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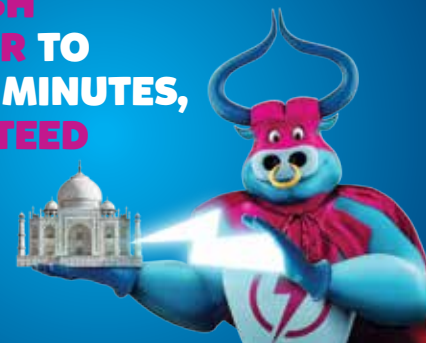
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Upon the passing of Fidel Castro let us think of the lives impacted by his actions and be hopeful for the future of the Cuban people.

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planning
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attack'

'Judiciary a monument of justice'

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Manama

Bahrain's independent judiciary is a monument of justice and human rights, which has to be respected, said His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday.

The statements were made during a meeting with the Acting President of the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) and President of the Court of Cassation, Chancellor Salim bin Mohammed Al Kuwari, and SJC members at Al Safriya Palace.

Urging Bahrainis to have confidence in the fairness of the Kingdom's judicial system, HM King Hamad affirmed unwavering support to consolidate the independence of the judiciary, which, he said, plays a crucial role in preserving rights and strengthening the pillars of social security.

The consolidation of the principles of justice and equality are the cornerstones of Bahrain, His Majesty affirmed.



Al Kuwari submits the annual judicial report to HM the King

On the occasion, the acting SJC President submitted the annual judicial report for 2015

to HM the King. Receiving the report, King Hamad lauded the

dedicated efforts of SJC in serving the nation and its citizens.

Praising the report and its future plans aimed at developing the judicial system, King Hamad hailed the continuous progress witnessed by the judiciary in Bahrain, thanks to its infrastructure, legislation and competence of judges.

"Bahrain would always remain a land for all those living on it, without discrimination," HM the King affirmed.

'Ignore crisis mongers'

Manama

Phase Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa urged citizens to ignore crisis mongers and those seeking to sow discord.

A highly aware and civilised society like Bahrain should only heed to the all-inclusive national voice, the PM pointed out. Prince Khalifa was speaking while receiving the Royal Family members.



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa receives the Royal Family members

The Prime Minister said the people's patriotism and awareness has enabled Bahrain to foil all conspiracies of division and partisanship, noting that the

Kingdom is a one-family society that embraces all the citizens.

Highlighting the regional and global economic developments and the efforts

being exerted to reduce their effects on the national economy, the PM stressed that the economic management, in order to be successful, has to extrapolate the future and the

requirements of the current phase.

The Prime Minister also underlined the need to create a dynamic economic atmosphere that breaks the monotony imposed by those global issues on economic activities.

The region can no longer afford new conflicts, Prince Khalifa affirmed, stressing that it has witnessed enough events that have affected its progress.



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RCSI education role commended



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa receives Prof. John Hyland

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Prime Minister HRH
 Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa hailed the pioneering educational role of Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), stressing its contribution in training Bahrainis and providing highly qualified Bahraini medical staff.

Prince Khalifa was speaking as he received Health Minister

Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday. The minister introduced to the PM a delegation from the RCSI led by its President Professor John Hyland.

The RCSI team is in Bahrain to attend the graduation ceremony of the 7th batch of the nursing and higher studies & researches colleges for 2016 held under the patronage of the PM.

Prince Khalifa underlined the government's support to all institutions backing the health sector with qualified professionals who can provide the best medical services.

The Prime Minister also stressed Bahrain's keenness to bolster cooperation with RCSI and benefit from its international reputation and achievements.

The PM underscored the

government's keenness to develop the health sector in Bahrain by availing of major international universities and attracting well-reputed doctors in all disciplines.

The delegation thanked the Prime Minister for his unflinching support to the college since its inception, describing it as an incentive towards more cooperation between both sides.

Over 200 graduate from RCSI Bahrain

Manama

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland – Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain) held its seventh Conferring Ceremony yesterday.

Over 200 students graduated from undergraduate courses in nursing and medicine, as well as the RCSI Bahrain-hosted Institute of Leadership's (IOL) Masters in Healthcare Management and Masters in Quality Safety and Healthcare

Management. Students were also awarded Membership of RCSI and Membership of RCSI's Faculty of Dentistry.

Minister of Health Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh attended the ceremony on behalf of Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

Among the candidates, 150 were from undergraduate, bridging and masters programmes in nursing. This marks the university's biggest ever cohort of nursing



The graduates during a photo session with RCSI faculties, dignitaries and government officials



Prof. Sameer Ootom confers degree on a student graduates on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the launch of the School of Nursing and Midwifery. RCSI Bahrain staff, stakeholders, special guests, dignitaries, government officials, students' families and senior representatives of RCSI Dublin were also present.

The graduates from RCSI Bahrain and the National University of Ireland (NUI) were presented with their degrees by RCSI President Professor John Hyland and RCSI Bahrain President Professor Sameer Ootom.

The valedictorian address was delivered by nursing graduate, Narjes Ashkanani, who also received the BSc (Hons) Nursing Gold Medal.

With yesterday's ceremony, the total number of RCSI Bahrain graduates has reached 1,300 since the inaugural conferring ceremony back in 2010.

RCSI Bahrain is a constituent university of RCSI, which was established in 1784.

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Ministry working round the clock to keep roads dry



Tankers pumping out water from roads in the Muharraq Governorate yesterday

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To contain the flood caused by persistent downpours, the Muharraq Municipality has extracted more than one million gallons of rainwater from the Governorate.

Municipality officials told *DT News* that they are working 24/7 to contain flooding in the

area. "Around 20 water tankers were tasked to do the suction processes in the Governorate. A total of 1,339 million gallons were extracted and disposed of," said the officials.

"We are working round the clock to maintain dry and clean roads.

"We are also responding to all the complaints and requests made by citizens and residents," a statement issued

by the municipality stated.

The Municipality received 174 notifications regarding rainwater flooding since Friday afternoon. The authority also confirmed that its prime concern was on solving issues in residential areas of Arad, Hidd, Galali and Al Hala.

Yesterday's heavy downpour has caused floods in different parts of the Kingdom,

Around 20 water tankers extracted more than one million gallons of rainwater from Muharraq Governorate yesterday

particularly Muharraq and neighbourhoods in the Governorate.

Many videos featuring heavy floods in multiple alleys

and neighbourhoods in Muharraq were shared on the Internet.

Bahrainis also flooded

the social media with complaints, accusing the authorities of incompetence in handling such situations.

A hashtag 'Muharraq is drowning' was trending on Twitter and Instagram.

The public is requested to contact on 17671310, 17984326 or 17984324 in any emergency related to rainwater flooding.

Tricking into flesh trade: Expats jailed



Representational image

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Three women accused of cheating an expat woman were sentenced to five years of imprisonment and permanent deportation by the Public prosecution yesterday.

The victim, was promised a manager's job in Bahrain and was forced into flesh trade when she reached the Kingdom, court files revealed.

Explaining more about the incident, the prosecution said in a statement posted on its official *Instagram* page that the victim was tricked to come to Bahrain to work as a company manager.

Chief Prosecutor Ali Al

Showaikh said the victim was detained by the perpetrators once she arrived and was forced into prostitution at an apartment.

"The victim, fearing physical torture and blackmail, had to give in to their demand," the official said, without mentioning any information about the nationalities of the women involved.

The defendants, also expats, were earlier sentenced by the First Supreme Criminal Court to spend the five years in jail and to be deported once they complete their sentences.

They defendants were charged with human trafficking, restricting the freedom of an individual, earning from prosecution and facilitating it.

SCW members appointed

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has issued Royal Order 53/2016 appointing members of the Supreme Council of Women.

HM King also issued Royal Order 54/2016 re-appointing Hala Mohammed Al Ansari as Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Women (SCW) for three years in the same ranking stipulated in the Royal Order.

Deputy Premier to attend conference

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On behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa will leave today for Tunisia to take part in the International Conference to 'Support the Economy and Investment' in Tunisia.

The conference will kick off on November 29 under the patronage of Tunisian President Beji Caid Essebsi. The Deputy Premier will be accompanied by Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani and other senior officials.

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Business professionals urged to help revive sinking SMEs

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A business society has proposed a volunteering programme for finance professionals to help the struggling Small Business Enterprises (SMEs) here.

A proposal which calls for professionals to provide voluntary services to hundreds of SMEs, was recently presented by Bahrain Philippine Business Council Vice President Lyn Le Altarejos to Bahrain SMEs Society Vice President Abdul Rahim Fakro.

Altarejos made the move after he noted that thousands of SMEs were forced to close after their commercial registration



Altarejos presenting the proposal to Fakro

got cancelled because they were not able to provide the financial statements for audit.

"The proposed study titled 'Clinic Financial' aims to find a solution for those entrepreneurs who are not capable of paying the fees of

a professional accountant on a monthly basis to accomplish company management accounting reports for the purpose of audit as required by the Law," Altarejos said.

"If we donate our free time at least an hour or two in order



Officials from Bahrain Philippine Business Council and Bahrain SMEs Society.

to produce a Management Financial Statement for the SME's, the businesses can proceed with the audit and renew their CR. This is right time to help one another. According to the latest data of MOIC, 6000 CRs were not renewed and 9000 CRs

was cancelled in 2015 due to companies not submitting the Audited Financial Statement," she continued.

She affirmed that financial experts can save companies from this predicament, by supporting this initiative and donating their free time.

"Professionals can produce the trial balance in a minute and if we all work together we can save more than 100 companies in an hour. So let us unite and be a volunteer for the betterment of SMEs as it is truly the backbone of the economy," she stated.

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New policy to develop women entrepreneurs



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A new strategy will be implemented to empower women entrepreneurs in the Kingdom, officials announced during a business forum held yesterday at Capital Club in the Bahrain Financial Harbour.

"We have developed a new strategy which is in line with the 2030 economic vision of Bahrain. The 'Vision for empowering women' was developed



Feryal Abdulla Nass

by us in partnership with Applied Science University, UNIDO and supreme council for women," said Feryal Abdulla Nass, president of Bahrain Businesswomen's Society

On the occasion, she also affirmed that the society is looking forward to strengthening its business relationship with international organisations.

To this end, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by the society with Belgian women's entrepreneur association to enhance the

business network and business opportunities between the two countries.

"We are also signing similar MoUs with Russian organisations," she added.

The role of Bahraini business women in the development of the economy was also highlighted during the forum titled 'Women Entrepreneurship & Innovation'.

Osama Alarrayed, Undersecretary of Industry Affairs inaugurated the event. He noted that Bahraini businesswomen has contributed immensely to the economy while praising the role of Bahrain Businesswomen's Society in empowering and supporting women entrepreneurs.

"The women entrepreneurs in Bahrain are much better placed with several avenues to finance their businesses. We also have the best ICT infrastructure in the region. Our entrepreneurial ecosystem is one of the best and several women led Bahraini enterprises have made their mark not only in the region but also beyond" he said.

Dr. Mariam re-appointed as vice-president

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Wife of His Majesty the King and Supreme Council for Women

Chairwoman HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, yesterday issued Edict 4/2016 re-appointing Dr. Mariam

bint Hassan Al Khalifa as Vice President of the Supreme Council of Women. The Edict stipulated the appointment for a three years' term.

THINKING MATTERS

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Fidel Castro - A Leader like No Other

Find capitalism repugnant. It is filthy, it is gross, it is alienating... because it causes war, hypocrisy and competition."

Thus said a man who embraced communism, led a revolution, and overthrew the military dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista in 1959 (Batista was then being supported by USA).

And since 1959, Fidel Castro ruled Cuba for five decades. With an iron fist.

Even after he handed power to his younger brother Raúl in 2008, and even though his country was just 90 miles south of the US state Florida, he always remained at loggerheads with US administration.

He always remained that irritating, unavoidable, thorn-in-the-flesh of United States.

So, I am sure US would have been very happy to see him go, long ago.

In fact, it is said that US government spent more than \$1 billion trying to kill, undermine or otherwise force Fidel Castro out - from power.

But he was unharmed until this week, finally, on 26 November 2016, when disease and old age took him away at the age of 90.

I think, he would be remembered more for the way he stubbornly stood up against the formidable USA, than for the Cuban revolution he successfully led in 1959.

He will be remembered more for the way he did not buckle under the pressure of US trade embargo on Cuba, than for that record-breaking speech which he gave in the United Nations.

On 26 September 1960, his UN speech had gone on for a full 4 hours and 29 minutes duration.

In fact, one of his longest speeches on record was even higher. For 7 hours and 30 minutes, when on 24 February 1998, the national assembly re-elected him to a five-year term as president.

