**Prince Bandar bin Abdul Aziz mourned**

Saudi Arabia’s Prince Bandar bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud passed away yesterday. Saudi Press Agency reported, quoting a Royal Court statement.

Prayers will be held today, following Isha prayers at the Grand Mosque (Masjid Al Haram) in the holy city of Mecca. Prince Bandar was the tenth son of Ibn Saud, the first monarch of Saudi Arabia, and the eldest surviving member of the ruling family.

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**DOZENS OF MOURNERS KILLED**

At least 66 people have lost their lives after suspected Boko Haram militants opened fire on a funeral in Nigeria’s north-eastern state of Borno.

Gunmen arrived on motorcycles and in vans at the village near the state capital, Maiduguri, yesterday, eyewitnesses say.

A number of mourners were reportedly killed straight away, while others died trying to chase off the attackers.

There has been an increase in Islamist attacks across the region.

Local government official Muhammed Bulasan said he thought the latest attack was in revenge for the killing of 11 Boko Haram fighters by the two villages two weeks ago.

Agence France Presse journalists at the scene said they saw burnt-out homes, and relatives collecting the bodies of those who were killed.

Nigeria’s President Muhammadu Buhari has condemned the attack, and ordered the air force and army to hunt down those who carried it out.

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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has affirmed that Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, has succeeded in enhancing the status of the nation and making it more influential in the regional and international decision-making process. HRH the Prime Minister stressed that Allah the Almighty has blessed Saudi Arabia with a great distinguished status among Arab and Islamic peoples, and therefore its efforts to safeguard regional security and stability should be supported, in light of the current situation the Arab and Islamic nations are going through, and require more unity and solidarity.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, met yesterday his Saudi counterpart, Dr Ibrahim bin Abdulaziz Al Assaf, in the presence of a number of ministers and senior officials from both Kingdoms. The Minister of Foreign Affairs affirmed that the meeting reflects the approach of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, which focuses on sustaining co-ordination and consultations between the two countries at the highest level and in all fields.

Future Society for Youth honoured members of the organising committee of Micro Shabab Forum, which was organised by the society under the patronage of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism Zayed Al Zayani. The forum themed “Applications and E-shops, Opportunities and Challenges” was attended by more than 250 young Bahrainis including entrepreneurs, job-seekers, and university students. The members of the committee received certificates of honour from the Vice-President of the Society, Isa Falah, in the presence of committee Chairman Mohammed Malek.

Ad Global Trading WLL has launched Monoviso Italian premium water in the Kingdom. Monoviso water is now available at all leading hypermarkets and supermarkets, according to company staff. Company Dubai Manager Mr Micro and Bahrain Manager Khalid Anwar attended the launch ceremony along with other dignitaries.

The Bahrain Mobility International took possession of a fully-equipped bus for the transportation of children with special needs, which was donated by the Gulf Hotels Group to the Centre. Group Chief Executive Officer, Garfield Jones handed over the keys of the bus, which is equipped with a chair lift and wheelchair restraints, to Adel Sultan Al Mutawa, Chairman of Bahrain Mobility International in the presence of the Centre’s Board Member Mohammed Saad and Fares Yacine, General Manager of Gulf Hotel Bahrain Convention and Spa.

The members of Bahrain Tamils (BTUS) distributed water bottles and fruit juices to labourers at different worksites in Juffair area on Friday. A counselling was also held for labourers, which focused on the dangers of alcoholism and mental depression. An awareness session on blood donation was as well held.

His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday outgoing Sri Lankan Ambassador to Bahrain Dr A Saj U Mendis. He lauded strong relations of friendship and co-operation between Bahrain and Sri Lanka, stressing the Kingdom’s keenness to further boost bilateral relations and promote trade and investment between both countries. HRH the Premier praised the efforts of the Sri Lankan ambassador to bolster relations between the two friendly countries, wishing the ambassador success in his future duties.
A warning has been issued against falling prey to a scam, which promises unsuspecting victims thousands of dinars in the guise of a lottery draw.

Names of prominent remittance and exchange houses, banks and telecom companies are being used for the fraudulent act that is being surfaced across the Kingdom.

Mr Al Hadi reiterated the seriousness of the situation to the high numbers of pilgrims flying into the Kingdom to perform Hajj.

Prime Minister, Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, chairman of the society addressed the concern and stressed the importance of utilizing the vehicles to respond effectively and quickly to any case, in which the essence of relief and humanitarian work is saving lives, thus ensuring awareness-raising and first-aid training is one of the cornerstone of Bahrain Red Crescent.

