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**Russia blocks move against N.Korea at UN**

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Russia yesterday blocked UN Security Council condemnation of North Korea's missile test even though China backed the strongly-worded statement put forward by United States, diplomats said.



# PM conferred with Arab League honour



Deputy Premier HH Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa receiving the award on behalf of HRH Premier from Arab League Secretary-General Ahmed About Gheit

### DT News Network Manama

His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday became the first Arab leader to be awarded the Arab League Shield for Pioneering Development Work.

The Arab League conferred the award on HRH the Premier in recognition of his crucial role as an architect of modern Bahrain's development and progress and for pan-Arab joint work.

Deputy Premier His Highness Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa received, on behalf of HRH the Premier, the award from Arab League

Secretary-General Ahmed About Gheit. The grand ceremony was held at the Arab League's headquarters, in the presence of a large attendance of senior Arab political, intellectual, cultural, press, media, diplomatic and academic personalities.

The Cairo-based Arab League launched the award this year in acknowledgement of the high-profile Arab personalities who contribute to bolstering Arab development. The Deputy Premier took pride in receiving the Arab League Shield for Pioneering Development Work, on behalf of HRH the Premier.

He conveyed greetings from HRH the Premier

to the Arab League and its secretary-general as well as the high-profile attendees, hailing the honour which, he said, represents an acknowledgement.

"The grand ceremony and the large attendance represent an acknowledgement of HRH the Premier's role in promoting development and stances in serving the nation and championing the Arab and Islamic causes."

He paid tribute to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa for turning the Kingdom into a pioneering role model for sustainable development which is centred on human beings. He commended the pivotal

role of the Arab League in supporting pan-Arab solidarity and complementary relations, wishing the Cairo-based institution and its secretary-general success to achieve the aspired Arab development, progress, security and stability.

About Gheit delivered an opening speech in which he hailed HRH the Premier's far-sighted development and modernisation vision. He paid tribute to late Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al-Khalifa and lauded His Majesty the King for providing the conditions which contributed to the success of the Premier's vision. He hailed the Premier who was in the vanguard,

along with a few other Arab trailblazers, who realized that Arabs needed above all to work strenuously to develop nations and promote human beings. He hailed Bahrain's landmark success in becoming a financial hub and a destination for investors from the East and West, despite limited resources.

"HRH Premier has long realized that a modern state would require a strong and diversified economy", he said, lauding the Premier who capitalized on Bahrain's strengths, strategic location and dedicated people, transforming his country into a regional financial centre.

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# All for pure air!

**Primary school student develops air purifier to help her 'special' friends**



Al Siddeeqi (third from left) and Dr Al Nuaimi inaugurating the 'Air Purifier'

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It is often said that necessity is the mother of all inventions.

And in the case of Juwairiya Al Siddeeqi, this necessity came in the form of an 'Air purifier'.

Her 'special' friends were in need, and Juwairiya was well aware of that.

She also knew that her friends were disturbed even by the delicate changes in the atmosphere.

It is at this juncture that the idea to create an Air Purifier struck Juwairiya, the Al Orooba Primary Girls' School student.

The purifier developed by Juwairiya works simply



Al Siddeeqi briefing the Minister about her invention in the presence of school administration members and classmates

by connecting to an air-conditioning unit. All it takes is a few minutes for the machine, with the help of water and sanitisers, to clean the air.

Her invention was installed in the school's nursing room in the presence of Education Minister Dr Majid Al Nuaimi, who was full of praise for

Juwairiya Al Siddeeqi.

Juwairiya, on the occasion, also told the minister that she is planning to participate in the programmes organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, as this year theme is "sustainable development and climate change".



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# Kingdom to get 5 US naval patrol boats by August 1



Representative image

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The Kingdom of Bahrain will receive five US-made Mk V naval patrol boats by August this year, according to notices posted on the US Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website on April 11 and 12.

“The first notice said that US Military Sealift Command is looking to charter a cargo ship to carry four Mk V craft with related equipment from Naval Station Norfolk to Thessaloniki, Greece, and two to Bahrain. The second notice said US Military Sealift Command is looking to charter a cargo ship to carry a single Mk VI patrol boat from Naval Air Station North Island

**The US Defence Security Cooperation Agency’s Excess Defence Articles database shows that Bahrain requested two Mk V craft in 2014 and three in 2016**

in San Diego to the US naval base on Guam and three Mk V craft with related equipment to Bahrain,” Jane’s Information Group, a British publishing company specialising in military information, reported yesterday. “The delivery dates for the two ships heading to Bahrain in opposite directions around the world were both given as August 1. The US Defence Security Cooperation Agency’s Excess Defence Articles database shows

that Bahrain requested two Mk V craft in 2014 and three in 2016,” the publication said.

No announcements were made by the Royal Bahrain Naval Force yet, but the boats are being procured to strengthen the Kingdom’s naval security, as attempts to smuggle weapons, terrorists and drugs to and from Bahrain through the seas have increased lately as confirmed by the authorities.

## Fishermen violating shrimping ban assault inspectors, one hurt

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An inspector of Marine Resources Directorate was injured after officials tasked to monitor the coasts to prevent breach of the shrimping ban were attacked by fishermen violating the ban at Sitra yesterday.

The injured inspector has been admitted to the hospital for treatment. The attackers fled the scene but the police were able to arrest them later.

“One of the inspectors sustained multiple injuries. He is admitted to an hospital for treatment,” said Agriculture and Marine Resources Undersecretary Shaikh Khalifa bin Isa Al Khalifa in a statement issued yesterday.

“The violators attempted to run-over the inspectors while fleeing the scene using their private car. The suspects are arrested and the case referred to the prosecution,” Shaikh Khalifa confirmed.

The incident occurred at Sitra Fishermen’s Port to the eastern coasts of the island. The inspectors belonged to the Agriculture and Marine Resources Directorate under the Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning



Shaikh Khalifa bin Isa Al Khalifa Ministry. They were tasked to monitor the coasts to prevent any breach of the ongoing six-month shrimping ban.

The official strongly condemned the repeated attacks on the directorate’s inspectors for performing their duty to preserve marine resources and to enforce the law.

“The directorate will take the necessary legal steps against the culprits in accordance with Article 222 of the Bahraini Penal Code,” he said.

The Article states, “A punishment of imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months and a fine not exceeding BD50 shall be inflicted upon any person who offends with the use

**“The directorate will take the necessary legal steps against the culprits in accordance with Article 222 of the Bahraini Penal Code”**

of signs, saying, writing or by any other method a civil servant or officer entrusted with a public service during or by reason of carrying out the duties of his office or service. The punishment shall be imprisonment for no less than three months or a fine of at least BD50 if the offence takes place during the convening of a court sitting and is intended against the panel of judges or against the members of the said panel.”

As for beaching the shrimping ban, violators will be subjected to the penalties mentioned under Law 20 of 2002 that include revoking their fishing licenses and confiscating their ships and equipment.



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# Congratulations pour in for PM

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Words of praise and congratulations poured in for the Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, who become the first Arab leader to be awarded the Development Pioneering Work Shield yesterday.

People from all walks of life and different ends of official spectrum lauded the achievement and wished the Premier all success in serving the nation and championing the Arab and Islamic causes.

The award, on behalf of HRH the Premier, was received from the Arab League Secretary-General Ahmed Aboul Gheet by Deputy Premier HH Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

"The honour is a reflection of HRH the Premier's distinguished status at the local,



HRH the Prime Minister regional and international level as well as a tribute for his outstanding role in supporting pan-Arab work and development projects," said Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa in a cable to the Prime Minister. He

wished the Premier abundant health to continue serving the nation and people.

Speaker Ahmed Al Mulla took pride in the Arab award given to HRH the Premier by stressing that the honour reflects Prince Khalifa's

contributions to the joint Arab action.

Saudi Ambassador to Bahrain Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulmalik Al Shaikh, Sudanese Ambassador to Bahrain Abdulrahman Khalil Afendi, United Arab Emirates Ambassador to Bahrain, Abdulridha Abdullah Al Khori, Chairman of Bahrain Fine Arts Society, Shaikh Rashid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Fawzi Ahmed Kanoo Deputy Chairman of the Yusuf bin Ahmed Kanoo company also congratulated HRH the Premier.

In his message, HH Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister's Advisor, described the honour as a reflection of HRH the Premier's distinguished status as well as a tribute for his outstanding role in promoting sustainable development.

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## Premier's honours, Bahrain's pride

During much of the last few decades, news of political turmoil, social instability and economic uncertainty have dominated the profiles of most of the Arab world. Even today we are still in the mess, far from solving our challenges.

These unfortunate events have concealed the major ongoing developments that have and continue to take place in the Arab world and underestimated the visionary leaders behind the current progress the region is witnessing.

Arab countries need an economic vision that takes into consideration the wise-use of the limited natural resources available and to upgrade the manpower capacities needed to implement the development projects.

Experts claim that one of the constraints that have hampered the Arab world's development is the shortage of visionary leaders that possess the capacity to steer the respective countries towards the desired goals.

However, one man stands tall among the crowd, who has shown his acumen, statesmanship and visionary leadership to the world and in turn the world has expressed its appreciation by awarding him international recognition for his consistent lifelong commitment to the development of his country.

He is our beloved His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, who has won dozens of international awards. In fact, he is the only Arab leader to achieve such a distinguished status.

The list of awards is very long. Among them, we find the 2006 Scroll of Honour Award in urban development and Housing by UN-Habitat, the 2010 UNESCO Avicenna Gold Medal, and the Millennium Development Goals award.

Yesterday, at a special ceremony held in Cairo, Egypt, the Arab League added another award to the Premier: 'The Arab League Shield for Leadership in Arab Development', for his role in modernizing Bahrain and promoting Arab unity and joint action. The Premier is the first Arab leader to receive the prestigious shield.

The contributions of the HRH are not restricted to the development of Bahrain. His efforts in highlighting the need for urgent Arab unity as a sole means of defeating outside intervention forces have received appreciation from political observers.

He was the first among the GCC leaders to propose Gulf unity aimed at defending its identity and maintain its achievement.

Taking into consideration his visionary leadership, dozens of international awards received and dedicated contributions to the development of Bahrain and beyond, the Premier occupies special position among the Arab leadership.

Observers of Bahrain's development agree that the Premier's wise leadership and vision will remain the blue print of Bahrain for years to come. It will serve as a reference point for any future development.

Side by side with his commitment to Bahrain's progress, the Premier consistently looks after the welfare of citizens and residents in the Kingdom.

The witnesses of those thousands of people, who have obtained free international scholarship, received medical attention in foreign land, acquired housing units can be used as barometres to measure the Premier's generosity.

Finally, all the awards speak one voice: Bahrain is in safe hands, is showing great strides in its development and that all the campaigns to tarnish its image in the international arena are hollow and void.

Congratulations dear Premier well done!!!

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## Al Khalifia library new building opened

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Deputy Prime Minister HH Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa was deputised by Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, to open the new building of Al Khalifia Library in Muharraq, yesterday.

The library is considered as one of the oldest in Bahrain, dating back to 1954.

Deputy Premier asserted that the Al Khalifia Library, with its long history, constitutes an important cultural milestone in the Kingdom, and represents a story that deserves to be documented as it reflects the interest of the Bahrainis in science and culture.

The deputy premier toured the new building of the Al Khalifia Library in Muharraq, and was briefed about the various stages of the project by the President of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa.

Shaikh Ali expressed admiration for the new building and modern features that match global libraries in terms of books and publications.





# Team Inflex wins first place at Imagine Cup



Winners, judges and organisers of the Microsoft Imagine Cup posing for a photograph

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The local winners of Microsoft's Imagine Cup 2017 was announced at an event hosted at ART Rotana Hotel in Amwaj Islands yesterday.

Team Influx who created a Virtual Reality technology was announced as the first place winners.

The second place was won by team O'LINA from the University of Bahrain for their project O'LINA, a mobile application that helps with cooking.

TEAM1, from the University of Bahrain took third place with project Kiwi, a band which takes reading from EMG, heartrate and other sensors, analyses them to help trainers and athletes in profiling muscles, monitoring

workouts and prevent injuries. Cash prize awards for this year's competition, which marked the 15th year of the Imagine Cup were: BD2,500 for first place, BD1,500 for second place, and BD1,000 for third place winners, respectively. Team Influx taking first place will go on to compete against the region's top talent at the Imagine Cup MEA semi-finals in Lebanon in May.

"It was a really tough competition, all the teams were very good. We never faced such intense competition and we feel very lucky to win this," said Ali Inayat, a member of team Influx.

"Innovation and entrepreneurship are key elements to give the young generation of this country a competitive advantage

to capture tomorrow's opportunities," said Sherif Tawfik, Country General Manager, Microsoft Bahrain and Oman.

"Microsoft Imagine Cup, our flagship initiative, is at the heart of this ambition empowering students with free access to tools and learning resources to create, innovate and make a difference through the power of technology. We strongly appreciate the support of our sponsors and partners in bringing this year's season; who share our vision for innovation; in line with Bahrain Vision 2030," he said.

