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# SALUTE TO MARTYRS

*Interior Minister leads funeral prayers for martyrs*



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**Interior Minister** Lt. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa yesterday led the police funeral prayers for the two martyrs, who lost their lives in Sitra bomb blast on July 28, at the headquarters of Ministry of Interior (MoI). The prayer was held after Dhuhr prayers. Initially, the prayer

**Interior Minister Lt. General Shaikh Rashid said that the perpetrators of the crime would face legal action**

was scheduled for Wednesday, after Asar prayers at Shaikh Isa Mosque in Safrah. But the venue and the date of the prayer were changed later.

During the prayer, the Minister offered condolences to the families of the martyrs and prayed for their souls to rest in peace. He also prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured.

Shaikh Rashid said that the perpetrators of the crime would face legal action. "The criminals deserve death penalty, which should be a lesson for those who intend to carry out such criminal acts."

"Today we bid farewell to two of our policemen, who took the road of martyrdom and responded to the call of duty. The blood they have shed will remain as a guiding example for generations and a bright page in the

## UN Chief flays Sitra blast

New York

**United Nations** (UN) Secretary General Ban Ki-moon condemned the terrorist bomb blast in Sitra. In his statement, Ban Ki-moon demanded a thorough investigation into the terrorist attack. He expressed his deep condolences to the Kingdom of Bahrain's government, people and the families of victims.



nation's history," the Minister added. Pakistan's Ambassador and families of the martyrs were present at the event. Meanwhile, bodies of the martyrs, Hamid Rasool and Naveed Ahmed

Nazar, were taken to their home country, Pakistan yesterday. Sources informed that MoI had arranged a special flight for the transport of their bodies.

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**U.S. jobless claims inch up from lowest level since 1973**

Washington

The number of U.S. workers filing applications for jobless benefits last week rose from a four-decade low, but the broader trend suggests the labor market is strengthening.

Initial jobless claims, an indication of layoffs, increased by 12,000 to a seasonally adjusted 267,000 in the week ended July 25, the Labor Department said yesterday. Economists surveyed by *The Wall Street Journal* had forecast 270,000 new applications for jobless benefits last week. Claims for the prior week were unrevised at 255,000. The level of claims for the July 18 week was the lowest since Nov. 1973.

# SCHOLARS, CLERICS INK DOCU AGAINST PRYING

**Unanimously express rejection of any foreign interference**

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**B**ahraini religious scholars from the Shia and Sunni sects and clerics expressed their rejection of all Bahraini people of any foreign interference in Bahrain's internal affairs, notably the Iranian blatant ones.

They emphasised standing one rank behind the leadership in facing foreign interference, conveying a clear and explicit message to the Iranian officials and reminding them of Islam's noble values promoting reciprocal respect and the principles of good neighbourliness between countries.

At a gathering yesterday on the Supreme Council for

Islamic Affairs premises in Juffair, they signed a condemnation statement against Iran's interference and acts of violence and sabotage, in the presence of journalists and officials from the mosques and religious affairs sector.

The Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Ministry and the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs called previously on religious scholars, clerics, Imams, and all affiliates of the religious corps to display a unified national stance against the Iranian interference in Bahrain's domestic affairs.

The religious scholars denounced the illegal acts carried out by advocates of violence, anarchy and sedition, voicing unity in facing attempts



The signing of condemnation statement yesterday.

to jeopardise national security and threaten people's life and properties.

Due to the massive turnout

to sign the condemnation statement, the signing period has been extended to Monday (August 3).

It has also been decided to create an electronic link for people who can not turn up personally by logging on to the Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Ministry's website [www.moia.gov.bh](http://www.moia.gov.bh).

**Iran's meddling denounced**

The Flaifel family has denounced the Iranian interference in the kingdom's domestic affairs. They expressed categorical rejection of all forms of meddling, including igniting sectarian sedition among members of the united Bahraini society.

It stressed the need to rally behind the leadership, renewing its rejection of all forms of interference by any country.



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## Turkey Embassy strongly deplores Sitra terror attack

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**T**urkish Embassy in Bahrain has strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Sitra in which two policemen on duty were died while six others were injured.

"We condemn the terrorist attack perpetrated in

Bahrain's Sitra region on July 28 targeting security officials and resulting casualties," it stated in the press release issued here yesterday.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey said in its official statement that it wished God's mercy upon those who had lost their lives and wished a

speedy recovery to the injured in the attack.

"On this occasion, we reiterate our solidarity with the people of Bahrain in fighting against terrorism and our support to the peace, security and stability of Bahrain," the statement added.

## Sitra Club slams blatant interference

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**S**itra Club's Board of Directors Chairman and members, and the club's affiliates denounced yesterday the repeated blatant Iranian interference in the kingdom's domestic affairs.

They categorically rejected the Iranian officials' instigating statements aimed at sparking tension in the kingdom, stressing that they contravene all good neighbourliness principles, international laws and norms, as well as the charters of the UN and Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.

They reiterated their rallying behind the leadership, led by His



Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier.

## Over 3 lakh entered Bahrain last week

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**T**he Assistant Undersecretary for Ports, Search and Follow-up at the General Directorate of Nationality, Passports & Residence (GDPR) yesterday informed in a statement that 312,709 people had entered Bahrain between July 23 and 29.

According to the weekly statistic, 255,322 people arrived from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other GCC countries via King Fahad Causeway, while 57,106 people entered through Bahrain International Airport and 281 people entered through ports in the Kingdom.

# GOVT'S PRIORITY IS FOR BAHRAINIS ONLY, SAYS MP

**"Bahrainis First" is the motto behind cut on subsidies for expats alone**

Muhammad Azam/DTNN

## Manama

**G**overnment is responsible only for the Bahraini nationals and "Bahrainis First" was the motto behind cut on subsidies, said MP and Head of Woman and Child Committee Dr Jameela Sammak yesterday.

She was commenting on the joint government-parliamentary committee meeting on Wednesday in which it was decided that the expats and the business establishments in Bahrain would no longer be allowed to enjoy the facility of subsidies on most of the things and only the Bahrainis would have the subsidies.

At the outset, the subsidies on electricity and water will

be removed, followed by the meat. The subsidies on petroleum commodities will be removed gradually.

Speaking to *DT News*, Dr Jameela Sammak said it was a difficult decision but inevitable. "The general impression of the meeting was "if we have limited facility," it should go to the Bahrainis first."

"Bahrain government is responsible for the welfare of the Bahrainis. If anything affects the expats; the government is not responsible for that," she added.

According to MP and Head of Public Utilities and Environment Committee Jamal Dawood, it was difficult to say how the cut on subsidies was going to affect

the expatriates in the long run.

Jamal Dawood, who attended the Wednesday's meeting, said: "The clear-cut message of the meeting



Dr Jameela Sammak

was that the support would remain only for the Bahrainis and not foreigners."

Dawood added that the oil prices had gone low internationally and there was no choice for the government but to cut the subsidies to keep the government affairs running.

Meanwhile, Chairperson of Migrant Workers Protection Society (MWPS) Marietta Dias remarked that the cut on subsidies was sad and it was going to be a big problem for the labourers and their families in their native countries.

She explained that according to the Labour Law of Bahrain the employers were obliged to give a reasonable accommodation to the

workers, but unfortunately this law had not been implemented in its true spirit.

Commenting that the subsidies are of a great benefit for those who live in Bahrain, whether citizens or residents, she added: "The cut on them would definitely affect the people with low income." "If the accommodation is provided to the workers as per the Labour Law, its negative effects could be minimized."

It is worth mentioning that the Chairman of Parliamentary Committee on Financial and Economic Affairs Isa Al Kooheji had earlier told *DT News* that sooner or later Bahrain was going to be a subsidy-free



Jamal Dawood

country and at one point of time there would be no subsidy in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

## Get vegetable prices online to avoid gyp

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**M**inistry of Industry and Commerce's Consumer Directorate has urged the public to keep themselves updated on the vegetable and fruit prices to avoid fleecing by the vendors. The Ministry is spreading awareness about its online price monitoring tool, which had been uploaded on the Ministry's website. "Ensure you pay the market price for your veggies and fruits before filling your basket," the Ministry stated.

Explaining the price monitoring tool, the Ministry said: "The Daily Price Index (DPI) is a monitoring device posted by the Consumer Protection Directorate (CPD) in the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to collect local market prices for a list of commodities from different local outlets and to monitor



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consumption patterns and price changes trends on timely basis."

"The aim of the DPI is to raise consumer awareness in

the Kingdom of Bahrain by providing up-to-date, accurate and detailed statistics on price fluctuation," it said in a statement.

The tool lists the prices of 30 common fruits and vegetables and gives its prices for the current and the previous two days. Beans, pumpkin, carrot, cucumber, eggplant and garlic are some of the fruits and vegetables listed on the web.

**The price monitoring tool lists the prices of 30 common fruits and vegetables online. It gives prices for the current and the previous two days**

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# TWEETS BUZZ WITH DEATH OF BAHRAINI

**Reportedly killed in Syria while distributing humanitarian aids**

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A Bahraini man was killed in Syria recently, according to *Twitter* users with suspected links to fighters in the war-torn country. Bahraini national Fawaz Al Najris was reportedly killed while distributing humanitarian aid to children in Idlib City in northwestern Syria. Al Najris was reportedly an Islamic teacher at East Riffa Secondary School for Boys before travelling to Syria.

Among those who confirmed his death was a *Twitter* user named Mohammed Al Rayyes (@bu3mr) who tweeted "Fawaz Al Najris - an ex teacher at East Riffa Secondary School martyred during a bombardment while he was

overseeing a milk distribution project to children on the Syrian border".

Another *Twitter* user, namely Shakhboot Al Dossari

(@shakhbout) mourned the death of Al Najris. Al Dossari had apparently worked with the deceased, as he wrote "My colleague Fawaz Al Najris

martyred in a shelling in Syria while providing humanitarian aid".

Unconfirmed online reports alleged that the deceased had played a role in recruiting Bahraini men to fight in Syria against the regime's armed forces.



Fawaz Al Najris

# Youth City 2030 launched

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Youth and Sports Minister Hisham bin Mohammed Al Jowder inaugurated Youth City 2030 here yesterday.

The project in its sixth version provides 3,000 opportunities for Bahraini youths training.

The project includes latest modern technologies for preparation of capable youth generation to deal with modern tools and future challenges and effectively contribute in on-going national

development. Implemented in partnership with Tamkeen, the project was launched in the presence of Tamkeen's board of directors' Chairman cum Acting CEO Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, members of the Shura Council and Council of Representatives (MPs) and several invitees.

The Youth and Sports Minister toured Youth City facilities and listened to a detailed presentation about the four centres: leadership, media, science and technology and arts.



Youth and Sports Minister is being briefed about a project

**Fawaz Al Najris was an Islamic teacher at East Riffa Secondary School for Boys before travelling to Syria**

## Ballet Philippines

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# Meet on prohibition of chemical weapons held

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Undersecretary and Chairman of the National Committee for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons Ambassador Abdulla Abdullatif Abdulla chaired in his office the Committee's meeting yesterday.

The meeting discussed the importance of participation of the Committee's members at the 20th Conference of the States Parties of the Organization for the

Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to be held in The Hague, the Netherlands, from November 30 to December 4 this year.

The meeting also discussed the Committee's plans and programmes, which will be implemented during the fourth quarter of the current year, including inspection of the companies importing, exporting or producing chemical materials covered by the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

**Meeting discussed the importance of participation of the members at the 20th Conference of the States Parties of the OPCW to be held at The Hague**



The meeting in progress.

# ECO-FRIENDLY GO CARDS TO REPLACE PAPER TICKETS

## BPTC Route expansion to be completed by August 1

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### Manama

**R**oute expansion work of Bahrain Public Transport Company (BPTC) will be completed by August 1, with the introduction of over 140 buses in 32 routes. In the meantime, the bus operator will also go eco-friendly by introducing smart cards instead of paper tickets.

The new cards were launched to the public during a five-day campaign to be held at Bab Al Bahrain. BPTC representatives were present at the spot to demonstrate its proper use and answer questions on the new routes and destinations added to the network. Go Card, the re-usable smart bus ticket will replace paper tickets, making the journey easier for the passengers.

The smart bus ticket is expected to make the journey comfortable for both drivers as well as passengers, as it will save a lot of time. So far, the passenger used to buy paper tickets from the driver while boarding the bus. Selling tickets as well as tendering change used

to consume a lot of time during journey, wasting valuable time of passengers as well as buses. But the introduction of smart bus tickets will bring relief to passengers, as they just need to punch the card into the readers placed at the entry and exit of buses.

According to Mark Kipling, Director of BPTC,

“Smart ticketing is a vital component of this project and crucial in elevating Bahrain’s public transport system, and enhancing the passenger journey.

The passengers will have to check-in while they board the bus and similarly they are supposed to check-out while alight the bus. The check-in

machines have been placed at the front door of the bus, while the check-out machines can be found at the centre door of the vehicle.

According to BPTC, the Go Cards are available with the bus driver, bus terminals as well as ticket vending machines. The passenger will have to pay 500 fils while obtaining the card

for the first time. The card can be used as one-day ticket as well as for single journeys, after recharging it up to a maximum of BD50, said the bus operator.

Special reloading machines will soon be available on every bus soon to enable top up of credit using cash notes.

BPTC has given extensive publicity to Go Cards since they are being introduced in the Kingdom for the first time. The operators have already started distributing leaflets in the buses, providing information about Go Cards. Information is also available on LCDs placed in buses.

Hoardings have also been placed in some prime localities of the Kingdom, informing the Bahraini people about extended bus routes as well as the Go Card.