Scammers using social media apps and VOIP services

They would tell the customers that they need to first pay BD50 or BD100 and then they would send over the prize money.

Dr Fawzi Amin, General Secretary of the National Committee for Geospatial Information Governance and capacity building and development of government agencies, staff through training and awareness programs.

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It is responsible for proposing national strategic policies and plans for the development of the geospatial information sector, laying down its standards and specifications; dividing responsibilities among stakeholders, and co-ordinating and gathering information with the goal of ensuring quality, accuracy, the use of modern technologies, and the prevention of duplication.

The National Committee for Geospatial Information Governance convened its fifth meeting to discuss the upcoming projects and recent developments.

The meeting was chaired by Information and Government Authority (IGA) Chief Executive Mohammad Ali Al-Qahtan.

During the meeting, the Committee was briefed by its working groups on 24 initiatives aimed at developing the geospatial information sector in the Kingdom.

Briefs highlighted how to build the capacity of government entities, re-engineering some of the procedures and initiatives of statistical data, policies and other sectorial standards and projects launched by the committee in various fields.

Among the most important of the initiatives were a review of government institutional licensing agreements, an enhancement of geospatial data; the issuing of standards and specifications for the survey monitoring of service infrastructure sites; improvements to the land survey database, the reengineering of procedures; the development of technical solutions to solve problems being faced by stakeholders; the creation of a timeline for transitioning to cloud-based systems; and capacity building and development of government agencies, staff through training and awareness programs.

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The meeting in progress.

The ambulance was donated by the National Bank of Bahrain to the society.

The ambulance is being used for the fraudulent act.

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HH Shaikh Nasser chairs RCO Board of Trustees meeting

Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Work and South Affairs and Board of Trustees Chairman of the Royal Charity Organisation Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa unveiled a plan by RCO to carry out a series of long and short-term strategic projects in Bahrain and abroad.

The announcement was made as he chaired the organisation’s Board of Trustees meeting.

He extended heartfelt thanks and respect to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the RCO Honorary President, for his unfailing support to charity and humanitarian work and for his continuous care for the orphans, widows and needy people.

He also praised the royal humanitarian initiatives that have affected people in brotherly and friendly countries.

Shaikh Nasser hailed the tremendous support accorded to the government, led by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

He also praised the unwavering support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier.

He lauded the tireless efforts exerted by the humanitarian agencies and the executive management of thetechnical team, which plays a great role in the work of the organisation.

He underscored keenness on implementing the royal directives to provide care and assistance to the needy people and alleviate the suffering of affected people in brotherly and friendly countries.

99pc registration success

99 per cent of enterprises operating in the Kingdom have registered with the NBR.

The National Bureau for Revenues (NBR) has identified 12 enterprises that are in violation of Bahrain’s VAT Law and its executive regulations, and will continue to take action against violating enterprises, which may lead to the suspension of their commercial registration by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

The VAT is a joint responsibility that requires constructive strategic co-operation among three main pillars: the government, businesses, and the community, the NBR said in a statement.

The NBR has urged all stakeholders to report violations by calling 80008001 or emailing vat@nbr.gov.bh.

The NBR has imposed financial penalties on the enterprises violating the Kingdom’s VAT law.

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NIHR’s role lauded

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday the Deputy Chairman of the Shura Council, Mr Al Saleh, and member of the Council of Commissioners, Deena Abdulrahman Al-Alladhi.

Mr Al Saleh highlighted the NHR’s great role in promoting awareness on the basics of human rights, and creating a democratic society whose members are aware of their responsibilities and rights.

He also lauded the NHR’s keenness to launch various programmes and plans aimed at promoting human rights, and motivating social segments to participate actively in them.

The Shura Chairman stressed that the NHR is an essential partner in achieving human rights successes and highlighting the achievements at the national and regional level reached by Bahrain in various shifts, with central teams also created to manage support of the Kingdom in this regard.

997,846 pilgrims arrive in Saudi

The number of pilgrims who have so far arrived in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to perform Hajj rituals from abroad through air, land and sea stood at 943,410 pilgrims, by the end of yesterday.

By land 44,078 pilgrims and by the sea 10,358 pilgrims.

The directorate said that the human rights monitoring units, established in and around the Holy City, have monitored 12,000 shifts, with central teams also assigned to the pilgrims in and around the Holy City.

The Shura Chairman praised the continuous success achieved at the Holy sites.

