

Official, wife electrocuted
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Abdulla Ebrahim Al Shaikh Abdelrahman Al Jowder, the Head of Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, and his wife Sarah Alawsi were electrocuted at their residence in Busait-een. The incident occurred when Sara was giving a shower to their son. Mr Al Jowder tried to rescue them and got electrocuted, sources said.

A short-circuit in the water heater is considered the cause behind the incident, sources added.

A probe has been ordered and both bodies were sent to SMC morgue. They will be buried at Muharraq Graveyard today after midday (Dhuhr) prayers.

The couple were mourned in an obituary message issued by Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel Humaidan yesterday.

Denmark recalls Iran envoy
Copenhagen

Denmark yesterday recalled its ambassador to Iran in response to a plot by Tehran's intelligence services to assassinate an opposition figure on Danish soil.

A Norwegian citizen of Iranian background was arrested for the plot last month, which targeted the leader of the Danish branch of the Arab Struggle Movement for the Liberation of Ahwaz (ASMLA), Danish security service chief Finn Borch Andersen said.

"We are dealing with an Iranian intelligence agency planning an attack on Danish soil. Obviously, we can't and won't accept that," Andersen told a news conference.

Brotherly nations

Outcome of Bahrain-UAE joint committee meeting hailed



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has stressed deep-rooted historic fraternal relations between Bahrain and the UAE which are based on strong foundations of cooperation and coordination in various fields.

HM the King was speaking as he received at Safriyah Palace yesterday the UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who was accompanied by Minister of Culture and Knowledge De-

velopment Noora bint Mohammed Al Ka'abi, on the occasion of their visit to Bahrain to participate in the eighth session of the High Joint Committee meeting.

Shaikh Abdullah conveyed to HM the King the greetings and respect of the UAE President Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

HM King Hamad welcomed the UAE Foreign Minister and his accompanying delegation and asked him to convey his greetings and best wishes to the UAE President, the Vice-President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

He hailed the outcome of the Joint Committee meeting during which a number of agreements, memoranda of understanding and executive programmes were

concluded to boost cooperation and integration in various political, economic, financial, cultural, educational and tourism fields.

HM the King praised the ongoing efforts of the committee members to carry out the strategic visions of the leaderships of both countries by opening up new horizons for joint coordination. He also lauded the efforts of the officials in both countries to serve common interests.

HM King Hamad commended the UAE's honourable stances in support of Bahrain and its people, praising the UAE's advanced international status and pioneering achievements at all levels.

He also lauded the UAE's commitment to serving Arab and Islamic issues and boosting regional security and stability.

HM the King reiterated congratulations to the UAE on launching KhalifaSat satellite, describing the move as a quality leap in the UAE's tendency to manufacture and launch satellites by relying on local experiences and competencies.

Govt Executive Committee reviews Benayat progress

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The Government Executive Committee, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday discussed the progress of Benayat, a new streamlined process for issuing building permits within five days.

HRH the Crown Prince announced the launch of the Benayat system during the Government Forum 2018, held on Sunday.

In a statement, the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister, Essam Khalaf, highlighted that Benayat represents a new milestone in streamlining processes associated with issuing building permits.

Mr Khalaf emphasised the role that Benayat plays in encouraging investments and facilitating opportunities within the real estate sector, adding that this new efficiency-focused system is one of a series of initiatives led by the Executive Committee to meet key objectives within Bahrain's

Economic Vision 2030 and continue to drive innovation within government services.

The minister also spoke of the range of mechanisms introduced as part of Benayat, noting that the seamless workflow integrates over 14 entities to regulate and monitor the process, while private sector partners carry out different procedures, including an initial review of submissions to ensure requirements are fully met.

Mr Khalaf concluded by emphasising that Benayat serves as a demonstration for the government's firm commitment to transform the role of the private sector into the main engine of growth, fostering opportunities for citizens and accelerating sustainable development.



HRH the Crown Prince

Venice under water



Tourists waded through the water in St Mark's Square in Venice. Violent storms battered Italy for a third consecutive day yesterday, killing at least 11 people, and flooding much of Venice. The lagoon city's St Mark's Square remained under water for a second day while the adjacent St Mark's Basilica was inundated, its baptistery totally flooded and its mosaic floors covered by 90cm of water.

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University of Bahrain ranked 25th in region

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The University of Bahrain has been ranked first in the Kingdom and 25th in the Arab region.

The QS Quacquarelli Symonds assessed over 1,000 universities in the Arab region, using unified criteria to assess universities and rank them.

UoB President Dr Riyadh Youssef Hamza extended thanks and appreciation, on behalf of all UoB personnel, to 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, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First



Dr Hamza raises the certificate of award at a function held at university campus in Sakhir.

Deputy Premier.

He valued the Government's support to the university, commending the Supreme

Council for Education and Training, chaired by Deputy Premier Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, as well as the UoB board of trustees, headed by Education Minister Dr Majid Al Nuaimi.

The QS Quacquarelli Symonds issued a list featuring the top fifty universities after assessing over 1,000 universities in the Arab region.

Dr Hamza held a meeting with the academic and administrative staff and students at the Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa hall at the Sakhir Campus and shed light on the development plans.

He took pride in the landmark stride, which was achieved by the University of Bahrain, which was listed

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 was the rank obtained by the UoB in the same survey last year.

among 3 per cent of top Arab universities, jumping by 17 places to rank 25th in three years. The University of Bahrain was ranked 31st in 2017, 33rd in 2016 and 42nd in 2015.



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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has stressed that the stances of the United Arab Emirates towards Bahrain will remain engraved in the kingdom's history as they reflect the true meaning of fraternity and relations between two countries that share love, solidarity, as well as unified destiny and goals.

HRH Premier pointed out that the stances of the UAE, under the leadership of President HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, are based on a deep-rooted legacy and approach spearheaded by the late Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, and is still adopted by UAE leaders.

The Prime Minister made the statements as he received, at his Palace in Riffa, the UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who was accompanied by Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development, Noora bint Mohammed Al Ka'abi, on the occasion of their visit to Bahrain to participate in the 8th session of the High Bahrain-UAE Joint Committee meeting.

HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed conveyed to HRH Premier greetings from the UAE President, HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Dubai Ruler, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al

Maktoum, and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, as well as their wishes of further progress and prosperity to Bahrain.

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The Prime Minister asserted that the UAE's successive achievements in the development and scientific fields reflect its successful approach, which he said, is a role model to be emulated.

Such successes benefit not only the UAE, but also all Arab and GCC countries, as they enhance its plans to ensure a brighter future.

While reviewing the Bahraini-UAE relations and ways to bolster bilateral cooperation,

HRH Premier stressed Bahrain's keenness to enhance cooperation and coordination with the UAE at the bilateral, GCC, Arab and international levels, extending deepest thanks to the UAE for its supportive stances towards Bahrain under all circumstances.

"These stances are not strange to the brothers in the UAE and there is not enough time to list them. They will always be a source of pride and appreciation for all Bahrainis," the Premier said.

HRH the Prime Minister highlighted the increasing importance of holding the 8th session of the High Bahrain-UAE Joint Committee meeting in Bahrain regarding its timing, adding that it will enhance bilateral cooperation and serve common interests.

HRH Premier requested the UAE minister to convey his greetings to the UAE leaders, as well as his wishes of abundant health and happiness to them.

The UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation lauded the long-standing fraternal relations between the two countries, hailing the constant keenness of the government, led by HRH Premier, to develop them in various fields.

"Our relations with the Kingdom of Bahrain are historical, and are based on deep-rooted and common interests. Most importantly, it is a relationship of love and trust between the two countries' leaderships and the people," he said.

He underlined the keenness of the UAE to support Bahrain under various circumstances, expressing his country's great pleasure with Bahrain's achievements and ability to face all challenges and difficulties.

The UAE minister expressed his support for HRH the Prime Minister's vision on the importance of intensifying visits between officials of the two countries and other GCC states for further consultation and coordination, as the best means to enhance brotherly relations among them.

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SHAIKH ABDULLAH BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN

ness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, received Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, at Gudaibiya Palace.

HRH the Crown Prince highlighted the historic partnership between the two nations, underpinned by the commitment of HM King Hamad and the President of the United Arab

Emirates, HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to further advance cooperation at all levels.

In this topic, HRH the Crown Prince extended his thanks to the United Arab Emirates for continuously supporting the Kingdom of Bahrain across various sectors.

HRH the Crown Prince also extended his appreciation to H.H. Sheikh Abdulla for participating at the 8th meeting of the Joint High Committee between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

The Crown Prince went on to underscore the United Arab Emirates' continuous support to the Saudi-led coalition that aims to restore security and stability in Yemen, affirming Bahrain's commitment to continue advancing regional collaboration to safeguard stability.

The Crown Prince concluded by extending Bahrain's congratulations to the Government and the people of the UAE for the successful launch of the first Emirati made satellite "KhalifaSat".

UAE ties lauded

HRH the Premier, HRH the Crown Prince hold talks with the UAE Foreign Minister

Bahrain-UAE Joint High Committee convenes

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The Joint High Committee between the Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates convened, under the chairmanship of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, in the presence of the President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, and the Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development of the UAE, Noura bint Mohammed Al Kaabi.

Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa affirmed in his speech that communication and cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates is the embodiment and continuation of the great approach taken by the founding fathers who established it themselves and used their own

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will and strong determination to consolidate the solid foundations of these close brotherly relations.

These relations have become a model for cohesion and unity among brothers, thanks to the generous care and the constant attention of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and his brother, President of the United Arab Emirates, His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, he said.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs pointed out that the meeting of the Joint High Committee is merely a reflection of the long historical journey of

brotherly relations between the two countries on so many levels.

The relations between the two countries are continuously developing and have taken a common approach to serve the interests of the two countries and enhance their regional and international role, he added.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs also welcomed the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Shaikh Ebrahim bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Centre for Culture and Research of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Ministry of Culture and Knowledge Development of the United Arab Emirates to celebrate the centennial of Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and Muharrarraq City as the capital of Islamic culture, with the goal to support the rehabilitation of a number of heritage houses in the Kingdom of Bahrain, which confirms the depth of historical relations between the two countries, and their common interest in preserving the historical and cultural heritage.

Tragedy beyond reckoning

21 schoolchildren died after floodwaters swept away their school bus near a tourist site in Amman



Tala Ibrahim and Nada.



Ms Al Mansoori visiting the family members of a victim.



Ms Al Mansoori visited Wael Al Ali at the hospital.

● **Mother of 14 years old Tala Al Assaf, another victim, said the school authorities failed to ensure that the parents received a consent form before the excursion.**

● **Reports revealed that the 21 children who lost their lives were 14 years old and below.**

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Supriya Reginald

On Thursday morning, families of 37 children in and around Amman prepared their young ones for what they thought would be an enjoyable excursion unaware of the big tragedy that was in store.

Within the next few hours they heard a news which was hard to believe.

Flash floods have claimed the lives of 21 schoolchildren as raging floodwaters swept away a school bus near Jordan's shore of the Dead Sea.

The school bus was returning from Victoria College in Amman after visiting the popular Wadi Zarqa Ma'in tourist site when the vehicle was swept away by floodwaters.

Reports revealed that the 21 children who lost their lives were 14 years old and below.

Speaking to Tribune, mother of victim Naba said the family is trying hard to cope with the loss.

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The children who survived are highly traumatised with the fact that they lost 21 of their friends. They have also suffered painful injuries, both physical as well as emotional.

MS AL MANSOORI

Mother of 14 years old Tala Al Assaf, another victim, said the school authorities failed to ensure that the parents received a consent form before the excursion.

“We didn't receive a consent form for the deadly trip, we had no idea it was going to be in that dangerous area,” stated the traumatised mother.

“Tala was a wonderful boy whose dream was to join the security forces,” she recalled.

The heroic act of Ali brothers stood tall as he along with his three brothers saved four children from drowning.

Wael Al Ali successfully saved two children and attempted to save a teacher when the harsh waves rendered him unconscious.

“My regret is that I couldn't save the teacher and more people,” revealed Wael, who is currently receiving treatment for numerous fractures and bruises at Al Bashir Hospital in Amman.

Omar Al Ali, oldest of the four brothers, managed to save two children and is now said to be in

a critical condition at the same hospital.

The heroic acts of the four brothers came with a hefty price as Omar and Wael lost their two younger brothers who sacrificed their lives attempting to save the schoolchildren.

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa had sent cable of condolences to the Jordan King Abdullah II over the tragic incident.

The Embassy of the Kingdom had also expressed its condolences to the Jordan Government.

Bahraini yoga therapist and social worker Fatima Al Mansoori paid a visit to the families of the victims in Jordan.

“The children who survived are highly traumatised with the fact that they lost 21 of their friends. They have also suffered painful injuries, both physical as well as emotional,” she said.

Post the incident, officials faced difficulties with regard to the identification of some of the recovered bodies.

“The bodies of some of the children who died could not be identified. It was very tragic because according to what I heard, these unidentified bodies were buried and then had to be exhumed after finding some leads to identify,” revealed Ms Al Mansoori.

Students who survived the catastrophe sustained both emotional and physical trauma, many of whom are currently in critical conditions at Al Bashir Hospital in Amman, Jordan.

“I plan on meeting the children who have been injured and provide as much support as possible,” stated Ms Al Mansoori.

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Bahrain 'third best Islamic economy'

Among the top 15 Islamic economies, Malaysia was ranked first while the UAE was ranked second

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Bahrain was ranked the third best in the world when it comes to being an 'Islamic economy', according to findings of a study.

The Kingdom's achievements as an Islamic economy was highlighted by the Global Islamic Economy Report 2018/19.

The report provides a comprehensive view of Islamic economies around the world and how it caters to halal and Islamic market.

It was developed by Thomson Reuters in collaboration with DinarStandard and supported by the Dubai Capital of Islamic Economy.

Bahrain ranked highly in the



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Islamic Finance sector as well as halal travel, halal media and recreation.

In the list of top 15 Islamic economies, Malaysia was ranked first while the UAE was ranked second.

Malaysia performed best in Islamic finance while the UAE

performed well in areas such as halal food, halal travel, modest fashion, halal media, and recreation.