A Go Card campaign at Bab Al Bahrain



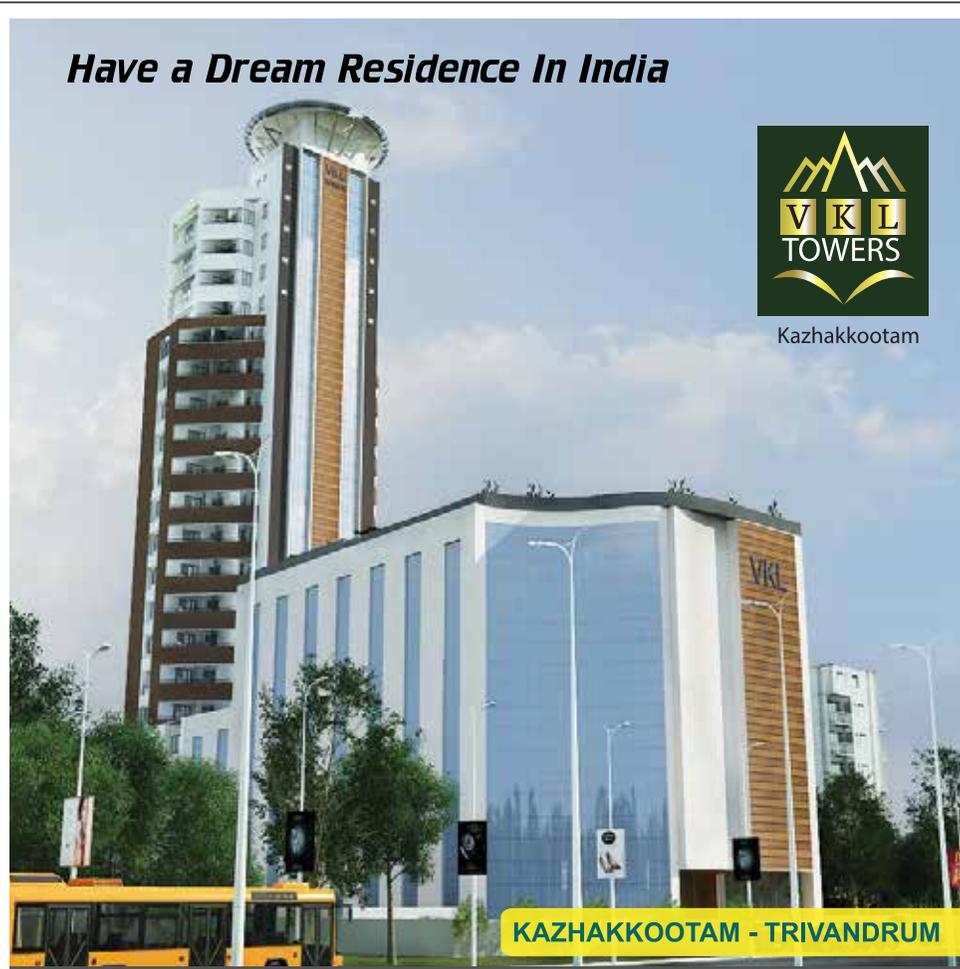
Passengers with the Go Card

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## Health Ministry launches tobacco-testing lab

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### Manama

**T**he Director of Public Health Directorate in the Ministry of Health (MoH), Dr. Mariam Al Hajeri, said the ministry supported by its top echelons continue to boost and modernize preventative health programmes.

The ministry recently introduced a modern specialised unit in the Public Health Laboratories, comprising all the necessary medical supplies and equipment, for testing tobacco products and cigarettes as part of a nationwide programme to curb tobacco-related diseases, addiction, toxicity and untimely deaths caused by tobacco and to make tobacco products less attractive to the public.

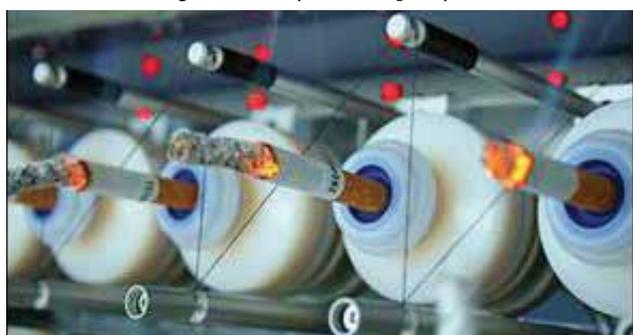
The Tobacco Analysis Unit in the Public Health Laboratories

conducts all chemical and physical testing of samples received from the Tobacco Combat Group affiliated to the Communicable Diseases Department in the Directorate of Public Health.

Chemical analysis include determining the percentage of nicotine, tar, carbon monoxide resultant from cigarette smoke and toxic insecticides remainders, testing some heavy

metals including cooper, zinc, magnesium, iron, lead and calcium which are some of the harmful ingredients of cigarettes which are the direct cause of lung cancer, pneumonia, severe cough, thrombosis.

Physical analysis of samples includes the length of the cigarette’s filter, paper package, diameter, circumference, aeration ratio, pressure discrepancy, etc.



The testing of samples in a specialised unit

# WOMAN ATTACKED BY MUGGER IN GUDABIYYA

## CCTV footage of the incident goes viral online

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### Manama

A woman, attacked by a mugger in an alley in Gudabiyya during the wee hours of yesterday, was rescued by a good samaritan.

A Filipino woman was reportedly attacked while she was walking down an alley in Juffair. The woman, whose identity has not been revealed, was reportedly walking back home with her friend when the burglar pushed her and tried to snatch her purse.



(left) The mugger, caught in the camera, (Right) The mugger following the woman

The woman relented, she held on the purse but had to let go as the burglar

overpowered her. As the burglar tried to run away, the woman ran behind him and

tried to stop him, at which point another man stepped in and snatched the purse

from the thief and returned it to the woman. The incident took place at 1.17am on Wednesday.

The incident was captured on a CCTV camera and the footage, which was uploaded to social media, went viral attracting more than 130,000 views in a day.

The video starts with the woman walking with her friend as the man follows them, at the end of the video the man is seen running away from the scene after he failed to steal the purse.

Social media users

applauded the Arab man who came to the Filipina's rescue and commended the woman's bravery in defending herself while other users highlighted the issue of muggers in Gudabiyya.

"This is not the first time that this has happened here in Bahrain, there was one incident that took place on June 27 in Manama, another Filipina victim, it happened during daytime, but it just so happened that no CCTV was on that area," a user commented.

## Khaleeji Commercial Bank profit zooms

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Khaleeji Commercial Bank's first half net profit for 2015 jumped 177 per cent to BD4.4 million, compared to BD 1.6 million posted by the company in the same period last year.

Dr. Ahmed Al Mutawa'a, Chairman of KHCB, said, "The bank has maintained a strong balance sheet throughout the first half of the year, good liquidity and capital adequacy ratios. We believe

that the effective execution of the strategy and efficient management of the bank will continue to ensure positive returns to our shareholders."

### Healthy growth in asset base

Total assets of the bank reached BD646.2 million, an increase of 8.3pc compared to December 2014 and 3.1 pc over the first quarter of 2015.

Profitability ratios have



Dr. Ahmed Al Mutawa'a improved with the annualized return on average assets of 1.4 pc and annualized return

on average equity of 8.3 pc. The Bank's financial position remains strong with a liquid asset ratio of 26.4 pc and capital adequacy ratio of 18.3pc, which is well above the regulatory minimum of 12.5 pc.

KHCB Chief Executive Officer Khalil Ismaeel Al Meer said, "the first half results were a reflection of positive growth that the bank has achieved in both its retail and commercial banking activities during 2015.

He said the increase in

customer base was reflected by a surge in the total customer deposits by 13.4pc compared to December 2014.

"We have successfully launched two new financing products, Easy 36 Credit Card, and the Ietman. We have also opened our ninth branch in Souq Waqef. The bank also has strong deal flow on both commercial and corporate banking and we expect the trend to continue during the rest of the year," he added.

### Chief of Staff receives U.S. NAVCENT Dy commander

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The BDF Chief of Staff Lt General Diyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi has yesterday received U.S. NAVCENT/Fifth Fleet deputy commander General Gene Black and explored with him ongoing bilateral cooperation relations, especially in the military field. The BDF Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations Brigadier Ghanim Ibrahim Al Fudhalah and senior BDF officers also attended the meeting.

## ICS lauds 'astounding' New Suez Canal

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The global shipping industry's governing committee that is visiting the new shipping lane, has praised Egypt's "huge undertaking" of the project. The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) has commended the New Suez Canal during a site visit today in Ismailia, a city in north-eastern Egypt.

With just one week for its inauguration, a committee consisting of the industry's top governing bodies toured the canal in order to assess its readiness for international navigation.

"The impression we're taking away is this is a huge undertaking and it has been completed in a time which is frankly astonishing," said Peter Hinchcliffe of the ICS.

"It's very pleasing to see that preparations are in place for the grand opening on August 6. More than that, I think what I will take



The new shipping lane of the Suez Canal

away today is the desire to continue our dialogue (with the Suez Canal Authority) into the future.

That is very important for us because we are representing the customers who will be using the canal in the coming years," he continued. The committee was greeted by

Admiral Mohab Mameesh, Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority – owners of the New Suez Canal project – who welcomed its members to the simulation building on site in Ismailia, as well as accompanied them on a tour of the entire length of the new waterway. "We are sending

the world a message through the New Suez Canal," said the Admiral in a subsequent press conference.

"By reducing transit time, your food will come faster, your medicine will come faster, your fuel will come faster, and your spare parts will come faster."

He claimed the estimated cost of digging for the project was US\$4 billion, as well as an additional US\$4 billion spent on the construction of six new tunnels. Official figures are to be released soon.

"This is Egypt's gift to the world. We promised, and we delivered," he said. "President (Abdel Fattah Al) Sisi will announce on August 6 that the canal is fully operational."

Hinchcliffe reiterated the importance of the New Suez Canal, claiming the shipping industry delivers 90 percent of world trade – which is predicted to grow three percent year-on-year.

He later thanked the Suez Canal Authority for its hospitality. The

committee was made up of delegates from Lloyds Register, International Group, Baltic Exchange, Intertanko, Japan and Egypt.

The endorsement of the canal provided the icing on the cake prior to the official inauguration on August 6.

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# DRIVER SURRENDERS IN MISHAP CASE

## Car mows down motorcyclist in Demistan

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The Director-General of the Northern Governorate Police has announced that the operations room received a report on Tuesday about a

traffic accident in which a car hit a motorcycle in Demistan.

An investigation indicated criminal suspicion and the authorities concerned rushed to the scene. The injured Bahraini motorcyclist Sayed

**A probe indicated criminal suspicion and the authorities concerned rushed to the scene. The injured Bahraini motorcyclist was taken to hospital, where he died later**

**Immediately after the accident, the car driver fled the scene. Later, he surrendered at a police station. The Director-General said that legal action was taken and the case had been referred to the Public Prosecutor**

Musa Sayed Sharaf was taken to hospital, where he died later. Immediately after the accident, the car driver fled the scene. Later, he surrendered at a

police station. The Director-General said that legal action was taken and the case had been referred to the Public Prosecutor.

## Bahraini child on vacation dies in Iran

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A Bahraini child died yesterday following a tragic incident in Iran during a vacation with his family. The five-year-old boy reportedly fell down from a two-meter-high hill in the Mashhad city last Friday while he was spending his vacation with his family on a farm.

A source close to the family said that the boy suffered fatal injuries and breathed his last at the intensive care unit of an Iran hospital.

"He tried to climb the hill,



but fell down and sustained grievous injuries. He had been in the hospital for five days," the source told DT News.

**A source close to the family said the boy suffered fatal injuries during a fall from a hill and breathed his last at the intensive care unit of an Iran hospital**

## Filipina's jail term hiked in money fraud case

DT News Network  
Manama

A Filipino nurse tried over accusations of embezzlement has had her jail term increased after the High Criminal Appeals Court accepted the appeal of the Public Prosecution. The woman was earlier given only three months behind bar and the Public Prosecution challenged the High Criminal Court's verdict terming it 'inadequate'.

The High Criminal Appeals Court has stiffened her sentence, sending her to five years in prison. The defendant was serving in a private hospital, and was detained

**The nurse manipulated receipts in a bid to embezzle the money paid by the patients. She was enrolling patients without medical insurance to the insured section**

over suspicions of pocketing BD24,000 from 2013 until May 2015.

It's said that the woman had manipulated receipts in a bid to embezzle the money paid by the patients. She was enrolling patients without medical insurance to the insured section.

She would charge them BD20, but in return would

issue receipts for BD5 or BD3. According to court documents, the defendant admitted to being aware of the fact that insurance companies do take time to respond to transactions given to them.

The total of the pocketed amount was identified after a financial audit was conducted covering the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.



PIC: MUHAMED THASLEEM

**Though the Bahraini roads are full of red buses, the classy old buses are still plying on the roads in the Kingdom.**

## Drug case: Jail term upheld

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A Gulf citizen, who was accused of possessing hashish, has had his jail term upheld. The defendant was earlier sentenced to six months in prison with BD500 fine.

The defendant was nabbed on March 20 two years ago on the Bahraini side of the King Fahad Causeway after stirring up the suspicions of the customs officials.

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drugs were found in the car during inspection. During interrogation, the man had confessed that the drugs belonged to him, though he

pleaded not guilty when appeared before the High Criminal Court. He will be deported once he completes his jail term.



**A huge fire broke out in a building near Al-Aidadiya School in Riffa last night.**

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### PALM BEACH SUMMER JAM

**Date:** Today  
**Venue:** Amwaj Marina

Producing music since 2000 and DJing since 2002, Miss Velocity has been cooking some amazing beats for over a decade to unleash onto the world. A bachelor of recording arts degree at the School of Audio Engineering under her belt and an entrepreneurial distinction\* certificate with the first course of its kind at the Peter Jones academy, this lady is a cut above the rest.