He also praised the tremendous support accorded to the government, led by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa to exempt 220 additional government services from VAT.

The NBR has now put the total number of non-VAT-exempt government services at 1,620.

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For the six months ended 30 June 2019 (Reviewed)

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Protests paralyse Hong Kong

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Hong Kong, China

Violent protests in Hong Kong

Major confrontations between police and small groups of protesters including hardcore gangs who beat up protesters last week, which was pelted with eggs and paint last night. Police and protesters had been engaged in a tense standoff for hours after tens of thousands of demonstrators held a series of unsanctioned marches through the city.

A group of some 200 protesters had made their way towards the Liaison Office in Sheung Wan district, built barricades and took over a main thoroughfare and appeared to be little police presence there.

The renewed violence comes a day after a town near the border with mainland China descended into chaos as police fired tear gas and rubber bullets at protesters holding another banned rally against suspected pro-government triad gangs who beat up democracy demonstrators there.

Two journalists were seen receiving medical treatment after being injured, while at least one person received rubber bullets fired at him into the face.

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This sums up Hong Kong today.

1,400 arrested at Moscow election protest; monitor

Russian police arrested nearly 1,400 people as they gathered in Moscow on Saturday to demand free and fair elections, a monitor said yesterday, the biggest such crackdown in years. About 3,500 people took part in the unsanctioned protest on Saturday according to local figures, after authorities blocked prominent opposition candidates from taking part in municipal elections.

Police used batons on protesters as they tried to gather outside city hall, and AFP reporters saw demonstrations.

The rally comes amid wide public frustration over declining living standards that has hit President Vladimir Putin’s approval ratings.

A week before, 22,000 took to the streets in a sanctioned protest, calling on authorities to reverse their decision ahead of the September city council vote.

After that demonstration, investigators raided the homes and headquarters of a number of disqualified candidates. Top Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny was jailed for 30 days for calling the fresh protest.

On Sunday, Navalny was taken to hospital from jail after suffering what his press secretary said was a “severe allergic reaction”, despite having never suffered from allergies.

Leonid Volkov, an ally of Navalny, said he had a similar allergic reaction after serving time last month in the same jail. But he suggested hygiene conditions rather than a “conspiracy” was to blame.

Several would-be candidates were detained before or during the protest on Saturday.

The US embassy in Moscow denounced the use of what it said was “disproportionate police force” against peaceful protesters.
Trump defends attack on black US lawmaker

WASHINGTON, United States

President Donald Trump defended yesterday his latest attack on a prominent African-American lawmaker in comments that drew more accusations of racism.

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The missile strikes highlight Yemen’s role as a platform for Iranian proxies in the heart of the Arabian peninsula.

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The crisis at one end of the peninsula raises the stakes for the Yemen talks as well. How much worse would be the crisis if Iran was able to project a similar disruption from the Bab Al Mandeb?
We gave Nadler and his Trump hating Dems the complete Mueller Report (we didn’t have to), and even Mueller himself, but now that both were a total bust, they say it wasn’t good enough. Nothing will ever be good enough for them. Winch Hunt!
@
realDonaldTrump

As Bolsonaro and Trump prove, the populists are dangerously productive

CHARLIE MITCHELL

In 2018, the far-right firebrand politician Jair Bolsonaro secured the Brazilian presidency on a wave of anti-establishment, anti-critique and anti-democracy. This month, he declared his intention to appoint his son to the run-up to the 2022 presidential election. This month, he declared his intention to appoint his son to the 2022 presidential election.

Brazil’s Amazon rainforest suffered large-scale deforestation in June, with President Jair Bolsonaro favouring development over conservation.

Many foreign leaders have given him a wide berth. And yet, beneath the bluster, Mr Bolsonaro – like his American counterpart – is doing lasting damage.

Last week, the Brazilian president accused Congress of trying to turn him into the “Queen of England” – a figurehead with little tangible power. It followed a frustrating six months, in which his landmark policies, from liberalising gun rights to relaxing road safety regulations, have lacked parliamentary support.

In Brazil’s towns and cities, support for Mr Bolsonaro has slumped. A June poll found that 51 per cent of Brazilians lack confidence in his leadership. Thousands have taken to the streets in major cities to protest his policies – the president’s supporters, however, have matched them in numbers.

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In an attempt to circumvent the judiciary, two of them on the Supreme Court – Mr Bolsonaro has in many ways, been alarm- rised every day, to make way for commercial farming. The environmental impact of that – given the carbon dioxide imbedded by its trees and the unparalleled biodiversity it contains – will be heavy.