Bahrain's version of the Imagine Cup, a global student technology programme and competition, provides opportunities for students across all disciplines to team

up and use their creativity, passion and knowledge of technology to create applications and solutions to problems.

The panel of judges for the Bahrain finals to select the winners included Nani Butti, Chief of Information Technology, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Mohamed

Kamal, Senior Technical Account Manager, Microsoft Bahrain, Maha Al Banki, Communications Head, Tamkeen, Shaikh Mohamed Al Khalifa from Economic Development Board, Mohamed Al Tawash, Managing Director CH9, and Stefano Pettinato, Deputy Resident Representative,

UNDP Bahrain

The competition was organised by Microsoft in partnership with Tamkeen, and supported by partners including United Nations Development Programme Bahrain (UNDP), Ministry of Youth and Sports, Start-up Bahrain and Corporate Hub 9 (CH9).

## RAP, Isa Cultural Centre ink MoU to exchange expertise

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The Royal Academy of Police (RAP) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Isa Cultural Centre to set up a joint cooperation mechanisms to exchange expertise. The cooperation covers consultations, field visits and access to the databases of each others to enrich scientific and academic research.

The MoU also includes mutual coordination for courses, workshops and conferences to serve the interests of both parties.


Chief of Public Security, and Chairman of RAP Scientific Council, Major-General Tariq Al Hassan and Deputy Chairman of Board of Trustees

**The MoU covers mutual coordination for courses, workshops and conferences to serve interests of both parties**

and Executive Director of Isa Cultural Centre, Dr. Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa signed the MoU. The Chief asserted that the MoU comes as part of the Interior Ministry's dedication to reinforce research and academic cooperation

with prestigious organisations through joint academic research and training. He hailed the role of the Isa Cultural Centre in enhancing cultural awareness to serve the nation and achieve its national goals.

Dr. Shaikh Khalid hailed the major efforts of RAP and its distinguished workforce in reinforcing national values among Interior Ministry personnel to promote and protect national achievements, security and stability. He highlighted that the centre is dedicated to promote community partnership with various organisations to meet the aspirations of the wise leadership towards national development, growth and prosperity.



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# 'PM played key role in Bahrain's development'



Dignitaries watching a documentary on HRH Prime Minister and his achievements at Arab League's headquarters in Cairo

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**T**he Eastern Bank Limited was set up as early as 1920, paving the way for ten other banks to be established by 1971", he said, crediting the Premier for capitalizing on Bahrain's location, human resources and historic experience to attract international banks and financial institutions.

About Gheet underlined the Premier's strenuous efforts to achieve urban and human development despite regional challenges and external impediments.

"Conspirators have always been preying on Bahrain, seeking to bring the Kingdom under their hegemony", he said, adding that all designs would abort.

Then, a documentary was shown on HRH the Prime Minister and his achievements

in the development and modernisation field which enabled Bahrain to work out a balanced economic, political and social development approach making it an economic, industrial and financial hub.

Cabinet Affairs Minister Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al-Mutawa expressed happiness about taking part in the celebration, thanking the Arab League and its Secretary General on the noble initiative in honouring HRH the Premier for his pioneering role in Bahrain's growth. He stressed Bahrain's ability to overcome challenges and continue its development march to achieve the aspirations of the people and occupy an advanced status at the regional and international level. He commended the key role of HRH the Prime

## Arab League secretary-general Aboul Gheet has lauded HRH Premier for the strenuous efforts to achieve urban and human development despite regional challenges and external impediments

Minister in fast-tracking comprehensive development and boosting citizens' welfare.

The Cabinet Affairs Minister said HRH the Premier's remarkable role in spearheading Bahrain's development has earned him international respect. Therefore, he added, HRH the Prime Minister has been honoured as a man of state, peace and development by granting him many awards

and conferring on him many medals and shields.

The Cabinet Affairs Minister noted that the Arab honour is a continuation and a culmination of a series of accolades which will stimulate more efforts to achieve sustainable development in the Arab countries and promote the role of the Arab League in this respect.

Former Arab League Secretary-General, Amr

Moussa, in his speech, said HRH the Prime Minister have earned this honour for his development efforts at local and regional level, as well as defending Arab interests.

He added Bahrain is in the 12th place internationally based on per capita income and in the 18th place as an e-government country thanks to HRH Premier, pointing out HM the King's confidence in HRH Premier's endeavour to lead the government and the unmissable progress achieved.

Former Jordanian Prime Minister, former Senate President, Abdurauaf Rawabdeh, hailed the Arab League for honouring an Arab personalities in recognition of his development achievements. He pointed out HRH the Prime Minister's policy to bring about development

achievements, while defending his homeland's security and stability, as well as countering calls of sedition and extremism. Then, HH Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa toured the photo gallery held on the sidelines of the award ceremony, which comprised a collection of photos reflecting Bahrain's development efforts and HRH Premier's development role in the Kingdom.

The award ceremony also witnessed the launch of a book titled (Khalifa bin Salman, leadership made history), prepared by Dr. Omar Al Hassan and released by Gulf Strategic Studies Center. The book reviews Bahrain's achievements in various fields, as well as the royal leadership's efforts in bringing about progress and advancement in Bahrain.

## Kidney Care Exhibition from May 4-6

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**T**hanal Bahrain Chapter is gearing up for a Kidney Care Exhibition from May 4 to 6 at the Indian School Bahrain with the support of the Ministry of Health (MoH) in order to spread awareness about kidney care and arrange free kidney screening. The organisers said MoH has agreed to loan all the specimens required for the exhibition like human body, kidney and other human organs to exhibit for the educational and demonstration purpose. MoH and Thanal has established a mutual partnership for disseminating awareness initiative among the public in the Kingdom focusing mainly the expatriates.



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Thanal is a charitable organization rendering various humanitarian services like dialysis and palliative care centres, medical clinics, ambulance services etc. and running the biggest stand alone dialysis facility in India equipped with 80 dialysis machines functioning in four units by doing more than

5,000 dialysis every month, thus benefitting almost 500 underprivileged patients.

Thanal has conducted a number of such exhibitions and awareness campaigns in India, which was well accepted by the public.

The Exhibition General Convener Rafeeq Abdulla said, "We have got the inspiration from these exhibitions and decided to conduct the similar one in Bahrain as well for the benefits of Bahrain residents."

This exhibition will provide chance to check attendees micro albumin and creatinine by a simple urine test.

Thanal's Chief Patron Soman Baby said, "This is the first time we are organising such a major Kidney Care Exhibition in a

GCC country. We are thankful to the Bahrain government for their overwhelming support and co-operation."

MoU signing ceremony took place in the presence of Health Ministry's Undersecretary Dr. Aysha Buanq, Assistant Secretary for Training Dr. Ameen Al Awadhi, Chief of Financial Affairs Surender Jain, Thanal Chief Patron Soman Baby, Thanl Chairman Razak Muzhikkal, General Convener Rafeeq Abdulla and Coordinator Mujeeb Rahman.

The public can register online to attend the event by visiting [www.thanalbahrain.com](http://www.thanalbahrain.com). For further details contact 38384504, 33433530, 39798122, 39605806, and 39857759.

## Fourth anniversary of CSI Church today

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**T**he Bahrain CSI South Kerala Diocese is organising the fourth Church Anniversary Celebration which will take place today at 8pm at Bangkok Hall in Um Al Hassam. Bishop Rev A Dhramaraj Rasalam will be the chief guest on the occasion. Priests representing different parishes in Bahrain will attend the function. In connection with this there will also be thanksgiving services and holy sacraments on April 22 at St Christopher's Cathedral, said Bahrain CSI SKD Presbyter Rev Sujith Sugathan.



Bishop Rev A Dhramaraj Rasalam



# 'Friendly fire' downed Saudi helicopter in Yemen: sources

## Aden

A Saudi military helicopter that crashed in Yemen killing 12 Saudi soldiers was likely hit by "friendly fire", military sources said yesterday.

The soldiers, including four officers, died Tuesday when the helicopter went down in Yemen's Marib province, the Saudi-led Arab coalition fighting Iran-backed Huthi rebels said in a statement.

"As the Saudi helicopter was not identified by the ground operations centre, the air defence system was triggered automatically," a senior Yemeni military official said.

A source familiar with the details of the incident said the helicopter appeared to have been hit by friendly fire "from automated systems".

Such incidents can happen if pilots fail to communicate



A Yemeni fighter stands near the husk of a destroyed vehicle (file image)

with systems on the ground, the source, who asked to remain anonymous, said.

The Yemeni defence ministry's [26sepnews.net](http://26sepnews.net) news website also reported on

Tuesday that the helicopter had been hit by mistake.

It cited a senior Yemeni officer who said the aircraft was shot down five kilometres (around three miles) from its

landing site after "a technical error that caused the air defence system to make an incorrect reading."

The website said the helicopter came down "a

very long way" from rebel positions, beyond the range of their weaponry.

Coalition spokesman General Ahmed Assiri did not confirm or deny the friendly fire reports, saying an investigation was under way and it was "too early to adopt any hypothesis".

The coalition began air strikes in Yemen in March 2015 in support of President Abedrabbo Mansour Hadi's internationally recognised government in its fight against Iran-backed Huthi rebels.

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, which play key roles in the coalition, have suffered its heaviest losses, with dozens of soldiers killed.

In September 2015, a rebel missile strike on a coalition base in Marib killed 67 coalition soldiers, most of them Emiratis.

The United Nations says

## Bahrain condolences death in crash

### Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable of condolences and sympathy to Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, over the death of twelve Saudi Armed Forces servicemen in military helicopter crash.

The Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and HRH Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa also sent similar condolences to the leadership of Saudi Arabia.

that more than 7,700 people have been killed since March 2015 in poverty-stricken Yemen, which also faces a serious risk of famine. (AFP)

## US wants 'strong' Saudi Arabia: Pentagon chief



Saudi Arabia's King Salman(R) sits next to an interpreter during a meeting with US Defence Secretary James Mattis (L) in Riyadh

### Riyadh

The United States wants to see a strong Saudi Arabia, Defence Secretary Jim Mattis said during talks yesterday aimed at reinvigorating the Riyadh-Washington alliance.

Mattis, meeting top officials in the Saudi capital, also hinted that President Donald Trump could visit the kingdom, a longtime US ally which has welcomed Washington's firmer line against common adversary Iran.

"It is in our interest to see a strong Saudi Arabia," Mattis said at the start of talks

with Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the defence minister, pointing to the country's "military security services and secret services."

"What we can do here today could actually open the door possibly to bringing our president to Saudi Arabia," Mattis said.

Mattis, a retired four-star Marine general, earlier met King Salman at Al-Yamama Palace in Riyadh, where he told the monarch: "It's good to be back."

Mattis commanded troops

during the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

He arrived in the kingdom on Tuesday afternoon to listen to Saudi leaders and learn "what are their priorities," an American defence official said earlier.

The United States and Saudi Arabia have a decades-old relationship based on the exchange of American security for Saudi oil.

But ties between Riyadh and Washington became increasingly frayed during the administration of president Barack Obama. (AFP)

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# BBBF holds special networking event

Manama

The Bahrain British Business Forum's (BBBF) Special Interest Group (SIG) for Young Professionals recently hosted an exclusive networking event for Bahrain's young professionals.

The event featured Zayed bin Rashid Alzayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, as the guest of honour and keynote speaker. Over 80 young professionals and BBBF members participated in the event held at the Bahrain Bourse at Harbour Gate.

In his address, Alzayani discussed Bahrain's current economic circumstances and the outlook for the remainder of the

year. The minister encouraged the young professionals and budding entrepreneurs to confidently grab opportunities to establish operations, work hard and grow beyond the borders of Bahrain. Following the presentation an interactive Q&A session was held.

Commenting, Ava Garbutt, co-head of the Young Professionals SIG, said: "BBBF's Young Professionals' networking events are designed to expand the knowledge of Bahrain's start-up workforce while connecting them to a vast network of established executives, in order to propel their careers forward."



Zayed Alzayani (5th from left) and Khalid Al Zayani OBE, Chairman of the BBBF (1st from left) with some of the young professionals

# SBI unveils plans for NRI centre



Customer meet in progress

## Holds customer meet in Bahrain to interact with the NRI customers

DT News Network

Manama

State Bank of India has revealed plans to establish a Global NRI Centre (GNC) in India, which would serve as a one-stop support centre to take care of all NRI Business related issues of the customers as well as the branches.

The centre, according to SBI, will serve as a single point contact for branches/customers /Relationship managers/Representative offices and Foreign Offices.

"It will result in better tracking and better control and efficiency," the bank said in a statement.

State Bank of India is now the largest bank in India following its merger with five associates and the Bharatiya Mahila Bank.

State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur (SBBJ), State Bank of Hyderabad (SBH), State Bank of Mysore (SBM), State Bank of Patiala (SBP) and State Bank of Travancore (SBT), besides Bharatiya Mahila Bank (BMB) merged with SBI with

effect from 1 April 2017.

With the merger, the bank expects its NRI business to grow substantially in the coming years especially from the Gulf and hence the need to set up an exclusive Global NRI Centre which would serve as a one stop support centre, the statement added.