"With 1.8 billion Muslims spending nearly \$2.1 trillion in 2017, Islamic economy continues its steady growth. But there is significant scope for growth

and maturity in the Islamic Economy, with a mere \$0.8 billion in disclosed private equity investments over three years, far less than the almost \$600 billion in private equity and venture capital investments that occurred globally in 2017.

"This report estimates that the Islamic finance sector has US\$2.4 trillion in total assets. Food and beverage lead Muslim spending by category at US\$1.3 trillion, followed by clothing and apparel at US\$270 billion, media and entertainment at US\$209bn, travel at US\$177bn, and spending on pharmaceuticals and cosmetics at US\$87bn and US\$61bn respectively," the report stated.

Abdulla Mohammed Al Awar, the CEO of Dubai Islamic Economy Development Centre said:

"Every annual report offers fresh facts and statistics that provide us with new insights and perspectives to better understand and more accurately anticipate consumer behaviour among Muslims across key markets."

"This year, we have witnessed a surge in demand for products that not only conform to sharia-compliant financing and stringent environmental sustainability, health and safety standards but are also manufactured using halal-certified ingredients.

"The consistency that is integral to the supply chain explains the rising attractiveness and uptake of Islamic economy products among the global population," he added.

Deputy Premier chairs committee meeting

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The Ministerial Committee for Financial Affairs and Rationalisation of Spending convened yesterday.

Chaired by Deputy Premier Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al-Khalifa, the panel reviewed purchase demands which were submitted by different ministries and government departments.

The purchase demands were referred to the six work teams which were established as part of the Fiscal Balance Programme (FBP) initiatives.

The move was in compliance with the circular, which was issued by the Deputy Premier, Head of the Ministerial Committee for Financial Affairs and Rationalisation of Spending, on the 11th of October on regulating operational expenditure.

Finance Minister Assistant Undersecretary for Joint Financial Services Nada Mustafa said that 330 demands have so far been submitted by 31 ministries and government departments.

Dry Dock right lane expansion completed

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The Works Ministry has completed implementation of expansion project on the right lane from the Dry Dock to the Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Causeway in Muharraq Governorate, according to Works Minister.

The project is part of a series of prompt solutions planned to ease the traffic congestions in 13 locations, simultaneously with the implementation of mega road development projects.

The minister said the project will contribute to creating smoother and more efficient traffic flow towards the Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Causeway and releases the huge incoming traffic movement from Muharraq Governorate towards the Capital which stalls at the entrance of Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Causeway and causes traffic jams which hamper the traffic movement, whilst the project aims to further smooth the traffic flow.

Mr Khalaf explained that the

project includes construction of an additional 1.2 km-long lane for incoming traffic from the Dry Dock Interchange with Hatem Al Tayii Avenue towards the Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Causeway.

Also, rainwater drainage network has been constructed and pedestrian sidewalks, lighting facilities, traffic signs and guidance boards to achieve the requisite safety and security on the road as well as installation of safety barriers wherever required.

This project is considered one of the vital projects that will contribute in easing the incoming traffic flow from Muharraq Governorate towards the Capital and will also contribute to reduction of the traffic congestions and lessening the waiting time.

It will also increase the intake capacity of the Dry Dock Avenue with the project by more than 22 per cent, at the rate of 2,000 vehicles per hour, in addition to reduction of waiting time at the Interchange by 33pc.

C5 Capital to launch fund for supporting start-ups

● C5 Capital, the London-based fund manager, will launch fundraising for an investment fund in the near future.

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An investment fund that would support start-ups in Bahrain as well as bring innovative businesses from around the world will soon be launched by C5 Capital, it was announced.

C5 Capital, the London-based fund manager, will launch fundraising for an investment fund in the near future.

Innovative companies, especially the ones that are cloud-enabled stand a chance to be supported by the fund, C5



We are going to look for companies that have the ability to scale up in the cloud and this would be a fundamental theme.

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Capital Investment Manager Zulfi Ali told Tribune.

"Our next phase is to have an investment fund that is based out of Bahrain but with a global investing mandate.

"We will also be looking for businesses that are in other parts of the world such as the US and Europe that we can bring to this region.

"Through our network and our local on the ground expertise here we are going to help

them succeed in this part of the world," he said.

When asked when the fundraising would begin, he said, "The goal is to have it somewhere before the end of the year."

"We will look for areas where we can have an impact because being on the ground here and being a very close partner with AWS and having a very good relationship with EDB, we have the ability to help a company

that may be in the US and does not know how to access this market here. We can help these companies that want to expand into this region."

Speaking about the business, the fund would be used for, he said, "The ones that are particularly of interest are of cloud-enabled technologies, this can be within the tech sector, AI, cyber security and a variety of other areas.

"We are going to look for companies that have the ability to scale up in the cloud and this would be a fundamental theme but there would be other themes as well," he said.

"The ecosystem here is coming together really well, all the stakeholders including the government, the university and the regulators all know what it takes to make this a success for new startups. We will play a role in this as well," he added.

Expats accuse employer of withholding passports

● The expats - Sateesh and Aneesh, said they were verbally abused and tortured by their manager and are unable to return home.

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Two Indian nationals are planning to approach the Labour Market Regulatory Authority



Sateesh and Aneesh

(LMRA) as their passports are being allegedly held by their employer.

The expats - Sateesh and Aneesh, said they were verbally abused and tortured by their manager and are unable to return home.

They said they are out of cash and even struggling to buy food.

"We got this job after paying BD600 to a recruitment agency in India. The agency promised us a good job in our field of expertise.

"We came to Bahrain five months ago and are now in a difficult situation. In the first few months, we did not even get our salaries.

They alleged that their manager has been verbally abusing them adding to their ordeal.

A social worker has promised to take up the matter with the Indian Embassy, they added.

"We are so low on cash, even to have food. All we want is to go home safe," they lamented.

When contacted by Tribune, the employer refused to speak over the allegations.

The manager, representing the employer, said, "We cannot reveal any information to press."

Warning call over Lyrica abuse

Lyrica pills consumed by students in large numbers, sources say

● According to experts, Lyrica causes the same effect as hashish for a person who does not suffer from any diseases, especially if taken in higher doses or mixed with other medications.

● Sources say Lyrica is sold at many pharmacies across the Kingdom while neighbouring countries have banned the drug.



Lyrica is generally used in the treatment of epilepsy.

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Thamer Taifoor

Medical professionals have raised an alarm over students consuming a medicine to treat epilepsy, as a psychedelic drug.

Following allegations, neighbouring countries such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have decided to ban the drug, it is learnt.

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Speaking to Tribune, Mohammed, a medical supervisor at a private school said scores of students are consuming Lyrica as it is considered to be one of the strongest neurotoxins.

“Doctor’s prescription is required to buy this drug. But many pharmacies sell Lyrica to anyone above 20, who resell it to students.”



Lyrica is among the most smuggled drugs in the region.

“There are many teenagers who take Lyrica pills along with energy drinks. The combination offers a psychedelic effect. It also relaxes muscles while causing loss of balance.”

Doctors say consuming Lyrica pills can have a negative impact on the health of students including sexual impotency and behavioural disorders.

A former drug addict, who doesn’t want to be named, told Tribune that Lyrica has been available at almost all pharmacies across the Kingdom since 2006.

“A box containing 56 pills of Lyrica was sold for BD20 while each pill is sold for BD5.”

“Since the drug has been banned in neighbouring GCC countries, Bahrain has become an entry point for Lyrica pills to enter the black markets in the region,” he added.

In 2016, the UAE banned Lyrica and Saudi Arabia would soon follow the suit while Palestine as classified it as a narcotic substance.

It is learnt that the Kingdom imports Lyrica pills from Egypt, where nearly 50 pharma companies manufacture the drug under 66 commercial names.

Court orders govt doctor to pay BD19,000 for stealing medicines

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Ali Tarif

The High Appeals Court has ordered a Bahraini medical doctor to pay BD19,000 for medicines she had stolen from a public pharmacy.

This came after the Public Prosecution appealed the High Criminal Court’s ruling which

held her guilty and sentenced her to one year behind bars, but without ordering her to settle the value of the medicines she stole.

According to court files, the defendant, aged 44, was convicted of prescribing medicines from a public pharmacy in bad faith.

She was earlier sentenced to one year in prison, but her punishment was replaced with social service.

The 44-year-old doctor was put on trial after a pharmacist serving at a public pharmacy accused her of misconduct. The doctor was referred to the Public Prosecution after a commission of inquiry probed into her case, and confirmed the wrongdoing.

The defendant was allegedly selling these medicines at her private clinic.

18 months old child smokes sheesha, father jailed

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Ali Tarif

An Arab national was sentenced to three months in jail for making his 18 months old child smoke sheesha.

The man got into trouble after he filed a divorce petition against his wife, blaming her of negligence towards their children.

Upon questioning, the woman presented a video to the police which showed her husband making the child smoke sheesha.

The man confirmed the validity of the video, stating that he didn’t intend to put the child’s health in danger.

But he was put on trial for risking the child’s life and was sentenced to three months in prison.

Terror cell members jailed

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Ali Tarif

The High Criminal Court has sentenced 13 defendants to life in prison for forming a terrorist cell.

Eleven of them had their Bahraini nationality stripped, while seven of them were hit with BD100,000 fine each.

Two other defendants were tried in connection with the case, including an Asian man, and both received 10 years behind bars each, but the Bahraini man was fined BD500.

Five of the defendants were ordered to pay BD1551 collectively for the damages caused to private properties following blast.

According to court files, the 15 convicted men created and operated two cells belonging to Saraya Al Ashtar (Al Ashtar Brigades).

They are said to have planned to murder police officers, and they detonated several bombs to achieve their goals.

A police officer and a Bahraini woman was injured in the blast.

As per police records, nine

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convicted men created and operated two cells belonging to Saraya Al Ashtar.

men are in police custody, but other defendants are still at large and were convicted in absentia.

The fourth and fifth defendants are in Iran and they were giving orders to the cell members.

Moreover, court files revealed that several defendants travelled outside Bahrain to receive militant training on weapons and bombs at the hands of foreigners expert in making bombs.

Prosecutors pointed out that the cells were responsible for detonating a bomb in Abu Saiba on February 4, 2017, and Sanabis on February 23, 2017, as well as pelting an improvised grenade at police officers in Samahej on April 4, 2017.

Training for children with special needs



The American Embassy Regional English Language Office will organise a five-day visit by American Fulbright Specialist in teaching children with special needs, Dr Carol Anne Cao. During her visit Dr Cao will give a series of workshops on best practices in addressing the needs of students with learning disabilities. She will be working with teachers at the Ministry of Education, Alya Centre for Autism and Bahrain Teachers College. On the occasion of her visit to Bahrain Dr Cao stated: “I am in Bahrain to work with the special needs community to better understand the needs of their students and how the community can help these students learn the necessary skills to be productive citizens of society. My programme will consist of collaborating with teachers to improve on teaching methodologies and to provide best practices in helping students with learning difficulties, dyslexia, ADHD and autism.” Dr Cao is the Director of Curriculum and Support Services at Summit View Schools in North Hollywood, California. She holds a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction in STEM from Texas Tech University.

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No answers yet for Indonesia jet crash

There were 178 adult passengers, one child, two infants, two pilots and six crew on board flight JT 610

● Search teams have filled ten body bags with limbs and other human remains

● Both the cockpit voice recorder and the flight data recorder are still missing.

● The plane had an unspecified technical issue fixed, airline acknowledged

● Orders inspection of all Boeing 737-MAX airliners

AFP | Jakarta, Indonesia

Indonesian search teams yesterday recovered more remains at the site of a crashed Lion Air jet that plunged into the sea with 189 people aboard, as a report said it had suffered an instrument malfunction the day before.

The Boeing-737 MAX, which went into service just months ago, crashed into the Java Sea moments after it had asked to return to Jakarta on Monday.

Flight JT 610 sped up as it suddenly lost altitude and then vanished from radar 12 minutes after take-off, with authorities saying witnesses saw the jet plunge into the water.

Dozens of divers are taking part in the recovery effort.

Search teams have filled ten body bags with limbs and other human remains, Muhammad Syaugi, chief of the Indonesian national search and rescue agency told Metro TV, saying they



Merdiana Harahap (R) is consoled for the loss of her husband, a passenger on board the ill-fated Lion Air flight JT 610, in Medan, North Sumatra province



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MUHAMMAD SYAUGI,

CHIEF OF THE INDONESIAN NATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE AGENCY

will be taken to Jakarta for identification and DNA testing.

The remains of a baby were among those found, according to national deputy police chief Ari Dono Sukmanto.

Another 14 bags filled with debris have also been collected.

Shoes, items of clothing and a wallet are among the items found. "We hope we can see the plane's main body -- everything on the surface of the water has

been collected," Syaugi said.

Indonesia's National Transportation Safety Committee (NTSC) said there were 178 adult passengers, one child, two infants, two pilots and six cabin crew on board flight JT 610.

Among them were the plane's Indian captain, 20 Indonesian finance ministry employees and Andrea Manfredi, an Italian former professional cyclist.

The search and rescue agency all but ruled out finding any survivors late Monday, citing the discovery of body parts that suggested a high-impact crash in water some 30-40 metres deep off the coast of Indonesia's Java island.

"We are prioritising finding the main wreckage of the plane using five war ships equipped with sonar to detect metal underwater," said Yusuf Latif, spokesman of the Indonesian search and rescue agency.

Both the cockpit voice recorder and the flight data recorder

-- which could be key pieces of evidence -- are still missing.

'Unreliable'

The plane had been en route to Pangkal Pinang city, a jumping off point for beach-and-sun seeking tourists on nearby Belitung island, when it dropped out of contact around 6:30 am (2330 GMT).

Lion Air said the plane had only gone into service in August. The pilot and co-pilot had

more than 11,000 hours of flying time between them and had undergone recent medical check-ups and drug testing, it added.

On Monday, Lion Air acknowledged the plane had an unspecified technical issue fixed in Bali before it was flown back to Jakarta, calling it "normal procedure". A technical logbook detailed an "unreliable" airspeed reading instrument on the Bali-Jakarta flight on Sunday and different altitude readings on the captain and first officer's instruments, according to the BBC.