Since 2003, she has been playing in some of the most renowned venues in London, India, Qatar, Egypt and even had residencies in a couple of venues in Bahrain (2008/2009) and China Macau 38 Lounge Altira (2013). In February 2011, Miss Velocity launched her own female collective and they work together to bring great music to London clubs, the international world and corporate events. DJs, musicians and dancers perform together to form Starbelle. Music has been in her life for most of it and you will all be amazed by her talent, musical flexibility, professionalism and humble manner as well as the style she brings with her great dress sense and love for a good show. Should you want to book her for a gig, simply contact her through any of the details below.

Miss Velocity's open format cover all types of house, top 40, R&B, mainstream, old skool garage, dubstep, drum'n'bass, chillout/lounge and alternative. Catch her hosting her very own radio show every second Tuesday on www.originuk.net between 18:00 and 20:00 GMT. Here Velocity brings you some of the freshest liquid, deep and dark sounds of Drum'n'bass to make your body move and your mind spasm.

If you want to pin this girl down make sure you do it as soon as you can. Why? She is in demand right now as you will see from the lists below.

### FIT4LIFE WEEKEND BOOTCAMP

**Date:** Today & August 1  
**Venue:** Al Bander Hotel and Resort  
10 hours of fun and varied exercise with 2 certified fitness experts over 3 days (30 July - 1 August), and includes 3 healthy dinners, snacks and beverages.

Fit4Life Weekend Bootcamp will be held INDOORS at the beautiful and luxurious Al Bander Hotel and Resort! Register today and kick start your fitness journey!

### SALSA NIGHT

**Date:** Today  
**Venue:** Bizarre Lounge

Don't fret if your dancing skills leave something to be desired, instead put on your sunny attitude and a pair of dancing shoes and let the hot Latin rhythms take you away! Instructor will be available every second Friday

## ONGOING EVENT

### NAKHOOL GARDEN

**Date:** Ongoing till August 31 4pm to 10pm everyday  
**Venue:** Near Sitra Mall

Beloved Bahrain Summer Festival mascot Nakhool returns once again to accompany kids on a month-long fun-filled journey of discovery designed to educate and groom the artistic young talents of tomorrow. Create lasting memories together and experience the splendor of cultural heritage of countries from around the world in a family-friendly atmosphere through a wide range of interactive activities, workshops and competitions held over the duration of the festival.



to show you some expert moves.

### LALALUNA

**Date:** Today to August 3  
**Venue:** Cultural Hall  
**Time:** July 31: 4:30pm - 6:30pm, 7:30pm - 9:30pm  
**August 1:** 4:30pm - 6:30pm, 7:30pm - 9:30pm  
**August 2:** 7:30pm - 9:30pm  
**August 3:** 7:30pm - 9:30pm  
**Organiser:** Bahrain Culture Authority

What if, one evening, the light in the moon went out? This is the beginning of one very strange night called LaLaLuna, a surreal and whimsical tale of the moon's caretaker as he struggles to re-light the darkened moon. Created by physical theatre playwright-actor Wolfe Bowart, this extraordinary journey appeals to adults and children alike, combining circus, theatre and film woven together with a unique poetic and comic physical language.

### FITNESS SESSIONS

**Date:** August 2 to August 27  
**Venue:** Artzania, Second Floor, Ramli Mall, Aali

In their second summer camp of the season, Artzania are putting on a host of wonderful activities for the little ones. Youngsters can enjoy learning topics such as drama and puppetry, join in with brain games or arts and crafts, cooking classes, fitness sessions and even try out some amusement rides. The camp is suitable for kids aged six to 12 and prices start from BD45 (per five days during one week). It runs from 9am to 2pm each day.

### ARABIC NIGHTS

**Date:** August 4 to 25 August 2015  
**Venue:** The Ritz Carlton, Bahrain Hotel and Spa

You will discover Arabian food fair at the fullest as you rejoice in La Med's themed night buffet every Friday. Specialties from Lebanon, Morocco, Bahrain and the Middle East are accompanied by the melody of an Oud player. Price: BD 18++ per person. Timings: Every Tuesday, from 7 p.m.

### MASTERPIECES BY BALLET PHILIPPINES

**Date:** August 10 (8:00pm - 10:00pm)  
**Venue:** Bahrain National Theatre

For those who appreciate the grace of ballet, Ballet Philippines presents Master Pieces, a celebration of one of the Philippines most respected cultural institutions. Led by its artistic director Paul Alexander Morales, the show features a dazzling selection of the company's most acclaimed works throughout its 45-year history, from timeless classical and neo-classical works, to modern and contemporary dance pieces, and excerpts from full-length modern ballets; a true testament to the company's endless versatility.

### "BARNEY LIVE! WORLD TOUR"

**Date:** 10 to 15 August 2015  
**Venue:** The Cultural Hall  
Join Barney and friends on their brand

new amazing adventure! Cousin Riff has sent Barney a special package in the mail - a beautiful globe of the world! Barney, B.J. and Baby Bop must use the globe and follow the clues to find cousin Riff and a list of very special items! As they travel to France, Japan, India, China and Mexico, Barney and his friends have a terrific time learning about the language and culture of each new country.

### QUIZ NIGHT

**Date:** August 13 at 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Dilmun Club  
A quiz night is set to take place at 7.30pm on August 30 in support of the Cat house extension project of Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BSPCA), featuring refreshments and raffle draw. Tickets that are available from the Dilmun Club are priced at BD5 for the quiz and the Club's non-members will be charged

## UPCOMING EVENT

### TAZIRI: TITI ROBIN ENSEMBLE

**Date:** 25 August 2015  
**Venue:** Cultural Hall

Widely credited as a forerunner to the rise of the popular genre that became known as "world music", French musician, composer, and improviser extraordinaire Thierry "Titi" Robin made his mark in the music world with his signature and highly personal style - known as "Mediterranean music" - from the confluence of Gypsy, Oriental and European cultures. Joined on stage by Moroccan musician Mehdi Nassouli, this self-taught musical pioneer will showcase how artfully weaves these seemingly incompatible musical genres into brilliant and unique masterpieces.



BD2 as entrance fee.

### SESAME STREET: LIVE ELMO MAKES MUSIC

**Date:** 20th August 2015 to 24th August 2015  
**Venue:** Cultural Hall

Get ready for a musical event like no other - monsters making music! Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Big Bird and all their Sesame Street friends share their love of music in this family-friendly show. Join the fun as they embark on starting a band and discover 'instruments' they never knew existed; pots and spoons, trash can lids, and even cookie jars! Everyone's favourite fun, furry and feathered friends teach children that we can create and enjoy beautiful music together.

### SUMMER FUN

**Date:** August 23 to 25  
**Venue:** Tribal Fitness, Budaiya Highway

If your kids enjoy fitness then this is the camp for them, as the Tribal Fitness team will teach them to stay fit, learn moves and work hard to complete tasks in a safe environment. It's suitable for children aged six to 12 and costs BD90 per three-day camp. Sessions run from 10am to 2pm.

### BEAT BUMPER: WRECKING CREW ORCHESTRA

**Date:** 28 August 2015  
**Venue:** Cultural Hall

Come and bear witness to "Beat Bumper", the latest mesmerizing show by innovative Japanese street dance troupe Wrecking Crew Orchestra. Blending dance and music, the Osaka-based 8-member crew shot to global international stardom with their perfectly choreographed sets that are performed in the dark while wearing special futuristic illuminated costumes, creating a mind-bending showcase that must be seen to be believed.

### SUMMER KIDS CAMP 2015

**Date:** Ongoing till August 31  
**Venue:** Sitra Mall

If you're looking for some fun activities to busy your kids with, then you should definitely check out the Summer Kids Camp. It's organized by Blue Birds Events, and it shall include some inspiring and creative activities such as arts and crafts, ball games, painting, camp art projects and there are even some optional trips if your kids are interested! The Summer camp is going to be from Sunday through Thursday, from 8AM - 2PM, and boys and girls aged 5-16 years old can join. It costs BD70 for a month, and BD120 for 2 months.

# FOCUS ON STABILIZING GREEN BUILDINGS: WORKS MINISTRY

The Ministry holds workshop on the theme 'LEED Green Associate'

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**The Assistant** Undersecretary for Construction Projects and Maintenance at the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Eng. Mona Al Motawa stressed that the construction and maintenance sector at the Ministry is working on stabilizing green buildings principles in government buildings for the purpose of ensuring sustainability and improving the competency and quality of those buildings.

She also explained that the green buildings initiative has

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always received much support from HE the Minister of Works, which helped them in applying the initiative on many government buildings; including the new or existing ones.

Al Motawa explained that the

Human Resources Directorate at the Ministry, represented by the Training and Development Department, has arranged to hold a number of specialized workshops in the field of green buildings; aiming to fully enable the sector to carry out



Mona Al Motawa

their responsibilities and apply green buildings measures and principles in a professional manner. The first workshop has

recently taken place under the theme 'LEED Green Associate', which was presented by accredited specialists from Marvel Management Training Institute- Bahrain.

The number of participants in the workshop amounted to 23 engineers with various specializations and levels. Other workshops are to soon follow.

The workshop prepares engineers to apply for the LEED Green Associate, which is a test issued by the American Council for Green Buildings. The test is designed to test general knowledge of green buildings practices and how to support specialists working

in LEED projects (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design).

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## LIC International raises bonus rates

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**LIC International** raised the bonus for insurance plans by \$1. This increase would be applicable to almost all the plans offered by the insurance behemoth, following the decision taken at the recently conducted AGM.

The latest increase in bonus rates has pushed the overall return offered through LIC plans to among the highest in the region, according to the company.

The new bonus rate for its

Endowment Plans term of more than 20 years term is at \$33 per 1000 Sum Assured. Endowment Plan of Single Premium with term greater than 20 years is at \$30 per 1000 Sum Assured, Money Back Plans term of more than 25 years will fetch \$33 per 1000 Sum Assured as bonus, Whole Life Plans will receive a bonus of \$32 per 1000 Sum Assured and Deferred Annuity Plans Term of more than 15 years will get a bonus of \$30 per 1000 of Sum Assured, according to a statement by the company.



A condolence meeting held for former Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam at the Indian Club premises in Gudaibiya last night

## Reception given for new Chinese Ambassador to Bahrain

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**The Minister** of Social Development Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh has yesterday received China's newly appointed Ambassador to Bahrain, Qi Zhenhong.

The minister reviewed enhancing social development cooperation, chiefly in promoting projects of productive families and people with special needs and elderly care. Chinese Ambassador lauded the progress made by Bahrain in various areas, wishing Bahrain further advancement and prosperity.

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MP Rou'a Al Hayki also met with the Chinese Ambassador yesterday and discussed the ways to bolster relations between the two countries.

MP Al Hayki pointed out following up the outcomes of HM the King's recent visit to China in terms of the progress

of bilateral relations in various areas, stressing benefiting from trade and investment opportunities available in both countries.

She called for encouraging more Chinese investors to benefit from Bahrain's free economic atmosphere.



Chinese Ambassador Qi Zhenhong with Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh

# UOB DEVELOPERS PRAISED BY eGA

Two students developed an e-measuring system for water metres



COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND	35.5872	31.348
US DOLLARS	2.6667	2.6455
CANADIAN DOLLAR	3.5224	3.3602
PERUVIAN NUEVO SOL	7.6923	7.6923
INDIAN RUPEE	167.2241	160
BANGLADESH TAKA	206.1006	194.8558
CHINESE YUAN	16.8067	15.9236
HONG KONG DOLLAR	21.5332	20.0642
INDONESIAN RUPIAH	37864.4453	32351.9896
JAPANESE YEN	337.8378	313.4796
KOREAN WON	3525.4715	2676.3014
SRI LANKAN RUPEE	364.8876	315.4007
MALAYSIAN RINGGIT	10.4712	9.7561
NEPALESE RUPEE	306.3012	252.2221
PHILIPPINE PESO	123.4568	116.2791
PAKISTAN RUPEE	277.0582	259.111
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	3.6819	3.5562
THAI BAHT	91.4913	89.7666
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	3.712	3.5336
NEW ZEALAND DOLLAR	4.1085	3.9448
EURO	2.4777	2.381
SWISS FRANC	2.6413	2.5088
CZECH KORUNE	92.5926	45.8716
BRITISH POUND	1.7283	1.6683
TURKISH LIRA	7.3981	6.8804
SAUDI RIYAL	10	9.9404
UAE DIRHAMS	9.7561	9.7276
QATAR RIYAL	9.6899	9.6348
KUWAITI DINAR	0.8097	0.8
OMANI RIYAL	1.0272	1.0204
EGYPTIAN POUND	20.1207	18.9753
JORDANIAN DINAR	1.8868	1.8636
LEBANESE POUND	427.7935	3816.3569
MOROCCAN DIRHAMS	26.8817	24.2718
SYRIAN POUND	952.381	574.7126
YEMENI RIYAL	913.3254	542.0348

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## GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5880	0.3903	0.3064
KUWAIT	0.2855	35.1279	0.2955	0.2320
OMAN	0.3849	0.3718	0.3984	0.3128
QATAR	3.6420	3.5182	3.7702	2.9600
UAE	3.6730	3.5481	3.8023	2.9852
SAUDI	3.7500	3.6225	3.8820	3.0478

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**Manama**  
Two University of Bahrain (UoB) students, who were the masterminds behind an innovative application-based electronic system (eSystem) as part of computer engineering projects of the IT College at the University of Bahrain, were received by the eGovernment Authority CEO Mohammad Ali Al Qaed yesterday.

The project is designed to measure the water flow in fixed home utility meters and offer a wide range of new features to keep track of the monthly bills as well as electronic payments.

During their visit, the two students Mubarak Al Saad and Omar Bukhlaf discussed and highlighted the advantages of the project, which was originally inspired from meter readers who spend massive time reading meter in bad weather. The students reflected the possibility of finding an effective, prompt solution that detects water leaks as fast as possible; hence, an application was created to resolve both problems.