The Senior Executives of State Bank of India were in Bahrain on 15th April for a customer meet to welcome the NRI customers of its Associate Banks SBT and SBH and also to interact with SBI customers.

The bank now enjoys a total customer base of approximately 370 million with a branch network of around 24,100 and nearly 59,200 ATMs across the country. The merged entity has a deposit base of more than US\$382.79 billion (INR26,00,114 crores) and advances level of US\$289.10bn (INR19,63,715 crores). The bank currently processes 6.50 crore transactions daily which will go up to more than 8.00crores per day.

Post-merger, the bank

will rationalize its branch network by relocating some of the branches to maximize reach.

In this regard, the bank officials, during the meeting, said it has initiated the process for the name change of the representative offices of both SBT and SBH in Dubai with the Central Bank of UAE. The approval is expected shortly. Once approved, one of the representative offices will be relocated to Abu Dhabi.

S. Venkataraman, Chief General Manager, Local Head

Office Kerala, R K Mishra, Chief General Manager (PBBU), Corporate Centre Mumbai, H. Sachdev, General Manager, Local Head Office Kerala, P. K Mishra, General Manager (NRI Services) PBBU, Corporate Centre Mumbai and Joy C Aryakara, Deputy General Manager (PB), Local Head Office Kerala, the Regional Head of State Bank of India, Regional Head Office (MEWANA Region) DIFC Dubai, TVS Ramana Rao were present at the meeting.

## Iran blocks Telegram

Tehran

Iran's judiciary has blocked newly introduced voice calls on Telegram, the most popular messaging app in the country, state media reported yesterday.

The blockage follows the arrest last month of 12 people who ran popular reformist channels on Telegram, ahead of a presidential election next month.

It was not clear if the blockage of voice calls, which Telegram introduced worldwide last week, was political or designed to protect the commercial interests of domestic phone companies.

## OPEC 'optimistic' oil output cuts leading to price recovery

Abu Dhabi

Oil-exporting cartel OPEC is confident that production cuts agreed with non-members to prop up prices will lead to a recovery in the market, its chief said yesterday.

"We are optimistic that the policy measures we have taken already place us on the path of recovery," OPEC Secretary General Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo said at an energy forum in Abu Dhabi.



OPEC Secretary General Mohammed Barkindo of Nigeria speaks during the 3rd GCC Petroleum Media

The OPEC chief did not take a position on whether oil ministers from participating

countries would extend the cuts when they meet in Vienna next month. "These 24 countries, I believe, will take a decision that will be in the best interest of not only producers but also consumers and the global industry in general," he said.

OPEC and non-OPEC producers said after talks in Kuwait last month that they were looking into extending the output cuts, as compliance with the agreement has increased.

## Death by overwork

Tokyo

Workaholic Japan has unveiled its first-ever plan to limit overtime, but critics want to give it the boot, saying an "outrageous" 100-hour-a-month cap will do nothing to tackle karoshi, or death from overwork.

Tokyo's bid to ease a national health crisis comes after the top executive at advertising giant Dentsu quit late last year in response to the suicide of a young employee who regularly logged more than 100 hours of overtime a month.





## Discover new possibilities with the Samsung Galaxy S8 and S8+

**Samsung Gulf Electronics - launched the much anticipated Galaxy S8 and S8+ yesterday in Bahrain, at an exclusive event held at the Ritz Carlton hotel. With the launch of multiple services and apps, as well as a stunning Infinity Display for immersive viewing experiences, the Galaxy S8 and S8+ bring a new level of functionality and convenience, opening up a galaxy of possibilities**

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*"The Samsung Galaxy S8 and S8+ usher in a new era of smartphone design and fantastic services, opening the door for new ways to experience the world,"*

**Tarek Sabbagh,**  
Head of IT & Mobile (IM)  
Division at Samsung Gulf  
Electronics



### Available from April 28

The Samsung Galaxy S8 and S8+ will be available across major retailers in Bahrain from April 28 at BD290 for the Galaxy S8 and BD330 for the Galaxy S8+ and will be offered in a rich colour palette including Midnight Black, Orchid Gray, and Maple Gold.

### Product Specifications

	Galaxy S8	Galaxy S8+
<b>OS</b>	Android 7.0	
<b>Dimension</b>	148.9 x 68.1 x 8.0 mm, 155g	159.5 x 73.4 x 8.1 mm, 173g
<b>AP</b>	Octa core (2.3GHz Quad + 1.7GHz Quad), 64 bit, 10 nm processor	
<b>Memory</b>	4GB RAM (LPDDR4), 64GB (UFS 2.1)	
<b>Display</b>	5.8" (146.5mm) 1 Quad HD+ (2960x1440), (570ppi)	6.2" (158.1mm) 1 Quad HD+ (2960x1440), (529ppi)
<b>Camera</b>	Rear: Dual Pixel 12MP OIS (F1.7), Front: 8MP AF (F1.7)	
<b>Battery</b>	3,000 mAh	3,500 mAh



Officials during the launch

### AmCham holds Cybersecurity luncheon

**Manama**  
The American Chamber of Commerce – Bahrain (AmCham Bahrain) announced a business networking luncheon titled 'Cyber Security in the Middle East – Knowing & Managing the Risks' on 25 April from 12:30 to 2:30pm at The Gulf Hotel Bahrain. Abdulla Mutawi, a Baker Botts Partner will speak on how companies can better protect themselves from the financial and legal repercussions of cyber-crime and cyber-attacks. To reserve a ticket [contactinfo@amchambahrain.org](mailto:contactinfo@amchambahrain.org) or call 38440744.

It would be a mistake to close the door on high-skilled workers from around the world who can contribute to American businesses' growth and expansion and make the US more competitive around the world,"

The US  
Chamber of  
Commerce



# US\$39m boost for social care



Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa and Abdulwahab A. Al Bader sign the agreements

### Manama

Bahrain yesterday signed two agreements worth US\$39 million with the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development to finance social care projects here. Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance, and Abdulwahab A. Al Bader, Director General of the Fund signed the agreements on the sidelines of the Joint Meetings of the Arab Financial Institutions in Rabat, Morocco.

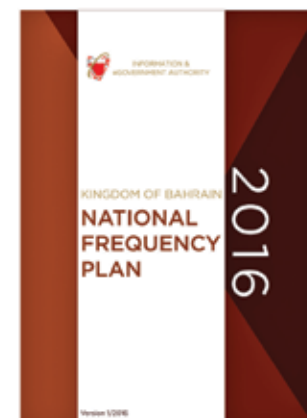
The first agreement provides \$19m to finance the Social Welfare Complex at Hamad Town, which comprises 4 social care centres and aims to provide succour and shelter to target groups. A \$20m Comprehensive Social Services Complex at Isa Town will be financed through the second agreement. The project aims to improve the quality of social services provided to people with special needs and the elderly, as well

as raising awareness among citizens on how to deal with people belonging to these two categories. The agreements represent the final portion of Kuwait's \$2.5 billion grant to Bahrain within the Gulf Development Programme. Allocations in this respect included \$996m for housing projects, Electricity & Water (\$940m), Roads (\$334m), Sewerage (\$136m), Social Development (\$62m), and Industry (\$32m).

# iGA releases frequency plan

### Manama

The Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) Wireless Licensing, Frequencies and Monitoring Directorate has released the National Frequency Plan (NFP) that covers all frequency spectrum bands in the Kingdom. The plan, which includes an illustrative chart, will act as a technical reference for all radio-communication users in the Kingdom along with international creators and developers of telecommunication systems, the authority said in a statement. Available in an online version on [Bahrain.bh](http://Bahrain.bh), this document is in line with the recommendations of the 4th National Telecommunications Plan as




NFP plan cover page well as the outcomes of the 2015 World Radiocommunication Conference. The plan, according to the authority, can be used as a reference guide to

manage the spectrum as it provides information on the radiocommunication services permitted in all frequency bands in Bahrain. It is worth noting that the committee was established in 2008 and was recently reformed. The committee - chaired by iGA Chief Executive Mohammed Ali AlQaed - comprises representatives from ten governmental entities including the Ministry of Interior, National Security Agency, Bahrain Defense Force, Ministry of Transportation & Telecommunications, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority, Ministry of Information Affairs, National Guard accompanied by the Information & eGovernment Authority.



### Did You Know?



BMW's world headquarters are massively popular. But very less people know that the design of the building is identical to that of a four cylinder engine. The design is a typical example of BMW's four cylinder engine heritage.



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CANADA	0.2883	0.2852
DENMARK	0.0579	
EGYPT	0.0245	0.0215
EURO	0.4132	0.4111
HONGKONG	0.04983	0.04943
INDIA	0.00582	0.00593
INDONESIA	0.00002997	0.00002900
IRAN TUMAN	0.000323	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000311	
JAPAN	0.00355	0.00348
JORDAN	0.5346	0.5351
KOREA	0.00038912	
KUWAIT	1.244	1.244
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NEW ZEALAND	0.0269	0.3270
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THAILAND	0.01114	0.01114
TURKEY	0.10934	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.4769	0.4739
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.10281	0.10281
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37780	0.37800
YUAN	0.0567	0.0567

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OMAN	0.3849	0.3888	0.3810	0.3385
QATAR	3.6420	3.6791	3.6052	3.2032
UAE	3.6730	3.7105	3.6359	3.2304
SAUDI	3.7500	3.7883	3.7121	3.2982



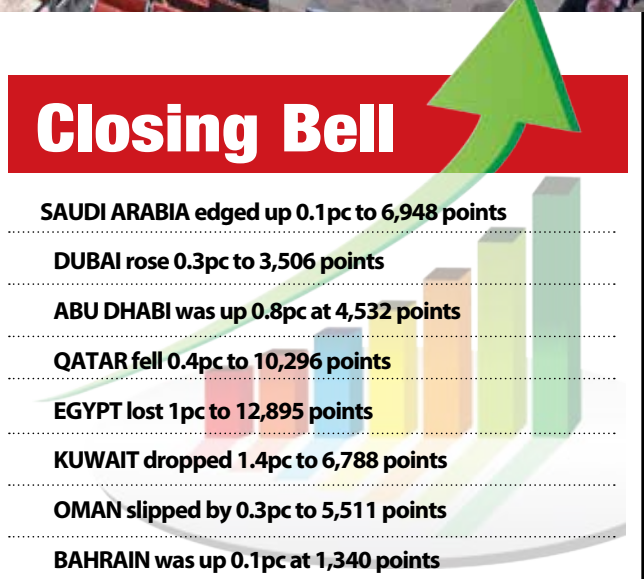
# Cement cos hold back Saudi

Representative picture showing activities on the trading floor

**Dubai**  
Construction-related shares underperformed Riyadh's stock market yesterday because of poor first-quarter earnings, though troubled Dubai builder Arabtec jumped after shareholders approved a capital restructuring plan. Riyadh-listed Arabian Cement slid by 5 per cent after reporting net profit for the three months to March 31 down 55pc year on year, citing lower sales volumes and prices. Other cement companies have also reported double-digit declines in quarterly earnings, with analysts saying the sector's outlook does not look promising. Government sources told Reuters this week that the government is embarking on a review of unfinished projects to shelve some of them indefinitely as a cost-saving measure. Banking shares were buoyant, however, helping the main stock index into positive territory, up 0.1pc. Arab National Bank gained 1.3pc after posting quarterly

net profit up 2.5pc year on year at 768 million riyals (\$205m), against NCB Capital's forecast of 631m riyals. Saudi Investment Bank rose 2.4pc after reporting a 64pc jump in quarterly profit, citing an increase in special commissions and fees from banking services. Most Saudi banks have now reported earnings that were mostly flat or lower, with the exception of the two largest lenders, Al Rajhi and National Commercial Bank. Most results have come in ahead of analysts' expectations. The Dubai index extended Tuesday's 0.9pc gain by adding 0.3pc. Arabtec surged by nearly 11pc in its heaviest trade for two months on news that shareholders had approved its 1.5 billion dirham (\$409m) new share issue and a plan to use existing capital to wipe out accumulated losses. Emaar Properties continued to be bid up, adding 1.3pc after a gain of 3.3pc on Tuesday. The stock has been strong since the company's

## Closing Bell



- SAUDI ARABIA edged up 0.1pc to 6,948 points
- DUBAI rose 0.3pc to 3,506 points
- ABU DHABI was up 0.8pc at 4,532 points
- QATAR fell 0.4pc to 10,296 points
- EGYPT lost 1pc to 12,895 points
- KUWAIT dropped 1.4pc to 6,788 points
- OMAN slipped by 0.3pc to 5,511 points
- BAHRAIN was up 0.1pc at 1,340 points

annual general meeting on Monday. The Qatar index dropped 0.4pc in a broad-based decline, with Qatar Electricity and Water the worst performer, losing 1.3pc. All 20 of the most valuable companies in Doha have now paid out their 2016 dividends, temporarily reducing the market's attraction for some investors. In Egypt, the blue-chip index lost 1pc on profit-taking. (Reuters)



Fontana Real estate has announced the signing of a management agreement for the mini golf course at Fontana Gardens Towers in Juffair on the new Saud Al Faisal Road. Under this agreement, the stadium will be managed to international standards and will host mini courses for beginners and enthusiasts. The deal was signed in the presence of Eman Al Mannai, General Manager of Business Development and Sales at Fontana Real Estate and Stephen Havrilla, General Manager of the Royal Golf Club. In picture, Eman Al Mannai and Stephen Havrilla following the deal signing





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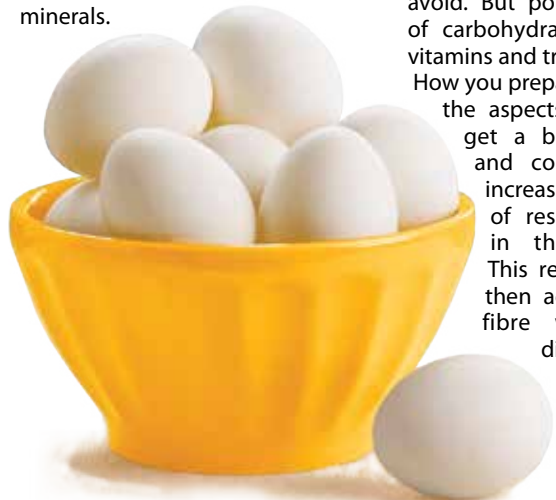
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## Foods - Once Considered Bad, But Are Healthy

### Eggs

For a long time, eggs were thought to be bad for your heart. A large egg contains a hefty 185mg of cholesterol. Dietary cholesterol was believed to contribute to high blood cholesterol levels. But for the last 20 years, nutrition and medical research has shown repeatedly that at normal intakes dietary cholesterol has very little influence on a person's blood cholesterol levels.