Boeing suspended release of the 737 MAX just days before its first commercial delivery last year due to an engine issue, according to airline safety and product review site airlineratings.com.

Fake news, safety woes

A string of fake news stories have been circulating in the aftermath of the crash, including one that falsely claims to show a baby who survived and a video purportedly showing panicked passengers just before the deadly accident.

Indonesia's disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho has knocked down both claims.



Members of a rescue team bring ashore personal items and wreckage at the port in Tanjung Priok, North Jakarta

What happened?

Lion Air flight JT-610 took off from Jakarta en route to Pangkal Pinang city at 6:20 am (2320 GMT) on Monday. It crashed into the sea some 12 minutes later.

Two minutes after takeoff, Indian-born Captain Bhavye Suneja reported a flight control problem and requested permission to rise to 5,000 feet from 1,700 feet, according to the National Transportation Safety Committee (NTSC).

The plane vanished from radar at 6:32 am, after the captain asked for permission to return to the airport.

The Flightradar website tracked the plane and showed it looping south on take-off and then heading north before its flight path ended abruptly over the Java Sea, not far from the coast.

Witnesses said they did not hear an explosion but saw the Boeing 737 MAX plunge into the sea.

Who was in the cockpit?

Captain Suneja and his co-pilot had more than 11,000 hours of combined flying time, and both had recent medical checkups and drug testing, Lion Air has said.

The Boeing 737 MAX 8 was built in 2018 and went into service just two months ago.

The engines were a product of a joint venture between US-based General Electric and France's Safran Aircraft Engines.

It is not clear what, if any, role the engine issue or the reported instrument problem played in the accident.

What will the focus of investigation?

Investigators will consider a range of factors, including crew proficiency, unusual cockpit activity that could point to a hijacking or pilot suicide, the role weather may have played and the jet's mechanical condition, Hamilton said. Lion's safety record -- including a fatal 2004 crash and a collision between two Lion Air planes at Jakarta's Soekarno-Hatta airport -- will also be looked at, he added.

Apple Watch supplier under fire over China student labour

Beijing, China

Apple is investigating a factory in southwest China after a labour rights group said the tech giant's supplier forced student workers to work "like robots" to assemble its popular Apple Watch.

The report raises fresh questions about the practices of suppliers Apple uses to build its gadgets in the country following the deaths of a number of workers in 2010 apparently linked to tough working conditions.

Many of the students were compelled to work in order to get their vocational degrees and had to do night shifts, according to an investigation by Hong Kong-based NGO Students and Scholars Against Corporate Misbehaviour (SACOM).

SACOM interviewed 28 students at the plant in Chongqing municipality over the summer, and all of them said they had not voluntarily applied to work there, according to the report published last week.



Representative picture. Courtesy of Malaysia Times

They worked under the guise of "internships", SACOM said, a practice rights groups say is widespread in China as manufacturers pair up with vocational

schools to supply workers and fill labour shortages when they ramp up production for new models or the Christmas rush. "Our graduation certificate

will be withheld by the school if we refuse to come," said one student majoring in e-commerce, according to SACOM.

The US titan has sold tens of millions of Apple Watches -- which can cost up to \$1,499 -- since it was launched three years ago and chief executive Tim Cook said it was the most popular watch in the world.

Earlier labour abuse allegations focused on workers building iPhones and other gadgets for Taiwan-based Hon Hai

Precision Industry Co., better known as Foxconn.

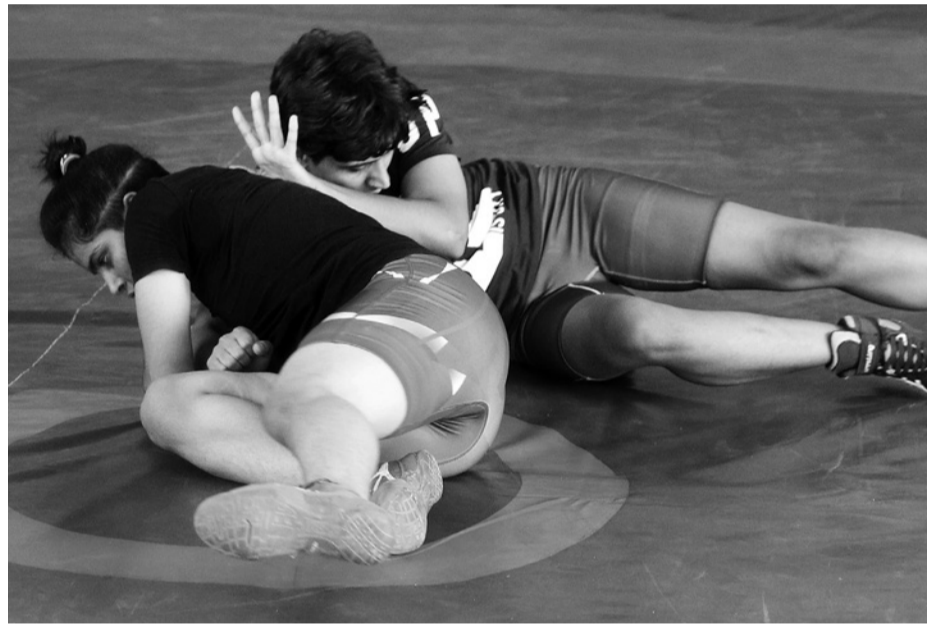
As the world's largest contract electronics maker Foxconn assembles products in huge plants in China where it employs more than one million workers.

In 2010, at least 13 Foxconn employees in China died in apparent suicides, which activists blamed on tough working conditions. Although Foxconn denied the accusations, it raised wages by nearly 70 per cent at its China plants in 2010.



Alia Hussein attends a training practise

Wrestling rivals and tradition



Iraqi wrestlers practise at a gym in Diwaniyah, around 160 kilometres (100 miles) south of Baghdad

When Al-Rafidain first got started in 2016, the federation was only able to give it “a very small budget”, with about \$40 (35 euros) a month allocated to each member

AFP | Diwaniyah, Iraq

Sports teacher Nehaya Dhaher was living a quiet life looking after her elderly mother in Iraq's tribal south when she was asked to set up the country's first women's wrestling squad.

Taking a sport largely reserved for men in a region with strict traditions was quite a challenge but one that both Dhaher and young female sports fans embraced.

“Recruiting wasn't a problem,” said Dhaher, a tight blue hijab framing her round face. “On the other hand, it's been difficult to convince society because our traditions aren't really headed in this direction,” the 52-year-old said.

Dhaher was working as a school sports teacher and trainer at a sports club but never imagined that one day she would be coaching a group of young female wrestlers in her conservative city of Diwaniyah.

But when the Iraqi Wrestling Federation approached her two years ago with the opportunity to lead the team due to her proven track record with women athletes, she leapt at the chance.

To start off, she found five volunteers at her local sports club to train the Al-Rafidain -- “the two rivers” -- whose name pays tribute to Iraq's mighty Tigris and Euphrates.

‘Tribes rule’

Today, the team has about 20 members

“We're sure of what we do, so people can say what they want -- we don't care, we haven't done anything wrong, so no one has the right to say anything”

ALIA HUSSEIN'S MOTHER

aged from around 15 to 30 who train three times a week in two-hour sessions after school. On a broad blue mat with a red circle at its centre, the wrestlers tumble with determination under the watchful eye of Dhaher, wearing a grey tracksuit.

The gym's windows are thrown wide open to ease the stifling heat.

Dressed in an assortment of shorts, tights and T-shirts, the young women alternate between stretches and sparring drills.

But when training ends, the wrestlers file out of the building in long robes, most of them wearing headscarves, seamlessly blending into the city where most women are cloaked in black.

“Here, the tribes rule the lives of all. I've received direct and indirect threats but we've managed to win respect,” said Dhaher. To do so, they had to put in more effort than the average coach, according to

Dhaher's assistant, Nadia Saeb.

“We've built bonds of trust with the wrestlers' families,” she said.

“We look after the girls, picking them up from their home before practise and returning them afterwards,” she said.

“We even follow up on their schooling,” added the 47-year-old proudly. The approach has paid off.

At first unsure what to make of the sport's new female competitors, today people in Diwaniyah come out to support the team during competitions, according to Dhaher.

‘Little by little’

As the sport gained popularity across the country, “little by little, people finally accepted us”, said Alia Hussein, the team's star who sports a stylish short haircut.

In September, she won a silver medal at the Women Classic International Tournament in Beirut in the under 75 kilo category.

Alongside her budding wrestling career, the 26-year-old hopes to finish her high school diploma after having put her studies on hold to help her family.

After graduating, she hopes to study physical education at university.

Her mother, who has adorned their modest family home with Alia's trophies alongside paintings showing revered Shiite imams and figures, has always been supportive.

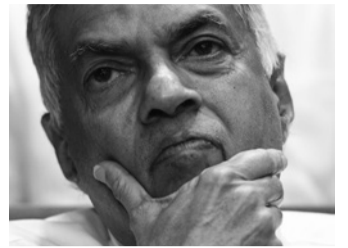
Followers of sacked Sri Lankan PM stage rally

Colombo, Sri Lanka

Tens of thousands of activists blocked the centre of Colombo yesterday to protest the sacking of Ranil Wickremesinghe as prime minister.

Wickremesinghe's United National Party (UNP) staged the protest outside his official residence where he has remained since President Maithripala Sirisena dismissed him Friday. Sirisena named former authoritarian president Mahinda Rajapakse as head of government, triggering a constitutional crisis.

The party said about 100,000 people took part in the protests while police sources gave a figure of 25,000, though many



Ranil Wickremesinghe

busloads were still arriving.

Crowds chanted “down with the rogue PM”, referring to Rajapakse, and “respect the mandate, recall parliament.”

Effigies of Sirisena were torn up in a symbolic protest against the president's move which has been described by many local newspapers as a “constitutional coup.”

US planning ‘tent cities’ for migrants

Washington, United States

President Donald Trump said yesterday his administration was planning to build tent cities for thousands of Central American migrants making their way through Mexico to the United States.

The announcement during a Fox News interview came as the Pentagon announced it was deploying 5,200 active-duty troops to beef up security, and follows weeks of heated anti-migrant rhetoric from the president ahead of crucial midterm congressional elections next week.

“If they apply for asylum, we're going to hold them until such time as their trial takes place. We're going to hold them, we're going to build tent cities, we're gonna build tents all over the place.

“We're not gonna build

structures and spend all of these hundreds of millions of dollars. We're gonna have tents, they're gonna be very nice, and they're going to wait, and if they don't get asylum they get out.”

He added that asylum seekers would remain in detention while their claims were being processed, a move which he said would deter would-be applicants from coming to the US.

“If you wanna wait, they don't usually get asylum. You know that. The problem is they release them in and then they have the trial, three years later, and nobody shows up.

“But we are gonna, unlike Obama and unlike others, we're going to take the people, we're going to put them in, and they're gonna wait.

“When people find out that happens, you're gonna have far fewer people come up.”



Migrants kneel after crossing the Suchiate River from Tecun Uman in Guatemala to Ciudad Hidalgo in Mexico

German nurse admits to killing 100 patients as trial opens

Oldenburg, Germany

Former nurse Niels Hoegel, admitted yesterday to killing 100 patients in his care, on the first day of his trial in the biggest serial killing case in Germany's post-war history.

Hoegel, 41, has already spent nearly a decade in prison on a life term for other patient deaths, and is accused of intentionally administering medical overdoses to victims so he could bring them back to life at the last moment.

As the proceedings opened in the northern city of Oldenburg, presiding judge Sebastian



Niels Hoegel hides behind a folder as he arrives in the courtroom

The choice of victim appears to have been entirely random, with their ages ranging from 34 to 96.

crowded with dozens of grieving relatives.

As the proceedings began Buehrmann said the main aim of the trial was to establish the full scope of the murder spree that was allowed to go unchecked for

years at two German hospitals.

‘Looking for justice’

Prosecutors say at least 36 patients were killed at a hospital in Oldenburg where he worked, and about 64 more at a clinic in nearby Delmenhorst, between 2000 and 2005.

More than 130 bodies of patients who died on Hoegel's watch have been exhumed, in a case investigators have called “unprecedented in Germany to our knowledge”.

200 victims?

Caught in 2005 while inject-

ing an unprescribed medication into a patient in Delmenhorst, Hoegel was sentenced in 2008 to seven years in prison for attempted murder.

A second trial followed in 2014-15 under pressure from alleged victims' families, who accused prosecutors of dragging their feet. He was found guilty of murder and attempted murder of five other victims and given the maximum sentence of 15 years.

It was then that Hoegel confessed to his psychiatrist at least 30 more murders committed in Delmenhorst. That prompt-

ed investigators to take a closer look at suspicious deaths in Oldenburg.

Investigators say the final toll could top 200 but fear they might never know for sure because the bodies of many potential victims were cremated.

Hoegel appears to have followed a similar procedure each time, first injecting a medication that triggered cardiac arrest, followed by an often futile attempt at resuscitation.

Prosecutors say he was motivated by vanity, to show off his skills at saving human lives, and by simple “boredom”.

US elections: The barbarians



ROGER COHEN

Surveying the American scene in the run-up to the midterm elections early next month, it is hard to escape that word: desperation

I have been reading J M Coetzee's novel "Waiting for the Barbarians." It concerns a magistrate, a servant of Empire, stationed on a remote frontier, who watches with mounting indignation as fear of barbarian encroachment is used to justify a brutal and self-defeating imperial campaign of violence and torture. It is a portrait of an ageing man, stung by his conscience, bewildered by his times.

In one passage, Coetzee writes: "Every year the lake-water grows a little more salty. There is a simple explanation — never mind what it is. The barbarians know this fact. At this very moment they are saying to themselves, 'Be patient, one of these days their crops will start withering from the salt, they will not be able to feed themselves, they will have to go.' That is what they are thinking. That they will outlast us."

