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Interior Ministry bags awards

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The Human Resources Department of the Interior Ministry has won three prizes at the 11th session of the International Stevie Awards.

Considered the most prestigious international awards in creativity, organisational excellence and international works, it saw participation from more than 50 countries, organisations and major companies with around 3500 entries.

11th Hour

Job Fair on Wednesday Manama

Labour and Social Development Minister Jamil bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan will inaugurate the General Job Fair on October 11 at Bani Jamrah Cultural and Sport Club hall in the Northern Governorate. Private sector institutions will take part in the two-day event, offering vacancies in the administrative and technical fields as well as training programmes.

PM: HM's directives roadmap for action



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and HRH Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa during the Cabinet meeting held at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday

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The government will spare no effort to implement the directives put forward in the Royal address at the fourth session of the National Assembly, which will be the roadmap for the government's action in the coming period to achieve the national and economic goals for the nation and the citizens, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa said yesterday.

Chairing the regular weekly Cabinet session at the Gudaibiya Palace, attended

by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, HRH Premier lauded the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in the royal address for consolidating the Kingdom's development and economic progress to meet the needs and aspirations of the citizens.

HRH Premier gave directives to put forward practical steps to achieve the goals set in the keynote speech, especially the

economy.

Directives were also given to ministers to extend bridges of trust and constructive cooperation with the Shura Council and the Representatives Council to meet the requirements of national work, develop national legislation and improve the efficiency of the government's performance.

HM's Saudi visit

HRH Premier also lauded the outcomes of HM King Hamad's successful visit to Saudi Arabia recently, praising his talks with the

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, in Jeddah City.

The Cabinet lauded the success of the Saudi King's visit to Russia, stressing that it was historic by all standards, given its global echo, thanks to the distinguished status enjoyed by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and Saudi Arabia at the international level.

The Cabinet asserted that the Saudi Monarch's visit to Russia will benefit not only Saudi Arabia, but also GCC and Arab countries.

Sitra market revamp

HRH Prime Minister has given directives to Ministry of Works to expedite the revamp of the Sitra Central Market to meet the needs of the local citizens. The Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Minister informed the session about the steps required to implement the directives regarding the market.

Health institutions

The Cabinet discussed the preliminary steps to be taken prior to the implementation of the self-management plan at government-funded health institutions. In this regard, the Cabinet reviewed a presentation by the President of the Supreme Council for Health on a transitional plan to provide administrative and technical preparation for the implementation of the self-management of health institutions. The transitional plan, prepared by the Supreme Council for Health, in cooperation and coordination with the Ministry of Health and the Civil Service Bureau, aims to improve the quality of health services and promote competitiveness among health institutions, ensuring optimal utilisation of resources in the public health sector.



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Brave featured on 'Fighters Only'

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Brave Combat Federation is featured on 'Fighters Only' which is one of the prime platforms for mixed martial arts.

In less than a year of existence, Brave Combat Federation, the Bahrain-based Mixed Martial Arts promotion founded under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, has expanded to unprecedented levels and carried the

Bahraini flag worldwide. The last episode of this international awareness saga came with the latest edition of Fighters Only, the most traditional and respected MMA publication around the world featuring Brave Combat Federation.

The piece, signed by Michael Owens, celebrated the vision of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, his passion for the sport of MMA, and the impact that

Brave has caused in such a short time span. Yearly, the British publication, which is distributed across continental Europe and the United States, promotes the World MMA Awards, popularly known as "the Oscars of Mixed Martial Arts".

"That was the acknowledgment of all the hard work our team has been investing in this national project. It's been a busy year for all of us

but we feel pleased that the international community is recognising the effort of ours implementing Shaikh Khalid's vision and transforming the sport of Mixed Martial Arts," said Brave CF president and KHK MMA CEO Mohammad Shahid.

Brave Combat Federation next instalment in the Kingdom of Bahrain is set to take place from November 12 to 19 with Brave International

Combat Week, a series of events across the country including Brave 9: The Kingdom of Champions, the biggest professional MMA event ever promoted in the Middle East, on the 17th at the Khalifa Sports City, and the 2017 IMMAF World Championship, the most important amateur competition in the world brought to Bahrain under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Hottest September recorded since 1902

Manama

The Meteorological Directorate (BMD) monthly weather summary said that the month of September 2017 goes on record as the hottest September ever experienced in Bahrain since 1902.

The mean temperature of the month was 34.6 C which is 2.2 C above the long-term normal and goes on record as the highest mean monthly temperature for September since 1902. This breaks the old record of 34.5 C which was recorded in September 1998 and 2015.

The mean maximum temperature of the month was 39.1 C which is 2.6 C above the long term normal and goes on record as the highest mean maximum temperature for September since 1946 with the old record being 38.8 C which was recorded in September 2015.

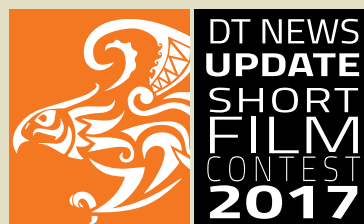
The highest temperature during the month was 44.1 C which was recorded on the 3rd of September at Bahrain International Airport. This goes on record as the fourth highest maximum temperature for September since 1946 and which was only exceeded on the 4th of September 2013 with a temperature of 45.5 C, 2nd of September 2016 at 45.3 C, and 11th of September 2008 at 45.0 C.

During the month, Bahrain had 10 days with maximum temperatures exceeding 40 C.



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Accident victims' kin call upon witnesses to testify before court

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The families of the three Bahrainis killed in a horrific accident on Khalifa Bin Salman Highway last month have called upon eyewitnesses to come forward and testify before the court to serve justice to their dear ones.

This came in a statement issued and circulated yesterday by the families who met on Sunday and decided to cooperate and update each other on the legal procedures of the case.

In the statement, the families called upon eyewitnesses and those who filmed the accident to assist them in their legal case against the reckless driver



Al Sabba'a

who caused the death of their relatives.

As reported earlier, Sadiq Al Sabba'a, Hassan Al Sayyad and Adel Faraj were instantly killed on the dawn of September 24, after an unheeding driver rammed into them, while they were standing on the side of the highway to discuss a minor



Al Sayyad

traffic accident the three of them were involved in.

The driver responsible for the accident was immediately arrested and interrogated, according to Traffic Prosecution President and Consultant Attorney Hussain Al Buali.

Al Buali confirmed that



Faraj

the driver was referred to the concerned court on October 3, without revealing any further information.

Head of Traffic Accidents and Violations at the General Directorate of Traffic, Major Ahmed Saad Al Saadi attributed the cause of the accident to "wrong traffic



The vehicle involved in the accident

practices", calling upon drivers to pay more attention to the roads and take all safety measures into consideration in case of accidents.

If you have any information that may assist the families in the case, kindly contact DT News to connect you to the families.

Drug smuggling case adjourned to November 8

The accused was arrested for attempting to smuggle hashish through King Fahad Causeway in a car

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A Gulf national was recently arrested for attempting to smuggle drugs into Bahrain from Saudi Arabia through King Fahad Causeway using spices to deceive police dogs so that they wouldn't recognise the smell of the narcotics.

The man will stand before the First Higher Criminal Court for the second time on November 8, as the judges recently adjourned the case for further study.

Court files showed that the man hid one kilogramme of hashish in his socks while travelling into Bahrain through the causeway and used spices (curcuma) to cover the smell of

the drugs.

The man's attempt was foiled when the police dogs discovered a small piece of narcotics hidden under the driving wheel of the vehicle of the 27-year-old defendant, who apparently forgot about it.

Further checking and examination led the customs officers to discover the one KG hidden in the man's socks.

Police investigations also showed that the man has several felonies in smuggling drugs into the Kingdom.

The investigations led to a female Arab companion here in Bahrain.

The prosecutors ordered the detention of the 26-year-old woman, who sold the smuggled drugs here.

She was arrested after

repeatedly calling and sending messages to the man's mobile phone while he was in police custody, leading the police straight to her.

However, she denied any relations to narcotics or the first defendant, stating that she has not been communicating with him since the year 2016.

Customs police on both ends of the causeway frequently announced the foiling of smuggling attempts of different items that include drugs, weapons and liquor.

Vehicles crossing the causeway are only checked on one side to save travellers' time, as announced by the customs of both kingdoms. Cars coming from Saudi are only inspected on the Bahraini side of the causeway and vice versa.



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Karzakkan Centre performs 'Masks off'



Ahmed Mubarak, veteran Bahraini actor, visits Khalid Bin Hamad Theatres Festival



'Masks Off' by Karzakkan Youth Centre

Manama
The fight over money and wealth was presented through the play "Mask Off" directed by Isa Khalifa at the third edition of the Khalid Bin Hamad Theatres Festival.

The play performed by Karzakkan Youth Centre, according to the director, represents a modern fantasia tackling the fight over money and wealth between people. Mohammed Shaheen received the jury award for the best actor in the play, which was also the first attempt by scriptwriter Amina Al Junaid.

Bahraini actor and critic, Hussain Al Asfoor, and Bahraini Director, Mohammed Ibrahim praised the crew for their performance. 12 plays are scheduled to be performed by local youth centres and clubs during the 18 day long festival, which will also include three additional shows that will be held on the sidelines of the main shows.

This year's edition is themed #Let's_Plant_A_Smile and aims at empowering the youth in the fields of cultural and humanitarian works.

Ahmed Mubarak, veteran Bahraini actor said that the third edition of Khalid Bin Hamad Theatres Festival For National Clubs, Youth Centres and People With Disability reflects the concern of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Athletics Association and Honorary President of



Ahmed Mubarak with the chief guests at the arts gallery

the Bahrain Disabled Sports Federation on developing local talents and empowering the youth of the Kingdom of Bahrain and people with disabilities in the fields of art and culture.

This came during Mubarak's visit to the festival at Muharraq Model Youth Centre in Busaiteen on Sunday.

The festival was launched on Wednesday by Hisham bin Mohammed Al-Jowder, on behalf of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al-Khalifa and will continue to the 21st of the month.

Mubarak visited the arts gallery organised on the sidelines of the festival and attended the fourth play, "Masks Off" that was performed by Karzakkan Youth Centre and expressed his admiration of the good performance the team showed.

Mohammed Al-Fardan, President of Karzakkan Youth Centre spoke to the audience about the history of the centre, which was established in 1968 and participated in

many theatres festivals and activities, presenting more than 35 memorable plays over the years and becoming the birthplace of renowned Bahraini talents such as Ibrahim Bahar ad Abdulla Al-Saadawy.

The sixth play in the festival will be performed by title holders of HH's prize for local theatres Al-Hala Cultural and Sports Club on Tuesday and is titled "He Was An Author". It is directed by Nedhal Al-Attawi.

Khalid Bin Hamad Theatres Festival For National Clubs, Youth Centres and People With Disability is organised for the third consecutive year by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs and the Media Office of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al-Khalifa under the patronage of HH and continues until October 21. It is organised as part of Khalid Bin Hamad Al-Khalifa Initiatives to support the youth of the Kingdom of Bahrain and engage them with different events and activities.



Mohammed Shaheen awarded as the best actor in the play



Bahraini Actor and Critic Hussain Al-Asfoor honoured

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Connecting with fans most fulfilling: Red Arrows pilot

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Connecting with the fans is the most fulfilling part of being with the Red Arrows, said Red Arrows Squadron Leader David Montenegro yesterday.

"It may seem as though being part of the Red Arrows is all about the adrenaline filled thrill of performing unthinkable manoeuvres on air, however, the real joy is when connecting with the fans," said Montenegro while addressing the Bahrain British Business Forum (BBBF) at The Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel, one day after the team performed in Bahrain.

"This is really the most fulfilling aspect of what we do. It's wonderful to see how the people have enjoyed the twenty minute performance. For instance in Jeddah, we were surrounded by 900 children who were there to watch the display. They were there to watch it on a public holiday. In Karachi as soon we landed we were greeted by a hundred school children, it was fabulous. Since we have not been to Pakistan in over 20 years there were so many people who have never seen the team. It was a really special



Red Arrows Squadron Leader David Montenegro addressing Bahrain British Business Forum yesterday

day for us," he said. Speaking about the performance in Bahrain he said, "We did a fantastic show yesterday and the only way we could have achieved it is because of the help we

received and we are thankful to all those who have worked so hard to make it happen. UK and Bahrain have a very good relationship, in Defence, business, trade, education etc and with yesterday we

The Red Arrows performed in Bahrain on Sunday, after four years. Nine BAE Systems Hawks performed a series of precision formations, loops and rolls over Seef

demonstrated the ties in aviation," he said, adding, "on a personal note, yesterday was my last ever public display for the team."