In 2015, under Obama administration, after 50 years, the US-Cuba trade relations were finally re-established and revived. But things do not look good now. I am unsure if the soon-to-come Trump administration will maintain the status quo.

With US president-elect Donald Trump describing Castro as a "brutal dictator who oppressed his own people for nearly six decades", we can see a difference in the view.

Personally, I am of the opinion that it is hard to not hail Fidel Castro as a hero of Cuban Revolution of 50s, even though, I admit, he became somewhat of a dictator in his later years.

I share the feeling of Amnesty International's Americas director, Erika Guevara-Rosa, who said: "Access to public services such as health and education for Cubans were substantially improved by the Cuban revolution and for this, his leadership must be applauded.

"However, despite these achievements in areas of social policy, Fidel Castro's 49-year reign was characterised by a ruthless suppression of freedom of expression" she had added.

How much USA doesn't like Fidel Castro, is clear from the fact that there were celebrations in Florida at the news of his death. And Marco Rubio, the Florida senator whose parents were Cuban immigrants, said he hoped that the Obama administration sends "no one" to Castro's funeral! Such is the dislike, too.

Fidel Castro may not have been still forgiven by US for his strong relations with the erstwhile Soviet Union and for his anti-US activities, but he was a great leader in his own right; who made many Cubans, and many communists of the world, very proud.

He may not have been forgiven by US for his role in those communist threats to capitalist countries, which resulted in the Bay of Pigs invasion and the Cuban Missile Crisis, but he was a leader like no other.

Like the more famous fellow revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara, whom he met in 1955, he will be long remembered, in history. For good and for bad.

Recently, at the 2016 congress of the Cuban Communist Party, he said these words: "I am nearing 90. I will soon pass away like everyone else. The time will come for all of us, but the ideas of Cuban communists are an evidence that, in case if we work with paths and dignity, we can produce material and cultural values people need."

And he went.

INJAZ Al-Arab honours students

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Roshena of Bahrain received the 'The School Company of the Year award' of the 10th annual INJAZ Al-Arab Young Arab Entrepreneurs Competition. She also bagged the 'Citi Client Focus Award' at the award ceremony held at ART Rotana Hotel in Amwaj.

Watad from Saudi Arabia received the 'University Company of the Year award' and the 'MBC Al Amal Best PSA of the Year Award'.

The 'University and High School Product of the Year' awards were given to Ecoouifia from Morocco and Wasila from Egypt respectively.

The 'Social Impact award' was granted to Grow from Algeria for the University category and Jedmer from Tunisia for the High School category.

Bellora from Oman received the '2016 FedEx Access Award'.

"We are extremely proud of all the students from across the region for their hard work, dedication and creativity in adapting business concepts to real-life applications. We are especially



Winners with Bahraini flag

proud that Bahrain was able to host the annual competition, for the first time, in its remarkable 10th anniversary. This competition has set the bar high for next year's participants," Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Executive Director of INJAZ Bahrain said.

The event saw 20 teams consisting of young Arab entrepreneurs from across the MENA region competing to obtain the prestigious titles.

"INJAZ has played a critical role in building opportunities. Through INJAZ Bahrain, we have created a

solid springboard that will equip young minds to take on the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow," said Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery, the chairman of INJAZ Bahrain.

Commenting on the conclusion of the event, the President and CEO of JA, Akef Akarabwi, said, "At the end of each YEC we find ourselves overwhelmed with positivity & hope and this year was no exception."

The regional competition was conducted in partnership with GPIC, Tamkeen, EDB, Banagas, Bapco, Batelco, MBC

Al Amal, Citi Foundation, FedEx, Ithmaar Bank, Alba, Gulf Air, Khaleeji Commercial Bank, Al Salam Bank, Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait, Bahrain Ministry of Education, Sadiq Transport and Bahrain Airport Company.

A total of 20 teams from Bahrain, UAE, Oman, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Pakistan showcased their business insight, financial knowledge, marketing support and feasibility studies to an esteemed panel of judges.

Speak out

Send your comments to
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This is in response to DT News story "Residents' violations caused flooding, claims Ministry" published on November 27, 2016. Without putting the blame on each other the citizens and authorities must work together in containing the issue of flooding. Residents must take care in keeping the drainage clean without blocking it with garbage and other construction materials. Similarly the Ministry must take utmost care in the maintenance of the new drainage linking to sea as several complaints have already risen. The problems caused can only be tackled by cooperation.

Suhail Ahmad

NASS CORPORATION B.S.C.



NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of **Nass Corporation BSC**, cordially invites the shareholders to attend the Extra Ordinary General Meeting to be held at A. A. Nass Auditorium, Applied Science University, AlEkar, Kingdom of Bahrain at 10 a.m. on Wednesday the 14th December 2016 to discuss and approve the following agenda. If the quorum is not present, the 2nd meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 21st December 2016 at the same venue and time. Further, if the quorum is not present, the 3rd meeting will be held on Wednesday the 28th December 2016 at the same venue and time.

Agenda of Extra Ordinary General Meeting:

- To approve the minutes of the previous Extra Ordinary General meeting of the company held on 21st March 2016.
- To approve to amend the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Nass Corporation BSC, CR No. 60037, in accordance with the legislative decree No (50) of 2014, regarding amendments to certain provisions of the commercial Companies Law No. (21) of 2001, and the Central Bank of Bahrain & Financial Institution Law No. 64/2006, and the regulation issued to effect its provisions.
- To approve the registration of a new branch and/or a subsidiary company of Nass Contracting Co. W.L.L (a subsidiary company of Nass Corporation BSC) CR No. 17537, in the United Kingdom "U.K" in order to explore potential business opportunities for the company.
- To authorise Mr. Adel Abdulla Nass, to sign on behalf of Nass Corporation BSC, all concerned papers, documents and to submit the applications to Bahrain Investors' Centre, Ministry of Industry and Commerce and sign the amended Memorandum and Articles of Association of Nass Corporation BSC.

Sameer Abdulla Nass
Chairman

By Invitation



Fatima Adel bin Sanad

Toward a united identity for GCC interstate cooperation

The media and the Gulf identity" was the breakthrough title for the Arab Gulf Forum for political media on 16th November 2016, convened by the Bahrain Institute for Political Development. The Forum invited a number decision makers, policy analysts, academics and media specialists to discuss crucial issues, challenges and obstacles in the way of fostering a united GCC identity.

The Forum had a magnificent outcome that inspired and united the media effort to a specific goal that can contribute to changes in mindset based on recent GCC cooperation needs and political direction, with a deliberate, systemic and unified vision. The lack of such vision has caused most historical efforts to promote GCC cooperation to remain in the formulation circle, without implementation.

Instead of internal and regional concerns there were huge concerns regarding the united GCC identity internationally. The Forum booklet issued by the Bahrain Institute for Political Development notes the need to foster a shared GCC identity and defend it from the challenges that threaten the security of the Gulf area. The Bahraini Information Affairs Minister, Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumaihi, spotlighted the image of the GCC, particularly with regard to women, and how it is prone to distortion internationally. Other threats raised included the erroneous conflation of Arab-Islamic identities with terrorism and extremism. Moreover, there was a lack of satisfaction with media coverage and provision for the younger generation to maintain their cultural integrity in the face of the flows of often overwhelming information to which they are exposed from outside.

Through the dialog sessions important signals were given to encourage and guide the media to foster and defend the united GCC identity internationally. Dr. Muhammad Abdul Ghaffar, the Diplomatic Affairs Advisor to His Majesty the King and Bahraini Ambassador to France, explained the deepened GCC united identity within the global world, while Mohammed Al Hammadi, the chief editor of the Al Ittihad UAE newspaper, pointed out that we need to be influential and not influenced by external media and ideologies. Analyzing the perspectives in the Forum reflected international challenges and threats to the united GCC identity that can be overcome.

The Forum context focused on fostering a united identity inward within the GCC, which is crucial but not enough alone. The challenges raised in the Forum need an outward approach in line with the internal effort. For instance, journalist, academics and politicians need to write in diverse languages and publish in other languages and parts of the world to defend the GCC identity from negative stereotypes, and illuminating the socio-economic strengths and development in the region, such as significant achievements in women's empowerment. Changing these perspectives needs a shared language, targeted to influence. The Bahrain Institute for Political Development itself needs to include other languages in their competitions and not be limited to Arabic to meet the Forum targets in international duties. Far from reducing the primacy of the Arabic language as a core component of the GCC identity, this will help to deepen the united GCC identity in a holistic approach that enables the region to have a stronger voice in the world.

These Forum outcomes are predicted to contribute to changes in the media mindset and direction, and help foster shared values, language and targets to meet GCC current policies.

(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the policy or position of this newspaper.)

Kuwait opposition in strong election showing



Kuwaiti candidate and former MP Safaa Al Hashem (C), the only woman elected, celebrates with her supporters

Kuwait City

Islamist-dominated opposition groups and their allies secured nearly half of the Kuwaiti parliament's seats, official election results showed yesterday.

The opposition and its allies won 24 of the assembly's 50 seats, the electoral authority announced following Saturday's snap election called after a dispute over the hiking of petrol prices.

The Islamist, nationalist and liberal opposition contested the election after a four-year boycott in protest over the government's amendment of the key voting system.

Around half of the opposition candidates who won seats are Islamists from a Muslim Brotherhood-linked group and Salafists.

Voters dealt a heavy blow to candidates from the outgoing parliament, with more than half of them failing to make it into



Kuwaiti candidate and former parliament speaker Marzouq al-Ghanem (C), celebrates with his supporters

the new assembly. Two of three cabinet ministers also failed in their bid for re-election.

"Surprise," read the main headline on the website of *Al-Qabas* newspaper, adding that the election had resulted in a "62-percent change" in the parliament. One third of the members of the new parliament are relatively young and fresh on the political scene.

Only one woman was elected and the Muslim Shiite minority was reduced to six seats from nine in the previous house.

Hours after the results were issued, Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad Al-Sabah congratulated the winners for the "trust" given to them by voters, wishing them success in "serving the homeland".

Saturday's election saw a

turnout of about 70pc amid divisions over cuts in subsidies due to falling oil revenues.

Analyst Dahem al-Qahtani said the opposition had made an "impressive voting".

"Kuwaiti voters have punished those who let them down... and rejected the austerity measures," he said.

A majority of the elected MPs have openly said they would oppose any austerity measures by the government to boost non-oil income.

Unlike other oil-rich Gulf Arab states, Kuwait has an elected parliament with powers to hold ministers to account.

The set-up has led to repeated standoffs between lawmakers and the ruling family and Saturday's vote was the seventh general election in a decade.

But the strength of the opposition allows them to grill ministers and possibly even vote them out of office. (AFP)

Fatah holds rare congress

Ramallah

Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas's Fatah party holds its first congress since 2009 on Tuesday as the 81-year-old leader seeks to close ranks and fend off a key rival.

While Abbas's advisers insist the congress is being held because it is overdue, some analysts see it as an opportunity for him to sideline allies of his exiled longtime rival Mohammed Dahlan.

Talk of who will eventually succeed Abbas as Palestinian president has intensified, with the ageing leader not having publicly designated a successor.

A recent hospitalisation for a heart test has only added to such talk, but Abbas has



Mahmud Abbas maintained that he has no intention of stepping down anytime soon.

Arab nations have reportedly been pressuring Abbas to allow Dahlan to return in hopes that it will help lead to a smooth transition.

The congress to last up to five days in the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah

is expected to be key for the future of the secular party and the Palestinian Authority it controls.

It is to include elections for Fatah's central committee -- in which Abbas serves as president -- and its revolutionary council, considered Fatah's parliament and which has more than 120 members.

The 1,400 Fatah officials invited to attend the congress are to vote for 18 members of the central committee and 80 seats on the revolutionary council, while the rest are to be nominated.

Observers see the reduced number of officials to vote -- down from more than 2,000 in 2009 -- as part of a move to exclude Dahlan supporters.

Arid Saudi could need '\$50 billion' investment

Riyadh

Arid Saudi Arabia could need more than \$53 billion in water sector investment supported by private funds as demand grows, officials said on Sunday.

The world's largest oil exporter, whose petroleum revenues fell 51 per cent last year on declining crude prices, is pushing to diversify its economy through greater private sector investment and development of new industries.

Among government agencies targeted for privatisation is the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC).