Barbarians come in different guises. Coetzee's novel turns in part on the fact that the barbaric presence in his pages is the Empire, not the Empire's imagined enemies. It is of the nature of declining powers to imagine

foes, to flail, to produce zealots, to embark on doomed wars, to flex the atrophying muscles of dominance. It is of the nature of life that imagined enemies, once provoked, turn into real ones.

On horseback, ragged mirages in the dust, Coetzee's barbarians do not really need to do anything. Hardly more than chimera, they suck the Empire into their labyrinth. This is because the Empire is dying, just as the magistrate is dying. He is an ageing libertine with an agile mind and a love of knowledge — a speck, as he sees with unforgiving insistence, on history's tide. This is a novel about the desperation of mortality.

Surveying the American scene in the run-up to the midterm elections early next month, it is hard to escape that word: desperation. This time the barbarians are not shabby. They are well groomed, well heeled, loud-mouthed; and they never heard a chord, or read a phrase, or saw a sensuous line on a canvas that caused them to pause in wonder.

These barbarians chose their moment well. The Empire-lite has not known a victory in far-flung wars in all the 17 years since it was attacked. The millions who served at distant, tedious frontiers were scarcely recognised on their return. They trudged their trauma home in sullen silence.

They watched, these unacknowledged servants of the im-



perial Republic, as certainties evaporated and precariousness spread and words lost meaning and money rode roughshod over sacrifice. The mood in the

Empire was restive, ripe for a self-declared saviour ready to deploy the language of violence and identify scapegoats. In due course, along came

the barbarian saviour, marching across the ramparts, through the gates of the capital, and declaring the rapt crowd to be the largest in recorded history. He had been

What the Brazilian dictatorship did to

The death of my father sheds light on what Brazil's future may



MARCELO PAIVA

Jair Bolsonaro, an ultra-right wing populist, was elected president on Oct 28. As I processed this new reality, I looked out my window and watched the celebratory fireworks illuminate the night sky. In the distance, I made out one of Bolsonaro's supporters holding up a sign that said, "Ustra Lives."

It was a chilling reminder of our past. From 1970 to 1974, Carlos Alberto Brilhante Ustra was the head of the DOI-CODI, the intelligence agency responsible for stamping out critics during military rule. He oversaw the torture of political dissidents while they were detained by the secret police.

Bolsonaro's rise has been driven by people's anger and disillusionment, stemming from a huge multiyear corruption probe that has upended the country, a homicide rate that is sky high and a flailing economy. It didn't matter to many that his inflammatory

rhetoric denigrated women, as well as gay, black and indigenous people, or that he spoke fondly of torture and dictatorships. Indeed, an estimated 43 per cent of the population is in favour of the military intervening in government affairs. I think Brazilians have forgotten what it means to be ruled at gunpoint.

My father was a congressman for the State of São Paulo and a socialist. The military junta revoked his mandate after the 1964 coup d'état, and he went back to work as a civil engineer. I was 11 when he was arrested, along with my mother and my sister. It was a sunny morning in January in Rio de Janeiro in 1971, and we were getting ready to go to Leblon beach, which was across the street from our house. Suddenly, six armed men dressed in plain clothes entered through the back door into the kitchen, pointing machine guns. Outside, more men surrounded the house.

The government had intercepted letters and documents from leftist organisations that were sent to my father from dissidents in Chile. They thought he had a role in organising the distribution of mail and information for exiles in Brazil and out of the

country. On that day in 1971, my parents were in their swimsuits when the armed men burst into the kitchen. They took my father upstairs so he could get dressed while we all sat on the couch in the living room. He was told that the agents waiting outside were going to take him so that he could give his testimony. We never saw him again.

The six men stayed with us for the next 24 hours. Then they took my mother, Eunice, and my sister Eliana, who was 15 years old at the time, to the DOI-CODI facility in Rio de Janeiro, inside the Army headquarters on Barão de Mesquita Street. My other sisters, Ana Lucia, 13, and Beatriz, 10, and I were left behind alone.

My sister and my mother were harassed and intimidated. They sat hooded for 24 hours, without food or water. A speaker was blaring "Jesus Cristo," a song by Roberto Carlos, over the screams of a man being tortured — most likely my father. My sister was released the next day. But my mother spent 12 days in a dark cell, wearing the same clothes she had on the day she was arrested. She was awakened at night by screaming guards, who would force her to look through



The author with his father (a file picture).

475

Romulus Augustulus is proclaimed Western Roman Emperor.

683

During the Siege of Mecca, the **Kaaba** catches fire and is burned down.

802

Empress **Irene** is deposed and banished to Lesbos. Conspirators place Nikephoros, the minister of finance, on the Byzantine throne.



1517

Protestant Reformation: Martin Luther posts his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg.

Barbarians are within

There comes a moment, when the barbarian is within, to draw a line, to say enough, to speak out, to make a stand whatever the cost.

is a man of fiendish energy and malicious intuitions who gets the blood up by appealing to the barbarian in us all. He says he wants to make the Empire great again, but all he really wants to do is to loot it on the way down. His Republican cronies enable him because their love of power blinds them to the contagion they propagate.

The barbarian saviour loves to see a reporter body-slammed, to parade his ignorance, to strut his lies, to broadcast his bigotry, to empower rich Middle Eastern murderers, to humiliate a woman traumatised by sexual assault, to incite his followers to violence, to sap civilisation, to toy with nuclear Armageddon as a distraction from his scam.

The barbarian game is clear: to blind Americans to the fact that the United States is a self-gov-

erning enterprise. To say government is evil, government is terrible, bad government is what Democrats do – so just leave it to us! In short, the objective is to outlast us, and to eviscerate the institutions that make us, us. But no! We Americans are self-governing, and in the face of malevolent and feckless and corrupt people, there are better options. That is what the vote on Nov. 6 is about.

In Coetzee's novel, the magistrate encounters a zealous officer, Colonel Joll, who has been dispatched to the frontier to crush the barbarians. Joll is a torturer, a man of implacable certainties, blinding "barbarian" prisoners, crushing their feet. The magistrate-narrator strives to maintain a certain civility in his exchanges with Joll, but grows disgusted:

"Throughout a trying period he and I have managed to behave towards each other like civilised people. All my life I have believed in civilised behaviour; on this occasion, however, I cannot deny it, the memory leaves me sick with myself."

There comes a moment, when the barbarian is within, to draw a line, to say enough, to speak out, to make a stand whatever the cost. The desperation of mortality can also yield the lucidity of courage.

(Roger Cohen is a columnist with The New York Times.)

(In collaboration with New York Times)

chosen to blow up the whole place. He set about his task with vigour.

What can be said at this point about the self-styled saviour? He

to my family?

now hold

pictures of wanted women and men. Thank you, military, for not killing her.

Over the years, we heard rumours about what happened to my father; that he had been killed while being tortured, that his body had been cut up into pieces. But it wasn't until 2014, when former agents and officers who witnessed his torture testified to the Public Prosecutor's Office, that we finally had an official account of what happened.

He was taken to DOI-CODI in Rio de Janeiro, where he was tortured. He died less than 48 hours after he was arrested. The prosecutor said the military's intention was to "inflict acute physical and mental suffering, in order to intimidate him and obtain information about the recipients of the letters and documents that were sent to him." A former army colonel, Paulo Malhães, said that he received an army order in 1973 to dig up and dispose of my father's remains. I'll never know what he did with them. I never did understand why my sister and my mother were also arrested. To be tortured with him, if he did not speak? After the dictatorship ended

From the dictatorship we learned the importance of democracy, tolerance and the rule of law. Brazilians should not be fooled.

in 1988, a new Brazilian constitution, known as the Citizen Constitution, was approved. It afforded territorial rights to indigenous peoples and the quilombolas, who are the descendants of Afro-Brazilian slaves. It also extended protections to other minorities, and condemned "prejudice of origin, race, sex, colour, age and any other forms of discrimination." But now Brazil seems poised to return to its dark past.

In the lead-up to this election, there's been an increase in violence and homophobia fuelled by Bolsonaro's misogynistic, racist,

anti-LGBT and anti-democratic views. The Brazilian Association of Investigative Journalism registered more than 130 cases of violence against journalists in 2018. Swastikas have been painted on walls all over the city. Grindr, the world's largest social networking app for gay men, sent an in-app safety reminder message to Brazilian users that said: "Following the recent election, members of the Grindr community raised concerns about the increased risk of violence. Take the necessary steps to stay safe this week."

From the dictatorship we learned the importance of democracy, tolerance and the rule of law. Brazilians should not be fooled, Bolsonaro is not the saviour our country needs. I thought that the life of my father and the suffering of my family and of many others was an essential chapter to help Brazil reflect and evolve. We never imagined that our struggle and pain would serve no purpose. That our struggle for the right to vote would be used to turn everything back. Pray for us.

(Marcelo Paiva is a writer and columnist for the newspaper O Estado de S. Paulo.)



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A warm welcome to the Italian Prime Minister, Mr. Giuseppe Conte in India. I look forward to meeting him and to participate together at the Tech Summit later today. @GiuseppeConteIT @narendramodi

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Sarah Sanders says the president got elected by an overwhelming majority of 63 million Americans. He lost the popular vote by three million. @jdawsey1

03



Where is Advani ji? Surprisingly, media never asks his opinion/reaction on the ongoing #RamMandirHearing debate. It seems the octogenarian leader, who started the Ram Janambhoomi movement in 1990 is forgotten by both the BJP and the media. @sadhavi

04



The shrinking caravan of refugees isn't a threat to the country or the constitutional order. A president who tries to end birthright citizenship by executive order is. @BillKristol

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Wide Angle

The Sherlock Holmes Phenomenon



JOEL INDRUPATI

Who is C Auguste Dupin? The name won't ring a bell easily because hardly anyone knows this fictional character created by Edgar Allan Poe.

Dupin had actually made his first appearance in Poe's 1841 book "The Murders in the Rue Morgue", generally considered the first real detective fiction in English literature.

Poe created the character Dupin even before the word 'detective' had been coined. Or, so I heard.

However, when I curiously consulted the online etymology dictionary, I found out that in 1828, though not popular, the term 'detective police' was already in use in some British police documents. And it referred to those "fitted for or skilled in detecting".

But that was just 13 years before 'Detective' Dupin made his first appearance. In a series of books, this sleuth or 'detective' soon endeared himself to English readers with his skillful analysis of crime scenes.

His evaluation of the sequence of events and the possible motives of suspects, before finally revealing the real criminal – in the climax of the book – from a set of characters which readers are led to suspect, became a model-framework for many detective stories.

"Without Edgar Allan Poe, We Wouldn't Have Sherlock Holmes" is, in fact, the title of a Smithsonian website article.

Today, 31 October, is the day on which 'The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was first published in 1892.

On this 126th anniversary of the great fictional detective's arrival, therefore, I thought it appropriate to look back at Holmes and a few other fictional detectives.

The pipe-smoking, cloth-capped, magnifying-glass-wielding Sherlock Holmes, of 221B Bakers Street in London, captured readers as he captured criminals.

His mystery-unravelling skills are cogently narrated to us by his companion Dr Watson who often gets reminded that elementary escapes him.

Personally, I had graduated to Sherlock Holmes' books, only in college. But my mind was already fertile for these books, thanks to my devouring of Enid Blyton's stories of 'Five Find-Outers', a series of mystery-books I'd loved as a middle-school kid.

My particular fascination for one of the characters, Fatty (real name, Frederick Algernon Trotteville) made me dream that I would become a detective like him.

And once I got introduced to Agatha Christie's fictional detectives 'Hercule Poirot' and 'Miss Marple' in other books, my dream got reinforced. And I seriously felt I had found my calling. However, fortunately, or unfortunately, it was a short-lived desire.

Father Brown (created by G K Chesterton), Jack Reacher (Lee Child), Inspector Maigret (Georges Simenon), V I Warshawski (Sara Paretsky), Mike Hammer (Mickey Spillane) and even Nancy Drew (Edward Stratemeyer) are all great fictional detectives.

Precious Ramotswe (created by Alexander McCall Smith), who runs the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency in Botswana, solves many crimes too.

Almost all these detective characters came to life in movies and TV series, and changed the face of whodunits. Especially because, young people and millennials would rather watch, than read.

My two daughters now watch Sherlock Holmes' BBC TV series. No. Not those with Jeremy Irons in it, but those with Benedict Cumberbatch. And though I feel they should be reading instead of watching, I give in, and join them.

I find the setting of the series, in current day London, very odd. I dislike seeing Dr Watson browsing the Internet, and I dislike Sherlock Holmes walking past the London Eye. But what can I do?

So, much to their dismay, I just take pride in explaining to them that 'A Study in Pink' was originally 'A Study in Scarlet'. And that 'A Scandal in Belgravia' was actually 'A Scandal in Bohemia'.

But, they don't care. They feel the adventures of their Sherlock Holmes is better than mine.



business

'Great deal' or more China tariffs: Trump

Trump said he would like to make a deal now, but that China was not ready

● Trump has painted China as an economic threat to the United States

● US has already imposed tariffs on \$250bn of Chinese goods

● China retaliated with duties on \$110bn of US goods

Reuters | Shanghai



Trump speaks during a campaign rally at Southern Illinois Airport (file)

US President Donald Trump said he thinks there will be "a great deal" with China on trade, but warned that he has billions of dollars worth of new tariffs ready to go if a deal isn't possible.

"I think that we will make a great deal with China and it has to be great, because they've drained our country," Trump told FOX News Channel's "The Ingraham Angle" yesterday.

Trump said in the interview he would like to make a deal now, but that China was not ready. Bloomberg news report-

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DONALD TRUMP
US PRESIDENT

ed yesterday that Washington was preparing to announce tariffs on all remaining Chinese imports by early December if talks

New restrictions on China tech firm

AFP | Washington, US

The US Commerce Department yesterday targeted a Chinese tech company with restrictions to cut off access to US technology, saying the firm could harm US security.

The new restrictions mean US firms will need special approval to export products intended for use by state-owned Fujian Jinhua Integrated Circuit Company, Ltd., according

to a statement.

"When a foreign company engages in activity contrary to our national security interests, we will take strong action to protect our national security," Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said in a statement.