The Red Arrows is part of UK's Royal Air Force, it was after four years that they have performed in Bahrain on Sunday. Nine BAE Systems Hawk aircraft performed a series of precision formations and dynamic loops and rolls over Seef. Hundreds of people had gathered in Reef Island, Karababad beach and Nurana Islands to watch the display. The red arrows have performed 4800 displays in the span of more than 50 years since their first show in 1965.

MPs nominated for House panels announced

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The Kingdom's lawmakers have announced the names of MPs nominated to be members of the permanent parliamentary committees for the final session of the fourth legislative term.

Headed by the Council of Representatives Speaker Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al Mulla, the MPs are expected to vote in their next regular meeting to select members and chairpersons of the council's five permanent committees -- Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee, Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee, Financial and Economic Affairs Committee, Public Utilities and Environment Committee and the Services Committee.

Members are same

Most nominated members of the committees remained the same as in the previous session. However, few changes were made and further adjustments are expected during the voting in the next session of the House.

The nominated list included MPs Khalifa Al Ghanim, Jamal Bu Hassan, Mohammed Al Jowder, Theyab Al-Nuaimi, Abdulrahman Bumjaid and Nabil Al Balushi to be members of the Foreign Affairs, Defence

and National Security Committee, in addition to Abdulla Binhowail, who headed the committee for the past three years.

As for the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee members, the nominated list included eight names, with an additional member from last year's panel.

Nominated members

The nominated members were: MPs Khalid Al Shaer, Anas Buhindi, Isa Turki, Fatima Al Asfoor, Majid Al Majid, Ali Al Ateesh and Mohammed Al Maarifi.

The nominated names for the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee were the same as the previous year and included Abdulrahman Buali, Mohammed Al Ahmed, Jalal Kadhim, Ahmed Qarata, Adel Hameed, Ali Bu Farsen, Dr. Majeed Al Asfoor and Mohammed Al Emadi.

The Services Committee is expected to include the former chairman Abbas Al Madhi, Roua Al Hayki, Osama Al Khaja, Dr. Jameela Al Sammak, Ali Al Muqla, Jamal Dawood and Isa Al Kooheji.

Similarly, the same previous members of the The Public Utilities and Environment Committee were nominated for this year's panel, including MPs Hamad Al Dossary, Mohsen Al Bakri, Ibrahim Al Hammadi, Adel Al Assoomy, Abdulhameed Al Najjar, Ghazi Al Rahma and Nasser Al Qasseer.

Headed by Speaker Ahmed bin Ibrahim Al Mulla, the MPs are expected to select members and chairpersons of the council's five permanent committees

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The Red Arrows sparkling performing in Bahrain skies on Sunday

By Invitation



Dr. Jassim Haji

Organisation Culture

During the last two decades the world has seen a sharp increase in the number of multinational companies. The 21st century has seen 'Internationalisation' become the primary strategy for companies which intend to expand their business from one nation to another - According to a recent 'Business Week' article, Chief Executive Officers are being driven by a simple truth: to survive is to be global'. Globalization has brought in an influx of cultural identities at the workplace. The influence of national culture impacts the workplace but global companies have generally ignored the nuances of national culture and its significance to an individual's behavior. Instead they have employed policies which aim at urging high performance from their employees while the existence of intercultural misunderstandings has been an impediment to such performance.

As people from different cultural groups take on the exciting challenge of working together, cultural values sometimes conflict. We can misunderstand each other, and react in ways that can hinder what are otherwise promising partnerships. Oftentimes, we aren't aware that culture is acting upon us. Sometimes, we are not even aware that we have cultural values or assumptions that are different from others! This conflict of culture has been confirmed by Hofstede (A Dutch Professor) who states, When people are interacting with each other across cultures, their cultural values could make them say or do things that are misperceived as intentional.

The cultural problems associated with cultural diversities at the workplace can also be associated with a divergence between the employees' local national culture and the company's alien corporate culture. Thus, in different environments, employees strive to carry out their duties within the guidelines of the companies' corporate cultures which have originated in specific environments while they are under the influence of their own unique national cultures. The average individual is influenced by their national culture in which they have been so moulded by growing up and adjusting to it.

First we have to understand the terms organizational or corporate culture and local national culture. Organizational culture is essentially the personality of an organisation. Culture is comprised of the assumptions, values, norms, and tangible signs (artifacts) of organization members and their behaviors). Members of an organisation soon come to sense the particular culture of that organisation. Culture is one of those terms that are difficult to express distinctly, but everyone knows it when they sense it. You can tell the culture of an organisation by looking at the arrangement of furniture, what dominates their conversations, what employees wear, etc. -- similar to what you can use to get a feeling about someone's personality.

Corporate culture can be looked at as a system. Inputs include feedback from, for example, society, professions, laws, stories, heroes, values on competition or service, etc. The process is based on our assumptions, values, and norms, e.g.,

our values on money, time, facilities, space and people. Outputs or effects of our culture are, for example organisational behaviors, technologies, strategies, image, products, services, appearance, etc.

The concept of organizational culture is particularly important when attempting to manage organisation-wide change. Practitioners are coming to realize that, despite the best-laid plans, organisational change must include not only changing structures and processes, but changing the corporate culture as well.

There has been a great deal of research generated over the past decade about the concept of organisational culture, particularly in regard to learning how to change organisational culture. Organisational change efforts are rumoured to fail the vast majority of the time. Usually, this failure is credited to a lack of understanding about the strong role of organizational culture and the role it plays in organisations. That is one of the reasons why a number of strategic planners now place as much emphasis on identifying strategic values as they do mission and vision.

However the influence of local culture and its impact at the work place where an organisational or corporate culture is already in place has been largely ignored by companies venturing into the internationalization of their business. This critical factor which plays an important role in the firm's international performance and expansion is largely overlooked. To gain a comprehensive understanding of this important issue extensive empirical research and theory development have been carried out by many international business researchers. Limited research has been done in the area of an American corporate organization establishing itself into the Middle Eastern Arab culture and successfully integrating and expanding their business.

(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.)

'Montana Estates' progressing fast



A signature masterpiece by Malabar developers

From left, Abdul Salam KP - Group Executive Director, Malabar Group, Shamlal Ahamed - Managing Director, International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, MP Ahammed - Chairman, Malabar Group, Tony Joseph - Principal Architect, Stapati, Asher. O - Managing Director, India Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mayankutty C - Group Executive Director, Malabar Group during the Malabar Group's press conference.

Dubai

An eco-friendly residential enclave, which provides a place to breathe fresh air as well as rejuvenate the mind. Sweet breeze that pushes the clouds, natural beauty that soothe the eyes with all the modern amenities under one roof. For many people, this can happen only in their dreams but all the dreams can be met in Montana Estates.

Montana Estates is perched high on a hillside in Kuttikkattoor- a scenic suburb of Kozhikode. Malabar Developers, the real estate division under Malabar Group has developed this iconic project in the Southern state of Kerala. The first stage of this project is already completed and other stages are on progress as scheduled.

Located beautifully at 800 Ft above sea level in Kuttikkattoor, Montana Estates is developed in 150 acres of land. It offers wide expanse of space, privacy and serenity as well as a whole array of amenities and luxury with the added benefits of a closed residential community. "We are planting 1 lakh saplings to maintain this natural beauty and the greenery by the design of this project. Through this we are trying to create

Enjoy comfort at one of the highest points in Calicut with panoramic views, the sprawling 150 acres that house Montana Estates is designed and developed with world standards by internationally acclaimed designers from across the globe.

Justifying its name 'Montana' which in Spanish means 'mountain country', the project comprises of exquisite custom designed signature bungalows, luxurious villaments and apartments.

an example of safeguarding nature," he added.

Justifying its name 'Montana' which in Spanish means 'mountain country', the project comprises of exquisite custom designed signature bungalows, luxurious villaments and apartments. The Malabar Group headquarters is coming up in Montana Estates, which also has other facilities like Signature bungalows, villaments, spa, resort, organic farming, fitness center, club house, as well as all other modern facilities. When this project gets completed this will become one of the first nature friendly township in South India.

Cloudberry - the villament project envisaged at the heart of Montana Estates offers a rarest combination of a villa+ apartment living. Schools, malls, facilities to do farming, helipad, separate swimming pool for men & women, open playground for kids and adults, gym, jogging track, cycling track, adventure sports area, theatre, art parks, coconut farm, lotus ponds, bamboo forests, various types of gardens, business centre, clinic & pharmacy, convention centre, mini theatre, facilities for banking services, food court, restaurant, solar street lights, water purification plants, full time generator, waste treatment plant, ample parking, 24 hour security and over 100 such facilities are provided in Montana Estates.

Enjoy comfort at one of the highest points in Calicut with panoramic views, the sprawling 150 acres that house Montana Estates is designed and developed with world standards by internationally acclaimed designers from across the globe. Even

the roads to the hills are designed in such a way people enjoy the view from the top. Away from the hustle of city life in a calm and serene manner this project is developed at a cost of RS 3,000 crores.

Malabar Developers is working on multiple projects in Kerala and other neighbouring states Calicut, Trivandrum, Kochi, Perinthalmanna, Thrissur, Kannur, Kottayam are the districts where various other projects of Malabar Developers are getting developed. There are many projects being developed for budget conscious customers with all modern facilities.

The Group will be opening the Mall of Travancore in Trivandrum within the next couple of months for the public. The Marina Convention Centre in Farook, Kozhikode near the Chaliyar river will be a major destination with an amusement centre. It will also be a leading wedding destination in Northern Kerala where around 2000 people can be accommodated at a time in a AC hall. There is ample parking space as well as facility for guests to stay. Other facilities include boating, water sports, seafood restaurant on the bank of Chaliyar River.

The IT Township in Thrissur town is a town within a town where work is also on progress. The township has IT park, Business Park, multiplex as well as all modern facilities. In Bangalore as well as other towns in Karnataka, TN, Telengana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra similar townships are being planned. Organic farming to tap new generation is getting ready in Kuttikkattoor and neighbouring villages for organic farming' as well as traditional farming.

MEPEC 2017 opens

Deputy Prime Minister inaugurates 4th Mideast expo



Deputy Premier Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa inaugurates MEPEC 2017

Manama

The fourth edition of the region's premier process engineering event 'Middle East Process Engineering Conference and Exhibition' (Mepec) 2017 opened yesterday at Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre.

Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa formally inaugurated the expo at Bahrain International Exhibition Centre, marking the start of three days of high-level industry discussions and thought-provoking content.

Themed "Sustainable Growth through Process Innovation & Downstream



In pictures, highlights of the event

Integration", Mepec 2017 hosts more than 200 exhibiting companies on a total area of 8000 square metres. More than 100 speakers, 2,500 participants and thousands of visitors from all over the GCC are participating in the event

held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

In his inaugural address, Shaikh Ali affirmed the Prime Minister's unwavering support for the exhibitions

and conferences industry, given its role in boosting the Kingdom's economic status.

"The oil sector is making quantum leaps thanks to the constant support of the leadership," he added.

The deputy premier also asserted that Mepec, supported by HRH Premier ever since it began in 2011, has become a major international platform for experts and specialists from many national, regional and world oil companies to interact.

The official opening ceremony featured keynote speeches by Shaikh Mohamed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Oil; Ahmad Al Sa'adi, Senior Vice President, Technical Services, Saudi Aramco; Yousif Abdullah Al Banayyan, Chief Executive Officer of Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and Bakheet Al-Rashidi, Chairman, GDA & President, Kuwait Petroleum International Ltd.

In his keynote address, the

Minister of Oil expressed his thanks and appreciation to HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council of Women, for the theme of Bahraini Women's Day 2017 dedicated to the celebration of Bahraini women engineers.

The Minister also stressed the need for more engineering solutions to the various challenges in the field of process engineering as a result of population growth and the increasing demand for energy. "We need to achieve balance against the imbalance we face increasingly in the current volatile oil prices that affected the oil-producing countries."

MEPEC 2017 is organised by the Saudi Arabian Chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and co-organised by Middle East Energy Events. The event is supported by the National Oil and Gas Authority, World Petroleum Council, Indian Chemical Council, Gulf Downstream Association and Chemtech

Foundation.

Four main topics

MEPEC's technical sessions cover four main topics - Process Design and Development, Process Excellence, Sustainability and Downstream Integration for Value Creation.

48 technical presentations will be delivered by leading regional and international players including SABIC, Saudi Aramco, Shell, BAPCO, Tasnee, Honeywell, Sadara Chemical Company, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM), Rexa Inc., AspenTech and ExxonMobil Chemical amongst many others.

Also, for the very first time, three other co-located events take place alongside MEPEC: the Leadership Excellence for Women Awards and Symposium, the Middle East Fine and Specialty Chemicals Conference and Exhibition and the Middle East Process Safety Conference.



