams, 9 unregistered clubs, 8 teams of people with disabilities institutions and 6 girls teams, which started on July 24 and concludes on September 14.

Today’s matches:
- Group 6 (5pm): North Sehla vs Al Daih.
- Group 7 (6pm): Zallaq vs Al Janoob.
- Group 7 (7pm): Saar vs Al Jasra.
- Group 8 (8pm): Hamad Town vs Bu Quwah.

Ahmed Janahi defeats Salman Hassan in semis

Defending champion Ahmed Janahi defeated Pakistani Salman Hassan in straight sets 6-1, 6-2 in the semi-finals of the Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) Members Tournament at its premises in Juffair.

Ahmed Janahi will now take on Abdul Rahman Janahi who won the second semi-final in straight sets by 6-2, 6-1 against Indian Nalan Tenshobaka, with the two winners facing off in today’s final at 6.30pm.

These tournament’s over the next two months will give players in effect ranking/classification points for future competition.

Khalid Nass, Chairman of the Organising Committee expressed his happiness with the success of the competition which began on Sunday and concludes this evening. He also confirmed that a number of youth tournament’s set for next month have been postponed due to the school holidays, as many are outside the country.
India leave Sri Lanka reeling

India's bowlers tore through the Sri Lankan top order to put the visitors firmly on top on the second day of the first Test in Galle yesterday.

Paceman Mohammed Shami picked two wickets in the same over and Umesh Yadav got rid of opener Dimuth Karunaratne after India posted a commanding 300 all out, their biggest total in Sri Lanka.

Former captain Angelo Mathews was batting on 54 with Dilruwan Perera on six when wickets were drawn for the day, with Sri Lanka still trailing by 446 runs with five wickets in hand.

Indian batsman Cheteshwar Pujara, who struck a solid 153, was batting on 31 at the close with Dilruwan Perera on six.

The two-time world champion believes that I enjoy.

“‘I’ve got the opportunity and I’m certainly going to go for it,’ Froome said on Team Sky’s website.

The second day of the first Test saw the visitors post 300 all out, their biggest total in Sri Lanka.

Vernon Philander again proved a thorn in England's side as Alastair Cook held firm against South Africa in the third Test at The Oval yesterday.

England were 171 for four at stumps, having won the toss, with 31 of the scheduled 90 overs lost to bad weather on the opening day of the 100th Test at The Oval.

Pace bowling all-rounder Philander had superb figures of two wickets for 17 runs in 12 overs, including five maidens, despite a stomach bug.

That followed his man-of-the-match display with both bat and ball in South Africa's crushing 340-run victory in the second Test at Trent Bridge last week -- a result that left the four-match series level at 1-1.

But former England captain Cook was 82 not out at England's Alastair Cook sets off for a run yesterday's close.

Already England's leading Test run-scorer, the left-handed opener spent more than four-and-a-half hours at the crease to be in sight of his 31st century at this level.

Ben Stokes was unbeaten on 21.

England had been heavily criticised by several former captains for an inability to bat time and wear down the Proteas at Trent Bridge, where they were twice bowled out cheaply and folded for just 133 in their second innings.

Although the overcast conditions and green-tinged pitch promised to assist pace bowlers, England captain Joe Root opted to bat first after winning the toss, just as South Africa captain Faf du Plessis had done in a similar situation in Nottingham.

Root clearly hoped England could come through some early adverse circumstances and may also have wanted to show confidence in his under-fire batsmen. (AFP)

Froome eyes historic double in Vuelta

London Chris Froome has set his sights on an historic double as the Tour de France champion confirmed he will race in the ‘vicious’ Vuelta a España.

Froome claimed his fourth yellow jersey in Paris on Sunday and now he hopes to become the first rider in 22 years to win both the Tour and the Vuelta in the same year.

The 32-year-old has finished second three times in the Vuelta and believes he can go one better this time despite the formidable test provided by the Spanish race.

Romain Bardet, Fabio Aru, and Alberto Contador are all expected to ride, while Vincenzo Nibali, who missed the Tour, may also be a strong contender.

Sharapova gets wildcard

Los Angeles Maria Sharapova was yesterday handed a wildcard into the Cincinnati WTA tournament, a key warm-up for the US Open, the season’s final Grand Slam which has yet to guarantee the Russian star a place.

Former world number one and five-time Grand Slam title winner Sharapova is still rebuilding her career following a 15-month doping ban which ended in April.