Just as Mr Trump disputed photographic evidence of his inauguration crowd, insisting that it was larger than his predecessor Barack Obama’s, Mr Bolsonaro insisted the institution was lying, because of its “environmenal psychosis”. The satellite imagery did not appear to matter to his supporters.

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Alarrayed named Chairman of Bahrain Car Parks Company

Bahrain Real Estate Investment (Edamah), the property arm of the Kingdom’s sovereign wealth fund, has named the new Board of Directors for the next three years term.

Amin Ahmed Salem Alarrayed, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Edamah appointed as Chairman and Abdullah Kamal as Deputy/ Vice Chairman.

Other members are Yaser Abduljaleel Al Sharif, Fahad Abdulrahman Al Saad, Areej Abdullah AbdullahChaffa, Bader Qasim Mohammed, Mohammad Rashid Mohammed, Ali Ijaz Ahmed, and Adnan S. Haibuh Hashim.

Commenting, Amin Alarrayed, CEO of Edamah said, “In line with our strategic plan, we are seeking to develop additional projects and renovate existing projects, as well as modernize facilities available to the general public managing them all in line with international standards and best industry practices.”

Edamah said it is currently working alongside Bahrain Car Parks Company to build multi-story parking in Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC) to accommodate 400 vehicles.

Alba reports 2019 Q2, First Half results

Alba yesterday said its top-line and bottom-line results for the second quarter and Half-year 2019 were impacted by a 21 per cent decline in LME prices, partially offset by higher sales volume.

LME prices declined Year-over-Year to US$1,793/t in Q2 2019 from US$2,259/t in Q2 2018.

“The economic uncertainty and lower LME prices have taken its toll on the aluminium industry but in Alba, we have emerged stronger with progressing the ramp-up of Line 6,” said Alba’s Chief Executive Officer Tim Murray.

Impacting the overall market sentiment was the US-China trade-tensions and geopolitical events with private demand dropping in North America and Europe due to cyclical slowdown in economic activity.

“Stimulus measures adopted by the Chinese Government have failed to create activity in key market-sectors such as auto and construction [+1pc Year-over-Year (YoY)] and MENA consumption slowed down (+1pc YoY) on the back of weaker construction activities,” Alba said adding “Consumption in Saudi Arabia retreated to 1-digit growth of 3pc YoY with Mac’adeen rolling-nail full ramp-up completion.”

Russia, India and Bahrain were the largest contributors to the world ex-China smelter production increase.

Total Comprehensive Loss was BD3.3 million (US$4.4m) in the second quarter versus total Comprehensive Income of BD29.1m (US$77.4m) for the same period in 2018, down by 130pc YoY. Earnings per share were fils (2) versus fils 21 in Q2 2018.

For the First Half of 2019, Alba reported a Total Comprehensive Loss of BD6.7m (US$5.0m), down by 30pc YoY, compared to a Total Comprehensive Profit of BD243.9m (US$648.9m) in H1 2018.

Gross Profit was BD16.2m (US$4.2m) versus BD74.4m (US$19.7m) for H1 2018, down by 78pc YoY.

Total Sales/Revenues reached BD113.8m (US$29.8m), down by 3pc YoY, compared to BD106.6m (US$27.3m). Earnings per share were fils (4) versus US$ (14) for H1 2018.

Commenting Alba’s Deputy CEO Ali Al Baqali said, “As we progress with Line 6 ramp-up, we look forward to finish 2019 strong in our top-line and bottom-line results.”
NATIONAL Bank of Bahrain (NBB) yesterday announced signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Benefit to offer Direct Debit Solution to Business Customers. Business customers are currently dependent on their payers for the timing and make a payment (cheques/cash/transactions, etc.). Through Direct Debit tools, business customers can now obtain control of when they want to pull funds from payer accounts as per mutual agreement.

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**Saudi gains for 2nd consecutive session**

**SABIC falls on lowest quarterly profit since 2009**

**Abu Dhabi ends lower under pressure of First Abu Dhabi Bank**

Financial shares helped lift Saudi Arabia's stock marker for a second consecutive session yesterday, while the lead stock of First Abu Dhabi Bank (FABK) weighed on the Abu Dhabi bourse, bringing an eight-session streak of gains to an end. The Saudi index rose 0.5 per cent with Al Khitab Bank and Riyad Bank gaining 1pc and 4pc respectively. National Commercial Bank ended the day 0.6pc higher.