Bahrain to boost biz ties with Italy

Manama

The Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) announced it will participate in the first Italian Arab Business Forum in Milan, and in the Confindustria Assafrica & Mediterraneo forum in Rome, Italy from 11-13th October 2017.

"This visit is a perfect opportunity to further our relationship with Italy by promoting the current economic opportunities in Bahrain, as well as showcasing the ideal investment environment open to all industrial, commercial and tourism business activities and projects," said Zayed Bin Rashid Alzayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

The Bahraini delegation will showcase the investment opportunities and competitive advantages that Bahrain offers in the financial services, manufacturing, and tourism sectors. Delegation include Zayed Bin Rashid Alzayani, Khalid Al Rumaihi (Chief Executive of the EDB), Dr Mohammed Abdulghafar (Ambassador of Bahrain to France and Italy) and senior representatives from the private and public sector.

"By participating in these forums we are able to promote the competitive advantages offered by Bahrain to international investors, in turn attracting



Zayed Bin Rashid Alzayani

further investments and creating agreements relating to the diversified employment," protection of investments and equal treatment of anchorage and port taxes. In 2006, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry signed an MOU with the Union of Italian Chambers.

Bahrain and Italy have been trading partners since 1973, with agreements between the two countries dating back to 2000. The countries have also signed two economic



Khalid Al Rumaihi

of opportunities. For Italian investors in manufacturing, for example, our strategic location in the middle of the Gulf, with easy access to the GCC market worth US\$1.5 trillion, is especially attractive," added Al Rumaihi.

Bahrain is home to more than 182 Italian commercial enterprises across various sectors, and non-oil trade between the two countries increased from US\$361 million to US\$367 million between 2015 and 2016.

Delegation in Italy to promote investment opportunities

Omar quits as Gulf Hotel GM

Manama

Award-winning General Manager of the Gulf Hotel Convention & Spa, Rahim Abu Omar, has announced that he will be leaving his position at Bahrain's iconic and first 5-star Hotel, which is part of the Gulf Hotels Group.

Abu Omar, who has over 29+ years of international hotel and hospitality management experience, will be leaving Bahrain to take up a position as General Manager at a 5-star property in Budapest, Hungary.

Rahim was a recipient of the Hotelier of The Year Awardee of 2009 in Jordan and has also been recognised as one of the top 50 influential hoteliers in the Middle East 2009 by Hotelier ME magazine. He played an instrumental role in opening 5 hotels, including the Metropolitan, Habtoor Grand in Dubai and Beirut.

"Rahim is an exceptional team leader who is very popular and well respected by both the guests and staff of the Gulf Hotel Bahrain," says Garfield Jones, C.E.O, Gulf Hotels Group. "We have been privileged to have him as part of our team and we wish him all the very best in his new position".

"The Gulf Hotel Bahrain has been the icon of hospitality in the Kingdom since 1968," said Rahim adding: "To have worked at this fabulous property for over 4 years has been a great honour."

"I would like thank the Chairman of The Gulf Hotels Group, Mr. Farouk Almoayed and all our board members, Garfield Jones, the Chief Executive Officer and everyone who has supported me through my tenure".

"My heartfelt thanks to the people of The Gulf Hotel, who have been like a family to me, carrying one common goal of achieving exceptional hospitality. They are the "strength and backbone" that makes The Gulf Hotel Bahrain such a successful operation.



Rahim Abu Omar



Bahrain India Society in association with Royal Bahrain Hospital hosted a lecture on Clinical Update in Oncology conducted by Dr. Boben Thomas, Consultant Oncologist - KIMS Cancer Care Centre (Trivandrum, India) on 27th September 2017 at the Diplomat Raddison Blu. Above, from left, Manoj Bhatia, Vijay Baloor, Raj Damani, Hameed Yousif, Ahmed Jawahery, Mohammed Al Kooheji, Dr. Boben Thomas, Dr. Sheriff Sahadulla, V.K Thomas and Jacob Thomas

Malabar Gold & Diamonds launches 3 stores in a day in UAE & Kuwait

Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one among the big 5 jewellery retailers globally with a strong retail network of over 190 retail outlets spread across nine countries has launched 3 new stores on 5th October 2017. Bollywood star Kareena Kapoor Khan launched 2 stores in Dubai.



The store located at Cosmos Lane, Meena Bazar, near Dubai Museum is the largest jewellery store in Bur Dubai.



191st showroom of Malabar Gold & Diamonds at Lulu Hypermarket, Al Barsha, UAE was inaugurated by Kareena Kapoor Khan in the presence of MP Ahammed, Chairman - Malabar Group, KP Abdul Salam, Group Executive Director - Malabar Group, Shamlal Ahamed, Managing Director - International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Asher O, Managing Director - India Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, management team members, media & well-wishers

STORE HIGHLIGHTS

1. Largest jewellery store in Bur Dubai.
2. Square feet area: 5,000.
3. Renovated & expanded the showroom to meet the increased customer footfall.
4. Showcasing over 35,000 pieces of jewellery from 10 countries.
5. Customized jewellery designing facility.
6. Luxurious Mine Lounge
7. Starlet Kids lounge
8. Valet Parking

Win 100 Kilos of Gold

- ▶ Main attraction: Win up to 100 kg of gold
- ▶ Customers get one raffle coupon for every gold & diamond jewellery purchase worth AED 500.
- ▶ Win 1/2 KG gold each through 25 raffle draws
- ▶ Free 2 gram gold coin on purchase of diamonds jewellery worth AED 5000.
- ▶ 1 gram gold coin on purchase of diamond jewellery worth AED 3000
- ▶ Pay 10% & get gold rate protection until 17th Oct, 2017
- ▶ Offers Valid until 28th October, 2017

191st STORE

Kareena Kapoor Khan has also launched Malabar Gold & Diamonds' 191st store globally on the same day in Lulu Hypermarket. The jewellery group has also inaugurated a brand new showroom in Kuwait on the same day. The new store located in Al Salam Mall Kuwait is 190th store globally & 7th store in Kuwait.



Kareena Kapoor Khan inaugurates the largest jewellery in Bur Dubai, UAE in the presence of MP Ahammed, Chairman - Malabar Group, KP Abdul Salam, Group Executive Director - Malabar Group, Shamlal Ahamed, Managing Director - International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Asher O, Managing Director - India Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, management team members, media & well-wishers

Russia's budget deficit slashed in 9 months

Moscow
Russia slashed its budget deficit in the period January to September by over 16 percent compared to the same period last year, the Russian Federal Treasury said yesterday. The budget revenue as of Oct. 1 totalled US\$187.86 billion and budget expenditure was US\$192.45bn. The largest expenditure was made in the areas of social policy, national defence and the economy.

“Military technical cooperation between Moscow and Riyadh is absolutely self-contained and does not target third countries in this region or other regions of the world. Therefore we are confident that this cooperation should not be a worry for anyone.”

-Dmitry Peskov,
Kremlin spokesman



Alba production volume up by 3%



Alba Aerial View
Manama

Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba) managed to remain on course in the third quarter of 2017 with its sales and production volumes topping 247,540 metric tonnes (mt) and 253,475mt respectively, up by 0.5 per cent Year-on-Year (YoY) and 3pc YoY as compared to the third quarter of 2016.

For the nine months of 2017, the company's sales volume reached 700,629mt, down by 2.4pc YoY, while production dropped by 1.9pc YoY to reach 706,869 mt due to the power

outage incident in April 2017.

In addition, Alba closed the third quarter and the nine months of 2017 with Value-Added Sales averaging 59pc of total shipments.

Commenting on Alba's Sales and Production volumes for this period, Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Tim Murray said: "We are pleased with the solid third quarter performance on the back of the speedy recovery of Reduction Line 5. We are expecting a strong finish in the 4th quarter on the back of sound market demand."



Alba CEO Tim Murray

SpaceX launches 10 satellites

Los Angeles
U.S. private spaceflight company SpaceX yesterday launched a rocket from California, carrying 10 communications satellites into orbit for Iridium Communications, an American company providing satellite communications.

The Falcon 9 rocket blasted off from the Vandenberg Air Force Base at 5:37 a.m. PDT (1237 GMT) and about 7.5 minutes later, successfully first stage landed on SpaceX's drone ship "Just Read the Instructions" stationed in the Pacific Ocean.

Cheers and applause broke out in the SpaceX control room as the launch was streamed

live online. "Today's mission represents our 15 Falcon 9 launches of the year," John Insprucker, Falcon 9's principal integration engineer, said in a webcast.

This is the third of eight

scheduled SpaceX launches for the Iridium Next constellation, and will bring the total number of satellites in orbit to 30.

The first launch occurred in January, followed by the second on June 25. (Xinhua)



Representative picture

Did You Know?



Elon Musk is a South African-born entrepreneur with degrees in business and physics from the University of Pennsylvania—and he's launching rockets because he just kind of decided to. Musk has no formal training in rocketry, but he does have an eye for new markets. In the early 2000s, he and others saw the opening NASA was creating by retreating from the business of launching spacecraft to low earth orbit. In 2002, he jumped into that gap, founding Space Exploration Technologies Corporation—or SpaceX—going into competition with other, generally more-established companies such as Boeing and Virginia-based Orbital Sciences.



BFC CURRENCIES EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2996	0.2971
BANGLADESH	0.00476	0.00463
CANADA	0.3070	0.3038
DENMARK	0.0626	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0217
EURO	0.4500	0.4475
HONGKONG	0.04970	0.04930
INDIA	0.00593	0.00582
INDONESIA	0.00003018	0.00002861
IRAN TUMAN	0.000323	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000304	
JAPAN	0.00351	0.003440
JORDAN	0.5350	0.5354
KOREA	0.00038043	
KUWAIT	1.249	1.249
MALAYSIA	0.0918	0.0915
NEW ZEALAND	0.2713	0.2713
NORWAY	0.0493	
NEPAL	0.00395	0.00362
OMAN	0.98014	0.98301
PAKISTAN	0.00377	0.00358
PHILIPPINES	0.00764	0.00739
QATAR	0.2831	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10058	0.10066
SINGAPORE	0.2810	0.2790
SOUTH AFRICA	0.02880	0.02870
SRI LANKA	0.00271	0.00247
SWEDISH	0.0496	
SWITZERLAND	0.3934	0.3903
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0017
TAIWAN	0.013100	
THAILAND	0.011500	0.011500
TURKEY	0.1091	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5050	0.5021
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102500	0.102840
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37790	0.37800
YUAN	0.056800	0.056800

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GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5738	0.3863	0.3348
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.1530	0.2925	0.2535
OMAN	0.3849	0.3757	0.3944	0.3418
QATAR	3.6420	3.5546	3.7316	3.2339
UAE	3.6730	3.5848	3.7633	3.2614
SAUDI	3.7500	3.6600	3.8422	3.3298



Representative picture

Closing Bell

SAUDI fell 1.1pc to 7,114 points.

DUBAI was flat at 3,611 points.

ABU DHABI climbed 0.5pc to 4,451 points.

QATAR rebounded 0.9pc to 8,213 points.

EGYPT fell 0.2pc to 13,969 points.

KUWAIT edged down 0.2pc to 6,649 points.

BAHRAIN fell 0.5pc to 1,273 points.

OMAN edged down 0.03pc to 5,167 points.

Dubai
Weaknesses in the telecommunications shares pulled down Saudi Stock market yesterday, with Kuwaiti telecommunications firm Zain also declining despite a plan by Oman Telecommunications to become a strategic investor in it.

Saudi Arabia's index fell 1.1 per cent; Mobily lost 4.1pc. Insurer Malath slid 7.6pc.

Retailer Jarir Marketing closed 0.7pc lower after initially rising when it reported that third-quarter net profit rose 13pc from a year earlier.

Shares in two Kuwaiti companies with telecommunications affiliates in Iraq fell, however, after the Iraqi government said it would seek to impose control over Kurdistan-based mobile phone operators and move their headquarters to the capital Baghdad following last month's referendum on Kurdish independence.

Logistics firm Agility, a major investor in Erbil-based

Korek, fell 1.9pc and Zain, parent of Zain Iraq, sank 3.5pc.

Confirming market rumours, Omantel said it had signed a non-binding letter of intent with a vehicle of Kuwait's Al Kharafi family to buy a further 12pc of Zain.

That would make Omantel, which bought 9.84pc of Zain in August, a strategic investor in the company and the second biggest shareholder

after Kuwait Investment Authority.

But Omantel did not reveal a price for its planned purchase and Zaion, which had jumped 3.4pc on Thursday in response to the rumours, fell back. Omantel rose 1.8pc.

United Arab Emirates-listed shares of Sudanese companies lost steam after soaring 15pc on Sunday in response to the lifting of U.S.

sanctions on Sudan. Abu Dhabi-listed Sudatel Telecom fell back 1.5pc after heavy trade and Al Salam Bank Sudan retreated 4.6pc.

