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HM King to leave for Saudi today

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa will leave for Saudi Arabia today to meet the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Royal Court announced.

The two leaders will hold talks on boosting the fraternal relations between the two Kingdoms and their people as well as the latest regional and international developments.

Qatar Airways' licences cancelled, offices closed

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The Civil Aviation Affairs has decided to cancel all licenses granted to Qatar Airways and to close all its offices in the Kingdom within 48 hours as from the date of the announcement. Passengers with tickets to and from Qatar are asked to communicate with the company within the next 48 hours or through its website for refund.

Qatar must change policies: Saudi Minister

Paris

Qatar must change their policies and stop supporting extremist groups, the Saudi foreign minister said yesterday in Paris, a day after his nation and its allies cut off ties with the Gulf state.

"They have to change their policies" and "stop supporting extremist groups," Adel Al-Jubeir told reporters, adding that Qatar needed "to act like a

normal country."

Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates severed diplomatic ties and transport links with Qatar on Monday, for supporting extremism.

US President Donald Trump suggested Qatar was funding extremism as he backed the diplomatic blockade of the emirate.

"They said they would

take a hard line on funding... extremism, and all reference was pointing to Qatar. Perhaps this will be the beginning of the end to the horror of terrorism!"

Trump's broadside came as Kuwait Emir flew to Saudi Arabia in a bid to resolve the diplomatic crisis to hit the Arab world in years.

When asked about possible international diplomatic efforts to end the crisis, he

said, "I don't believe there is a mediation. This is an internal GCC issue."

"We decided to make it clear that enough is enough," Jubeir said.

"We want Qatar to be an ally in finding peace and stability in the region," he said.

When asked about Iran, Jubeir called it "an aggressive and hostile state" that would probably try to exploit the

situation which would only make it worse for Qatar.

The severing of ties with Qatar was already having tangible effects, with dozens of flights cancelled, Qatari planes barred from regional airspace, and panic buying in Doha amid fears of food shortages.

Kuwait Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad Al-Sabah has arrived in Jeddah for talks to resolve the crisis. -AFP

Security comes first for GCC: PM

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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday said that the first priority of the GCC was the security and stability of the region as stated in the Riyadh Summit document.

"Everyone should be committed to the Riyadh Summit document that protects the common interests of all the Gulf Cooperation Countries (GCC)," HRH Premier said, adding that

the document has set the tone for a new phase of cooperation between GCC and Arab countries which is in commensurate with the nature of the challenges of the region.

The document has identified the security and economic threats, the Prime Minister said, stressing that departing from this consensus was not acceptable, and that the GCC security and stability need to be placed above everything else.

HRH Prime Minister made the statements as he received

senior Royal Family members and senior state officials yesterday.

"The Kingdom of Bahrain and GCC countries do not aim to cause harm to anyone, and all what they seek is to remove any potential risk and put an end to everything that may undermine their security and stability or pose a threat to the safety of their peoples. They also want to silence all sedition and incitement platforms that tend to hide behind the mantle of media or human rights to target the region's security," HRH

Premier said.

HRH Premier underlined his keenness on developing the government's services across the villages, stressing that the government is interested in delivering services to villagers to fulfill their needs and expectations.

"We want to see progress in villages, just like cities, while preserving their social characteristics," HRH Premier said, affirming that ministers are constantly instructed to visit villages to understand the situation, citing his recent directives to ministers to visit

Duraz to identify the housing and service needs of the local villagers, and to subject the village to comprehensive overhaul in order to provide all services.

HRH Premier asserted that the infrastructure and road revamp projects, which are set to be inaugurated soon, will support the government's efforts to ease traffic and reduce congestion, especially with the opening of the junctions in the heart of the capital, a vital artery linking it to the rest of the areas in the Kingdom.



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BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE TURNS BLUEPRINT INTO REALITY

Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the Belt and Road Forum (BRF) for International Cooperation in Beijing, capital of China, May 14, 2017. (Xinhua/Wang Ye)

The Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation held in Beijing last month has achieved concrete results and won positive reactions from the international community.

CONCRETE RESULTS

The forum was an important milestone in the global popularization and implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative, said Gerishon Ikiara, a lecturer of international economics at the University of Nairobi.

The joint communique released at the end of the forum highlighted the importance of the forum in the implementation of the initiative, he said.

The forum was a major boost to the Belt and Road Initiative in terms of gathering international support. One of the outcomes of the forum was the broad agreement from the participants that the Belt and Road project was an important platform for rapid global infrastructural and trade development where all countries can participate, contribute and benefit as equals, he said.

The forum has yielded a list of deliverables, which include 76 items comprising more than 270 concrete results in five key areas, namely policy, infrastructure, trade, financial and people-to-people connectivity.

Among the list of deliverables, the Chinese government signed memoranda of understanding on Belt and Road cooperation with the governments of Mongolia, Pakistan, Nepal, Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Timor-Leste, Singapore, Myanmar and Malaysia.

China also signed Belt and Road cooperation documents with several international organizations including the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the World Health Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization.

In order to deepen project cooperation for infrastructure connectivity, China signed cooperation agreements on international transportation and strategy coordination with Uzbekistan, Turkey and Belarus.

On expanding industrial investment and enhancing trade connectivity, China signed cooperation agreements with 30 countries, including Pakistan, Vietnam, Belarus, Mongolia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Palestine, Lebanon.

APPLAUSE

Senior officials and experts said that the Belt and Road Initiative brings great significance to international economic cooperation and sustainable development as well as the building of a peaceful world.

Greek President Prokopis Pavlopoulos has

congratulated China on the successful holding of the forum on May 14-15.

In a televised message, Pavlopoulos said the forum showed that the Belt and Road Initiative is of great significance to international economic cooperation and development.

The Belt and Road Initiative, proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping, aims to build a trade and infrastructure network connecting Asia with Europe and Africa along the ancient Silk Road and maritime trading routes, bringing mutually beneficial economic outcomes for every nation involved.

"The representation of states at the highest level from across the globe underlines the international acceptance of this ambitious plan, which, through trade and investments, aims to bring Asia closer to Europe, the American continent and Africa," the Greek leader noted.

In the context, the success of China's Belt and Road Initiative is certain, and will contribute to the promotion of peaceful coexistence among peoples and subsequently to the consolidation of peace worldwide, Pavlopoulos said.

Ukrainian First Deputy Prime Minister Stepan Kubiv spoke highly of his attendance at the forum, stressing that it has brought fruitful results.

"This visit highlighted Ukraine's integration into the global community of economic and trade relations, the formation of new principles, the new policy and Ukraine's role in the Silk Road," Kubiv said.

The Ukrainian delegation reached a series of agreements with China on enhancing cooperation in infrastructure, transport, aviation industry, logistics and machine-building, he said.

"We are all inspired by the New Silk Road idea," said Zbigniew Ostrowski, a deputy in a Poland's seminar titled the fourth edition of International Asian Congress.

"The Belt and Road idea might also positively stimulate the Polish economy, so we actively take part in these actions, a proof of which is presence of Prime Minister Beata Szydlo at the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing," he added.

Radoslaw Flisiuk, head of the China Department in the Polish Foreign Ministry, said the Belt and Road Initiative is welcomed by Poland as it will result in the mutual benefit of all participating countries.

"We believe this concept can become an important factor in international efforts to consolidate a base for sustainable development," he said. Enditem

INTERVIEW



BAHRAIN BECOMES KEY PARTNER FOR BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE IN GULF REGION: AMBASSADOR

MANAMA, June 7 (Xinhua) -- The Belt and Road Initiative proposed by China and Bahrain's economic development strategy are compatible in various fields, which can promote win-win cooperation and common development between the two countries, Chinese Ambassador to Bahrain H.E. Qi Zhenhong has said.

In recent years, high-level exchanges have become closer and political mutual trust deepened between China and Bahrain, Qi told Xinhua in a recent interview.

The Belt and Road Initiative and Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 are compatible in development concept, areas and model, he said, adding that leaders of the two countries have expressed their willingness to link up two plans in order to achieve win-win cooperation and common development.

Located in the center of the Persian Gulf, Bahrain was on a vital communication and trade route in history. The country was a marine transportation hub and goods distribution center for the Middle East region and the world.

Bahrain agrees with the initiative's principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, as well as the Silk Road spirit of peace and cooperation, openness and inclusiveness, mutual learning and mutual benefits, Qi said.

It also agrees that through policy coordination, facilities connectivity, free trade, financial integration and people-to-people bonds, the two countries can achieve all-around mutually beneficial cooperation, he said.

The Bahraini people hope that the government can take the advantage of China's fast economic growth to

accelerate its own development, Qi added.

Under the Belt and Road Initiative, more and more Chinese companies and businessmen come to Bahrain for trade cooperation. The number of the Chinese people in Bahrain has exceeded 2,000.

China's tech giant Huawei put its regional headquarter in Bahrain; Dragon City Bahrain that opened in 2015 has become an important collection and distribution center of Chinese products in the Gulf region. Moreover, many Chinese companies invested in infrastructure projects in the Gulf country.

To attract more Chinese investment, the Bahrain Economic Development Board has set up two offices respectively in Beijing and Hong Kong, and conducted promotions in many cities in China.

In September 2016, a delegation from China's southern city of Shenzhen signed a cooperation memorandum during its visit to Bahrain, laying a solid foundation for further pragmatic cooperation in economic and trade areas.

The bilateral cooperation in culture is even closer and broader, Qi said.

University of Bahrain opened the Confucius Institute in 2014. During the past three years, the Confucius Institute has provided Chinese language training for more than 1,000 people from Bahrain's interior, defense, customs and foreign affairs departments, he added.

The two governments are making efforts to establish a Chinese cultural center in Bahrain, he said.

"I believe, under the Belt and Road Initiative, the all-around friendly relations between China and Bahrain will move to a higher level, which will bring more benefits to the two peoples," Qi said. Enditem

Murder of cop: Two gets death penalty



Mohammed Tanweer

Three given life term; three others sentenced to 10 years

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The Fourth Higher Criminal Court yesterday sentenced two men to death for killing Mohammed Tanweer, a policeman, in a Molotov cocktail attack on a police patrol vehicle in Karbabad village last year.

This was confirmed in a press statement issued here yesterday by Terror Crimes Prosecution Head Advocate General Ahmed Al Hammadi, who clarified that the defendants stood trial among a 13-member terror group.

"The court handed down the death sentence to two suspects

upon a unanimous decision by its panel, and sentenced three to life in jail and three others to ten years in prison. Two suspects received seven-year and five-year jail terms, while two other defendants will be jailed for three years and a suspect was acquitted," Al Hammadi explained in his statement.

"The court also revoked the citizenship of 9 suspects and ordered seven defendants to pay BD25,416 for the damage they had inflicted on the police patrol, in which the policeman was killed, and to pay BD3,300 for the damages they caused to a private truck located in this same area," Al Hammadi said explaining further. DT

News had reported earlier that policeman Mohammed Tanweer was killed and several others sustained serious injuries in a Molotov cocktail attack on a police patrol vehicle in Karbabad. Al Hammadi also said in the statement that the suspects had been found guilty of premeditated murder and attempted murder of policemen for terrorist purposes, forming and joining a terrorist group, hiding suspects, knowing about a terrorist crime and not reporting to it to authorities, and possessing and acquiring a flammable device.

"Court documents revealed that the Public Prosecution had received a report from the Capital Police Directorate

on April 16, 2016, indicating that a group of terrorists set fire on police patrol using Molotov cocktails for the aim of killing policemen, resulting in murdering the driver and wounding two others," the official recalled the details of the crime.

"Security authorities launched an investigation and found that the terror group had set an ambush for a Public Security's military vehicle and prepared gasoline and a

flammable explosive device to stage the attack. They then monitored the movement of the police vehicle in Karbabad village and when it arrived at the site, they poured the petrol on it and set fire to it while the policemen were inside it, which led to the death of a policeman, whose body was completely charred, and the injury of two others," he said.

"The Public Prosecution levelled the charges against the suspects based on testimonies

from the witnesses, the confessions of the defendants, as well as a video clip of the crime," Al Hammadi said.

The Advocate General added that the defendants were afforded full legal rights throughout the trial and stood trial in the presence of their lawyers, adding that they have the right to appeal the ruling, and may challenge the Court of Appeals' verdict at the Court of Cassation as guaranteed by the Bahraini law.



One of the vehicles damaged in the attack (File photo)

Al Farooq Junction set to be reopened soon

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Al Farooq Junction, formerly known as the Pearl Roundabout, will soon be thrown open for traffic.

This is the third section of the Junction that would be reopened in the next two to three days. The first section of the junction was reopened in June 2015, the U-turn underneath the flyover on King Faisal Highway.

Following the success of the first section, the second section

was reopened in February 2016, a road through the Al Farooq Junction which was also reopened to ease the flow of traffic out of Manama Central Market to the main road.

"Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, directed during a Cabinet Meeting on the June 5, 2016, to open the junction to ease traffic, but now it is up to the Minister of the Interior to decide the right time and date to reopen the junction," said a reliable source to DT News.

"The traffic lights have been tested as well as a few concrete

barriers removed with parts of the area being cleared for the opening," he said.

The Pearl Roundabout, that was demolished by the government on March 18, 2011, and following that the government announced that the roundabout would be replaced with traffic lights to ease congestion in the financial district, changing the name of the site to Al Farooq Junction.

Earlier, the public was restricted from accessing Al Farooq Junction as the area was sealed off by forces for security reasons.

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Bahrain's diversification efforts bearing fruits: Crown Prince



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, has said that innovative legal frameworks play a crucial role in strengthening sustainable development efforts. The Crown Prince was visiting the Majlis of the Bin Hindi family, Ali Rashid Al Amin, and Shaikh Adel Al Moawdeh

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, this evening visited the Majlis of the Bin Hindi family, Ali Rashid Al Amin, and Shaikh Adel Al Moawdeh. HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa accompanied HRH during the Majlis visits.

During the majlis visits, HRH the Crown Prince highlighted that Bahrain's longstanding diversification efforts have helped the country adjust to global economic challenges, with the non-oil sector making up more than 80 per cent of the Kingdom's economy. The Crown Prince also highlighted that Bahrain will continue to introduce initiatives that encourage innovation and creativity in key economic sectors that deliver high-quality jobs.