Al Qaed praised their efforts in carrying-out such an eSystem that is designed to ensure improved public handling of water bills in such an innovative manner, in line with current advancements in areas covering government transactions, and water-saving techniques.

The CEO also expressed his pleasure at the interest of young Bahrainis in modern technology, which can be seen as a positive indicator in speeding-up electronic transformation in different areas of life.

Furthermore, he pointed-out that IT students at the local universities should gain

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access to similar innovative experiences and become encouraged to open further perspectives for more creative innovative concepts in their research projects - as a move forward to ease the transition from university grounds to the workplace.

Al Qaed commented that eGA's support for innovation and creativity is by implementing the advanced National eGovernment Strategy with a core focus on the youth segment. He also stated that the authority highly believes in the leading role the youth plays in promoting and fostering technological developments.

The application is designed to take readings from computers associated with an eSystem to ensure the display through a Smartphone application by providing the end-user with a notification feature in case of water leaks so as to allow the consumer to resolve the failure. The application also links users who intend to pay their due bills to the eGovernment portal (bahrain.bh).

Both UoB students thanked eGA for its support and encouragement as well as the CEO for his constant welcome and concern directed towards the youth's projects. eGA urges the youth segment to showcase their information technology innovations and encourages them to pursue new paths in areas that cover creativity as well as generate skills and motivation necessary for a better realization of their potentials.

Al Saad and Bukhlaf anticipate that Bahrain's entities offer a boost to such projects and create appropriate environment for their executions in order to benefit every individual in the county.

## Academic Perspectives



Dr. Subhadra Ganguli

### Foreign Direct Investment 2014 – Inward and Outward trends for the Developed World

With the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) the United Nations developed the framework for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) post 2015 by its member countries. This means more investment in sectors such as infrastructure, health, climate change etc through less public and more private initiatives or PPPs (Public Private Partnerships) due to the immense resource implications of such projects. World Investment Report of UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) 2015 suggests that there is marked scarcity of investments in critical sectors for SDGs and that developed nations need to harness greater efforts to channelize private investment in such areas.

On the other hand, FDI inflows to the developed countries fell to \$499 billion in 2014, the lowest since 2004. Inflows to Europe fell continuously since 2012 due to uncertainties in the European Union and due to weak economies in the Eurozone. However, UK jumped to No.1 position in Europe in terms of inward FDI flows which stood at \$72 billion in 2014. While Finland and Switzerland gained in terms of FDI inflows in 2014, Belgium, France and Ireland saw their inflows fall sharply. FDI flows to Europe fell by 11 per cent to \$289 billion and to one-third of their peak levels in 2007. Outflows from Europe remained constant at \$316 billion. Germany faced the highest amount of divestment followed by France.

Inflows to North America halved primarily due to the divestment of Vodafone's unit Verizon in the USA which experienced FDI inflows of \$92 billion only. However, increasing FDI income is providing a nice cushion for USA to balance out trade deficits as outward FDI's are generating substantial export incomes in the areas of knowledge based goods and services. On the other hand, both USA and Canada created marginal increase in FDI outflows.

North America and Europe are the major targets of cross border Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) by private equity funds though investment by SO-MNEs (State Owned Multi National Enterprises) declined from the developed countries. This was mainly due to the developed country MNEs consolidating their assets and selling off their investments in some parts of the world and due to stricter control by countries on extractive industries.

In contrast, the MNEs from developing countries have invested outwards to a large extent in 2014—almost \$468 billion - 23% increase from 2013! Out of the 20 largest investor companies globally, 9 of them are from developing and transition countries! It will be interesting to explore and follow the dynamics of the changed world order in terms of FDI movements.

Dr. Subhadra Ganguli currently works in Ahlia University as an Associate Professor in Economics. She holds a Ph.D in Economics from University of California in Riverside. Dr. Ganguli has experience in academic teaching, research and Quality Assurance for the last 20 years in India, USA and Bahrain. She has worked at the BIBF during 2004-August 2014 in various capacities. For comments and questions, please feel free to contact her at Subhadra.ganguli@gmail.com

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The eGovernment Authority CEO Mr. Mohammed Ali Al Qaed receiving Mubarak Al Saad and Omar Bukhlaf

# EAT, PRAY, SHOP: PHILIPPINE MALLS BECOME THE NEW TOWN PLAZAS



*Malls in Manila are taking on more important roles than just being a place to catch up, shop or dine...*

## Manila

As she eyes the colourful ice creams on offer at a Baskin-Robbins in one of Manila's most luxurious shopping centres, Philippine teenager Jamie Gamboa admits to being an incurable mall rat -- but not only for the shopping.

"It is the only place where you can just walk around without having to spend, and there are a lot of things to entertain us," said the petite 16-year-old, surrounded by a gaggle of friends.

"We tried other places but it's more of a hassle. In parks, there isn't enough to do. A museum or a zoo isn't a place you go to more than once."

With their functions expanding from shopping and dining to venues for Catholic mass, Zumba workouts or even weddings, experts say malls are taking on a more important role at the heart of communities.

Filipino life traditionally revolved around a public square, with a church, local government building and market attached, where adults socialised and children played, according to urban planner Felino Palafox.

But while malls have long been a mainstay of urban Manila -- the capital has at least 153 peppering its skyline -- the neon-lit consumer temples

are now sweeping across the Philippine archipelago, penetrating even rural areas.

"They have replaced the public plazas as gathering places," Palafox said.

## City lungs 'lost'

As the Philippines' population has boomed in recent decades, soaring from 68 million in 1995 to 100 million in 2015, creeping urbanisation has magnified the appeal of malls to residents and businesses alike.

But this has come at the expense of green spaces, left languishing through neglect, short-sightedness and poor urban planning.

"We are losing the lungs of the city," said Palafox.

Provincial grocer Wendy Tan remembers how she and her friends used to play in the sprawling, verdant plaza in Mambusao, a central Philippine town of about 38,000 people.

But as the park deteriorated over time, the locals searched for the next best thing -- a spanking new, 300-hectare (740-acre) air-conditioned shopping mall in Roxas city, about an hour's drive away.

"There are no more tall trees. No more fountains. There is no more shade so it is too hot," she said.

So the mall developers

stepped in, sometimes even leasing green spaces to build retail complexes.

"They know very well that the government is not delivering services so they address those. If the government does not create public spaces, they will build public spaces," said Jorge Mojarro, a Spanish PhD student studying Philippine culture.

"It is not that Filipinos do not like parks. They are just not being offered parks," he added.

But many Filipinos don't seem to mind, seeing malls as safer than the streets -- the crime rate remains high in Manila, despite police figures showing a fall nationwide -- and a way to relax in cool surroundings.

Jacqueline Luis, a 48-year-old mother of three, says malls are a sanctuary for her family away from the tropical heat and traffic-choked thoroughfares of the urban

metropolis.

"You can let them (kids) go to the amusement centre or watch a movie while you shop. And then you can all just meet up at the same place later," she said.

Even the smallest towns are trying to attract malls.

Dean Villa, mayor of Larena, on the tiny island of Siquijor, has entered into a joint venture with a private firm to develop a mall in his community of about 13,000.

He hopes the new mall will attract people to spend money in his town -- including local residents.

"Over here, as soon as payday comes, everyone hops on the ferry to Dumaguete City, about an hour's ride away, because they already have a mall there," he told AFP.

## Not just shopping

As their



steady march continues, malls are swallowing many of the services typically found in the public square.

Many boast chapels as well as child-care centres, allowing families in the devoutly Catholic nation to combine religious and family duties with shopping.

Satellite government offices in shopping centres allow Filipinos to pay utility bills and get documents such as voter ID cards, business permits, driver's licences and passports.

The election commission is even considering allowing voting in malls.

"We evolve to what is needed by the people," said Alex Pomento, vice-president of the country's largest mall chain, SM Prime Holdings.

The group often hosts free community events in their malls such as mass weddings,

school graduations, Zumba workouts and singing contests -- events once held in town plazas.

The rise of Internet shopping does not worry the company, with four more of its malls set to open this year on top of the current 50.

"Our malls are destination places," Pomento said.

In an ironic twist, some larger malls are now literally replacing the lost parks by building expansive rooftop gardens to make them more attractive and in a nod to environmental concerns.

"Nowhere else in the world has a population so absorbed the shopping-mall lifestyle, Paul Santos, vice-president of the Philippine Retailers Association said.

"It's not something you can stop."





Energy Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza received Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) employee Suad Maktab, who presented to the minister a copy of her master's degree in geographic information systems from the Arabian Gulf University.



Reyadh Sater Deputy Chief Executive of Business Goup welcomed at the BBK's Headquarters, Mohamed Al Jowder the chairman of the Saudi Bahraini Institute for Blind, to receive BBK's contribution for their request. Mr. Hassan Burshaid – Assistant General Manager of Human Resources and Administration, attended the handover ceremony on behalf of BBK.



Energy Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza yesterday visited a



The New executive committee of ICAB Toastmasters, Bahrain: Standing from Left: Palanisamy (Sergeant-at-arms), Jay Killedar (Treasurer) Mohit Malkani (VP-Membership) Kannan Iyer (VP-Public Relations), Veerendar (Secretary). Sitting: Uday Shanbaug (Past President & Mentor), Sridhar (President), Santosh (VP-Education).





Bahrain Summer Festival, a month-long culture programmes, was inaugurated by Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) President Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al-Khalifa in Nakhool garden near Sitra Mall - Pic - Santhosh Rajendran.



an electricity and water conservation awareness exhibition at the Bahrain City Centre



Under the patronage of the Honorary President Dr. Ebrahim Al Dossary, Bahrain Society for Training and Development (BSTD) organized Youth Leadership Programme Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday at Bahrain Society of Engineers Hall in Juffair.

# CELEBS

I don't want to live in a bubble, in my craft or in the world... I can't, I would be cheating myself out of my generation and the world we live in.  
-Diane Lane



## Don't judge other mothers: Jessica Alba

Los Angeles

Actress Jessica Alba felt like she was being "judged" when she first became a mother, and she hopes women stop doing that to each other.

The 34-year-old, who has daughters Honor, 7, and Haven, 3, with husband Cash Warren, reportedly says she was worried about the opinions of other mothers when she gave birth to her eldest child.

"Doesn't it feel like the mean girl thing from high school sort of just transforms into adulthood through motherhood?"

"And then your hormones go crazy again when you're pregnant and having a baby. And I feel like maybe it's just all those hormones, and people don't know where to put their energy, so they just start clashing," Alba said in an interview.



## ZAYN MALIK SIGNS TO RCA RECORDS

Los Angeles

Zayn Malik has signed to RCA Records. The 22-year-old singer after his shocking departure from hit boy band One Direction- revealed he is ready to show people who he "really is".

In a message on Twitter, he captioned a photograph of him signing a record deal: "I guess I never explained why I left, it was for this moment to be given the opportunity to show you who i really am! #realmusic #RCA !! ... #REALME (sic)".



## Now you Know it



In National Treasure, the good guys in the movie use Google and the bad guys use Yahoo!

## STARRY BIRTHDAY

English author who wrote the bestselling Harry Potter fantasy books. Her first novel in the series, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (1997), was followed by six equally popular installments, all of which were made into feature films.



July 31, 1965

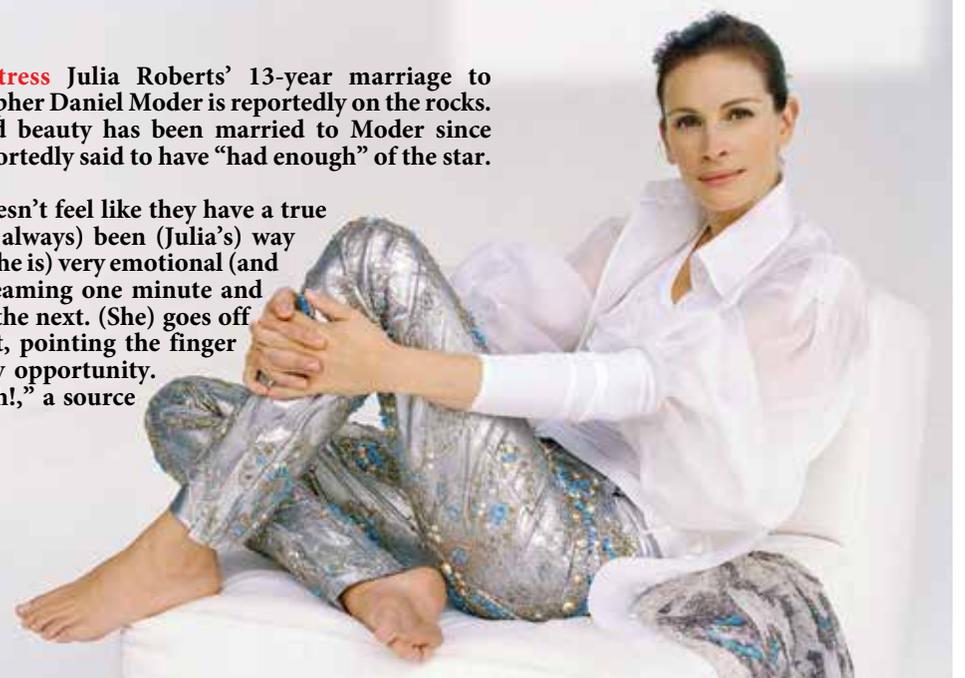
JK Rowling

## Julia Roberts' marriage on the rocks?

Los Angeles

Hollywood actress Julia Roberts' 13-year marriage to cinematographer Daniel Moder is reportedly on the rocks. The 47-year-old beauty has been married to Moder since 2002 but he is reportedly said to have "had enough" of the star.