The Dubai index was flat although builder Drake & Scull, the most heavily-traded stock, surged 6.2pc. The stock has been rising sharply since last Wednesday after it completed a capital restructuring that involved Tabarak Investment receiving 500 million new shares.

However, GFH Financial Group, the second most active stock, fell 3.5pc.

Egypt's index fell 0.2pc on the back of a drop in the banking sector, with Commercial International Bank down 1.9pc.

Meanwhile, banking shares boosted Qatar's stock market as it rebounded from a five-year low. Qatar's index, which had tumbled as much as 1.6pc on Sunday but finished 0.1pc higher, gained 0.9pc on Monday. That suggested a technical rebound might be starting to erase some of the steep losses. (Reuters)

Nass Marine thrives at Seatrade event

Manama

Nass Marine Services Co. has participated in the Seatrade Offshore Marine & Workboats Middle East held at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC).

The event inaugurated by Shaikh Dhiyab bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Chairman of the Transport Authority and member of the Executive Council was held between 25th and 27th September 2017.

The 3-day event, held biennially in ADNEC, Abu Dhabi was held under the patronage of Shaikh Hazza



In this picture: David McKay, Nass Marine Services Co. General Manager (left) with Ali Hassan Mahmood Al Jazeera Shipping Co. W.L.L. Managing Director and representatives at Seatrade Offshore Marine & Workboats Middle East in Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.

bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC). The expo

culminated in a Keynote Address by Capt. Mohamed Juma Al Shamisi, CEO of Abu Dhabi Ports.

David McKay, General

Manager of Nass Marine Services Co. said: "The event was a huge success, and we achieved all the goals we came here for. We look forward to attend similar events in the future."

Nass Marine Services Co. team had the opportunity to meet and connect with industry specialists.

Nass is set to open the new expanded and revamp facility in 2018 which aims to increase annual building and repair capability, in addition to providing maintenance, periodic repair and upgrade services to all customers.

Being scooped up inside one of the cars racing in Australia's biannual World Solar Challenge from Darwin to Adelaide looks like the most uncomfortable experience ever for those behind the wheel. You can imagine the drivers having to be lifted out of the vehicle by a small crane once they cross the finish line, their limbs having seized up somewhere south of Uluru.

Aimed at inspiring research and development work in sustainable road transport, the 30th anniversary of the 1,860-mile race kicked off on Sunday with 42 solar-panel-laden cars from 40 countries hitting the road across three classes of vehicle.

The Challenger category tends to get the most attention thanks to the cars' often striking designs that allow them to reach speeds of just

over 60 mph using only the power of the sun.

This year the race organizers decided to make things a little tougher for the designers and engineers who create the cars by decreasing the permitted size of the solar collector area on each vehicle.

The favourite to reach the finish line first is Nuna9 from the Dutch Nuon Solar Team, which is aiming for its eighth World Solar Challenge win. The team says it has tweaked Nuna9's design for this year's event by removing its overhanging nose to reduce aerodynamic drag.

"With our successes in previous years, every year is harder to get a great result," the team said. "This means our students have to become more innovative every year."

U.S. participation includes the Sundae solar car from



Shelby Cobra Hypercar Concept

The glory days of the Shelby Cobra are well and truly over but designer Benjamin Hogan has decided to design a hypercar affixed with the iconic Cobra badge and nameplate.

Although there's absolutely no chance such a vehicle will ever see the light of day, Hogan's creation is incredibly eye-catching and bound to cure any hump day woes you may be experiencing.

(carscoops)

Stanford University.

The team said its design aims for "reliability and safety ... rather than focusing primarily on speed, paying special attention to car handling when possible," adding that the race is "a unique opportunity to exercise our car in the most intense way possible, truly proving its mettle and testing our team at the same time."

Racers in the Challenger class will be out to beat the fastest time to date, set by a Japanese team from Tokai University, which crossed the line with a driving time of 29 hours and 49 minutes in 2009.

Besides the Challenger class, the Cruiser category focuses

more on practical designs that you might actually want to ride in for more than a few minutes, and includes at least two seats. The Adventure class, meanwhile, comprises cars from previous races and could include those that don't quite meet the requirements for the other two categories.

The vehicles, which make several stops along the route through Australia's barren outback, are expected to cross the finish line in Adelaide on Thursday, October 12.

(digitaltrends)



Koenigsegg Agera RS breaks record

Koenigsegg has broken Bugatti's 0-400-0km/h world record with its Agera RS setting a new time of 36.44 seconds. The record breaking run was over five seconds quicker than that of the Bugatti Chiron.

Koenigsegg's new world record was conducted on the 1 October at the Vandel Air Base in central Denmark. The team used the extreme RS version of the Agera hypercar, with the standard 5.0-litre twin-turbo V8 updated to 1,360bhp. The model weighs just 1,395kg, almost 600kg less than the Bugatti.

(autoexpress)

Toyota readies sporty, boxy hybrid concepts



Toyota will take its hybrid knowhow into new territory at the Tokyo Motor Show with electrified concepts for a sleek sporty coupe and big boxy crossover.

Japan's biggest automaker unveiled the GR HV Sports concept and the Tj Cruiser crossover concept during a Friday preview of its plans for the auto expo this month.

Toyota said both vehicles are pure concepts and not planned for production.

On the sporty side, the GR HV Sports concept draws heavily from the 86 sporty coupe, but with a couple twists. For starters, it gets a vertical array of LED headlamps, air vents in the hood and a gaping, centre mounted, hexagonally-shaped single exhaust pipe.

It also gets a targa top in homage to such venerable convertible forerunners as the Toyota Sports 800 and the Supra. Toyota says its matte black finish expresses

"aggressiveness."

The GR stands for Gazoo Racing, Toyota Motor Corp.'s global motorsports arm, while the HV stands for hybrid, the segment pioneered by the brand's flagship Prius.

On the practical side, Toyota says it will explore a new crossover genre with the Tj Cruiser, a monolithic concept that merges the roominess of a cargo van with the feel of an SUV.

The "T" in the name stands for toolbox, apt given the concepts boxy dimensions, while the "j" stands for joy the riders get from venturing to different destinations. The Cruiser moniker, traditionally reserved for SUV models, is a nod to its power, Toyota said.

"The Tj Cruiser was designed for drivers with lifestyles where work and play dovetail seamlessly," the company added. "The Tj CRUISER symbolizes a new genre."

This concept is also envisioned with a hybrid drivetrain -- but this time a more pedestrian system mounted to a 2.0-liter class engine. (autonews)



AUSTRALIAN SOLAR CHALLENGE





Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday. Their Royal highnesses reviewed initiatives to promote government action, unify efforts to address current challenges and using development opportunities to serve economic purposes and meet the aspirations of the citizens.



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Kuwaiti Ambassador to Bahrain Al Sabah who was accompanied by outgoing Military Attache at Kuwait's embassy in Bahrain Major General Ali Su. The meeting was held in the presence of BDF Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Dhiab bin Saqr Al Nuami.



Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) in collaboration with the General Administration of Civil Defence, the Bahrain International Airport Fire and Rescue Department, the Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs and Airport police conducted a successful fire drill at Bahrain International Airport (BIA) yesterday at the ground level of the Arrival building.



Toastmasters in Bahrain



Indian School executive committee member Bhupinder Sing presented a memento to Amin Pathan, a state minister from Rajasthan who visited the School yesterday in the presence of Principal VR Palaniswamy



Chinmaya Society celebrated Mathrupuja at Manama Temple. Over 50 children & parents attended the ceremony.



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leiman Al Asaker. The meeting



The minister of Industry, Commerce & Tourism Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani chaired the first committee meeting of Vehicles & Electrical Appliances Efficiency Standards. During the meeting, goals and national plans for energy efficiency and renewable energy were reviewed, as well as proposed work plan to implement MEPS minimum energy performance standards.

Southern Governor Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa received International Labour Organisation (ILO) board member Shaikha Hend bint Salman Al-Khalifa and discussed the importance of promoting productive houses and charity works as part of efforts to develop the community and foster noble values. He hailed the role of Shaikha Hend to promote individual and social development, stressing the importance of community empowerment.



Students of the Rayaat programme at AlMabarrah Al Khalifa organized a social visit to Yoko House for the Elderly. This visit comes as one of the many activities of the Rayaat programme, which aims to encourage students to volunteer and encourage them to make more contributions towards the society.



rain held the New Member Orientation Program (NMOP) 2017 chaired by Nasreen Ahmed



nded the event. President U.K.Menon, Secretary Shyamkrishnan & ICRF Chairman Bhagwan Asarpota spoke on the occasion.

CELEBS



TYGA FINDS KYLIE A 'MANIPULATOR AND PLAYER'

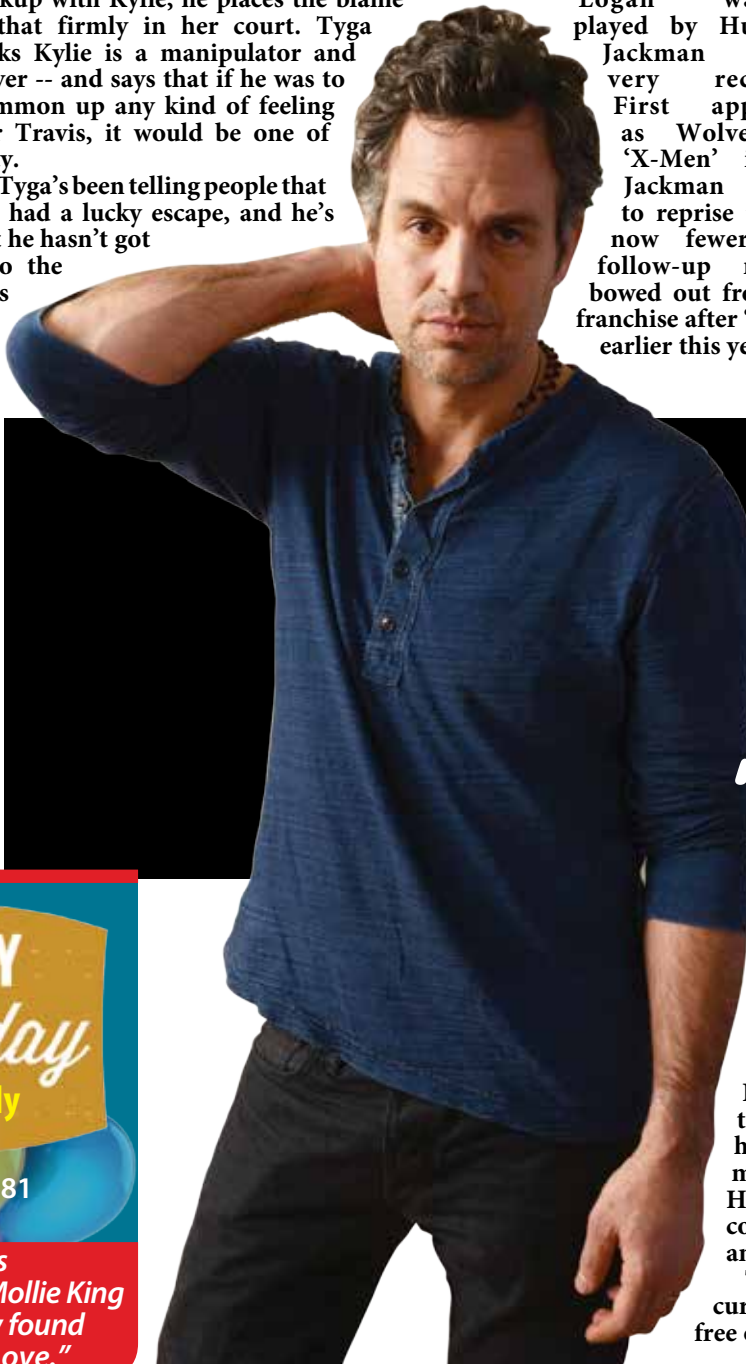
Los Angeles

Rapper Tyga reportedly feels sorry for rapper Travis Scott (II) for dating Kylie Jenner. He feels the pregnant reality TV star is a "manipulator and player".

"Travis Scott is a non-entity, he's a nobody and not worth Tyga's time and energy," a source close to Tyga told *hollywoodlife.com*.

"Tyga doesn't hold him responsible for his breakup with Kylie, he places the blame for that firmly in her court. Tyga thinks Kylie is a manipulator and player -- and says that if he was to summon up any kind of feeling for Travis, it would be one of pity.

"Tyga's been telling people that he thinks he had a lucky escape, and he's thankful that he hasn't got to be tied to the Kardashians for the rest of his life," the source added. (IANS)



Fun to play two different characters in 'Thor: Ragnarok'

Los Angeles

Academy Award-nominated actor Mark Ruffalo, who is set to reprise the role of Bruce Banner/Hulk in Marvel Studios' "Thor: Ragnarok", says it was fun for him to play two different characters.