His Royal Highness stressed that Bahrain will continue to adopt initiatives designed to strengthen the Kingdom's economy and enhance capabilities and expertise. HRH went on to say that innovative policies contribute to the Kingdom's long-standing diversification efforts and sustainable development programme led by His Majesty King Hamad



bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH the Crown Prince noted that innovative legal frameworks introduced by the legislative authority play a crucial role in strengthening sustainable development efforts and facilitating

investments across key economic sectors.

Prince Salman highlighted the strong social bonds and ethics that shape Bahraini society, further stressing that the Kingdom's society robustly upholds its social and

religious values

His Royal Highness noted that the values of moderation are shared across Bahraini society, ensuring the Kingdom is in a strong position to directly tackle extremist ideologies

HRH the Crown Prince emphasised that the policies and strategies currently being adopted in Bahrain play an important role in delivering progress and securing a positive future for all Bahrainis

The Majlis' hosts and guests expressed their gratitude for the visit, and highlighted the instrumental role the Crown Prince continues to play in advancing sustainable development and driving non-oil growth.



Money exchanges reject Qatari Riyals

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Exchange houses in Bahrain are refusing to exchange Qatari Riyals until further notice, claiming that the "situation remains unclear now" due to the political crisis between Qatar, Bahrain and other Arab states.

DT News visited several exchange houses around the kingdom and learnt that all of them refused to exchange

Qatari Riyals, despite having the rates displayed wide at their outlets.

"We're not certain about the current situation. We shall see how the situation unfolds in the next couple of days. It's only a temporary procedure for security reasons," a branch manager said.

Meanwhile Bahrain Financial Company said that customers could send money to and from Qatar, but not

exchange to other currencies.

DT News had reported that some commercial outlets and petrol stations had stopped accepting Qatari Riyals few hours after Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt and other countries cut all ties with Qatar over terrorism related issues.

This happened in the absence of any statements from the Central Bank of Bahrain.

House endorses steps taken against Qatar

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The recent measures taken by Bahrain and several other countries to sever ties with Qatar yesterday received support from the Parliament.

The House of Representatives endorsed its support to measures taken by the government to ensure local and regional security. In a joint statement issued here yesterday, the council emphasised on maintaining the country's security and stability and protecting them the highest priority. "The Council considers the decision to sever diplomatic relations with Qatar was the result of the insistence of the Qatari side on the continuation its policies to interfere in the internal affairs



of Bahrain, escalation and incitement of the media against the Kingdom and supporting terrorist groups and activities. It was also proven that Qatar had funded the activities of the groups associated with Iran. This contradicts with all international norms and conventions, and is against the constants, values and traditions in the GCC and the Arab world," the statement read.

"The Council hopes that the Qatari leadership will

understand the reality and the dangers facing the Kingdom, requiring the adoption of these measures," the MPs mentioned in their statement. The statement underlined the strong ties between the people of both countries. The MPs called on the authorities in Qatar to "review the policies and positions that have led to this situation and abandon them as soon as possible in order to remove all the reasons that led to this crisis".

By Invitation

Dr. Jassim Haji



Fighting Cyber Threats with Intelligence

With the recent wide attack of WannaCry, which had devastating effects and damage, it has never been more important to form Cyber Threat Intelligence. There are different types of Cyber Threat Intelligence that can apply in different ways at different points in the attacker lifecycle.

Open Source Intelligence is acquired from open (or public) sources. These sources can include mainstream media, Internet forums, and 'paste sites' (where information is simply posted for public view), social media and discussion services.

Open Source Intelligence can come in many formats, and be available in multiple languages. This can make it time consuming and difficult to classify and action. The overwhelming volume itself is the largest hindrance to extracting intelligence from the vast array of information pasted in open sources. It is therefore critical to use machine-learning and big data science approaches to assist human analysts in such processing.

By its very nature, Open Source Intelligence is shared. However, processing such information to form intelligence can be extremely time consuming and unreliable. In the Open Source Intelligence space, curation is a critical step in filtering out irrelevant or low-value data to find that which we care about the most. This is impractical to do on a purely human basis, with hundreds of thousands of sources, in multiple languages. Instead, machine learning and big-data analytics are required to augment human intelligence gathering.

Technical Intelligence relates to technical indicators associated with cyber threat activity. Most commonly, this includes data sets such as IP addresses of systems associated with malicious behaviour, malware 'signatures', files associated with attackers and the tools they use.

Technical Intelligence often has much less context, such as who the attacker is, when the attack happened, etc., but has a very rich set of data that can be immediately actionable. For example, we could ingest feeds of IP addresses and web sites associated with malicious attacks, and block these using existing security technologies such as firewalls and proxies.

Technical Intelligence is the most traditional of the intelligence types when we think of sharing. For years, cyber defenders have informally formed communities to share IP

addresses of attackers they have faced, malware samples they have collected and other technical items. However, the sharing mechanisms are ad-hoc, multi-format and ill-defined. This leads to intelligence being less actionable.

Recent research has shown there is little overlap between Technical Intelligence data sets. Meaning that organizations have to bear the burden to subscribe, or be part of, multiple sharing communities. Although the Treat Intelligence space is now seeing a period of consolidation, volume remains a problem.

Further, Signals Intelligence is sourced from the monitoring and analysis of signals in communication networks, such as a company's own internal computer network and data centre environments.

We can consider existing security and operational systems as data sources from which Signals Intelligence can be derived. Consider an Anti-Virus solution: information about what types of malware have been detected can inform how that malware might be delivered. It might also suggest where other security controls have not been as effective as expected.

The most extreme case of Signals Intelligence could be considered the actions of state-level surveillance on communications networks. Analyzing the metadata of such communications has facilitated the identification of individual threat actors and intelligence gathering on a global scale.

Signals Intelligence has traditionally been less likely to have been shared. Organizational concerns around informing potential customers and competitors about anything that might be deemed negative, have driven sharing to a low level. However, enlightened organizations are rising above this, as the realization takes hold that our adversaries – the attackers – are sharing widely and often.

A new security vulnerability can go from being disclosed, to being weaponized in a matter of hours. A few days later, and those same weaponized attacks are now part of entire attack suites. The bad guys are sharing for success.

As defenders, we can realize that there is great value in learning from our peers. Our collaboration and sharing of what intelligence we gather from our own environments can help us reduce the time adversaries have to carry out their attacks against us.

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I love learning Maths and Economics, says student selected for Egleston program



Shawn Amirthan

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A resident of Bahrain is among the twenty students from around the world who have been chosen for the prestigious Egleston Scholars Program. **Shawn Amirthan**, an expatriate who lives in Bahrain, is among those who have been selected by Columbia University's Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Sciences as an Egleston scholar. Only 1% of the applicants are chosen for the world renowned programme. Amirthan is the only student from the Middle East to have been accepted for the programme. Known as a 'Mathwiz' among his peers, Shawn is also a part-time investor. DT News caught up with Shawn where he explained how the scholarship will help him earn a career in economics and mathematics. Excerpts from the interview.

What attracted you to mathematics?

This is essentially what my college personal statement was about! In my personal statement, I discussed the impetus in my development as a mathematician and also talked about my growth in the context of maths. Here is an excerpt from my personal statement: "As I strategized which moves to make next, my pudgy little

eleven-year-old fingers dexterously slid the red and white tiles around the four-by-four frame. I glanced at my binary watch: 18 seconds (10010 in binary). Only two more rows to go. A grin slowly started to form on my face, stretching from one ear to the other. Right, left, up, down – my eyes grew wider as I continued to reposition the multicolored metal squares into their natural order. As I moved the "15" tile down to the last row, I instantaneously whacked the stop button on my timer: 29 seconds (11101 in binary). I solved the "15-puzzle" in just twenty-nine seconds, only four seconds off of chess grandmaster Bobby Fisher's personal record! My first reaction was to run to the living room, pick up my phone, and call my best friend and puzzle-solving nemesis Shehab, who I knew would be crushed when I told him that I had shattered his best time." It was the 15-puzzle, a toy that my dad gave me for tenth birthday, that first exposed me to the interesting parts of mathematics. Prior to that, I used to think that mathematics essentially boiled down to addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. But it was only after learning about the 15-puzzle and its connections to group theory that I realized how complex mathematics is and how interesting its real-life applications are.

Have you always been a topper in mathematics among your peers?

I wasn't always the best in mathematics amongst my peers, but I was definitely one of the only people in my school that was intrigued by mathematics from a young age. It has always been my favourite subject; due to my curiosity in mathematical fields that aren't taught at school, I spent a significant proportion of my childhood learning about abstract maths concepts. This passion developed into a more concrete interest in mathematics as I grew older and naturally led to me spending a significant proportion of my time on mathematics both at home and in school. Last year after going through a year of calculus and mechanics at school, I wanted to explore more challenging mathematical concepts such as probability theory and group theory. This is what led me to apply to the Hampshire Summer Studies in Mathematics program (HCSSiM). HCSSiM is the US' oldest summer maths program and currently has an acceptance rate that hovers around 17%. Fortunately, I was selected to take part in the program and was truly stunned by the mathematical abilities of my peers at the program. I was able to discover a wide range

of fields in mathematics that I never knew of prior to taking part in the program and I had the privilege of being taught some extremely interesting mathematicians. It was HCSSiM that eventually convinced me to apply for primarily quantitative courses at university and to continue to pursue advanced mathematics at the collegiate level.

What is your ambition in life?

My answer to this question has wavered between a computer scientist, an entrepreneur, a mathematician, and an investor over the last few years. While I don't have a clear vision of what job I would like, I have got a rough idea of the fields I would like to work in. I have come to realise that economics and mathematics are what I enjoy learning about most, and thus I would love to work in a field that combines the two fields together. This is essentially why I applied for the financial engineering degree at Columbia as it essentially teaches me how to use mathematical models in the context of finance. As investing has been one of my hobbies for a long time, I would love to continue to invest in equities, commodities and even cryptocurrencies by using algorithms.

What was your reaction when you found out that you were accepted?

I actually found that I was nominated for the scholarship through what is known as a likely letter, which is basically a letter colleges send out around a month before the official admission notification date to entice students that their strongest applicants. However, I had no idea of the existence of likely letters so when I received an email from Columbia's Admissions Office in February I assumed that it was a promotional email as they send them quite frequently. Later on that day, I decided to clear my inbox so I started going through all my emails and then when I clicked on the email I noticed that it started with "Congratulations!" I was slightly confused at first, but then after reading the whole email I was ecstatic. Columbia had been one of my dream schools for a very long time, so I was so thankful to be accepted as an Egleston scholar. The fact that they sent me a likely letter was also extremely relieving as I did not have to stress about other college notifications since I was almost certain that I wanted to go to Columbia. As well as a sense of relief, I also felt a sense of gratitude primarily towards to parents and Hale Education.

Action against school for flouting rules

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Classes at a private school in the Capital Governorate were suspended by Education Ministry after the school was found violating rules stipulated by the government.

The ministry released a press statement yesterday announcing that Education Minister Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi approved the suspension of classes of the intermediate and secondary stages in Al Majid International School.

The minister's decision came in line with the recommendations of Acting

Undersecretary for Education and Curriculum Dr. Fawzi Al Jowder in regards to the school, which "didn't rectify the violations detected in it".

"The recommendations included suspending classes in the intermediate and secondary stages of the school, starting from the next academic year and applying for the amendment of the license granted to the school by cancelling these two stages permanently. The school will only be allowed to teach the kindergarten and primary education stages until the conditions of the two suspended stages are rectified," the

statement mentioned.

Other procedures taken against the school included "obliging the school to refund parents of pupils studying in the suspended stages, suspending registration for new primary stage students for the next academic year and providing the ministry with proof of each step taken."

"The ministry affirms that it will decisively deal with all breaches of any private educational institution that would affect the security and safety of students, and the quality of educational services provided to them," the Ministry added.

Released fishermen to arrive soon

Harpreet Kaur reporter@dt.bh

Manama

The 25 fishermen who were detained by the Iran officials on Kish Island were released yesterday, according to Justin Anthony, Founder President, International Fishermen Development Trust (INFIDET).

The released are: Jegan, Jenish, Jose Prince, Arokia John Yufur, Jesudasan, Arokia Ebes Borgio, Baskalis, Anthony Pichai, Antony Soosai, Antony Pramod, Borjio Francis, Victor, Visuvasam, Arokia Bervin Besky, Arul Vivek, Arun Prajidan, Sajan, Savio, William Prabu,

Joseph Besky, Dominic Savio, Nisanth, Merin Kumar, Raj Tilak and Anson.

The fishermen are expected to arrive on Bahrain shores in their boats soon, he said.

"The Iran officials have returned their passports and other documents," said Justin, quoting one of the released fishermen.

"I would further like to thank the media especially the officials of the Indian embassy in Iran and Bahrain for supporting the fishermen and making sure that the fishermen were provided with food, medicines, phone recharge coupons during the time of their detention in Kish Island," he added.

Trump backs Saudi-led efforts to isolate Qatar

Riyadh
US President Donald Trump threw his weight behind efforts to isolate Qatar yesterday, backing Saudi Arabia and its allies after they cut ties with Doha over claims it supports extremism.

In a surprise move against a key US ally, Trump suggested Qatar -- home to the largest American airbase in the Middle East -- was funding extremism as he tacitly backed the diplomatic blockade of the emirate.

"So good to see the Saudi Arabia visit with the King and 50 countries already paying off," Trump said in a morning tweet, in reference to his trip to Riyadh last month.

"They said they would take a hard line on funding... extremism, and all reference was pointing to Qatar. Perhaps this will be the beginning of the end to the horror of terrorism!"

'No impact' on military

The move to isolate Qatar has had "no impact" on US military operations in the emirate, nor is any expected, a Pentagon spokesman said Tuesday.

The US has a regional command center at Al-Udeid air base near Doha from which it runs air operations throughout the region.

"There has been no impact on our operations either in Qatar or with regards to airspace permission around it and we don't anticipate there will be," Pentagon spokesman

Jeff Davis said.

Macron calls for 'calm'

French President Emmanuel Macron called for unity among Gulf states yesterday, saying he was ready to back "all initiatives to encourage calm".