Saudi Basic Industries Co (SABIC), the world's fourth-biggest petrochemicals firm, fell 1.7pc after reporting its lowest quarterly profit since late 2009. The market's heavy-weight blamed the profit drop on lower average selling prices and a decrease in the share of contributions from associates and joint ventures.

Its Chief Executive Yousef al-Benyan said SABIC has no interest in taking over Swiss chemicals firm Clariant but remains keen on a partnership once market conditions improve. SABIC, which owns a 25pc stake in the Swiss firm, and Clariant said on Thursday they had shelved plans for a joint venture, which Benyan said was due to changes in market conditions. The Gulf's largest miner Saudi Arabian Mining Co (Maaden) fell 2.6pc.

In Abu Dhabi, the index was the worst performer in the region, losing 0.7pc as the United Arab Emirates biggest lender, FABK, fell 1pc and telecom Etisalat dropped 0.6pc. Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, the country's second biggest lender, did not trade but reported an ipic drop in second quarter profit. It was the first combined proforma financials after its acquisition of two smaller banks – Union National Bank and Al Hilal Bank. Dubai's index fell 0.2pc, weighed down by blue chips Emaar Properties and Emirates NBD which lost 1.3pc and 0.4pc respectively. Logistics company Aramex rose 2.5pc and Dubai Islamic Bank gained 0.6pc.

Qatar was also weaker, with the index losing 0.6pc as the region's largest lender Qatar National Bank fell 1pc and petrochemicals firm Qatargas Qatar dropped 0.7pc. The index saw some support from Ooredoo which rose 1.8pc.

Chile's pristine Patagonia hit by oil spill

**Santiago, Chile**

Some 40,000 litres (10,500 gallons) of oil was spilled into the sea from a terminal on a remote island in Patagonia on the southern tip of Chile, local authorities said. The Chilean navy said Saturday it sent a team to the site – about 250 kilometres (155 miles) northeast of the town of Puerto Natales – after Chilean mining and steelworking company CCL alerted authorities.

"Units were ordered to deploy immediately to the area to take stock of what has happened, to control and mitigate possible damage caused by the emergency," said the Chilean navy.

A barge and an ocean patrol boat were sent, along with a team to limit contamination at the site, the navy said, adding they have opened an investigation into the spill.

The affected area is part of Chile's extreme south, which has some of the world's cleanest waters and richest marine ecosystems.

US Federal reserve poised to cut interest rates

**Washington, United States**

For the first time since the Great Recession a decade ago, the US Federal Reserve is poised to cut interest rates, shores up America's defenses as the global economy weakens. It will mark a striking about-face for the central bank, reversing a rate increase announced just seven months ago. And the policy flip comes as the central bank has suffered a number of awkward stumbles in communications, as it has tried to juggle its public image in the economy, while at the same time a readiness to support continued expansion.

Fed officials have had to backtrack and clarify recent statements, and amid President Donald Trump's blistering, year-long public campaign against Fed Chair Jerome Powell, one central banker seemed to offer himself as an alternative for the leadership position.

Meanwhile, although the rate cut this week is almost universal- ly expected, economists disagree on whether the Fed is making the right move. Indeed, cutting rates now could appear highly unwise as the US economy itself is in a period of partial recession. Trump has considered removing the Fed's independence, but his administration has not acted.

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Air France to place mega-order for A220 jets: French weekly

**Paris, France**

Air France will this week announce plans to purchase between 51 and 70 Canadian-made Airbus A220 medium-haul jetliners, part of a keenly- awaited revamp of its fleet, France's Journal du Dimanche newspaper reported Sunday. Air France's board is expected to confirm the huge order on Tuesday; a day before the carrier publishes its results for the first half of 2019.

It could include an option on "other aircraft of the same type" but contrary to previous speculation is not expected to include any of Airbus' popular narrow-body A320neo jets, the Journal du Dimanche reported.

No estimate was given for the value of the deal. Air France refused to comment on how the deal would be financed, saying that "no decision has been taken at this stage". Airbus refused to comment.

The A220 was known as the Bombardier CSeries before Air France bought a majority share in the loss-making aircraft last year and rebranded it. Assembled in the Canadian province of Quebec, it can carry between 100 and 150 passengers and has a range of more than 6,000 kilometres (3,700 miles). Benjamin Smith, who became the first non-French chief executive of Air France-KLM last year, is also Canadian.