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Dispatch of the Offer Documents
28 November 2016

Al Ahlia Insurance Company B.S.C. shareholders are hereby informed that the Offer Documents have been dispatched to Al Ahlia Insurance Company B.S.C. shareholders on 27th November 2016 relating to the formal Voluntary Conditional offer by Solidarity Group Holding B.S.C (c) for the shareholders of Al Ahlia Insurance Company B.S.C. to acquire up to 100% of the issued and paid up ordinary shares of Al Ahlia Insurance Company B.S.C. subject to a minimum acquisition of 51% of the issued share capital of Al Ahlia insurance Company B.S.C in cash.

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Dispatch of Offer Documents to shareholders

The Offer Documents (including offer document of the offeror, offeree board circular, containing details of the Solidarity offer, the views of the AAIC board of directors on the offer and the written advice of the professional advisor as to whether the offer is, or is not, fair and reasonable and the reasons thereof together with any other information it considers to be relevant to enable shareholders to reach an informed decision on the Solidarity offer and the Acceptance and Transfer form) have been dispatched by mail in electronic format to all AAIC shareholders whose names appeared in the AAIC share register on the Record Date at their addresses as registered in the share register pursuant to the Central Bank of Bahrain Rulebook Volume 6, Takeovers, Mergers and Acquisitions Module.

The above-mentioned documents are also available at the offices of Karvy Computershare W.L.L and the Bahrain Bourse B.S.C. (c) in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Alternatively, any shareholder who wish to receive the copy of the Offer Documents to an address in Bahrain may write to Mr. S.Veerapandian, Acting General Manager, AAIC at the registered office of AAIC at P.O. Box 5282, 4th Floor, Chamber of Commerce Building, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain. Such shareholders will be sent the documents by ordinary post at the shareholder's own risk, up to three (3) days prior to the Offer Closing Date.

Details of the offer

Securities for which the offer will be made

The Solidarity offer is to acquire between 31,562,183 (Thirty-one million five-hundred and sixty-two thousand one-hundred and eighty-three) and 61,886,633 (Sixty-one million eight hundred and eighty six thousand six-hundred and thirty three) ordinary shares which have a par value of 100 fils each in Al Ahlia Insurance Company B.S.C. ("AAIC"), representing between 51% and 100% of AAIC's issued and paid up share capital ("AAIC Shares").

AAIC is registered with the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism ("MOIC") under Commercial Registration number 5091 as a Public Bahraini Shareholding Company whose ordinary shares are listed on Bahrain Bourse ("BHB").

The offeror

Solidarity Holding Group B.S.C.(c) ("Solidarity"), is registered with the MOIC under commercial registration number 50973 as a Bahraini Joint Stock Company Closed.

Shareholding in Al Ahlia Insurance Company B.S.C.

Solidarity has not purchased or sold AAIC Shares during the 12-month period prior to the date of this announcement and do not hold any AAIC Shares as of the date of this announcement. Some of the directors of Solidarity have been disclosed by Solidarity as holding AAIC Shares as detailed in section 8 of the offer document.

Consideration of the offer

Consideration for Solidarity offer is 242 (two hundred and forty two) Bahraini fils in cash for every AAIC Share to the shareholders of AAIC accepting the Solidarity offer. Solidarity proposes to finance the offer up to two thirds of the total consideration for the Solidarity offer through internal accruals and up to one third of the total consideration for the Solidarity offer through shariah compliant bank credit facility.

Shareholders eligible for the offer

Shareholders of AAIC whose names appear in the AAIC share register at the close of business on 21st November 2016 (the "Record Date") will be eligible to receive the Solidarity offer.

Conditions precedent to the offer

Solidarity's offer is conditional upon certain conditions precedent including the following:

1. Acceptances are received in respect of at least 31,562,183 AAIC Shares representing 51% of the total issued share capital of AAIC;
2. Receipt of all regulatory and statutory approvals in connection with the Solidarity offer;
3. Subsequent to the Offer Opening Date and prior to the Offer becoming unconditional, the Board of Directors of AAIC to intimate, in writing, the Board of Directors of the Offeror confirming the conditions listed under section 3.6 (3) of the Solidarity offer document; and
4. AAIC Board of Directors to resolve that AAIC shall not undertake any of the actions prohibited under section 3.6 (5) of the Solidarity offer document.

Suspension of Trading

Trading in AAIC Shares has been suspended on the BHB at the end of the trading hours on the Record Date, and will remain suspended until payment has been effected to the AAIC Shareholders accepting the Solidarity offer or when the Solidarity offer is revoked due to non-fulfillment of Conditions Precedent.

Offer acceptance procedures

The offer will be open for acceptance from 29th November 2016 (the "Offer Opening Date") to the fifteenth day from the date of announcement of the offer being unconditional (the "Offer Closing Date") (the "Offer Period").

All the eligible AAIC shareholders willing to accept the Solidarity offer, prior to acceptance, will be required to hold the AAIC shares in a trading account with a registered broker in BHB. As part of the acceptance procedures they will be required to forward to the Receiving Agent, Karvy Computershare W.L.L., a completed Acceptance and Transfer form, copies of identification documents and a statement of account from the BHB in respect of their AAIC shares that are being surrendered during the Offer Period held in electronic form with a registered broker in BHB. Please refer to section 3.7 entitled "Offer Acceptance Procedures" and section 4 entitled "Procedures for Accepting the Offer" of the Solidarity offer document for further details.

An announcement will be made by AAIC upon the fulfillment of the conditions precedent to the Solidarity offer.

In the event that the conditions precedent to the Solidarity offer are not fulfilled, then the rejection of the offer will be communicated to the AAIC shareholders no later than 15th December 2016.

All announcements will be made in local newspapers in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and through the BHB and will be available on the website of AAIC.

In the event that the Solidarity offer is declared unconditional, the offer will remain open for acceptance by shareholders of AAIC for a further 15 calendar days from the date of such declaration.

Settlement

According to the Solidarity offer document cash settlement for the offer shall be effected by the BHB on the trading system through registered brokers. On the Offer Settlement Date, the BHB shall effect the transfer of shares and update the shareholders registry of AAIC to reflect change of ownership. Based on the actual number of shares transferred the settlement consideration at 242 fils per share shall be settled by the broker acting on behalf of Solidarity to BHB. In turn, BHB shall settle amounts due to each broker acting on behalf of individual selling shareholders of AAIC subject to and as per BHB settlement rules.

Further details are included in the Offer Documents that have been sent to the shareholders of AAIC pursuant to the Central Bank of Bahrain Rulebook Volume 6, Takeovers, Mergers and Acquisitions Module.

Key Dates

Record Date	21st November 2016
Offer Documents Dispatching Date	27th November 2016
Offer Opening Date	29th November 2016
Initial Offer Closing*	14th December 2016
Offer Acceptance/ Rejection Announcement Date*	15th December 2016
Offer Settlement Date	27th December 2016
Resumption of trading in AAIC share Date	2nd January 2017

*The dates are subject to changes and depend on the date of declaration of the Solidarity Offer becoming unconditional.

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Algeria proposes 1.1m bpd OPEC cut



Tehran

Algeria has proposed that OPEC members cut 1.1 million barrels of daily oil production to boost prices, Iran's *Shana* news agency reported Sunday.

Members of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries are due to meet on Wednesday in Vienna to discuss capping production.

At an informal meeting in Algiers in September, the 14 members agreed to work towards a cut of between 500,000 and one million barrels.

"The Algerian government has proposed a 1.1 million barrel per day cut in OPEC's total output," Energy Minister Noureddine Boutarfa said after meeting with his Iranian

counterpart in Tehran.

"We are hopeful that the next OPEC meeting will save the oil market of the current crisis," he said, according to *Shana*, the official news service of Iran's oil ministry.

Boutarfa also called for non-OPEC members such as Russia to cut their output by 600,000 barrels per day (bpd) -- also slightly higher than earlier proposals -- saying that falling oil prices were hurting the global economy and "must be stopped".

He said the cuts could push prices up to \$60 per barrel by the end of the year.

A global supply glut has sunk oil prices below \$50 -- more than half their level just two years ago -- threatening the economies of major producers

such as Saudi Arabia.

There have been growing doubts among analysts on whether a deal could be finalised.

Iran has refused to cut production until it regains its pre-sanctions levels of output, although OPEC members agreed it could be exempted from any deal, along with Libya and Nigeria.

Iran's Oil Minister Bijan Zanganeh said he was optimistic an agreement would be reached on Wednesday.

"The course of events and talks indicates that OPEC can reach a sustainable deal regarding its output and market management," he said, according to *Shana*. (AFP)

Libya rules itself out

Tripoli

Strife-torn Libya yesterday ruled itself out of the oil production cuts which OPEC members are due to discuss at a meeting in Vienna this week.

"Libya is in such a dangerous economic situation, there is no way it can participate in OPEC production cuts for the foreseeable future," National Oil Corporation chairman Mustafa Sanalla said in a statement on NOC's website.

"The important thing now is that all Libyans should benefit from increased revenues. This will be the real test of whether we can pull through our current political crisis and keep our oil flowing."

Meeting set for November 30

Moscow

With its oil output at record levels and state coffers running low, Russia has little to lose and much to gain from agreeing a deal with the OPEC cartel on limiting production.

Ahead of an OPEC meeting set for November 30 in Vienna, Moscow -- which is not a member of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries -- is pushing for an agreement to be finally reached after similar talks in Doha collapsed acrimoniously in the spring.

Russia is one of the biggest oil producers in the world, along with Saudi Arabia and the United States, and has paid dearly for the collapse in prices.

While OPEC plans to reduce production quotas for its members, President Vladimir Putin said last week that Russia was ready to "freeze production at the level it is at currently".

"For us to freeze production is no effort at all," Putin said.

Energy Minister Alexander Novak said Thursday that OPEC had asked oil-producing countries that are not members of the cartel to cut production by 500,000 barrels a day. Russian oil production in recent months has not stopped growing and now exceeds 11 million barrel per day, the highest since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

A freeze "requires little to no effort on the part of Russian oil companies"



Russia poised to gain from oil production freeze

while Russia "would benefit immensely from... any deal, however vague, that can help bump oil prices up a few dollars," Stromquist said.

The relative rebound in

oil prices since winter shows the market is extremely sensitive to any step taken in conjunction by the exporter countries that up to now have competed for market shares.

UL/FM approved fire systems seminar



A fire alarm system on display
Manama

Almoayed Fire & Safety Co. announced that it is holding a seminar in cooperation with Hochiki Middle East FZE on UL/FM approved Fire Alarm Systems.

The seminar is open to a selected clientele and will take place at the Crowne Plaza hotel tomorrow.

It will be conducted by Omar Al Haj Ali, Bahrain Sales Incharge from Hochiki Middle East FZE, Dubai.

Founded in Tokyo in 1918, Hochiki is distinguished by the experience and expertise of more than 80 years as one of the world's largest manufacturers and suppliers of fire detection & alarm

products. Hochiki Corporation undertakes design, manufacture, installation and maintenance of fire alarm systems and produces more than 3 million units per year. An international market leader in the manufacture of fire protection products Hochiki Corporation also produces fire extinguishing systems and security systems.

The Company employs some 1,300 people, has 3 manufacturing plants, 35 sales offices and 13 subsidiaries in Japan.

For more information and to RSVP your place in the seminar contact Asimsha on Tel: 17737477, Fax: 17737297, Email: info@almoayyedsafety.bh



BPW to host high level panel on women in legal sector

Shaikha Hind
Manama

The Bahrain International Federation for Business & Professional Women (BIFBPW), in partnership with FinMark Communications, is hosting a panel of executives from legal sector.

The event aims to showcase the achievements and support the role of women aspiring to leadership roles. The event will take place today from 4pm to 6pm.

The discussion, taking place at the Federation's headquarter at Jasra Craft Centre, is held in support of a year-long campaign launched by the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) to celebrate Bahraini Women's Day and to highlight and promote the achievements of "Women in the legal Sector".

Speakers on the panel will be Ali Al Aradi, Member of Parliament, Judge Rachel Karp

from the United Kingdom, Qays Al Zubi, Senior Partner, Zu'bi & Partners Attorneys & Legal Consultants, Rima Hadid Al Masri, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary at Mumtalakat, Haifa Khunji Partner at KBH Kaanuun and will be moderated by Zahraa Taher, Board member of "BIFBPW" and Managing Director of FinMark Communications.

Commenting on the event, Shaikha Hind bint Salman Al Khalifa, President of "BIFBPW", said, "BPW is pleased to host this distinguished panel of legal industry experts committed to supporting the further development and advancement of women to leadership roles in their industry."

The Bahrain International Business & Professional Women Federation was established in December 2012.