Macron spoke by phone with Qatari leader Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani and restated the "importance of preserving stability in the region". He also reaffirmed France's readiness to stay in contact with all parties involved, the president's office said in a statement.

IATA calls to restore air links

The head of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) yesterday urged Gulf countries that have cut ties with Qatar to restore air links with the country,



US President Donald Trump (L) and Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud warning of major travel disruptions.

"Of course we accept that countries have the right to close their borders," said IATA director general Alexandre de Juniac.

"But connectivity with Qatar must be restored as quickly as possible," he said, speaking on the sidelines of the group's annual meeting in Cancun, Mexico.

"We hope the crisis will disappear and aviation is coming back to normal," said Abdul Wahab Teffaha, the head of the Arab Air Carriers Organization which groups 33 airlines.

Gaza reconstruction

Gulf sanctions against Qatar could damage reconstruction in the Hamas-run Gaza Strip, where it has provided large financial backing, the head of a major humanitarian charity warned yesterday.

The Gulf state is one of the largest donors to the

impoverished Palestinian enclave and has funded the rebuilding of much of its infrastructure since a 2014 war with Israel.

Jan Egeland, secretary general of the Norwegian Refugee Council and a former head of the UN's humanitarian wing, warned Qatar might have to cut back some of its aid to Gaza.

"Qatar has been very important as an investor in Gaza and as a contributor to infrastructure progress there. It is my impression this may not easily continue," he said. (AFP)

Turkey's Erdogan speaks to leaders in Qatar-Gulf row

Istanbul

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has spoken to key players in the dispute between Qatar and neighbouring Gulf Arab countries in efforts to find a solution, his spokesman said.

Erdogan "has initiated diplomatic efforts to resolve this dispute between friends and brothers in line with the spirit of the holy month of Ramadan,"

spokesman Ibrahim Kalin said in a statement late Monday.

But deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus said Monday that Erdogan had already been in contact with several key players.

"I would like to take this opportunity to declare once again that Turkey is prepared to do its due over the next days and weeks," Kalin said in the statement.

Kuwait emir leaves for Saudi for Qatar talks

Kuwait City

Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad Al-Sabah left for Saudi Arabia on Tuesday for talks aimed at resolving a diplomatic crisis between Qatar and other Arab nations.

The official KUNA news agency said the emir left for the western port city of Jeddah at the head of a high-level delegation including the foreign and information ministers.

The Kuwaiti ruler played a pivotal role in mediating



Kuwait Emir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

a compromise in a 2014 diplomatic dispute between Saudi Arabia, Qatar and

other Gulf states.

Qatar's emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, has delayed a speech planned for broadcast on Al-Jazeera at the request of the Kuwaiti ruler, the Qatari foreign minister said.

Sheikh Sabah has urged his Qatari counterpart "to exercise restraint" and "give efforts aimed at containing tensions between brothers a chance," said the Kuwaiti news agency KUNA.

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Batelco, Entertainer join hands, launch co-branded mobile app

Partnership agreement to enable great benefits for customers

DT News Network
Manama

Batelco, the Kingdom's leading digital solutions provider, has entered into a partnership agreement with the Entertainer, a leading provider of loyalty and reward solutions, to deliver fantastic benefits for Batelco's customers.

As part of the partnership, Batelco and the Entertainer have launched a co-branded mobile app giving Batelco's customers easy access to a wide range of 'Buy 1 Get 1 Free' vouchers from merchants across the Kingdom and travel vouchers for hotels around the

globe.

Batelco is the only telecom's company in Bahrain to develop a mobile app with the Entertainer which is a publisher of buy one get one free offers for restaurants, leisure attractions, spas, hotel accommodation and more.

Batelco General Manager Consumer Division Ebrahim Alsayed signed the partnership with the Entertainer GCC Territory Manager, Christopher Stevenson during a meeting which took place at Batelco's Hamala headquarters.

As part of the agreement,

Batelco's Al Dana members and loyal high usage customers will be eligible for the range of special offers and discounts available in the Batelco Entertainer.

Customers will receive direct communications with details of the special offers and how to avail of them.

Batelco Bahrain CEO Eng. Muna Al Hashemi said that the partnership with the Entertainer, and the development of the new mobile app would deliver great benefits to the customers of Batelco.

"We are very pleased to

deliver the great offers from the Batelco Entertainer for our loyal high usage customers. It's our appreciation to them for their continued loyalty to Batelco's products and services," she said.

Alsayed explained that Batelco continuously looks for new ways to enhance its relationship with its loyal customers and the delivery of this app is in line with this commitment.

"Batelco's great variety of products, services and special benefits are designed to enhance its customers' lifestyles," Alsayed added.



Batelco Consumer Division General Manager Ebrahim Al Sayed and the Entertainer GCC Territory Manager, Christopher Stevenson, signing the partnership agreement

Jawad Mohamed is Al Ahlia Insurance GM

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Manama

Al Ahlia Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Solidarity Group Holding and one of the largest Takaful groups in the world, has announced the appointment of Jawad Mohammed as General Manager.

Prior to joining Al Ahlia, Jawad was the General Manager of Solidarity General Takaful, also a subsidiary of Solidarity Group Holding where he has been with the Group since his appointment in 2003.

"Jawad's appointment, at the helm of Al Ahlia Insurance, is in accordance of the Group's stated objectives at the time of share acquisition voluntary public offer of Al Ahlia back in December 2016," said Solidarity Group Chief Executive Ashraf Bseisu.

"As part of the overall agreed offer and acquisition process, the Group is aiming to merge Solidarity General Takaful with Al Ahlia Insurance Company where the outcome will be a single combined entity that would be led by Jawad," he added.

"We welcome the joining



Dr. Osama Albaharna

of Jawad to Al Ahlia's ranks where we view his appointment as a reflection of the Board's confidence not only in his abilities to guide the company in the coming months towards its landmark and successful

merger with Solidarity General Takaful, but to also to drive the new merged entity to even greater heights towards becoming a pioneer in the Takaful and Insurance industry in the Kingdom of Bahrain," stated Dr. Osama Albaharna, Chairman of Al Ahlia Insurance Company.

"We look forward to working with Jawad and all our stakeholders in order to translate our common vision



Jawad Mohammed



Ashraf Bseisu

into a tangible reality," he added.

Jawad is a qualified and certified insurance professional with over 22 years of experience in the industry. He is an Associate Member of the Chartered Insurance Institute (ACII), UK; and has successfully completed the Gulf Executive Development Program at Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, USA.

Al Ahlia Insurance Company is one of the largest Takaful groups in the world

Foreign investments by the Qatari wealth fund

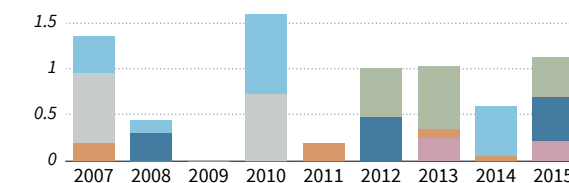
The Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) has real estate and corporate assets all over the world

Key facts

- Assets: \$338 billion
- Founded: 2005
- CEO: Abdulla bin Mohammed bin Saud Al Thani
- Source of funds: Oil and gas

New direct investments by target industry

(Billions of \$ US)



Selected holdings and investments*

Size of investment or stake in billions of \$ US

11

Partial stakes

17% of Volkswagen Car company Germany

5.1

4% of Total SA Oil company France

6.8

9.8% of Rosneft Oil company Russia

*Including by Qatari Diar real estate subsidiary

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Sources: QIA, Bloomberg, Sovereign Wealth Center, DohaNews, the Telegraph, l'Obs

Viva Jusoor Ramadan initiative

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Manama

Embracing the spirit of the holy month, VIVA Bahrain's Corporate Social Responsibility arm, VIVA Jusoor, is engaged in several Ramadan-focused initiatives to extend a helping hand to the wider community.

Every year, VIVA Jusoor spearheads initiatives to renew its commitment to the community and this year too, the company has introduced a new long-term goodwill initiative in partnership with Conserving Bounties Society



Viva Jusoor Team

to benefit the less fortunate, that will extend further and beyond the month of Ramadan.

With efforts to engage with more community members this year, VIVA Jusoor

and Conserving Bounties Society's co-initiative focuses on sourcing surplus food from large gathering events or hotels/restaurants and deliver food parcels to families in need.

IMF offers eurozone creditors Greece compromise

Frankfurt

The International Monetary Fund could sign on to a deal between Greece and its creditors before debt relief measures it demands have been agreed, director Christine Lagarde said yesterday. "There can be a programme in which the payment does not take place until debt measures have been clearly defined by the creditors," she told German business daily *Handelsblatt*.



Adani to begin work on mine near Barrier Reef

Sydney

Indian mining giant Adani yesterday said it will start work on the US\$16 billion coal project that environmentalists warn will damage Australia's Great Barrier Reef. Billionaire chairman Gautam Adani said in Townsville that the board had made its "final investment decision" which marked the "official start" of the Carmichael coal mine, destined to be one of the world's largest.



"The president has been very clear with me that Russia is an important global player and today our relationships with Russia are at a very low point and they've been deteriorating."

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson

TIPS

Competition can improve your business. See how

Competition is good. In fact, a healthy rivalry challenges you to work smarter with the resources you have. To do so, leverage your team's unique talents and build a business competitors wouldn't dare challenge. Even if other companies in your industry attempt to undercut your prices and steal your customers, think positively about ways they can help your startup grow.

Avoiding complacency.

Sole suppliers in an industry quickly stop innovating simply because they no longer have any need to. Sadly, they unknowingly commit to maintaining the status quo. Competitors have a habit of keeping you on your toes.

Building brand clout.

Make it your mission to stand out as the leading authority in your domain of expertise. Your audience will admire your thought leadership and naturally choose you over other vendors.

Developing self-awareness.

Rivals force you to assess your strengths and weaknesses. Use your superpowers to create a more unique value proposition to customers. Understand your shortcomings and find ways to overcome them.

Encouraging differentiation.

Competitors will consistently try to offer better customer service, product quality and marketing. In healthy markets, buyers will demand the best solutions for their specific needs. Differentiate your offerings with the goal of creating tremendous value for the users you serve.

Exploiting industry trends.

Competition signals strong consumer demand. It provides validation for what you are doing. In new markets, this is an opportunity to promote an emerging trend that will get buyers and the media excited about your work.

Forming unexpected partnerships.

Create alliances with like-minded businesses. Exchange technology and tools, expand the overall market, cross promote each other's products and collaborate on novel research to educate consumers. Perhaps one day, you might merge with, or acquire, your biggest competitor.

Mutual learning.

Watch the competition carefully. The knowledge and resources they have may be both better and different than yours. Actively learn from how they manage and grow their operation. Soon, you will discover ways to apply those lessons learned to your business.

Narrowing down a niche.

Someone will always be better than you at something -- and that is OK. To build a profitable business, focus your efforts on making a smaller segment of the overall market very happy.

(entrepreneur.com)

Apple 'HomePod' to take on Amazon, Google

A prototype of Apple's new HomePod is displayed at the 2017 Apple Worldwide Developer Conference

San José
Apple will later this year release a "HomePod" music-centric smart home speaker, challenging a market currently dominated by Amazon and Google in its latest move to weave deeper into people's lives. HomePod, aided by Apple's Siri digital assistant, will be priced at \$349 when it begins shipping in December in the United States, Australia and Britain, the tech giant announced at its annual Worldwide Developers Conference.

"We really believe it is going to take your home music experience to the next level," Apple chief executive Tim Cook said as he unveiled it. HomePod will take on lower priced Amazon Echo and Google Home, which have had momentum in the arena of voice-controlled speakers capable of controlling smart appliances, fetching content from the internet and more. It is designed to work with the Apple Music subscription service and can produce rich sound while tapping into the artificial intelligence power of Siri. Apple vice president Phil Schiller said the company's Siri team had tuned the assistant into a "musicologist" that learns the tastes of listeners and gets songs from the internet cloud. The speaker has the "power to rock the house," according to Schiller, and the aim is to make HomePod a potent assistant for news, messages, weather, traffic, home controls and more. (AFP)

'Human error caused crash'

London
The head of British Airways' parent company has indicated that its giant computer crash, which sparked global flight chaos late last month, may have been caused by human error. Some 75,000 passengers were affected by the computer system outage that caused chaotic scenes during the final weekend of May at London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports. Willie Walsh, chief executive of BA parent firm International Airlines Group (IAG), suggested that an engineer disconnected and then reconnected a power supply to the data centre in "an uncontrolled and uncommanded fashion". (AFP)

Did You Know?



Apple's first computer, the Apple 1, was actually a "do-it-yourself" kit that required people to build their own case. It retailed for an extremely devilish \$666.66.



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Gulf falls as Qatar crisis worries investors; Egypt up



Closing Bell

- Saudi index fell 0.5pc to 6,933 points.
- Dubai index edged up 0.2pc to 3,322 points.
- Abu Dhabi index fell 0.5pc to 4,460 points.
- Qatar index dropped 1.6pc to 9,059 points.
- Egypt index rose 0.8pc to 13,627 points.
- Kuwait index edged down 0.03pc to 6,801 points.
- Bahrain index edged down 0.1pc to 1,325 points.
- Oman index edged up 0.02pc to 5,407 points.

DUBAI
Most Gulf stock markets fell yesterday as the diplomatic crisis surrounding Qatar worried investors, while Egypt's equities index climbed for an 11th straight day to a fresh record high.

Qatar's index fell 1.6 percent to 9,059 points, its lowest close since January 2016, in heavy trade. It had plunged 7.3 percent on Monday after Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain cut diplomatic and transport ties with Qatar, accusing it of backing terrorism.

The Qatari market rebounded more than 3 percent in early trade on Tuesday, buoyed by hopes that a Kuwaiti mediation effort might succeed. Some fund managers also said they expected Qatari state-linked funds to support the market.

But the rebound was short-lived. In contrast to Monday, when selling of stocks was indiscriminate, many of the biggest losers yesterday were related to Qatar's foreign

trade, which could decline or face higher costs due to the sanctions. Logistics company Gulf Warehousing sank 8.0 percent and Qatari German Medical Devices, which has done considerable business in Saudi Arabia, tumbled 8.8 percent.