Although it's taken a while, nutrition experts are now correcting the record for eggs and other foods that contain cholesterol (such as chicken liver and shellfish) by removing it as a nutrient of concern from dietary guidelines. Eggs are an excellent source of protein, healthy fats, and several vitamins and minerals.



### Potatoes

Potatoes are one of the few vegetables considered to be unhealthy. Because they're a high glycaemic index food they tend to get lumped in with foods made from refined carbohydrates as foods to avoid. But potatoes are a rich source of carbohydrates, vitamin C, some B vitamins and trace minerals.

How you prepare potatoes also changes the aspects of those starches that get a bad rap. Cooking and cooling potatoes increases the amount of resistant starch in the potatoes. This resistant starch then acts like dietary fibre which "resists" digestion in the gut, potentially having a positive impact on your gut bacteria.



### Dairy

Dairy - including milk, butter, yogurt and cheese - was once considered a staple in many people's diet, but consumption patterns have changed, in part, due to difficult-to-interpret health messages.

Positive aspects of dairy include the high protein and calcium content. Fat content and fat type are important when choosing dairy products as some contain high amounts of fat per serving and this fat tends to be high in saturated fat.



### Raw nuts and nut butters

Nuts also get a bad reputation for being high in fat and high in calories, leading some to suggest they should be avoided to lose weight. But there is mounting evidence to suggest that raw nuts are key to a healthy diet and maintaining healthy body weight.

A study showed that eating raw nuts reduces death from all causes, cardiovascular diseases, and sudden cardiac death. (altnet)



## RECIPES

### Mutton Rogan Josh

#### Ingredients:

- » 500 gm mutton
- » 1 pinch asafoetida
- » 2 cinnamon
- » 3 black cardamom
- » 3 teaspoon powdered fennel seeds
- » 1 tablespoon coriander powder
- » 1 pinch saffron
- » 1/4 cup grated khoya
- » 2 ml kewra
- » 2 sprigs coriander leaves

- » 1 cup water
- » 1/4 cup mustard oil
- » 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
- » 6 peppercorns
- » 3 red chilli
- » 1 teaspoon ginger powder
- » 3/4 cup hung curd
- » 1/4 teaspoon garam masala powder
- » 15 gm blanched & peeled, crushed to paste almonds
- » 4 pinches salt
- » 1 teaspoon red chilli powder
- » 2 red chilli

#### For The Garnishing

- » 2 sprigs coriander leaves
- » 2 red chilli

#### Method

##### Step 1

In a large-bottomed pan, heat mustard oil on medium flame.

##### Step 2

Add asafoetida (heeng), cumin seeds, cinnamon, cloves, peppercorns, cardamoms and whole red chillies.

##### Step 3

Saute all the spices in the pan on low flame. Now add mutton pieces and

cook on medium flame for 10 minutes. Now add some water and cook covered.

##### Step 4

When the pieces are soft and cooked half way, add all ground spices along with saffron and mix well. Cook covered for 2-3 minutes.

##### Step 5

Now add salt along with whisked hung yogurt and cook for about 3 minutes. Now add the garam masala powder, grated khoya, almond paste and kewra water.



##### Step 6

Cook the mutton on low flame till it is tender.

##### Step 7

Garnish with fresh coriander leaves and red chillis and serve hot. (ToI)

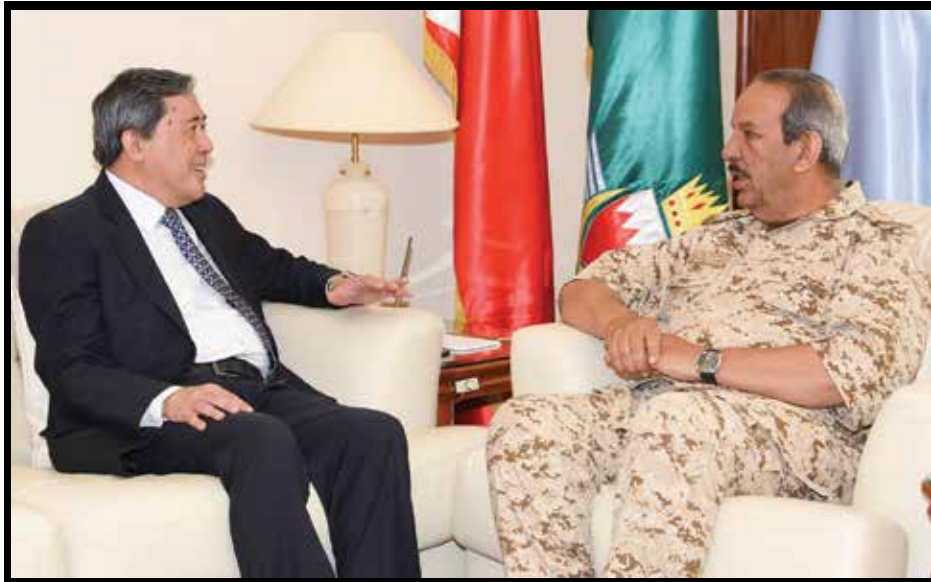




His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received the board members of the Reformed Church in America (RCA) and the American Mission Hospital at Al Safriya Palace yesterday. HM the King hailed the dedicated efforts of AMH to provide outstanding medical and therapeutic services for citizens and residents as well as patients from other countries in the region since early 1920s



Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday received the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Koo Hyun-mo. The minister lauded the development of bilateral ties, based on reciprocal respect and common interest



BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday received Singapore Ambassador to Bahrain Lawrence Anderson. The two sides reviewed the bilateral ties and cooperation as well as various topics of shared interest. Major-General Abdullah Hassan Al Nuaimi the Inspector-General, Naval Major-General Yousef Ahmed Mal-Allah the Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics and Supplies, and Naval Major-General Mohamed Hashim Al Sada the Director of Military Cooperation were also present



Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr. Abdulhussain Mirza received Swiss Consul General to Bahrain Vincent Poemi and a delegation from the French School. The minister said the EWA spares no effort in providing the best services for all educational institutions in Bahrain. Electricity and Water Authority Chief Executive Shaikh Nawaf bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa was present







Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa received the US Ambassador to Bahrain William V. Roebuck yesterday. The two sides reviewed the bilateral ties and issues of shared interest. They also discussed current regional and international issues and developments



Deputy Prime Minister HH Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa met the Secretary-General of the Arab League, Ahmed Abu Gheit, in the presence of former Arab League Chief, Amru Moosa, and former Jordanian Prime Minister and former House of Senate President, Abdul Rauf Rawabdeh yesterday. The deputy premier conveyed thanks and appreciation to the Arab League Secretary-General for granting him the Arab Development Work Leadership Shield



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Minister of Health Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh received MP Jamal Bu Hassan to discuss various health dossiers including citizens' healthcare needs as well as the ongoing cooperation between the Ministry of Health and members of parliament (MPs)



Minister of Housing Basim Alhamer received a delegation from the US Congress, in the presence of the Housing Ministry's Undersecretary, Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday. The minister gave a brief explanation about the eligibility criteria of housing services for low-income citizens, the segments covered, and the stages of development of criteria since the launch of the social housing process in the Kingdom to the present



The U.S. Ambassador to Bahrain William Roebuck hosted an awards dinner at his residence following the Second Annual American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) Bahrain Golf Tournament. The dinner included roughly 200 guests, most of whom played in the golf tournament earlier that day



Japanese Ambassador Kiyoshi Asako hosted a reception at his residence in Barbar, enhancing the mutual relationship between Bahraini participants of Japanese Government programme and Japan



The Royal Academy of Police (RAP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Isa Cultural Centre to exchange expertise. The cooperation covers consultations, field visits and access to the databases of each others to enrich scientific and academic research. The MoU also includes mutual coordination for courses, workshops and conferences to serve the interests of both parties



Bahrain Financial Harbour Holding Company has launched their 14th Art at the Harbour exhibition yesterday for the Iraqi artist Wessal Alani. About 25 pieces of "Moonlight" went on display at the Harbour Tower West lobby, where the exhibition will last for one month before being shifted to the Harbour Tower East lobby for another month and the exhibition is open for visitors at any time



Budaiya Gurudwara members celebrated Baisakhi in the presence of BS. Bhist, Undersecretary of Indian Embassy to Bahrain





ashton kutcher @aplusk  
 Wanting a problem to not be a problem is very different than wanting to fix a problem. #note2self



## Ridley still getting used to 'Star Wars' fame

**A**ctress Daisy Ridley says she is still trying to get used to the international fame she received after doing 'Star Wars: The Force Awakens'.

The 25-year-old actress, who essays the role of Rey in the franchise and is gearing up for the release of 'Star Wars: The Last Jedi' says she still finds the whole attention weird.

"It kind of hits me in bursts. After 'The Force Awakens' came out, I was like, 'Oh, my God! I can't leave my house.'" Ridley says.

While she was able to ride the subway and "walk through Oxford Circus" undetected, "occasionally" she would get recognised. She adds, "It's very weird to get my head around." (TOI)



## Spacey to host 2017 Tony Awards

New York

**A**ctor Kevin Spacey has been announced as the host of the 2017 Tony Awards.

"I was their second choice for 'Usual Suspects', fourth choice for 'American Beauty' and 15th choice to host this year's Tony Awards," Spacey, the former artistic director of the Old Vic theatre in London, said in a press release, reports *eonline.com*.

"I think my career is definitely going in the right direction." The actor, who won a 1991 Tony for his performance in "Lost in Yonkers", also *tweeted*: "Honoured to host the Tony Awards 2017... fingers crossed all the envelopes are in order." The nominations for this year's award ceremony will be announced on May 2. (IANS)



## Collins shares thank you letter from Michelle Obama

**A**ctress Lily Collins' new book has a very special fan in former first lady Michelle Obama. Collins, 28, took to *Instagram* where she explained that after sending her book to Michelle on a whim, the former first lady recently sent back a sweet thank you note.

"Best way to start off my week! I can't believe this letter I received from someone I deeply respect and admire. It's absolutely epic. I'm in complete shock but just had to share!" Collins wrote, captioning a video of her reaction. Collins read the note before revealing it had been written by the former FLOTUS. The 'To the Bone' actress was particularly excited that the letter's envelope included a Wonder Woman stamp. (TOI)



STARRY  
 Birthday  
 Andy Serkis

April 20, 1964

British actor known for his motion capture and acting work as Gollum in the Lord of the Rings films. He also received acclaim for his depiction of the ape Caesar in Rise of the Planet of the Apes.