He said the export restrictions would limit Jinhua's "ability to threaten the supply chain for essential components in our military systems."

next month between Trump and his counterpart Xi Jinping fail to ease the trade war.

Both Trump and Xi are expected to attend next month's G20 summit in Buenos Aires, where they could meet.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said China and the United States have all along been in communication about exchanges at all levels, including a possible Xi-Trump meeting in Argentina, though he gave no details.

If the United States is not willing to promote win-win cooperation with China then China is fully confident in being

able to continue with its reforms and develop itself, Lu added.

The United States has already imposed tariffs on \$250 billion (195.25 billion pounds) worth of Chinese goods, and China has responded with retaliatory duties on \$110 billion worth of US goods.

"And I have \$267 billion waiting to go if we can't make a deal," Trump said.

Trump has long threatened to impose tariffs on all remaining Chinese imports into the US if Beijing fails to meet demands for sweeping changes to Chinese trade, technology transfer and industrial subsidy policies.

Alba project achieves first fire milestone

TDI | Manama

Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) said it has successfully conducted the first fire of the First H-class General Electric (GE) 9HA Gas Turbine (GT) GE Unit 1 at Power Station 5 (PS 5), yesterday.

"It a step closer to achieving the First Hot Metal on 1st January 2019," said the Chairman of Alba's Board of Directors Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa during a celebration held to commemorate this milestone.

The celebration was attended by Alba's Chairman of Board of Directors Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa, Alba's Chief Executive Officer Tim Murray, Deputy CEO Ali Al Baqali, Chief Power Officer Amin Sultan, Alba Executive Management along with the President & CEO of GE's Power Services in Africa, South Asia and MEA Joseph Anis as well as CEO of GAMA Ahmet Ligvani.

Alba's PS 5 is a 1,792 megawatts (MW) Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Power Plant with an efficiency of 54 per cent.

BAC CEO named to ACI board

TDI | Manama

Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) Chief Executive Officer Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalalah has been appointed as a special advisor to the Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific Regional Board.

In this role, Al Binfalalah will

provide guidance, together with the Regional Board, to the organisation's Regional Office in order to further the interests of the Asia-Pacific aviation industry as a whole.

The ACI Asia-Pacific Regional Board's next meeting will take place in Hong Kong in April 2019.

Italy growth ground to halt in Q3

Milan, Italy

Italy's growth stagnated in the third quarter of 2018, official data showed yesterday.

Italy's gross domestic product (GDP) was unchanged between July and September.

Growth in the first nine months of the year was 1.0

percent. Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte shrugged off concerns, saying the government's plan to increase the deficit to 2.4pc of annual economic output in 2019.

But business association Confindustria said, "if growth stops it will be the fault of this government and no-one else".



Dr Abdulrahman Jawahery, President of GPIC with other top officials during the opening session of 'Preparing for 2030' Asia-Pacific conference organised by the International Fertilizer Association (IFA) in Singapore from October 23 to 25. The conference was attended by more than 400 participants and discussed key topics related to the fertilizer industry, including the importance of health and safety and the best ways to care for soil and increase fertility and production



MOICT officials, Joyalukkas Management representatives and customers during the first draw of Joyalukkas Diwali offer 'Celebrate Big winnings - Win up to 1000 Gold Bars' promotion

Donald Trump says he plans to scrap birthright citizenship

Washington, United State

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The surprise announcement in an interview with Axios, released in part yesterday, followed the dispatch of more than 5,000 regular troops to the Mexican border, itself a highly unusual move prompted by Trump's warnings of a migrant "invasion."

The birthright citizenship proposal was likely to prove even more controversial, given questions over whether a president can meddle with the constitution at all.

The right to US citizenship



Honduran migrants Mari Elena Torres (R) and her daughter Genesis Samari, who are heading in a caravan to the US, pose in Huixtla, Chiapas state, Mexico

for all born in the country is enshrined in the 14th amendment. To change the constitution requires a two thirds majority in Congress -- something almost unthinkable in today's deeply partisan, near evenly split legislature.

But Trump told Axios that he now believes a stroke of his pen will be enough.

"It was always told to me that you needed a constitutional amendment. Guess what? You don't," Trump said in an interview with Axios.

"Now they're saying I can do it just with an executive order."

Trump railed against the current rule, erroneously declaring that the United States is unique in granting citizenship this way.

"We're the only country in the world where a person comes in, has a baby and the person is essentially a citizen of the United States for 85 years with all of those benefits. It's ridiculous. It's ridiculous and it has to end," he said.

Eurozone equities dip

The pace of eurozone economic expansion slowed significantly in the third quarter

AFP | London, United Kingdom

European stock markets fell Tuesday on news of slowing economic growth and Wall Street extending a slump. Frankfurt and Paris both fell around one percent, while the euro extended losses one day after German Chancellor Angela Merkel said she will not seek re-election in 2021.

"European indices have already given up the fight and are moving lower," said IG analyst Chris Beauchamp. The pace of eurozone economic expansion slowed significantly in the third quarter, official data showed, hit by Italian fiscal crisis woes and faltering German car output.

Europe 'out of favour'

Gross domestic product (GDP) in the 19-country single currency area rose by just 0.2 per cent from July to September, the Eurostat agency said.

That compared with 0.4pc growth in the preceding quarter and analyst forecasts, which were also for 0.4pc.

"A weaker print on eurozone GDP has done little for sentiment in Europe, and when cou-



Traders work the floor at the closing bell of the Dow Industrial Average at the New York Stock Exchange

pled with disappointing Italian growth numbers and a drop in French consumer spending it seems that Europe will remain out of favour," added Beauchamp. Meanwhile, London's benchmark FTSE 100 index slid 0.6 percent despite British energy giant BP saying its profits doubled in the third quarter on higher oil prices. BP's share price rallied 2.0pc to 546.10 pence.

Asia rises on Trump

Most Asian markets rose as investors were cheered by Donald Trump's belief the US and China

could reach a "great" trade deal, which helped ease concerns over a report he is preparing to lump tariffs on all Chinese goods.

Investors had started the day on a nervous note after Bloomberg News said the White House was lining up fresh levies if talks between Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping at a G20 meeting next month are unsuccessful. It cited unnamed sources as saying a list is being drawn up for a December announcement to hit another \$267 billion of goods with levies.

Key figures around 1540 GMT

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| N London - FTSE 100: | ▼ 0.6 percent at 6,983.82 points |
| Frankfurt - DAX 30: | ▼ 1.0 percent at 11,225.13 |
| Paris - CAC 40: | ▼ 1.1 percent at 4,935.98 |
| Milan - FTSE MIB: | ▼ 0.5 percent at 18,940.77 |
| EURO STOXX 50: | ▼ 0.9 percent at 3,126.99 |
| New York - Dow: | ▼ 0.04 percent at 24,433.62 |
| Tokyo - Nikkei 225: | ▲ 1.5 percent at 21,457.29 (close) |
| Hong Kong - Hang Seng: | ▼ 0.9 percent at 24,585.53 (close) |
| Shanghai - Composite: | ▲ 1.0 percent at 2,568.05 (close) |
| Euro/dollar: | ▼ at \$1.1372 from \$1.1373 at 2100 GMT on Monday |
| Pound/dollar: | ▼ at \$1.2762 from \$1.2793 |
| Dollar/yen: | ▲ at 112.82 from 112.37 yen |

Yuan 'under pressure'

The yuan continued to struggle and hit a 10-year low, with analysts suggesting it could break the 7 to the dollar mark.

"The Chinese Yuan remained under pressure, weakening to a fresh decade low of 6.97 per dollar," noted FXTM analyst Hussein Sayed. "The rally in Chinese equities today may reverse if the currency breaks above the key psychological level of 7, so a close eye should be kept on the currency's next move.

Meanwhile, Wall Street opened lower, with the Dow slipping less than a tenth of a point in the first minute of trading while the Nasdaq Composite gave up half a percentage point as investors continued to unload tech stocks.

The Dow fell 2.2pct yesterday, with the broad-based S&P 500 losing 2.0pc and the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite Index lost 3.3 percent as investors worried over slowing earnings growth.

General Electric reports 3Q loss

New York, United States

General Electric reported a third-quarter loss of \$22.8 billion yesterday following a large asset write-down and cut most of its dividend as it seeks a turnaround under a new chief executive.

The loss compares with profits of \$1.3 billion in the year-ago period and is due to a \$22 billion write-down announced when GE tapped H. Lawrence Culp as chief executive earlier this month. GE slashed its quarterly dividend from 12 cents to a penny.

Revenues fell 3.6 per cent \$29.6 billion.

The results come on the heels of a steep downturn in GE's power business, which has been beset by overcapacity due in part to the growth of renewable energy sources that has dented demand for GE's turbines.

China's yuan hits decade low

Shanghai, China

The Chinese yuan weakened to a decade low yesterday on concerns over China's slowing economy and the US trade war, but Beijing was expected to prevent it breaking the psychologically important 7 yuan per dollar barrier.

The yuan drifted past 6.96 to the dollar, hitting its weakest levels since May 2008.

Breaking 7 could further undermine market confidence and potentially trigger fresh US accusations that China was allowing the yuan to weaken to blunt the impact of tariffs that Washington has imposed on Chinese goods.

China restricts the yuan's daily trading band, and a front-page commentary on Tuesday in the state-run Economy Information Daily said authorities were unlikely to let it hit 7 to the dollar.



Members of SKAL International Bahrain club during its monthly gathering at the Copper Chimney Restaurant located at the Asdal Gulf Inn Hotel in the Seef Area. The members enjoyed an authentic Indian Mughlai cuisine which was complemented by guest speaker Dr Noor Janahi who tackled the subject of "The Introduction of Health Tourism in Bahrain"

Eurozone growth slows

Brussels, Belgium

Stagnation in Italy and problems with German car production dragged economic growth in the eurozone down to its slowest rate in four years, official data showed Tuesday, prompting concern among analysts.

Gross domestic product in the 19-country single currency area rose just 0.2 percent from July to September, the Eurostat agency said, compared with 0.4 percent in the preceding quarter.

The disappointing data come with Brussels locked in a standoff with Rome over its populist government's plans

for larger deficits despite the high public debt load.

The eurozone growth figure -- the smallest since the second quarter of 2014 -- was well below the 0.4 percent average forecast of analysts surveyed by Factsset financial services.

On a year-to-year basis, economic growth in the eurozone reached 1.7 percent, well below the 2.2 percent rate seen in the previous quarter.

The European Commission, the bloc's powerful executive arm, has rejected Italy's 2019 budget, an unprecedented move against a eurozone country that sets the stage for a major showdown with the populist government in Rome.

Shaping the future of Saudi jewellery industry – Sona Jewellers

At the time when only 21K and 18K gold was produced and imported, Sona started the first gold factory in Riyadh

Manama

Sona Gold and Diamonds erstwhile Sona Jewellers, established in 1984 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was the vision of one of its partners, Mrs Sona Mohan, who couldn't find 22K jewellery in the KSA.

It was K V Mohan, the director of Sona Gold and Diamonds transformed her vision into a firm decision paving way for the manufacture of 22carat jewellery that caters to the Asian community in Saudi Arabia a whole new range of jewellery items.

He masterminded the idea to retail jewellery within the same company so that the Saudi consumers to get their hands on customized jewellery and this steered Sona jewellers to the path of excellence.

At the time when only 21K and 18K gold was produced and

imported, Sona Jewellers started the first gold factory in Riyadh. Since its inception, Sona jewellers has seen leaps and bounds, and the journey has been nothing short of exciting. Though it took a lot of hardships to get a licence for establishing 22ct jewellery in the KSA.

Sona jewellers has seen leaps and bounds, and the journey has been nothing short of exciting.

ellery, with the wide acceptance and increasing demand, Sona Jewellers became a household name in Saudi.

Sona Jewellers have a wide range of handmade and machine-made jewellery made in excellent craftsmanship and stunning beauty. "Our core strengths were our jewellery craftsmen and trustworthy

salespeople. Having nine jewellery outlets in the major cities of Saudi Arabia including Riyadh, Dammam, Hofuf, Jubail, Khamis Mushait and Jeddah, we have been establishing new branches across the middle east"

"Our brand statement Always with you gives a simple connection between the company and the customers and conveys how SJ can support their values and needs."

To develop a cohesive and comprehensive brand, SJ said it is committed to research studies that include internal and external viewpoints, staff suggestion and their valuable report about customer service along with customer feedbacks and is always ready to formulate a new strategy for marketing.

"This helps us gain the reputation as one of the most trusted jewellery in Saudi Arabia."



During the inauguration ceremony of an outlet

Markets little changed

● **Dubai index posts best day in nearly three weeks**

● **Saudi's Tasnee drops on operational delay for titanium plant**

● **Banks drag on Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia**

● **Egypt's Iron and Steel rises on results**

Reuters

Dubai's blue-chip index rose sharply and marked its biggest intra-day gain in nearly three weeks, lifted by real estate and banks, while most major Gulf indexes dropped marginally yesterday.

The Dubai index added 1.1 per cent, boosted by a near 3pc gain in Emaar Properties and



Visitors look at stock price information displayed on a digital screen inside the Saudi Stock Exchange (Courtesy of the National)

a 2.2pc rise in Emirates NBD after it posted a double-digit jump in quarterly profit, led partly by higher net interest income.

Saudi Arabia's bourse was down 0.2pc, hurt by a 0.5pc dip

in bellwether Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corp and a 2.4pc slide in Arab National Bank.

Petrochemical firm National Industrialization Company (Tasnee) fell 3.2pc after it flagged operational delay for a

titanium ilmenite smelter plant.

The index closed under its 200-day-moving average level, after briefly breaching it in the previous session.

But Herfy Food Services outperformed the index, rising 6.4pc and marking its biggest intra-day gain since Jan. 2016 after an increase in its third-quarter profit.

On Monday, the top boss of Europe's biggest bank, HSBC, said that Saudi Arabia is unlikely to see a significant impact on its foreign trade and investment flows.