The biggest lender, Qatar National Bank, slipped 1.3 percent. Although Qatar's huge financial reserves mean it can probably avoid a crippling crisis, many parts of its economy, from tourism to banks which obtain funding from elsewhere in the Gulf, may be hit. Most other Gulf bourses dropped moderately. Although Gulf economies have little exposure to Qatar, foreign portfolio investors may at least temporarily become more cautious towards the whole region; the Saudi riyal edged down in the one-year forwards market yesterday and regional bonds slipped.

The Saudi Arabian, UAE and Bahraini central banks have not yet clarified how they want commercial banks

in their countries to handle business ties with Qatar, which involve substantial cross-border lending, deposits and syndicated loans.

If the commercial banks are advised to get rid of their Qatari assets in a short timeframe, or if authorities act against Qatari banking assets in their jurisdictions, that could provoke retaliation by Doha and turmoil in the Gulf banking and money markets. The Saudi stock index, which

has been buoyed in recent days by expectations that international index compiler MSCI will start on June 20 a process towards upgrading Riyadh to emerging market status, fell 0.5 percent in active trade on Tuesday.

Petrochemical stocks were particularly hard hit after oil prices dropped on concern that the Qatar crisis could disrupt an agreement among global oil producers to prop up prices. -Reuters

Airlines see higher profits in 2017

Cancún
The International Air Transport Association (IATA) increased its profit forecast for the global airline industry yesterday, citing surging demand. Total profits for the group's 275 member airlines are now expected to hit \$31.4 billion this year, up more than five percent from the previous forecast last year.

"Airlines are defining a new epoch in industry profitability. For a third year in a row, we expect returns above the



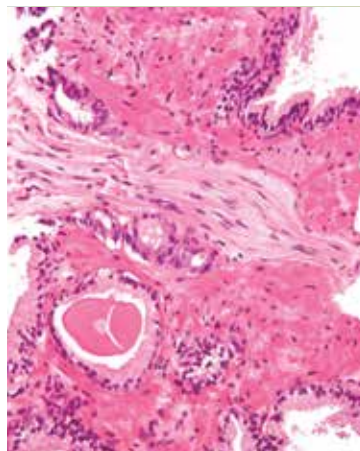
cost of capital," said IATA's director general, Alexandre de Juniac, as the group opened its annual meeting in Cancun.

But he warned that airlines still face risks, ranging from cost increases to security issues to growing protectionism

in some countries, including the United States and Britain. "With earnings of \$7.69 per passenger, there is not much buffer," he said. "That's why airlines must remain vigilant against any cost increases, including from taxes, labor and infrastructure." Among the industry's concerns, he said, was the "surprise" decision in March by the US and UK to ban laptop and tablet computers in-cabin on flights from certain airports in the Middle East and Turkey. -AFP



Wednesday, June 7, 2017



Treatment extends life for prostate cancer

Chicago

Adding a new anti-hormonal drug to the standard treatment for advanced prostate cancer has been shown to reduce the risk of dying by almost 40 per cent, studies say. The drug, abiraterone, is sold by Janssen Pharmaceuticals under the brand name Zytiga. When combined with prednisone, which is typically given to men with metastatic prostate cancer, abiraterone reduced the risk of dying by 38pc.



Parents' nasty split harms kids' health

Miami

When children live through a contentious divorce or separation by their parents, the fallout appears to harm their health for decades, even into adulthood, researchers said. The study involved 201 healthy adults who agreed to be quarantined, exposed to a virus that causes the common cold, and monitored for five days.

PET VET



Dr. Rajani Rajesh

Ear mites in rabbits

Ear mite infestation in rabbits is caused by the parasite *Psoroptes cuniculi*. They may be found in only one ear, or in both, and in some cases may spread to the surrounding areas like head, neck, abdomen, and genital regions. Mites irritate the lining of the ear and cause serum and thick brown crusts to accumulate. The main symptom is skin scales on the inner ear, which turn into larger, thicker crusted lesions with surrounding hair loss. Infested rabbits scratch at and shake their head and ears. They lose weight, fail to produce, and suffer secondary infections, which may damage the inner ear. If left untreated, the lesions can become infected, putting the inner ear at risk of infection and subsequent hearing loss.

Main symptoms are itching around the ear, head, and neck, head shaking and scratching, affected areas may become extremely painful, thick, brown to beige crusty exudate in the ear canal, hair loss and peeling of skin around the ears and signs of ear infection may also occur. The mite is readily transmitted by direct contact. Rabbits should be treated systemically with any of the miticides approved for use in dogs and cats. Treat all rabbits that are in contact with the rabbit that is infected, and thoroughly clean and treat the environment in which the rabbit lives.

Remove and discard all organic material from the cage, including wood or paper products, and bedding, replacing the bedding with shredded paper bedding that can be discarded. The cage should be thoroughly cleaned every day during the treatment period, with nothing reused. Combs, brushes, and grooming utensils will also need to be discarded, or thoroughly disinfected before reuse, otherwise, you will find that your rabbit has become re infected. The incidence is much lower when rabbits are housed in wire cages instead of solid cages.

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

Cancer treatment targets genetic flaw

Chicago

An experimental cancer medicine called larotrectinib has shown promise treating a diverse range of cancers in people young and old, researchers said at a major cancer conference in the United States.

The treatment targets a genetic abnormality which is often found in rare cancers -- including salivary gland cancer, juvenile breast cancer, and a soft tissue cancer known as infantile fibrosarcoma -- which are particularly difficult to treat.

This abnormality also occurs in about 0.5 per cent to onepc of many common cancers.

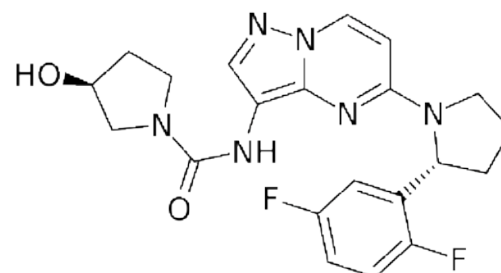
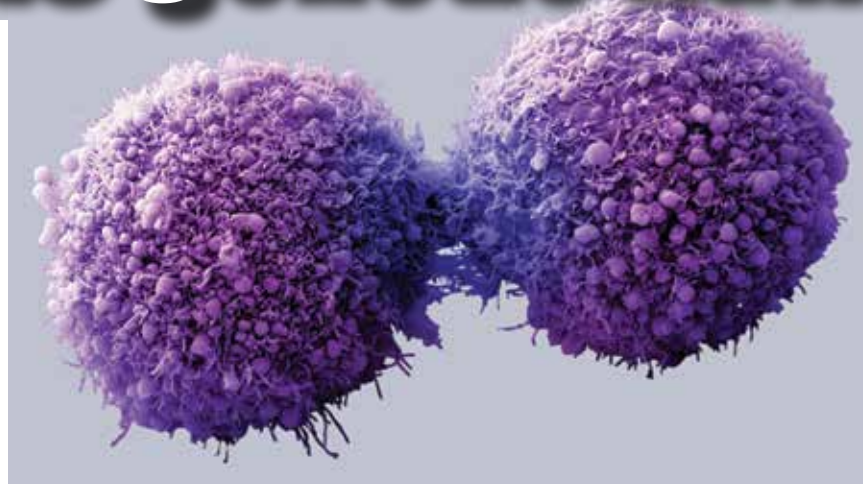
In the study released at the American Society of Clinical Oncology conference, 76pc of cancer patients -- both children and adults with 17 different kinds of cancer -- responded well to the medicine.

A total of 79pc were alive after one year. The study is ongoing.

Twelvepc went into complete remission from their cancer.

The clinical trial included 55 patients -- 43 adults and 12 children. All had advanced cancers in various organs, including the colon, pancreas and lung, as well as melanoma.

"These findings embody the original promise of precision oncology: treating a patient based on the type of mutation, regardless of where the cancer originated," said lead study author David Hyman, chief of early drug development at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.



tropomyosin receptor kinase (TRK) fusion proteins.

TRK proteins are a product of a genetic abnormality when a TRK gene in a cancer cell fuses with one of many other genes, researchers said.

The treatment was well tolerated by patients, and the most common side effects were fatigue and mild dizziness.

"If approved, larotrectinib could become the first therapy of any kind to be developed and approved simultaneously in adults and children, and the first targeted therapy to be indicated for a molecular definition of cancer that spans all traditionally-defined types of tumors," said Hyman. (AFP)

"We believe that the dramatic response of tumors with TRK fusions to larotrectinib supports widespread genetic testing in patients with advanced cancer to see if they have this abnormality."

Made by Loxo Oncology Inc., larotrectinib is a selective inhibitor of

Dr. Ghada Al-Khafaji of AGU receives Best Research Award at the World Cancer Genome Conference

Manama

Dr. Ghada Al-Khafaji, a genetic and molecular genetics specialist at the College of Medicine and Medical Sciences in Arabian Gulf University (AGU), was awarded the Best Scientific Research Award at the Global Cancer Genome Conference held recently in Dubai amidst wide international participation by major countries, notably Britain, Japan and many other international and Arab countries.

Dr. Al-Khafaji received the award for her research, which found new genetic markers to detect prostate cancer and differentiate it from benign prostatic hyperplasia, pointing out that four genetic indicators were able to effectively distinguish between malignant prostate cancer from benign, enabling these genetic markers to become a substitute in the future for a previous conventional test based on serum prostate-specific antigen

(PSA).

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer tumor and one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths among men. Several studies have shown that prostate antigen (PSA) may increase in cases of non-cancerous prostate disease, and this may contribute to making the old examination lose its specificity in the diagnosis of prostate cancer. It may also result in a surge in doctors' tendency to take unnecessary biopsies from

patients and prescribe unnecessary and expensive treatments.

Furthermore, Dr. Ghada Al-Khafaji said that developing such genetic markers can identify the right treatments and not only to help in diagnosing the disease.

Dr. Al-Khafaji at the end of her speech has emphasised on the importance of conducting more studies on a larger samples to make sure that these genetic markers are stable before using these in laboratories as new tests.



Dr. Ghada Al-Khafaji with the award



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza received a number of officials from Tebodin Middle East, a company that provides services in the field of engineering consultancy. The minister reviewed with them possible areas of cooperation in the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) projects. The meeting was attended by Ibrahim Abdullah Al Kaabi, Deputy CEO, Planning and Projects, EWA



National Bank of Bahrain has made a donation to NBB Home for physically challenged Children. Hussain Al Hussaini NBB's General Manager – Treasury, Overseas Branches and Operations presented the bank's cheque for BD20,000 to Shaikha Aisha bint Ali A Khalifa, Assistant Undersecretary of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation at Ministry of Labour as part of the Bank's donations and contributions programme for the year 2017



KIMS Bahrain Healthcare hosted its annual Ramadan Ghabga last week at the Diplomat event was attended by Diplomats, Corporate Dignitaries and Business Partners who came in the spirit of the Holy Month of Ramadan

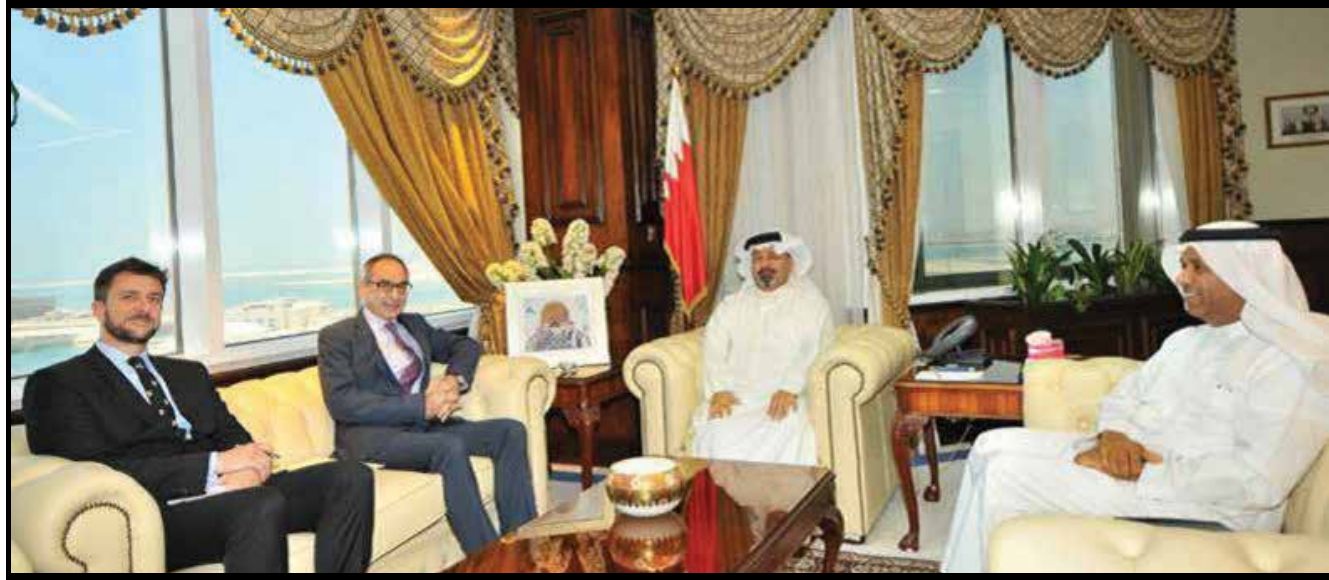


Royal Bahrain Hospital celebrated the International Nurses Day recently in the presence of Senior Management and Staff Members. The theme was Nurses: A Voice to Lead, Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The event saw encouraging performances from the nursing staff which included artistic performances





Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received senior Royal Family members and senior state officials yesterday. The Premier asserted that the Riyadh Summit resulted in a document that everyone should be committed to for the common interests of all



Minister of Finance Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa received British Ambassador Simon Martin yesterday. They reviewed aspects of the long-standing co-operation between the two countries, particularly in areas relating to finance, economy and banking. They also discussed ways of further developing such co-operation on the basis of mutual interest



HM the King's Adviser for Economic Affairs Dr. Hassan Fakhro received lawyer Souad Yasreen (PhD), who presented a copy of her doctoral thesis themed (The Constitutional Control Mechanisms in the Bahraini Constitutional System) a comparative study between Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, yesterday



President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa yesterday received a delegation from the Supreme Council for Women led by Secretary-General Hala Al Ansari in preparation for the celebrations of Bahraini Women's Day to be held in December



Radisson Hotel. The together to celebrate



Under the patronage of the Minister of Labour & Social Development Jameel Humaidan, the joint committee of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) held a Gergaon celebration at Seef Mall. The event was aimed at preserving the cultural heritage of the region, revival of traditional celebrations, and bring joy to the hearts of the little ones

AIMabarrah AIKhalifa Foundation launched its "Ramadan Basket" initiative for the fourth consecutive year as part of its efforts to engage students in charity work and instill values of volunteering and social responsibility. During this initiative, 41 students from "Rayaat" Scholarship Program and the Youth Enrichment Program "Ithra" prepared Ramadan baskets and distributed them to 48 families across the Kingdom



Students of AMA International University-Bahrain (AMAIUB) have again proven their sports abilities when they dominated a number of categories and bagged awards during the recently concluded University Tournament. The University's Basketball team garnered first Place. The team members are Hussain Ali, Naser AIMusawi, Mohamed Naser, Hussain AbdelHussain, Mohamed Khaled, Ebrahim Ismail, Mohamed Jassim, and Ammar Ashknani

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Claflin feels fatherhood made him a better actor

London

Actor **Sam Claflin**, known for “The Hunger Games” franchise and “Me Before You”, says becoming a father has made him a better actor.