Swiss reject faster nuclear phaseout

Switzerland's ageing nuclear reactors will keep running for the foreseeable future, after voters Sunday rejected a call to speed up the phaseout of the plants. A full 54.2 per cent of voters and an overwhelming majority of Switzerland's 26 cantons voted against an initiative which would have forced three of the country's five nuclear reactors to close next year, according to final results.



Tunisia conference to kickstart economy

Tunisia will host 2,000 business and finance executives from 40 countries this week in hopes of drumming up investment to boost its struggling economy. As it tackles high unemployment, low growth and a tourism sector hammered by jihadist attacks, the government hopes to persuade attendees of the "Tunisia 2020" conference on Tuesday and Wednesday that the country is open for business.



I feel like in a world where we all try to figure out our place and our purpose here, your passions are one of your most obvious guides



Nick Woodman

CEO, GoPro



Every entrepreneur should know

The biggest problem founders and small business owners have is that they're experts in their field and novices in what it really takes to effectively run a business. That's what usually trips them up, sooner or later. Don't let that happen to you. Admit that you don't know what you don't know about business. Here are few tips that might some day save you from trouble:

Enough cash in the bank

The most common business-failure mode, hands down, is running out of cash. If you know you've got a cash flow or liquidity problem coming up, fix it now.



You can't fire bad employees fast enough

You just can't. Just make sure you know they're the problem, not you. The most important concept we should know is that 90 percent of all problems are management problems. When things aren't going well, the first place to look for answers is in the mirror.

Take care of your stars

This goes for every company, big and small. The cost of losing a star employee is enormous, yet business leaders rarely take the time to ensure their top performers are properly motivated, challenged, and compensated.

Your people are not your kids

If you use and abuse them that way, you will come to regret it. Capiche?

Listen to your customers

It boggles the mind how little most value their customers when, not only are their feedback and input among the most critical information they will ever learn, but their repeat business is the easiest business to get.

Learn to say "yes" and "no" a lot.

The two most important words business owners and founders have at their disposal are "yes" and "no." Learn to say them a lot. And that means being decisive. The most important reason to focus – to be clear on what your company does – is to be clear on all the things it doesn't do.



Run your business like a business

Far too many entrepreneurs run their business like an extension of their personal finances. Bad idea. Very bad idea. Construct the right business entity and keep it separate from your personal life.

Trust your gut

This phrase is often repeated but rarely understood. It means that your own instincts are an extremely valuable decision-making tool. Too often we end up saying in retrospect and with regret, "Damn, I knew that was a bad idea." But the key is to know how to access your instincts. Just sit, be quiet, and listen to yourself.

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You don't know what you don't know

Behind every failed company are dysfunctional, delusional, or incompetent business leaders. The irony is, none of them had the slightest idea that was true at the time. Even sadder, most of them still don't. Don't end up like one of them.

SFS named best GCC Custodian

Manama

Securities & Investment Company (SICO), licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain as a conventional wholesale bank, announced yesterday that its wholly-owned subsidiary – SICO Funds Services Company (SFS) – has been named 'GCC Best Custodian' by the World Finance GCC Investment & Development Awards 2016. SFS was selected from a final shortlist of nominees comprising four global and regional financial institutions.

With its roots going back to 1998 when SICO established an in-house custody unit, SFS was created in 2004 by spinning off this unit as an independent, specialised custody and fund



Najla Al Shirawi administration firm.

Acknowledging the prestigious award, SFS Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of SICO, Najla Al Shirawi, said: "Despite increasingly challenging and competitive market conditions,

SFS continues to win new mandates from leading regional financial institutions. Significantly, assets under custody with SFS have grown from US\$265 million in 2004 to US\$4.64 billion as at 30 September 2016, which constitutes a remarkable achievement."

The annual World Finance Awards were introduced in 2010 to recognise leading GCC financial institutions who are driving development and prosperity.

Selection criteria includes leadership and innovation; a forward-looking competitive strategy, quality of service and delivery; corporate governance; and transparency and disclosure.

Menatelecom releases top speeds, explosive GBs



Manama

Mena Business Customers can now get up to 1.25 Terabytes of download capacity, the company said in a statement.

In addition to high speed and reliability, the packages offer a full spectrum of solutions including a dedicated contact centre and dedicated account managers who are experts in their field, as well as cost effective voice and data

solutions.

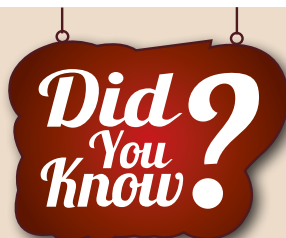
Customers can also keep their existing number and shift to Menatelecom or get a free premium number from 77xxxxxx range, the statement added.

Menatelecom operates its own Fibre link around Bahrain offering international-standard speeds in addition to multiple redundancies over Microwave, 4G LTE and WiMAX to ensure continuous connectivity to all

customers across the island.

Menatelecom caters to all forms of business requirements, from secure VPN links for banks, to remote surveillance systems, CCTV solutions and PBX systems in addition to a large portfolio of telecommunications solutions for all of Bahrain's diverse business sectors.

For further information, visit www.menatelecom.com or call 77077007.



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COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2888	0.2864
BANGLADESH	0.00487	0.00480
CANADA	0.2851	0.2820
DENMARK	0.0569	
EGYPT	0.0361	0.0434
EURO	0.4070	0.4049
HONGKONG	0.04983	0.04943
INDIA	0.00603	0.00563
INDONESIA	0.00003073	0.00002851
IRAN TUMAN	0.00010959	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000294	
JAPAN	0.003500	0.003430
JORDAN	0.5365	0.5351
KOREA	0.00037039	
KUWAIT	1.2580	1.249
MALAYSIA	0.087100	0.8810
NEW ZEALAND	0.2707	0.2693
NORWAY	0.0462	
NEPAL	0.00368	0.00345
OMAN	0.97962	0.98262
PAKISTAN	0.00370	0.00360
PHILIPPINES	0.00776	0.00757
QATAR	0.10381	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10061	0.27350
SINGAPORE	0.2685	0.2665
SOUTH AFRICA	0.02870	0.02860
SRI LANKA	0.00273	0.00255
SWEDISH	0.0440	
SWITZERLAND	0.3804	0.3779
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0017
TAIWAN	0.012300	
THAILAND	0.010800	0.010790
TURKEY	0.1184	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.4798	0.4768
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102800	0.102810
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37800	0.37805
YUAN	0.058500	0.0585

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GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.4703	0.3712	0.3356
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.0731	0.2811	0.2541
OMAN	0.3849	0.3909	0.3790	0.3426
QATAR	3.6420	3.6992	3.5857	3.2419
UAE	3.6730	3.7307	3.6162	3.2695
SAUDI	3.7500	3.8089	3.6920	3.3381

Gulf bourses edge up

Closing Bell

- SAUDI** climbed 0.7pc to 6,844 points
- DUBAI** rose 0.4pc to 3,338 points
- ABU DHABI** added 0.6pc to 4,298 points
- EGYPT** fell 1.8pc to 11,146 points
- QATAR** gained 0.2pc to 9,734 points
- KUWAIT** rose 0.3pc to 5,535 points
- OMAN** edged down 0.04pc to 5,519 points
- BAHRAIN** climbed 0.9pc to 1,196 points

Dubai
Gulf stock markets edged up in quiet trade yesterday, encouraged by strength in emerging markets generally, but Egypt's index reversed the trend higher it had enjoyed since the float of the Egyptian pound three weeks ago.

The Saudi stock index rose 0.7 per cent to 6,844 points, though it stopped short of technical resistance on its April peak of 6,876 points, which it had tested and failed to break on Thursday. Trading volume fell sharply.

The petrochemical index underperformed, edging down 0.1pc, after oil prices fell sharply at the end of last week. Saudi Kayan fell back 1.8pc.

But Alawwal Bank jumped 1.6pc after changing its name to Alawwal from Saudi Hollandi Bank in a rebranding exercise that coincides with

Royal Bank of Scotland seeking a buyer for its 40pc stake.

Much activity focused on second- and third-tier stocks favoured by local retail speculators, such as Saudi Fisheries, which surged 3.9pc.

In Dubai, the index climbed 0.4pc on the back of an 11.4pc

leap to 0.93 dirham by Union Properties, the most active stock, in its heaviest trade since June 2015. It rose above this year's previous high of 0.91 dirham, which had been hit in March.

Abu Dhabi's index gained 0.6pc, aided by a 2.0pc rise in telecommunications blue chip

Etisalat. Qatar's index edged up 0.2pc on the back of a 2.4pc surge by Barwa Real Estate.

The Egyptian index dropped 1.8pc to 11,146 points, confirming a bearish engulfing pattern on the daily candlestick chart - a classic technical sign of the reversal of an uptrend.

The pull-back suggested the market's dramatic bounce in response to the Nov. 3 currency float, which boosted the index by as much as 37pc to last week's peak, might now be ending as investors took profits and focused on Egypt's still-difficult economic environment. Global Telecom retreated 4.3pc while real estate developer Emaar Misr lost 5.2pc.

Exchange data showed foreigners remained net buyers of Egyptian stocks on Sunday, but only to the tune of a modest \$2 million. (Reuters)



The Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) awards Top Achiever Award for Association of Chartered Certified Accountant's (ACCA) Middle East prize-winner, Manal Azim. The BIBF's Director Solveig Nickolas presented Manal with trophy in acknowledgement for her achievement. Manal is the only candidate from Bahrain who was included in the June 2016 exam achievements, by ACCA. Manal achieved the highest score for the ACCA's F5 - Performance Management Paper

Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important.

— Bill Gates



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Monday, November 28, 2016

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International Family Fair at BSB

The British School of Bahrain (BSB) held its seventh International Family Fair at its campus in Hamala on Friday. After months of planning, there was much discussion the day before as to whether or not the fair should go ahead as the weather forecast strongly suggested thunderstorms. In the end, in what was described by the school as 'true BSB style', the decision was taken to go ahead. Head of School, Julie Anne Gilbert commented, "There was a strong feeling that someone was watching over as the rain held off all day. We were fortunate to have cloud cover and a light breeze until the first drops of rain fell just as the fair ended."

Different strands of the community united to perform traditional dances, cook traditional dishes and delicacies. There were performances by the school choir and the BSB Academies dance and gymnastic troupes. For the youngest guests, there were swings and rides to enjoy. Older visitors enjoyed festive shopping from a wide range of external vendors. One particular highlight of the day was the Indian traditional dancing by a group of mothers at the school. This culminated magnificent audience participation.

The fair was opened by ambassadors and consular officers from the range of nationalities at the school, including



representatives from the Netherlands, Bangladesh, Turkey and Switzerland, as well as senior officials from the

Ministry of Education. The Pakistani ambassador Javed Malik, also visited the fair, much to the delight of the

parents and students manning the Pakistan stall. The school is most grateful for the sponsorship from

local companies, particularly platinum sponsor Dr. Ammar Alekri Dental Center, a BSB statement said.

Schools Mark Constitution Day

Under the patronage of the Indian Embassy, Ibn Al Hytham Islamic School celebrated the Constitution Day of India. All the eight Indian schools participated in the event. A speech competition was conducted among the schools. Indian Ambassador Alok Kumar Sinha was the Chief Guest. The students of Ibn Al Hytham Islamic School presented colourful performances on the stage. The Chairman of Administrative Committee Shakil Ahmed Azmi welcomed the guests and Principal Dr. Mohammad Tayyab presented his vote of thanks. Alok Kumar Sinha delivered his message. Preambles were read and the audience took the pledge. Indian Embassy Second Secretary Anand Prakash and the Principals from various Indian schools were present in the programme. With an aim to educate school students about the features of the supreme law of India and to commemorate



the day the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) had directed all affiliated schools to celebrate Constitution Day on their premises. In a circular issued recently, the CBSE has directed all schools to hold mass reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of India on November 26 to mark the day.



To be at par or to excel?



Neenu Mary George

proving their feat in each and every field.

But still, why is it that the bar for excellence is placed in comparison to men?

When all around the world women are proving themselves to set standards for success and achievement for all individuals, why is the comparative degree still gender based?

So my ladies, put on your boots and pull up your sleeves.

We are not here to be better than the 'other half'. We are here to better than ourselves!

We do not take pride in being told that we are as good as men.

The fight for equality is far over.

What now exists, we call it, 'The fight to excel'. Why settle for being at par, when you can be the best?

"Women who seek to be equal with men lack ambition"

Over the years and over the many struggles, alongside freedom movements, there also rose the fight for equality of women.