He is on a drive to cut the carrier's costs and help it compete against low-cost rivals by closing old and reducing long-haul flights, steering short-haul routes and making use of smaller aircraft.
Lying and Stealing: a mostly fun heist movie
Theo James and Emily Ratajkowski star in Matt Aselton’s comic heist thriller

Priceless art objects exit homes of Los Angeles’ elite in Matt Aselton’s pleasing throwback to glamorous 1960s heist movies

Lying and Stealing, written by Matt Aselton and Adam Nagata and directed by Aselton, opens with two quotes.

The first, a Yiddish proverb, presents on a white backdrop: “When a thief kisses you, count your teeth.”

The second, delivered by Theo James’ voiceover on a technically stunning long panning shot swimming through an elite house party, is this: “...an accomplished bank robber and escape artist, Willie Sutton, was once asked by a reporter why he robbed banks. Sutton remarked, ‘Because that’s where the money is’.”

Those familiar with Sutton know that he denied making this remark but wrote in his autobiography that he robbed banks because he enjoyed it. By the end of the film those unfamiliar with Sutton’s story will be familiar; not only because the narrator revisits Sutton’s quote for us, presenting it as a lie Sutton once told but because the two opening narrative devices lay the roadmap for the trajectory of the film. Ivan (Theo James) is a savvy thief, using street smarts and technology to relieve the ultra-rich from their priceless art. We learn he’s working for Dimtri (Fred Melamed) to pay off a debt belonging to his late father. Dimtri is a dangerous crime boss with a penchant for pretty girls and cocaine; these vices end up with him down the back. The pretty girl in question is Elyse (Emily Ratajkowski), a grifter herself working off a debt to a Hollywood producer who is holding her career hostage. When Ivan and Elyse meet at a party they both lie about their names but neither is phased as they become allies and partners working towards their respective goals.

While not the strongest entry in the heist genre it is still a thrill seeing good things at work. That thrill, combined with James and Ratajkowski’s palpable chemistry and Giova Ostinelli and Sonya Belousova’s tension building chemistry and Giova Ostinelli and Sonya Belousova’s tension building, gives Lying and Stealing a worthy summer film. In the end, the plot becomes muddled in the back-half as Ivan realizes his self-proclaimed father figure and boss means to have him killed but how we get there matters less once the film comes to its subverted conclusion. The film never dips into the out-and-out violence of an action thriller to wrap up its plot choosing instead to have our thieves outsmart the villain, causing him to have a cocaine overdose and avoid the repercussions of the death. Lying and Stealing doesn’t have anything new to say but it is a worthy summer film. In the end, thieves steal because they like it, and we like watching them.
**Hollywood diva Blake Lively has signed a deal with Amazon and the actor will be developing two projects for the streaming platform.**

Head of Amazon Studios Jennifer Salke made the announcement on Saturday at Television Critics Association summer press tour, reported TheWrap.

“It took a long time but we just closed our deal with Blake. We closed a first-look deal on them and we’re talking and developing a June. It’s not ready,” Salke said.

Reports of a partnership between Lively and Amazon started doing the rounds in October, stating that they were working on a scripted series set in the fashion world.

Salke confirmed that the series is in the works.

“It’ll be set in New York City and there will be a fashion component, though don’t call it strictly a fashion-centric series,” she added.

Salke also revealed that there’s another project in the making, but did not share additional information about it.

Lively is currently expecting her third child with husband Ryan Reynolds.

**Ethan Hawke helped daughter Maya to land role in ‘Once Upon a Time in Hollywood’**

American actor Ethan Hawke who is playing one of Charlie Manson’s family members in the upcoming film ‘Once Upon a Time in Hollywood’ revealed that it was her star father Ethan Hawke who helped her land the role in the film.

“I got an audition for the project through the normal channels through my agents and I did an audition in my bedroom with my dad,” the ‘Stranger Things’ actress was quoted by The Hollywood Reporter on the sidelines of the film’s premiere in Los Angeles.

“We sent in the tape to Quentin and got a callback,” she said, adding that the call back process “was unlike anything I’ve ever been through... except for maybe audition for drama school.”

**Upset over A$AP Rocky’s detention, fan threatens to blow up Swedish Embassy; arrested**

Purportedly, she placed a bag down at her home and the reality star is now in the custody of secret service personnel and made statements about A$AP Rocky.

According to the lawsuit, the aggrieved party filed a $100 million lawsuit against the network from making the ‘LeavingNeverland’ documentary but the allegations are denied by Jackson’s estate following which they filed a $10 million lawsuit against TNT.