Claflin started dating actress **Laura Haddock** in 2011. They got married in 2013, and welcomed their first child in 2015.

In an interview to *NW* magazine about his role in the upcoming period drama “My Cousin Rachel”, the 30-year-old shared how his perspective towards the craft changed after becoming a father, reports *dailymail.co.uk*. He said: “Now that I’m a father, I feel like I’ve got an emotional depth greater than, say, two years ago.” (IANS)



Gomez compliments ‘beautiful’ speech

Manchester

Singer **Selena Gomez** has complimented her former boyfriend and singer **Justin Bieber** over his speech at the One Love Manchester benefit concert.

Gomez says Bieber did a “beautiful” job by honouring the families of those affected by the Manchester bombing at **Ariana Grande’s** Manchester concert on May 22, reports *dailymail.co.uk*.

“I thought Justin did great. It was really beautiful,” Gomez said on a radio show on Monday morning.

“It was beautiful. I thought everyone did such a beautiful job. It was so gorgeous. I love how she (Grande) ended it,” she added.

Ahead about his show at the concert on June 4, Bieber said: “God is good in the midst of evil. God is good in the midst of the darkness. He loves you.” (IANS)



Hart unafraid of being honest in new memoir

Los Angeles

Stand-up comedian and actor **Kevin Hart** says he is not “afraid of being honest” in his new memoir, “I Can’t Make This Up: Life Lessons”.

The 37-year-old feels there is nothing in the book that he was afraid of telling his fans as his flaws made him “human”.

“I’m not afraid of being honest, I’m an open book. I’m a person. My life is real, it’s not a façade ... I’m not afraid to show I’m human,” Hart told *usatoday.com*.

Hart said he won’t “trash” his former wife **Torrei Hart**, whom he divorced in 2011, in his memoir as she is “on a pedestal” to him for being the mother of his two children -- **Heaven** and **Hendrix**.

“What I wanted to do is take responsibility for my mistakes. I would never trash my ex-wife. She is on a pedestal.

She is the mother of my two kids,” he said. (IANS)





STARRY
Birthday
Liam Neeson

June 7, 1952

Liam Neeson is an actor from Northern Ireland. In 1976, he joined the Lyric Players' Theatre in Belfast for two years. He then acted in the Arthurian film, *Excalibur*.

Taylor Swift house-hunting in London

London
Singer Taylor Swift's relationship with British actor Joe Alwyn seems to be getting serious. She is reportedly keen to buy a property in his hometown - Chelsea.

According to a source, Swift has been spending more time with Alwyn over the past few months and is looking forward to buy a property in his hometown, reports *dailymail.co.uk*.

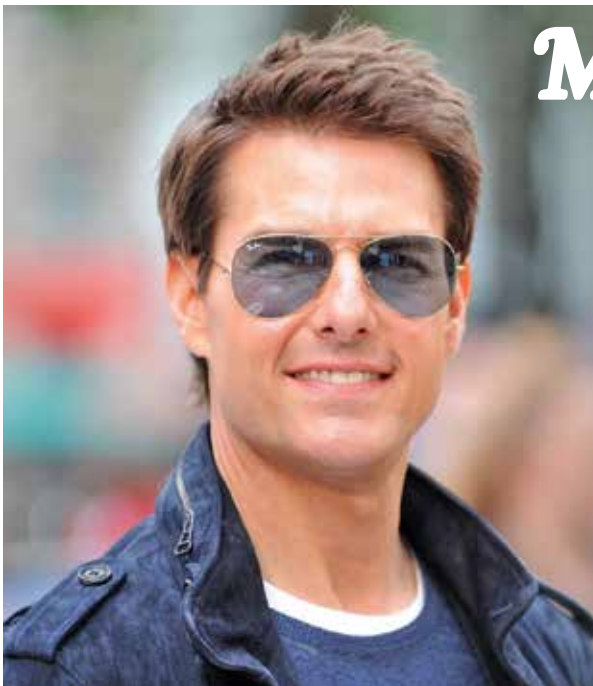
"Taylor and Joe are really serious and this is the latest sign that she has really fallen hard for him," the source told *The Sun* newspaper.

Swift, 27, reportedly viewed a couple of properties in West London last month.

"She's been very discreetly viewing properties after stumping up a fortune on north London rentals recently. Some of the places have been a stone's throw away from where Pippa Middleton lives," the source said. (IANS)



Mission: Impossible 6 is really wild



Hollywood star Tom Cruise said the upcoming instalment of 'Mission: Impossible' series is going to be wild.

During an appearance at 'The Graham Norton Show,' the 54-year-old Hollywood star, who is reprising the role of Ethan Hunt in the sixth instalment of the franchise, said they have already started shooting scenes in Paris.

"It is really crazy. We've shot some of the stuff in Paris already and it is going to be really wild and thrilling for the audience."

"There is always another mountain. I have been in training for a couple of years and we've done a lot for testing to see what is possible," Cruise said.

'Supergirl' star Frederick Schmidt has been announced as the latest cast member of the action franchise with director Christopher McQuarrie returning to the film as well. (TOI)

JLo forces beau to fire female staffers



Los Angeles
Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez reportedly forced her beau Alex Rodriguez to fire attractive female staffers because she didn't want beautiful women around him.

"Jen basically made him fire anyone in his entourage or his staff who were too good-looking. He didn't think she was serious and they had a big of an argument over it, but he's relented and is replacing a few key members of his team," a source told *OK!* magazine.

Her controlling behaviour is said to have made Rodriguez's close friends upset, reports *aceshowbiz.com*.

"It's not gone down well with his inner circle, who think she's a controlling bully with Alex" the source shared. (IANS)

TOP BOX OFFICE Movies

Wonder Woman	\$103 million
Captain Underpants	\$23.9 million
Pirates of the Caribbean:	
Dead Men Tell No Tales	\$22.1 million
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2	\$9.8 million
Baywatch	\$8.7 million
Alien: Covenant	\$4.1 million
Everything, Everything	\$3.3 million
Snatched	\$1.3 million
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul	\$1.3 million
King Arthur: Legend of the Sword	\$1.2 million

OUT & ABOUT

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"Out & About", a ready reckoner for the events taking place on the island, is published from Friday to Tuesday. To be included, please send the matter to the following email ID : news@dt.bh

MARK YOUR Calendar

IFTAR & GHABGA

Date: During Ramadan
Venue: AL QASR TENT

Al Areen Palace & Spa will create a memorable event during the Holy Month of Ramadan this year, with a 1001 Arabian Nights theme at Al Qasr tent. The festivities will have an Arabic atrium setting, offering a medley of spaces for families, friends, corporate guests and VIPs. Discover our exquisite Iftar and Ghabga buffet of Arabic and International cuisine with live cooking stations for everyone's delight as you gather around for this joyous celebration. It will also include various live counters and BBQ stations.

Iftar Buffet:

Weekdays BD 15++
Weekends BD 17++ (Thursday and Friday)

Daily - from Sundown to 9:00PM

Ghabga Buffet:

Weekdays BD 13.5++
Weekends BD 15++ (Thursday and Friday)

Daily - from 9:30PM to 2:00AM

Price per person inclusive of lavish buffet, Arabic sweets and Ramadan juices. Live entertainment.

Eid Al Fitr Brunch:

BD 15++
Enjoy a family-friendly Eid Brunch including Arabic and International dishes plus live cooking stations at Al Qasr Tent in Al Areen Palace & Spa from 12.30PM - 4.00PM. There will be live entertainment from our band, face painting, henna, mascot, kids' corner, and many more. Diners will have access to the swimming pool during the period of brunch and a ticket to The Lost Paradise of Dilmun Water Park. You can also stand a chance to win from our Grand Raffle Draw. Served on the second day of Eid.

Price per person inclusive of lavish buffet, Arabic sweets and Ramadan juices. Live entertainment.

FIFTAR AND GABGA AT THE KAIMAT AL KHALEEJ TENT

Date: Till June 24

Venue: The Gulf Hotel Bahrain

Iftar BD 19++ per person
Gabga BD 17++ per person
Weekends: BD 19++ per person
Takht Jamsheed Persian Restaurant Iftar BD 19++ per person.
Outlets Schedule during Ramadan

La Pergola Italian Restaurant:

Breakfast buffet from 6:00 am to 10:30 am BD 10++ per person
Lunch from 12 pm till 3pm, serving Salad and Soup Buffet, Main Course will be at Al Waha Restaurant a la carte menu. BD13++ per person.
Dinner: from Iftar Time till 11:00pm
Serving regular La Pergola a la carte menu.

Sato Japanese Restaurant:

Open Daily for Lunch: 12pm - 3pm
Dinner from Iftar time - 11pm
Serving regular Sato a la carte menu.

Takht Jamsheed Persian Restaurant.

Open daily from Iftar till 9:00pm.
Iftar Buffet BD 19++ per person.

Café Delice

Open Daily form 7:00 AM till 7:00PM
Andalus Lounge:
Open Daily from Iftar time till 11:00pm
Waterside Café
Open daily from 10am till 8pm

EID AL FITR CELEBRATION



Date: During Eid Al Fitr

Venue: The Gulf Hotel

Zahle Restaurant: Our Lebanese restaurant Zahle will launch its new exclusive entertainment program in EID. Famous belly dancer - "The Flaming Duo" with accompanied celebrated Arabic singers for daily live-entertainment. An exclusive dinner set menu will be offered to the guests for dinner during this 3 days celebration. Price: BD 26++

Al Waha Restaurant: Special EID buffets will be served for 3 days in Al Waha for both lunch and dinner with live entertainment by the new in house band - "QBA Inside". Price: BD 19++

Takht Jamsheed Restaurant : Talented all Iranian team will set the stage for a perfect Eid lunch buffet for 3 days, taking inspiration from Persia's Royal place, Takht Jamsheed. Price: BD 19++

Rasoi by Vineet : Celebrate EID this year at Bahrainis Award winning restaurant with an exclusively designed set menu by Michelin Starred Chef Vineet Bhatia. Price: BD 22.000++

ROYAL THAI: THAI FRIDAY NIGHTS

Thai culinary Nights with live cooking counters serving, papaya salad, satays, carvings and selection of main courses with an all you can eat menu.

-Price @ BD15 NET per person inclusive of 2 selected beverages
The Art of Cooking Classes.

The famous art of cooking class will begin on 8th of July every Saturday onwards The Art of Cooking Classes begins with China Garden's Chef Ding, featuring exotic Chinese delicacies.

About the Art of Cooking Classes at The Gulf Hotel Bahrain: The Art of Cooking Class is design for home cooks with busy lifestyles who have a passion for food, we offer intimate hands-on and demonstration classes, from the building blocks of cooking to delicious and exclusive mouthwatering menus, led by our professional chef instructors.

There will be an exclusive Cooking Class on the 29th featuring an exclusive opportunity for Parents with their child to learn together with our Pastry Chef Daniel!

KCA ORGANIZES EID FAMILY PROGRAMMES

Date: June 13

Venue: KCA

KCA is organizing colourful Eid programmes in the month of June. As the month of June is filled with sacred observation of fasting and prayers, all the programmes will be organized after 7:00 pm.

A professional hand decoration Programme named, as 'Mylanji Rav' will be organized on Tuesday, 13 June 2017 at 7:30 pm. It is for the women and children. Skilled professionals will handle the decoration with mehndi. This programme is organized by the KCA Ladies Wing.

On the 14th June, Dr John Panackal will lead a session for the parents and children on the topic of transfer of children from abroad to India for higher studies and relocating. There are innumerable adjustment problems- emotional, intellectual, social, and cultural problems when the children are transferred to our home country after long period of stay in abroad. The session will cover all the topics. The session will start at 8:30 pm.

On the same day, i.e., the 14th June there will be a drawing competition for children aged 4 to 17. Attractive prices will be given for the participant. The competitions will start at 7:30 pm. Those who are willing to participate in the competitions could register their names at KCA. It is an open event. Mrs Juliet Thomas (39205405) will be the Chief Coordinator of the Programmes along with Mr Joyal Jose (37242494).

For more information the coordinators can be contacted.

PLUMS

Date : 1st June 2017 to 30th June 2017

Venue : The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain

Brief description: Plums combines refined dining with innovative cuisine. With the specialty being premium beef and fresh, top quality seafood, it provides guests with the ultimate in dining pleasure! As paint colors bring vibrancy to the room, an array of flavorful and diverse sauces brings excitement to prime steaks. Designed to be cosmopolitan and inviting, Plums is considered a Bahrain hot spot. Housing the city's most popular dining room will match the already incomparable reputation the hotel has in Manama.