In this 21st century, in spite of the many boulders and barriers being put in their way, women are at the peak of their reign. No occupation, profession or lifestyle is alien to them. Right from being an all around the clock supermom to the dynamic CEO, women are



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received Honorary President of Al Zayani Investments group Khalid Rashid Al Zayani at Al Safriya Palace yesterday. Al Zayani presented a copy of his book on the history of the Bahraini-British relations over the past 200 years. The book contains pictures and documents on some important occasions



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa received, in the presence of Ministers, a delegation from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) led by the college President Prof. John Hyland at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday. The delegation briefed on the activities, notably the graduation ceremony at the RCSI Colleges



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Saeed Al Hamad, a journalist at *Al Ayam* newspaper yesterday. The commander-in-chief commended the writers' effective media contributions



BDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Dhiab bin Saqer Al Nuaimi received Japanese embassy Charge d'Affaires Daisuke Yamamoto yesterday and discussed ways of bolstering bilateral relations and issues of common interest



The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) received a Russian delegation comprising of a spectrum of sectors headed by Vladimir Dmitriev, the Vice-Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (RCCI) hosted in Bait Al Tijjar yesterday. It resulted in signing an agreement titled The Road Map 2017. BCCI Chairman Khalid Almoayed, Bahrain's Ambassador to Russia Ahmed Al Saati, Russian Ambassador Vagif Garaev, alongside other BCCI board members and business owners attended



Electricity Executive provides support to Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa



Works Affairs Minister Ahmed Al Moayed Al Khalifa inaugurates the 7th round of the roads and highways project



Minister of Health Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh, a delegation and RCSI-Bahrain President Prof. Samir Al Atoum at the launch of the 7th batch of the Nursing and Higher Studies



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa received a delegation from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), led by the college President Prof. John Hyland. Chief Executive of RCSI Dublin Prof. Cathal Kelly, Dean of the College Prof. Hanna McGee, RCSI-Bahrain President Prof. Samir Ootom and RCSI Board member Prof. Bridget Egan and Prof. Camilla Carroll also attended



Minister of Water Affairs Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza met with Calibration Experts Company Chief Officer Munther Walid Darwish and Managing Director Marwan Walid Darwish. The company provides services in the field of maintenance and calibration of electrical measurement devices. Adnan Al-Fakhro, the EWA Executive Vice President of Distribution and Customer Services, was also present



Minister of Defence Affairs Maj. General Yusuf bin Ahmed Al Jalahma received, in the presence of BDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Dhiab bin Saqer Al Nuaimi, the Riyadh-based New Zealand Military Attaché to Bahrain Brigadier Antony M. Hayward yesterday. The minister reviewed the relations between the two countries. Royal Bahrain Naval Force (RBNF) Commander Shaikh Khalifa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa was also present



Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning Dr. Khalid Al Khayat toured areas of Arad, accompanied by Muharrag municipal council member of constituency Sabah Al Dosari and a number of engineers. The visit aimed to acknowledge the importance of addressing sanitary needs in Blocks 240, 241, 243, 244, 245 and 246



The Capacity Building for Researchers Workshop was launched at the Royal University for Women yesterday, which aims to support young researchers in Bahrain. The workshop will be held from November 27 to 29

CELEBS

I'm a spiritual person and a religious person. But for me, it's all a personal thing. I'm not someone who'll say, 'This is what I believe, and you should too!' It's more of an internal, quiet, grounded, fulfilling thing for me.. – Mandy Moore



Cheryl wants to take a break

Los Angeles

Singer Cheryl wants to take a break and travel. The “Call my name” hitmaker wants to take a break from the spotlight and go learning and exploring,” reports hellomagazine.com. “There are loads of places even in Europe I haven’t seen yet. It would be amazing to campervan around Europe. Sometimes you need that when you are still so noticeable, to have some you-time and still be learning and exploring,” Cheryl said. Though she has been working on new music herself, the former “X Factor” judge is keen to step behind the scenes and move into talent management as she thinks she has a great ear for finding new artists. “I’d like to get into management, signing new artists myself. Away from ‘X Factor’, I love spotting talent. I can feel it, I can sense it and I get a buzz out of it. And doing TV work - not being on TV, but being involved and coming up with ideas,” she said.



Cheryl

I have made mistakes: Aaron

Los Angeles

Hollywood star Aaron Eckhart says he is constantly learning from the mistakes he has made in the industry. Talking about his “Bleed for This” co-star Miles Teller, Eckhart said he has discussed his mistakes with the young actor as he feels paternal towards him. “I’m constantly talking to him about mistakes I made, because I want him to do well. I don’t want him to fall into the traps I fell into,” Eckhart told the Guardian. The actor said he wants Teller to avoid the traps that fame and money throws. “In this business, with the fame and money, there are traps. You can start believing things about yourself that won’t do you any good. And there are conversations nobody had with me that I wish they had. So, on Sully, I took the chance to ask Tom - top pro - how he handles certain things. Because if you get those things wrong, it damages a career. “I’m 48. For 20 years I’ve made mistakes, and recovered from mistakes. I’ve asked myself tough questions... I’ve just tried to be a better person, and not take everything so seriously. Because I’m very sensitive.



Aaron

Charlie Sheen selling Beverly Hills mansion

Los Angeles

Actor Charlie Sheen is reportedly selling his Beverly Hills mansion for \$9 million. The 51-year-old is said to be putting the lavish home on the market for almost \$2 million more than he originally paid for it, reports tmz.com. The mansion was home to a number of “wild parties” in the controversial actor’s career, as well as being where Sheen, who revealed he was HIV positive last year, indulged in “epic sexual escapades”. When Sheen bought the house, he reportedly splashed out a whopping \$7.2 million, and has now added the extra \$1.8 million on top because of its prime location in one of the most desirable gated communities in the city, says the publication.



Sheen

Cate Blanchett gave taxi driver her perfume

Los Angeles

Actress Cate Blanchett gave her perfume to her taxi driver for his girlfriend. The 47-year-old was very flattered when the man complimented her on her fragrance and handed over the bottle of Armani Prive for him to give to his girlfriend because she was concerned he wouldn’t be able to buy the exclusive scent, reports femalefirst.co.uk.



Cate Blanchett

“A cabbie once asked me what fragrance I was wearing, because it was his girlfriend’s birthday. And I was so touched that I gave him the bottle. It was actually a very exclusive Armani Prive scent and I didn’t have another one, but I had to give it to him because I thought he would never find it,” Blanchett told Evening Standard magazine.

The “Carol” actress, who has three sons, Dashiell, 14, Roman, 12, and Ignatius, eight, and daughter Edith, 18 months, with husband Andrew Upton, loves eating out and thinks there’s nothing more romantic than multiple restaurant meals in a day.

Adam Levine lauds Sarah Hyland

Los Angeles

Actress Sarah Hyland, known as Haley Dunphy of TV show “Modern Family”, is earning plaudits for her singing talent and has also got applause from pop band Maroon 5 frontman Adam Levine.

According to a report on popsugar.com, “Modern Family” star captured attention with a soulful cover of The Chainsmokers’

“Closer” last week. And she has teamed up with American boy band Boyce Avenue again for another pop cover.

This time, they sang Maroon 5’s “Don’t wanna know” -- which the group recently performed at the American Music Awards.

Levine took to Facebook to laud her. A post on his official Facebook page read: “When a cover is done right.”

Meanwhile, Hyland will be back with the rest of the cast of “Modern Family” on the small screen in India from November 27. The show will be aired on Star World and Star World HD.



Sarah



Adam

Madonna providing support to Kim Kardashian

Los Angeles

Pop icon Madonna is helping reality TV personality Kim Kardashian get over her robbery ordeal.

The “Material girl” singer, who previously revealed she was sexually assaulted at gunpoint in New York when she was 19, reached out to offer

her support to the “Keeping Up With the Kardashians” star after armed robbers invaded her Paris apartment and stole her jewellery after locking her in the bathroom last month, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“Madonna has been helping Kim with daily phone calls and Skype sessions. Although they’ve known each other for a long time, they’ve become so close over the past few weeks.

“Madonna knows what Kim has been through and is helping her find the courage to carry on with her life.

They’ve found they have quite a lot in common and Kim really trusts Madonna’s advice as they’ve known each other for so many years,” a source told Closer magazine.

Madonna isn’t the only star to offer support to Kim.

Musician, Courtney Love recently offered to “beat up” the men who had stolen from her friend.

“I was sitting next to her at the Givenchy show and it happened an hour later. It’s so horrible. I just wrote her a letter and said, ‘If I find them I’ll beat them up. I’m so sorry,’” she said.



Kim

I’m no dumb blonde: Paris Hilton

Los Angeles

Socialite Paris Hilton says she is not a dumb blonde.

Although people often expect the socialite to be ditzy, she says they are pleasantly surprised when they hear her talk about her business empire, reports dailymail.co.uk.

“If someone hasn’t met me yet, they automatically have their misconceptions about me. As soon as I am in a board room in front of them talking about my business, they immediately know I’m not the dumb blonde they thought I was,” Hilton told Galore magazine.

Hilton, 35, says that she is “flattered” when people call her an icon.

“I’ve been called that by people and I found it very flattering but I’ve never used it to describe myself... It makes me happy to be an inspiration to people. I am all about girl power and women being fierce and independent. So, it’s nice to see women following my lead and doing things on their own instead of just depending on a man,” she said.



Hilton



Madonna

Amber Heard stars in video on domestic violence

Los Angeles

Actress Amber Heard, who just settled her acrimonious divorce case with Johnny Depp, has spoken out about eliminating violence against women in a video.

The actress partnered with the #GirlGaze Project for a new video about domestic violence, and briefly shared her personal story, reported People magazine.

“I guess there was a lot of shame attached to that, the label of victim. It happens to so many

women you know, when it happens in your home behind closed doors with someone you love it’s not straightforward,” Heard, 30, says.

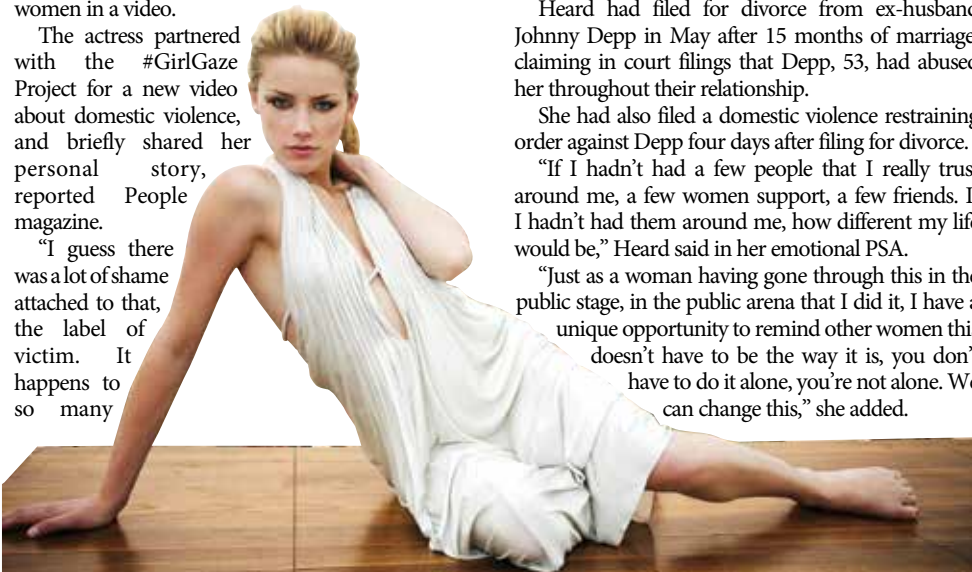
“If a stranger did this as it was pointed out to me if a stranger did this it would be a no brainer.”

Heard had filed for divorce from ex-husband Johnny Depp in May after 15 months of marriage, claiming in court filings that Depp, 53, had abused her throughout their relationship.

She had also filed a domestic violence restraining order against Depp four days after filing for divorce.

“If I hadn’t had a few people that I really trust around me, a few women support, a few friends. If I hadn’t had them around me, how different my life would be,” Heard said in her emotional PSA.

“Just as a woman having gone through this in the public stage, in the public arena that I did it, I have a unique opportunity to remind other women this doesn’t have to be the way it is, you don’t have to do it alone, you’re not alone. We can change this,” she added.



Amber Heard

Kylie and Gigi



Zaid Affas praises celebrity influence on fashions

Los Angeles

Designer Zaid Affas thinks reality TV star Kylie Jenner and model Gigi Hadid are giving people a better idea of “how to dress”.