"In this story Banner's been basically inside the Hulk for two years when we find him. During this time, all of the traumatic things in his life that have been making him afraid, making him doubtful, making him unable to enjoy his life, have been erased. His neurotransmitters and neuropathways have been completely re-wired. So when he comes awake, he's like an eight-year-old or 12-year-old boy," Ruffalo said.

The actor added: "He has the same exuberance and curiosity and wonder. He finally also realizes that he's free of the Hulk." (IANS)

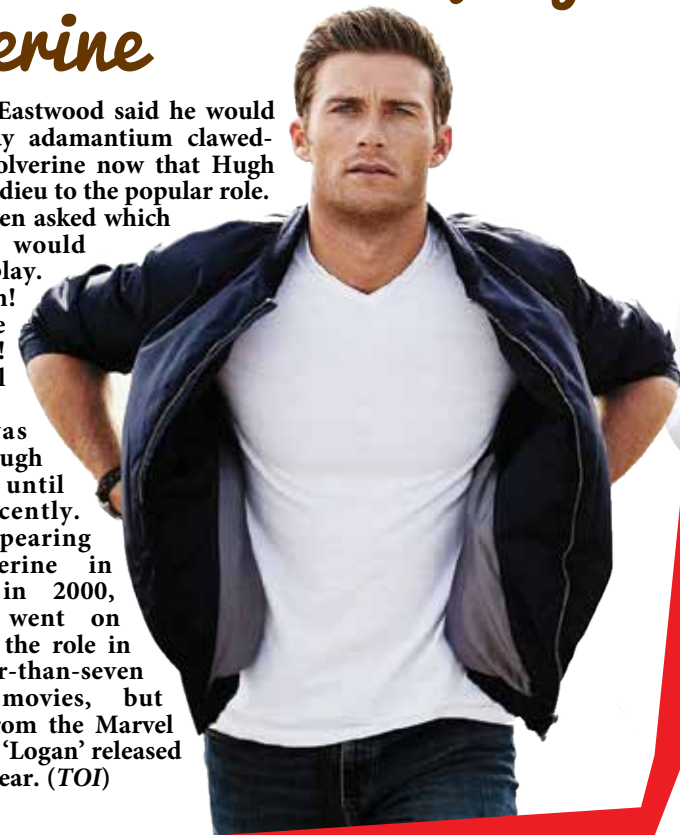
Demi Lovato @ddlovato
Even when I lose my voice on stage my fans know how to keep me from being down.. thank you my Lovatics I love you



Eastwood wants to play Wolverine

Actor Scott Eastwood said he would like to play adamantium clawed-mutant Wolverine now that Hugh Jackman has bid adieu to the popular role. Eastwood told when asked which superhero he would most like to play. "I mean, Logan! You gotta give it to Wolverine! Wolverine, all day."

Logan was played by Hugh Jackman until very recently. First appearing as Wolverine in 'X-Men' in 2000, Jackman went on to reprise the role in now fewer-than-seven follow-up movies, but bowed out from the Marvel franchise after 'Logan' released earlier this year. (TOI)



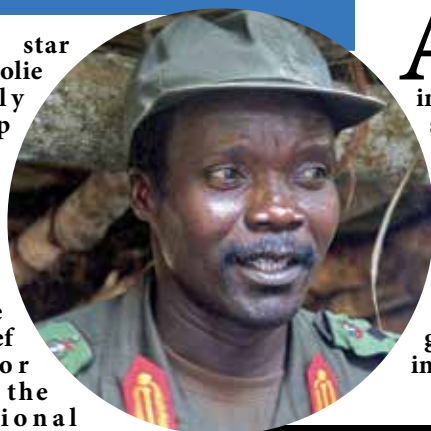
STARRY Birthday
Una Healy
October 10, 1981

Singer with the British girl band The Saturdays alongside Vanessa White, Frankie Sandford, Mollie King and Rochelle Wiseman. The Saturdays initially found mainstream success with the song "If This Is Love."

Jolie offered to help to capture warlord Joseph Kony



Hollywood star Angelina Jolie reportedly offered to help capture notorious African warlord Joseph Kony. According to a report published, Luis Moreno Ocampo, the former chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Court, asked the mother of six to take part in a plan to lure Kony, 56, out of hiding.



“Forget other celebrities, she is the one. She loves to arrest Kony. She is ready. Probably Brad will go also,” Moreno Ocampo wrote in one email. The 42-year-old star, who is a United Nations Special Envoy, had spoken out in the past about Kony, saying in a 2010 interview that she would be tempted to “take down” certain people, like Kony, if she was left alone in a room with them. (TOI)

Fame’s a burning car, says Orlando Bloom

London

Actor Orlando Bloom says the rise to ‘celebritydom’ is like entering a burning car.

“(I meditate every day), it allows me to set my intention for the day. It helped me to cope with my sudden rise to ‘celebritydom’, a process a little bit like getting inside a burning car.

“You see these victims all around you - 15 minutes of fame, a *YouTube* sensation, whatever it may be,” Bloom told Britain’s *Okay!* magazine, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.

He added: “They don’t realise what it takes. What you want to do is learn how to suit up and get out of that burning car with grace, ease, and integrity.” (IANS)



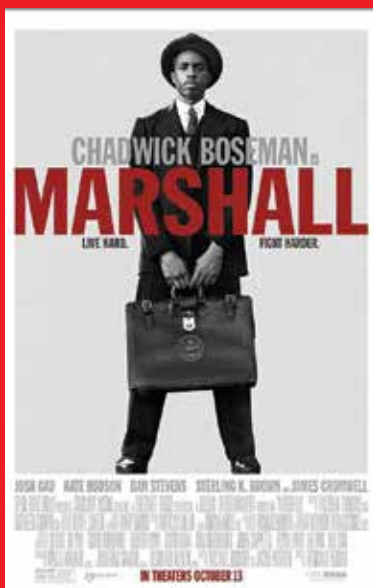
Affleck still loves Batman

Actor Ben Affleck has revealed that he is still invested in the role of Batman as it was his dream to play the superhero while growing up. There were reports that Affleck would no longer play Bruce Wayne after ‘Justice League’, especially after he dropped out of directing the upcoming ‘The Batman’ movie.

However, in an interview, the 45-year-old actor said the role has been a special one for him. “Playing Batman was a boyhood dream come true for me, so playing Batman alongside the Justice League? I mean, what can you say?”

“The first time we all stood on set in costume, we just looked around at each other and you could tell it was a big moment for each one of us,” Affleck said. (TOI)

MOVIES... COMING SOON... this week



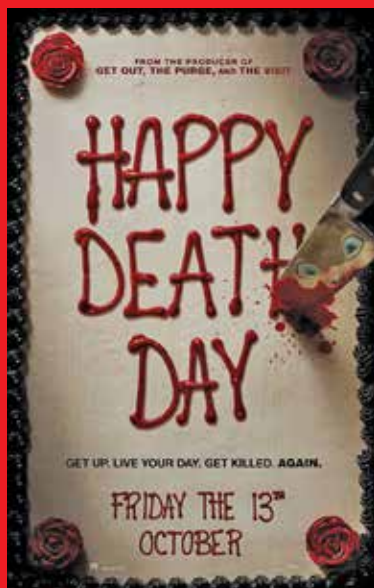
Marshall

Director: Reginald Hudlin
Stars: Chadwick Boseman, Josh Gad, Kate Hudson, Sterling K. Brown



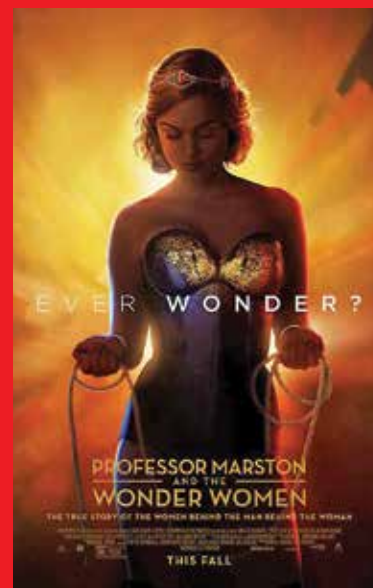
The Foreigner

Director: Martin Campbell
Stars: Katie Leung, Jackie Chan, Rufus Jones, Mark Tandy



Happy Death Day

Director: Christopher Landon
Stars: Jessica Rothe, Israel Broussard, Ruby Modine, Rachel Matthews



Professor Marston and the Wonder Women

Director: Angela Robinson
Stars: Luke Evans, Rebecca Hall, Bella Heathcote, Connie Britton



Goodbye Christopher Robin

Director: Simon Curtis
Stars: Domhnall Gleeson, Margot Robbie, Kelly Macdonald, Vicki Pepperdine

OUT & ABOUT

HOW TO REACH US

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BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL DEFENCE EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE

Date: 16-18 October 2017

Venue: Bahrain International Exhibition & Convention Centre

Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Clarion Events is proud to present BIDECE – the Bahrain International Defence Exhibition & Conference, taking place 16-18 October 2017 at Bahrain International Exhibition & Convention Centre. The inaugural BIDECE is fully supported by the Bahrain Defence Force, and presents a brand new opportunity for exhibitors to showcase the latest technology, equipment and hardware across land, sea and air. Bahrain Defence Force are currently upgrading their capabilities and systems; make sure you are a part of this unique new event in the Middle East.

ISB MEGA FAIR AND FOOD FESTIVAL

Date: October 12 & 13

Venue: Isa Town campus

The Indian School Bahrain is gearing up for ISB Mega Fair and Food Festival 2017, which will be held on October 12 and 13 in the Isa Town campus of the school. The main attractions of the event are the musical programmes led by Indian playback singer and music composer Nakash Aziz on the first day (October 12) and popular singers Sreenivas, Jyotsna and Vishnu Raj on the second day of the Mega Fair.

"The funds generated from the Fair will be utilized for providing fee concessions for the economically underprivileged students, welfare activities for the staff and to enhance the resources of the school, said ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan. "The Indian School has one of the lowest fee structures in the Gulf and it runs on fees collected from the students and the charity of community members who sponsor the education of the needy and financially weaker children."

The first prizewinner of the Mega Raffle Draw to be held on October 13, will take home a Zayani Motors sponsored Mitsubishi car. Entry fee for the Mega Fair will be BD2. The overall conduct of the fair will be coordinated by General Convener Mohammed Malim. Food stalls industrial exhibitions and many more events are planned in the school carnival.

WIND DOWN WEDNESDAY

Date: Wednesday, October 25th from 7pm

Venue: Four Seasons

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AIRPORTS ARABIA CONFERENCE

Date: October 10-11

Venue: ART Rotana Hotel

Under the patronage of Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications Engineer Kamal Ahmed, the Organising Committee of the 2nd Airports Arabia Conference held its meetings under the chairmanship of Dheya Tawfiqi to follow up on the technical and organisational matters of the conference which will be held from 10 to 11 October 2017 at the ART Rotana Hotel in Amwaj Islands. Airports Arabia Conference is expected to feature presentations of over 25 papers from all over the world. Besides the papers presented by regional countries including Bahrain, UAE and Saudi Arabia, the conference will also present papers from international countries such as Brazil, UK, France, Turkey, Germany as well as others.

For more details about conferences, working papers and speakers, please visit the Conference's website at www.airportsarabia.com.

GALA MOZART: LE CONCERT D'ASTRÉE

Date: 19 October 2017, 7:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

If Baroque music is the expression of the "theatre of passion", then what about Mozart's operas?

Do you want something tragic? Listen to Pamina sing "Ach ich fühl's". Something charming? "La ci darem la mano" by Don Giovanni and Zerlina. Something ill-fated? "Fuor del mar" by Idomeneo.

Something mocking? "Non più andrai farfallone amoroso" by Figaro.

And what about the ensembles which the brilliant Wolfgang Amadeus puts to music better than anyone else?

Gala Mozart presented by Le Concert d'Astrée, started off their tour at the Paris-based Champs-Elysees Theatre on 13 October 2017, and are currently preparing for their upcoming performance which will be held at the Bahrain National Theatre. The evening carries the beauty of Mozart's international music, which reflects the depth of human emotion. The orchestra leader, Ms. Emmanuel Haïm, presents us with two exceptional singers and his musical band "Le Concert d'Astrée", an extraordinary concert celebrating Mozart in a joyful and beautiful way. Le Concert d'Astrée, one of the finest bands of Baroque music, started with the support of the municipality of the French city of Lille and the French Ministry of Culture, and offers its performances in the most prominent theaters and international music festivals.