"Danny just doesn't feel like they have a true partnership. (It's always) been (Julia's) way or the highway. (She is) very emotional (and can go from) screaming one minute and then apologising the next. (She) goes off on rant after rant, pointing the finger at Danny at every opportunity. (He's) had enough!" a source said.



# DT NEWS

## Show Time

15 Friday, July 31, 2015



### ACHA DHIN

(Malayalam / Comedy)

Starring: P. Balachandran, Jaise Jose, Sudheer Karamana  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 10:30, 12:45, 15:00, 17:15, 19:30, 21:45, 00:00  
**SEEF (II)** DAILY AT: 10:45 AM + 3.00 + 7.15 + 11.30 PM  
**AL HAMRA** DAILY AT: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + (12.00 MN THURS/FRI)

### PAPER TOWNS

(Drama / Mystery / Romance)

Starring: Nat Wolff, Cara Delevingne, Austin Abrams  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 12:45, 17:00, 21:15, 23:30  
**CINECO (20)** DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)  
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**SEEF (II)** DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM  
**SAAR** DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + (11.15 PM THURS/FRI)

### MASAAN

(Drama / Drama)

Starring: Richa Chadda, Saurabh Chadhary, Sanjay Mishra  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 10:45, 15:00, 19:15

### BAJRANGI BHAIJAN

(Hindi / Drama)

Starring: Salman Khan, Kareena Kapoor, Harshaali Malthotra  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 11:00, 14:00, 17:00, 20:00, 23:00  
**SEEF (I)** DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM  
**SAAR** DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 PM + (11.00 PM THURS/FRI)  
**AL JAZIRA** DAILY AT: 8.30 + (11.30 PM THURS/FRI)  
**AWAL** DAILY AT: 12.00 + 6.00 PM + (12.00 MN THURS/FRI)

### ANT MAN

(Action / Adventure / Sci-Fi)

Starring: Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas, Corey Stoll  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 10:30, 12:45, 15:00, 17:15, 19:30, 21:45, 00:00  
**CINECO (20)** DAILY AT (ATMOS): 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.45 + 6.30 + 9.15

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 DAILY AT (VIP I): 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM  
**SEEF (I)** DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 PM + 12.00 MN

### NOUM EL TALATH

(Arabic / Comedy)

Starring: Hany Ramzy, Eman El Asy  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 12:30, 16:15, 20:00, 23:45  
**SEEF (II)** DAILY AT: 12.45 + 4.45 + 8.45 PM

### PIXIES

(Animation / Comedy / Family)

Starring: Alexa PenaVega, Bill Paxton, Christopher Plummer  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 10:45, 14:30, 18:15, 22:00

### BAJRANGI BHAIJAN

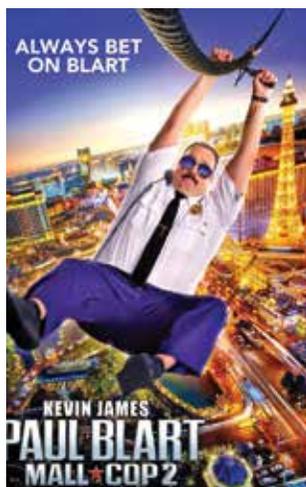
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Starring: Salman Khan, Kareena Kapoor, Harshaali Malthotra  
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**CINECO (20)** DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM + (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)  
**SEEF (II)** DAILY AT: (12.45 MN THURS/FRI)

### DRISHYAM

(Hindi / Drama / Mystery / Thriller)

Starring: Ajay Devgn, Tabu, Shriya Saran  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 11:00, 14:00, 17:00, 20:00, 23:00  
**SEEF (I)** DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM  
**AWAL** DAILY AT: 3.00 + 9.00 PM



### BAAHUBALI

(Hindi / Action / Romance)

Starring: Tamannaah Bhatia, Rana Daggubati, Anushka Shetty  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 10:30, 16:30, 22:30  
**SEEF (II)** DAILY AT: 2.30 + 8.30 PM

### BAAHUBALI

(Hindi / Action / Romance)

Starring: Tamannaah Bhatia, Rana Daggubati, Anushka Shetty  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 13:30, 19:30, 01:15



### BAAHUBALI THE BEGINNING

(Tamil / Action / Adventure)

Starring: Prabhas, Rana Deagg Baggubati, Anushka Shetty, Sathyaraj  
 DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 5.30 + 11.30 PM

### DARK PLACES

(Drama / Mystery / Thriller)

Starring: Charlize Theron, Sterling Jerins, Nicholas Hoult  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 10:30, 12:45, 15:00, 17:15, 19:30, 21:45, 00:00  
**CINECO (20)** DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 PM + 12.00 MN  
**SEEF (II)** DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 PM + 12.00 MN

### MINIONS

(Animations / Comedy / Family)

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm, Michael Keaton  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 11:00, 12:45, 14:30, 16:15, 18:00, 19:45, 21:30, 23:15, 01:00  
**CINECO (20)** DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM  
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 DAILY AT (3D): 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 PM + 12.00 MN  
**SAAR** DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 PM  
**AL JAZIRA** DAILY AT: 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 PM

### HAYATY MEBAHDELA

(Arabic / Comedy)

Starring: Mohamed Saad, Hassan Hosny, Nicole Saba, Samy Maghawry  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 10:30, 12:45, 15:00, 17:15, 19:30, 21:45, 00:00  
**CINECO (20)** DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM + (1.00 AM THURS/FRI)  
**SEEF (II)** DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM

### PIXELS

(Action / Comedy / Sci-Fi)

Starring: Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Michelle Monaghan  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 11:00, 13:00, 15:00, 17:00, 19:00, 21:00, 23:00, 01:00  
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**SEEF (I)** DAILY AT: 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM  
**SAAR** DAILY AT: 9.15 + (11.30 PM THURS/FRI)

### JURASSIC WORLD

(Action / Adventure / Sci-Fi)

Starring: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Ty Simpkins

**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 10:30, 13:00, 15:30, 18:00, 20:30, 23:00, 01:15  
**CINECO (20)** DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM  
 DAILY AT (3D): 12.30 + 5.15 + 10.00 PM  
**SEEF (II)** DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM

### TERMINATOR GENISYS

(Action / Sci-Fi)

Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Clarke, Emilia Clarke  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 10:30, 13:00, 15:30, 18:00, 20:30, 23:00, 01:15  
**CINECO (20)** DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.45 + 5.15 + 7.45 + 10.15 PM  
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**SEEF (I)** DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 PM

### SOME KIND OF BEAUTIFUL

(Romance / Comedy)

Starring: Pierce Brosnan, Salma Hayek, Jessica Alba  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 10:30, 14:15, 18:00, 21:45

### THE VATICAN TAPES

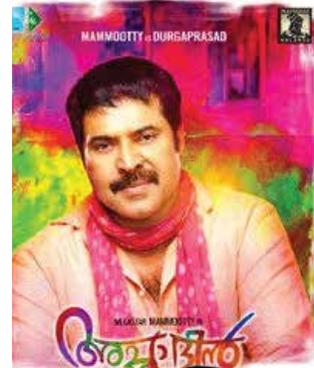
(Horror / Thriller)

Starring: Michael Peña, Kathleen Robertson, Djimon Hounsou  
**DANA CINEMA** Timings: 12:30, 16:15, 20:00, 23:45  
**CINECO (20)** DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 3.00 + 7.00 + 11.00 PM  
**SEEF (II)** DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 2.45 + 6.45 + 10.45 PM

### ANT MAN

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Starring: Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas, Corey Stoll  
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## Drishyam: 'Hooks' the audience

Inspired by Japanese crime-writer, Keigo Higashino's novel The Devotion of Suspect X, Drishyam (translates as illusion) was originally adapted in Malayalam. That version went on to become a blockbuster, paving the way for copies. The latest is, Nishikant Kamat's Bollywood adaptation that has adequate promise. The story revolves around the fourth-standard school drop-out Vijay Salgaonkar (Ajay) who lives in Goa with his wife Nandini (Shriya) and their two daughters. He is a movie buff who runs a cable-video business. Crazy about cinema; he laughs, cries, plots and plans or for that matter even allows films to dictate his sexual desire. All in all, Vijay

has a blissed-out existence. Till his teenage daughter Anu (Ishita) goes for an inter-school nature camp. There she encounters Sameer Deshmukh (Risabh Chaddha) the son of IG, Meera Deshmukh (Tabu). The brat shoots a video-clip of the naive girl in the shower. On their return home, crafty Sam seeks to trade 'favours' from Anu. The teenagers are negotiating when an untoward incident occurs, leaving Anu stumped and her family in a fix. The film gathers momentum as an interesting chase ensues between the cops headed by Sam's mum, the Inspector General of Police and Anu's father, Vijay. Though the first half (that could do with a 10-minute

### SPY (15+)

COMEDY/ACTION  
 Starring: Melissa McCarthy, Jason Statham, Jude Law  
**CINECO (20)** DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM

### HOW TO MAKE LOVE LIKE AN ENGLISH MAN (PG-15)

(Comedy/Romantic)  
 Starring: Pierce Brosnan, Salma Hayek, Jessica Alba  
**CINECO (20)** DAILY AT : 12.00 + 4.45 + 9.30 PM  
**SEEF (II)** DAILY AT : 1.00 + 5.15 + 9.30 PM

### SAN ANDREAS (PG-15)

(Action/Thriller)  
 Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Alexandra Daddario, Carla Gugino  
**CINECO (20)** DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 PM

### MALL COP 2: PAUL MART

(PG-13)  
 (Action/Comedy)  
 Starring: Kevin James, Raini Rodriguez, Eduardo Verastegui  
**CINECO (20)** DAILY AT: 1.00 + 5.00 + 9.00 PM

### AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON

(PG-15)  
 (Action/Adventure)  
 Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo  
**CINECO (20)** DAILY AT: 2.00 + 6.45 + 11.30 PM

trim) feels sluggish, the pace kicks in when Tabu, the hard-nosed cop enters. Since all evidence from the time her son goes missing, points to the Salgaonkars, she bays for their blood, like a wounded lioness. Interestingly enough, the unassumingly 'innocent' Vijay matches her with his quick wit and sharp moves. A suspense drama with a nail-biting finish, Drishyam holds the viewer by the eyeballs till its' engaging climax. Ajay, who is the prey here, shines in his role of the protective father. While his family definitely needed to be cast in a more discerning fashion, half a star in this review is reserved for Tabu, who is outstanding as his predator.

## Justice Served

# DEATH: INDIA'S BIRTHDAY GIFT TO YAKUB MEMON

## Mumbai

India executed convicted bomb plotter Yakub Memon, on his 53rd birthday, yesterday for conspiring in the nation's deadliest attack, a series of blasts that killed hundreds in Mumbai more than two decades ago.

Memon was hanged at Nagpur jail in the western state of Maharashtra on his 53rd birthday after India's president Pranab Mukherjee and Supreme Court rejected 11th-hour appeals for clemency. "It is complete. Yakub Memon was hanged today at 7:00 am (0130 GMT)," Nagpur police sub-inspector R.V Halami said.

Memon's body was buried, amidst tight security, at the Bada Kabrastan in New Marine Lines, south Mumbai where his father was also buried.

Memon, a former accountant, was convicted of plotting a series of coordinated bomb attacks in Mumbai in March 1993, killing 257 people and injuring around 700 more.

The Bombay Stock Exchange, the offices of Air



Yakub Memon

India and a luxury hotel were among about a dozen targets of the blasts.

They were believed to have been staged by Mumbai's Muslim-dominated underworld in retaliation for anti-Muslim violence that had killed more than 1,000 people a few months earlier.

Memon and two of his brothers were convicted in 2006 by a specially-designated court using controversial anti-terror legislation that was introduced

after the 1993 attacks and is no longer on the statute books.

The Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act lapsed after two years and was never revived, with activists accusing the government of using it to harass Muslims.

Memon was the only one of 11 people found guilty over the atrocity to have his death sentence upheld on appeal. The others had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment. He denied any involvement in the blasts during a staggered trial and appeal process that bitterly divided opinion in India. Former Supreme Court judge Harjit Singh Bedi had also said reports that Memon co-operated with investigators and returned voluntarily from Pakistan, where he fled, should have been taken into account when hearing his appeal.

Others pointed out that one of his brothers, Tiger Memon, was alleged to have masterminded the attacks, along with Mumbai gang boss Dawood Ibrahim. Both have been on the run since 1993.



Yakub Memon's body being carried to the burial grounds



An Indian police officer stands beside a charred car outside the Air India Building in Mumbai (File Photo)

## Egypt, Saudi sign pact to boost military ties

## Cairo

Egypt and Saudi Arabia signed a pact in Cairo yesterday aimed at boosting military and economic ties between the two Arab allies.

Relations have warmed since the 2013 ouster of Islamist president Mohamed Morsi, with Saudi Arabia offering billions in aid to Egypt and Cairo participating in a Saudi-led bombing campaign against Iran-backed rebels in Yemen.

Yesterday, a Saudi delegation led by Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman visited Cairo and signed the "Cairo Declaration," also attending a military parade with President Abdel Fattah al Sisi.

"The two sides stressed the need to exert all efforts to boost security and stability in the region, and to work together to protect Arab national security," Sisi's office said after the signing.

Riyadh has emerged as a key supporter of Sisi since the then army chief ousted Morsi two years ago, offering \$4 billion (3.7 billion euros) to help kick-start an economy battered by years of political turmoil.

## India bids tearful adieu to 'People's President'

## Ramanathapuram

Thousands gathered to bid farewell to the People's President, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, who was buried with full state honours at a public ground in Tamil Nadu's Rameswaram town, yesterday afternoon.

The mortal remains of Dr Kalam were buried in the

middle of a 1.5 acre piece of land at Thankachi Madam on Madurai-Rameswaram national highway after being brought from his family mosque in a gun carrier accompanied by members of three forces. Prime Minister Narendra Modi saluted Dr Kalam's body, which was wrapped in the Indian Tricolour, before

the last rites. Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi and a host of other dignitaries, including chief ministers of some states, attended the last rites held around 11am after the 'Namaaz-e-Janaaza'.