**RELATIONSHIPS ARE HARD AT ANY AGE**

**London**  
**O**ne **Direction** star Harry Styles, who dated singer Taylor Swift in 2012, says relationships are hard at any age. One of the memorable moments from their relationship was their Central Park date in New York. Reminiscing it, Styles told *rollingstone.com*: "When I see photos from that day, I think: Relationships are hard, at any age. And adding in that you don't really understand exactly how it works when you're 18, trying to navigate all that stuff didn't make it easier." (IANS)









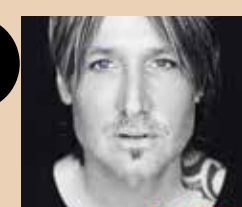

*Rihanna was born to act*

**says Cara Delevingne**

**M**odel-actress Cara Delevingne believes R&B star Rihanna was born to be an actress. The 24-year-old model has praised the 29-year-old musician for her acting ability and said she finds her "mesmerising on set". "Rihanna is as mesmerising on set as she is on stage. She was born to act. There's a rare group of people that just have it, and she has it. What she does is astonishing," Delevingne said. The model, however, said she struggles to watch herself in the movies. "Seeing myself in a movie is still something I find hard to accept. It doesn't sit very easy with me. I can't connect with my own body, watching myself." (TOI)



*Top Album Sales this Week*

- 1  **Emperor Of Sand Mastodon**
- 2  **Beauty And The Beast (2017) Soundtrack**
- 3  **Divide Ed Sheeran**
- 4  **Lifer MercyMe**
- 5  **Moana Soundtrack**
- 6  **The Weight Of These Wings Miranda Lambert**
- 7  **24K Magic Bruno Mars**
- 8  **Outlive Demon Hunter**
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**START CAMERA ACTION**

**Sundance L.A. Riots Drama 'Gook' Nabbed by Goldwyn**

**J**ustin Chon wrote, directed and stars in the black-and-white feature set on the first day of the L.A. riots. Samuel Goldwyn films has picked up the North American rights to the Sundance stand-out Gook. From writer-director-star Justin Chon, Gook follows two Korean American brothers that run their late father's shoe store in a predominantly black community in Los Angeles. While they are grappling with their own futures, racial tensions in the community surrounding their store build to a breaking



point as the L.A. Riots break out. David So and newcomer Simone Baker also star in the film, shot in black-and-white.

Asian-American moviegoers could carry the very accessible film further than that." James J. Yi and Alex Chi produced the project. Jin Lee, Eugene Lee, Pierre Delachaux, Sam Chi, Maurice Chen, Ian Choe, David Joe Kim, Gigi Tsui Kim, Raymond Kou, Nathan Kwong, Kirstin Bianchi, Jason Kim, James Sereno, Edwin Oh, John Nahm, Dennis Kwon, Naja Pham Lockwood, Jason Morales, Alan Pao, Brian Shin, Blaine Vess, Alex Bowles, Rich Young Jr. and Datari Turner executive produced. (*hollywoodreporter.com*)



# DT NEWS

## Show Time

16 Thursday, April 20, 2017

### BAHUBALI 1: THE BEGINNING (Malayalam/Action/Adventure/Drama)

Starring: Prabhas, Anushka Shetty, Rana Daggubati  
**DANA** : Timings: 11:00, 14:00, 17:00, 20:00, 23:00

**THE WALK CINEMA** : Timings: 11:30,14:30,17:30,20:30,23:30

**THE WALK CINEMA** : Timings: 11:15,14:15,17:15,20:15,23:15

### TAKE OFF

#### (MALAYALAM / DRAMA / THRILLER)

Starring: Parvathy, Kunchacko Boban, Fahadh Faasil  
**DANA** : Timings: 10:30, 15:15, 20:00, 00:45

### CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE (TAGALOG / ROMANCE)

Starring: Pinky Amador, Kathryn Bernardo, Lotlot De Leon  
**DANA** : Timings: 13:00, 17:45, 22:30

**THE WALK CINEMA** : Timings: 11:30,13:45,16:00,18:15,20:30, 22:45

### ORU MEXICAN APARATHA (Malayalam/Action/Drama)

Starring: Tovino Thomas, Neeraj Madhav, Roopesh Peethambaran  
**DANA** : Timings: 10:30,13:00,15:30,18:00,20:30,23:00

### FAST AND FURIOUS 8 - AT-MOS (Action/Crime/Thriller)

Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Charlize Theron, Scott Eastwood  
**DANA** : Timings: 10:45,13:15,15:45,18:15,20:45,23:15  
**DANA** : Timings: 11:00,13:30,16:00,18:30,21:00,23:30

### THE RABBIT SCHOOL (ANIMATION / FAMILY)

Starring: Noah Levi, Senta Berger, Friedrich von Thun  
**DANA** : Timings: 10:45,14:00,17:15,20:30,23:45

### ROBO - DOG - AIRBORNE (FAMILY)

Starring: Michael Campion, Patrick Muldoon, Kenny Beaumont  
**DANA** : Timings: 12:15,15:30,18:45,22:00

### 3INDAMA YAQA3 EL INSAN FI MOUSTANQA3 (ARABIC/COMEDY)

Starring: Mohamed Sallam, Ahmed Fathy, Mohsen Mansour  
**DANA** : Timings: 12:30,16:15,20:00,23:45

### YAG3ALO 3AMER (ARABIC/COMEDY)

Starring: Ahmed Rizk, Boussy, Hesham Ismail  
**DANA** : Timings: 10:45,14:30,18:15,22:00

### THE BOSS BABY - 3D (ANIMATION / COMEDY / FAMILY)

Starring: Eliza Dushku,



Robert Patrick, Chace Crawford  
**DANA** : Timings: 11:00,13:00,15:00,17:00,19:00,21:00,23:00,01:00

### 1971 BEYOND BORDERS (MALAYALAM / ACTION / WAR)

Starring: Mohanlal, Allu Sirish, Asha Sharath  
**DANA** : Timings: 10:30,13:00,15:30,18:00,20:30,23:00

### NOOR (HINDI / ADVENTURE / COMEDY / DRAMA)

Starring: Sunny Leone, Sonakshi Sinha, Purab Kohli  
**DANA** : Timings: 10:45,13:00,15:15,17:30,19:45,22:00,00:15

### THE GREAT FATHER

### (Malayalam/Action/Thriller)

Starring: Mammooty, Shena, Arya, Anikha Surendran  
**DANA** : Timings: 11:00,13:45,16:30,19:15,22:00,00:45

### BEAUTY & THE BEAST -2D (FAMILY/FANTASY/MUSICAL)

Starring: Emma Watson, Dan Stevens, Luke Evans  
**DANA** : Timings: 10:45,13:00,15:15,17:30,19:45,22:00,00:15

### UNFORGETTABLE (DRAMA / THRILLER)

Starring: Rosario Dawson, Katherine Heigl, Geoff Stults  
**DANA** : Timings: 11:00,13:00,15:00,17:00,19:00,21:00,23:00,01:00

### KONG: SKULL ISLAND - 2D (ACTION/ADVENTURE/FANTASY)

Starring: Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L. Jackson, Brie Larson  
**DANA** : Timings:

### GOING IN STYLE (COMEDY / CRIME)

Starring: Morgan Freeman, Joey King, Ann-Margret  
**DANA** : Timings: 13:00, 17:00, 21:00, 01:00

### THE VOID (HORROR / MYSTERY / SCI - FI)

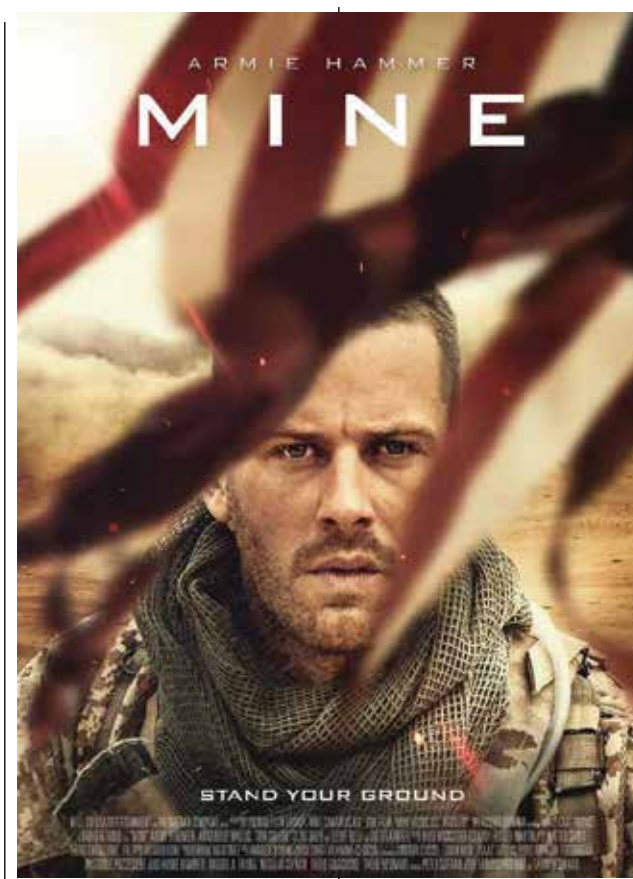
Starring: Armie Hammer, Anabelle Wallis, Tom Cullen  
**DANA** : Timings: 10:45,14:30,18:15,22:00

### MINE (THRILLER / WAR)

Starring: Armie Hammer, Anabelle Wallis, Tom Cullen  
**DANA** : Timings: 12:30,16:15,20:00,23:45  
**THE WALK CINEMA** : Timings: 12:00,14:00,16:00,18:00,20:00, 22:00  
**THE WALK CINEMA** : Timings: 13:00,15:00,17:00,19:00,21:00, 23:00

### SMURFS: THE LOST VILLAGE-3D (Animation/Adventure/Comedy)

Starring: Michelle Rodriguez, Ariel Winter, Julia Roberts  
**DANA** : Timings: 10:45,12:30,14:15,16:00,17:45,19:30,21:15,23:00,00:45



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### THE BOSS BABY - 2D (ANIMATION/COMEDY/FAMILY)

Starring: Eliza Dushku, Robert Patrick, Chace Crawford  
**DANA** : Timings: 10:45,12:45,14:45,16:45,18:45,20:45,22:45,00:45

### GHOST IN THE SHELL (ACTION / CRIME / DRAMA)

Starring: Scarlett Johansson, Pilou Asbæk, Takeshi Kitano  
**DANA** : Timings: 10:45,12:45,14:45,16:45,18:45,20:45,22:45,00:45

### ELOISE (HORROR / MYSTERY / THRILLER)

Starring: Eliza Dushku, Robert Patrick, Chace Crawford  
**THE WALK CINEMA** : Timings: 11:30,13:15,15:00,16:45,18:30,20:15,22:00  
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### BADRINATH KI DULHNIYA (Hindi/Comedy/Drama/Romance)

Starring: Varun Dhawan, Alia Bhatt, Gauhar Khan  
**THE WALK CINEMA** : Timings:

11:00,13:30,16:00,18:30,21:00, 23:30

### THE HOLLOW POINT (CRIME / THRILLER)

Starring: Lynn Collins, Ian McShane, Patrick Wilson  
**THE WALK CINEMA** : Timings: 12:45,14:45,16:45,18:45,20:45, 22:45

### GAMBA (ANIMATION)

Starring: Keiji Fujiwara, Shūichi Ikeda, Yuki Kaji  
**THE WALK CINEMA** : Timings: 12:15,14:00,15:45,17:30,19:15,21:00,22:45

### KILLING GROUND (Thriller)

Starring: Harriet Dyer, Stephen Hunter, Aaron Pedersen  
**THE WALK CINEMA** : Timings: 12:15,14:00,15:45,17:30,19:15,21:00,22:45

### POWER RANGERS - 2D (Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi)

Starring: Dacre Montgomery, Naomi Scott, RJ Cyler  
**THE WALK CINEMA** : Timings: 11:30,13:45,16:00,18:15,20:30, 22:45

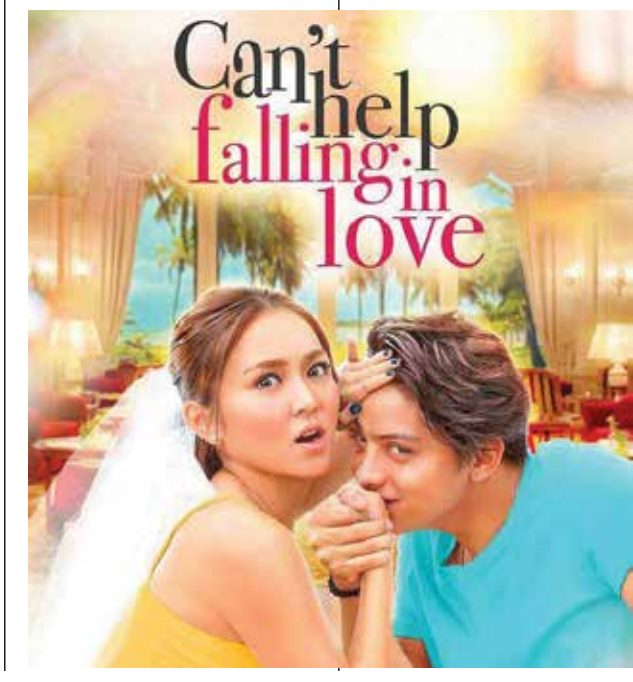
## MOVIE REVIEW

# THE FATE OF THE FURIOUS

Eight movies into 'Fast and Furious', one would think the testosterone-fueled concept of speeding cars that defy the laws of physics would begin to start losing steam. But Vin Diesel with Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson, Jason Statham and crew manage to keep our eyes glued to the screen just for the sheer spectacle of complete mayhem that ensues.