According to the lawsuit, TNT violated a clause from a 1992 contract which barred the network from making “disparaging remarks” about Jackson.

**Anne Hathaway starrer ‘Modern Love’ to stream on Amazon Prime**

Soon-to-be mother Anne Hathaway is all set to star in Amazon Prime’s new romantic comedy series ‘Modern Love’ which will start streaming on October 18 this year.

The forthcoming series is based on the popular New York Times column of the same name, and explores the different sides of love, according to Deadline.

Actors marking their presence at the Television Critics Association on Saturday were Hathaway, who will be seen as a person with bipolar disorder trying to find love, Gary Carr and Cristina Miloti.

**MTV might remove Michael Jackson’s name from it’s Vanguard Award**

The ongoing controversy over late pop icon Michael Jackson’s documentary ‘Leaving Neverland’ might get MTV to remove his name from the ‘Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award’ presented during Video Music Awards.

“There is a heated discussion at the network about how to handle the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award this year and it’s getting ugly,” Page six quoted a source as revealing.

“The insider added, ‘There’s talk if they should change the name, or get rid of it altogether. [There’s also talk about] who would present it and who would accept it. It’s a mess.’

This comes in the wake of the controversy over doing an interview documentary on how to handle the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award this year and it’s getting ugly.”

**Sarah Hyland reveals she is ‘stalking’ bridal accounts**

American actor Sarah Hyland who recently announced her engagement with Wells Adams seems to be in total wedded mode.

The ‘Modern Family’ actress revealed jokingly that she is ‘stalking’ bridal accounts.

The 28-year-old posted a video on her Instagram story with the working title of ‘I’m totally not lying in bed stalking wedding and bridal Instagram accounts while watching ‘Say Yes to the Dress,” she added, reported E! News.

“I’m currently expecting her third child with husband Ryan Reynolds.

**Kim Kardashian is now re-labelling 2 million garments with ‘Kimono’ logo**

Fed up to change the name of her clothing line Kimono after being accused of cultural appropriation, Kim Kardashian shared with fans that close to 2 million garments of the shape-wear line have been produced and the reality star is now in the process of re-naming all the products.

Kim, however, is yet to reveal the new name for her range.

Earlier in June, the makeup mogul had shared the name of her new line featuring backless suggestions that she disapproved of Japanese culture. Kim addressed the criticism stating that she respects the country’s culture and had no intention to dishonour the traditional garment. Later in a statement, she announced that her line will no longer be called Kimono.

Weeks after the controversy, she on Friday shared a video clip on Twitter and revealed that there are nearly two million garments printed with the Kimono logo and being eco-friendly she’s figuring out ways to re-label them without having to dump all the pieces.

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Fans over upset rapper ASAP Rocky’s detention in Sweden was arrested on Tuesday after she allegedly threatened to blow up the Swedish Embassy in Washington DC.

According to an affidavit, the fan had identified as Rebecca Karr, reported Variety. Purportedly, she showed up near the entrance of the embassy threw liquid from coca-cola bottle at the doorway and shouted: “I’m going to blow this motherf-er up.”

She returned to the embassy the next day and screamed at personnel and made statements about ASAP Rock. She refused to leave the embassy, she was taken into custody by secret service agents.
Aubameyang smartly tucking win the pre-season trophy.

"I was able to make a contribution," he added.

Muskhifer fails short

Bangladesh had Muskhifer to thank for providing something for them to fight with after their top order crumbled for the second time in the series.

Muskhifer slumped six fours and a six in a 110-ball innings to bail out Bangladesh who lost their first six wickets for 117 runs.

Muskhifer and number eight Mehidy shared 84 runs, a seventh-wicket record for Bangladesh against Sri Lanka.

Muskhifer began his fight back with Mehidy after Udana missed Fernando and Perera, who made 30 off 34 balls, in quick succession to revive Bang-ladesh’s hopes but Kusal Mendis and Angelo Mathews denied them further success.

Mathews struck occasional leg-spinner Sabbir Rahman for a four to complete Sri Lanka’s win.

He was well supported by Mehidy who not out, in an unpre- cedented 96-run fourth wicket stand.

"I am disappointed to not get to the three-figure mark and hopefully I can convert my start into bigger knocks in the fu-ture," said man-of-the-match Fernandez.

"The task was a bit slow and also spun a bit. I am glad that I was able to make a contribu-tion," he added.

Muskhifer finished with 5-20 for Bangladesh.