MEPEC 2017

Date: October 9-11

Venue: Bahrain International Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The Middle East's definitive event for process engineers, MEPEC, comes to Bahrain with an exciting lineup of over 103 expert speakers and moderators, high-level dignitaries, CEO's and process-engineering professionals.

The 4th edition of the Middle East Process Engineering Conference, MEPEC 2017, takes place from October 9 to 11th at the Bahrain International Convention and Exhibition Centre. The event under the patronage of HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, will host an exciting lineup of industry initiatives and thought-provoking content where industry leaders will engage in technical conversations to find solutions to current challenges facing the process engineering in the region.

MEPEC's technical sessions will feature four main topics - Process Design and Development, Process Excellence, Sustainability and Downstream Integration for Value Creation. The program focuses on key priorities for the region, whilst bringing synergy and collaboration between industries. There will be 48 technical presentations delivered by leading regional and international key players including SABIC, Saudi Aramco, Shell, BAPCO, Tasnee, Honeywell, Sadara Chemical Company, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM), Rexa Inc, AspenTech, ExxonMobil Chemical amongst many others.

THE 26TH BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL



Date: 19 - 28 October 2017

Venue: Multiple Places

The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities celebrates the annual Bahrain International Music Festival held under the Our Year of Archaeology program, from 19 to 28 October, 2017. The Kingdom of Bahrain has managed to become a focal point of social and cultural movement, where the programs and events keep on gaining both regional and worldwide acknowledgment. This October marks the 26th anniversary of the renowned festival, a veritable artistic platform which brings together innovators from all corners of the globe.

The acclaimed musical acts headlining this year's festival represent diverse cultures and genres from the Arab world and beyond.

Bahrain's esteemed Cafe Lilou joins in the festivities once again this year with a special and exclusive menu inspired

by the Bahrain International Music Festival's featured acts, which will be available in all branches for the duration of the festival.

FUEGO: ANTONIO GADES COMPANY



Date: 1 December 2017, 8:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

The Antonio Gades Company, a major pillar of Spanish flamenco dance, will be presenting "Fuego", which is inspired by the work of the late Spanish legendary composer, Manuel de Falla. The plot, choreography and lighting made by the late Antonio Gades and the Spanish film director, photographer and writer Carlos Saura. Coinciding with the tenth anniversary of the death of Antonio Gades, the foundation that carries his name decided to undertake a very significant challenge setting up another version of the Manuel de Falla's ballet "Enchanted Love". Titled "Fuego", this production was the second scenic interpretation which the choreographer had of Manuel de Falla's work. Being an exponent of Gades' core idea "return to tradition if you want to evolve", this ballet is a transitional piece between the almost mythical setups in the classic plays, Carmen and Fuenteovejuna. It was also the last of the joint mythical flamenco works by Gades and Saura, with the same overlaying structure they followed in Carmen, first as a film and secondly as a ballet.

LECTURE: LIFE AND DEATH IN EARLY DILMUN: STORIES FROM THE DILMUN BIOARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT DATE



Date: 22 November 2017, 6:30pm

Venue: Bahrain National Museum - Auditorium

Since 2008, the Dilmun Bioarchaeology Project has been studying and publishing the collections from Peter B. Cornwall's 1940-41 expedition to Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, which now reside in the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology at UC Berkeley. Cornwall excavated at least 24 burial mounds in the northern and western parts of Bahrain Island,

and conducted surface survey at several archaeological sites in the al-Hasa region of Saudi Arabia. He drew on these materials to argue that the Bronze Age polity of Dilmun had been located in that region. By documenting and analyzing the skeletal remains and artifacts collected by Cornwall, our team hopes to add to anthropologists' understanding of how life was experienced and death commemorated in Dilmun. Preliminary findings have been published in academic and public-oriented peer-reviewed journals. We also mounted a touring museum exhibit entitled "From Death to Life in Ancient Bahrain" that features the facial reconstructions of two Early Dilmun people. Recently, we launched a new phase of the project in which AMS radiocarbon dating and stable isotope analysis are confirming the dates of the Bahraini burial mounds and shedding light on the residential mobility and dietary practices of the people buried in them. We look forward to sharing the results of our research with the audience at the Bahrain National Museum.

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ROMEO & JULIET

Date: 12th November 2017, 7:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

The groundbreaking world famous ballet, Romeo and Juliet, will be gracing the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Theatre stage coinciding its 5th Anniversary- with the first full-length ballet choreographed by Sir Kenneth MacMillan. This performance won him a place of honor in the history of world choreography. The ballet show will consist of a unique Dance Open Festival production, a Russian Ballet Company with the UK ballet star soloists from the Royal Ballet theatre of London. The original UK-Russian work of art, Shakespeare's eternal love story with wonderful music by the Great Russian composer Prokofiev, will be presented by immensely passionate and talented English and Russian dancers, dressed in magnificent costumes created by Italian designers. This unfortunate yet beautiful story is set against a wonderful evocation of 16th Century Verona, Italy, and includes a bustling marketplace that erupts into a violent sword fight, and a lavish ball held in an elegant mansion.

A live orchestra will be performing music by S. Prokofiev during the ballet show of Romeo & Juliet.

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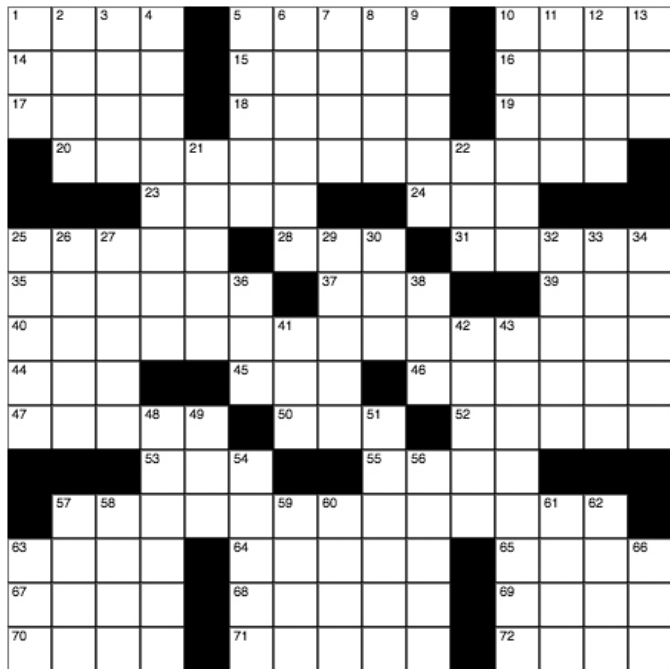
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



You might consider entering a business partnership of some kind with friends. This is a good time because your communication is especially good. Details of each person's role can be worked out clearly. Though it's admittedly going to take some effort, success is indicated for just about any goal.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Have you been working toward public acknowledgement of some sort? If so, you may receive it today. You've been working hard and produced results that aren't likely to go unnoticed. Expect some compliments, a lot of praise, and maybe even a moment of fame. Needless to say, this is going to give your self-confidence a boost.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



All should be going well for you - love, money, and career. Still, you seek other goals, and today you might be thinking of educational, and spiritual matters that you've always wanted to pursue. Don't be surprised if you're preoccupied with trying to sort it all out. And don't feel you have to rush to make a decision.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Today you might decide to do some intense research regarding economics, stocks, or land investments and see how it applies to your current financial situation. You've been doing well and should continue doing so. You'll want to find ways to make your money grow. Books, magazines, and newspapers can help your quest, as can consultations with professionals.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



A social event involving business associates and friends could bring fresh ideas your way, pointing you in a new direction. Your material and spiritual goals might come under discussion and open your eyes to previously unnoticed opportunities. Communication is clearer than usual. This may prove beneficial. Increased understanding brings you closer to others.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



You're likely feeling alert, strong, and full of energy and stamina. Your sense of adventure is high. You may be exploring the possibility of an interesting vacation - rafting, backpacking, or some other adventure. This is a good idea. This trend in your physical condition should continue for a while. Get some travel brochures and look into it!

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Intimate relationships gather steam as increased involvement in each other's life brings you closer. Relationships grow through enhanced communication and shared dreams, goals, and ideals - not to mention physical passion! You should feel strong and confident today, especially as your material success continues. Travel, a new car, and a few luxury items might be on your agenda.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Happiness reigns in the home as your household continues to experience success. Someone new may come to visit. Expect a lot of comings and goings, plus an impromptu party or two. Meditation and contemplation could provide inspiration for new projects, and you might spend some time writing down ideas and brainstorming ways to approach them.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



A lot of interesting letters and calls could come your way today. Or you might have business to transact, perhaps involving paperwork, and spend a lot of time out in the community running errands. Group activities could also take place in your neighbourhood, bringing you and your friends closer together. The only caution is that you shouldn't try to do too much.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



You're likely to be doing so well financially that you might be a little complacent. With all the hard work you've been doing, you might feel that you deserve some rewards and decide to go shopping. Don't throw caution to the winds, however. You're doing well, but you don't want your house cluttered with items you don't want or need.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



Your energy and enthusiasm are elevated as you approach yet a higher level of accomplishment. This could inspire you to channel most of your energy into more work and climb yet higher. You might even be thinking in terms of expanding all your horizons - professional, intellectual, and spiritual. Travel could also be in the offing.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Today you might experience a bit of restlessness, perhaps because you feel there's something you ought to be doing but you aren't sure what. Your mind is sharp, intuitive, and logical, but too many options could be on the horizon. You might find it difficult to choose among them. Once you decide, you'll charge ahead and make a success of whatever you try.

Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte

Duterte's approval rating tumbles

Manila Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte's approval rating has dropped to the lowest level in his 16 months in office, as poorer Filipinos who helped him to power and those outside of his home region of Mindanao grow disillusioned with his leadership.

Duterte was elected in May 2016 on a wave of support for his hardline approach to crime. Until recently he had appeared immune to criticism of the brutal war on drugs that followed his election, but the new numbers suggest his honeymoon period may be coming to an end.

Duterte's net satisfaction rating fell 18 points to 48, according to a nationwide survey conducted by pollster Social Weather Stations in late September and released

at the weekend. The score, calculated by subtracting the percentage of dissatisfied respondents from those who were satisfied, is still considered "good" by SWS standards.

His net trust rating fell from an "excellent" 75 in June to a "very good" 60.

Duterte lost most favour in poorer areas, long seen as his support base.

Satisfaction in the lowest and second-lowest of five socio-economic classes into which SWS divides Philippine society dropped 32 points and 17 points respectively, while there was only a 2-point fall in the top three classes.

The Commission on Human Rights, which has provoked the ire of the mercurial leader with its staunch criticism of his brutal anti-drugs campaign, sees a

connection between the survey results and unabated extrajudicial killings that disproportionately affect impoverished citizens.

"Although there are high-profile personalities being caught and killed in the campaign, Filipinos in lower socio-economic classes tend to suffer more — and yet no one has been held accountable for any of these killings," the commission said in a statement.

Risa Hontiveros, an opposition senator, said the survey result was an "ominous warning".

"There are deep and widening rumblings of discontent across different social classes and all over the country with rampant killings, fake news and numerous accusations of corruption," she said. (*Financial Times*)

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Duterte popularity dips after Philippines drug war. Do you think Duterte should continue with his war on drugs?

Yes No Cant Say



"President Trump was treating his office like a reality show, with reckless threats toward other countries that could set the nation "on the path to World War III."

Bob Corker
US Republican Senator

Rest in sight

Wildfires engulf north San Francisco counties



Several massive wildfires swept Napa and Sonoma counties in the North Bay areas of San Francisco in western coast of the United States, forcing thousands of people to flee their home.

3 soldiers killed in NW Pakistan

At least three security personnel were killed and seven others injured when their convoy was attacked by militants in Pakistan's north-west tribal area of North Waziristan

India bans firecrackers in capital

India's top court imposed a ban on the sale of fireworks in the capital city and its adjoining areas especially the National Capital Region (NCR) until October 31.

Airstrikes kill 30 militants in northern Afghanistan

As many as 30 militants loyal to the Taliban group were killed, following heavy airstrikes in northern Afghanistan's Faryab province

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Top JeM 'commander' killed in Kashmir encounter

Srinagar

Jaish-e-Mohammad's (JeM) operational commander was killed yesterday in an encounter in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

"JeM commander Khalid was killed in a swift operation at Ladura in Rafiabad area. The search operation continues in the area," Srinagar-based Army spokesman said.

Preliminary reports suggest Khalid exchanged fire with security forces after being spotted by a naka party on Monday morning. A police official said a check-

point was established after a tip-off about movement of militants in the area.

In the brief exchange of fire, according to police sources, Khalid was injured and fled from the spot. "He was later neutralised in a residential area," he added.