The franchise does try to do things a bit differently this time around. Since Dominic Toretto is virtually untouchable behind the wheel, turning him against his 'family' and leaving his crew to fend for themselves, considerably raises the stakes on a personal front. With the addition of versatile actress Charlize Theron to the mix as a hacker extraordinaire, Diesel even gets to flex some of his acting muscles. Though it's a shame that Theron doesn't trade blows with the boys, she's a heartless, cold and calculating villain who proves to be more than a challenge. The rest of the proceedings are standard alpha-male fare, though Jason Statham as Deckard and The Rock as Hobbs prefer to exchange a barrage of verbal insults at each other, saving their fists for other unfortunate souls. There's a surprising cameo from a revered British actress who lights up the screen in the few scenes she's in - clearly having fun in a movie that doesn't demand more from her accomplished acting skills.

There's much to enjoy in the movie when cars are flying around the screen, even if logic takes flight with them. (TOI)





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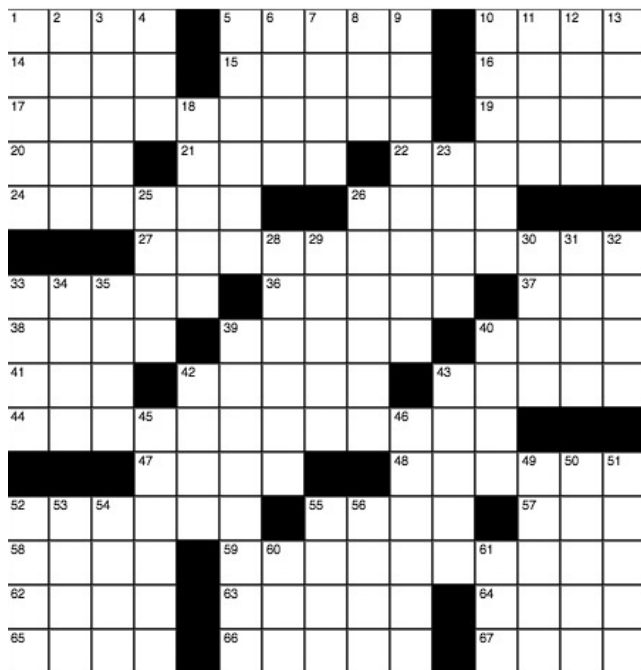
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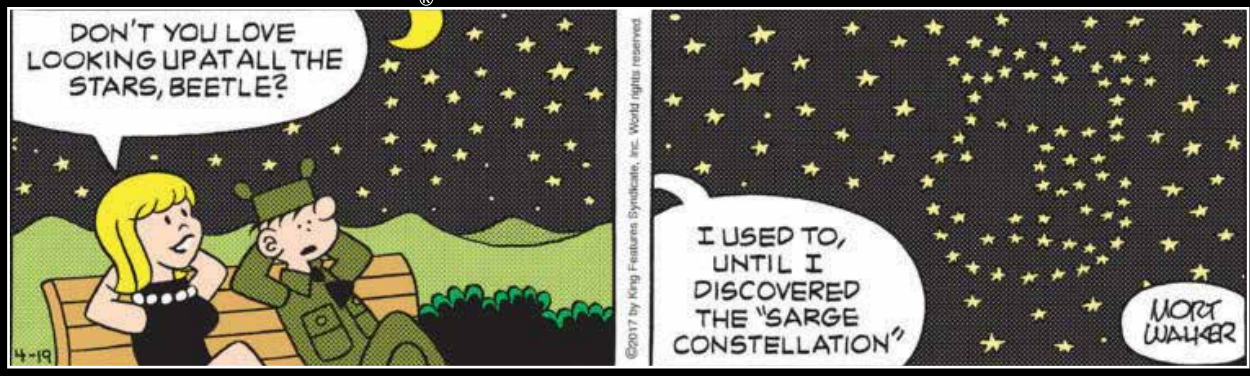
## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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### How to play:

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)



If you're attending a class tonight, do something frivolous for the rest of the day. Read romance novels instead of great literature. Otherwise, by the time you get to class you will already be suffering from intellectual overload and absorb very little of what you hear. Keep yourself hungry for knowledge until you get there.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



The desire to stay home alone and rest tonight might conflict with a need to go out with your friends. You may be too stressed to put up with gossip or too much intellectual stimulation. Tell your friends you will go out with them another time. All signs indicate that this is the wisest course for now. Relax with some hot chocolate and a pile of movies.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



There will be a lighthearted, almost silly energy in the air today. The Universe is encouraging you to give up your iron grip on that list of responsibilities and have some fun. Picture all the pressure you put on yourself as a ball and chain that you need to unshackle. There's no reason to take yourself so seriously all the time!

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Plans to attend a lecture may have to be postponed because someone who's going with you feels under the weather. Overindulgence in food or drink may be the reason. This could be something you've wanted to attend for a long time, so make sure you know when and where the event will take place again.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



A desire to make a big purchase might tempt you to overextend your credit cards and clean out your savings. You aren't usually one to act on impulse, so don't do it today. Make the purchase if you really feel you need it and it isn't going to cause any major setbacks in your financial situation. That way your pleasure in the item won't be offset by guilt.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



Home might be a lonely place tonight. The other members of your household may be out or out of town. You might not feel up to any carousing, so you will probably choose to stay home and read or watch TV. However, your natural gregariousness could cause you to feel abandoned. Call a friend and talk for a while. That will make you feel more like yourself.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



Usually you're quite social, but today you will feel like nothing more than working alone. Notwithstanding your wishes, however, you might be plagued with phone calls, visitors, and people wanting advice or help. Don't fight it. Go with the flow. Take care of what you need to and then spend the evening alone. Everyone has days like this.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Too much good food, good wine, and good conversation? Not that any of this is undesirable, but you may be suffering from overload right now. Maybe you'd better get some rest and give your brain some time to sort through all the information you've taken in. Now you're probably having difficulty processing it all. Don't worry. In the morning you will be able to remember anything important!

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



You usually don't mind being alone. In fact, you enjoy your own company. Tonight you're going to crave companionship. You could have an impromptu party in your kitchen, perhaps involving friends who are also business associates. Some fascinating conversations could take place about business and intellectual matters.

(Dec 22nd- Jan 20th)



This is the day to listen and observe. There is a lot to learn from what's going on around you. You might be surprised at the impact of it. Too much talk now could prove fruitless and even set you back in some way, especially if talk is used to hide your insecurities. Keep your eyes and ears open. Tomorrow you can share what you learn.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



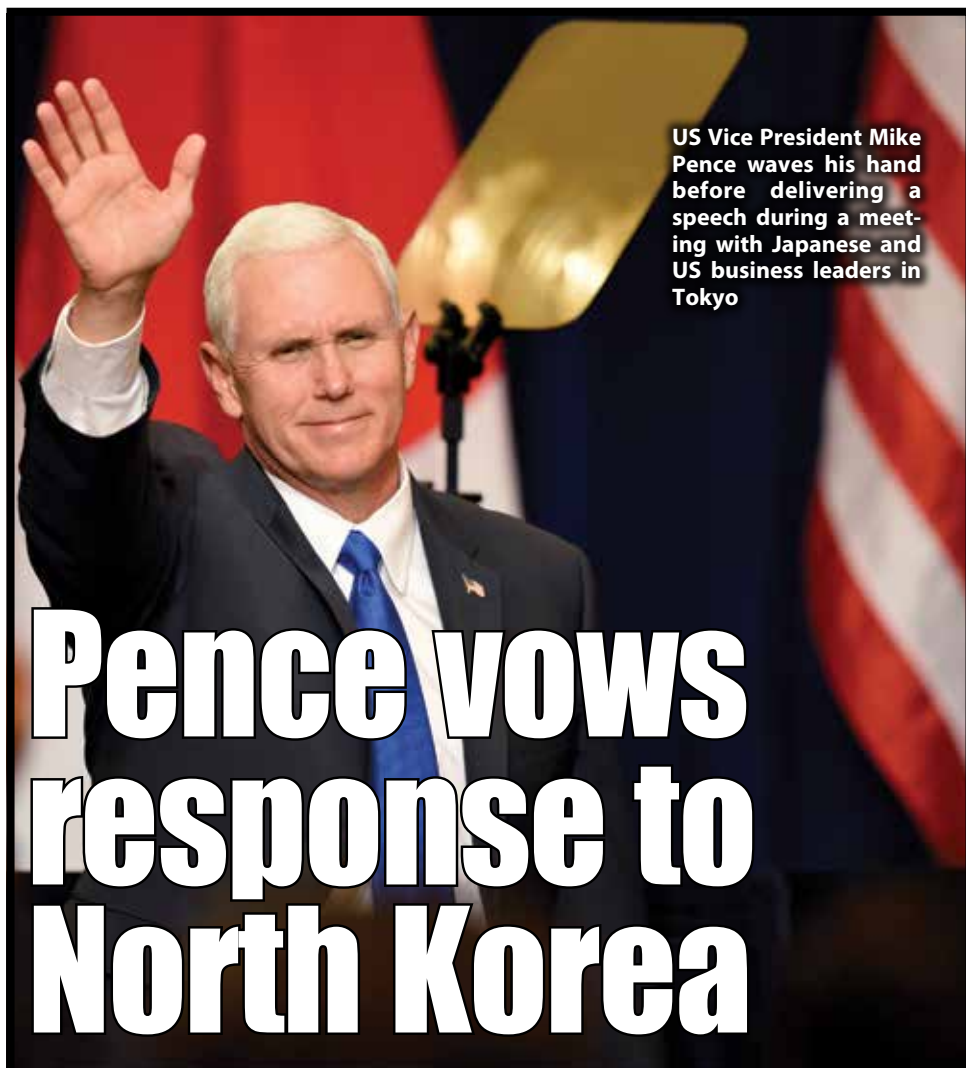
Are you going out tonight with friends who mean a lot to you? You might be tempted to eat and drink too much and spend too much money. Usually you have a pretty strong stomach, but this isn't the day to overindulge in partying. Go out for a little while, but then invite your friends to your house for coffee. That way you will feel good about the evening when you wake up tomorrow!

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



What's driving you today? Why do you feel an obsessive need to get all your work done at once? If you're trying to impress someone, there's no need. Others already hold you in high regard. If the project you're working on is urgent, get some help. Don't try to do it all yourself unless you want to be too stressed out to accomplish anything tomorrow.





US Vice President Mike Pence waves his hand before delivering a speech during a meeting with Japanese and US business leaders in Tokyo

# Pence vows response to North Korea

**Yokosuka**  
The United States will counter any North Korean attack with an "overwhelming and effective" response, Vice President Mike Pence vowed yesterday, as he stood on the deck of a massive American aircraft carrier docked in Japan.

Donald Trump's deputy is in the region to reassure allies fretting over Pyongyang's quickening missile programme, and its apparent readiness to carry out another banned nuclear test in its quest to develop an atomic weapon that can hit the US mainland.

Pence, whose visit started in South Korea the day after the failed launch by North Korea of what analysts said could have been a new missile, described the threat from the isolated regime as growing. Aboard the USS Ronald Reagan, the vice president, adopting a Churchillian tone, told troops he was there as "storm clouds gather on the horizon" of Northeast Asia.

"North Korea is the most dangerous threat to peace in the Asia-Pacific," Pence said.

But, "we will defeat any attack and meet any use of conventional or nuclear weapons with an

overwhelming and effective American response."

Pence's comments come after a senior North Korean official warned the regime had no intention of dialling down its missile programme, pledging weekly tests and threatening "all-out war" if the US took any action against it. That kind of rhetoric has unnerved allies in Japan and South Korea, who would be at the sharp end of any North Korean response.

Seoul, the South Korean capital, is just 35 miles (56 km) away from the military demarcation line that splits the Korean peninsula. (AFP)

## Most teens 'relatively' happy!

**Paris**  
Despite the danger of excessive internet use and the threat of bullying, most teenagers around the world are "relatively" happy with their lot, a major OECD survey showed yesterday.

Asked to rate their satisfaction with life on a scale of 0 to 10, some 370,000 15-year-olds gave a mean score of 7.3, the Paris-based group said.

The respondents were among 540,000 from 72 countries that took part in a larger survey conducted by the OECD's Programme for International Students Assessment (PISA) in 2015.

The survey found great disparities between countries, with fewer than four percent



Representative picture

of students in the Netherlands saying they were "not satisfied" with life, a figure that rises to more than 20 percent in South Korea and Turkey.

Boys were happier overall, with 39 percent reporting being "very satisfied" compared

with 29 percent of girls, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development report said.

Bullying is "perhaps the most distressing threat to students' well-being," according to the study.

### #PollToday



Some people like their life because it's going to plan, some feel like they've had a raw deal, while others accept whatever fate throws at them. Are you happy with your life?

Yes  No  Can't Say



I will be asking the British people for a mandate to complete Brexit and to make a success of it,"

Theresa May  
Britan's Prime Minister

### Rest in sight

Bus crash kills 44 in northern India: official



A bus has swerved off a mountain road and plunged into a deep ravine in a Himalayan region of northern India, killing at least 44 people.

### India court acquits French official of raping daughter

An Indian court on Wednesday acquitted a French consular official of raping his three-year-old daughter.

### India bans red car beacons to end elitist culture

India said yesterday it will ban ministers and senior officials from using red beacons on their cars to cut through traffic.