Slogans like "Bharat Mata Ki jai" rent the air as the body was taken in flower-bedecked carriage to the burial site,

about 3.5 km from the mosque. More than one lakh people assembled at the burial ground. To control the milling crowd, the police had to close the Pambhan Bridge, the only road connecting the island, also a temple town.

Many were holding the national tri-colour as they waited in the jam-packed streets

around Dr Kalam's house to have a last glimpse of the 'People's President'. Dr Kalam died on Monday in Shillong after a massive cardiac arrest while delivering a lecture at the Indian Institute of Management. He was 83.



Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik creates a sand sculpture to pay tribute to former President APJ Abdul Kalam, at Puri beach in Odisha



Dr Kalam's elder brother Mohammed Muthu Meera Lebbai Maraicker pays his last respects in Rameswaram



A child kisses the former President's photo in Chikmagalur, Karnataka

## Bangladesh-India historic land swap

Dahala Khagrabari

**B**angladesh and India will this week finally swap tiny islands of land, ending one of the world's most difficult border disputes that has kept thousands of people in stateless limbo for almost 70 years.

At one minute past midnight on Friday, about 50,000 residents along the border will light candles and celebrate their "new found freedom" following a historic deal sealed between the two countries' prime ministers.

"The 68 candles mark our 68 years of endless pain since 1947 and the agonies and poverty we faced living in no-man's land," said Golam Mostafa.

Under the agreement finalised in June and coming into effect on Friday, the "islands" will effectively cease to exist, as each country will assume sovereignty over all enclaves in its territory. Residents can choose to live in India or Bangladesh and will be granted citizenship.

## Saudi Arabia executes Syrian for drug trafficking

Riyadh

Saudi Arabia yesterday beheaded a Syrian for drug trafficking, bringing the total number of executions this year to 108, the interior ministry announced. Qassem Mohammed al Hilal had been convicted of importing a "large amount of amphetamine pills" into the Muslim kingdom, said a ministry statement carried by state news agency SPA. Authorities resumed executions last week after a pause for the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan and the Eid al Fitr holiday that followed it. But this year's figure is below the record 192 that human rights group Amnesty International said took place in 1995.

## Plane debris to be probed in France

# MH370 ENIGMA SWIRLS

Saint-Andre

**P**lane wreckage washed up on an Indian Ocean island will be sent to France for investigation, as hopes mounted yesterday the mysterious object could unlock the riddle of missing flight MH370.

Several experts were convinced the debris was a flaperon from the wing of a Boeing 777, which if proven meant it almost certainly belonged to the Malaysia Airlines plane whose disappearance 16 months ago sparked one of aviation's greatest mysteries.

The two-metre (six-foot) long piece of wreckage washed up on a rocky beach on the French island of La Reunion, some 4,000 kilometres (2,500 miles) from the area where flight MH370 was thought to have gone down in March last year with 239 people on board.

Aviation expert Xavier

Tyelman said he and other specialists had compared the debris to hundreds of photos and plane blueprints, and found only one possible match: the flaperon, which is a mobile

## Flight MH370 was travelling from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing when it mysteriously turned off course and vanished on March 8 last year

part on the edge of the wing of a Boeing 777.

Scientists say there are several plausible scenarios in

which ocean currents could have carried a piece of debris from the plane to the island.

As Malaysian investigators rushed to the scene, authorities prepared to send the object to France for further examination.

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak said the wreckage found on the French island of La Reunion was "very likely" from a Boeing 777, but it remained to be seen if it indeed came from MH370.

The recovered object is expected to be flown out of Reunion island to France on Friday for analysis, a judicial source said. It is likely to be sent to a testing site near the French city of Toulouse on Saturday, a second source close to the inquiry said.

Flight MH370 was travelling from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing when it mysteriously turned off course and vanished on March 8 last year. However, as



Police carry a piece of debris from an unidentified aircraft found in the coastal area of Saint-Andre

expectations mounted over the find, authorities warned against jumping to conclusions.

"Whatever wreckage is found needs to be further verified before we can further confirm whether it belongs to MH370,"

said Malaysian Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai.

Further adding to the mystery, a torn fragment of luggage was discovered in the same place as the plane wreckage.

## 'Kuwait breaks up new IS cell'

Kuwait City

**K**uwait has broken up a new five-member cell of alleged members of the Islamic State jihadist group one month after a deadly bombing at a Shia mosque, the interior ministry said yesterday.

Authorities arrested four men while the fifth was killed in a "terrorist" operation in Iraq, the ministry said in a statement.

All the members are thought to be Kuwaiti nationals.

Four cell members have allegedly taken part in fighting in Iraq, including the member who was killed, while another "facilitated and supported their travel to Iraq to take part in terrorist operations," the



Officials and civilians gather after a deadly blast claimed by the IS group that struck worshippers attending Friday prayers at a Shia mosque in Kuwait City

ministry said. The statement said "the terrorists have confessed to undergoing...

advanced training on the use of arms and took part in fighting in Iraq and Syria,"

## 24 killed as truck hits pilgrims in Mexico

Mexico City

At least 24 people, including a baby, were killed when a truck's brakes failed and plowed into pilgrims in north-central Mexico, authorities said as the driver fled the tragedy. More than 20 other people were injured following Wednesday's accident on the main road of Mazapil, a small town of 16,000 people in the state of Zacatecas, officials said. Some 200 pilgrims were heading toward a church when the truck slammed into the crowd. The vehicle lost its brakes, crossed a median strip and flipped on its side, Zacatecas chief prosecutor Leticia Catalina Soto Acosta said.

where IS controls vast areas. All the suspects were born between 1982 and 1990.

The case has been referred to the public prosecution for legal action, the ministry said without stating when the arrests were made.

IS claimed a suicide attack on a Shia mosque in Kuwait City in June that killed 26 people and wounded hundreds.

Authorities have charged 29 people, including seven women, in connection with the worst attack in the oil-rich Gulf state.

A trial is set to open on August 4, which will see five of the suspects tried in absentia.

## Powerful Weapon

# Woman jailed for attacking police with breast

Hong Kong

**A**Hong Kong woman was jailed yesterday after a court found her guilty of using her breast to bump into a police officer during a chaotic protest.

Thirty-year-old Ng Lai-ying, who took part in a protest against mainland Chinese cross-border traders in March, was sentenced to three months and 15 days for the charge of "assaulting a police officer".

Ng, who works as a clerk, was bailed pending an appeal.

She was found guilty of using her chest to bump against the arm of chief inspector Chan Ka-po during the protest in the rural Yuen Long district of the city, where chaotic scenes broke out over the number of traders shopping there.

Ng had previously told the court that she yelled "indecent assault" out of fear immediately after Chan's hand landed on her left breast when he failed to grab the strap of her bag, *the South China Morning Post* reported.

Chan accused Ng of bumping him with her breast.

"If I do not hand down a deterring sentence, the public might mistakenly think it is a trivial matter to assault police officers during protests," magistrate Michael Chan said, according to *the Post*.

The magistrate had previously said Ng "used her female identity to trump up the allegation that the officer had molested" her, calling that a malicious act and harming the officer's reputation, *the Post* said.

Ng looked shell-shocked as she exited the court, where dozens of supporters were waiting, after she was sentenced along with three others in the same case.

Co-defendant Poon Tsz-hang, who was sentenced to jail for five months and a week, said he "respected the court's decision".

A 14-year-old boy, whose name cannot be released, was sent to a rehabilitation centre. The third, Kwong Chun-lung, was ordered to attend a detention centre.



Ng Lai-ying took part in a protest in the Yuen Long district of Hong Kong in March

## Reel Veil



Some films stand out for directorial prowess. Some remain afresh in our memory for their punch dialogues. There're also films which are a visual treat. Movies come in two genres; commercial and artistic. Let alone the genre, a movie should be evocative or entertaining. We're certain you have a long list of such movies which you would want to see again and again. *DT News* reproduces a scene a day from a popular movie with a few questions. Relapse into flashback mode and answer!

### Today's questions

1. Name the film?
2. Name the actors
3. Which game clashes with their dance competition?

Send your entries to [facebook@dt.bh](mailto:facebook@dt.bh) with your profile picture. If you are the first to come up with the right answers, your picture will appear in these columns.

### You got it right!



**Answer**  
 Film: Edward Scissorhands  
 Director: Tim Burton  
 Actor: Johnny Depp

- Rajendran Krishnan

## CAP THE SNAP

Head this challenge. Can you think of an apt caption for this? Something funny, intelligent and out-of-the-box! If you make a winning entry, your photo along with the caption will be featured in *DT News*. So grab a pen, think hard, write to us and see yourself in this space soon! Don't forget to attach your picture. Send entries to: [facebook@dt.bh](mailto:facebook@dt.bh) with subject as 'Caption Contest'



### BEST FROM THE LOT. YOU COULD BE NEXT



You only have the soup you made...its horrible...

Shikha Agrawal

### HA HA...HEE HEE...HO HO...!

Two campers are hiking in the woods when one is bitten on the rear end by a rattlesnake. "I'll go into town for a doctor," the other says. He runs ten miles to a small town and finds the only doctor delivering a baby. "I can't leave," the doctor says. "But here's what to do. Take a knife, cut a little X where the bite is, suck out the poison and spit it on the ground." The guy runs back to his friend, who is in agony. "What did the doctor say?" the victim cries. "He says you're gonna die."



## YOUR STAR TODAY



**ARIES**  
20th March - 20th April

A new friend could come on the scene today. You will like this person very much. He or she probably shares many of your interests, and you could become close friends. The downside: When you meet this person or anyone, make an effort to see the real person behind the mask and accept them as they are.



**TAURUS**  
20th April - 20th May

If you've been considering changing your jobs, positions, or even careers, a chance encounter could provide the perfect opportunity. Consider all the ins and outs before either committing yourself or getting too excited about it. Then, if you still want to pursue the opportunity further, go for it.



**GEMINI**  
20th May - 20th June

Things should go extremely well for you, so don't shy away from it. In fact, take this opportunity to shine as brightly as you can. Crank up the power and project yourself out to the world. There is tremendous power behind your self-confidence, so tackle everything with energy and enthusiasm.



**CANCER**  
20th June - 20th July

Come out of serious mode for a day and let yourself laugh. Hold a game night at your home and invite some friends over to play cards and nibble on snacks until all hours. This is a day to have fun, so let loose and freely express yourself in the best way you see fit. Realize the power in your jovial nature. Spread it generously.



**LEO**  
20th July - 20th Aug

You have an incredibly strong influence on others today, Leo, just because yours is a fun-loving, peaceful, and harmonious nature. Your charm will take you any place you want to go, so use it at your will. Accentuate the positive and walk on the sunny side of the street. Smile and bring good cheer to the people you meet.



**VIRGO**  
20th Aug - 20th Sept

Put your aggressions away today. Laugh a little! Transform your energy from intense, hard, and caustic to lighthearted, fun, and loving. This will take you a long way. Little things may crop up that could disrupt your daily routine, but a warm smile is all you need to defuse any frustration or negativity.



**LIBRA**  
20th Sep - 20th Oct

It's a terrific day for you, Libra. Your jovial approach to every situation is just what the doctor ordered. Freely spread your love and affection to the people around you. Make sure that the corners of people's mouths are turning up instead of down. A friendly attitude will take you far.



**SCORPIO**  
20th Oct - 20th Nov

Take a time-out today and relax a little. Let your romantic nature have some fun. The day's winner is the one who can smile the most. Enter this contest with the intention of winning. The rewards will last a long time. The people you encounter won't be able to help but smile back.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
20th Nov - 20th Dec

You might find that others have a "me first" attitude that doesn't sit quite right with you. You may need to wake them up and say, "Hey, what about everybody else?" Try not to whine. Desperation or complaining will get you nowhere. Be friendly and jovial in your approach and you will have the world at your feet.



**CAPRICORN**  
20th Dec - 20th Jan

Bask in today's warm, loving energy. Adopt an attitude of gratitude and look to see the beauty in everything around you. Compliment others and let them know how much they mean to you. These words and deeds will have a ripple effect that will bring you a great deal of good fortune.



**AQUARIUS**  
20th Jan - 20th Feb

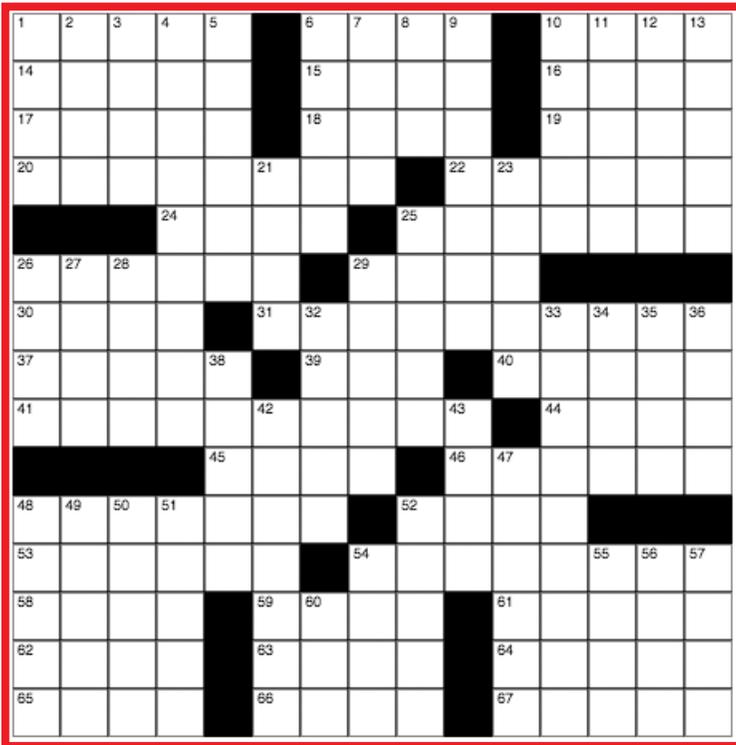
It's time for you to come out of hibernation. Shake off the blues and come into the light. Today is a day to play and have fun. The mood of the day is lighthearted and jovial, so be the first with a joke or silly story. Do what you can to make others laugh. Let the fire within you burn at its brightest.