Closing Bell

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| SAUDI | ▼ 0.2pc | » 7,833 |
| DUBAI | ▲ 1.1pc | » 2,744 |
| ABU DHABI | ▼ 0.3pc | » 4,856 |
| QATAR | ▼ 0.3pc | » 10,163 |
| KUWAIT | ▲ 0.2pc | » 5,225 |
| BAHRAIN | ▼ 0.2pc | » 1,313 |
| OMAN | ▼ 0.2pc | » 4,421 |
| EGYPT | ▲ 0.6pc | » 13,155 |

Norway's sovereign wealth fund last week also announced plans to more than double its investments in the kingdom after it is included in the fund's reference index.

Saudi's stock exchange data indicated on Sunday that foreign selling had slowed from the previous week, when it hit a record as the killing of Khashoggi spooked investors.

Abu Dhabi's index lost 0.3pc, hurt by a 1.3pc slide in First Abu Dhabi Bank and a 8.6pc plunge in Gulf Pharmaceutical Industries.

The Egyptian blue-chip index gained 0.6pc, with Eastern Co adding 3.2pc and Citadel Capital rising 5.8pc.

Investment firm Raya Holding soared nearly 10pc after Egypt's regulator asked its Chairman Medhat Khalil and related group to make a buyout offer for the company.

Egyptian Iron And Steel Co gained 4pc after reporting a smaller quarterly loss.

Oil falls more than 1pc as supply rise

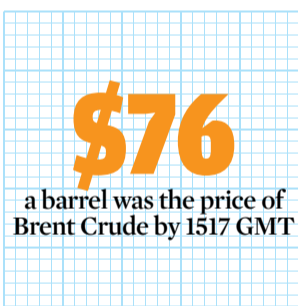
Reuters | New York

Oil prices fell more than 1 percent in choppy trading yesterday on signs of rising supply and concern that global economic growth and fuel demand would be hit by a deepening of the US-China trade dispute.

Brent crude futures fell \$1.34 to \$76.00 a barrel, a 1.7 per cent drop, by 11:17 a.m. EDT (1517 GMT). US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures fell 94 cents to \$66.10 a barrel, a 1.4 percent decline. Earlier in

the session, Brent reached a session low of \$75.09 a barrel, while WTI slumped to \$65.33 a barrel. Both contracts have fallen about \$10 a barrel from four-year highs reached in the first week of October.

Prices were pressured as US inventories were expected to rise as other top producers Saudi Arabia and Russia signaled potential output increases. Oil production from Russia, the United States and Saudi Arabia reached 33 million barrels per day (bpd) for the first time in September.



UAE sets up special unit to lure foreign investors

AFP | Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

The United Arab Emirates announced yesterday the establishment of a special unit at the economy ministry to help lure foreign investors amid an economic slowdown.

The establishment of the foreign direct investment unit was ordered by President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan in a decree.

The order stipulates that foreign investment firms which secure licences under the decree will be treated like national companies, significantly cutting back red tape.

Last year the UAE attracted

more than \$10 billion in foreign direct investment, continuing a trend in recent years of having the largest FDI inflows among all Arab states.

The presidential decree aims to go further still, with the new unit to propose policies to improve the investment environment and attract more FDI.

The measure by the Middle East's second largest economy after Saudi Arabia comes amid a slowdown in the oil, tourism and real estate sectors.

In May the UAE announced new incentives to lure foreign investors, granting 100 percent ownership of companies and a 10-year visa for professionals and investors.

The following month Abu

Dhabi, one of the UAE's seven emirates, announced a 50 billion dirham (\$13.6 billion, 11.6 billion euro) stimulus package over the next three years.

Although the UAE has the most diversified economy in the Gulf, it remains highly dependent on oil revenues.

Growth fell to just 0.5 percent last year, down from 3.0pc in 2016 according to the International Monetary Fund, driven by a 2.5pc contraction in the oil sector.

Abu Dhabi's economy contracted by 1.6pc last year and was projected to grow by just 0.5pc in 2018.

The IMF has forecast growth of 2.9pc for the UAE this year, followed by 3.7pc for 2019.

From streaming television to Gmail, now it's all about the cloud

● **IBM is making a \$34 billion bet on cloud computing**

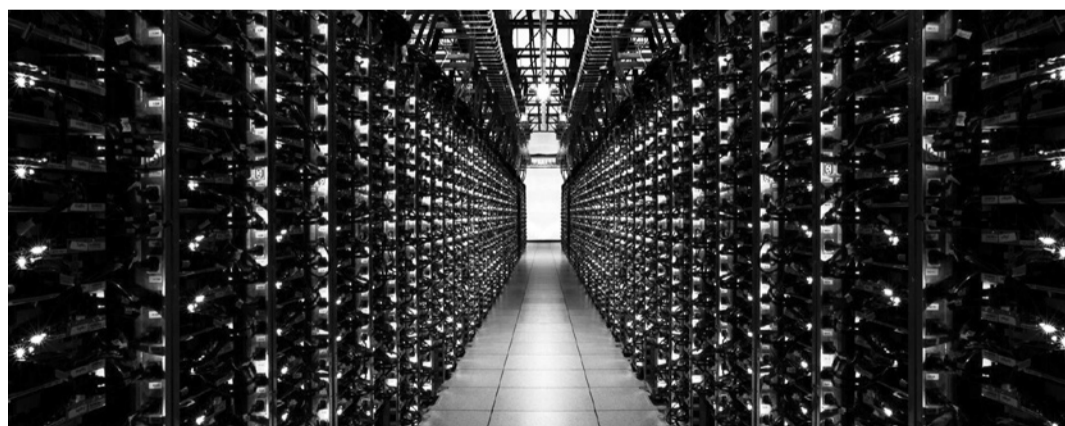
● **Self-driving cars and smart cities will rely on computing in the cloud.**

● **Mobile lifestyles ramp up reliance on cloud computing**

San Francisco, United States

Whether you're watching your favorite show on Netflix or backing up all-important cat photos to Google Drive, the "cloud" has become an essential part of our digital lives.

No, not those large white bodies of water vapor floating through the sky -- the tech definition simply refers to having servers in remote datacenters handling programs or data that people or businesses can access



Amazon's Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)

anywhere from devices of their choosing.

"You name it, it's happening in the cloud," analyst Rob Enderle of Enderle Group said. "It's really where everything is being done now."

Century-old technology stalwart IBM is making a \$34 billion bet on cloud computing in the form of a mega-deal to buy Red Hat, a pioneering proponent of the open source movement that arose to counter giants like

Microsoft whose models were based on keeping their source code secret.

Here is a look at the trend and its allure to technology titans such as Amazon, Google, Microsoft and IBM.

The cloud is everywhere

Developers craft software in the internet cloud.

Self-driving cars and smart cities will rely on computing in the cloud.

Web-based email and company payroll systems are in the cloud.

Sales teams on the road manage accounts and tap into resources in the cloud.

While businesses in the past used on-site mainframes built by IBM or its rivals, it has become cost effective for firms to rent applications or data storage hosted and maintained in the cloud by providers such as Amazon or Microsoft.

Such arrangements allow businesses to easily access more or less computing power as needed, without having to invest in data centers or system maintenance.

Companies interested in tighter control of some of the data or processes opt for "hybrid clouds," simply meaning that they let online data centers handle some of the computing work while keeping more sensitive aspects on their own machines.

Cloud future clear

The kind of computing power available in the cloud is seen as essential for processing data in real time for innovations such as cars safely driving themselves or cities allocating public services in real time as needs or situations change.

Mobile lifestyles ramp up reliance on cloud computing as people watch YouTube, post on Facebook, tweet, send photos to friends, and work on the go.

Smartphones, tablets, and laptops can open windows into

immense computing power in data centers.

The more people "cut the cord" and let go of traditional cable TV, the more they turn to the cloud.

Streaming television services accessible at Netflix, Amazon Prime, and YouTube are hosted and powered by online data centers, as are web-based email and social media such as Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, and Twitter.

Online music rains from the cloud.

But the cloud also comes with concerns about who is controlling and protecting data stored by third-parties online.

Cloud computing platforms are tempting targets for hackers who see gold or power in the massive amounts of information behind data center walls.

Some believe that will lead to a future with businesses preferring more balanced, or hybrid, setups with sensitive data kept in-house.

Russia's only aircraft carrier damaged

Moscow, Russia

Russia's only aircraft carrier was damaged and a giant floating dock sank after a crane crashed onto the vessel as it was undergoing repairs near the Arctic city of Murmansk yesterday.

Four people were injured and one person is missing after the accident involving the Admiral Kuznetsov at the PD-50 floating dock, the largest in Russia one of the largest in the world, local authorities and media said.

"We are assessing the extent of the damage. A crane fell onto the deck from a height of about 15 meters (45 feet)," the head of Russia's United Shipbuilding Corporation Alexei Rakhmanov told the TASS news agency.

"It is clear there is damage to the hull and the deck. Fortunately, it happened on those parts that are not vital to the work of the" ship.

Local media said the floating dock holding the vessel had sunk.

The accident occurred at 3:30am at the repair shipyard near Murmansk, the governor of Murmansk region Marina Kovtun said in a video she posted on social media.

"Unfortunately, one person is still not found," she said.

French economy rebounds

Paris, France

France's economy expanded 0.4 percent in the third quarter thanks to higher consumer spending and manufacturing, after a weaker-than-expected start to the year.

Data from the statistics agency INSEE showed the French economy growing at twice the pace recorded in the first two quarters of 2018.

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Kate Hudson joins 'Blood Moon' team

IANIS | Los Angeles

Actress Kate Hudson is set to star with Craig Robinson in "Blood Moon".

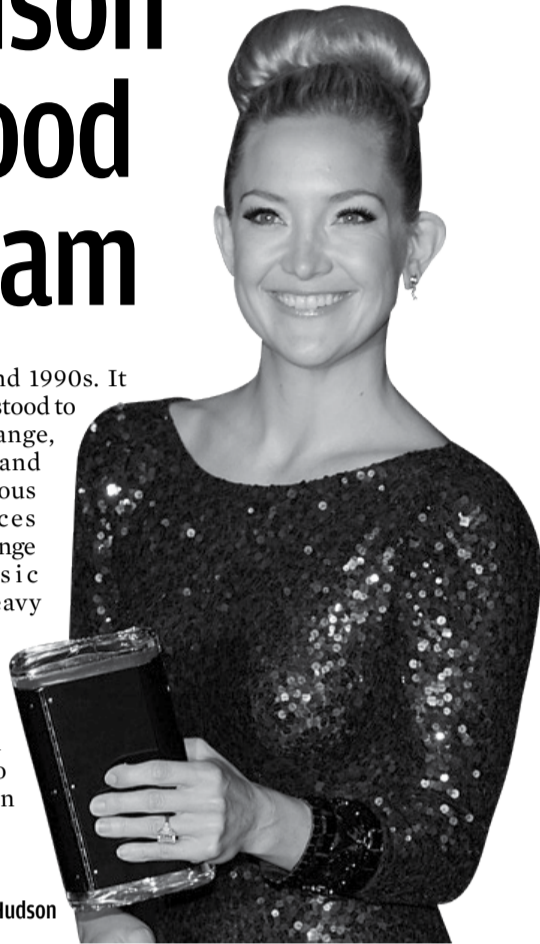
Writer-director Ana Lily Amirpour's "Blood Moon" is being produced by Oscar winner John Lesher (Birdman) via his Le Grisbi banner.

Zac Efron is in talks to join the intriguing fantasy feature, which will chart the story of a girl with strange and dangerous abilities who escapes from a mental asylum in New Orleans, reports deadline.com.

Set in hedonistic streets of New Orleans, the film is inspired by fantasy-adventure movies of the

1980s and 1990s. It is understood to pair strange, violent and humorous sequences with a range of music from heavy metal to Italian techno. Production is set to begin in 2019.

Kate Hudson



Muschietti to direct 'Attack on Titan'

IANIS | Los Angeles

After the record-breaking box office run of "It", director Andy Muschietti has found his next project.

Muschietti will direct a feature film adaptation of "Attack on Titans" for Warner Bros. The studio finalised a deal with Japan-based publishing company Kodansha, reports variety.com.

"Attack on Titan", written and illustrated by Hajime Isayama, has become one of the best-selling manga series with over 76 million copies in print since debuting in 2009.

It is set in a world in which humanity lives in cities surrounded by enormous walls protecting themselves from gigantic humanoids that are referred to as titans.

David Heyman is producing the film with Masi Oka and Andy's sister Barbara Muschietti.

This isn't the first time "Attack on Titan" is getting the big screen treatment.



Andy Muschietti

Shinji Higuchi directed a Japanese version in 2015. It was released in two parts and earned \$46 million. In 2013, Wit Studios debuted an anime television series.

Andy's adaptation of "It"

-- based on the Stephen King novel -- became one of the biggest horror film of all time with \$700 million worldwide. He is currently in production on the sequel "It: Chapter 2".

Charlie Hunnam, Mel Gibson join action thriller 'Waldo'

IANIS | Los Angeles

Actors Mel Gibson, Charlie Hunnam and Eiza Gonzalez have been roped in to star in Tim Kirkbys action-thriller titled "Waldo".

The movie will be shot in the first quarter and centre on a disgraced former Los Angeles Police Department detective, played by Hunnam, living the life of a minimalist in the woods, reports variety.com.

His quiet life comes to a startling halt when he is roped back into working as a private eye to investigate the murder of an eccentric television star's wife.

Gibson can next be seen in



Charlie Hunnam

"Dragged Across Concrete", which had its world premiere at the Venice Film Festival this year. Hunnam starred in "Sons of Anarchy".