The designer believes stars who are popular on social media, such as the “Keeping Up With the Kardashians” star and her family and the 21-year-old model, have made fashion a lot more accessible to “the public”, and given their young fans more sartorial knowledge, reports people.com.



Zaid Affas

com.

“A lot more people are looking at fashion because of these celebrities, because of the Kardashians and the Jenners and the Hadid family. Social media has intensified celebrity influence and helped stars be more involved in fashion,” Affas said.

“And that celebrity influence helps bring the public into the fashion fold. It creates for the public an idea of how to dress and I think that’s an awesome thing,” Affas added.

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MARK YOUR Calendar

BAHRAIN SET FOR DEBUT CHOCOLATE & COFFEE SHOW

Date: December 8 to 10

Venue: Bahrain International Exhibition Centre



Yasmin Jamal

There has been an overwhelming response from the chocolate and coffee manufacturers and the dealers from the Middle East region for the inaugural "Chocolate & coffee" exhibition and festival to be held in Bahrain from December 8 to 10, said the oraganiser Events Starts.

A number of the leading players in the chocolate and coffee industry have booked their places at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre for the debut event, it stated.

"When the marketing campaign for the exhibition began, a lot of companies from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Turkey and Lebanon were eager to take part," remarked Yasmin Jamal, its executive director.

"We are working to sign participation contracts with several Gulf and Arab companies in addition to major British and Russian players," she said.

According to her, more than 100 companies are expected to take part in the inaugural show.

Besides the chocolate and coffee manufacturers, the list includes some of the top hospitality groups, in addition to representatives of the global chocolate companies in the region (franchisees), who aim to boost their brands' presence in the Gulf and the Arab market, and also strengthen communication with their customers.

"We are working to attract the local manufacturers along with shops that offer many luxury foreign brands mainly produced in many countries," she added.

LECTURE: THE CUNEIFORM WRITING IN DILMUN

Date: 29 November 2016, 7:00pm

Venue: Bahrain fort Museum - Lecture Hall

Mahmoud Abdel-Saheb who holds a degree in History from the University of Beirut will focus on the Cuneiform writing in Dilmun.

The lecture will be in Arabic. Free Admission.

A JOURNEY FROM EAST TO WEST

Date: December 1

Venue: St Christopher's Cathedral

Jason Carter will be in concert at St Christopher's Cathedral on Thursday 1st December at 6.00pm on his harp guitar taking as a theme A Journey from East to West.

Jason Carter's musical depth and extraordinary style have left an indelible impact around the globe. Touring with his inimitable fusion of world music and classical styles, he has performed in almost 100 countries and travelled over a million miles - making music in such diverse locations as Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, North Korea, Pakistan, and the Gulf States. Garnering a reputation as an ambassador for peace and intercultural dialogue by using music to open doors for communication, Jason has received honors and awards for these efforts and also support from UNESCO, The United Nations, and the British Government.

Jason is a guitarist/composer of the highest caliber and originality. Prolific and exceptionally creative, he continually produces captivating and alluring music that showcases not only his classical abilities but also his obvious love for world music. Played with humility, passion and exquisite flair, his music offers audiences a profound and intimate experience, regardless of the size of the venue.

Though working primarily as a solo musician, Jason regularly collaborates with other musicians and orchestras. He has played with the Prague Philharmonic Orchestra, the Novosibirsk Orchestra, the Nanjing Chinese Orchestra, New Irish Orchestra, and countless other musicians from around the world.

Tickets are BD5 (accompanied children free) and may be booked in advance from the Cathedral Office Tel: 17253866

RULES NIGHT

Date: 1 Dec 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Venue: Royal Golf Club Riffa

Michael Wood, the current Tournament Director for the Ladies European Tour, will be visiting Bahrain for a one-off Rules of Golf Seminar at the Royal Golf Club.

Michael has over 10 years of

HIGHLIGHT

EFFECTIVE PARENTING FOR ADOLESCENTS

Date: 2nd and 3rd December

Venue: Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam

Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) Ladies wing is organizing a mind training and counseling program on 'effective parenting for adolescents' especially for the children above 11 years on 2nd and 3rd December 2016. The classes will be conducted by the renowned expert Dr. Krishna Sivasubramoney, Associate Professor (Department of Psychiatry) & MO in Charge (Holistic and Stress Research Clinic), Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram.

The program includes effective interaction with parents and children in separate sessions on how to support your children, empowering the teens for a healthy youth and healthy future and individual counseling. The opening ceremony will be held at 10:30am followed by an interactive session for parents and mind empowering games for children. There will also be an interaction with children in the afternoon. The families who attend the Friday session can have a personal talk with the doctor upon special appointment on Saturday.

For more information and registration please contact Mohini Thomas -39804013 and Biji Siva-36608902.



Dr. Krishna

Sivasubramoney

experience as a Rules Referee and has officiated prestigious tournaments such as the recent Solheim Cup in 2015.

The seminar is designed to educate golfers on how to locate the desired ruling, make the correct decision when presented with difficult scenarios and provide further all round knowledge on the rules of golf.

Entry costs just BD 5 per person and places must be reserved in advance. To book your seat, please call our Central Reservations Department.

BUY 1 GET 1 BBQ BY THE POOL

Date: 1 Dec 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Venue: Sheraton Bahrain Hotel

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PIANO CONCERTO BY PAOLO RESTANI

Date: 1 Dec 8 pm - 10 pm

Venue: The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain

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and talented pianist to our island will offer the unique opportunity to experience first-hand Restani's prodigious talent.

TALK WITH ADVENTURER MARYAM ABDULLA

Date: Thursday, December 1st, 7pm

Venue: Words Bookstore Café

Join Kuwaiti adventurer Maryam Abdullah as she talks about her travel adventures all over the world. Listen as she divulges what she's learnt and experienced over the last 10 years about different people and cultures, from North Korea to Namibia as well as her latest adventure, bungee jumping into an active volcano in Chile. To Maryam, the world is a large museum, the countries are the rooms to visit. All are welcome.

SHAPE METAL WIRES WORKSHOP

Date: 2 December 2016, 10:00am - 12:00pm & 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Venue: Al Jasra Training Center

In cooperation with Al Jasra Training Center, Bahrain Authority for Culture & Antiquities is organizing a Shape Metal Wires workshop. Minimum age 16 years and above. Learn creating different shapes by winding wires made of metal. For any inquires please contact workshops@culture.gov.bh

FURNITURE RECYCLING WORKSHOPS

Date: 2 December 2016, 10:00am - 12:00pm & 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Venue: Al Jasra Training Center

In cooperation with Al Jasra Training Center, Bahrain Authority for Culture & Antiquities is organizing a Furniture Recycling Workshops. Learn

making home accessories from unused hangers that is available in the house. For any inquires please contact : workshops@culture.gov.bh. Minimum age 16 years and above.

BOOK LAUNCH: LITTLE ISLAND BIG FORT

Date: 3 December 2016, 4:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Museum

Haya Bint Isa AlKhalifa is a writer and documentary photographer living in Bahrain. Her debut children's book is a pop-up adventure about a young Bahraini boy and his red balloon flying high above Bahrain. The books will be available for purchase, and visitors will also be able to meet the author and illustrator and have their books signed. There will be activities for the children including a pop-up workshop where children can re-create a pop-up scene from the book.

MOHAMMED ABDU

Date: 8 December 2016, 8:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

This is a brilliant concert featuring the one and only Mohammed Abdu, a true living legend of Arabic music. Gifted with a distinctly powerful yet sweet voice and incredible out-playing ability, Abdu's talents were clear from an early age and was soon discovered while still a teenager in the early 1960's after singing on the local radio. Five decades on, "The Artist of the Arabs" as he is widely known is still going strong. The concert will feature some of the artist's most beloved songs which he released over his illustrious career, from early classics to more modern hits spanning the golden era of Arabic music of the 20th century to today.

HIGHLIGHT

FRADEANI IN BAHRAIN: THE ESTHETIC AND FUNCTIONAL REHABILITATION

Date: 1 Dec 8 am - 2 Dec 11 am

Venue: Amwaj Island, Bahrain- Manama

The Program about Esthetic Rehabilitation is at the Seef Medical Training Center, Bahrain, Bldg 103, First floor, Road 59, 257 Amwaj Islands, next to Choueifat school.

The aim of this course is to outline a systematic approach to prosthetic rehabilitation and help the clinician to confidently address comprehensive treatment involving bridges, crowns, veneers and onlays on natural dentition, from single restoration to full-mouth rehabilitation.



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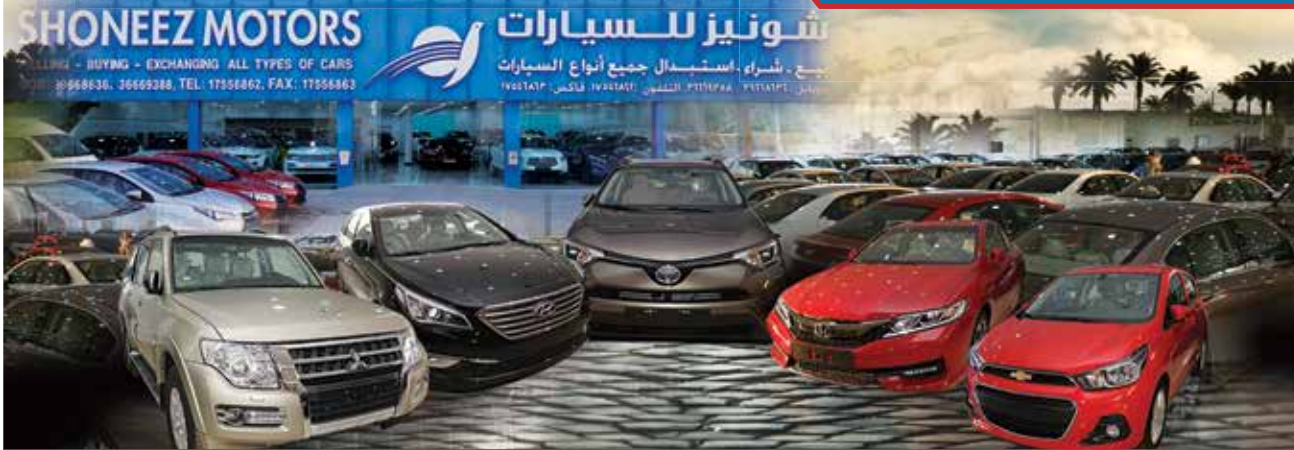
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PROPOSED RETAINING WALL AT RIFFA - BLOCK 901 - ROAD 107	RDS-16/0046	AA, A, B, C, D & E	1,000/-	25/- Non Refundable	Wednesday, 14 December 2016, 1:30 PM

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CHERNOBYL GETS A NEW

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The giant arch is nearly as long as two football pitches and taller than New York's Statue of Liberty

Chernobyl

The world's largest metal moveable structure will be unveiled Tuesday over the Chernobyl nuclear power plant's doomed fourth reactor in Ukraine to ensure the safety of future generations across Europe.

The giant arch -- nearly as long as two football pitches and taller than New York's Statue of Liberty -- will edge into place over an existing crumbling dome that the Soviets constructed in haste when disaster struck three

decades ago on April 26.

Radioactive fallout from the site of the world's worst civil nuclear accident contaminated Ukraine and spread across three-quarters of Europe.

Work on the previous safety dome began after a 10-day fire caused by the explosion was contained but as radiation still spewed. "It was done through the super-human efforts of thousands of ordinary people," the Chernobyl museum's deputy chief Anna

Korolevska said. "What kind of protective gear could they have possibly had? They worked in regular construction clothes."

About 30 of the cleanup workers known as liquidators were killed on site or died from overwhelming radiation poisoning in the following weeks. The toll from the accident caused by errors during an experimental safety check remains under dispute because the Soviet authorities did their best to cover up the tragedy.

Kiev held a May Day parade as invisible contamination spread over the city while then-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev only admitted on May 14 that something had gone terribly wrong.

A United Nations estimate in 2005 said around 4,000 people had either been killed or were left dying from cancer and other related disease.

But the Greenpeace environmental protection group believes the figure may be closer to 100,000.

The authorities maintain a 30-kilometre-wide (19-mile-wide) exclusion zone around the plant in which only a few dozen elderly people live.

Concerns over the safety of the

disintegrating concrete shelter -- built by 90,000 people in just 206 days -- prompted the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) to spearhead a 2.1-billion-euro (\$2.2bn) project to install a new safety dome.

30-year lifespan

The numerous problems with the Soviet-era solution included the fact that the protective structure only had a 30-year lifespan.