Price: a la carte

Timings: Daily, 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Closed on Sundays

Contact details for more information: (+973) 1758 6499 or email rc.bahrz.restaurant.reservations@ritzcarlton.com

BLOOD DONATION CAMP



Date: June 9

Venue: Salmania Medical Centre

In the Holy month of Ramadan , Chinmaya Society organizes Annual Blood Donation Camp at Salmania Medical Centre Blood Bank on 9th June 2017 from 8.30am to 12.30pm. Please participate in this noble cause during the Holy month to save a life. For details, contact: U.K.Menon-36080404 Bhargavan Pilla- 39522750

FOUR SEASONS RAMADAN TENT

Main venue: Al Bahrain Ballroom includes the main dining area and shisha lounge overlooking the Arabian Gulf, all dressed up in a modern Arabesque theme.

The buffet: Features a wide selection of traditional Bahraini fare as well as Lebanese, Moroccan, Indian, Turkish and global cuisine with a number of live cooking stations.

For Ghabga:

We will offer an array of Arabic and internationally inspired dishes and desserts.

Pricing:

Iftar = BHD 26++ (including beverages: still or sparkling water, soft drinks, chilled juice, Arabic coffee pass around)
Ghabga = BHD 28++ (including beverages available at the buffet only)
Shisha = BHD 8++
Kids below 5 years = Free
Kids between 6 years and 12 years = BHD 12.5++
From 13 years and above = Full price
For groups: (minimum 30 pax)

Iftar = BHD 23++ (including beverages)
Ghabga = BHD 25++ (excluding beverages)

Timing:

Iftar: Sunset till 8 pm
Ghabga from 9 pm till 2 am

During the holy month, a professional live band will be playing mellow traditional tunes (Oud) in the Ramadan tent.

A Ramadan tent will add to the holy celebrations.

Reservations:
17115500

Kids For All Seasons Ramadan Tent

Complimentary access for Iftar and Ghabga guests. A large tent connected to the ballroom will feature the kids club with great number of fun activities. Gergaoun Celebration: on June 10th the Kids for All Seasons Club has arranged many fun activities such as spreading candies, singing traditional songs and storytelling. Reservations: 973017115500

Bay View Lounge

Bay View Lounge is open nightly after sunset during the month of Ramadan. Guests can replenish and reenergise by enjoying their first cup of freshly brewed coffee or linger over a fragrant cup of aromatic tea.

Re/ Asian Cuisine by Wolfgang Puck

re/Asian Cuisine is presenting an a la carte menu for breakfast as well as a special dim sum style cuisine for lunch and dinner during the holy month of Ramadan.

Breakfast: 7:00am - 11:00am
Lunch: 12:30pm - 3:30pm
Dinner: Weekdays: sunset - 11:00pm
Weekends: sunset - 11:30pm
Restaurant will be closed on Mondays. Reservations: 17115046

Eid AlFitr

Eid Brunch at Bahrain Bay Kitchen Festivities will commence in Bahrain Bay Kitchen with 3 days brunch buffet, live cooking stations and a vibrant family atmosphere.

Pricing:
BHD 27++ (including soft beverages)
BHD 37++ (including beverages)
Reservations:
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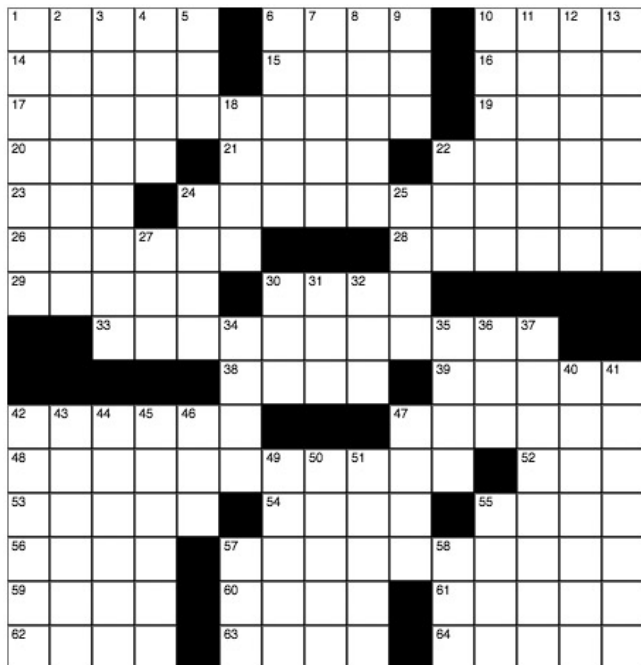
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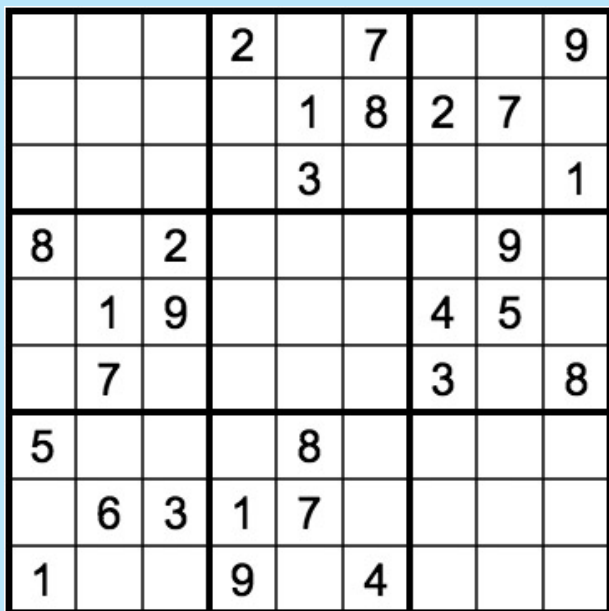
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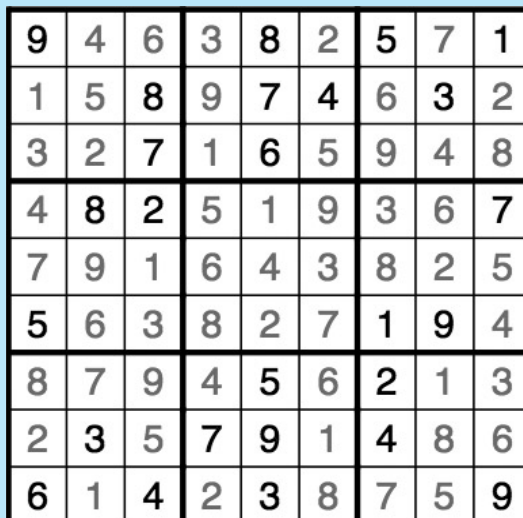
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Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



You should feel especially emotional today, reacting strongly to nearly everything you see, whether a photo of a natural disaster, a group of children, or a kitten sitting on a doorstep. Spiritually, you're highly motivated and longing to know more about worlds beyond this one. You might long to make a pilgrimage, perhaps to a holy shrine or other sacred place.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Dreams and visions might come and go today, as unconscious drives and images surface. Some of these impressions could represent old traumas or phobias that need to be released. You could also draw creative inspiration from these perceptions and use them as a basis for artistic projects. By day's end you may feel much lighter.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Social events or group activities could put you in touch with a lot of people, both close friends and casual acquaintances. A new person may come into your life who makes a difference for you. Issues may come up that you feel strongly about, and you aren't likely to hesitate about expressing your opinions.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



You should feel physically strong and energetic today and ready to take on just about anything that comes your way. This is good, as you may be presented with some powerful challenges that bring new purpose to your life. Excitement and enthusiasm permeate your entire being right now. Anything that comes your way you're likely to face with determination.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Spiritual passion is tempered by romantic desire today, and you're likely to want to pursue both. Perhaps your romantic partner is as spiritually inclined as you, and you both aspire to the same ends. Much of the passion you feel wells up from deep within. If you're in any way creatively inclined, you may want to memorialize these feelings through writing, painting, or music.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



If you're currently romantically involved, you can expect your relationship to move to the next level of commitment. You and your partner could agree to be monogamous, get engaged, or set a wedding date. If you're married, you might decide to have a child. If you aren't involved, expect to attract someone soon.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



An invitation to an important social event could come today. This could represent a chance to meet important people who could advance your career or who might be involved in a field that interests you. Your energy and enthusiasm won't be lost on these people, or anyone for that matter, as you will obviously be speaking from the heart.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



A previously untapped talent could emerge today. You may decide to train this talent and foster a skill that can help you with any type of work you will do. This is definitely the day for it, as you should be full of energy and enthusiasm, capable of assuming any task, however formidable. Physically, you should feel strong and well.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



Romantic passion might motivate you to work on improving your appearance. You might decide to exercise, change your diet, and experiment with new clothing styles. You're likely to produce the results you want. With the energy and enthusiasm churning within you today, you might surprise yourself with this task or anything else you do.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



You'll wake up ready to take on the world. Excitement, enthusiasm, and purpose will fill your soul, yet you might wonder where it comes from, as nothing has changed since yesterday. Don't waste time mulling over it - harness it! Tackle a class or exercise program. Start a project. This energy is generated from deep in the subconscious, but should be channelled into the conscious world!

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



Information gleaned from friends could have you focusing on a new goal. You may have a lot of ideas about projects you want to take care of, and today you might realize which one has top priority. Start moving! Whatever you choose to do, find out what you need before you start. There's a chance that you might waste time running around trying to find necessary materials.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



The Universe is inviting you magnify your vision. It's time to see the bigger, better, more advanced side of things. Remember that life is a mirror. You're highly unlikely to receive more than you hope for. So dream big, hope big, and imagine yourself in the stars. Don't sell yourself short. It's a misuse of humility and modesty.



Demonstrators cheer at an anti-Trump 'March for Truth' rally in Seattle, Washington

Russia tried to hack US voting systems: Intel

Washington

A top secret US report showing that hackers from Russian military intelligence tried repeatedly to break into US voting systems before last year's presidential election raised new alarms Monday about the extent of Moscow's meddling.

But the alleged leak of the National Security Agency document by one of the tens of thousands of private contractors to US spy agencies, barely one month after the report was written, became the newest

embarrassment for the US intelligence community.

Keen to crack down on a flood of leaks, almost immediately after the report was published, the Trump administration announced the arrest of intelligence contractor Reality Leigh Winner, 25, on charges of violating the espionage act.

"Releasing classified material without authorisation threatens our nation's security and undermines public faith in government. People who are trusted with classified

information and pledge to protect it must be held accountable when they violate that obligation," Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein said.

The NSA report was published Monday by The Intercept, an online news website which focuses on national security issues. It depicted a hacking operation tied closely to Moscow's GRU intelligence directorate that targeted private US companies providing voter registration services and equipment to local governments. (AFP)

Rodents swarm Myanmar villages

Yangon

Thousands of rats have descended on villages on an island in southern Myanmar, a local official said yesterday, in what some have taken to be an ill omen of impending disaster.

Residents of Haingyi island, one of the larger islands in the Irrawaddy Delta, have been battling the plague of rodents since the critters scurried into their villages over the weekend.

Short of pied pipers, desperate authorities have resorted to paying residents 50 kyat (four US cents) for each dead animal in a bid to contain the outbreak.

"More than 4,000 rats have



Representational image been killed since they tried to enter the villages," regional MP Phyo Zaw Shwe said.

"According to traditional

beliefs, these animals can predict bad weather. So people here are also worried about floods or earthquakes."

#PollToday



Do you think Russia could have fabricated US election result?

Yes No Cant Say



"Attacks on US election software vendor are untrue. Apart from this claim we have not seen any other information nor heard any arguments for the reliability of this information,"

-Dmitry Peskov, Kremlin spokesman

Rest in sight

Nuclear-wary Japan restarts another reactor



A Japanese utility switched on another nuclear reactor in a victory for the government's pro-atomic push, despite strong public opposition after 2011 Fukushima meltdown.

Man charged over Australia flight scare

Passengers on an Australian domestic flight left the plane via an emergency exit after a man allegedly left a threatening note in the toilet in what appears to be a prank.

Thais jail Singapore bank 'note' robber

A Thai court sentenced a Canadian man to 14 months in jail for crimes linked to a rare bank robbery in Singapore where he allegedly used nothing more than a threatening note to steal \$22,000.

China concerns spark Australia spy law review

Australia has ordered an inquiry into espionage laws and foreign government interference amid growing concerns about Chinese influence in the country's politics.

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Govt, London mayor clash over Trump invite

London

The British government yesterday stood by an invitation for US President Donald Trump to make a state visit to the UK as London Mayor Sadiq Khan -- under attack from the White House -- said the offer should be scrapped.

"The invitation has been issued and accepted and I see no reason to change that," Foreign Minister Boris Johnson told BBC radio.

Prime Minister Theresa May, asked by a media whether the controversial trip would go ahead, answered "Yes."

But Khan reiterated his view that the invitation was "premature".

"State visits are given to world leaders who have had distinguished service, who have a track record," he said.

"In the circumstances where Donald Trump as president had a Muslim ban, had changed the policies of the USA, the longstanding policies around refugees, in the circumstances where many British people disagree with many of Donald Trump's policies, we shouldn't be having a state visit," he said.

Police treat Australia siege as terrorism



Police in the Melbourne bayside suburb of Brighton after a woman was held against her will in an apartment block

Melbourne

A fatal shootout claimed by the Islamic State group was being treated as a terrorist attack by Australian police yesterday, as the prime minister condemned it as "shocking and cowardly".

A man of Somali background was killed in a gun battle with police when he opened fire following an hour-long standoff after taking a female escort hostage at a serviced apartment block in Melbourne on Monday evening.

It is alleged 29-year-old Yacqub Khayre, linked to a

2009 terror plot targeting an Australian army barracks, had first murdered a Chinese-born Australian man working as a receptionist in the foyer.

Police said he made statements "around Al-Qaeda" and called a local television station making similar comments, reportedly: "This is for IS, this is for Al-Qaeda."

Authorities labelled the attack as a terrorism incident but added that investigations were still ongoing into whether it was planned or random.

Indian baby dies after 'rapists' throw her from rickshaw

New Delhi

A nine-month-old baby died when she was thrown out of a moving autorickshaw by men accused of gang-raping her mother, police said yesterday, in the latest case of sexual violence in India.

Police said they had registered a case of murder and gang rape after the alleged attack on May 29 in

Gurgaon, on the outskirts of New Delhi.

"We are interrogating several people and should be able to progress further in the case today, including making possible arrests," Gurgaon's commissioner of police Sandeep Khirwar said.

He said the baby had died of head injuries, and estimated the mother was aged 19 or 20.