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| SMALL FOOT (PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY) Ⓢ CHANNING TATUM, JAMES CORDEN |
| JUFFAIR DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM |
| NIGHT SCHOOL (PG-15) (COMEDY) Ⓢ KEVIN HART, TIFFANY HADDISH |
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| GOOSEBUMPS 2: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN (PG-13) (ADVENTURE/COMEDY/FANTASY) Ⓢ CHRIS PARNELL WENDI MCLEN |
| CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 PM |
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| CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM |
| FIRST MAN (PG-13) (DRAMA/BIOGRAPHY) Ⓢ RYAN GOSLING, CLAIRE FOY |
| CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 4.15 + 9.00 PM |
| EL BADLAH (PG-13) (ARABIC/COMEDY) Ⓢ TAMER HOSNY, AKRAM HOSNI |
| CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 2.15 + 7.00 + 11.45 PM |
| MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE FALLOUT (PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME) TOM CRUISE, HENRY CAVILL, VING RHAMES |
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| THE EQUALIZER - 2 (15+) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER) Ⓢ DENZEL WASHINGTON, PEDRO PASCAL |
| CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 PM |
| THE MEG (PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER) Ⓢ JASON STATHAM, RUBY ROSE, BINGBING LI |

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| CITYCENTRE DAILY AT: 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM |
| THE KING OF THIEVES (PG-15) (CRIME/DRAMA) NEW Ⓢ MICHAEL CAINE, MICHAEL GAMBON |
| SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM |
| BOARDING SCHOOL (18+) (THRILLER/CRIME) NEW Ⓢ LUKE PRAEL, STERLING JERINS |
| SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 PM + 12.00 MN |
| HOT DOG (18+) (ACTION/COMEDY) NEW Ⓢ TIL SCHWEIGER, ANNE SCHAFFER |
| SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM |
| ANA AND BRUNO (PG-13) ANIMATION/DRAMA) NEW Ⓢ DAMIAN ALCAZAR, SCHWEIGHOFER |
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| VENOM (PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE) Ⓢ TOM HARDY, MICHELLE WILLIAMS |
| SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 PM + 12.00 MN |
| JOHNNY ENGLISH STRIKES AGAIN (PG) (COMEDY/ACTION/ADVENTURE) Ⓢ ROWAN ATKINSON, OLGA KURYLENKO |
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| BADHAAI HO (PG-15) (HINDI/COMEDY/DRAMA/ROMANTIC) Ⓢ SANYA MALHOTRA |
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| DEAD TRIGGER (15+) (ACTION/HORROR) Ⓢ DOLPH LUNDGREN, AUTUMN REESER |
| SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 PM + 12.00 MN |
| KAYAKULAM KOCHUNNI (PG-15) (MALAYALAM) Ⓢ NIVIN PAULY, MOHANLAL, PRIYA ANAND |
| SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM |
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| AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 6.00 PM |
| CHALAKKUDIKKARAN CHANGATHI (PG-15) (MALAYALAM) NEW Ⓢ RAJAMANI, DHARMAJAN, HONEY ROSE |
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Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant secretary general and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) secretary general Abdulrahman Askar receives Bahraini wrestler Adam Batirov and his coach Eldar Eldarov, in presence of Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Federation president Khalid Al Khayyat and BOC board member Ali Esaaqi. Askar commended the result of the wrestler Batirov at the recently-concluded 2018 World Wrestling Championships in Budapest, Hungary

BOC begin preparations for women sports festival

TDT | Manama

The Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) has commenced its preparations for the second edition of the 2018 Bahrain Women's Day Sportsfest, scheduled to run from November 29 to December 8 at Isa Sports City Halls in Riffa.

The 10-day festival is organized by BOC Women's Sports Committee with support of event specialists Out of the Box, and is due to be held under patronage of Shaikha Hayat bint Abdulaziz Al Khalifa.

Shaikha Hayat is a member of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and the BOC, and is chairwoman of Bahrain Women's Sports Committee.

Compared to last year's inaugural edition, where only two sports were organized, this year will see seven sports

in total, namely futsal, 3x3 basketball, volleyball, handball, cricket, karate and taekwondo.

Shaikha Hayat stressed on the importance of having such a sporting festival organized for the second consecutive year to celebrate the Bahrain National Day.

She attributed this to the hard working efforts of the women's sports committee, which seeks to develop women's activities in different sports disciplines in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Shaikha Hayat added that women's sport is gaining more and more interest and prominence in Bahrain.

She expressed pleasure as they provide the ladies with a new competitive opportunity, particularly on Bahrain Women's Day, which would boost their personal playing skills and confidence in their respective sport.

England cricketers warned over Sri Lanka upheaval

AFP | Colombo

England's cricket stars have been told to stay away from political demonstrations while touring Sri Lanka, which is in the grip of a constitutional power struggle.

One man has been killed in upheaval after President Maithripala Sirisena sacked the country's prime minister

and replaced him with former strongman leader Mahinda Rajapakse.

"We are exercising vigilance and avoiding all demonstrations or large political gatherings," England spokesman Danny Reuben told AFP.

"We are aware of a political demonstration today, but for us it is all about preparations for the first Test."

Ahmed aims to cement dominance over Kiwis

AFP | Abu Dhabi

Pakistan skipper Sarfraz Ahmed vowed that his all-conquering Twenty20 team will continue their hot streak in their three-match series against New Zealand, starting in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday.

Pakistan maintained top spot in the 20-over world rankings with a 3-0 whitewash of Australia in Dubai on Sunday, cementing their place as the leading lights of the game's shortest format.

Ever since Sarfraz took over as captain Pakistan have won 26 of their 30 matches and the hammering of Australia was their tenth straight series win.

"We want to carry forward the winning momentum of the Australia series," said Sarfraz, who announced Shoaib Malik will join the team in time for the match soon after becoming a father.

Malik's tennis star wife Sania Mirza gave birth to a baby boy in India early yesterday.

However opener Fakhar Zaman is still sidelined with the knee problem that forced him to sit out Sunday's game against Australia in Dubai.

Sarfraz admitted New Zealand, two points behind Australia in the world rankings having played three fewer matches, will be a tougher opponent.

"They (New Zealand) have a strong team with ideal batsmen for Twenty20 and a balanced bowling attack so we need to set the tone from the first game by winning it," said Sarfraz, whose team has won 10 of their 18 previous Twenty20 internationals against the Kiwis.

Pakistan's varied bowling attack defended totals of 155, 147 and 150 against Australia but New Zealand's top order of Colin Munro, skipper Kane Williamson and Ross Taylor are expected to be a sterner test than Australia's mis-firing batsmen.

Munro is one of only two batsmen to hit three Twenty20 hundreds alongside India's Rohit Sharma.

New Zealand also have hard hitting all-rounders in Corey Anderson and Colin de Grandhomme, with pace attack spearheaded by Tim Southee, Lockie Ferguson and Adam Milne.

Williamson said his team needed to be at their best to beat the top team.

"Obviously, Pakistan are a



Sarfraz Ahmed reacts during a match (file photo)

strong side," said Williamson.

"That's something we've known for a long time. The last time we played against them was at home in New Zealand and it was a tough series," added Williamson of the January series Pakistan won 2-1.

"They are extremely strong in these conditions. Their rankings suggest that as well. They have had a lot of success in the format

in recent times."

Williamson admitted opener Martin Guptill, out of the tour with a calf strain, will be missed.

"It's a shame we don't have Martin for this series," said Williamson of Guptill, who is the highest run scorer in the format with 2271 in 75 matches.

"He's obviously a world class player for us and a big performer."

Warriors cruise past Hawks

TDT | Manama

Brave Warriors defeated Bahrain Hawks by 32 runs in CBA Division D - T-20 league match.

Warriors won the toss and elected to bat first. Both the openers Usman (55) and Waqas (67) scored half century and gave a solid start for their team as they held the first wicket for 100 runs. Their follower carried the momentum and they scored 176 at the end of 20 overs.

Chasing the target Hawks batsman failed to build partnership in front of Warriors bowling attack. Salman took three wickets for Warriors which helped them to wind up Hawks for 144 runs and won the match by 32 runs.

Brief Score: Brave Warriors 176/3 in 20 overs (Waqas 67,

Usman 55, Bharath 2/28) beat Bahrain Hawks 144/7 (Anupam 47, Salamn 3/33, Waqar 2/21) by 32 runs

Other Match scores

Friends XI 107/10 (Shaibu 24, Yogesh 3/15) beat Lanterns Lions 97/8 (Dhaval 42, Sabeesh 4/16) by 10 runs

Hempel Paints 142/10 (Manish 42, Aqib 23, Khalid 3/14) beat Alpha Fire Bahrain 122/6 (Thilina 50, Rashid 2/17, Ashan 2/15) by 20 runs

Modest 114/10 (Jibin 20, Ravi 6/22) tied with Indian Super Kings 114/5 (Ajay 30, Rushabh 23, Siyaz 2/28)

Via Cloud Royal Blaster 67/4 in 15.2 overs (Philson 15, Asif 2/12) beat TISCA 66/10 (Bharani 19, Vijeeesh 3/20, Roshan 3/10) by 6 wickets

Bulls 107/8 (Sumesh 20, Joseph 4/18) beat 85/7 (Punnose 20, Binoy 3/18) by 22 runs

Bahrain set to host largest combat sports event in Asia

TDT | Manama

Kingdom of Bahrain will host the largest combat sports festival in Asia from 11th to 18th November.

Brave International Combat Week 2018 will feature the International Mixed Martial Arts Federation (IMMAF) - World Mixed Martial Arts Association (WMMAA) Unified World Championships 2018 which is the largest till date featuring over 100 nations participating in the event.

Bahrain National Team is currently undergoing training at the KHK MMA Bahrain leading to participate in the largest world championships till date. In 2017 Kingdom of Bahrain came third in the medal rankings.

The fight week will feature the eighteenth edition of Brave Combat Federation. Brave 18 will feature three championship title fights in the main card.

Brave Combat Federation has signed some of the biggest names in the combat sports industry including Lenne Hardt to be a part of the event.

The fight card also features the highly debated lightweight championship being defended for the first time since its introduction.

The event will bring some of the biggest names in combat sports industry, film industry, businessmen, diplomats, artists, global media, MMA fans and more into the Kingdom of Bahrain.



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Biles leads US to women's team gold

AFP | Doha

Simone Biles led the US to the women's team gold at the world gymnastics in Doha yesterday, dominating the event to clinch victory for the fourth successive championships.

The Americans led the competition throughout and ended up winning by a comprehensive margin of almost 10 points, finishing on 171.629.

In contrast to the night before in the men's event which went down to the very final gymnast, this felt like a victory parade from start to finish by



Simone Biles on the balance beam during the women's team final

the peerless American team.

Russia took silver, amassing a score of 162.863, edging out China who took

bronze on 162.396.

China have now finished in the top three in the past six world championships at this event.

This triumph means that the last time the Americans failed to take gold in a world team event was back in 2010 in Rotterdam, when they finished in the silver medal position.

The margin of victory in Doha was the largest of their six world championship team golds.

As well as a team triumph it was yet another notable night for superstar Biles.

Dele Alli signs new Spurs deal

AFP | London

England midfielder Dele Alli has signed a new long-term contract, keeping him at Tottenham until 2024, the Premier League club announced yesterday.

The 22-year-old joined Spurs in 2015 and has scored 48 goals in 153 competitive appearances for the club.

He joins Harry Kane, Son Heung-min, Davinson Sanchez and Harry Winks in signing long-term deals at the club in recent months.

"We are delighted to announce that Dele Alli has signed a new contract with the Club, which will run until 2024," Spurs said on their website.

"The midfielder joined us as a teenager from boyhood club MK Dons in 2015 and immediately set about making an impact in the Premier League, being named PFA Young Player of the Year and earning a spot in the PFA Team of the Year in each of his first two seasons with us."

Injured Varane out for up to a month

AFP | Madrid

Real Madrid defender Raphael Varane is set to miss up to a month with a leg injury, according to Spanish newspaper AS.

The 25-year old left the field after 45 minutes in the club's 5-1 defeat to Barcelona on Sunday.

"He's been diagnosed with a groin injury to his right leg," Real said in a statement without noting how long the French international would be out for.

AS said he would be sidelined for up to a month, meaning he could miss France's games in November against the Netherlands and possible Uruguay.

He will also miss Real's fixtures against Melilla in the Spanish Cup on Wednesday, Saturday's league match against Valladolid, and the midweek trip to Victoria Plzen in the Champions League. He will also be out for the following weekend league match against Vigo.

Spanish FA vice president arrested

Reuters | Madrid

Spanish FA Vice President Andreu Subies was arrested yesterday morning as part of a police operation that also saw former president Angel Maria Villar resign on corruption charges.

Subies, the former president of the Catalan Football Federation (FCF), joined the FA (RFEF) in May after Luis Rubiales was appointed president.

"Subies has been detained as part of an active investigation into the diversion of money from the Catalan Football Federation to private ends," a Spanish police spokesman told Reuters.

Guardiola digs out Wembley pitch

Reuters | London

Pep Guardiola praised his side for digging out a 1-0 win against Tottenham Hotspur on a shoddy Wembley pitch on Monday and said the poor playing surface may have saved his side.

City had failed to build on the sixth-minute lead given to them by Riyad Mahrez and looked as though they might pay when Erik Lamela sized up a great late chance.

The Argentine looked poised to equalise for Tottenham as the ball was played to him by Dele Alli but it appeared to bobble slightly and Lamela blazed the chance over.

City's sixth consecutive clean sheet in the Premier League took the champions back to the top, above Liverpool on goal difference.

"It was not football conditions to play. We reacted well. For our players and the players of Tottenham, hopefully they will sort the problem for the future," Guardiola said of a surface



Tottenham Hotspur's Belgian midfielder Mousa Dembele (L) vies with Manchester City's Brazilian midfielder Fernandinho during the English Premier League football match between Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City at Wembley Stadium

sporting gridiron lines, divots and a huge faded-out NFL logo in the centre circle after Sunday's NFL game between Philadelphia and Jacksonville.

"To play a football match on that pitch it's not easy. There were many mistakes that don't normally happen. It was something incredible. I don't think

the grass helped them either.

"If the grass is good then Lamela, a player of his quality with his left foot, scores. If (it) hadn't bounced (badly), not

good."

It was generous of Guardiola who was kicking the air in frustration at times, especially when David Silva wasted an open goal to make it 2-0 after halftime.

"In the first 15-20 minutes of the second half we should have the game over and the big events, like the Champions League, if we are not more clinical, sooner or later we are not going to win," the Spaniard said.

Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino tried to play down the state of the surface at Tottenham's temporary home, although he also said it played a part in Lamela's glaring miss.

"When the ball was going to Erik I said 'goal' but no, watching the replay, the ball just bounced before his boot and that is why he missed," Pochettino said.