### Dutchman held with 1,000s of child porn photos

A 53-year-old Dutchman has been arrested in Cambodia for allegedly taking thousands of sexually explicit photos of teenage boys in exchange for a few dollars.

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## Court throws out case no one could understand

New Delhi

Anyone dealing with India's overburdened legal system knows that the wheels of justice move slowly.

But in one case, they have ground to a halt completely after Supreme Court judges said they were throwing out a lawsuit that used so much jargon it was incomprehensible.

"We will have to set it aside because one cannot understand this," the Hindustan Times daily quoted MB Lokur and Deepak Gupta as saying on Wednesday.

Even the lawyers representing the two sides in the row between a landlord and his tenant said they were unable to understand the original order issued by a lower court.

"We normally prepare an appeal in two days' time. However, in this case I took more than a week because the facts of the case were

unclear," the landlord's lawyer, EC Agrawala, told the Hindustan Times.

The property dispute dates back to 1999 when the landlord filed a petition to evict his tenant for not paying rent.

In a nearly two-decade struggle, the landlord finally took his matter to the country's top court after the Himachal Pradesh High Court favoured the tenant.

But even that much would be hard to glean from the original order.

"(The)...tenant in the demised premises stands aggrieved by the pronouncement made by the learned Executing Court upon his objections constituted theretofore... wherewithin the apposite unfoldments qua his

resistance to the execution of the decree stood discountenanced by the learned Executing Court," it read.

## Politicians to face trial over mosque demolition

New Delhi

Three senior members of India's ruling Hindu nationalist party including a cabinet minister should face trial over the demolition of a mosque a quarter of a century ago, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

The three are accused of inciting Hindu zealots to pull down the 16th century Babri mosque in Ayodhya in 1992, igniting one of India's most explosive religious disputes in which thousands died.

India's top court said government minister Uma Bharti, former deputy prime minister L K Advani, and M M Joshi -- all senior members of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) -- should face criminal conspiracy charges.

The ruling came after a lower court dropped the charges brought against them by India's Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), kicking off a series of appeals and counter-appeals.

## Runners' half-baked flour trail shuts Singapore metro

Singapore

A running club yesterday admitted leaving a trail of flour in a Singapore metro station which prompted a security scare and a three-hour shutdown of the station.

In a statement the Seletar Hash House Harriers, an all-male group that describes itself as a "drinking group with a running problem", apologised for the "alarm and inconvenience" caused to the public.

Three members had sprinkled flour at several points in the underground

Woodleigh MRT station, the statement said, adding that it was the safest way to cross a busy road in the suburban Serangoon district.

But the sight of white powder sparked security fears, which saw police and hazardous materials units respond.

The station was shut for three hours. One of the group's members, a 69-year-old man, was arrested for causing public alarm while two others, aged 59 and 70, are helping police with investigations.



# 'Don't boo me'

## Ronaldo defies Real boos to make it 101 not out



Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates scoring

**Madrid**  
**Cristiano**  
Ronaldo defied boos from Real Madrid's infamously demanding fans to "demolish" Bayern Munich and set another personal milestone with 101 Champions League goals.

On a night of high drama and controversy at the Santiago Bernabeu the Portuguese striker once again dominated the headlines with a hat-trick to send the holders into the semi-finals for a record seventh straight year.

But they needed extra time -- and some questionable officiating -- to beat 10-man Bayern 4-2 on Tuesday to seal a 6-3 aggregate win.

"Cristiano demolishes Bayern," said the front cover of Madrid sport daily AS.

A celebrating Ronaldo also graced the front page of

rival sports paper Marca with the headline: "Madrid rules Europe" as Atletico Madrid edged out Leicester City 2-1 on aggregate to reach the last four of the Champions League for the third time in four seasons.

However, Real needed more than a little help to finish the tie off after Ronaldo's double in the first leg had given them a 2-1 lead in Munich.

Ronaldo's second on Tuesday to bring up a century in the competition -- including qualifiers -- and third to round off his hat-trick were allowed to stand despite the Portuguese clearly being offside.

Bayern boss Carlo Ancelotti called for the introduction of video refereeing after Arturo Vidal was harshly sent off with the tie delicately balanced at 3-3 on aggregate with five minutes remaining of normal time.

"There is a lot of anger

because the referee put us out the Champions League," said a furious Vidal.

Madrid boss and Ancelotti's former assistant Zinedine Zidane understandably wanted the attention focused on his four-time World Player of the Year rather than Hungarian referee Viktor Kassai.

"When you see what Cristiano is doing, it is really impressive," said Zidane.

"He always knows when there's an important moment he's going to be there.

"He's out of this world. There are few players who will manage to do what Ronaldo has done."

### Not the first time

Ronaldo now has a remarkable 85 Champions League goals in as many games since joining Madrid in 2009.

However, he had been on his longest European goal drought

for Los Blancos having failed to score in six Champions League games before the first leg last week.

Real fans were quick to make their feelings known as the 32-year-old produced an error-strewn first-half display.

It is not the first time the Bernabeu natives have booed Ronaldo and he grew increasingly desperate to find the net with a series of wild efforts, including at one point ignoring strike partner Karim Benzema to go for goal himself, infuriating the home crowd.

"The only thing I ask is that they don't boo me because I give my best in every game," Ronaldo said afterwards.

He had already made his point with a hush gesture by pointing his finger to his lips after heading home his opening goal.

"Maybe they will not whistle

him any more," Zidane said hopefully.

Tellingly, Madrid's run of seven semi-finals have come in the eight seasons since Ronaldo joined from Manchester United.

Previously, Real had been eliminated in the last 16 for six straight years.

Ronaldo hailed Zidane's repeated brave decisions to rest him throughout the course of the campaign for his upturn in form at the most crucial part of the season.

"Like I said after the first game against Bayern, I have worked hard to try and be on top form come the end of the season," Ronaldo told UEFA.com.

"That is something I have been struggling to do the last three or four years because I played every minute."

Madrid fans will miss him when he is gone. (AFP)

## Maria Sharapova shrugs off criticism

Berlin

Maria Sharapova has brushed off criticism from her rivals as she prepares to make her return next week in Stuttgart following her 15-month doping ban.

"That is the least of my concerns," the 30-year-old Russian told Thursday's edition of Stern magazine.

"I haven't wasted a single thought on it. I know that I am respected in my field.

"I see it in how my opponents play against me."

Sharapova, a five-times Grand Slam champion, had an initial two-year suspension by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) reduced to 15 months after she tested positive at the 2016 Australian Open for meldonium.

It is a medication Sharapova had been taking when it was within the rules, but which was later reclassified as a prohibited drug.

The Russian makes her return next Wednesday -- the first day she is eligible



to play -- having been given a wildcard for Stuttgart's WTA tournament with some rivals disapproving of the organisers' decision.

"It's a German tournament and we have so many good German players, so this is a little strange," said Germany's current world number one Angelique Kerber.

Former world number

one Caroline Wozniacki said the Stuttgart tournament's decision to grant Sharapova a wildcard is "disrespectful to other players and the WTA".

However, Sharapova could not have picked a better place to make her return.

She has won the Stuttgart clay-court tournament three times and lost just once -- to Kerber in 2015.

## FIFA struggling



Vitaly Mutko  
Moscow

FIFA's tarnished image is badly hindering the search for sponsors for the 2018 World Cup in Russia, Deputy Prime Minister Vitaly Mutko said on Wednesday.

His comments came after the Financial Times reported that the corruption-tainted world football body was struggling to find new sponsors for the upcoming World Cup, with Russian companies being "the slowest to come on board".

The difficulties in securing sponsors "are tied to the fact that there was a huge and big attack against FIFA", Interfax news agency quoted the outspoken Mutko as saying.

## Serena hints at pregnancy



Serena Williams of the US

Los Angeles

Tennis great Serena Williams hinted yesterday that she's expecting her first child, posting a photo of herself on Snapchat captioned "20 weeks".

The photo, captured by US media, shows Williams in a yellow swimsuit with what appears to be a baby bump.

Williams, 35, hasn't played since beating her sister Venus

in the final of the Australian Open in January to clinch a record 23rd Grand Slam singles title.

She cited a knee injury in pulling out of tournaments in Indian Wells and Miami in March.

In December she announced her engagement to Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian, first sharing that news on the Reddit social media site.





# BRAVE broadens horizons

## DT News Network Manama

**B**RAVE Combat Federation continues its international expansion with the sixth Championship scheduled to be held in Kazakhstan on April 29, only one week after BRAVE 5 in India, which is the fourth show outside Bahrain since its launch last year at Khalifa Sports City in Isa Town.

The championship is the result of the partnership between BRAVE Combat Federation and Kazakh FC Organisation, to develop and enhance the sport of MMA in the region. This edition includes many surprises, strong and excitement-filled moments as the main event will have Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa Mixed Martial Arts Organisation (KHK MMA) fighter, Eldar Eldarov facing the Brazilian Henrique "Rasputin" Gome.

The co-main event feature one of Central Asia's biggest stars, China's Habiti Tuexunbieke who faces Fariz Ibadly, also in a lightweight showdown.

Originally from Dagestan, Russia but living in Bahrain, Eldarov is one of the head coaches from KHK MMA and professional record of (8-1) his only loss is to fellow countryman and current number one lightweight in the world Khabib Nurmagomedov and

ironically his father is one of Eldarov's main coaches.

Eldarov's opponent, Rasputin, is unarguably the most popular Brazilian fighter coming from São Paulo, Brazil's largest city and with a huge local fan base is now taking his first international step while joining Brave Combat Federation.

With a professional record of (12-4) wins and four losses, Rasputin who gets his nickname from a historic personality during the Russian Revolution is a Brazilian jiu-jitsu specialist with 10 of his wins coming by the way of submission and currently on a three-win streak, including a second-round submission, via armbar, over Eduardo Pedrosa in his hometown.

The other two bouts promoted by Brave in Kazakhstan will have opposite profiles. One, between Erik Carlsson and Gadzhimusa Gaziev, puts face to face two veterans, while the other, Will Fleury and Ikram

Aliskerov, will mark the debut of both fighters under the Bahrain-based promotion's banner.

Brave Combat Federation president Mohammad Shahid said, "This is exactly what we wanted since day one in Brave Combat Federation. Our goal,

through HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad al Khalifa's vision, is to expand to a worldwide level in a shorter time than any other promotion in the history of this sport. Going to Kazakhstan is a huge step towards this goal and also for Brave".



## Calls for video technology intensify

Controversial refereeing decisions in Champions League matches, along with successful deployment in recent international friendlies, have heightened calls for VAR (Video Assistant Referee) technology to be introduced throughout the highest levels of the game

### REVIEWABLE DECISIONS

**Goals Scored**  
VAR determines if any infringement means goal should not be awarded

**Penalties**  
Decisions involving award of spot kicks are reviewed in real-time

**Red card incidents**  
Ensures no clear errors are made when dismissing player

**Mistaken Identity**  
Informs referee of correct player to be sanctioned

### VAR system in use pitchside



### HOW VAR WORKS

- **Review:** Referee refers decision to VAR team, or VARs recommend incident to be subject of review
- **Replay:** Video footage is reviewed by VARs, who advise referee via headset
- **Verdict:** Referee can decide to watch footage pitchside before taking appropriate action, or accepts VARs verdict directly

Source: FIFA

Picture: Associated Press, Getty Images

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## Suha league: DHL win

### Manama

**D**HL defeated Sri Lanka Club by six wickets in the latest matches of the Suha League organised by Cricket Bahrain Association (CBA) in the Hunainiya Valley in Riffa. Batting first, Sri Lanka Club scored 155 for nine in its 20 overs and in reply, DHL reached the target in the 18th over for the loss of four wickets with Mirza Furqan (40 off 27 deliveries) top scoring.

In another match, Lanka Warriors edged out Indian XI by seven runs after making 155 for eight in 20 overs with Sanath Sridewa (68 off 57) the main scorer and in reply Indian XI batted well just fell short in scoring 141 for seven in 20 overs.  
**Other score:**



Mirza Furqan

Public Security 176 all out in 18.5 overs (Mohammed Sajid Khan (40 off 29) bt Fog Printing 85 all out in 19.1 overs by 91 runs.

## Brownlee ready for Canaria challenge

### Manama

**A**listair Brownlee of the Endurance Elite 13 team is set to make his debut over the half distance at Challenge Mogan-Gran Canaria, Spain after the dual Olympic gold medalist tested himself over new distances this year.

While he has already competed in a somewhat long race like the Abu Dhabi International Triathlon where an Olympic-distance 1.5km swim and 10km run sandwiched between a 100km bike ride, this will be Brownlee's first start in the 1.9km swim, 90km bike ride and 21.1km run that make up the half distance.

"I'm not expecting too much from myself or putting too much pressure on myself. It's my first proper attempt at the distance so I'm not expecting everything to go perfectly," says Brownlee.

"I want to do well, I'm competitive but I haven't really looked at the start list with too much knowledge of the other participants. I

know what I want to do in terms of my own race and will judge the performance on that, not where I end up finishing or in comparison to anyone else."