**PISCES**  
20th Feb - 20th Mar

Other people's stubborn attitudes may hinder your progress today, so take this as a hint that you might need to loosen your grip on a certain viewpoint you're fiercely clinging to. There's a power behind your emotions, and you need to express it. Speak your mind even if you don't always agree with the group.

# CROSSWORD



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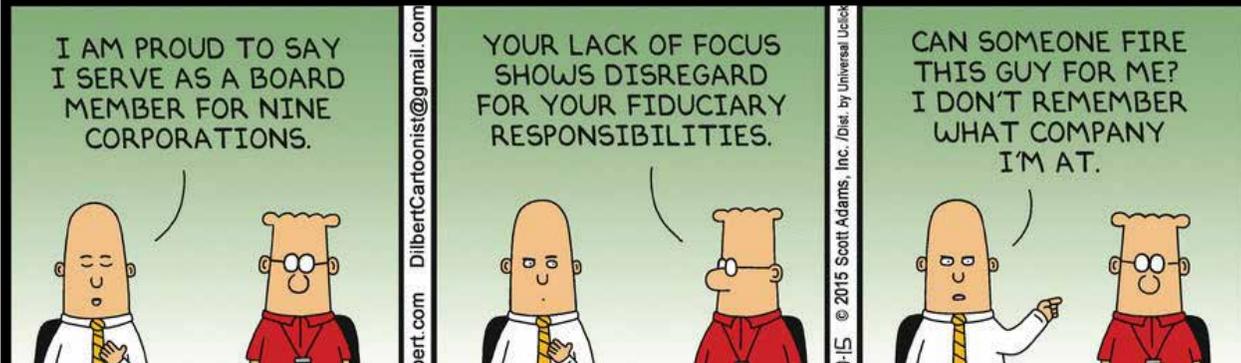
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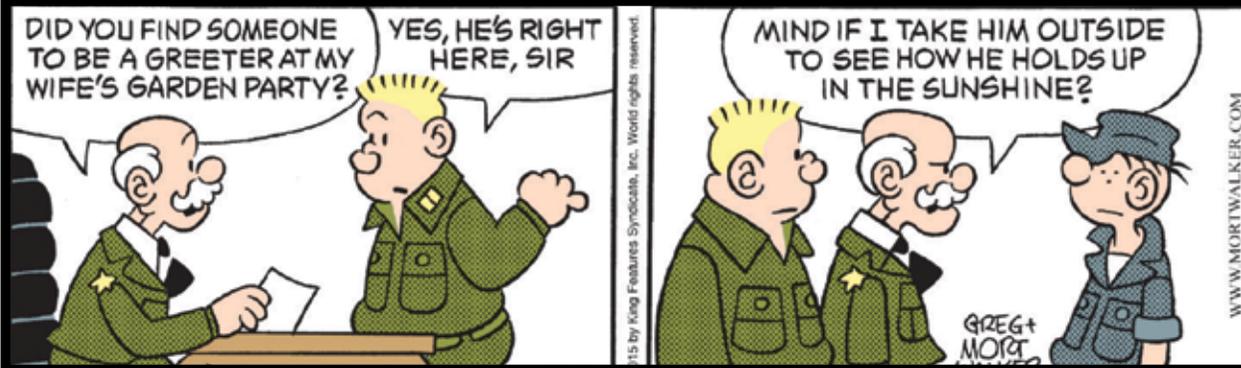


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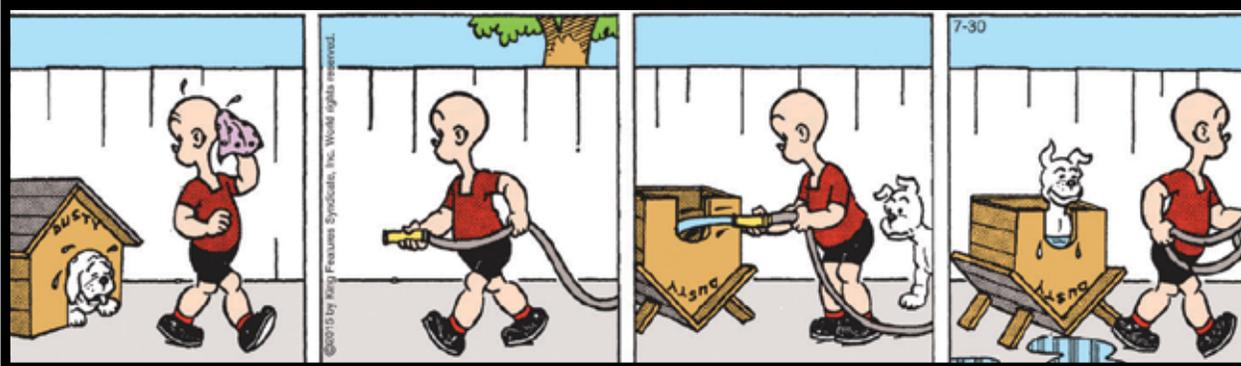
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Royal Endurance Team get ready for Belgium

# BAHRAIN, GO!

DT News Network  
Manama

Following the directives of the Royal Endurance Team leader HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, the Royal Endurance Team will participate in the 120-km Belgium International Endurance Race for adult and junior riders from all over the world on Saturday.

The Royal Endurance



HH Shaikh Nasser (left) in a race (File Photo)

Team's participation in Belgium Race will be a first for the team. It, therefore, constitutes a new challenge for the team especially in view of the difference in terrain and atmosphere in this European host country.

# KINGDOM FOOTBALLERS SHINE IN MANCHESTER

DT News Network  
Manchester

The 2015 squad of 22 VIVA players have been inducted on football training at Manchester United's Partington Sports Village. They now will fully immerse in learning all technical and social aspects on their favourite sport.

The VIVA players which include 18 boys and 4 girls, are experiencing a wide range of coaching sessions, like ice-breaking activities. The training, led under the guidance of seasoned Manchester United Soccer Schools (MUSS) coaches, Carl Wild and Matt Johnson, involves teaching the participants the skills, rules, strategy and discipline of football and encourage good sportsmanship,

self-confidence and teamwork in and off the pitch.

Commenting on VIVA players' performance, Coach Carl Wild who has been associated with MUSS for the past 10 years said, "The players from Bahrain are

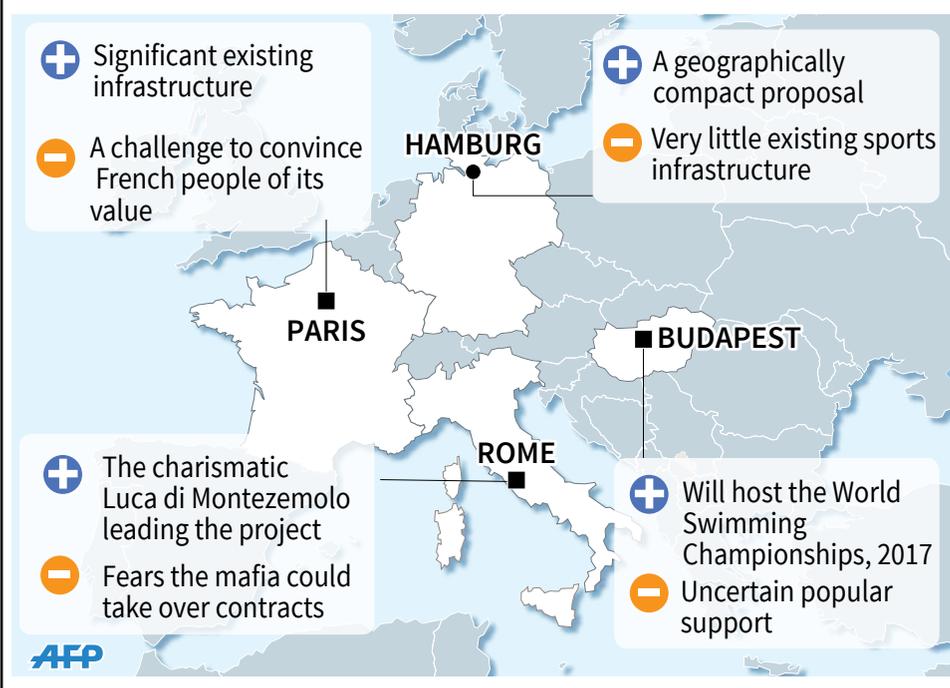
doing well and exhibiting positive attitude and great ability to tackle the ball shown on the pitch. The group are eager to learn and show real interest in the game by asking a lot of questions which is how a footballer should be."

From the training session at MUSS



## 2024 Olympic Games: the candidates

Deadline for candidates: 15 September 2015



## What an English Finn-ish!

Birmingham

Steven Finn took England to the verge of a stunning victory in the third Test against Australia at Edgbaston yesterday and a 2-1 Ashes series lead.

At the close of a remarkable second day, Australia were 168 for seven in their second innings – a lead of just 23 runs with three wickets standing and three days left to play.

Fast bowler Finn, recalled for his first Test since 2013, had taken five wickets for 45 runs in 13 overs following his two for 38 in Australia's meagre first-innings 136.

Australia opener David Warner struck a defiant 77 on Thursday, one of only three double-figure scores so far in this innings.

Peter Nevill was 37 not out after being dropped on 35 when opposing wicketkeeper Jos Buttler couldn't cling on to a

diving chance off Stuart Broad. Mitchell Starc was unbeaten on seven.

"It has been a while since I've played Test cricket so to come here and take wickets was great," said Finn.

"The game is definitely not won yet. We need to do a professional job tomorrow."

A mere 19 matches in the 138-year history of Test cricket had ended inside two days, with the last occurrence in England when the West Indies were beaten by an innings and 39 runs at Headingley in 2000.

But a side strain suffered midway through his ninth over by James Anderson – no way to mark his 33rd birthday – hampered England's hopes of adding to that list.

Finn, however, returned to remove Mitchell Johnson (14) with the first ball of his new spell before Nevill and Starc

saw out the day. Fast bowler Johnson held out a glimmer of hope for Australia by saying: "If we can get to 120 or 130 ahead we'll have a really good crack at them."

"We need the tail to wag."

The first two days of this match have witnessed a remarkable turnaround from England's humiliating 405-run defeat in the second Test at Lord's which saw Australia level the five-match series at 1-1.

But whereas that clash had taken place on a largely placid pitch, the course of this Test owed much to Australia captain Michael Clarke's decision to bat first on a seaming surface offering sideways movement.

James Anderson, England's all-time most successful Test bowler but wicketless at Lord's, led the way with an Ashes-best six for 47 in a first innings that lasted a mere 36.4 overs.

## PSG crush Manchester United

Chicago

Manchester United manager Louis van Gaal conceded that uncertainty surrounding David De Gea was "not favourable" as the Premier League giants ended their US tour Wednesday with a 2-0 defeat to Paris Saint-Germain.

De Gea, who is reportedly Real Madrid's top summer transfer target, gave a shaky goalkeeping display as the French champions exposed United's defence with soft first-half goals by Blaise Matuidi and Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Van Gaal is hopeful United will retain the services of De Gea this season but acknowledged the rumours swirling around



the star goalkeeper were not helpful to either the play or the club.

"We have a situation that is not favourable for David De Gea, but neither for us and neither for the club (Real

Madrid) that maybe he wants to go (to)," said van Gaal after United's defeat at Soldier Field.

The veteran Dutch coach was reluctant to be too critical of the Spaniard's performance however.

"Poor I cannot say, but he made a mistake. That's not poor," van Gaal said.

"Everybody can make mistakes but when a goalkeeper makes a mistake it is mostly a goal and that's the difference."

United had been aiming to maintain their 100 percent record after registering wins over Club America, San Jose Earthquakes and European champions Barcelona in their three previous tour games

However, van Gaal's men were undone by two goals from PSG which highlighted the defensive frailty of the squad, even after the arrival of several high-profile signings.



Members of the Bahrain delegation exhibit the medals they won at Equestrian events during Special Olympics 2015 in Los Angeles

# 'VOICE OF RACING' PASSES AWAY

**London**  
Peter O'Sullivan whose dulcet tones and well chosen words earned him the moniker the 'Voice of Racing' died aged 97 on Wednesday.

Still widely regarded as the greatest racing commentator – although Australian JA McGrath is sometimes mentioned almost in the same breath – the Irishman was also a successful racing owner and a fine tipster.

O'Sullivan – who also worked for the Daily Express – commented for the BBC

for 50 years (1947-97), always using the binoculars that had been taken from a World War II German U-Boat, and just prior to his 50th and final Grand National he was awarded a knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II.

Nigel Payne, chief executive of the Sir Peter O'Sullivan Charitable Trust, said: "Sir Peter died earlier this afternoon (Wednesday), very peacefully, at home.

"Sir Peter was one of the greatest men I've ever known. Only last week he was talking

about what he wanted me to do for the trust in the future. He was still very alert. It's a sad day."

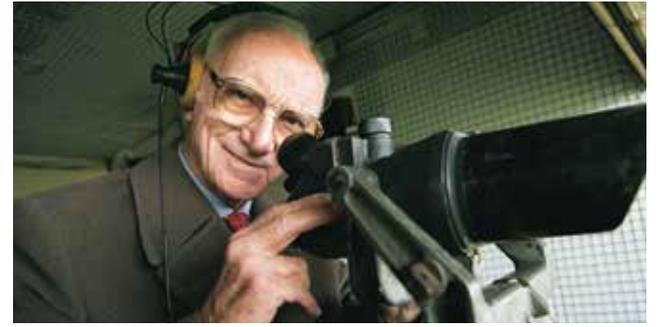
Former Liverpool, Real Madrid and England striker Michael Owen, now a successful owner and breeder of racehorses paid a handsome tribute to him.