Afghan leader issues ultimatum to Taliban

Kabul

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani issued an ultimatum to the Taliban yesterday, warning them to embrace peace or "face consequences" after announcing that the death toll from last week's devastating truck bombing had passed 150.

Ghani had come under mounting criticism over the bombing, the deadliest in Kabul since 2001, with protests and deadly street clashes roiling the Afghan capital as people incensed by spiralling insecurity call for his government's resignation.

The president made a strong plea for peace at an international conference on Afghanistan attended by



Afghan President Ashraf Ghani (C) prays during an international peace conference at the Presidential Palace in Kabul

around two dozen countries, which was held under tight security as armoured vehicles patrolled the streets and fighter jets roared over the capital.

"We are offering a chance for peace but this is not an

open-ended offer," Ghani said. "Time is running out... this is the last chance: take it or face consequences."

The conference, labelled the "Kabul Process", aims to build international support

for ways to restore security in Afghanistan.

Kabul has been on edge since the massive truck bomb last Wednesday ripped through the city's highly fortified diplomatic quarter.

Third London attacker named

London

Police yesterday identified the third attacker in the weekend terror assault in London amid mounting anger, two days before an election, over how the jihadist killers had apparently escaped surveillance.

With flags at half-mast, the nation fell silent at 11:00am (1000 GMT) to remember the seven killed and dozens injured on Saturday night -- a mourning ritual now grimly



(L-R) Youssef Zaghba, Khuram Shazad Butt and Rachid Redouane believed by police to be the three attackers

familiar after two previous terror attacks in less than three

months. Police identified the third

attacker as Youssef Zaghba, a 22-year-old Italian of Moroccan descent, a day after naming his accomplices as Khuram Shazad Butt, 27, a Pakistan-born Briton, and Rachid Redouane, 30, a self-described Moroccan-Libyan dual national.

Police also said they had made an overnight raid in east London and arrested a 27-year-old man early Tuesday. Twelve people arrested earlier have since been released.

Arundhati Roy releases first novel in 20 years

New Delhi

Arundhati Roy's eagerly-awaited second novel went on sale yesterday, two decades after her prize-winning debut "The God of Small Things" propelled her to global fame and launched her career as an outspoken critic of injustice in her native India.

Roy became the first Indian woman to win the prestigious Booker Prize with her 1997 work, which sold around eight

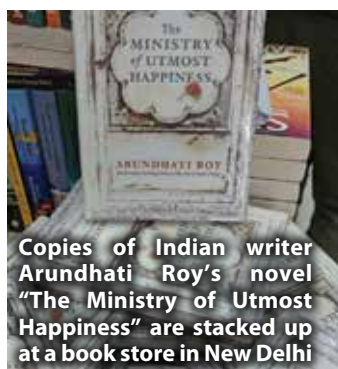
million copies and turned the young author into a star of the literary world.

In the years that followed, she turned to non-fiction writing, taking on issues ranging from poverty and globalisation to the conflict in Kashmir in essays that were often highly critical of India's ruling class.

Her campaigning earned her the wrath of many in the Indian establishment and

has clearly influenced her latest novel "The Ministry of Utmost Happiness", which she has said took 10 years to produce.

Publisher Penguin says it takes the reader "from the cramped neighbourhoods of Old Delhi into the burgeoning new metropolis" and on to the troubled Kashmir Valley and the jungles of central India, racked by a long-running Maoist rebellion.



Copies of Indian writer Arundhati Roy's novel "The Ministry of Utmost Happiness" are stacked up at a book store in New Delhi

Police shoot, injure attacker outside Paris's cathedral

Paris

French police shot and injured a man who had attacked an officer with a hammer outside Paris's Notre-Dame cathedral yesterday, prompting an anti-terror investigation.

Police sources said the officer sustained only minor

injuries in the assault, which comes with France on high alert for jihadist strikes after a weekend attack in London.

One of the officer's colleagues opened fire, the source added. The attacker, whose motives were unclear, lay injured on the ground as police sealed off the area.

Trump will not block ex-FBI director's testimony

Washington

Donald Trump will not use presidential powers to prevent the ex-FBI director James Comey from testifying to Congress Thursday, the White House said, setting the stage for potentially explosive testimony later this week.

The ousted FBI director will

appear Thursday before the Senate intelligence committee for a hearing sure to be replete with political drama and intrigue.

Most major US television networks plan to carry the event live. Some bars in the US capital are even planning to open early for viewing parties.

Three killed after farmers clash over crop prices in India

New Delhi

At least three people were killed yesterday after clashes broke out in central India between police and farmers demanding higher prices for produce and forgiveness of loans.

Police said hundreds of farmers torched vehicles and fired at riot police in the Mandasaur district of Madhya Pradesh state.

"Someone from the crowd fired at our men and they

retaliated. It is unclear whether they died from police bullets or the attackers," regional police chief Avinash Sharma said.

He said many people including policemen were injured in the clashes after protesters set ablaze half a dozen vehicles and tried to damage a railway.

Authorities imposed a curfew and cut off mobile internet services in the district and adjoining areas to prevent violence from spreading.

Nepal failing to protect migrant workers: Amnesty

Kathmandu

Nepal is failing to enforce laws designed to protect migrant workers from being charged exorbitant fees that leave them crippled by debt and trapped in jobs overseas, Amnesty International said yesterday.

More than 400,000 migrants workers leave Nepal every year for work abroad, mostly in

the Gulf and Malaysia. Their remittances back home make up nearly 30 percent of the impoverished country's GDP.

The government in 2015 banned employment agencies from charging job seekers the cost of the plane ticket and work visa, shifting the burden to the employer, and capped agent fees at 10,000 Nepali rupees (\$96).

Owner of largest Star Wars memorabilia collection robbed

Los Angeles

The owner of the largest collection of Star Wars memorabilia said on Monday a longtime friend had robbed him of more than 100 items, including rare vintage US and foreign carded action figures.

Steve Sansweet, who runs Rancho Obi-Wan, a non-profit museum north of San Francisco that houses more than 400,000 Star Wars collectibles, said the theft took

place over several months in late 2015 through 2016.

"We're missing about 120 to 130 items worth some \$200,000," he said. He said the majority of the items stolen are vintage US and foreign carded action figures, many of them rare.

Sansweet identified the suspect as Carl Cunningham, a well-known Star Wars collector and R2-D2 builder from Marietta, Georgia.



Abdul Rahman Shehab

Elias Redha

Shehab defeats Serwin Rampersad

BTC Ramadan Tennis

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Veteran former Davis Cup player Abdul Rahman Shehab had to work hard to defeat Serwin Rampersad 6-4, 7-5 in the qualifying rounds of The Late Ahmed Al Mahoozi Cup - Master Singles at the Bahrain Tennis Club Ramadan Tournament at its premises in Juffair.

In the other matches, Abdulla M Ahmed was a 6-0, 6-1 winner over Isa Al Sammak, Bas Loohuis got the better of Yusef Redha 6-1, 6-0 and Elias Redha won 6-1, 6-4 against Salman Hassan.

A total of 23 players are featuring in the qualifying knockout format until tomorrow to determine the two players who will join

the main draw with eight players receiving automatic entry.

The main competition comprising two groups of five players starts on Friday in the round-robin format, with the semi-finals on June 16 and the final on June 17.

In The Late Yousif Khalil Al Moayyed Cup - Doubles, Ahmed Al Mahmood and Mohammed Abo Hassan

beat Ahmed Qaed and Khalid Qayoom 6-4, 6-3 in Group 1, in Group 2 Mohammed Yousif Abdulla and Abdul Majeed Mufiz were 6-4, 6-2 victors over Amin and Mohammed Sharaf and in the same group Ali Fakhro and Ebrahim Qaed got the better of Mohab Mangoud and Islam Abo Alam 6-1, 7-5.

In Group 3, Naji Al Samaheji and Ahmed Omran

ran out 6-4, 6-2 winners against Isa Al Smmak and Ahmed Al Jassas.

The players are in three groups playing round-robin group matches with eight players advancing to the quarter finals today, comprising the top two from the three groups and the best third placed pairs in Group 1 and 2, the semi-finals are set for Saturday and the final

match on June 18.

Meanwhile, in The Late Majid Al Zayani Cup - Super Doubles Group 1, Emad Ali and Yousif Fakhro ran out 6-4, 7-5 winners against Ahmed Dhaif and Bassim Sarwani.

This competition comprises two groups of round-robin matches with the top two qualifying for the semi-finals next Sunday and the final set for June 13.



Bahrain Merida extends deal with Colbrelli

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Sonny Colbrelli, 27-year-old former member of Bardiani Team, who has been in the Bahrain Merida Pro Cycling Team since its establishment at the beginning of their first WorldT season in 2017, has extended his contract with the team for another year.

Colbrelli is one of the most important sprinters and all-rounders of the team who has produced some excellent performances and some significant results in the previous months. He won

the Brabantse Pijl, was ninth at Amstel Gold Race and won Stage 2 of Paris-Nice.

Also Colbrelli took second place on Stage 4 and third place on Stage 1 of Tour of Oman and 10th place overall on Ronde van Vlaanderen. Beside that, he has showed some excellent sprints and solid finishes and also worked great with the rest of the Team.

"We at Bahrain Merida are very pleased to have found an agreement with Sonny to extend his contract with the team, Sonny was one of the first riders to believe in this project

when he originally signed and yet again we are proud to say he is one of the first to renew with this contractual extension. Sonny is a huge asset to the team, we have seen how his improvement and confidence has increased in the past few months, he is learning to take on the role of a true leader," Brent Copeland, General Manager of the team said.

"I'm really happy to announce the extension of my contract with Bahrain Merida," commented Sonny Colbrelli.

"From the beginning my relationship with the

team, my new teammates, sports directors, mechanics, masseurs, team managers and everyone else was great. They trust me and consider me a leader, a captain. When I received this proposal to renew my contract I didn't think twice. I am grateful to Bahrain Merida because they are taking me to the top of pro cycling, to compete with big champions worldwide. I have great staff around me and amazing teammates that support me in each race and motivate me to do the best," Colbrelli added.



Lester Ferrao and V.V.Mohan

Loohuis downs Rahul Jaideep in Q-finals

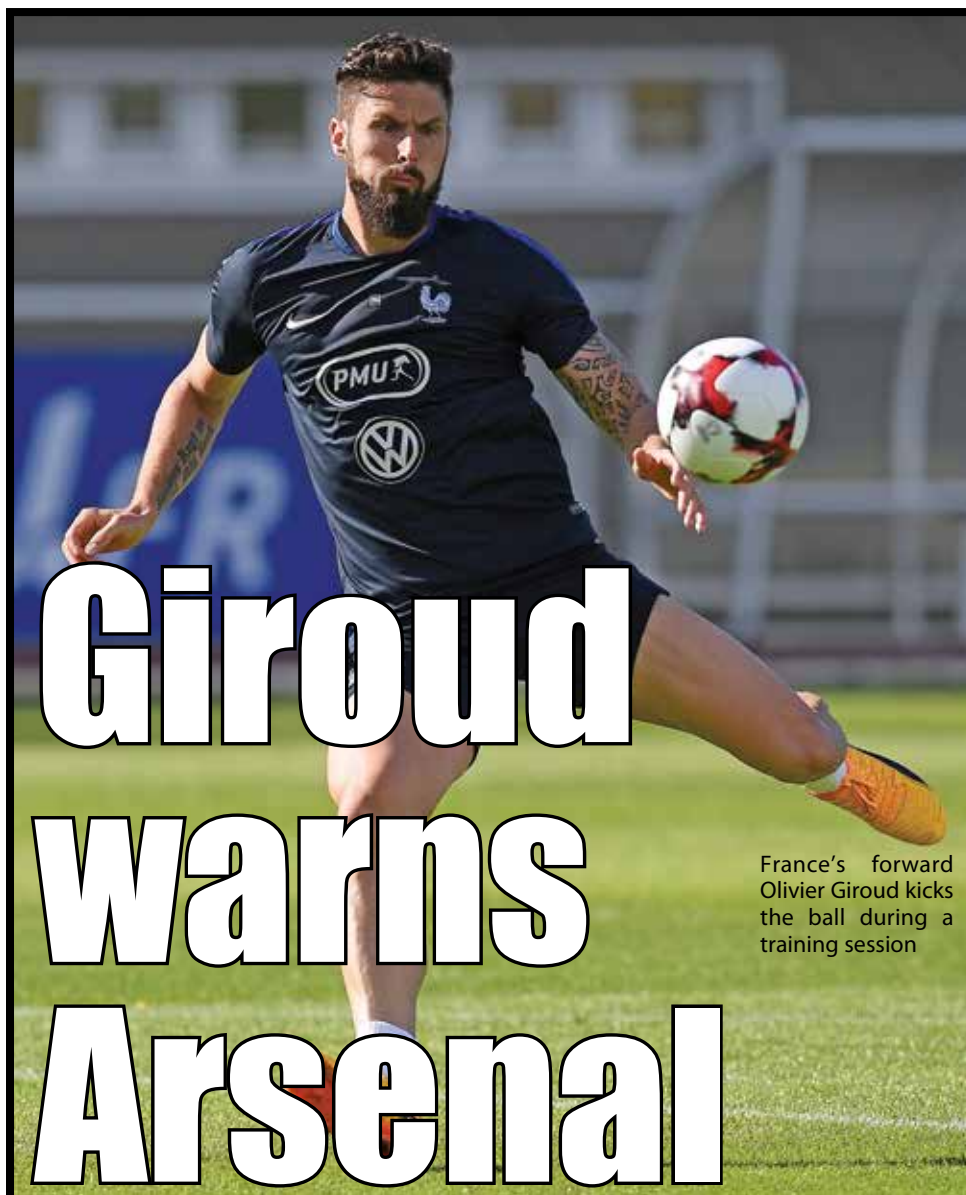
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Youngster Rahul Jaideep went down fighting against Bas Loohuis, who won 6-4, 5-7, 10-4 in the men's singles quarter finals on the seventh day of The 68th Indian Club Y.K.Almoayyed Open Tennis Ramadan Tournament at its premises in Gudaibiya.

In veterans action, Somnathan of Indian Club

defeated Pradeep Nathoo 6-2, 5-7, 10-5, while another Indian Club player Uday Shambaug beat Filipino Teddy Rebara 6-2, 2-6, 11-9.