Reading were the most dan-gerous side early on, with Den-nys Loader heading against the bar Mount’s intentions were curbed. With 13 minutes gone they had the breakthrough. Shorty after, Liam Moore conceded a free-kick centrally and Ross Barkley curled home a stunning toe-poke. The visitors were ahead at the break when Kenedy sent a low shot into the far corner, but new signing Michael Morrison touched home a corner to restart the advantage, only for Sam Baldeck to strike Barrett’s effort to bail out the series will be held at the same venue on Wednesday.

Michael Schumacher’s Ferrari a perfect fit for son Mick

Reuters | Hockenheim, Germany

Mick Schumacher stepped into his father Michael’s 2004 Formula One cham-pionship-winning Ferrari at the German Grand Prix on Sat-urday and found it a perfect fit.

The 20-year-old, who races in the German DTM series, spen-ted time at Hockenheim in the F2004 car which carried his father’s No 13 wins from 18 races and his seventh and last title.

Schumacher senior won four times at the German track, boosting the popularity of the team.

"It was amazing to be able to drive the car around here especially knowing it was my dad’s seat and everything it is fit perfectly," said the youngster, who also drove his father’s 1994 Benetton around Belgium’s Spa-Francorchamps circuit in 2017.

"To be able to drive the V10 (engine) and feel how one behaved and sounded was something very special," added Schumacher, wearing a helmet painted in both father’s 2004 colours and his own.

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Neymar will not feature for Paris Saint-Ger-main’s last two games of their pre-season tour of Asia, French media report-ed yesterday.

Pep play Sydney FC in Suzzhou on Tuesday but, speaking daily L’Equipe, Neymar said Voorde and leg-spinner Akila Dananjaya claimed two wickets each for Sri Lanka.

New Zealand were in trouble soon after Skipper Tim Tamig failed to hit the toss and elected to bat at the R. Premadasa Stadium.

Pradeep trapped opener Soumya Sarkar leg-before for 11 before Tamig dragged an Udana delivery onto his stump after making 19.

Dananjaya removed Moham-mad Mithun for 12 and bowled Mahammadul Rizvi for six be-fore Sabbir Rahman’s run out for 11 complicated Bangladesh’s woes.

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Muskhifer went off the strike in the fifth ball of the final over to miss out on his 8th century by just two runs.

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Max Verstappen wins thrilling German GP ahead of Sebastian Vettel as Lewis Hamilton suffers nightmare run to 11th place

Verstappen wins chaotic German GP

The 23-year-old Dutchman secured his second win of the season and seventh of his career, finishing ahead of four-time world champion Vettel, who had started 20th and last on the grid.

The highlights of the show were through the chaos in the last three bouts, as well as the charity auction and the bringing together of the stars.

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The race was a disaster for champions Mercedes who were celebrating their 200th Formula One start of the modern era and 125 years of motor-sport, both defending five-time champion Lewis Hamilton and his teammate Valtteri Bottas crashed and failed to score any points.

Hamilton eventually finished 11th after making six pit-stops as he missed out on a points finish for the first time in 23 races while Verstappen continued his rich streak of consistency.

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The source dismissed reports that Bale had blocked a potential move to China for personal reasons.

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“I dedicate my medal to my mother and my father. This medal means all our hard work, sweat, and tears; all our hard work during training; all our blood, sweat, and tears; all our hard work and pain. We have had our ups and downs, but we have never given up. We have always given our best every time we stepped on the court.”

Esfandiar commented: “This is a complete set for us. It was amazing, but really tricky out there,” said Verstappen, who made four pit-stops and survived a complete 360-degrees spin.

“To make the right calls, you had to be focussed. We put on the slick tyres and we had a 360! But it was alright,”

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Esfandiar’s teammate Morteza Sharifi and Italy’s Danieleavia were named Best Outsides Spikers.

It was a long race and at some points I was happy for him,” Zidane said.

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Meanwhile, Iran’s Esfandiar led the Dream Team in FIVB World Championships 2019, which came to a close Saturday night in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Iranians were crowned World champions following a nail-biting five-set victory over Italy, and Esfandiar was a key contributor to their win.

As MVP, the talented wing spiker headlined the competition’s Dream Team. These outstanding players were selected by officials and they each took home special individual trophies for their distinctions.

Iran’s Esfandiar leads Dream Team in FIVB World Championships 2019

The Dream Team of the world championship, including, from left, Esfandiar, Lava, Sharifi, Cortesia, Hazarpazartalataphe, Dan Santos, Sapozhkov and Sperotto at the award ceremony.

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