"He is one of the voices you associate the sport with and as soon as you hear that voice you think of him," Owen said.

"It is a great loss for racing and poignant to lose him during a meeting like Goodwood."

O'Sullivan, who was still defying the years and driving over from England for the Arc de Triomphe weekend every October accompanied by his faithful dog and was hauled over by the French police for speeding three years ago but was allowed to proceed after playing on their fondness for 'man's best friend', produced many great commentaries.

Among the pick were Red Rum getting up to beat longtime leader Crisp in the 1973 Grand National: "He's beginning to lose concentration - he's been out



Sir Peter O'Sullivan

there on his own for so long." Four years later O'Sullivan – whose voice was described by one admirer as "perhaps the only hectic drawl in captivity" – called Red Rum's epic third National success under top weight.

## Bangladesh-South Africa Test 2

# STEYN, DUMINY STAR



Dale Steyn

### Dhaka

Dale Steyn claimed his 400th Test scalp as he shared six wickets with JP Duminy, putting South Africa on top on the first day of the second and final Test against Bangladesh in Dhaka yesterday.

Paceman Steyn claimed 3-30 while off-spinner Duminy took 3-27, as a mini collapse in the final session restricted Bangladesh to 246-8 at stumps.

Skipper Mushfiqur Rahim scored the lone half-century for Bangladesh and made a 94-run partnership with Mahmudullah for the fourth wicket after he won the toss and elected to bat.

Rahim hit 65 off 125 balls, his 15th Test fifty and first in 12 innings as Bangladesh made slow progress before South Africa took control of the game in the final session at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

Steyn struck early in the day making opener Tamim Iqbal his 400th Test scalp.

The 32-year-old almost reached the landmark in his second over of the day but Dean Elgar dropped Tamim at second slip.

Skipper Hashim Amla made no mistake in Steyn's next over when he took a chest-high catch at first slip.

"It's a mix of different emotions really," said Steyn, who was wearing a Dennis Lillee-style headband on the

field after growing his hair long. "I don't really know what to say. It's pretty cool to take the wickets and get the headband off and get the hair off," he told reporters after the day's play.

"I think I have taken some abuse about my hair. That doesn't influence my bowling at all."

Shaun Pollock is the only other South African to pass the 400-mark, taking 421 wickets before retiring in 2008.

Steyn, who is playing his 80th Test, became the 13th cricketer to take 400 or more wickets in Test matches.

Duminy struck twice in successive overs following lunch after Mominul Haque and Imrul Kayes had helped Bangladesh stage something of a recovery from the early loss of Tamim.

Despite the disappointing end to the day, Mominul said Bangladesh still hoped to post a score of around 300 which he felt would be competitive.

"We still have two wickets. We will try if we can score 300 runs," he said.

"I think it will be a good total to have if we can bowl at good areas."

South Africa handed wicketkeeper-batsman Vilas a Test debut in the match, replacing Quinton de Kock.

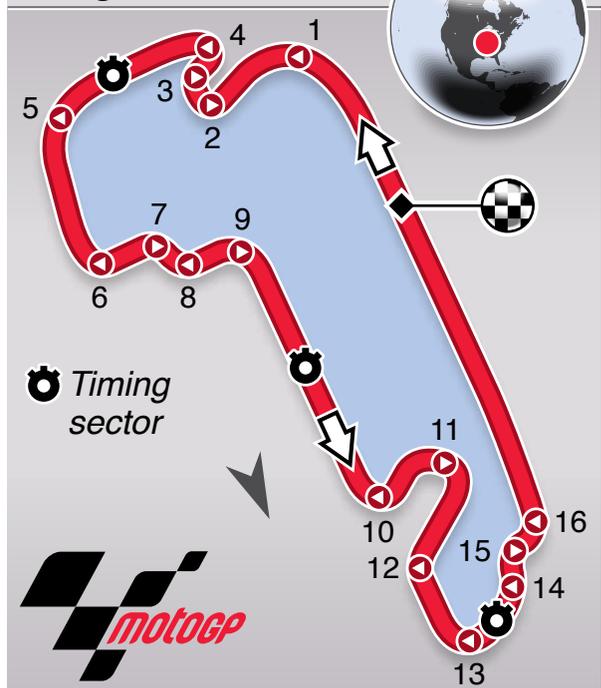
The 30-year-old became South Africa's sixth new cap in the last 18 months.

Bangladesh brought back Nasir in place of left-arm spinner Taijul Islam.

## MotoGP Stage 10

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## The new Prez

**Seoul, South Korea**  
South Korean billionaire Chung Mong-Joon confirmed yesterday he was joining the race to replace FIFA president Sepp Blatter, and painted likely front-runner Michel Platini as an untrustworthy stooge tainted by scandal.

A former FIFA vice president and Asian football powerbroker, Chung described himself as a corruption-free candidate

# Korean billionaire Chung joins FIFA race, slams Platini

with a global, non-Eurocentric vision to take football's governing body into a new era.

The billionaire scion of Korea's Hyundai group said he would formally announce his candidacy to replace Blatter next week and also pledged that, if elected, he would only serve a single, four-year term. "During those four years I hope I can fulfil my agenda, making FIFA a true, sporting NGO – open,

transparent, moral, ethical and truly global," Chung told AFP during an interview in Seoul.

"I don't want to be a FIFA president who just enjoys the luxury of the presidential office," he added.

The 63-year-old is among a shortlist of declared and likely candidates that includes the likes of UEFA president Platini and Prince Ali bin al Hussein of Jordan who ousted Chung from the FIFA executive board



Chung Mong-Joon

in 2011. Platini, who confirmed his candidacy on Wednesday, is currently seen as the favourite and is believed to have the backing of four of FIFA's six regional confederations.

## France's Michel Platini eyes FIFA top job



- 1972**  
Begins his career at Nancy aged 17. Joins Saint-Etienne in 1979, then Italian side Juventus in 1982
- 27 June 1984**  
Wins Euro 1984 with France. Dominates the tournament with 9 goals
- 29 May 1985**  
Wins the European Cup with Juventus. Triumph overshadowed by the disaster at the Heysel stadium where 39 supporters are killed
- 28 January 2007**  
Elected UEFA president. Re-elected twice in 2011 and 2015
- 29 July 2015**  
Announces his decision to be a candidate in the election of a new president of FIFA to replace Sepp Blatter, mired in a corruption scandal



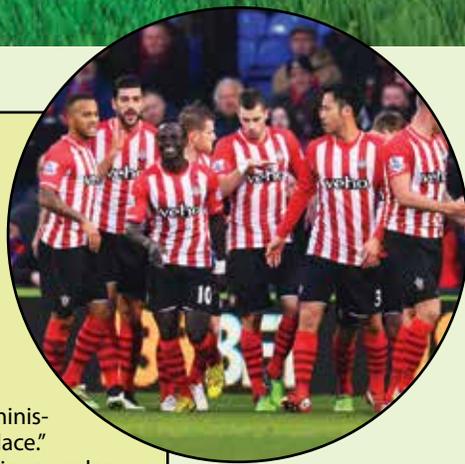


# THE RETURNS OF FOOTBALL

Ahead of the upcoming Premier League season, *DT News* takes a look at UK's best-run football clubs...

## Southampton

A second summer of selling their best players for as much as possible, and doing their damndest to replace them with talented bargains. Such a turnover of players hasn't destabilised the club, who continued to punch above their weight in the Premier League. Chief executive Gareth Rogers: "We very much want to run this as a sustainable football club. It was a key aim when Markus Liebherr bought the company out of administration in 2009. The word sustainability pervades this place." Southampton's academy certainly helps their self-sufficiency: sales of the club's homegrown players have earned them more than £65m in the last three years.



## Arsenal

Relentless consistency in the red half of north London. While the club have secured a top-four finish for the last nineteen seasons, they have completed an expensive but, ultimately, crucial move to the Emirates Stadium, one which has allowed revenues, profits and cash reserves to sky-rocket - only Manchester United, Real Madrid and Barcelona generate more match-day income than the Gunners. Just as supporters began to wonder if any of that money would be spent on players, in came huge signings such as £42.5m Mesut Ozil and £32m Alexis Sanchez.



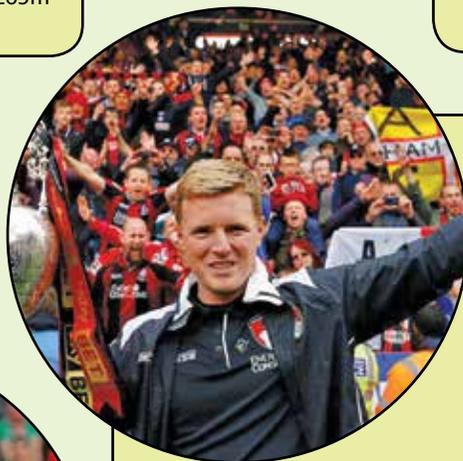
## Swansea City

A model club, both on and off the pitch. Despite a prudent financial strategy, Swansea have firmly established themselves in the top flight: their 8th-placed finish was their highest in almost 35 years. The Liberty Stadium is a constant sell-out, with a long waiting list for season tickets, and wages are largely tied to performance for both players and officials. The club are unique in the Premier League in that the supporters own more than 20% of the club and have a representative on the board.



## Bournemouth

The Bournemouth fairytale - from a 17-point handicap in League Two to the Premier League in just seven years - nevertheless has a financial footnote. The salvage effort of chairman Jeff Mostyn - who put in £100,000 of his own money to save the club from liquidation in 2008 - was followed by the petrochemical millions of Russian owner Maxim Demin, but their new benefactor's injection of cash has been relatively modest and with an eye on long-term consolidation at the top level. Manager Eddie Howe's vision for the club doesn't involve spending far beyond its means, even now they have hit the Premier League jackpot.

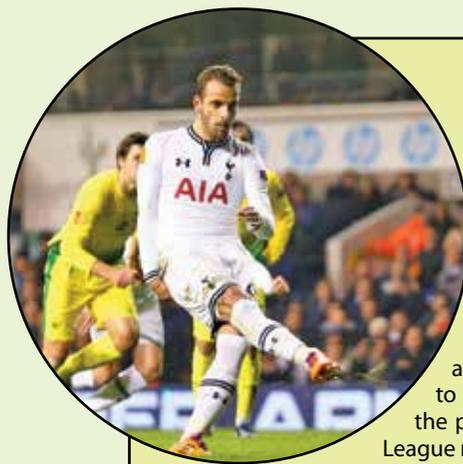


## Tottenham Hotspur

Once upon a recent time, seeing Tottenham occupying the dead centre of the table was a comforting Premier League constant, but the club are now setting their annual sights a lot higher. As they continue to knock on the Champions League door on the pitch, their latest accounts boasted Premier League record profits of £80m. While this owed a lot (in fact, all) to the sale of Gareth Bale to Real Madrid, that

represents the perfect showcase for the now notorious negotiating skills of Daniel Levy, who has presided over operating profit in eight of the last ten years at White Hart Lane.

And it is perhaps their home of 116 years that is holding Spurs back from closing both the footballing and financial gaps on the established Champions League teams above them. Their planned move in 2018 to a new, 61,000-seater arena right next door should prove the symbol of their progress under Levy's stewardship.



## Everton

While it's tempting to characterise the blue half of Merseyside as a selling club, the reality is that Everton have done exceptionally well to remain a competitive Premier League club - consistently finishing higher in the table than clubs with higher annual revenues. The likes of John Stones and Ross Barkley represent further potential goldmines for the shrewd chairman Bill Kenwright, whose main priority is to find a bigger home for the club and take them to the next level.



## Lankan Tour – First Twenty20



# PAKISTAN TAME SRI LANKA

**Colombo**

**Umar Akmal** smashed 46 off 24 balls and Sohail Tanvir grabbed three wickets as Pakistan beat top-ranked Sri Lanka by 29 runs in the first Twenty20 international in Colombo yesterday.

Pakistan piled up 175-5 after electing to bat and then restricted the reigning World Twenty20 champions to 146-7 in the day-night match at the Premadasa stadium.

Akmal hit three boundaries and as many sixes during an entertaining fourth wicket stand of 81 from just 45 deliveries with Shoaib Malik, who remained unbeaten on a 31-ball 46.

Ahmed Shehzad was the

other notable contributor with 46 off 38 balls, but Sri Lanka lost the way when Pakistan plundered 70 runs in the final six overs to set up the challenging target.

Pakistan lost opener Mukhtar Ahmed in the second over, but Shehzad and Mohammad Hafeez revived the innings with a 42-run partnership for the second wicket.

Debutant left-arm seamer Binura Fernando conceded 17 runs in the 16th over which included two consecutive sixes by Akmal.

Sri Lanka's captain Lasith Malinga was the most expensive bowler, giving away 46 runs in his four overs.

The hosts were dealt early blows as Kusal Perera fell off

the third ball of the innings and Tillakaratne Dilshan was dismissed in the next over to make it 13-2.

Debutant Dhananjaya de Silva looked promising during his knock of 31 and another youngster Milinda Siriwardana made 35, before Chamara Kapugedera justified his recall with three sixes in his unbeaten 31 off 16 balls.

Tanvir, the left-arm seamer, finished with three for 29 and Anwar Ali took two for 27 to tie down the Sri Lankan batsmen.

The second match will be played at the same venue on Saturday with Pakistan looking to complete a triple on the current tour, having earlier clinched the Tests 2-1 and the one-dayers 3-2.

Umar Akmal