Yet its deterioration began much sooner than that. "Radioactive dust inside the structure is being blown out through the cracks," Sergiy Paskevych of Ukraine's Institute of Nuclear Power Plant Safety Problems said.

"This would especially be a potential problem if there was a tornado or an earthquake," Paskevych said.

The new arch should be able to withstand tremors of 6.0 magnitude -- a strength rarely seen in eastern Europe -- and tornados the likes of which strike the region once every million years.

Long time coming

Chernobyl's dangers are real but Kiev complains Europe's help took a

long time coming.

The EBRD found 40 state sponsors to fund a competition in 2007 to choose who should build a moveable dome the likes of which the world had never seen.

A French consortium of two companies known as Novarka finished the designs in 2010 and began construction two years later.

The shelter was edged toward the fourth reactor in just under three weeks of delicate work this month that was interrupted by inclement weather and other potential dangers.

It will later be fitted with radiation control equipment as well as air vents and fire protective measures.

That equipment inside the arch is due to start working by the end of 2017.

"And only then will we begin to disassemble the old, unstable structure," the head of Ukraine's State Nuclear Regulation Inspections agency Sergiy Bozhko told.

But he said no timeframe had yet been set for the truly hazardous work of removing

all the remaining nuclear fuel from inside the plant or taking apart the old dome. (AFP)

Reactor 4 explodes

On April 26, 1986, at 1:23 am, the Chernobyl nuclear power station's Reactor Number 4 explodes during an experimental safety check.

The reactor is destroyed and a plume of radioactive contents shoots up to one kilometre (half a mile) into the sky, some falling as debris in the area while the rest is blown by winds as far as western Europe.

Thirty rescue workers and plant staff, receiving abnormally high doses of radiation, are killed at the site either immediately or in the coming weeks.

The radioactive plume drifts first to the north-west, polluting the Soviet republics of Ukraine, Belarus and Russia. It reaches Scandinavian countries before swinging southwards and westwards, dropping contaminated rain on central Europe and the Balkans, Italy, France, Britain and Ireland.

Silence

It is only on April 27, a day and a half after the explosion, that Pripyat, a town of 48,000 inhabitants that houses plant workers three kilometres from the station, is evacuated.

Soviet authorities remain silent on the disaster for three days, with the official news agency TASS only reporting an accident on April 28 after the Forsmark nuclear plant in Sweden detects unusually high radiation.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is officially notified of the accident on April 30.

It is only on May 14 that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev comments publicly on the disaster.

First sarcophagus

In November 1986 a 50-metre-high concrete shelter, dubbed a sarcophagus, is completed to prevent further leakage of radiation from tonnes of highly radioactive magma and allow the other three reactors at Chernobyl to continue producing power for Ukraine.

This structure is only intended to be in place for 20-30 years, and in 1993 its lifespan is estimated at seven years.

Between 1986 and 1990 around 600,000 workers known as "liquidators" toil at the site with little or no protective gear to deal with the disaster's aftermath. In October 1991, Reactor Number 2 is shut down after a fire.

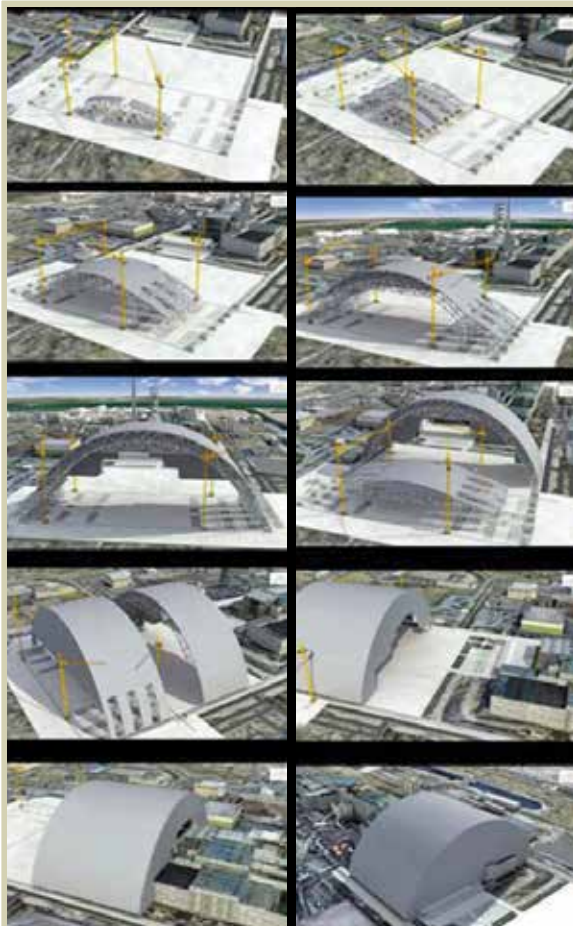
Chernobyl closed

In April 1995 Ukraine's new president Leonid Kuchma commits to closing Chernobyl before 2000.

In December a memorandum on the plant's closure in exchange for \$2.3 billion in aid is signed in Ottawa by Ukraine, the European Union and the Group of Seven (G7) top industrialised countries. In November 1996 Kiev shuts down Reactor Number 1.

In September 1998, with the initial sarcophagus over reactor 4 threatening to crumble, reinforcement work begins. The project takes about 10 years and costs \$760 million.

In December 2000, after years of international pressure, Ukraine finally shuts down the last reactor.



An artist's rendition showing various construction stages



This file photo taken in June 1986 shows a Swedish farmer wearing anti atomic clothes shifts fodder contaminated by the radioactive cloud of Chernobyl

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In this age, it is fortunate there are free men and warriors who do not give up fighting until the last days of their lives to keep the flag of justice high

Hassan Rouhani
Iran's President

Rest in sight

More than 400 civilians flee east Aleppo



More than 400 Syrian civilians have fled rebel-held districts of eastern Aleppo for the government-controlled west as regime forces advance in the city.

Iran cleric jailed over execution tape: report

The son of one of Iran's founding revolutionaries was sentenced to several years in jail after releasing a decades-old tape in which his father denounced the mass execution.

Japanese tourist allegedly raped in S. Indian town

A man was arrested yesterday for allegedly raping a Japanese tourist at a popular beach resort in southern India.

Armed men in police uniforms free five in India jailbreak

At least 10 armed men disguised as policemen stormed a high-security prison in India's Punjab state Sunday and freed a top Sikh militant commander and four others.

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'Militants were planning embassy attack'



This file photo taken in Jakarta on January 14, 2016 shows Indonesian police taking position behind a vehicle as they pursue suspects after a series of blasts hit the Indonesia capital Jakarta.

Jakarta

Indonesian police arrested a third Islamic State-linked militant yesterday accused of plotting to bomb the Myanmar embassy in Jakarta, as anger grows at a violent military crackdown on Rohingya Muslims.

The militants -- all from a domestic cell affiliated with the Syria-based jihadist group -- had amassed enough explosives to create bombs more powerful than those used in the 2002 Bali bombings, which killed 202 people, police say.

"They were helping plan a bomb attack against parliament, the national police headquarters, the embassy of Myanmar and several television stations," national police spokesman Rikwanto said in a text message.

Anger is growing in Indonesia and other parts of

Muslim world over what has been described as the "ethnic cleansing" of Rohingya in Myanmar's Rakhine state.

Refugees fleeing into Bangladesh say Myanmar's military has been leading a campaign of rape and murder

against the homeless ethnic group. Thousands of Muslims rallied in capitals across Asia on Friday demanding an end to the violence.

In Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim-majority country, protesters urged their

government to cut diplomatic ties with Yangon.

Indonesia's anti-terror unit Wednesday nabbed suspected bomb maker Rio Priatna Wibowo and seized a significant quantity of high-grade explosives from a

laboratory west of the capital Jakarta. His arrest led to the capture of two other suspected militants in different parts of the country, Rikwanto said Sunday.

Bahraini Agam was detained Saturday for allegedly purchasing the explosives while Saiful Bahri was arrested Sunday accused of helping assemble the bombs, said Rikwanto, who like many Indonesians goes by one name.

Indonesian police say it remains unclear when exactly the militants planned to carry out their assault, but that they had enough explosives to detonate a blast more than double that which levelled nightclubs in Bali in a fiery inferno. All three were members of Jemaah Ansar Daulah, a local extremist outfit that has sworn allegiance to IS, Rikwanto said. (AFP)

Troops fire artillery at militants

Butig

Troops fired artillery at positions held by an Islamic militant faction in the southern Philippines as more soldiers deployed against the group, which staged a deadly bombing in President Rodrigo Duterte's home city.

Troops used 105 mm artillery to blast the positions of the Maute group in the nearly deserted town of Butig in the second day of fighting

since the gunmen -- who claim allegiance to the Islamic State group -- occupied Butig's abandoned town hall.

Mortar bombs could be heard in the distance as an MG-520 helicopter gunship flew overhead, a reporter in the town said.

Most of the 17,000 residents of the largely Muslim town on Mindanao island fled to evacuation centres in neighbouring towns or to

relatives elsewhere after the Maute incursion on Saturday, said Mayor Dimnatang Pansar.

"We can't fight the Maute with only 20 policemen," he said, appealing for more soldiers to be assigned there.

Only a few residents stayed in their homes as armoured vehicles and military snipers fanned out through the town streets, slowly advancing on the Maute group's position.

Israel douses fires that forced mass evacuations

Jerusalem

Firefighters have extinguished blazes that ravaged Israel and the occupied West Bank for five days and forced tens of thousands to flee, authorities said yesterday, blaming arsonists for some outbreaks.

There were no deaths but some 122 people were treated for injuries, mainly due to smoke inhalation, medical officials said.

Around 700 homes were damaged or destroyed as the blazes fed by high winds and dry conditions ripped through thousands of hectares (acres).

In recent days, firefighting planes from a list of countries could be seen sloping low over the hills of the occupied West Bank and Israel dropping tonnes of water and retardants.

At one point last week, flames towered over an area near Jerusalem, and residents on Sunday were left surveying their charred homes and

businesses. "There are no active sites left," fire and rescue service spokesman Yoram Levy said. "Since last night it's pretty calm. We have no new

activity." According to Levy, firefighters dealt with about 2,000 fires in Israel and the West Bank, 20 of them major.

The Israeli authorities suspect that some of the fires were set alight on purpose and linked to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman said Sunday that 17 of 110 fires in the West Bank were so far determined to be arson, without providing further details.

Speaking at the Israeli settlement of Halamish in the West Bank, where dozens of homes were damaged at the weekend, he said Israel should respond to any arson by building more settlement homes. Police have arrested 23 people suspected of lighting fires and interrogated another

seven. However, Palestinian authorities also joined in the massive international effort to douse the fast-spreading fires and have pointed to damage to their crops and land.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a rare phone call to Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas on Saturday to thank him for those efforts.

Lieberman also thanked the Palestinians.

Levy noted forces were still "on high alert" due to dry conditions and high winds that were not expected to change prior to rainfall expected on Wednesday.

In an example of the risks, a forest fire was extinguished on Sunday near Kiryat Malakhi in southern Israel. (AFP)



Bahrain Merida reveals new jersey

Manama

Bahrain-Merida patron HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Supreme Council for Youth & Sport Chairman, Bahrain Olympic Committee President & Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) Chairman, has provided a sneak preview of the team's kit for their debut season on his social media.

Following the announcement on Friday that the team was one of the 17 awarded WorldTour status for 2017, Shaikh Nasser posted a

photo of himself on his *Instagram* account with one of the team's bikes, the Merida Reacto, with the jersey draped over the top tube.

In the photo, Shaikh Nasser also appears to be wearing the team's casual wear, which is made by Joma.

The kit, which is produced by Sportful – the kit supplier of the soon to be defunct Tinkoff squad – is predominantly red with a green and a black stripe across the chest. The green stripe is a nod to secondary sponsor and bike supplier Merida.

Underneath the stripes is a gold pattern, while the sleeves appear to be navy blue. A similar design has been carried over to their bike and kit bags, which are to be made by Scicon and were revealed earlier this week.

The team has almost completed its line-up with the latest signing Janez Brakjovic their penultimate one. Vincenzo Nibali will lead the team's Grand Tour ambitions and has confirmed that he will ride the Giro d'Italia in 2017. (*cyclingnews*)



HH Shaikh Nasser with the new Bahrain Merida kit and bike (*Instagram*)



Seven more matches scheduled tonight

Manama

Seven more matches are scheduled tonight in the Indian Club Indian Expats Football Tournament at its premises in Gudaibiya, starting at 8pm with four Under 15 matches, followed by one in the Under 19 category and concluding with two in the Open category.