Khalid, an A++ category, is believed to be the brain behind recent fidayeen attacks carried out by JeM in south and central Kashmir. Initial reports suggest Khalid is a resident of Pakistan. However, there is no confirmation on his real identity. (*The Hindu*)

Over 3,000 people evacuated due to market fire in Russia



Helicopter dumps water on a fire at a construction goods market on the northwestern edge of Moscow

Moscow

A fire has broken out at a busy building supplies market just outside of Moscow to the north-west. Plumes of black smoke could be seen rising from the site, with around 55,000 square meters (592,000 square feet) of the premises reportedly ablaze.

The popular Sindika market has been on fire since Sunday afternoon.

Around 3,000 people have been evacuated from the site, emergency services reported.

Three people were injured in the fire, having suffered from smoke inhalation. One had to be hospitalized.

Witnesses reported hearing explosions, as TASS news agency, citing sources in emergency services, said several cars exploded in the market's underground parking. (*RT*)

Historic temple in central Japan marked with graffiti

Tokyo

An investigation has been launched by police after graffiti was discovered at numerous locations at Zenkoji Temple in central Japan, local media reported yesterday.

According to the reports, police in Nagano Prefecture were contacted by temple officials on Sunday who reported that acts of vandalism had taken place.

The police subsequently found markings on the temple's pillars, walls, a gate, a storage building for sutras and other places in eight of the temple's buildings.

The police said they found at least 30 white crosses, or x-marks, made with a white pen, at various locations

Zenkoji temple in Nagano, Japan



around the ancient temple, part of which is designated as a national treasure in Japan.

The marks measured about 12 centimeters square and were made recently, the police said,

although they were unsure as to exactly when, Japan's public broadcaster NHK reported.

The temple, a popular tourist attraction, has its compound open to the public 24 hours a day. (*Xinhua*)

France snubs Catalonia independence bid

Madrid

France has said it will not recognise Catalonia if the regional government presses ahead with a unilateral declaration of independence from Spain, and urged both sides to negotiate their way out of the crisis triggered by last week's referendum.

"If there were to be a declaration of independence, it would be unilateral, and it would not be recognised," France's European affairs minister, Nathalie Loiseau, said.

"Catalonia cannot be defined by the vote organised by the independence movement just over a

week ago," she told CNews television. "This crisis needs to be resolved through dialogue at all levels of Spanish politics."

Loiseau also repeated the European commission's warning that an independent Catalonia would find itself outside the European Union and obliged to reapply for membership.

"If independence were to be recognised — which is not something that's being discussed — the most immediate consequence would be that [Catalonia] automatically left the European Union. (*The guardian*)

Richard Thaler wins Nobel in economics

Washington

Richard H. Thaler was awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science yesterday for his contributions to behavioural economics.

Professor Thaler, born in 1945 in East Orange, N.J., works at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business. The Nobel committee, announcing the award in Stockholm, said that he was a pioneer in applying psychology to economic behaviour and in shedding light on how people make economic decisions, sometimes rejecting rationality.

His research, the committee said, had taken the field of behavioural economics from the fringe to the mainstream of academic research and had shown that it had important implications for economic policy.

Professor Thaler said on Monday that the basic premise of his theories was that, "In order to do good economics you have to keep in mind that people are human."

Asked how he would spend the prize money, he replied: "This is quite a funny question." He added: "I will try to spend it as irrationally as possible."

The economics prize was established in 1968 in memory of

Alfred Nobel and is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Mainstream economics for much of the 20th century was based on the simplifying assumption that people behaved rationally. Economists understood that this was not literally true, but they argued that it was close enough.

Professor Thaler has played a central role in pushing economists away from that assumption. He did not simply argue that humans are irrational, which is obvious but also unhelpful. Rather, he showed that people depart from rationality in consistent ways, so their behaviour can still be anticipated.

For example, he showed that people do not regard all money as created equal. When gas prices decline, standard economic theory predicts that people will use the savings for whatever they need most. In reality, people still spend much of the money on gas. They buy premium gas even if it is bad for their car. In other words: they treat a certain slice of their budget as gas money.

Professor Thaler also showed that people place a higher value on their own possessions. In a famous experiment, he and two co-authors distributed coffee mugs to half the students in a classroom and then opened a market in mugs. In general, the students who had randomly been given a mug regarded it as being twice

Nobel Prize in Economics



The 2017 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences has been awarded to Richard Thaler of the University of Chicago for his pioneering work in behavioural economics

RECENT LAUREATES

● 2016:

Bengt Holmström, Finland, **Oliver Hart**, United Kingdom, "for their contributions to contract theory"



● 2015: **Angus Deaton**, UK

● 2014: **Jean Tirole**, France

● 2013: **Eugene F. Fama**, U.S. **Lars Peter Hansen**, U.S. **Robert J. Shiller**, U.S.

● 2012: **Alvin E. Roth**, U.S. **Lloyd S. Shapley**, U.S.

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as valuable as did the students who were not given a mug.

Professor Thaler named this phenomenon, since documented across a wide range of human experience, an "endowment effect." One of his co-authors, Daniel Kahneman, was awarded the Nobel prize in economics in 2002. At the time, some argued that Professor Thaler should have shared in the award.

The importance of fairness is another key area of

Professor Thaler's research. He showed that people care deeply about fairness and will penalize behaviour they regard as unfair even if they do not benefit by doing so.

This has important economic implications. It explains, for example, why an umbrella store may not raise prices during a rainstorm.

It also illuminates the mechanics of economic recessions. Standard economic theory predicts that during

an economic downturn, employers will cut wages to a level consistent with the demand for goods or services, so there is no reason to think a downturn will produce unemployment.

Why then does unemployment rise during downturns? Workers regard wage cuts as unfair. Employers, seeking to avoid angering the workers they keep, prefer to eliminate people rather than cutting the wages.

The Nobel committee described how Professor Thaler's theory of "mental accounting" explained how people simplify financial decisions by focusing on the narrow impact of each decision rather than on its overall effect. He also showed how aversion to losses can explain why people value the same item more highly when they own it than when they do not, a phenomenon called the endowment effect.

Professor Thaler's theories also shed light on why New Year's resolutions can be hard to keep and on the tension

Who else has won this year?

▶ Jeffrey C. Hall, Michael Rosbash and Michael W. Young were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine last Monday for discoveries about the molecular mechanisms controlling the body's circadian rhythm.

▶ Rainer Weiss, Kip Thorne and Barry Barish received the Nobel Prize in Physics on Tuesday for the discovery of ripples in space-time known as gravitational waves.

▶ Jacques Dubochet, Joachim Frank and Richard Henderson were awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry on Wednesday for developing a new way to construct precise three-dimensional images of biological molecules.

▶ The English novelist Kazuo Ishiguro, known for his spare, elliptical prose style and his inventive subversion of literary genres, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature on Thursday.

▶ The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded on Friday to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, a moment of vindication for the advocacy group responsible for first treaty to prohibit such arms.

between long-term planning and short-term doing.

Succumbing to short-term temptation is an important reason many people fail in their plans to save for old age, or to make healthier lifestyle choices, according to Professor Thaler's research. He also demonstrated how seemingly small changes in how systems work, or "nudging" — a term he invented — could help people exercise better self-control when, for example, saving for a pension. (*The New York Times*)



The economist Richard H. Thaler at his home in Chicago on Monday after winning the 2017 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science.

Nibali wins Lombardia



Vincenzo Nibali (file pic)

Bergamo, Lombardy

Bahrain-Merida's

Vincenzo Nibali soloed his way to victory in Como to claim the title in Il Lombardia on Sunday. Julian Alaphilippe (Quick-Step Floors) was in second place, 28 seconds down, with Gianni Moscon (Team Sky) outsprinting the chasers for third 10 seconds later.

It was the second victory for Bahrain's Nibali in his home Monument after a similarly-executed win on the same run-in to Como in 2015.

"I got big support from my team I had great physical condition from the end of the season, but everyone was looking to me as the favourite so it wasn't easy to win,"

Nibali said.

"Today my plan was just to have a great race. I've had a lot of good placings this year but without the big win that I was looking for and to win a Monument it is always something great."

Nibali moved into a lead group with 18km to go on the Civiglio, the penultimate climb of the day. He then bridged across to attacker Thibaut Pinot (FDJ) making a formidable two-man escape that quickly distanced the others.

The Frenchman has largely overcome his descending fears over the past few seasons, but was no match for Nibali on the technical, narrow descent of the Civiglio.

Although Pinot managed to keep Nibali to a handful of seconds at the foot of the final climb of the San Fermo della Battaglia, he lost ground on the climb and the subsequent descent. (cyclingnews)

Bahrain national team claim Triathlon gold



Winners celebrate on the podium
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Bahrain's national team won a Triathlon gold medal in the women's West Asia Championship held in Aqaba, Jordan, through Samira Bitar, where she completed the race comprising a 750 metres swim, 20km of cycling and a 5km run in a record time of one hour and six minutes.

In the youth event, Omar

Hamza and Mohammed Mubarak also won the silver and bronze medals respectively over the same distance.

Shaikh Saqer bin Salman Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Triathlon Association (BTA), extended his sincere congratulations to HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the

Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, on the Bahrain National Triathlon Team's leading results.

Shaikh Saqer noted Bahrain's continued presence in various regional and international participations and achieving more successes thanks to the support of the wise leadership and the follow-up of Shaikh Nasser.

By Invitation

Aidan Payne



Goodbye Arabia

After almost 40 years bar a month, I am saying goodbye (ma'asalamah) to Arabia this month after living 72 per cent of my life here in Bahrain (34 years) and previously the United Arab Emirates (6 years) and going back home to the United Kingdom with a lifetime of treasured memories.

My 'Arabian Adventure' started back in December 1977, when along with my mother (Joan) and younger brother (Nigel) we joined father dad (Eric) who was already working in Sharjah, UAE for more than a year at Mina Khalid.

Our first house was appropriately called Sunshine Villas and was located on a patch of desert not far from the Al Khan and Lagoon area just opposite Sharjah City.

In those days, Sharjah was not the sprawling conurbation it has become now.

I left after a month vacation over Christmas and New Year to return and complete my schooling and finish my O-Levels and CSE's back in my native city of Liverpool.

My return to the Gulf was just in time to celebrate my 16th birthday on June 2 in 1978, this time however, my father had transferred jobs' and was now working with Dubai Aluminium.

Dubai in those days was still a small town and the tallest building was the Dubai Trade Centre and a mere 39 storeys in height, how Dubai has changed since.

As I was only 16 and too young to work, I went back to school and did two more years of education at Dubai College.

On leaving school, I was given a training job in the administrative office of the Harbour Master, which entailed documenting ship arrivals at the newly opened Jebel Ali Port and worked with my father who had also been employed as a Fire, Safety and Security Officer.

Over more than three years at Jebel Ali Port, I got to work in administration, maintenance and the finance departments and also regularly accompanied the pilots way out into the Arabian Gulf to bring the VLCC Tankers into the port, as a 'meet and greet' a vessel coming for the first time and document its arrival.

I never imagined that as an 18/19 year old I would be climbing up rope ladders on the side of a half-million tonne tanker.

My other fond memory is seeing Queen Elizabeth II when she visited Dubai and the other Gulf States.

Moving on, I joined my father in March 1983 here in Bahrain and worked in the Gulf Weekly Mirror newspaper as a proofreader and librarian from 1983-86.

Bahrain itself then under his HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa was very small compared with now and most areas such as New Juffair, Seef, the Grand Mosque and Amwaj Islands just didn't exist.

As a youngster in my early 20s, it was great fun partying all the time and hanging out at weekends, as in them days the community was much closer.

My next move was to the Gulf Daily News in 1988 just before my parents left Bahrain early the same year, at first I was scared at being on my own for the first time in my life, but quickly adapted and spent 22 years with the newspaper.

It was a fruitful time and great experience, starting again! with proof reading, 11 years running the archive section, eight years of sports reporting and two years of administration work.

In that time, I had the chance to expand my horizons and diverse from just sports.

My last venture is the seven years I have had at the Daily Tribune and a hat-trick of working for the three main English language Bahrain newspapers over the years, this time dealing mainly with sports, notable events I have covered and attended include being at the Formula 1 Grand Prix, ITF Tennis Championships, GCC and World Cup Football, Basketball, Volleyball and Bowling to name a few along with many other regional and international events in Bahrain, along with a number of charitable and community events, most importantly the annual Think Pink Bahrain initiative every October.

Bahrain and the Gulf has been great to me and I would never 40 years ago envisaged as a 15-year old back in Liverpool what the future would hold.

Never in my wildest dreams did I ever expect to be rubbing shoulders with top members of the ruling family in Bahrain, ambassadors, top company officials, interviewing top sports people in the field of football, cricket, rugby, netball, bowling, athletics, hockey and other sports.

As an expatriate resident, I have also had the time to visit the other countries in the region, including going back to the UAE, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Iran, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria (pre-war), Cyprus and Turkey, of which I am really glad to have done.