Had Lamela scored it would have been a morale-boosting point for a Tottenham side, who despite earning their best points haul from their opening nine Premier League matches, are clearly not firing on all cylinders this season.

Mahrez dedicates victory to tragic Leicester City owner

AFP | London

Manchester City star Riyad Mahrez dedicated his Wembley winner against Tottenham to Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha after "heart-breaking" death of the Leicester owner.

Vichai died on Saturday when his helicopter crashed just moments after taking off from Leicester's King Power Stadium following their match against West Ham.

The football world was stunned by the tragic accident and it was especially hard to take for Mahrez, who spent over four years with Leicester and was a key figure in their remarkable Premier League title triumph in 2016.

The Algeria winger enjoyed a good relationship with the charismatic Vichai before moving to City ahead of the current campaign.



Tottenham Hotspur's Argentinian midfielder Erik Lamela (L) vies with Manchester City's Algerian midfielder Riyad Mahrez during the English Premier League football match between Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City

Devastated Mahrez admitted he was torn about whether to play for City against Tottenham, but went ahead because he believed Vichai would have wanted him to.

After scoring the only goal of the game in the sixth minute,

Mahrez celebrated by raising his fingers to the sky in tribute to Vichai.

"It has been very, very difficult for me. It is not easy to have this type of stuff. The 'Boss' was very special to me," Mahrez said.

Martial has world at his feet, says Man United teammate

AFP | London

Anthony Martial can become one of the Premier League's top players if he believes in himself, according to Manchester United teammate Nemanja Matic.

Jose Mourinho's men received a much-needed shot in the arm on Sunday by overcoming Everton.

Martial's delightful curling effort proved the difference in a 2-1 victory at Old Trafford, where he was crowned man-of-the-match after also winning the penalty that eventually led to Paul Pogba opening the scoring.

The 22-year-old appears to have turned a corner at United, having struggled to earn the trust of Jose Mourinho and at times endured a testy relationship with the manager.

Martial's run of four successive starts has brought four goals and teammate Matic believes the forward has the

world at his feet.

"Anthony is a great player and he needs to understand that," the United defensive midfielder said.

"He needs more confidence. He is still young and I think if he continues to score in the next game he will get that. If he reaches his top level, he can be one of the best players in the league for sure.

"Sometimes I don't think he understands how good he is. He is quick, he is good with the ball, he can run."

Asked if senior players like himself have told Martial just how good he can be, Matic said: "The manager speaks with him about it. I have told him once. But he is a great person and a great guy, and I am happy for him that he is scoring. It is great.

"The quality is there, confidence is there now and he just needs to be more consistent. I am glad we have him in the team."

'Intelligent' Rayudu promises to end India's No 4

Reuters | New Delhi

Rohit Sharma struck yet another 'daddy hundred' but it was probably Ambati Rayudu's relatively modest century on Monday which pleased India captain Virat Kohli more as he seeks an end to a pesky problem seven months before next year's World Cup.

An undercooked middle order has been direct result of having an in-form trio - Rohit, Shikhar Dhawan and Kohli - at the top of India's batting order of late.

The problem has been acute at number four with Ajinkya Rahane, Manish Pandey, Lokesh Rahul and Dinesh Karthik being trialled at the crucial spot and found inadequate.

Rayudu's second 50-plus score in four matches against West Indies has filled Kohli with optimism he may not need to fret over the issue anymore.

"Rayudu has taken his opportunity with both hands," Kohli said after the team's victory in the fourth one-dayer against West Indies in Mumbai.



India's Ambati Rayudu plays a shot during a One Day International against Zimbabwe (file photo)

"We need to back him till the World Cup and give him more confidence. He is feeling good about his game and he is a very confident man."

Rayudu exhibited both sides of his batting in his 211-run stand with Rohit on Monday, first playing second fiddle to his partner and then using the long handle to good effect in his brilliantly paced knock of 100.

In the end, he matched Rohit's four sixes and also reached the 50 and 100 marks in fewer balls than his partner.

Federer confirms Paris Masters participation

AFP | Paris

Roger Federer yesterday confirmed his participation at this year's Paris Masters after a three-year absence.

The Swiss world number three will play the winner of the tie between France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Croatia's Milos Raonic on Wednesday.

day after receiving a bye in the first round.

"I prefer playing to training as long as I don't take any risks ahead of the London Masters, (November 11-18)," Federer said.

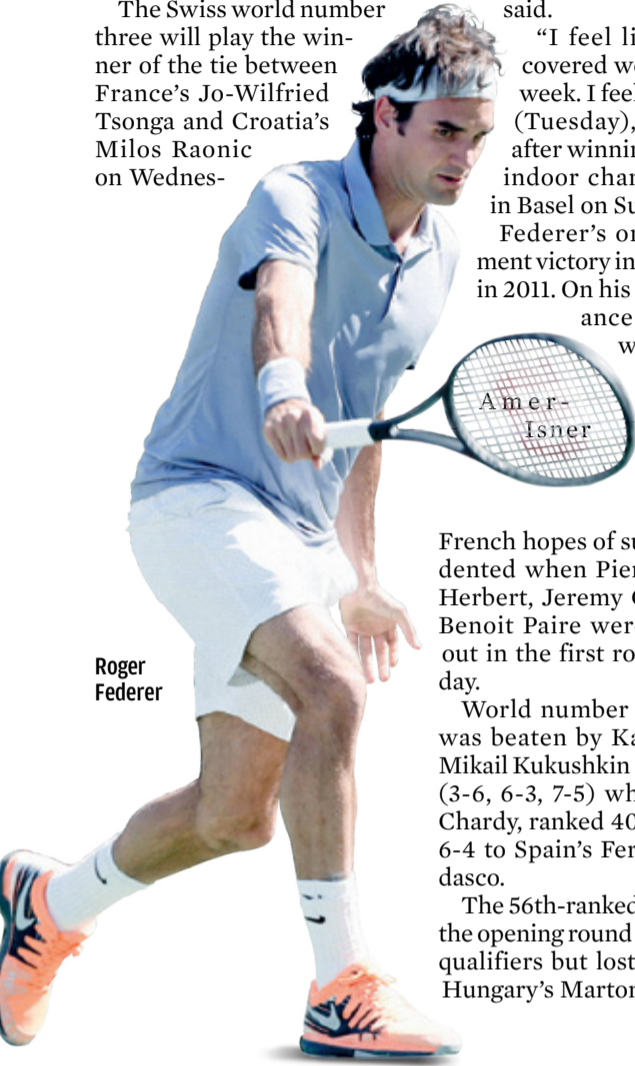
"I feel like I've recovered well after last week. I feel good today (Tuesday)," he added after winning the Swiss indoor championships in Basel on Sunday.

Federer's only tournament victory in Bercy came in 2011. On his last appearance in 2015 he was knocked out by American Jon in the Round of 16.

Meanwhile French hopes of success were dented when Pierre-Hugues Herbert, Jeremy Chardy and Benoît Paire were knocked out in the first round yesterday.

World number 57 Herbert was beaten by Kazakhstan's Mikhail Kukushkin in three sets (3-6, 6-3, 7-5) while Jeremy Chardy, ranked 40th, lost 6-4, 6-4 to Spain's Fernando Verdasco.

The 56th-ranked Paire made the opening round through the qualifiers but lost 6-4, 6-4 to Hungary's Marton Fucsovics.



Roger Federer

Derby boss Lampard eyes 'special' return to Chelsea



Frank Lampard of Derby County celebrates victory after the Carabao Cup Third Round match between Manchester United and Derby County

AFP | London

Derby boss Frank Lampard is relishing his first return to Chelsea as a manager in the League Cup on Wednesday after dumping Jose Mourinho's Manchester United out in the previous round.

Lampard is considered to be one of Chelsea's best-ever players after scoring a club-record 211 goals and winning 11 major trophies between 2001 and 2014, including the Champions League in 2012 and three Premier League titles.

"It's a special draw for me to be able to go back and see people behind the scenes and 40,000-plus friends in the stadium," said the 40-year-old ahead of the fourth-round clash at Stamford Bridge.

"I'm more emotional as I have gotten older, I think. These things catch you. Because you realise, in my life, how important Chelsea was and what I owe for that in terms of thanks."

Lampard is enjoying life at Derby, who are sixth in the second-tier Championship, just four points off top spot.

"This (Derby) is my working home now and I have a

great affiliation with this club already. I'm working hard to try to do something good here, and I love it here.

"But I can't forget 13 years of my career. It was a very special time for me, I was lucky to be part of such a strong era at the club. So it will be a very special night for me to be back there and to feel that atmosphere once again."

Derby head into the contest having made it through the previous round with a shock triumph on penalties against United, managed by Mourinho, Lampard's former manager at Chelsea.

Chelsea assistant boss Gianfranco Zola, who played with Lampard at Stamford Bridge, described his former teammate as a "legend of the club".

"I think you can understand when somebody has a future in this (managerial) position because to succeed as a coach you really need the ability to spend a lot of time thinking over things," said the Italian.

"Frank has always had this ability. As a player he had a lot of physicality and technicality, but he spent a lot of energy on football, on and off the pitch."

Solari open to Real Madrid job long-term

AFP | Madrid

Santiago Solari said he is open to becoming Real Madrid coach long-term after being put in temporary charge on Monday following the sacking of Julen Lopetegui.

Solari has been promoted from his role as manager of the club's B team, Castilla, and took training for the first time yesterday morning at Madrid's base in Valdebebas.

The Argentinian, who spent five years playing for Madrid between 2000 and 2005, will be in charge for their Copa del Rey game away to Melilla on Wednesday. He has not ruled out becoming Lopetegui's permanent successor.

"I'm going to go into things very positively," Solari said at his opening press conference yesterday.

"I will do everything I can. It's a great opportunity and it's a great club. I don't just say that now as coach of the first team. I've been here with other teams, I've played and sweated in the shirt of this club.

"Madrid is bigger than all of us but it touches us all with its greatness. I want to be a part of it."

Solari is likely to remain in post for Real's La Liga game at home to Real Valladolid on Saturday and could stay on for next week's trip to Viktoria Plzen in the Champions League.

Madrid have sounded out former Chelsea and Juventus coach Antonio Conte but initial talks have reportedly not gone smoothly. Belgium boss Roberto Martinez and the club's former midfielder Guti have also been linked.

Solari, however, is the man



Temporary coach of Real Madrid CF, Argentinian former player Santiago Solari (3L), talks to players during a training session

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in position and a run of positive results could turn opinion in his favour. Asked about his

strategy against Melilla, he said "the idea is to go there and play with balls".

Lopetegui paid the price for five defeats in seven matches, the last a 5-1 thrashing at the hands of Barcelona on Sunday. Solari believes the players are determined to turn things around.

"They are hurting, obviously, but eager to reverse the situation," Solari said. "This is a group of champions, warriors, who have won many things. The situation is not the easiest, but I have seen them eager to change it."

Solari was keen to dismiss comparisons with Zinedine Zidane, who also stepped up from coaching Castilla, before leading Madrid to three consecutive

Champions League titles.

"He's one of the greatest things we've ever had at this club," Solari said. "He's very calm, a great coach and nobody can compare to him."

Solari will be without Raphael Varane and Mariano Diaz on Wednesday, after Madrid confirmed the pair had sustained injuries against Barcelona.

Varane, who came off at half-time at the Camp Nou, has an adductor problem while Mariano has picked up a hamstring strain.

Any extended absence, particularly for Varane, would be a blow. After Plzen, Madrid face Celta Vigo and Eibar in La Liga next month, before a potentially decisive game away to Roma in the Champions League.

Kasatkina hangs on in Zhuhai

Aryna Sabalenka edges out Ashleigh Barty in the WTA Elite Trophy opener

AFP | Zhuhai, China

Top seed Daria Kasatkina survived a scare yesterday to claim victory over crowd favourite Wang Qiang in a thrilling contest at the WTA Elite Trophy in China, taking the match 6-1, 2-6, 7-5.

The 21-year-old Russian looked totally dominant in the early stages in Zhuhai, wrapping up the first set against the Chinese eleventh seed in just 26 minutes.

But the vocal supporters at the Hengqin International Tennis Center were given something to cheer about when Wang, 26, broke all four of Kasatkina's service games to claim the second set.

The deciding set saw some breathtaking points and rallies as each player tried to break the deadlock, but nerves appeared to take hold as both failed to win almost any of their service games.

Finally, after almost two hours on court, it was Kasatkina who held on to her serve at the crucial time to take the third and final set 7-5.



Kasatkina hits a return against Wang Qiang of China in their first-round match of the Zhuhai Elite Trophy tournament

Yesterday night's clash was their first round robin match, with both yet to play American Madison Keys, ranked 16th in the world. Earlier, big-hitting Aryna Sabalenka, 20, was too strong for Australia's Ashleigh Barty, 22, in the opening singles clash, taking the match 6-4, 6-4.

The pair produced some spectacular base-line battles, but Sabalenka, from Belarus, turned the screws on to see out the match in one hour, 26 minutes.

They are both yet to play

eighth seed and world number 18 Caroline Garcia from France in their round robin group.

"I think I played well in the first set, and in the second set I probably started to rush a little bit and make a lot of mistakes, and kind of stupid mistakes," Sabalenka said after the match.

"But I think the game was quite good, just a few... stupid moments."

Barty said: "I'm disappointed not to come away with the win, but I'll have another opportuni-

Sabalenka made the most of breaking Australian Barty in the very first game of the match, seeing out a nip-and-tuck opening set

ty in the next few days to try and finish my season on a real high."

Asked about the strength of the field in Zhuhai, the 2017 semi-finalist said: "It's phenomenal. I think last year was good, but this year's another level.

"It's really exciting for the women's game. We have the top 20 players in the world this year who are fighting right until the end of the season, which is really positive."

In yesterday's second singles match, fourth seed Elise Mertens from Belgium comfortably beat Estonia's Anett Kontaveit, the tenth seed, 6-3, 6-1.

Now in its fourth year the Elite Trophy features 12 players ranked roughly from nine to 20. This year's total prize money is \$2.35 million across the singles and doubles tournaments.