Schedule: From 8pm: Under 15: Group C Al Zad FC vs DareDevils FC. Group D: Al Zubara FC vs Shabab Al Ras Al Roman.

Elite Cargo Unique win

Manama

Elite Cargo Unique defeated Alpha Fire by 69 runs in the latest matches of the Young Blaster Sponsored BCL Golden League T-20 at the Busaiten Grounds in Muharraq. Batting first, Elite Cargo Unique managed 170 for four in 20 overs with openers Jijo (57) and Sachin (52) putting on 100 runs for the opening wicket, while in reply, Alpha Fire were bowled out for 101.

Fajer lauded for top certificate

Manama

Supreme Council for Youth and Sports general secretary and BOC vice-president Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa received BOC Arab and International Relations director Fajer Jassim, who received the Executive Masters degree in Sport Organisations Management (Memos). The certificate was awarded during a graduation ceremony held at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, in Switzerland.

Mattar, Buhindi triumph in karting



Highlight from the Karting championship

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Mohamed Mattar and Abdulla Buhindi overcame wet conditions to clinch top prizes in the latest round of the 2016/2017 Bahrain Karting Sprint

Championship (BKSC), held this past weekend at Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) in Sakhir.

Mattar won the season's second race in the Bahrain Rotax Mojo Max Championship (BRMMC) while Buhindi

claimed the coveted victory in round four of the Bahrain SWS Sprint Championship (SWS).

In the BRMMC, which is a championship for Rotax kart owners, Mattar was one of seven drivers vying for the win in the 15-lap final in 19 minutes

29.934 seconds. Second place went Hussain Hassan (+35.949) behind the winner, with Khaled Alsaedi (+42.388) claiming the final podium place with Ali Baslar and Khalifa Al Yaqoobi completed the top five in the BRMMC's Max class.

Mohamed Faqihi won the Max Masters division while Sulaiman Alkanderi was in the Max Juniors but was not classified after completing just five laps in the Final.

Mattar had earlier clinched pole position for the decisive race after winning the Pre-Final.

Meanwhile, in the SWS, a national championship arrive-and-drive class, Buhindi also enjoyed a comfortable victory, but was not as dominant as Mattar.

There were 13 karters in all competing, each of whom were driving identical Sodikarts provided for by BIKC.

Buhindi (24:25.078) completed the 15-lap Final ahead of Rashid Khalifa (+18.871) in second with Mohammed Abdulaziz (+28.452) claiming the final podium place.

Marketing, Production draw 4-4

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Marketing and Production drew 4-4 in the fifth round of matches in the Bapco Interdepartmental Bowling League at the Ozone Centre in Sitra.

Top scoring for Marketing was Khalifa Khalfan (243) high game and (594) high series of the week and for Production it was Ahmad Hazeem (225) game and Ahmad Janahi (562) series.

In another match, Security defeated the Ladies team 6-2 with the top scorers being Meteb Mubarak (218) game and (574) series for Security and for the Ladies team it was the captain Nazeeha Ahmad (150) game.

Other results (player, high game, high series):

Projects (Hassan Kamal, 223, 557) bt Refining (Jassim Ebrahim, 200, Yousif Al Wazeer, 521) 6-2.

Information Technology (Waleed Outhman, 226, 592) bt Retirees (Talal Yousif, 224, Hussain Al Qaseer) 8-0.

Shahid promises carnival atmosphere for Brave

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Manama

President of Brave Combat Federation "BRAVE" Mohammed Shahid has promised a carnival atmosphere for the Brave 2: Dynasty fight week with the December 2 show at Khalifa Sports City in Isa Town fast approaching.

A total of 10 fights involving some of the best mixed martial art fighters on the planet are involved from 15 countries

with one mission in mind, Victory.

During fight week, several key events will give fans an opportunity to gain closer access to their heroes, with the pre-fight press conference, open workout, weigh-ins, the event itself and finally the after-party.

"This fight week is going to be a festival for the people of Bahrain. Pre-fight hypes and excitement will be floating around Bahrain. This is an

opportunity for the people of Bahrain to have a closer look at these top warriors and show their support to their favorite fighter and countrymen," Shahid said.

"Brave fight week will allow you and your friends and family to witness history, legacy and some entertainment like you've never experienced before. This fight night will be insane for worldwide viewers in 100s of thousands witnessing this historic event taking place in

the Kingdom Of Bahrain. Every Brave venue will hold their place in that history. The after party will be just the icing on the cake to go and sink the whole week in and still celebrate being part of Brave in 2016," Shahid added.

Headlining will be the welterweight clash between Gadzhimusa Gaziev and Carl Booth, two of the game's most explosive fighters, both come off the back of huge first round knockout victories in September.



Mohammed Shahid



Sanchez brace lifts Arsenal

London

Arsenal closed the gap on Premier League leaders Chelsea as Alexis Sanchez braggad a brace in a 3-1 win over Bournemouth yesterday.

Arsene Wenger's side are within three points of top spot after Chile forward Sanchez struck in each half at the Emirates Stadium to take his goal tally for the season to 10.

Sanchez gave Arsenal an early lead before Callum Wilson equalised with a penalty before the interval.

Theo Walcott headed Arsenal

back in front just 24 hours after the birth of his second child and Sanchez wrapped up the points.

After drawing three of their last four league games to fall six points behind Chelsea, this was a timely victory for fourth-placed Arsenal, who are now unbeaten in their last 19 matches in all competitions and firmly in the title race.

Even Wenger conceded Arsenal had lost their momentum of late and, in a bid to revitalise his team, the boss made seven changes from the midweek draw against Paris

Saint-Germain.

France striker Olivier Giroud dropped to the bench and there was a recall for right-back Mathieu Debuchy, who last played for Arsenal in November 2015.

On-loan Arsenal midfielder Jack Wilshere was ineligible to play for Bournemouth against his parent club, but his absence didn't stop the visitors sticking to manager Eddie Howe's philosophy of playing out from the back.

It proved a fatal indulgence in the 12th minute. (AFP)

Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez celebrates with Theo Walcott (L)



"So I hear today is a pretty big day for me! Today is the day that I will be strapped into an F1 car for probably the last time. It's been an eventful 17 years"

-Jenson Button
about his final race in Abu Dhabi GP

REST IN SIGHT

Del Potro heroic force Davis Cup decider

Zagreb

Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro staged an incredible comeback to down Marin Cilic of Croatia 6-7 (4/7), 2-6, 7-5, 6-4, 6-3 and send yesterday's Davis Cup final to a deciding rubber.

Ashwin fifty gives India edge after England fightback

Mohali

Ravichandran Ashwin hit an attacking half-century to give India the edge after England's bowlers dented the hosts with quick wickets on day two of the third Test in Mohali yesterday.

Hamilton calm about Mercedes 'headmaster' summons

Abu Dhabi

Lewis Hamilton insists he did nothing wrong during the closing laps in Sunday's Abu Dhabi Grand Prix when he slowed the pace to make life difficult for title-rival Nico Rosberg.

Mourinho sent off as Man Utd slump goes on

Manchester

Jose Mourinho was sent to the stands as his Manchester United side drew 1-1 at home to West Ham United in the Premier League yesterday.

Sri Lanka beat Zimbabwe Bulawayo

Sri Lanka capped a productive month of cricket in Zimbabwe by lifting the triangular series trophy yesterday, beating the hosts by six wickets in the final.

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Neymar damages Ferrari in road accident

Madrid

Barcelona's Brazilian star Neymar damaged his Ferrari Spider in a road accident but his club said he was ready to play against Real Sociedad yesterday night.

Neymar hit trouble driving to the Barcelona training grounds in rain before the team takes a flight to the northern city of San Sebastian for the match. Catalan television TV3 showed a images of a dent on the left front of the sports car, which was parked on the side of a road.

"He had a car accident but was not injured and was able to continue his trip," a club source said. (AFP)

Aussies deny S.Africa Test series sweep



The South Africa cricket team poses for photos with the trophy

Adelaide

Australia rebounded to a seven-wicket victory over South Africa to end a run of five Test defeats in the day-night third Test in Adelaide

yesterday. The Australians, rejuvenated by five team changes in response to two humiliating defeats to the Proteas to lose the series, chased down 127 runs for

victory after dismissing the tourists for 250 on the fourth day of the pink-ball Test.

Debutant Peter Handscomb hit the winning run to finish one not out with fellow

BRIEF SCORE

Australia 383 and 3 for 127 (Warner 47) beat **South Africa** 9 for 259 dec and 250 (Cook 104, Starc 4-80, Lyon 3-60) by 7 wickets

newcomer Matthew Renshaw on 34 in Australia's 127 for three.

Handscomb came to the wicket after skipper Steve Smith was caught behind for 40 off Kyle Abbott with two runs to win.

The home side also lost the wickets of David Warner and epic first-innings centurion Usman Khawaja on the way to victory. Warner blazed 47 off 51 balls before he was run out in a mix-up. (AFP)

Tai overpowers Sindhu in Hong Kong Open final

Hong Kong

World number three Tai Tzu-ying won the women's singles at the Hong Kong Open yesterday, dashing P.V. Sindhu's hopes of back-to-back superseries titles and avenging her loss to the Olympic silver medallist in Rio.

Sindhu, fresh from capturing the China Open in Fuzhou last week, looked hesitant as she struggled to match the pace of the Taiwanese player, who

unleashed a mix of well-timed lobs and drop shots in her 21-15, 21-17 victory.

"It was a good game overall, but it was her day," said Sindhu, who downplayed suggestions her win at Fuzhou had left her drained in Hong Kong. "I'll go back and train hard."

Tai cruised through the first game with relative ease, remaining cool as she controlled the contest's tempo and placement of the

shuttlecock.

Sindhu rallied in the second but was unable to establish a rhythm as Tai pulled away in the latter half of the game.

The 22-year-old was patient during longer rallies, with her opponent struggling to reach shots and keep the shuttlecock in play.

"I like to be easy during my matches. I don't like to put too much pressure on myself," said Tai Tzu-ying. (AFP)



Tai Tzu-ying of Taiwan (R) poses with P.V. Sindhu of India

Maiden F1 title for Nico

Hamilton wins in Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi

Nico Rosberg clinched his maiden world title yesterday when he finished second in the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix despite Lewis Hamilton ignoring team orders in his quest to foil the German.

The 31-year-old Rosberg concluded the longest season in the sport's history with a nail-biting second place under intense pressure after leader and ultimate race winner Hamilton had slowed the field to create a difficult finish.

Hamilton reeled off his 10th win of the season – the most by any driver not to win the title – and the 53rd of his career, but his gamesmanship upset his team and his team-mate in the closing laps.

His final lap was nine seconds slower than the lap that carried him to pole and was clearly

designed to push Rosberg into a vulnerable position as Sebastian Vettel closed in his Ferrari.

Hamilton ignored two instructions from the team to increase his speed at the front, but was unable to create a situation in which Rosberg could be attacked and passed.

It was Rosberg's triumph, in the end, as his wife Vivian made clear when she screeched her congratulations on the team radio. "We did it, we did it!" "Yipppeee!" Rosberg replied.

Rosberg joined an exclusive club by becoming only the second son of a former champion to take the title, his father Keke having won the championship

34 years ago with the Williams team. Briton Damon Hill did the same when he won the title with Williams, following his father Graham's achievements, in 1996. He also became Germany's third champion.

The tension was palpable as they climbed from their cars to go to the podium after the race in which Vettel finished third for Ferrari ahead of Dutchman Max Verstappen and his Red Bull team-mate Daniel Ricciardo.

Rosberg celebrated by giving F1 supremo Bernie Ecclestone a massive bear hug, lifting the diminutive octogenarian high into the air, as Hamilton stared glumly at the floor.

Rosberg reliving the final tense laps, said: "With the guys (Vettel and Verstappen) coming up behind me the end was not the most enjoyable. "I'm very proud to have done the same feat as my Dad achieved."

On the podium Hamilton's good grace returned and he gave his former teenage go-carting companion a handshake and a hug. "Big congratulations to Nico, good job man," said Hamilton.

As the sun descended at the end of a hot, Hamilton made a perfect start from his 61st pole position to lead away from Rosberg. (AFP)



Nico Rosberg

F1

Nov 27

Abu Dhabi Yas Marina circuit

1 **Lewis Hamilton (GBR)** 1h38:04.013

Mercedes

2 **Nico Rosberg (GER)** at 0.439 sec

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3 **Sebastian Vettel (GER)** at 0.834 s

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Standings

Nico Rosberg (GER)..... 385

Lewis Hamilton (GBR)..... 380

Daniel Ricciardo (AUS)..... 256

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