In other veteran matches, V.V. Mohan received a walkover win from Gery Toledo and Lester Ferrao beat V.V. Mohan 6-2, 3-6, 10-8 after the latter had earlier received a walkover win in the second round.



Giroud warns Arsenal

France's forward Olivier Giroud kicks the ball during a training session

Clairefontaine-en-Yvelines, France

France forward Olivier Giroud said yesterday he will not accept a bit-part role with Arsenal next season.

The 30-year-old was often a substitute over the last campaign as Gunners manager Arsene Wenger preferred to line up Alexis Sanchez and Theo Walcott in attack.

Giroud, who also had an injury-disrupted campaign, made only 11 league starts and, with 18 appearances from the bench, was the Arsenal player most used as a substitute last season.

But while he said he's

happy at Arsenal, the former Montpellier striker says he wants to play more.

"I still have two or even three years left on my Arsenal contract, for the moment my future is at Arsenal," he said.

"I feel good here, I want to win the Premier League with Arsenal.

"But I don't know what the future holds."

On Sunday, Giroud had told French television station TF1 that he would be interested in a move back to France, in particular Marseille, although he said he still wanted to win things in England.

"Obviously, I'm not going

to be happy with another year of playing so little," he added.

"I'm going to have to think about it with those close to me and my advisors."

While he was often on the bench at Arsenal, Giroud has been first choice for France since Real Madrid forward Karim Benzema was omitted due to his implication in the Mathieu Valbuena sex-tape scandal.

Giroud hit a hat-trick in Friday's 5-0 win over Paraguay in Rennes, taking his tally to 26 goals in 62 France appearances. He is set to feature for France in their crunch World Cup qualifier in Sweden on Friday. (AFP)

Manchester United world's most valuable club - Forbes

New York

Manchester United have overtaken Real Madrid as the world's most valuable football team, US magazine Forbes announced yesterday in its annual global list ranking the sport's wealthiest clubs.

United's enduring brand appeal and aggressive sponsorship strategies had helped the Premier League side reclaim top spot for the first

time in five years, with a worth estimated at \$3.69 billion (3.27 billion euros), Forbes said in its survey.

Although Real Madrid have enjoyed unparalleled success in the Champions League -- clinching unprecedented back-to-back titles on Saturday for a record 12th crown -- United have roared past the Spanish giants in the commercial stakes.

According to Forbes, United generated revenues of \$765 million during the 2015-2016 season, \$77 million more than both Barcelona and Real Madrid.

"Manchester United's return to the top spot is a testament to their powerful brand and marketing acumen," Forbes Media assistant managing editor Mike Ozanian said in a statement. (AFP)

Shaikh Nasser praises Nasser 10 coverage

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HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, confirmed that the press and online coverage of the 3rd Nasser bin Hamad Ramadan Sports Games (Nasser 10) is worthy of admiration for its prominent role in achieving the objectives for which the tournament was founded in supporting the Bahraini youth and sports movement and young sports talents.

Shaikh Nasser praised the interest of newspaper editors and the outstanding role played by sports supplements and the media in covering the various events of the tournament and being a key partner in the great successes achieved by the tournament since its launch.

Meanwhile, Chairman of the Higher Organising Committee for the 3rd Nasser bin Hamad Sports Tournament "Nasser 10" Tawfiq Al Salehi said preparations are ongoing for the football final on Friday evening at Khalifa Sports City



Action from Al Nawayef vs Al Saqr (file pic)

Football Stadium in Isa Town and the closing ceremony, noting the growing importance of the tournament in the local sports arena in addition to being one of the most successful tournaments at the regional level.

"The tournament reflects the wise vision of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and his keen interest in attracting young Bahrainis to sports and giving them the opportunity to practice it in these tournaments, which is a suitable environment for the discovery

and production of new football talent," Tawfiq Al Salehi said.

Procedures are being put in place for the draw on the five cars in the package that Shaikh Nasser directed to be presented to the fans who attend the Nasser 10 football matches, with the sponsorship of Ebrahim Khalil Kanoo "Toyota" and Majestic Cars. "The High Organising Committee will increase the number of organisers on the gates of the entry to ensure that everyone gets tickets", Al Salehi added that all the tickets will be entered into the final draw.

BIC: AMAIUB team secure first place in Karting

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AMA International University-Bahrain's (AMAIUB) team won first place during the recently held Karting 4 Universities event organized by Hamad Behzad's Middle East Premier Activities and Championships at the Bahrain International Karting Circuit.

The winning team, composed of Rashid Al Muammari and Mohamed Ebrahim, hit the fastest time over 44 laps in an hour-long race and bested the sixteen teams from six Bahrain universities and one university from Qatar. Both Rashid and Mohammed received trophies from the organizers.

The other AMAIUB team members who also joined event include Abdulaziz Bin Safar, Abdulla Al Qutami, Jalal Turk, Ali Showaiter, Shaheen Jassim, Khalifa Al Ghatam, Ali Janahi, Hamad Ijaz, Amro Mohamed, and Taha Imtiaz. All of them were given medals for actively taking part in the first ever Karting 4 Universities.

AMAIUB's teams were supervised by Kefaya Al Mubarak, the Head of the Office of Student Services and Guidance. This event aimed to encourage the youth to be involved in sports activities, most especially the motorsport in the Kingdom of Bahrain.



Bouwman claims Dauphine stage



Netherlands' Koen Bouwman celebrates on the podium

Tullins

Young Dutchman Koen Bouwman was incredulous after emerging from a six-man breakaway to win yesterday's 184km third stage of the Criterium du Dauphine as the favorites kept their powder dry.

Belgian Thomas de Gendt held onto the leader's yellow jersey ahead of Wednesday's 23.5km time-trial, which should see a major shake-up in the overall standings.

Three-time winner Chris Froome will expect to move into yellow jersey contention ahead of a weekend where the overall winner will be decided on summit finishes at Alpe d'Huez and

Plateau de Solaison.

And Froome said gaining time on his overall rivals, such as Romain Bardet and Alberto Contador, would make a major difference for the rest of the race.

"It's going to be a huge dynamic of the race here. Whoever gets time tomorrow (Wednesday) in terms of the GC (overall) battle won't necessarily have to go on the offensive in the following days," said Froome.

"It's an important milestone in this week's race, but it's also an important test in terms of the Tour de France.

"We've got a very similar kind of

prologue in Dusseldorf, and a similar time trial in Marseille at the end of the Tour. It's good practice and a good hit out ahead of that."

Bouwman, 23, proved strongest in the sprint amongst escapees with Lithuania's Evaldas Siskevicius second and Frederik Backaert of Belgium third at the finish in Tullins.

"I can't believe it. My parents and my girlfriend are watching me on the television. I never thought I would win here in such an important race as the Criterium du Dauphine," said Bouwman.

"The aim of the day was just to get in the breakaway but we worked

really well together and managed to go all the way."

The six breakaway companions had set off early into the stage and held a lead of almost seven minutes at one point.

The peloton took too long to take up the chase and was led home by Frenchman Arnaud Demare, the winner of Monday's second stage, 11 seconds behind Bouwman.

"I'm very disappointed," said Demare. "We were caught out. The escapees were very cunning. They accelerated when they needed to and the route, a downhill false-flat, gave them an advantage." (AFP)

RESULTS

Results from the 184km third stage of the Criterium du Dauphine from Chambon-sur-Lignon to Tullins:

1. Koen Bouwman (NED/Lotto NL) 4hr 06min 06sec
2. Evaldas Siskevicius (LTU/DMP) same time
3. Frederik Backaert (BEL/WGG) s.t.
4. Bryan Nauleau (FRA/DEN) s.t.
5. Alexei Vermeulen (USA/LNL) s.t.
6. Quentin Pacher (FRA/DMP) s.t.
7. Arnaud Demare (FRA/FDJ) at 11sec
8. Bryan Coquard (FRA/DEN) s.t.
9. Pascal Ackermann (GER/BOR) s.t.
10. Phil Bauhaus (GER/SUN) s.t.

Nadal, Djokovic Q-finals postponed



Paris

Torrential rain forced Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic's quarter-finals at the French Open to be delayed until Wednesday.

Play was held up for over three hours yesterday before finally

resuming at 1845 local time (1645 GMT) with the first two women's quarter-finals at Roland Garros.

Nine-time champion Nadal is due to take on compatriot Pablo Carreno Busta, while title-holder Djokovic faces sixth seed Dominic Thiem in a

repeat of last year's semi-final.

As a result of the downpours, all four men's quarter-finals will be played on Wednesday with Andy Murray against Kei Nishikori and Stan Wawrinka facing Marin Cilic. (AFP)

Bacsinszky, Ostapenko in semi-final battle

Paris

Swiss 30th seed Timea Bacsinszky reached the French Open semi-finals for the second time yesterday and will meet Latvian teenager Jelena Ostapenko for a shot at the title.

Bacsinszky downed French hope Kristina Mladenovic 6-4, 6-4 on a rain-hit day at Roland Garros, while 19-year-old Ostapenko stunned Caroline Wozniacki 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Bacsinszky or Ostapenko can make it a double celebration when they meet on Thursday as both women celebrate their birthdays.

Bacsinszky will be 28; Ostapenko will turn 20.

Yesterday's matches both lasted just under two hours in duration but took the best part of six hours to complete after two rain delays -- one lasting three hours.

"I feel extremely privileged to be in a second semi-final at Roland Garros," said Bacsinszky, whose run to the last four two years ago was ended by Serena Williams in three sets.

"It was extremely difficult today. There was fine weather, then rain, wind and a sandstorm."

"I had to stay concentrated. I am sorry for the crowd but happy for me."

Mladenovic, bidding to be the first Frenchwoman in the semi-finals since Marion Bartoli in 2011, was broken in

her first service game by Bacsinszky before she levelled at 2-2.

But she handed the advantage straight back in the fifth game and the Swiss player went on to claim the opening set on an ace after 63 minutes on court.

At 1-1 in the second set, the match was halted for three hours as torrential rain swept across Roland Garros. (AFP)



Switzerland's Timea Bacsinszky



Wood strikes key blow

England reach semis



England's Mark Wood (3rd R) celebrates with teammates


Cardiff

Mark Wood took the key wicket of Kane Williamson as England booked their place in the semi-finals of the Champions Trophy with an 87-run win over New Zealand at Cardiff yesterday.

New Zealand, set 311 for victory, finished on 223 all out with 39 balls left.

They were in the hunt while captain Williamson, fresh from a hundred in the Blackcaps' opening rain-marred no result against Australia, was making 87.

But fast bowler Wood made the key breakthrough to dismiss the star batsman.

Then, as happened after Williamson's departure against Australia, the Blackcaps lost a cluster of wickets.

Wood's fellow paceman Jake Ball was named man-of-the-match for a miserly return of two for 31 in eight overs up front.

Victory saw England into the

last four of a tournament featuring the world's top eight one-day international sides after an eight-wicket defeat of Bangladesh at the Oval last week, regardless of the result of their last Group A match against arch-rivals Australia at Edgbaston on Saturday.

Two years ago, New Zealand thrashed England by eight wickets on home soil at the 2015 World Cup in Wellington.

But this decisive win was a measure of England's progress in the 50-over format since that chastening defeat.

England were in danger of falling short of 300 after Joe Root (64), Alex Hales (56) and Ben Stokes (48) all got out when well set.

But Jos Buttler's dashing unbeaten 61 helped take them to 310 all out.

New Zealand lost their first wicket just four balls into their innings when Luke Ronchi was clean bowled for a golden duck by Ball.

Martin Gupthill (27) and Williamson dug in before the former edged an

intended drive off all-rounder Stokes to Root at a wide slip.

Both Williamson, posting his fifth fifty in as many ODIs against England, and Taylor were hit on the helmet by fast bowler Liam Plunkett, who finished with four for 55.

But Williamson still drove Wood back over his head for four at a Cardiff ground rivalling Wellington as a windswept venue.

Taylor, without being at his fluent best, offered sound support in a stand of 95.

Wood strike

England captain Eoin Morgan, shuffling his pack, recalled Wood and the Durham quick duly delivered the wicket his side badly needed when a rising ball took Williamson's glove and diving wicket-keeper Buttler clung on to the catch.

It was the end of Williamson's 98-ball innings featuring eight fours.

And when Taylor (39) holed out off Ball to midwicket, New Zealand

were 168 for four in the 34th over.

Jimmy Neesham hit a six off Plunkett but fell next ball when he found Hales in the deep.

Leg-spinner Adil Rashid justified his selection in place of the injured Chris Woakes with two for 47 in 10 overs, with Plunkett ending the match when Tim Southee was caught at deep midwicket.

After just 30 minutes' play, the match was halted at 11:00am local time (1000 GMT) as a national minute's silence in memory of the victims of Saturday's terror attack in London was observed.

Jason Roy hit Adam Milne for four to go to 13 but was then bowled round his legs by the pacemen.

His exit meant the struggling Surrey opener had managed just 47 runs in his last seven innings at this level.

Root, fresh from his career-best 133 not out against Bangladesh, twice drove left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner for six. (AFP)

England

J. Roy b Milne	13
A. Hales b Milne	56
J. Root b Anderson	64
E. Morgan c Ronchi b Anderson	13
B. Stokes c Milne b Boult	48
J. Buttler not out	61
M. Ali c Boult b Anderson	12
A. Rashid lbw b Santner	12
L. Plunkett c Southee b Milne	15
M. Wood c Taylor b Southee	0
J. Ball c Boult b Southee	0
Extras (lb5, w11)	16
Total (all out, 49.3 overs)	310

New Zealand

M. Gupthill c Root b Stokes	27
L. Ronchi b Ball	0
K. Williamson c Buttler b Wood	87
R. Taylor c Root b Ball	39
N. Broom lbw b Rashid	11
J. Neesham c Hales b Plunkett	18
C. Anderson c Hales b Plunkett	10
M. Santner st Buttler b Rashid	3
A. Milne c Rashid b Plunkett	10
T. Southee c Roy b Plunkett	2
T. Boult not out	0
Extras (b4, lb8, w4)	16
Total (all out, 44.3 overs)	223
Man-of-the-match: Jake Ball (ENG)	

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