Injury then ruled her out of contention for Wimbledon where she had been due to play qualifying after French Open organisers had refused her a wildcard.

The Cincinnati event, which runs from August 12-20, also

Slow-go Budapest quenches Alonso pulse

Budapest Aiter months of frustration, Fernando Alonso is hoping to enjoy a competitive outing this weekend when he leads McLaren's bid for points at the Hungarian Grand Prix.

The two-time world champion believes that McLaren-Honda's strategy of focussing on the slow-paced Hungaroring circuit may give them a chance to climb off the bottom of the constructors' standings.

"I think Monaco was a great track for us, in terms of the characteristics of it," he said. "But, I was not there! So, for me, it's really the first time that I have had the possibility of hopefully feeling competitive. "There is a possibility to be in (qualifying) Q3, and then in the points and if something happens, in front of us, to get even a better result than seventh or eighth -- that is the maximum you can fight for at the moment. "So it's definitely an important weekend for us. We pay some penalties in the last two races to arrive here with more freedom of engine choices." (AFP)
Man City thrash Real Madrid

Man City thrashed Real Madrid 4-1 in the Champions League final on Saturday, dominating the match from start to finish.

Katie Ledecky wins fourth gold

Katie Ledecky led the USA to the women's 4x200m freestyle title at the world championships yesterday with a powerful anchor leg to win her fourth gold medal in Budapest.

Caeleb Dressel bags men's 100m world title

Caeleb Dressel won the men's 100m freestyle final at the world championships yesterday to bag his third title in Budapest.

Belmonte adds 200m fly world title to Olympic gold

Spain's Mireia Belmonte won the women's 200m butterfly title at the world championships yesterday to add to her Olympic gold medal.

Brazil's Medeiros takes women's 50m gold

Brazil's Etiene Medeiros won the women's 50m backstroke gold at the world championships yesterday in a desperately tight final which she won on the wall.

Ledecky wins fourth gold

Ledecky swung the relay for the USA quartet when she dived in for the final leg. She was on Li's shoulder for the first 50 metres, but made her move at the first turn and ended up finishing a full length ahead of the Chinese.

Belmonte adds 200m fly world title to Olympic gold

Mireia Belmonte competes the Spanish. "This golden medal was the last which was missing from my collection. "Rio is the best moment in my life, but this is an important moment. The key to win this final was the first 100 metres." (AFP)
Man City thrash Santa Clara
USA lift sixth CONCACAF Gold Cup

**Two-goal Eder sinks Bayern**

Eder scored two headers to lead Inter Milan to a 2-0 victory against a lacklustre Bayern Munich yesterday in a preseason friendly game in Singapore.

There was a scare for the German champions when Franck Ribery limped off towards the end of the first half, but coach Carlo Ancelotti said later he suffered a minor ankle injury and would be back in action in days.

Bayern dominated early on but it was Inter that managed to get a goal in the eighth minute against the run of play. An Antonio Candreva cross found 30-year-old Eder, who dispatched his header past the Bayern goalkeeper Sven Ulreich.

Playing in front of a crowd of about 23,000 in the city-state's main stadium, Inter scored their second in the 30th minute on another quick counter attack.

Croatian winger Ivan Perisic picked out Eder with a pin-point cross, leaving the striker to score his second header of the game.

Ribery had seemed the biggest threat for Inter, although the German champions seemed to lack their usual cutting edge.

But four minutes after the second goal, he left the pitch with an injury, with the Frenchman substituted for Milos Pantovic.

Bayern said Ribery needed stitches for a cut to an ankle but Ancelotti added it was a “small problem” and the player would be back in action in three to four days.

Eder did not get the chance to complete a hat-trick as he was taken off on 50 minutes by Inter coach Luciano Spalletti for Gabriel Barbosa.

Bayern grew into the game but never looked completely comfortable, even with the introduction of Thomas Mueller, who scored two goals in the side’s 3-2 victory over Chelsea in a friendly match in Singapore Tuesday.

The result was a boost for Inter Milan boss Luciano Spalletti, who took over at the club last month.

“Overall, Inter played a very good game,” he said after the match. “I’m very proud of my team. We played very well on the defence line as well as the forward line.”

Despite the disappointing result, Bayern boss Carlo Ancelotti praised the performance of Renato Sanches, who came on as a second-half substitute.

The Portuguese midfielder had a disappointing first season at Bayern and AC Milan and Manchester United are rumoured to be chasing him.

The game was part of the International Champions Cup, which brings together top-tier teams from Europe.