Bahrain is a truly remarkable country for its size in the region and has been 'my very comfortable home from home' thanks to the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HRH the Crown Prince, HRH the Prime Minister and previously the late Amir Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, who have made this one of the most welcoming countries in the whole wide world for people of all nationalities, cultures and religions.

I would like to wish all the people and friends I have worked with over the years the very best of luck for the future and hope we meet up again sometime?

Good luck to Bahrain, I will never forget you and hope you prosper for years to come!!

I am going back to Anglesey, North Wales, which coincidentally is similar to Bahrain in size, with the two main islands connected by causeways and bridges and the highest (Jebel/Mountain) points being similar as well.

Say no more!!!

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Shafiq, Sarfraz revive Pakistan

Dubai

Chasing 136 at Abu Dhabi, Pakistan lost what seemed to be an un-losable Test. Having been 52 for 5 in the pursuit of 317, they have now left themselves a chance of winning what appeared to be an unwinnable one. In a series that has been enlivened by a flood of dramatic twists, the final session of day four saw another one: an unbroken partnership of 146 between Asad Shafiq and Sarfraz Ahmed.

Sri Lanka still have five wickets to get. Pakistan 119 runs to square the series. If the visitors break through, it will be the first time since 2010 that Pakistan have been defeated in the UAE. If Pakistan get across the line, it would be their third 300-plus chase against Sri Lanka in four years.

Late in the twilight session, Dilruwan Perera had claimed three wickets inside 10 deliveries, to spark elation in the Sri Lanka camp and



Asad Shafiq plays a shot (Picture courtesy: icc-cricket)

despondence in Pakistan's, but following a wicketless night session, it was Pakistan who appeared the more hopeful outfit. Sarfraz and Shafiq had navigated an immensely difficult period more-or-less perfectly.

Sarfraz had been the more proactive batsman early on in the partnership, nailing a flat sweep off Herath to the

backward square leg fence, before carving Dilruwan through point a few overs later, but when Shafiq had played himself in, he quickly became the dominant figure in the stand.

Off his 26th ball, Shafiq waltzed down the pitch to launch his first boundary, hitting Dilruwan over mid-on. Almost immediately,

the singles and twos began to flow. Midwicket, fine leg, long-on - these areas were all mined for valuable runs, and the cover boundary proved productive for Shafiq as well.

Sarfraz stayed largely leg side, hitting only two further boundaries in the day, after those early momentum-shifting blows against the spinners. As ever, he flitted

around on the crease, even batting way outside leg stump to one delivery, and used the sweep to fruitful effect. At times in this series, Sarfraz has been overtaken by reckless impulses. Not in this innings. Like Shafiq, he was opportunistic, but calculated. They ran quick singles into the infield, but Sarfraz repeatedly sent Shafiq back when he felt a run was too risky.

Towards the second half of the session, Dinesh Chandimal spread his fields, and the pair progressed with increasing ease.

Between the 50th and 65th overs of the innings, for example, they scored 70 risk-free runs. Shafiq moved past fifty with a cut off Suranga Lakmal. (*espnricinfo*)

BRIEF SCORE

Pakistan 262 and 198 for 5 (Shafiq 86*, Sarfraz 57*) need 119 to beat **Sri Lanka 482** and 96 (Mendis 29, Wahab 4-41, Sohail 3-1)

Coaching return 'wasn't my dream'



Jupp Heynckes (file pic)

Munich

Jupp Heynckes has said he never dreamed he would come out of retirement to take charge of Bayern Munich for a fourth time.

Heynckes, 72, takes over from Carlo Ancelotti, sacked after the Champions League defeat at Paris Saint-Germain last month, and is in charge until the end of the season.

He will take training on Monday as preparations begin for his first game in charge at home to Freiburg on Saturday.

The coach took charge of the final Bundesliga match of his previous spell against Borussia Monchengladbach in May that year.

And speaking at his unveiling, he said: "If I recall my last news conference in Monchengladbach, I had come to terms with the thought that my coaching career was over.

"It wasn't my dream to ever come back as a coach. I received many offers from top European clubs, and also for work as a TV expert, but I turned them all down." (*espn*)

Hong Kong Open

Zhang Shuai, Wang Qiang cruise into second round

Hong Kong

Two Chinese players Zhang Shuai and Wang Qiang cruised into the second round of the 2017 Hong Kong Tennis Open yesterday.

Eighth seed Zhang soared into the second round with ruthless efficiency, as she disposed of Japanese qualifier Kurumi Nara 6-0, 6-0 in less than an hour.

"I did really well today. Before coming in Hong Kong, I did not set any goals. Now winning the first round gave me more confidence to do better. I'm very happy to have won today and I look forward to the next match," said Zhang, who just claimed the WTA Guangzhou Open title two weeks ago.

World No. 48 Wang took only 53 minutes to defeat Chang Kai-Chen of Chinese Taipei 6-3, 6-0.

Early, Samantha Stosur of Australia

needed 1 hour 57 minutes to defeat the world No. 303 Lee Ya-Hsuan of Chinese Taipei 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 in the opening match of the tournament.

"The second set was kind of dodgy, but the way I came out in the third is how I want to play. I tried to be aggressive and managed to come up with some good forehands. I really enjoy my time here in Hong Kong and this is a really great crowd. Thank you all for coming out today!" said Stosur.

Former NCAA champion Nicole Gibbs of the United States, world-ranked 113rd, came from a set down to beat qualifier Valentini Grammatikopoulou of Greece, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 to move on to round two.

Australian Lizette Cabrera, world No. 146, saw off qualifier Shuko Aoyama of Japan 7-5, 6-3 to set up a clash with either defending champ Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark or Eugenie Bouchard of Canada in round two.

World No. 3 Elina Svitolina of Ukraine leads the field as the top seed at the 500,000 U.S. dollars WTA International Series event, which takes place from October 7 to 15 at Victoria Park Tennis Stadium. (*Xinhua*)

Greenkeepers get revenge



From (L) Gilespe, Armstrong, Evans, Hobday and Love

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A busy Friday at the Royal Golf Club (RGC) kicked off with the annual Greenkeepers Revenge event which gives the agronomy team the opportunity to set up the course in any which way they like, giving them the chance to get 'revenge' on the members of the Royal Golf Club.

Some of the most notable set up holes included hole 9, where the flag was in the

bunker and hole 11 where the flag was surrounded by several other holes.

Barry Hobday, Ronan Armstrong, Andrew Love and Todd Gilespe shot an amazing score of nett 54.9 to lift the trophy. Hilde and Stan Kwik and Ann and Kevin Hudon (57.7) came in second place.

Director of Agronomy, William Evans was on hand to give out prizes, which included two rakes, some paint and a drop zone sign.

Zhang Shuai (file pic)

Harry Kane nominated for Ballon d'Or

London

Harry Kane has been named on the 30-name shortlist of players in contention to win the 2017 edition of the Ballon d'Or.

France Football, who organise the event following a split from Fifa, are releasing the names of those nominated in groups of five throughout the day yesterday.

Kane joins the likes of Neymar, Philippe Coutinho, Robert Lewandowski and Luis Suarez in already being announced.

The Tottenham Hotspur and England forward has had an extraordinary year in front of goal, scoring 43 times in 37 appearances for club and country, including the winner in both of England's matches over the recent international break.

Kane's exploits recently led Pep Guardiola to describe Tottenham as "the Harry Kane team", with his record of more than a goal per game this year good enough to rival the likes of Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.

He helped Spurs to a second-placed finish in last season's Premier League and third place after seven games so far in 2017/18.

In September, Kane said he hoped to use the Champions League to break into the world's elite players.

"I have said before I want to break into that world-class bracket, to do that you have to play well in the Champions League," he said.

"The Champions League is a big stage – all the best players in Europe, if not the world, are here. And to be the best you have to produce your best against the best." (*telegraph.co.uk*)



Harry Kane (file pic)

Hamilton teases Vettel over Malaysia crash

Suzuka

Lewis Hamilton was the centre of attention in the pre-race drivers' briefing at the Japanese Grand Prix after Romain Grosjean questioned the Brit's seat-belt removal celebration.

Hamilton had celebrated an unexpected victory in Singapore by undoing his seat-belt and leaning out the cockpit to wave to supporters.

Grosjean raised concerns over whether drivers were allowed to perform such actions, citing

Hamilton as an example, in a video published on the Formula One website on Sunday following the Brit's Suzuka triumph.

A bemused Hamilton was left admitting he had removed seat-belts to celebrate wins on more than once occasion, before questioning Grosjean on why he needed clarification on the matter.

The world championship leader used the subject over the safety of seat-belts to tease Sebastian Vettel, who he leads by 59 points in the drivers' standings.

After his title rival's bizarre collision with Lance Stroll on the slow-down lap following the Malaysian Grand Prix, Hamilton insisted that driving so slowly there wasn't a need to keep the seat-belts

on 'unless you're Sebastian' - drawing a ripple of laughter from all

the other drivers in attendance.

Hamilton also used the briefing to question Whiting over the Ferrari star taking his steering wheel with him away from the Ferrari following the Stroll collision.

The race director stated that drivers are advised to leave steering wheels inside the car to aid marshalls in moving them, but with Vettel's car was so badly damaged there was no need to in that instance. (*dailymail.co.uk*)



Lewis Hamilton (file pic)

Palmer seeks new pastures after Renault axing

Suzuka

Jolyon Palmer said farewell to the Renault team on Sunday and probably to Formula One as well.

The underperforming Briton is being replaced by Spaniard Carlos Sainz for the remaining four races of the season and left the Japanese Grand Prix with no more points than the eight he arrived with.

All of those were scored in one race, in Singapore where he was sixth out of just 12 finishers, leaving 15 other complete blanks.

Palmer managed only one point in all of 2016 when Renault had just taken over the failing Lotus team and were struggling with a non-competitive car.

When asked about his plans for

2018, he told Sky Sports TV that he did not know.

"When I'm sat on the plane on the way back home, probably it will sink in that certainly I won't be driving for Renault again and maybe not in Formula One again," he said.

"I'm out and that's Formula One. These things happen. It's a shame but I'll move on. There's plenty to life out there and I'm about to find out what it is."

Renault had announced on Saturday that they and Palmer, son of former racer Jonathan, had agreed a parting of the ways.

"I'm feeling alright," said the 26-year-old former GP2 champion, who started his last race from 18th place after engine-related grid



Jolyon Palmer (file pic)

penalties were applied and ended up in 12th.

"I respect the decision and wish

the team still the best for the future, Carlos the best and we go our separate ways." (*Reuters*)



Germany rout Azerbaijan

5-1

Berlin

Leon Goretzka inspired Germany to a 5-1 rout over Azerbaijan as the defending champions wrapped up their World Cup qualification campaign in style.

The Schalke midfielder's brilliant backheel sent the hosts on their way to victory at the Fritz-Walter-Stadion in Kaiserslautern on Sunday.

Sandro Wagner also continued his fine form by scoring his fifth goal in five caps as Germany topped Group C, having already booked their chance to defend the trophy at next summer's World Cup in Russia.

Ramil Seydaev did equalise for Azerbaijan before half-time, but they fell apart after the break, conceding three times in 12 minutes from

Wagner, Antonio Rudiger and

Goretzka, with Emre Can adding a stunning late fifth.

Germany finished 11 points clear of Northern Ireland, whom they beat 3-1 in Belfast on Thursday to reach Russia, with a 100 percent record.

Joachim Low's side went ahead in impudent style after just eight minutes when Goretzka stunned Azerbaijan.

Gara Garayev failed to deal with a corner and, when the ball bounced to Goretzka, the midfielder, with his back to goal, produced a fabulous backheel from seven yards which flew past Kamran Agayev. Wagner twice went close, while Lars Stindl had a shot blocked before Azerbaijan stunned the hosts by equalising 11 minutes before the break.

Seydaev latched on to Tamkin Khalilzade's pass on the left and twice bamboozled Chelsea's Rudiger before beating Bernd Leno from an angle.

It got worse for Germany immediately afterwards as Shkodran Mustafi was forced off injured and replaced by Matthias Ginter, the second enforced change after Rudiger replaced Niklas Sule early on.

But the hosts recovered and nine minutes after the break Wagner did grab his goal when his far post header just crossed the line to finish off a patient Germany move.

Ten minutes later it was 3-1 when Rudiger's header was deflected in off Dan Mori and Goretzka added a fourth soon after, tapping in Leroy Sane's centre.

Can then capped the victory with his first Germany goal with nine minutes left when his 30-yard rocket beat Agayev. (espn)

Leon Goretzka

Emre Can (C) of Germany celebrates with teammates after scoring during the FIFA 2018 World Cup Qualifiers Group C match