Brownlee has been preparing at home in Yorkshire after his exertions at Super League Hamilton Island last month and has made slight changes to his training regime to cope better with the long-course format.

"I have been concentrating on individual, solo bike efforts and less intense and longer running so those have been the biggest changes to my training."

Jan Frodeno returns to racing at the Chia Sardinia Triathlon in Italy after mechanical problems forced him to retire at Ironman 70.3 Oceanside.

David Plese rounds up the Bahrain Endurance 13 racers this weekend as he lines up for the Ironman North American Championship in Texas.







Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi stands on the pitch

# Barca out

## Mbappe helps fire Monaco to semis

### Monaco

**T**eenage sensation Kylian Mbappe scored again to set Monaco on their way to a 3-1 second-leg victory over Borussia Dortmund yesterday that allowed them to win their Champions League quarter-final 6-3 on aggregate.

Radamel Falcao also netted for the home side in a whirlwind start at the Stade Louis II, and Dortmund were left with too much to do to save the tie.

Their skipper Marco Reus pulled a goal back early in the second half but Valere Germain came off the bench to put the seal on a famous win for a brilliant young Monaco side, who go through to the last four for the first time since 2004.

Meanwhile,

Dortmund bow out after a tie overshadowed by the bomb attack on the team's bus last week that forced the first leg to be postponed by a day.

The Germans lost that match 3-2, their minds elsewhere, but their hopes of turning the tie around in the second leg were not helped when their bus was held up on the way to the Stade Louis II, leading to a five-minute delay to the kick-off.

UEFA blamed "heavy traffic" for the hold-up but, on their official Twitter account, Dortmund said they had been delayed in leaving their hotel by police for around 20 minutes "without justification".



Monaco's Croatian goalkeeper Danijel Subasic celebrates after Monaco defeated Dortmund

### Leading scorers

- 11: Messi (Barcelona)
- 08: Cavani (Paris SG), Lewandowski (Bayern Munich)
- 07: Aubameyang (Dortmund), Cristiano Ronaldo (Real Madrid)
- 05: Agüero (Manchester City), Benzema (Real Madrid), Falcao (Monaco), Griezmann (Atletico Madrid), Kylian Mbappé (Monaco), Mertens (Napoli)
- 04: André Silva (FC Porto), Di María (Paris SG), Dybala (Juventus), Mahrez (Leicester), Neymar (Barcelona), Özil (Arsenal), Reus (Dortmund), Turan (Barcelona), Walcott (Arsenal)

### Barcelona

**B**arcelona failed to produce another miraculous Champions League comeback as Juventus held out for a 0-0 draw at the Camp Nou yesterday to reach the semi-finals 3-0 on aggregate.

The Spanish champions had overcome a 4-0 first leg deficit against Paris Saint-Germain in the last 16 with a dramatic 6-1 win back on home soil.

But Juventus showed why they boast the best defensive record in the competition as Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar were blunted as the Italians gained revenge for their defeat in the 2015 Champions League final.

Juventus join holders Real Madrid, Atletico Madrid and Monaco in Friday's semi-final draw.

Straight from kick-off the visitors seemed determined to learn from the French champions' mistakes.

Massimiliano Allegri's men pressed high to prevent Barca dominating possession and enjoyed the better of the early chances.

Former Real Madrid striker Gonzalo Higuain volleyed over from the edge of the

area before only a brilliant challenge from Gerard Pique prevented Juan Cuadrado's cross providing Higuain with a tap in.

Barca had to wait 19 minutes for their first clear sight of goal as they intricately worked the ball around a packed Juventus box before Messi fired inches wide.

Messi then Gianluigi Buffon's palms for the first time on the half hour mark.

At the other end, Higuain threatened again when he just couldn't get enough power on Miralem Pjanic's dinked cross to beat Marc-Andre ter Stegen.

Neymar had been Barca's hero in a remarkable finish with two goals and an assist in the final minutes against PSG.

Yet, he found it far harder up against friend and former Barca teammate Dani Alves and his frustrations at a perceived lack of protection from referee Bjorn Kuipers spilled over as he was booked just before half-time.

Juventus also had the first big chance of the second half as Cuadrado fired across Ter Stegen but wide of the far post.

Ter Stegen was then forced to turn behind another driven effort from the Colombian. Messi was being forced to

come deep in search of possession, but he briefly had Juventus hearts in mouths with a low effort that was deflected inches wide.

Barca boss Luis Enrique forlornly turned to Paco Alcacer from the bench as the hosts played with four forwards for the final half hour.

Messi had another big chance after a rare Buffon handling error from a corner, but unfortunately for Barca it fell on his right foot and the Argentine fired well over.

Sergi Roberto was Barca's unlikely hero with the 95th minute goal that sealed the 6-1 win over PSG six weeks ago.

He nearly delivered another important and rare goal, but when the right-back's effort flew inches wide 20 minutes from time so did Barcelona's hopes.

Juventus comfortably saw out the final stages to register their eighth clean sheet in 10 Champions League games this season.

And the only negative news of the night for the Bianconeri was a yellow card for Sami Khedira that will rule the German international out of the first leg of their semi-final. (AFP)



Barcelona's Brazilian forward Neymar lies on the field



# Bottas tops testing times on day two



## DT News Network Manama

**V**altteri Bottas kept Mercedes in first place as the second day of Formula 1 in-season testing came to an end yesterday evening at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

A day after Lewis Hamilton set the pace, Bottas took over his team's driving duties and registered the day's fastest lap of one minute 31.280 seconds and was not only the quickest for the day, but also the busiest as he

clocked up 143 laps.

Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel finished right behind 0.294 seconds off the pace, while Carlos Sainz of Toro Rosso (+0.604) was ranked third.

Stoffel Vandoorne (+0.828) steered his McLaren to fourth, Kevin Magnussen (+0.840s) for Haas followed in fifth while Esteban Ocon (+0.862) of Force India rounded out the top six.

Ranked seventh to 12th, respectively, were Daniil Kvyat (+0.933) of Toro Rosso, Gary Paffett (+0.973) of Williams, Sergey Sirotkin

(+1.007) of Renault, Pierre Gasly (+1.288) of Red Bull, Pascal Wehrlein (+3.182) of Sauber and Sergio Perez (+3.735) of Force India.

The two-day BIC test marked the first of two in-season sessions this Formula 1 season. The other is scheduled for August 1 and 2.

According to FIA regulations, from 10 days before the start of the season to the end of the calendar year, the teams are permitted to take part in two team tests of no more

than two consecutive days at circuits where an event has just taken place. These tests must commence no less than 36 hours after the end of said event.

Silverstone was initially lined up to host the second in-season group test, as in 2016, but this was switched to the Hungaroring, the final action before the sport's summer break.

The in-season test in Bahrain will also help assist Formula 1 tyre suppliers Pirelli with warm weather tyre development.

## Lyon, Besiktas handed suspended bans

### Nyon

**L**yon and Besiktas were handed suspended European bans and fined 100,000 euros each on Wednesday after crowd violence scarred their Europa League quarter-final match in France, UEFA said.

The French and Turkish teams were excluded from taking part in the next continental club competition they qualify for but the governing body decided that the suspension will be deferred "for a probationary period of two years".

"Based on the official reports and the current available evidence at the disposal of the UEFA disciplinary bodies, the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body (CEDB) has

considered that the supporters of both clubs were responsible for the crowd disturbances at the match," said a UEFA statement.

Lyon president Jean-Michel Aulas described the sanction as "fair".

"We will see if we appeal...but we respect the decision of UEFA. We had some responsibility," he said on the club website.

Lyon and Besiktas both blamed opposing fans for instigating much of the trouble at the quarter-final first leg last Thursday, the start of which was delayed by 45 minutes.

However, the Turkish champions were furious on Wednesday, laying the blame with the Lyon police force and threatening legal action against UEFA.

## Tough wins for Murray, Nadal



Britain's Andy Murray celebrates

### Monte Carlo

**A**ndy Murray returned from over a month out with an elbow injury to launch his clay-court season with a gruelling 7-5, 7-5 defeat of Gilles Muller at the Monte Carlo Masters on Wednesday.

The world number one was joined in the third round by nine-time champion Rafael Nadal, who held off British surprise-package Kyle Edmund 6-0, 5-7, 6-3 in the Spaniard's 400th career match on clay.

Murray waited until late in both sets to make his move, finally putting Muller away in just under two hours as he builds up to the French Open in May-June.

But the 29-year-old was poor on his serve with eight double faults while breaking Luxembourg's Muller four times.

"I definitely played better as the match went on, obviously first service game was not ideal," Murray said.

"But when you are coming back from not really serving for a few weeks, it's normal.

Victory for Nadal took his record on clay to an outstanding 366-34.

The Spaniard swept the first set 6-0 against 45th-ranked Edmund, but found himself fighting for survival in the third set.

The fourth seed finally squeezed home after two and a quarter hours.

"What I feel today is not about confidence, is about I have the chance to play again tomorrow," Nadal said. "That's the most important thing for me.

# BCL Diamond League: Fire Link beat Oryxes



Ajith



Asitha - Fire Link



Felix - AWALI GENTS



Imran - Eagle Eye



Jay - AJM



Naveed - Fire link



Raghu - Karnataka Royals



Zaman - BDS

## Manama

**F**ire Link defeated Arabian Oryxes by 55 runs in the latest matches of the BCL Diamond League at the Busaiten Grounds in Muharraq.

Batting first, Fire Link scored 197 for nine in 25 overs with Asitha (64) and Rizwan (37) the main scorers and Riyadh

(three for 41) the best of the bowlers.

In reply, Arabian Oryxes were dismissed for 142 with Shamim (33) top scoring and Naveed (five for 30) the pick of the bowlers.

Karnataka Royals defeated Elite Cargo Unique by six wickets as the latter managed 189 for nine in its 25 overs with

Jijo (45) the main scorer and Santhosh (three for 25) the best of the bowlers.

In reply, Karnataka Royals reached the target in scoring 192 for four in 22 overs thanks to fine knocks and a winning fourth wicket partnership by Janardhan (72) and Raghu (61) with Jijo (three for 38) the best of the bowlers.

## Other scores:

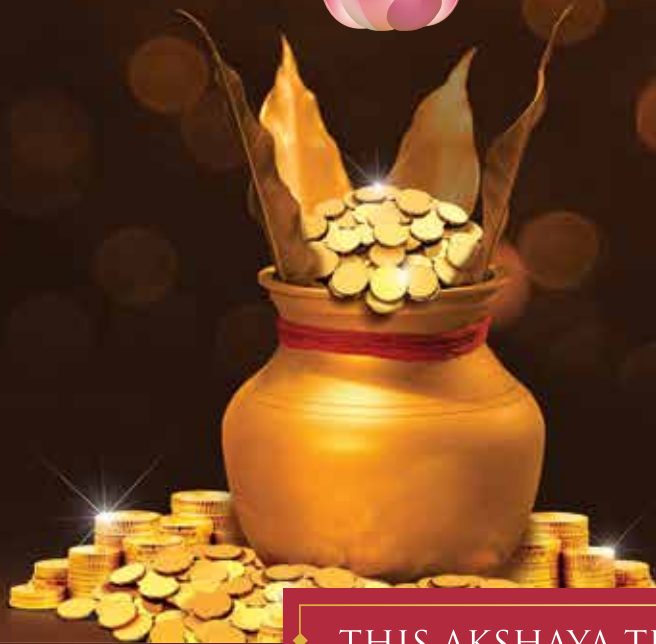
- 1) Pristine 205/8 in 25 (Sharaz 74, Asim 42, Prashob 4/15) bt Falcon CC 168/8 (Hari 50, Rassel 35) by 37 runs.
- 2) AJM Kooheji 144/2 in 13.1 (Jay 77, Saurav 27) bt Kaleidoscope Spartan 142/9 (Zeeshan 30, Jay 4/38) by 8 wickets.
- 3) Bahrain Indians 93/6 in 9 (Rafeeq 31, Shoaib 3/31) bt Asma 92/10 (Talal 29, Jaseer 3/13, Suleiman 3/13) by 4 wickets.
- 4) Pak CC 183/8 in 25 (Zubair 67, Shoaib 31, Guru 3/31) bt RKCT 172/9 (Sunny 37, Iqram 3/29) by 11 runs.
- 5) Liaison CC 171/10 (Azam 40, Qadeer 30, Wali 2/29) bt Pak Panthers 167/9 (Wali 47, Hamid 3/24) by 4 runs.
- 6) Awali Gents 252/6 in 25 (Felix 65, Ajith 57, Khan 3/53) bt Kooheji Contractors 177/6 (Tabrez 49, Faisla 43, Ajith2/39) by 75 runs.

## BCL Premier League:

- 1) BDS 188/8 in 25 (Zaman 54, Adeel 44, Atif 2/30) bt Urban Slice BOC 170/9 (Yousaf 32, Naveed 4/23) by 18 runs.
- 2) Eagle Eye Bassali 211/5 in 25 (Imran 53, Saqib 45, Yasir 45,) bt Shahzad Zafar 121/10 (Majid 40, Abdullah 3/10, Qamer 3/22) by 90 runs.



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